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# 2012 Officers

**President:** Tom Stibbe  
**Vice President:** Mark Swingle  
**Secretary:** Ron Callender  
**Treasurer:** Mavis Nicolai  
**NCCC Governor:** Charlie Britten  
**Activities:** Dave & Kathy Fontanini  
**Webmaster:** John Gesslein  
**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Cyndy Schaper

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# 2012 Events Calendar

<b>June:</b>	<p>2nd Saturday, CVCC Show, Eau Claire, WI                  2nd Saturday, Cars &amp; Coffee, Minneapolis                  7-10th Corvette Adventures- Wisconsin Dells                  9th Saturday, Britten Ride &amp; Dine 10:15 am                  19th Tuesday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm                  23rd-30th NCCC National Convention, Topeka, KS                  21st-24th Bloomington Gold Show, St. Charles, Illinois                  22nd -24th Back to the 50's Minnesota State Fairgrounds                  24th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm                  29th Friday, Drive your Corvette to Work Day                  2nd , 16th , 30th Saturday Night Cruise In, Hastings, MN</p>
<b>July:</b>	<p>7th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis                  10th Tuesday, Rudy's Drive Inn 5:00 pm, La Crosse                  14th Saturday, Gesslein Ride &amp; Dine                  17th Tuesday, Board Meeting 6:30 pm                  21st Saturday, RCC Auto Show, Brenengen, W. Salem                  22nd Sunday, Club Meeting, 5:30/6:30 pm                  14th, and 28th , Saturday Night Cruise In, Hastings,MN</p>
<b>August:</b>	<p>4th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis                  11th Saturday, RCC 7 Event Rally                  17th-18th Fri. &amp; Sat., American LeMans, RA Elkhart Lake, WI                  18th Saturday, Spring Green Car Show                  19th Sunday, Corvette Tribute, RA Elkhart Lake, WI                  21st Tuesday, Board Meeting, 6:30 pm                  26th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm</p>
<b>September:</b>	<p>1st Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis                  13th-16th Thurs.-Sun., Fun Fest, Effingham, Illinois                  23rd Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm                  8th, and 22nd, Saturday Nite Cruise In, Hastings,MN</p>
<b>October:</b>	<p>6th Saturday, Cars and Coffee, Minneapolis                  13th Saturday, Color Run, La Crosse, WI                  28th Sunday, Club Meeting 5:30/6:30 pm</p>
<b>November:</b>	<p>3rd or 10th? Saturday, RCC Year End Dinner Celebration                  17th-18th Sat. &amp; Sun., Corvette Nationals &amp; Muscle Cars Rosemont,</p>

	Illinois 23rd Friday, Holiday Parade, 4:00 pm
<b>December:</b>	PLEASE NOTE - NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

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# Monthly Newsletter

## President's Message

Corvette season is in full swing. I encourage everyone to review the calendar and get out to the events which are of interest to you.

With my wife, we participated in a Road Rally in the Twin Cities that was offered by the Suburban Corvette Club on May 19th. We left early on a Saturday morning, arriving in time to enjoy a brunch-style restaurant breakfast at the starting point. The Three Event rally included two poker hands and a gimmick style rally. The questions and directions were on two separate lists, which required extra care for the navigator. Also, we were given a CD to play during the rally. The CD was mostly corvette tunes, although buried somewhere between songs were some rally instructions or clues. The CD caused sensory overload, so we decided to run the rally without the CD playing. At one point along the route, we had corvettes crossing an intersection in front of us, while more corvettes were coming at us from the opposite direction. After 95 miles, we reached the conclusion of the rally, being a well known restaurant and night club along the St. Croix River. Approximately 40 corvettes participated in the event. The Rally was sure interesting, and although it had some difficult moments, we really did enjoy the Rally event and the day we spent in the Twin Cities. I would certainly go again, and would encourage RCC members to get out there and enjoy an out of town event.

On Wednesday, May 23rd, RCC was offered a Corvette Clinic at Brenengen Chevrolet, Onalaska. The event started with a round table discussion with Don Brenengen, Ian Goodman (Service), and Tim Hassley (Mechanic). We would toss out questions, and they would try to find an answer, even if it required using a laptop computer tied into GM's website. After the round table, we moved to the parking lot, where the RCC Corvettes were parked. Our questions continued, and flashing light codes appearing on a Corvette dashboard were analyzed and cleared. The evening was finished with \$1.00 burgers at New Moon restaurant in Onalaska. Note to Phil Murray: the conditioner is p/n 3634770, used for lubricating and swelling window weather stripping.

There are some great events in June, and here are just a few to consider... On Saturday, June 2nd, RCC has a double header car show trip planned. Dave and Kathy Fontanini are leading the way (from Menards Onalaska Parking Lot at 8:30 am) for the Chippewa Valley Corvette Club Car Show at Marquardt Chevrolet in Eau Claire. Then at 2:30 pm, they will head west to the Hastings, MN Saturday Night Cruise-In Car Show. More

events during the month include the Corvette Adventures weekend on June 7-10th in Wisconsin Dells, the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in St. Charles, Illinois on June 22-24, and don't forget the "Drive your Corvette to Work Day" on June 29th. Phil Murray is signing up RCC for summer parades, the first will be July 15th for the Trempealeau Catfish Days Parade.

Finally, don't forget the next scheduled monthly club meeting is Sunday, June 24th at Schmidy's Restaurant 5:30 dinner/6:30 meeting.

Tom Stibbe  
RCC President

## **June 2012 Newsletter - May Meeting Notes**

**General Meeting:** Attendance: Chuck Britten & Carol Nelson-Britten, Tom & Mary Stibbe, Mike & Cindi Carney, Dennis Schaper, Jim & Linda Hubert, Tom Jerisha, Claude & Judy Mosley, Phil Murray and Ron & Ramona Callender; Jay Slind, Chuck & Sharon Zimmer.

Meeting called to order at 6:42 PM by President Tom Stibbe.

**Secretary's Report:** Minutes for the April 22, 2012 meeting had no changes.

**Treasurer's Report:** : Mavis is still recuperating in the Rehabilitation facility. Tom Stibbe to acting Treasurer during her absence. Income for the month was the Brenengen Chevrolet Sponsorship check. Expenses for the month were name badges for the new members.

**Governor's Report:** Charlie reminded everyone participation in area rallies will improve attendance at our rally on August 11. If you are going to a rally let Chuck know so he can give you brochures to hand out.

**Webmaster's Report:** John was not present so no report was given.

### **Event Chairperson:**

- 1) Monthly Ride & Dine (Tom):
  - a. Friday night R & D had 9 cars participate.
  - b. June R & D will be June 9th leave from the Menards Onalaska parking lot at 10:30 AM for Lunch. Return about 5PM.
  - c. No information was available for the July R & D organized by John & Susan Gesslein.

2) Activities Report (Tom):

- a. Brenengen Corvette Tech Clinic May 23 6 – 7 PM Onalaska dealership. Ask tech questions...etc. Will review discount agreement for Brenengens. Dine at Blue Moon afterwards.
- b. Chippewa Valley Corvette Club Auto Show and Hastings Cruise In Saturday June 2. Will depart Onalaska Menards parking lot at 8:30 AM. Attend auto show until 2:00 Pm then drive to Hastings for Cruise In. If you want to stay overnight at the Nichols Inn and Suits in Red Wing call 651-388-6633.
- c. Corvette Adventure at the Wisconsin Dells is June 7th – 10th.
- d. NCCC National Convention in Topeka, KS June 23rd – 30th Theme this year is Wizard of Oz.
- e. Friday Drive your Corvette to Work Day is June 29th.

**Old Business:** President Tom reviewed old business:

- 1) The club timing equipment was sold through eBay by Chuck. Chuck will get the check to Tom for deposit.
- 2) Tom has several club t-shirts for sale \$12 / shirt. Tom can also order more.

**New Business:**

1) Parade Schedule (Phil):

- a. West Salem Diary Days June 2 has a conflict with other events. Only one car committed at this time so it will be canceled.
- b. Sparta Butterfest parade is June 9 but conflicts with the scheduled R & D. The R & D may be moved for parade participation because Brenengens has a dealership in Sparta.
- c. Catfish Days July 15 2:00PM in Trempealeau – application will be submitted however Phil will not attend. Mike will lead the group.
- d. Onalaska American Legion Aug 25 may work – very short parade and close.
- e. La Crescent Applefest Sept 16 conflicts with Mid-American event so it is questionable at this time.
- f. Gays Mills Apple Fest September 30 – more details to come.
- g. If there is a parade reimbursement available it was suggested we ask for \$50.
- h. We are considered a not-for profit organization ever though we display the Brenengens dealership sponsorship banner.

2) 2012 RCCC Auto Show Saturday July 21. Mike is Chairperson.

- a. There is a \$100 Boys & Girls Club donation to the club bringing the most cars. The winning club will decide which Boys & Girls Club to give the donation to.
- b. Volunteer sign-up sheet will be available at our June 24th meeting.
- c. Dennis will pass out car show fliers at Rudy's Tuesday Night Car Show.
- d. Mike is still looking for a second sponsor suggests were Coke, local banks, Features Bar & Grill.
- e. We will have a add in the La Crosse Tribune in the local fair section.
- f. Brenengens will also work the show advertisement into their weekly add.

- g. Brenengens has provided donation for class trophy.
- 3) 2012 RCC 7 Event Road Rally Saturday August 11. Chuck is Chairperson.
  - a. Participation fee will be \$40 / car day of event \$35 / car early registration.
  - b. It was suggested a participation fee of \$20 / car could increase attendance.
  - c. Carol will send flyers to past participants.
- 4) Road America Corvette Tribute Sunday Aug. 19. A day trip is planned by some, and other are making it a full weekend.
- 5) La Crosse South Side Dairy Queen as a Car show every Saturday Night if weather permits.

The next monthly meeting will be June 24th at Schmidty's.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM with a motion by Charlie, second by Denny and approval by all in attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ron Callender,  
RCC Secretary



### **June Birthdays**

Dennis Schaper 6/2

Mary Swingle 6/5



## Webmaster's Notes

To see what club events are coming up for the month of June, please check the [Events Calendar](#) page.

Check out our Facebook page, a link to it is on our home page.

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If you are a Corvette owner and would like get more information about the River City Corvettes Club, just send us an email at [postmaster@rivercitycorvettes.com](mailto:postmaster@rivercitycorvettes.com).

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