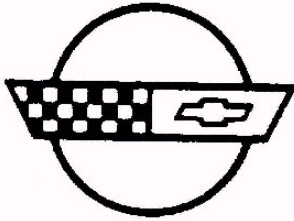




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2007 Officers

President: David Fontanini
Vice President: Charlie Britten
Secretary: Judy Rowley
Treasurer: Mavis Nicolai
NCCC Governor: Tom Stibbe
Activities: Joan Schreck
Webmaster: John Gesslein
Sergeant-at-Arms: Ron Parker

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2007 Events Calendar

November:	11/09 – Ride & Dine 11/17 – Year End Party at Forest Hills Country Club
December:	12/14 – Ride & Dine PLEASE NOTE - NO MEETING IN DECEMBER

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Monthly Newsletter

President's Message

It's finally arrived, the end of the Corvette Summer. It's both a time to reflect and to look forward. I would first like to thank our sponsor Ray Hutson. Their generosity and support has truly strengthened the club. Our club grew in numbers and I feel we grew as a Club in stature as well. As a Club we had a great year filled with many great events; A truly enjoyable season ending party, Rotary Lights, great ride and dines, trips to Minneapolis and Up North, two events at our Sponsor Ray Hutson, a successful autocross and three enjoyable parades. Without the hard work of all our members none of this would have been possible.

Looking forward to next year we have new leadership Charlie Britten, President, Mike Carney, Vice President, Kathy Fontanini, Secretary and Judy Mosley as Activities Director. We will still have the stalwarts from last year, Tom Stibbe, Governor, Mavis Nicolai, Treasurer, John Gesslein, Webmaster and Ron Parker, Sergeant of Arms. This is an exciting group of leaders who will serve the Club well and continue to take it forward. I ask you for their support as you have supported me for the past two years.

Since this is my last President's letter, I would like to reflect on the last two years I have had to serve as the President. It has been both challenging and rewarding. Being relatively new to the Club I also learned a lot. I would like to thank several people who have help guide me through the past two years. Tom Stibbe with his wisdom and experience of how the club works and his hard work on the autocross events, to Claude Mosley for helping carry on the tradition of the autocross and passing his knowledge onto others, to John Gesslein for keeping our Website up to date and running.

In addition I would like to thank all the members new and old. I would also like to thank all the new members who willingly took up the challenge to help make the Club better. To the long-term members who have been with the club many years, I thank you for your continued support and participation in the Club. To all who have helped on the Autocross, without your help it wouldn't be successful. We are all different people, with different personalities and opinions and character bound by our passion for our Corvettes.

In the end it is about the people and that is what I have enjoyed the most. We have a great group and it has been my honor and privilege to serve you the last two years.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our yearend Party on November 17th at Forest Hills. In a way it is both the end of the season and the beginning of a new season.

Thank you!

David Fontanini

October 2007 Monthly Meeting

General Meeting: Monthly meeting held at Forest Hills Country Club. Attendance: Chuck & Carol Britten, Mike & Cindy Carney, Dave Fontanini, John and Susan Gesslein, Chuck & Barb Haessly Duffy & Martha Hoffland, Claude & Judy Mosley, Mavis Nicolai, Ron Parker, Jim & Judy Rowley, Del & Joan Schreck, Dennis & Cyndi Shaper, Tom Stibbe.

The meeting was called to order before we ate, (so those not coming to eat better come earlier for the meeting) by President Dave Fontanini at around 6:00.

Secretary's Report: Judy Rowley read the minutes of the Sept. 23, 07 meeting. Two corrections were added to the Secretary's report: Webmaster John Gesslein added concerning the spam, new parameters are set on mailing list, and Dennis Shaper removed his name from the nominations of last month for Vice-President. Mike Carney moved to accept the secretary's report.

Treasurer's Report: Mavis Nicolai gave her report, including all the fines collected for not wearing your RCC name badge.

Governor's Report: Tom Stibbe reported that Jack Wilson will be National Competition Director. Competition rule books will be changing, 85 changes proposed and 85 proposed changes to the initial 85 changes. More on changes in the future. Tom sent in our dates we asked for in 2008. The requested date is August 10, with 7 low speed events.

Webmaster's Report: John Gesslein reported that our Web domain name is renewed for \$14.95 and our web site is renewed for \$83.40. Total \$98.35. Members having trouble with spam is taken care of. It is safe to use our mailing list without getting lots of nonmember responses. Century Tel has not gotten back to John about our problem with

them deleting Century Tel addresses from our mailing list. John has reentered your e-mail addresses, and you should be checking your e-mails.

Event Chairperson: Joan Schreck passed out reservation slips for the year end party to be held at the Forest Hills Country Club, Saturday November 17, 2007. Cocktails 6:00 Cash bar; and dinner at 7:00. Each person is to bring a White Elephant Gift. Call Joan for reservations, or e-mail her.

Old Business: Dave Thanked Rowleys for the October Ride & Dine. Del found his match with the waitress at Cedar Valley Country Club. Several members attended the Minneapolis Corvette Club Color Run , and thanks to Dave and Kathy Fontanini for hosted prior to the run. Charlie order license plate frames, black with white letters. Charlie also reported that the Corvette Museum charges are: \$150 for another brick, \$650 for a larger brick, and \$200 for an inside brick. We already have one brick in the walkway at the Museum, but there are 3 River City Corvette Clubs in the United States. Further discussion after more info.

Corvette Museum RCC Brick



Susan Gesslein has info from Human Services and they could not come up with anyone who is in any real need from the rains and flood. Our club is again sponsored by Ray Hutson for 2008. KUDOS TO RAY HUTSON. Our new members Chuck and Barb Haessly are representatives from Ray Hutson, as he has worked there for many years.

Discussion about charity. Some members do not think our club's purpose is to give money away. Also discussion is that we should regift the money Rotary Lights gave to us for helping them. It was also mentioned that we belong to NCCC and that from our dues they give to Spina Bifida, and other cancer causes. Also mentioned the good PR and advertising we get for helping Rotary Lights. Tom reported that Rotary Lights really were thankful for our good help last year, and also for participating in the parade, and decorating a tree.

MOTION MADE: Jim Rowley made a motion to give \$200 from our treasury to flood victims. Hopefully this was a one time tragedy, and we feel we can help, as a one time occurrence. The motion was passed and seconded.

Please welcome our 3 new members: David & Karen Matzke; Al & Betty Macha; John & Frances Gueltzow

Discussion on helping flood victims. General feeling of the group was that if someone knows someone who really needs help we should give it personally rather than give it to some big organization. We will discuss further next month on finding 2 families. This would be a one time donation from the club. We also discussed giving the money from Rotary Lights to a non profit organization.

New Business: Our club is signed up for the Rotary Lights lighted parade on the Friday after Thanksgiving. Our job is from 4:45 – 6:15 pm on Friday to clean up after the parade . 8 people are needed and 8 members volunteered. Anyone can be in the lighted parade, so if you want to decorate your Corvette, John has a source for Corvette Lights. Rotary lights is expanding their operation this year to 1 and 1/2 million lights. November 9th is our monthly Ride and Dine. Dave Fontanini volunteered to be in charge. Year End Party dinner will be paid for by the club if you worked at our only Fund Raiser this summer, the Autocross. This was discussed and a motion was made by Susan Gesslein, which passed and was seconded.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2008 OFFICERS:One name was nominated and accepted for each office. It was a unanimous ballot. They are:

- **PRESIDENT:** Charlie Britton
- **VICE PRESIDENT:** Mike Carney
- **SECRETARY:** Kathy Fontanini
- **TREASURER:** Mavis Nicolai
- **GOVERNOR:** Tom Stibbe
- **EVENTMASTER:** Judy Mosley
- **WEBMASTER:** John Gesslein
- **SARGENT AT ARMS:** Ron Parker

Board members nominate the Sportsman of the Year Traveling Award, which will be announced at our party.

Joan Schreck was again thanked for setting up the “UP NORTH TRIP”. Mike Carney apologized for anyone who was embarrassed that weekend. Duffy Hoffland was also thanked for helping on the trip. **PARADE CHAIRMAN** Duffy Hoffland was also thanked for setting up the 3 parades we participated in this summer. **PRESIDENT** Dave Fontanini was also thanked for his leadership the past 2 year.

Adjournment: Mike made a motion to end meeting and John seconded.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Rowley

RCC Secretary

Governor's Report - October 2007

The NCCC Competition Season has wrapped up for the year, and the results should be available at the Midwest Region web site (mwregion.com). Event dates for 2008 have already been selected, and our Club will host a 7 event low-speed autocross on August 10th. I will be looking forward to your suggestions with regard to the event, and fulfilling the paperwork and flyer requirements in early 2008.

I would like to suggest some thought be given regarding scheduling an event with our neighboring Corvette Clubs in Eau Claire and Rochester during 2008. This can be almost anything, and the scenic areas around Lake Pepin (along the Mississippi River) would provide a reasonable travel distance for all three clubs. If you have an idea, make it known to any of the board members.

Just a quick reminder regarding winter storage of your corvette. Add an appropriate amount of STABIL gasoline preservative to the tank. (For a 20 gallon tank, add approximately 8 ounces.) Add air to the tires, even slightly over-inflating them to reduce flat-spotting. To maintain your battery, install a special purpose trickle charger or at least disconnect the battery cable to eliminate the draw on the battery from the clock and electronics. Follow the maintenance schedule for fluids (engine oil, transmission fluid, radiator coolant, etc.) Thoroughly clean the corvette and apply a polish or wax. Store in a dry and clean garage, and cover the vehicle with a soft cover. You will appreciate these efforts next spring when you pull the corvette out of storage and proudly drive it down the road!

Tom Stibbe, Governor
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Webmaster's Notes

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

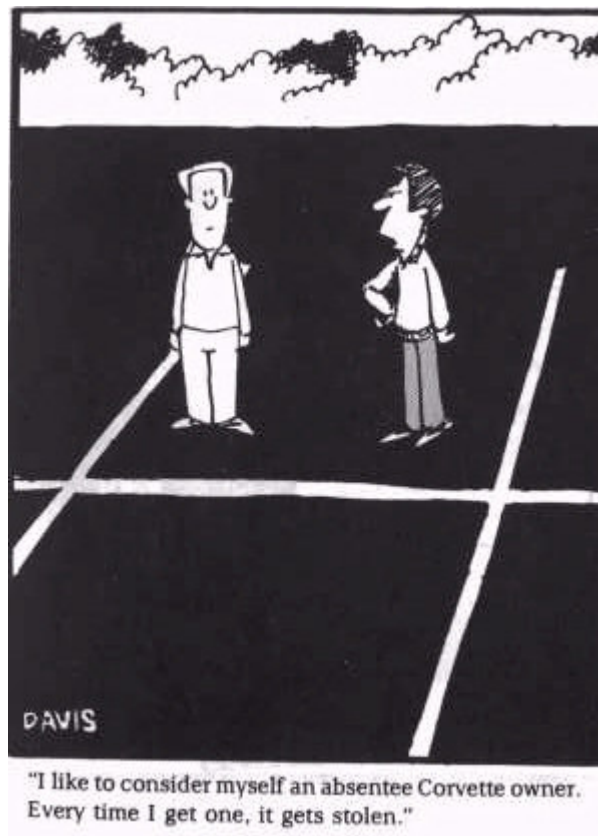
Members, if you would like to have apparel with the River City Corvettes logo, go to the [Links](#) page and checkout Personal Touch Monogramming.

To get a copy of this month's newsletter, just click on [Download](#).

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.

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