



**Next CCKC meeting, Wednesday, November 20th at:
Granite City Food & Brewery
15085 W 119th St, Olathe, KS 66062**

Meeting starts at 7:00, so let's meet at 6:00 to eat and visit before the meeting.

The Corvette Club of Kansas City was founded on July 24th, 1960 by a group of people that had one common interest – The Chevrolet Corvette, America's only true sports car! After +50 years, our club is one of the largest Corvette Clubs in the Kansas City area. We are sponsored by Hendrick Chevrolet, Shawnee Mission, one of the largest Corvette dealers in the country.

November Birthdays

3 Mike Nedrow
3 Glenn Smith
6 Barbara Williams
14 Patti Simons
16 Bill Santa Maria
16 Claudia Scott
17 Steven Christensen
23 Danielle Peterson
24 Mary Ann Davenport
25 Andrea Popper
26 Jamie Chaney



26 John Hecker
27 Arnie Sdano
28 George Saunders
29 Carrol Scott
29 Cynthia Sdano

November Anniversaries

7 Carol & Ralph Schwartz
11 Darlene & Scott Babcock
14 Patti & Laird Simons
15 Tammy & Jerry Pater
21 Linda & DeWayne Bridges
24 Debbie & Glen Beal
24 Mary Ann & Bill Davenport
25 Mary & Fred Watson

Events:

Terry and Bob Henn hosted a private tour of the Red Crow Brewing Company on Saturday Sept 7th. Some club members may remember that we hosted an event at their former location in Spring Hill back in the fall of 2016 without a brewery tour. Chief Brewer, Chris Roberts, explained the history of this family owned business and walked us through the brewing process. There is definitely more to brewing and selling beer than meets the eye. Red Crow graciously provided roped off parking for our Vettes to keep our toys safe from scrapes and scratches.

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After the tour, we settled in for some delicious craft brewed beers, local wines, and sausages from the Wiener Wagon. Everyone had a nice time visiting and enjoyed themselves. We appreciate the hospitality extended to us by the owners and wish them much success at their new location in Olathe.



--submitted by Bob Henn

NCRS Flight/Concours Judging, by Bob Henn

Saturday, September 28th, found four CCKC members at Carl French's Midwest Corvettes in Kearney, MO for both NCRS Flight judging and the new Concours judging. For those of you not familiar with Concours judging, it is a new category of awards for Corvettes that are not original, i.e., have been modified, have a non-numbers matching engine, have custom engine trim, have a Borla exhaust, etc. Concours cars are categorized in either the stock or the modified division. See the descriptions below:

Concours — Stock Division

Concours Judging Stock Division includes all cars that are basically stock appearing (fiberglass, body paint color, etc.) with the hood, doors and trunk closed; wheels and tires may be non-OEM in the Stock Division. Cars with paint color changes are judged in the Modified Division.

Originality is NOT judged, only condition is judged. Must have been born as a Corvette, have an original VIN Tag, and have a title/vehicle registration that states the car is a Corvette (i.e. no kit cars). Trim tag is NOT judged.

It's Schnitzel Time @ Beethoven's #9

We had a crisp run to Paola for a wonderful Friday night Germanic dinner at Beethoven's #9. We were hoping for about 40 CCKC members to attend, but due to the cold weather only half of that showed up. Probably explains why the Germans celebrate October Fest in September! But that meant that the rest of us had better desert selection opportunities! The event was hosted by Chuck Levenson



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Stock Division awards are NCRS 427 Blue Ribbon Award score 94.0 through 100 and NCRS 327 Red Ribbon Award score 85.0 through 93.9. No award below 85.0.

Concours — Modified Division

Concours Judging Modified Division includes any modified Corvette that does not qualify for the Stock Division.

Originality is NOT judged only condition is judged. Must have been born as a Corvette, have an original VIN Tag, and have a title/vehicle registration that states the car is a Corvette (i.e. no kit cars). Trim tag is NOT judged.

Modified Division awards are; NCRS 427 Black and Gold Ribbon Award score 94.0 through 100 and NCRS 327 Black and Silver Ribbon Award score 85.0 through 93.9. No award below 85.0.

All cars in either Flight or Concours judging are judged in five areas by two person teams; operations, mechanical, interior, exterior and chassis. CCKC members Daniel Rechtfertig, Jerry Adams, John Hecker and Bob Henn were judges. Daniel is President of the local NCRS chapter. He conducted a judge's training



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session on the new Concours division. Daniel also judged in the Concours division, while Jerry, John and Bob were assigned to judge an original paint white 1972 Corvette coupe with red interior and an automatic transmission. Jerry spent a few hours on his back, judging chassis, while John and Bob were judging the exterior. I don't know if Jerry's back hurt more or our knees hurt more when we were finished, but we had a great time judging!

What is unique to NCRS judging in either Flight or Concours divisions is that every vehicle is judged against a standard, not against the cars at the event. At an NCRS event, every car could potentially be an award-winning car if the vehicle meets or exceeds the standardized judging guidelines.

Having well defined judging standards level the playing field for all participants and prevent biased and arbitrary judging that can occur at show and shine events. Each

of the five areas judged have a two-person team assigned to provide consistency. Each generation of Vette has a Judging Chairman to resolve questions from the judges and to answer any questions the owners may have about their scores. This is done to protect the integrity of the judging process and provide objective judging for every car.

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I would encourage all CCKC members to join the KC NCRS Chapter. If your Corvette is between 1953 to 2002 (soon to be 2004 in July 2020) you can pursue a Concours or Flight award. Whether you pursue an award or not, I guarantee you'll meet some very helpful and friendly people who will offer guidance and encouragement to pursue a much coveted NCRS award for your Corvette or help answer any questions you have about any model year Corvette.



Van Till Winery Dinner

We had 9 Corvettes and a metal car. Had a nice drive out to Van Till. Everyone enjoyed their signature pizzas. After dinner we had a beautiful sunset drive to the Dairy-B for ice cream.

Hotel Bothwell Corvette Show, by Bob Henn

CCKC's Jerry Adams and Bob Henn attended the Second Annual Corvette Show and Cruise In at the Hotel Bothwell in Sedalia MO. What a charming hotel and location for a show. We were in the center of the town square with the Vettes surrounding the county courthouse on all four sides. They had a WWI memorial with an eternal gas flame in front of the courthouse. The show kicked off with the local HS ROTC presenting the colors and playing the Star-Spangled Banner. It brought tears to many eyes when seeing that memorial to all those dead boys from WWI and makes me so grateful to be able to share my passion for Vettes



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because of their sacrifice. The show was so well organized with lots of raffle items and some awesome trophies! I lucked out and won a 3 drawer Craftsman toolbox which was made in Sedalia by our own Americans; not some cheap Chinese junk. The show was limited to 100 entrants, and I'm really glad that I got my entry in on time. Apple came through again for me and we won 1st Place C5 Convertible class. One of my friends, Ed Martin, from the NCRS KC chapter won 3 awards, including Best of Show for his Top Flight restored 1957 black over silver coves with red interior Corvette.



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CCKC Fall Color Run

We didn't see much Fall Color, but we had a great tour of the countryside and a nice group meal at Timber Creek in Louisburg. Thanks to Vicki and Gene Sinkler for putting together this popular event.



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October 2019 Meeting Minutes

On Wednesday October 16, 2019 at 7:00 pm, the monthly meeting of the CCKC was called to order by **President, Steve Garrett** at **Granite City Brewery**. He welcomed everyone and acknowledged the new people in attendance that would be introduced to the group later in the meeting. Steve commented that we had about 82 members in attendance at the meeting. We have close to 250 members in the club.

Steve commented about the Corvette Forum.com article that talked about the VBP car show. Several of our members attended that car show and a result our club receiving the "Top Club Award" for the most participants from a club at the car show. We had 9 members, they were Kathy Denning, Jim Colson, Lloyd LaTurner Kate & Chuck Levenson, Gwyn & Clarence Hill, Cynthia & Arnie Sdano They also mentioned our club in the article as the car club to watch. The lady that wrote the article gave us a shout out when she wrote, "If you want to find a happening club, look to the Corvette Club of Kansas City," adding our link to our website.

Gene Sinkler, Vice President: Gene stated we collected about \$175.00. Donated items for the raffle were C8 hat, C7 hat, tee shirts, Corvette Parking sign for the garage, Corvette flags and other items.

Adam Hoehn, National Corvette Museum Ambassador: Not in attendance.

Gwyn Hill, Secretary: Gwyn obtained approval for the September minutes.

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Chuck Abbott, Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was read and approved by the membership. Chuck highlighted the Fun Car Show and what a fun and successful event it was.

Vicki Sinkler, Membership: New Members to join at the meeting were: **DeWayne & Linda Bridges** have 1994 Corvette, 2016 Z06 black and 2019 ZR1 torch red. **Fritz Mosher**, rejoined us after a leave of absence. He currently has a 2017 Grand Sports that is admiral blue. **Ken & Wendy McGowan. Augie Echeandia & Robin Ferguson** have a 2014 Z51 black.

Guests were **Jessica Bridges** with her dad **DeWayne Bridges** who joined. **Ted & Joyce Ward** have a 2015 Black Z51 Coupe

Vicki also mentioned the details of the upcoming Fall Color Run.

Chuck Levenson, Activity Chairperson: Chuck reported on the following upcoming events.

- October 20th Fall Color Run
- November 9th The Vettes for Vets Parade, Ottawa, KS (see flyer & signup sheet)
- November 16th Movie Screening (Ford vs. Ferrari) 1:15pm at the Standee's Theater in Prairie Village

Other potential activities, no dates set (watch your emails for the dates):

- Nut Run (fresh nuts and dried fruits from California) cash or check only

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- Lecompton, KS to view the Christmas Trees tour. The trees are decorated in period pieces.
- Poinsettia tour of the many green houses of the wide variety of poinsettias.
- January 25th Night at the Mavericks Hockey Game (look for additional dates through March)

December 7th CCKC Holiday Party will be at the Hyatt Place in Lenexa, KS at I-435 and 87th Street on Renner Road. The party will be in the convention center in the back of the hotel with plenty of free parking. There will be a cash bar and a coat check. This year there is no dress code. We will have a gift exchange for everyone who wants to participate. Bring a wrapped car-related gift, spending no more than \$10-\$15. You will be given a numbered ticket for the gift drawing. There will be a photo booth that will be open from the time we get to the party till we leave. You can have your picture taken, and have it printed on site. Each paid couple will receive a free frame to place your picture in. The meal is buffet with a choice of three meats. We are looking forward to having in excess of 100 members in attendance.

NEW BUSINESS

2020 Charity for CCKC. Charity Forms available: There are Charity Application forms available at the meeting. We will sponsor one charity that we will select at our January meeting. If you have a charity you would like to nominate, please complete the form and submit to a member of the EC committee. Forms should be submitted at the November meeting.

CCKC Clothing. Gene encouraged members to purchase club apparel. We have several items to choose from. The form to place your order is on our website. It would be great for members to be dressed in club apparel when we attend events and especially other car shows. They make great Christmas gifts.

CCKC Hall of Fame. Steve wants to start a CCKC Hall of Fame for our members to be recognized and placed on our website forever. The details have not been entirely worked out, but we envision a nominating form that will be submitted to the Executive Committee for selection. We have not determined how many members that will be inducted at a time. There is no limit to how many times you can nominate a person to be considered. The inductees will have a special membership name tag with "2020 HOF inductee" plus be placed on our website. More information will be forthcoming.

Nominations of Officers for 2020 nominations are open for October and November with the voting to be held in November. Nominees are:

- President: Steve Garrett
- Vice President: Gene Sinkler, Cynthia Sdano
- Secretary: Gwyn Hill
- Treasurer: Chuck Abbott
- Membership: Vicki Sinkler
- Insurance: Barb Kearns
- Activities: Chuck Levenson
- Hi Beams: Arnie Sdano

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Raffle & Closing

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Gwyn Hill, Secretary

Tech Track, by Chuck Levenson

Correcting Rear Hatch Release Issues



Any C6 owners having problems opening the rear hatch on either a coup or convertible, it's generally the button down by the license plate that is at fault. The button (GM part number 25853500) costs about \$15. To replace it, you take out the passenger side inboard taillight, reach in and pinch in the two tabs holding the switch in place. Pull the switch down and disconnect electrical connector. Install the new switch in reverse sequence.

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Corvette Winter Storage Preparation, by Chuck Levenson & Joe Campbell

1. Wash (wax if water does not bead up). Use a soap designed for automotive paint.
2. Change the oil & filter, even though you did not drive many miles. Used oil contains acids that are not friendly to metal. Always change oil & filter once a year.
3. Vacuum and clean the interior of your car, especially the seams in the seats. You can use scented fabric softener sheets to protect the passenger & engine areas. In the engine bay, place the fabric softener sheets close to the wiring, especially spark plug wires. In the cabin, place several dryer sheets close to the underside of the dash and in the trunk area. If you want to use a desiccant, be sure to place the containers on something to prevent this material from touching carpet, dash etc.
4. Use a fuel additive such as Sta-Bill and fill the gas tank full. Avoid gas with ethanol by using BP 93 octane.
5. Check to make sure your antifreeze is still good, especially in unheated garages. If it has been +5-years since you changed antifreeze either change the coolant or test the acid level in it using test strips. Make sure the windshield washer fluid is rated for freezing weather.
6. Take care of the battery. C4's through C7's should be charged once every 3 weeks or use a

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- good quality trickle charger to continuously keep it fully charged. Battery Tender & C-Tech make good tenders but check with your dealer to make sure they meet the needs of your Corvette.
7. Store the Corvette in a safe place. Rodent traps should be placed in the garage to guard against field mice that like to come in for the winter. These creatures do bad things to wiring.
 8. Roll up the windows and close the doors. Since you will have electric cords going into either the engine or trunk area (C-7s & C-6 ZO6) you need to leave them in a down position BUT not closed. I always leave myself a note inside the Corvette to remind me that I need to unplug the trickle charger before starting the Corvette.
 9. Leave the emergency brake off to avoid sticking in the "on" position and place cardboard under the wiper blades to avoid them sticking to the windshield.
 10. Put a cover over your Corvette. A multi layered cover that is water repellent is good. Make sure it has a soft side to be against the paint.
 11. Start your Corvette once a month to keep things lubricated. Let the engine run a sufficient time to warm up to operating temperature and get the water out of the exhaust. Normally about 15 minutes is enough. If you do not intend to start your Corvette periodically during the winter months and it has a carburetor, we recommend you use a fogging spray down the carburetor to protect it during the winter months.

12. Check the air in the tires at least once during the winter. Move the car so the tires do not get flat spots. You may want to consider buying tire stands to keep your tires from developing flat spots.
13. Before putting your Corvette away for the winter is a good time to treat your leather seats with a good leather conditioner & treat all your weather stripping with one of the commercially available rubber conditioners.

Checkout this article:

<https://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/kansas-throws-best-damn-corvette-shows/>

This is an article on CorvetteForum.com, where Steve Garrett is a Moderator in the C7 and C8 Communities. This is an article about the VBP Show in Topeka! There are pictures of Lloyd LaTurner and Gwyn Hill in the article. But please pay close attention to the last paragraph of the article. It specifically mentions CCKC, provides a link to our website and talks about how great our Club is!!

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