

September 26, 2024

Hello fellow Corvette Club of Iowa members,

As we all know, time is flying by, and I find myself having missed putting together for a President's report for August and September. I hope I can make this one a little longer to help offset, but you can tell me if this suffices for two months of missing communication.

Laurie and I did something very different a few weekends ago that still involved gas engines. We were invited to join some friends in Rapid City where we rented UTVs to go on some trails. Laurie and I both took turns driving places that I debated were actually in the trail system, but we made it through with no problems with the UTVs or any local government personnel, so it must have been okay. Some of the trails didn't look like they were used much; one trail had a limitation on vehicle width that was gauged by whether you could drive your UTV between a couple of large boulders. Most of the trails were mainly rock. While the UTVs are made for this stuff, I don't think this is something we want to do often. I think we are both surprised that neither of us came out of it with bruises from the seatbelts. What does this have to do with the club? Not much, but we drove a Corvette there and miraculously we fit everything we had in trunk and rear storage areas, and we had some fun with a different type of vehicle for a day.

A few of us put our cars on display at the Des Moines Concours d'Elegance held on Sunday, September 8. Wayne Nikolish, Curt Winegar, Laurie, and I had 4 cars on display, trying to promote the Club. We had Wayne's beautiful C7 convertible, Curt's black C4 ZR1, and our two Z06s. Besides being great to be invited to such an event, everyone enjoyed around at the many cars ranging from brass era to modern.

On September 21 and 22 we had the last club sponsored autocross of the year which was held on the north side parking lot at Merle Hay Mall. We have used this location twice now and it seems to be something that our racers enjoy. If you haven't done or watched the autocross events, look for offerings for next year.

For the future, we are looking at other events for the club besides membership or board meetings including the following:

First, there is the Cruise to the Woods on Sunday, October 6, 2024, at Lizard Creek Ranch & Event Center, 1762 Johnson Ave., Fort Dodge, IA. If you haven't been there before, it is a huge car show, and the admission fee goes to a variety of charities and scholarships to the Iowa Central Community Diesel and Auto Collision Technology courses. Last year, there were over 1,400 cars; impressive for a car show in central Iowa!

Here is the web link for Cruise to the Woods for more information:

<https://www.wccruisers.com/cruise-to-the-woods-flyer>

Second, a few of our members are working on the Progressive Dinner scheduled for October 13. It looks like we will be stopping at Arda, Nichole and Cristine's homes. We appreciate

their willingness to let us stop at their homes and let us graze on whatever tasty items they have in mind. We have registration set up on MotorsportsReg.

If there is anything else you would like to do, please feel free to set it up. To have more fun events just takes some of our members to step up with an idea.

I don't know if this counts for both August and September, but as I said, you can let me know. Otherwise, try to keep your Corvettes off the trails!

Save the Wave

Carrol McCracken
President of the Covette Club of Iowa