
Corvette Cruisers of Illinois ~ Newsletter

July 2019

The July meeting came to order at 6:00 pm Illinois time, Thursday, July 18th, 2019 at Vickery's Hilltop in Covington, Indiana.

Meeting opened with the reading of the June minutes. The minutes were approved.

The Treasury report was read by Deb and approved.

****August meeting will be held at Maple Corner in Covington, Indiana-meeting will begin at 6:00 Illinois time/7:00 Indiana time**.**

VP - David - Parade Updates:

6-30 Covington will need 10 cars- Parade time 5:00 for those driving meet at the 2nd Church of Christ (curve on Voorhees) at 2:30 pulling out at 2:40. **UPDATE- Drove all the way over there all set up and ready to load the Queens....and it rained. Stopped within a few minutes - dried off the cars only for it to start raining again. Finally called the parade with the rescheduled rain date of 07/04/2019.**

7-12 West Lebanon will need 16 cars- **really** need your help here- several of our members will be out West or heading home. They plan on making it back in time but still needing more of you to help carry.

Dave will send out an email - please reply as soon as possible. **UPDATE- Every one that signed up for the Parade- made it - it was a perfect day.**

Upcoming Parades-

9-27 Westville HC will need 10 Cars

10-4 Danville HC will need 10 Cars

Labor Day & Home-Coming parade calls will be coming in soon as well.

Signup sheets will be at each meeting but if you can't attend a meeting and would like to carry a queen please call David. Emails will be sent out giving us all the information - please reply back with either a yes you can help out or No you can't help out. **A simple reply lets him know that you have seen the email and free to help out or not.**

**** I have been sending out text messages as a quick reminder - thank you all for replying so quickly****



NCCC Conventions - Denver, ColoradoRecap of events

07/5- Friday- Sparlings & Ellis's met at Love's Truck stop in Oakwood- picked up Huskisson car in Mattoon, IL. After a quick breakfast- back on the road we went. We had a few quick (pee/eat/gas)(not in that order) stops were made and we ended the day with a big reunion in Hays, KS with- Monson's, Davenports, Hastings, Borsts & Holders (friends of Bill & Jill from the Tri-State Corvette club). We had a wonderful dinner at Old Chicago. Storms that night rolled in but there were 16 sound asleep cruisers.

07/06- Saturday - We left Hays, KS after breakfast. Bob Holder led us right on down the road pushing the speed limit. We stopped at an awesome spot for Lunch called I-70 Diner. Tons of pictures later we hit the road and pulled into Denver a few hours later. Of course a game of 65 was played - BOTH Sparlings ended up the winners! BTW- Don fell while walking in front of about 300 ppl.

07/07- Sunday - Before the Meet & Greet it was decided we needed to go for a short cruise. Bill & Jill led us up & down "Lookout Mountain." Did I fail to mention that the Hastings car had to be jumped due to a dead battery? Well, we stopped at a "lookout" spot for pictures and the Hastings car needed jumped again. This time it almost needed a tow- Thankfully Bill came to the rescue with a portable battery charger. Needless to say once they got their car started their next stop was at the nearest Auto Zone for a new Battery. Meet & Greet we all had our matching shirts - from Illinois. We represents CCOI! Prizes were given away - Randy was a \$100 gift card to Zip Corvette

07/08- Monday - The Ellis' had planned a trip to Estes Park to the top of the Rockies. We all met in the parking lot early. The Borst stayed back to participate in the car show. Routes were placed into our GPS or Cell phones and off we went. A few miles down the road (not many) the Sparling car needed a quick drink of some oil. They jumped into the lead and took us to who knows what parking lot- in what city - we sat there while they went to find a station for the Oil. As we stopped we noticed Georgianna had this distressed look on her face- she had a missing cell phone. While we waiting on Sparlings- we searched their car for the phone- which did I mention she just used that cell phone in the parking lot? Thirty minutes later the caravan took off for Estes Park - oil for the Sparlings car done- but still had a missing cell phone. Once we hit the National State Park - tops came off - and we started the ride to the top. At about 8500 ft. we experienced the following all within 5 mins. RAIN- pulled over - tops on- SNOW, SLEET & THUNDER- talk about confused. We made it to the top elevation 11,796. Yep we all had on shorts and coats or hoodies. At this point we found that the Holder car was having some issues with their car- Something to do with the gear shift. Slowly we made it back into Estes Park for a light lunch and some shopping. The Holders took off back to the hotel area to find a Chevrolet dealership. We took off again winding around some of the most beautiful back roads of Colorado. Through Nederland's, Black Hawk and stopped in Central City Colorado for dinner. This is where we got educated about the different kinds, smells and ways to use marijuana.

7/09-Tuesday - The Ellis's had planned a trip to the Royal Gorge. The Davenports stayed back at the hotel to take care of the lost cell phone- The Borst attending some racing events. We crossed the Gorge by Gondola and foot while the Monson's felt the need for some speed- they ZIPLINED back across the Gorge. Supper in Canon City. We did Ice Cream in the Garden of the Gods. It was a beautiful ride back to the hotel. When we got back to the hotel door prizes were being given out. Most of the men won a prize.

07/10 - Wednesday - The Hastings found a half day route for us to go and run. It was called The Kenosha Pass on US Highway 285- that day the Sparlings decided to go get their oil changed and relax for a while. The Holders are expecting their car back so we are down to 6 cars out on this Kenosha Pass- This was the most beautiful road ever- we reached 10,000 ft. in elevation. Just can't describe how this hidden treasure just surprised us. We turned and went North at Fairplay- we had lunch at a "hole in the wall" place called the Brown Burro- it was amazing! We drove through Breckenridge to hit interstate 70 back to the hotel. While we were gone the Holders got their car back - found out 2 pins were missing from the gear shifter. The Sparlings however found out they were about to have some steering issues. Yep the dealership kept their car for some parts needed ordered for the steering harness. The 6 cars make it back in time to relax a bit before the 70's party. We all had about a 3 hour window to relax - at this time the Sparlings were heading across the road for supper. With traffic coming at them - Pat tried to hurry and fell face first on the busy road. The fall was so severe that a trip to the local ER was needed. How did they get there you are asking???? After Ron helps

her back to the hotel and up to their room she calmly calls Judie and says hey we have a small problem. Can we borrow your car to go to the ER????? I raced down to their room (without my phone) to give them my key fob and yes Pat you are right- I just about fainted. The swelling around her cheek/eye was the size of a golf ball - I swear! Randy had met them in the lobby while I went back to our room only to find my phone and Randy missing- I then met them all at our car. Thank goodness Randy had been thinking that Ron's C5 is different than driving the C6. Keyless entry/push button start. A few hours later the Sparlings had returned- no broken bones but she was going to have one hellva of a black eye. If you haven't seen her - the eye, cheek and chin have all been black/blue & green. Prizes given away- Andy won a \$50 gift card to Corvette America.

07/11 - Thursday - This was a down day for everyone. Sparlings got their car back. Late Wednesday afternoon Georgiana rec'd her new replacement phone. The Borst were heading to the laundry mat- they were heading out Friday after breakfast for the Dakota's, Oregon, Washington State, California then heading east to back home. The Hastings and Ellis's took off to go try their luck at some local Gambling in Central City. That evening we all attended the BBQ dinner. Prizes given away- David (Murray) Hastings won a set of tires \$1200 value, \$100 gift card from Ecklers. Kathy Hastings was a gift basket.

07/12 - Friday - The Sparlings, Ellis's & Huskisson's left the hotel at 4:50AM for the long drive home. How long????? 17 hours. After a few hours on the road - we pulled off for a fill up and Randy noticed a

large knot in the right front tire. Needless to say the rest of the ride home was slower. Before/After breakfast the Davenports, Borst, Holders, Hastings & Monson's all left heading in different directions extending their vacations.

So it seems at this point the only ones that have driven away free of any falls, lost items and or car issues would be the Monson's & Borsts.

We had a great time and traveling with this group of friends has been amazing! Who's ready to go again????

Club Event- Cruising to the Veterans~

This year the event was held inside in the SAR -Social Activity Room. Due to the heat outside we were able to chill out inside with the Veterans. We served about 60-75 Veterans & Staff, 30-32 Star City/Lafayette Club members, 8 Illiana Club members along with all of the CCOI members. The DJ played several songs that brought the Veterans out on the dance floor. It was a tremendous feeling to know that we all were a part of their happy day.



A BIG THANK YOU goes out to each one of you that worked so hard to make the day special. To the ladies that wrapped the hot dogs, the men that ran the grills, the members that registered the cars and to the men that parked all the visitors- You all made the day perfect.

Happy Birthday

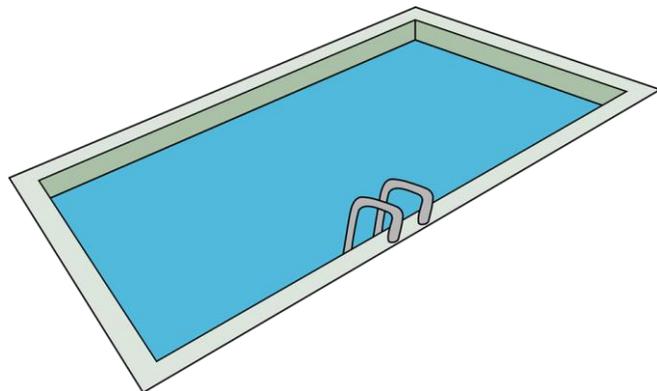
August Birthday's

8/04 David (Murray) Hastings 08/09 Andy Monson

8/22 Georgianna Davenport 8/26 Deb Miller

AUGUST 17 4:00pm Illinois time

Cookout at the Huskisson's - The Huskisson's have officially moved into their new home-finally. They have invited us all out for a cookout and pool party. Everyone bring a covered dish- burgers & brats will be provided. More importantly- bathing suits are required- NO SPEEDO's.



Effingham Fun Fest- September 19-22- Call and get signed up ASAP. Event is Free again this year. You will need to call and sign up as they don't have the Corvette Cruisers on the drop down listing online.



Reminder- the August 8th meeting will be at Maple Corners in Covington, Indiana. We will have guest speakers - Phil & Yvonne Nace from Star City Corvette Club. Meeting will start at 7:00 Indiana time 6:00 Illinois time.

50/50 winner was Pat Sparling

Pot of Gold winner- Liz Huskisson

Meeting adjourned at 6:50

If you have any corrections or would like to add anything to the newsletter, please let me know.

Judie