

2019 CRCC History in Review

2019 brought in new Vice President Dave Fellmet, Secretary Madeline Watertor, Social Director John Stutzman, and Trustee Diane Bowen.

Our cars may be tucked away for their long Winter naps but we still socialize at our monthly dinners with our car club friends. Our January dinner cruise in our tin cars was to Sally's On Broadway, in Springville. The February dinner cruise was cancelled due to weather and issues with the establishment. March took members to El Paraiso Mexican Bar and Grill.

We wish to thank those members who kindly donated their time and vehicles to deliver flowers for Valentine's Day. The two day delivery was once again a success and brought a nice chunk of change to the club. Thanks again to those who participated.

April 6th marked the West Region Awards Banquet in Des Moines. Bowen's, Willenborg's, Groom's and Beebe's attended.

Our April dinner cruise took us to Lebowski's Bar and Grill with a great turn out. April was once again not a very nice beginning to our Spring driving season.

Pat McGrath once again sponsored our club and provided food for our April, July and October meetings. We wish to thank him for his generosity and support. Thanks Pat.

The 2019 NCCC Convention was July 7-12th in Denver, Colorado. The Bowen's and Fischer's represented CRCC at this convention. The 2020 Convention will land in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Once again our club provided plaques for the 4 Honor Flights for the 2019 season. It is such a warm and fuzzy to know we honor our veterans this way, along with welcoming them back to the airport when they return from their much deserved day.

May finally brought some much needed nice weather. We cruised to Whitey's in Lisbon for our May cruise. We also provided 8 cars for the Houbay Day Parade on May 18th. The drivers didn't have to deal with rain this year, thank you Mother Nature.

May 19th marked another "Cruisin" for Camp Courageous Car show. Another cold, windy, drizzly day for this event. We once again won the award and money for having the most cars for a club. We donated that money along with our yearly check to the camp.

We once again had a CRCC night on May 25th for a Kernel's game. It was "Star Wars Night" and it was an exciting game with a last inning win. The win and fireworks after the game brought the evening to a nice ending.

Another successful "Cruisin the Avenue" Car Show. We had 221 registered cars, so it was very successful. Thanks to the car show committee for your countless hours of planning and organizing. The club appreciates all of your hard work. Our 4 charities will once again receive nice checks from our club.

Our June 11th dinner cruise took us to Bulicek's Landing in Delhi. It is always a favorite place to cruise to. A few lucky members won a return visit for a meal which they always like to do for us. Some members also participated in the Freedom Festival Parade on June 29th which is always a fun event to celebrate the Freedom Festival celebration.

On July 4th many participated in the Freedom Festival Car Show and some members worked the event. The show was moved from 3rd Ave to 2nd due to construction and a few cars were parked on 1st Street West. It all worked out fine and it was another successful show, even though it was a pretty hot day.

Our July monthly dinner cruise took us to North Liberty to Mosley's which was originally scheduled for May. We were offered a free side to apologize for the mix up in May and we all enjoyed the cruise and food in July.

On July 12th Hawkeye Downs invited CRCC to drive the 2019 inductees on the track to honor them into the Wall of Fame. Several members participated in this annual event.

A practice Auto-cross was scheduled in the parking lot at Westdale and July 27th and 28th marked the club Auto-cross at Hawkeye Downs. It was a successful event and we wish to thank those who worked this event to keep it going in behalf of the club.

August 10th was our annual BBQ Cookout in which the 3 Amigo's (John, Dan and Jim) worked their magic and smoked their ribs and chicken for us. All the yummy meat and all of the great side dishes brought by the 60 members who attended made for another successful BBQ Cookout! Great food and friendships had by all!

Wolfey's in Quasqueton was our August 13th dinner cruise. Many enjoyed the beautiful Iowa evening and went out on the deck after eating to enjoy the sites of the Wapsipinicon River and enjoy our club friendships.

September 10th took us to Prairie Moon in Prairieburg for our monthly dinner cruise. Nice place and good food. On the 18th a large group cruised to tour the Waterloo John Deere Tractor Cab Assembly Factory and have lunch in Independence at Bill's Pizza and Steakhouse. I think everyone that went on this tour loved it. Another great day thanks to John and Naparat. On September 21st a few went to Speedezz Indoor Go Karting to race go carts instead of our Corvettes. All who raced seemed to have a great time. September 28th and 29th was the annual Swamp Fox Parade and Show and Shine Car Show. The parade went off without a hitch but rain brought the car show to a halt.

We only completed 13 of 19 Homecoming Parades this season due to rain. We sent out 134 total cars and used 46 different drivers to complete them. Thanks to all the drivers for making it a successful season regardless of the weather. We had fun driving our beautiful cars, making special memories for students and of course eating out with our car club friends.

On October 5th some members cruised to Gladbrook to the Match Stick Museum, had lunch at Spanky's and an ice cream snack at Tootsie's Ice Cream and More in Vinton. What a fun day even though the weather was not great and we were not able to drive our cars. Thanks John and Naparat for planning this great day. Our dinner cruise was on the 8th to Hillside Sports Bar in Monticello. This was a nice place for a large group and the food was great. We were able to dodge the many holes in their driveway and got in and out safely without incident.

October 19th was the Halloween Party and we had a great turn out for the huge bonfire, the roasting of hot dogs and many delicious sides. A few awesome costumes showed up which made it even better. The next day brought the annual Leaf Run. It started out foggy but cleared by time we finished eating our delicious meal at Breitbach's in Balltown. On to the overview, Promise Land Winery and Effigy Mounds National Monument. Another great day planned by our Social Director, John. Thanks for the great day.

Congratulations to Andrew Bowen Grandson of Diane and Bob Bowen for being awarded the West Region Scholarship.

November 13th was our monthly dinner night at Lebowski's to wrap up our 2019 dinner cruise season.

Thanks Geof for all your hard work for getting the Electronic Voting researched and implemented. We all appreciate your hard work and the savings it brings to our club.

December brings up our annual Christmas Party at the Indian Creek Country Club. Sad to see another year come to an end but we have many great memories to share with one another. At this time we need to take time to thank so many people for making our club so great. A special thanks to Pat McGrath and Chevyland staff, officers, committees, advertisers, volunteers, sponsors and our awesome members.

Please join me in a somber silent remembrance for the members and any family members who have passed this year. We will keep those members and members families in our thought and prayers. We also wish all members good health and prosperity in 2020.

Another busy and amazing year in the books. Sue Rudd 2019 CRCC Historian