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# President's Report - Andre Montgomery

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## President's Message for December

Dear Classic Corvette of MN Members,

As the sun sets on my term as your club president, I wanted to take a moment to express my heartfelt gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared together. It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your leader over the past two years, guiding this fantastic group of Corvette enthusiasts through exhilarating rides, memorable events, and unforgettable camaraderie.

As I pass the torch to the incoming president, I can't help but reflect on the remarkable adventures we've had as a club. From roaring down scenic highways to turning heads at car shows, each twist and turn has strengthened our bond and fueled our passion for these incredible machines.

I've been fortunate to witness the dedication and enthusiasm of our members, whose love for Corvettes goes beyond the sleek curves and powerful engines. It's about the shared joy of the open road, the shared pride in our meticulously maintained vehicles, and the shared friendships that make our club more than just an assembly of cars.

Our Corvette Club has become a family, and I'm confident that, under new leadership, it will continue to thrive and evolve. I encourage each of you to extend the same level of support and enthusiasm to our incoming president as you have to me.

I want to express my deepest thanks to the entire membership for your commitment, your passion, and your friendship. I'll be stepping down as president, but I won't be far. You'll still find me on the road, enjoying the wind in my hair and the hum of my Corvette's engine.

Here's to the next chapter of Classic Corvettes of MN. May it be filled with exciting drives, successful events, and enduring friendships.

Thank you for an incredible ride! PS: The Picture is from the NCRS Regional in Canada

Sincerely, Andre Montgomery,

CCOM's Outgoing President

PS: The following, in quotations. were the responses to the questions that I, asked Andre, regarding the NCRS meeting where the cover picture and the one below were taken." Joel Meyer, editor

"The event was held at the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum, at the Hamilton International airport south of Toronto, Canada. NCRS has 5 regional meetings in the USA and one in Canada. This event took place September 14-16, 2023 and we went to get the very hard to get NCRS Performance Verification Certificate (PV) on our '67 and we passed. The picture below was done by a professional photographer. This was one of the best NCRS regional events we have been to, the people were so friendly, and we received so many hugs after receiving this certification, because it is so hard to achieve. I even gave an acceptance speech. The result of getting this PV certification will be to go to the National NCRS meeting in Norfolk, VA next August to earn the Zora Arkus Duntov award ( a 97 raw score and above) the highest award given at NCRS. There are only three C2 Corvettes that have achieved this in MN.



## Vice President's Report – Scott Maas

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### December 2023 CCOM VP Newsletter Report

On October 31, 2023, I got the opportunity to attend the SEMA Show at the Las Vegas Convention Center, in Las Vegas, NV. My Friend Rollie Lau, got two passes from his brother-in-law, Joe Pint, who is the Operations Manager for CVF Racing and Off Road, in New Prague, MN. SEMA is the Specialized Equipment Manufacturers Association. This is an organization of automotive products companies. The show is not open to the public, and has gotten the nickname of World's Largest Car Show.

For comparison purposes, many of us have been to the Minneapolis Convention Center for a show of some kind. The MCC has 376,000 sq. ft. The LVCC has four different halls and totals 2,934,200 sq. ft., which is almost 8 times larger than the MCC. We averaged about six miles of walking each of the two days that we were there. It is hard to explain the magnitude of the show.

If you get a chance to attend the SEMA Show, I recommend that you go, but bring your walking shoes. We did see many cool Corvettes, cars, trucks, and utility vehicles. There were many TV Show personalities in attendance at the SEMA Show including Chip Foose, Gene Winfield, Ian Roussel, Faye Hadley, Tanner Faust, Ant Ansted, Courtney Hansen, Barry Meguiar, and Wayne Carini. Many of them had long lines of people waiting to get an autograph.

On the last day of our visit, we took an Uber ride to Count's Customs in Las Vegas. Danny Koker is the star of a History Channel TV show where they customize cars, trucks, and motorcycles. He was at the SEMA Show, but we were able to walk through his car collection. The tour was free, but we did get hooked into buying the t-shirt, ha-ha.

On Veteran's Day, Saturday, November 11, 2023, we participated in a last-minute cruise around the VA Hospital and the MN Veteran's Home. After a hold on cruises because of Covid, the Veteran's cruises are back on. We met at the north parking lot of the VA Hospital, before the cruise started. Thanks to the following for participating in this event: Mark Stulz, Gary Watkins, Matt McMullen, Barry Abblett and Deb Miller, and Scott and Stephanie Maas. This was a fun event, we will put it on the calendar for next year, and do some more planning for a bigger turnout. There was not many veterans standing outside, because of the temperature, but we got lots of waves from folks looking out the windows. Since the car show season is winding down, we could use some more Out-To-Eat Events. If you have an idea for an out-to-eat event, contact me or someone on the board, and we will help you organize an event.

If you are new to the CCOM Club, or if you're thinking about ordering some CCOM branded clothing as Christmas gifts, take a look at the CCOM website, Member Area. You can also look at the order book and the clothing examples at the next CCOM Membership Meeting. You can also contact me at [scottemaas@gmail.com](mailto:scottemaas@gmail.com) or (612) 940-3446, with questions. If we get an order in soon, we should be able to get the clothing before Christmas.

Here is a list of some upcoming events but nothing is planned so far. We are looking for ideas.

We hope to see you at the December meeting.  
Scott Maas

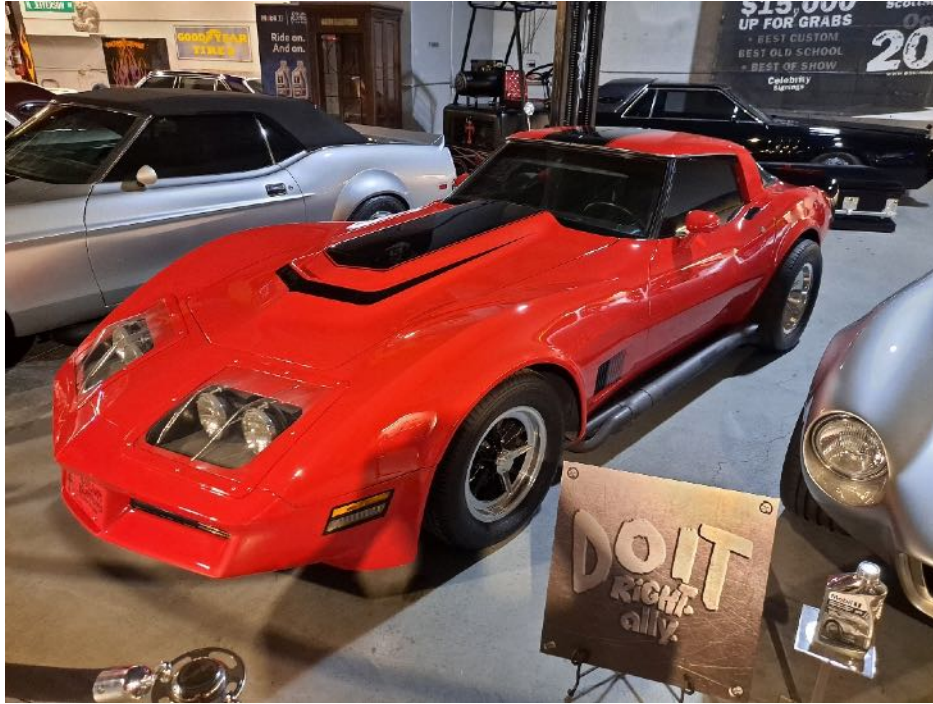
VP, CCOM



Scott Maas and Wayne Carini of Motortrend TV's Chasing Classic Cars, SEMA Show, Las Vegas, NV, October 31, 2023



Scott Maas and a red 2023 Corvette Z06, SEMA Show, Las Vegas, October 31, 2023



Danny "The Count" Kokers C3 Corvette Burn-out Machine.  
Count's Kustoms TV Show, Las Vegas, NV, November 2, 2023

## Tech Director's Report – Shawn Hanna

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### **Pratt Miller Motorsports Collective (Used with Permission)**

#### **Unprecedented Levels of Team Access**

Welcome to the Pratt Miller Motorsports Collective, an extraordinary opportunity to immerse yourself in the world of America's most accomplished sports car team.

This groundbreaking initiative, proudly brought to you exclusively by Pratt Miller Motorsports, opens up three distinct avenues for fans to connect with and support our team in unprecedented ways, both in the physical and digital realms.

Please understand that the proceeds generated from this program will be used as supplemental funding for the Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports IMSA team to keep the team competitive on the track.

Your thoughtful consideration means the world to us, and we are genuinely thrilled to bring this initiative to life. We eagerly anticipate embarking on this innovative journey together, commencing in 2024.

Thank you for being a part of this remarkable endeavor.

## Exclusive Membership Packages

### Silver Package: \$550

Join our esteemed Silver tier and enjoy a range of exclusive benefits: Limited-edition merchandise comprising of a T-shirt, hat, lanyard, member credential, and decal. A hand-numbered certificate adorned with the Pratt Miller Motorsports marks, signed by our team executives. Please note: This membership is limited to **3,000** members.

### Gold Package: \$1200

Elevate your experience with the Gold membership: Enjoy all the benefits of the Silver Package including access to private 2-way live messaging during IMSA race weekends. Invitation to team meetings via a secure web conference link. Exclusive access to the Pratt Miller Motorsports race broadcast stream. Receive an additional polo with program-specific marks. Membership is exclusive to **2,000** members.

### Platinum Package: \$3100

For the most dedicated enthusiasts, our Platinum tier offers unparalleled access and perks: Inclusive of all benefits from the Silver and Gold Packages as well as an opportunity to attend an IMSA race as a guest of Pratt Miller Motorsports with access to our suite. Join in on a paddock tour and have personal interactions with the drivers. Option to select from renowned races: Sebring, Laguna Seca, Watkins Glen, or Petit Lemans. An additional pass can be secured for one guest for one of these race weekends. An exclusive limited-edition ¼ zip jacket is also part of this package. This exclusive experience is available to **300** members only.

Become a member and immerse yourself in a premium racing experience with Pratt Miller Motorsports. Click "View Full Details" below to learn more about the three different package options.

*Participants in this program acknowledge and agree that the purchased tier of participation represents a symbolic association with the team and does not confer any legal ownership interest, rights, or equity in Pratt Miller Motorsports or its assets. The purchased tier does not grant any voting rights, dividends, or any other rights typically associated with team ownership. The purchased tier is primarily for entertainment purposes and only grants the items and access listed in each tier description. This is not an investment, and participants should not expect any financial returns from their purchase. Participants that purchase the Platinum level will be contacted during the start of the 2024 IMSA season to coordinate the VIP experience at the selected race track. Items and experiences are subject to change based on overall program volume.*

## Membership Director's Reports – Julie Montgomery

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### December Birthdays

12/01 Mary Anderson	12/21 Robert Cowan
12/06 Maggie Fruetal	12/21 Howard Remeta
12/11 Larry Darmer	12/24 James Habeck
12/13 Keri Kuechle	12/26 Shawn Hanna
12/15 Dean Johnson	12/27 Diane Noznesky
12/16 Cathy Gjersvik	12/29 Jim Britten
12/18 Jim Rennich	12/29 Julie Swecker
12/20 Dale Salonen	12/31 Judy Cowan
12/20 Bob Winston	12/31 Dianne Remeta
12/20 Monquie Nararrette	12/31 Joe Shaughnessy
12/20 Margaret Gibson	

### Membership Director's Report – Julie Montgomery

Happy Holidays! It has been my pleasure being the CCOM Membership Director. It is time to pass this fun board position on to another volunteer. Speaking of volunteers -I want to thank all of you that have helped at the events and at the monthly meetings, it has made this position easier. I want to wish all of you a very merry Christmas and invite you to enjoy cookies and cider at our December meeting.

#### Meeting Attendance:

77 members attended our November's general membership meeting, along with two guests named Bob! Bob Elfering and Bob Sagen were our guests.

#### New Memberships:

Please welcome our new member:  
Bob Sagan with his C6, C7, and C8  
Thank you for joining!



**Anniversaries:**

There are no other anniversaries to celebrate this month.

**Cards/Flowers**

A card and planter were sent to Mike Swecker to cheer him up while he is battling esophageal cancer.

A speedy recovery card was sent to Cindy Jensen from our membership after her wrist surgery. A card was sent to Chris DuBay to let her know that we are thinking of her during her cancer treatment.

Please continue to keep our members in your thoughts and prayers.

If you know of a member currently in the hospital or home recovering or someone that is or has been sick, please contact me and I will send either a card and/or flowers on behalf of the club.

**Photo for the Website Directory:**

Please check out the work that Dave DuBay has been doing on updating our website and see if you want to update a photo of yourself and/or your car. It is a great way to find people that you have met at our events. You may send your photos to me or Dave. I would also be happy to take your photo at our meeting in December.

**Membership Renewal:**

Thank you to 65% of the members that have already renewed their membership! Our board is changing, so it would be VERY helpful if you made your payment ASAP.

Our 2024 renewal period ends December 31st - all you need to do is submit your renewal payment, in one of three ways; mail, Zelle or give me your payment at our December membership meeting!

Membership dues remain unchanged this year:

Members: \$60.00 (primary member & spouse and/or significant other)

Associate Members: \$60.00 (if you no longer own a Corvette)

Lifetime Members: \$30.00 (primary member & spouse and/or significant other)

Classic Corvettes of Minnesota can accept your payment directly via Zelle with reference to [aj\\_kupka@msn.com](mailto:aj_kupka@msn.com) or (952) 210-6087. Within the message box, please place your name if it is different than your account credentials and indicate purpose as "CCOM Membership Renewal".

Or mailed to:

Classic Corvettes of Minnesota

c/o AJ Kupka Treasurer

1821 Cloud Drive NE

Blaine, MN 55449

If you have any questions, please contact me at [julievmontgomery@gmail.com](mailto:julievmontgomery@gmail.com)

**Name Tag/s:**

Anyone who would like to order a name tag/s please email me the name/s or fill out a form at a membership meeting. Cost, one name tag is \$10.50, and second name tag mailed to same address is \$16.00.

**Club & Corvette Statistics:**

Club:

<b>Memberships</b>	<b>Family</b>	<b>Single</b>	<b>Members</b>	<b>Corvettes</b>
161	119	42	280	200

Corvette:

<b>C1</b>	<b>C2</b>	<b>C3</b>	<b>C4</b>	<b>C5</b>	<b>C6</b>	<b>C7</b>	<b>C8</b>	<b>Total</b>
53 - 62	63 - 67	68 - 82	84 - 96	97 - 04	05 - 13	14 - 19	20 - 23	
8	13	19	18	43	45	34	20	200

**Member Profile Changes:**

If you have any changes in your profile i.e., spouse/significant other, address, email address, phone, or car related send me an email.

Thank you,

Julie Montgomery  
 CCOM Membership Director  
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 (651)274-6957

## National Corvette Museum – Chris Osgood

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**Great time to Shop**

As we head into the Christmas season you might want to consider shopping online at the National Corvette Museum store. Here is a link to the store: [Corvette Store | Official Merchandise from National Corvette Museum](https://www.corvettestore.com) or go to [corvettestore.com](https://www.corvettestore.com). Make sure to check out the weekly deals and clearance section. There is a nice variety of items for all Corvette generations.

## Factory Tour Update

If you are planning on seeing the Corvette factory in operation there is some important information to be aware of. Due to manufacturing advancements, tours offered by the National Corvette Museum of GM's Bowling Green Assembly Plant will be suspended beginning Monday, February 5, 2024. The National Corvette Museum will continue regular operations. During this time, they will likely be assembling some of the rumored ZR1 Corvettes.

## National Corvette Caravan – Parking Opportunity

The 30<sup>th</sup> National Corvette Caravan will be here before we know it and YOU as an NCM Member have an opportunity to reserve a spot on our asphalt parking! Your donation of \$750 will guarantee you a spot in one of our three on-site blacktop parking lots, Wednesday through Saturday. Spaces are so very limited, and we want to be sure to show our appreciation to our members by offering this special parking opportunity.

This **Member-only** option is open to you through as space allows. Only a limited number of spaces are available. Remember, this is a tax-deductible donation and will go toward the winner's circle recognition.

If you have a friend or club member who would like to join as a member to be part of this special parking arrangement, please have them call Bobbi Jo Lee to sign up as a member now at 270 467 8833!

As our season comes to an end it is time to start thinking about events for 2024. Here is a summary of upcoming events.



For those looking for trips with other Corvette owners from around the country consider a Museum in Motion Trip.

### 2024 MiM Daytona Rolex 24

January 24 – January 29, 2024



### 2024 Michelin NCM Bash - April 25-27, 2024

Kickoff of the NCM onsite event season with us here in Bowling Green, KY! Returning activities include a seminars by Michelin, Mobil 1, General Motors, Bowling Green Assembly Plant, and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, NCM Choice car show, a live auction, vendors, and the announcement of the 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Class.

A seminar schedule and a more detailed agenda will be made available as we can confirm the presenter's ability to be onsite.

REGISTRATION OPENS EARLY 2024

**Museum In Motion Dragon Run - April 28th – May 1st, 2024**

Presented By Michelin

Spring in the Smokies, Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore all combined in one great MiM tour! Once again we hit the road, leaving Bowling Green and heading East to run the famous TN-129, aka Tail of the Dragon. This year again, we will be staying at the beautiful Biltmore Inn on the Biltmore Estate grounds. The Monday Biltmore visit includes a specially arranged early morning photo op of the cars in front of the manor house followed by breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café adjacent to the house. New friends will be made while enjoying one of the most beautiful areas of the country during the colorful spring season. **GPS as well as two-way radios are highly recommended!**

Members: \$2,100 Driver / \$250 Passenger

Non-Members \$2,200 / \$300 Passenger

REGISTRATION OPENING SOON

**National Corvette Caravan – 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – August 29-31, 2024**

**All roads lead to Bowling Green, Kentucky for the 30th Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum.**

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary. Regional caravans will form and join other caravans as they travel across the United States to meet in Bowling Green, Kentucky for four days of festivities at the National Corvette Museum. Registration will open on November 1, 2023.

The Minnesota leaders are Shawn and Jan Hanna from our club. This will be a great trip. We will be moving Nick to the University of St. Thomas and will miss this event.

**Artifact of the Month**

Francis "Jack" Gerbic began his career with General Motors in 1948, building wooden station wagon bodies in Euclid, Ohio with Fisher Body. By the time Gerbic retired in 1991, he had risen to become Production Manager for GM's Corvette plant in Bowling Green, Kentucky. In recognition of his long career at GM, Gerbic's colleagues presented him with this gold-colored badge. Donated by Jack's family, the badge is a token of thanks for a "43.2-year" professional journey in the auto industry.

Gerbic's career is deeply intertwined with the movement of Corvette production to Bowling Green. In 1971, he became Quality Control Director of GM's St. Louis plant, where Corvettes had been built since 1954. As Corvette production steadily increased throughout the decade, Gerbic became aware that the line could move to a new facility, but GM was unsure about where it would go. While the company explored its options, Gerbic joined the team tasked with evaluating new locations for a standalone Corvette plant. One of their options was a former Chrysler Airtemp plant, located just off Interstate 65 in South Central Kentucky.

Gerbic thought the Bowling Green plant would be a suitable new home for Corvette. It was easily accessible from both the highway and a nearby railroad spur. Plus, the building already existed. Although GM would have to build a new production line inside the factory, that was better than creating a whole new plant from scratch. Gerbic also recalled that he received a warm welcome from the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, which became another point in the town's favor.

GM's upper management agreed with Gerbic's assessment. On March 11, 1980, the company made an official announcement for the Bowling Green community about Corvette's impending move. Gerbic and his team shifted to planning the logistics of the move, structuring the plant's staff, and hiring and training new personnel. Gerbic also helped to develop a new painting process at the Bowling Green plant. Although 1981 model year Corvettes were built in Bowling Green and St. Louis, only the Bowling Green Corvettes used the new system.

When Gerbic received his retirement badge, the plant he helped to choose had already been building Corvettes for 10 years. The National Corvette Museum would open three years later, firmly entrenching the past, present, and



future of the Corvette in Bowling Green.

## Membership

Starts at \$65 per year. Includes discounts on Corvette merchandise.

## Secretary's Minutes – David Pounds

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### Membership Meeting Minutes

November 14, 2023

Members present: Andre Montgomery-President, Dave Pounds-Secretary, AJ Kupka-Treasurer, Julie Montgomery-Membership Director, Shawn Hanna-Tech Director, Jan Hanna-Past President, Joel Meyer-Editor

Not present: Scott Maas-Vice President and Dave DuBay-Member at Large

#### Board Member Reports:

President-Andre called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and had the members stand for "The Pledge of Allegiance". Andre presented the CCOM Lifetime Achievement Award to Paul Christopher who has served on every board position since he joined our club. Paul talked about his time while serving on the board, and how much satisfaction he got for his efforts, and the members applauded him for his achievements. Thank you, Paul. Andre asked the members if anyone would be willing to set up any "Out to Eat" events over the winter months. Andre then informed us of the members that volunteered for the 2024 board positions. After each member was nominated, Andre asked the membership for approval, and all of the volunteers that accepted the position were applauded. The only position that was not volunteered for was Secretary, so Jan Hanna nominated Kathy Haug, and she accepted. So, the presented nominated board members for 2024 are: President-Scott Maas, Vice President-Chris Osgood, Secretary-Kathy Haug, Treasurer-Mark Haug, Tech Director-Shawn Hanna, Membership Director-Julie Stulz, and Editor-Joel Meyer. Thanks to all of you! Andre made a motion to approve the October minutes, and the membership approved.

Vice President Scott couldn't be at the meeting because he was working in Anchorage, Alaska. At the next meeting, he will talk about the SEMA show that he recently attended.

Treasurer-AJ reported on the club's 2023 finances (balances) and has prepared the preliminary budget for 2024 in which the board has already given their approval. AJ was intending to review preliminary budget tonight and seek general membership approval, but due to technical difficulties (American Legion) the budget will be presented next month. AJ gave an overview of

all the scheduled events for next year. Hat's off to Keri Kuechle and Julie Stulz for having the Spring Brunch Cruise scheduled.

Tech Director-Shawn informed the members that Pratt Miller, (which is an organization led by its world class engineering and motorsports heritage) was purchased by the Oshkosh Corporation. Shawn and Jan Hanna informed the membership that they will be co-captains to help members that want to participate in the Corvette Adventures event at the Chula Vista resort in Wisconsin Dells from June 6-8, 2024. Shawn then asked for all of the Veterans to stand up, and they were enthusiastically applauded by the members for their service.

Membership Director-Julie thanked David and Patti McGregor for being greeters, and asked for volunteers to greet members at the upcoming meetings. Julie also thanked John and Jane Wessel for selling 50/50 raffle tickets. Julie welcomed guests Bob Elfering with his red 1998 convertible, and Bob Sagan who has 3 Corvettes, (a C6, C7, and a C8). In October, we had 84 members and 2 guests at the meeting, and 52% have already renewed their memberships for 2024. The cost of \$60 has not gone up, and you can renew your membership at a meeting or by contacting Julie. You do not need to fill out an application form unless your email or phone numbers have changed. Other notes from Julie: Kris Antoine died on October 9, and she will be missed. Flowers were sent for Kris's Funeral on behalf of the membership. More information can be found at <http://www.washburn-mcreavy.com/obituaries/Kristine-Phelan-Antoine/#!/Obituary>.

Steve Potas is through 80% of his treatment for esophageal cancer, and he will be having surgery on December 11. He thanked everyone for the flowers, prayers, and cards, and is looking forward to seeing everyone next spring. (He is unable to be in large crowds due to his compromised immune system). Chris DuBay had surgery for breast cancer, and is now undergoing chemo that started on November 14. Howie Remeta made it to our meeting after having knee surgery. He talked about his surgery and thanked all of the members for their support. Julie reported that we now have 160 memberships, 278 members, and 197 Corvettes.

Editor-Joel thanked Marie and Tom Paul for forwarding pictures of their 1998 Indianapolis 500 Pace car with the beautiful fall colors in the background that were used in the November newsletter, and from other members that forwarded similar pictures. He also asked that contributors for the next newsletter to forward their articles on or about the 26<sup>th</sup>.

Other notes: Due to the late notice, Mark Stulz reported that there were only 3 Corvettes at the Veterans home on Veterans Day. At the meeting, Dick Kolkmann took the microphone and informed us that he and his wife Elaine attended a "Stop The Bleed" class put on by North Memorial hospital. The class is a lecture and hands on training that runs from 6:30 to 8:00 pm Thursday December 7 at the Champlin Park High School. You must pre-register, and the class size is limited to 30. Stop The Bleed is a national organization created to teach people how to stop bleeding in the event of a severe injury. The event could have resulted from an accident in the kitchen, the workshop, a car accident, boating, or any other event involving severe bleeding. Because it is the 25th anniversary of North Memorial being designated a Level 1 Drama Center, they are providing the training free of charge, and they are giving every participant a bag

containing the same supplies and equipment carried by EMT's and other first responders. If you were to buy the equivalent kit from the Red Cross, the cost would be \$99.95 plus tax and shipping. Dick said that their class was taught by duty and emergency room nurses, EMT's, and there was also a doctor contributing. We all are glad we attended and would highly recommend the training. During the meeting, Dick had the interested members sign up to receive an email and link to register for the class.

During the meeting, Dawn Rennich wanted to make sure that the members understand that the 30-Days Foundation is supported by our club only through the 50/50 raffle. One half of the proceeds are sent to the 30-Days Foundation each month. The club has never collected gifts for this organization. Gifts for seniors is our holiday gift drive.

At 8:01 PM, Andre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Kupka approved the motion, and Dave Pounds seconded the motion, and the members approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted by,  
David Pounds-Secretary

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

November 28, 2023

Members present: Andre Montgomery-President, Scott Maas-Vice President, Dave Pounds-Secretary, AJ Kupka-Treasurer, Julie Montgomery-Membership Director, Shawn Hanna-Tech Director, Jan Hanna-Past President, Joel Meyer-Editor, Dave DuBay-Member at Large

Andre called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

### Board Member Reports

President-Andre read off the nominated board member's names from November's general membership meeting and stated that candidates for "Members at Large" could be John Wessel and Pete Liccardello. Jan Hanna recited the requirements to become a "Member at Large" and stated that the nominees will need to submit a brief resume to the Secretary before December's general membership meeting. The Board will then select the "Member at Large" from the received submissions and announce their appointment at January's general membership meeting. Andre will solicit asking for any additional nominations for open board positions prior to



commencing to vote. Andre made a motion to approve the November membership minutes. AJ approved the motion, Shawn seconded the motion, and the board approved the motion.

Vice President-Scott got an estimate for a custom-made tarp from a Burnsville company to cover the CCOM trailer. The cover's cost would be \$1450, and it would have zipper openings to access the trailer. But the board members thought that the cost is too high, and we do not need to access the trailer during winter storage. So, AJ and Scott are considering a basic tarp at a much lower cost. Shawn Hanna found an indoor heated storage space that would cost \$500 for 4 months (December through April). Although this is a good deal, AJ was not in favor because it would be a re-occurring cost every year, so the board agreed that a tarp was the way to go. Scott requested a CCOM budget to purchase the most popular club clothing in assorted sizes so that the members can try the items on. In my case, a medium polo shirt fit me fine, but the medium long sleeve denim shirt was too big. This can help to eliminate clothing returns. Scott also asked for a budget to purchase a better PA system.

Treasurer-AJ presented the 2023 financials and reviewed recent updates to preliminary budget for 2024, he has earmarked time following December's general membership with incoming Treasurer to ensure smooth transition (training). AJ discussed getting new matching CCOM polo shirts for incoming board members, but Jan Hanna did not think that it was necessary, so the board decided to let the 2024 board make that decision. AJ will setup all the board Zoom meetings for 2024, and the incoming President will take responsibility for our Zoom account. AJ agreed to create/print 100 individual voting ballots.

Membership Director-Julie will bring apple cider, and Judy Tews will bring the cookies for the December membership meeting. She reported that 65% of the members have renewed their memberships for 2024, and we now have 161 memberships and 200 Corvettes.

Member-at-Large Dave DuBay will not be at the December meeting and asked Julie to take pictures of the 2024 Board members for the CCOM website. Dave would also like to be invited to attend the first 2024 Board meeting to review archiving Club documents with the new board and their responsibility for uploading them to the CCOM Google drive. Dave agreed to manage our Google drive and will assist new board members any way he can with the uploading procedure.

Tech Director-Shawn was happy to report that we will have some great prizes for the December raffle.

Editor Joel is planning to host an "Out to Eat event at the Lucky's 13 restaurant in Plymouth sometime soon.

At 6:17 PM, Andre made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Julie approved the motion, Dave Pounds seconded the motion, and the board members approved the motion.

Respectfully submitted by,

David Pounds-Secretary

## Editor's Remarks & Fall Color Pictures – Joel Meyer

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The cover picture was taken at this year's Ontario Regional NCRS competition that Andre and Julie Montgomery participated in. I opted to use it as it as the elevated perspective, that we seldom see, showed what the scene is like for these events. This segment was in an aircraft hanger.

As our events are over for the year, I'm planning on bringing back selected pictures from these great events that helps make the newsletter better. Below are selected pictures from the website's feature on the Vettes for Vets event in August. Be sure to go to our CCOM website to see many more and you don't even have to use a password to see them!

# Past Events – 2023's Vettes for Vets

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Event organizer A. J. Kupka and Best Corvette winner Kristi Clayson



From last month's Fall Color Feature is this one of Jan and Shawn Hanna's C-5 that was overlooked.



## Board Members

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## Upcoming Event Flyers

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### **JANUARY'S OUT TO EAT**



Join your fellow CCOM members for great eats and a good time at  
Lucky's 13 Pub at 3000 Harbor Lane North, Plymouth

(Adjacent to Comfort Inn, NW Quadrant of 494 and Hwy 55)

Thursday evening January 11<sup>th</sup>.

5:30 for Socializing

6:00 for Food Ordering

Sign up at meeting or directly with:

Joel Meyer at: [joel.meyer.minnkota@gmail.com](mailto:joel.meyer.minnkota@gmail.com) or 612-910-9914



We will be leading another trip to the Black Hills from July 17-21, 2024. Nick and I had so much fun with our group last year. We are already planning the route, hotels and meals. Right now we have 12 cars signed up. We would like to limit to 20 cars.

**Overview of the trip:**

- Wednesday, July 17 – Hot Summer Nights in Sioux Falls, SD (Drive from Shakopee to Sioux Falls)
- Thursday, July 18 – Caravan to Spearfish, SD (Drive from Sioux Falls to Spearfish)
- Friday, July 19 – Cruise thru the Black Hills / Vette Street USA in Spearfish, SD
- Saturday, July 20 – Cruise and time in Deadwood
  
- Sunday, July 21– Caravan back home

**Cost:** Option 1 – no cost for trip. We will plan routes and restaurants.  
 Option 2 – Price TBD was \$290 in 2023 – The paid cost includes several sponsored events from the Black Hills Corvette Classic including autocross and drag racing. Paid trip also includes downtown parking in Spearfish for Vette Street USA. Others will park on side streets. More information at [Black Hills Corvette Classic](#).

The group will travel together with both options.  
 Additional costs: hotel, food, etc.

**Hotels:** I have a block of rooms at the following hotels:  
 July 17 – Hampton Inn & Suites Southwest, Sioux Falls, SD  
 July 18-21 – Tru by Hilton Deadwood – Deadwood, SD

Please contact me with any questions or to sign up:  
 Chris Osgood [osgoodc@outlook.com](mailto:osgoodc@outlook.com) or 612-756-1928

**Registration:**

Name Participant 1 \_\_\_\_\_

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Name Participant 2 \_\_\_\_\_

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Year Corvette \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be staying in the hotel group? Yes No





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The club holds a monthly raffle, where for **only \$5.00 per ticket**; you can purchase a chance to win 50% of the nightly ticket proceeds. The other 50 % is sent monthly to **THE 30 DAY FOUNDATION** to support their charitable mission of helping those in need.

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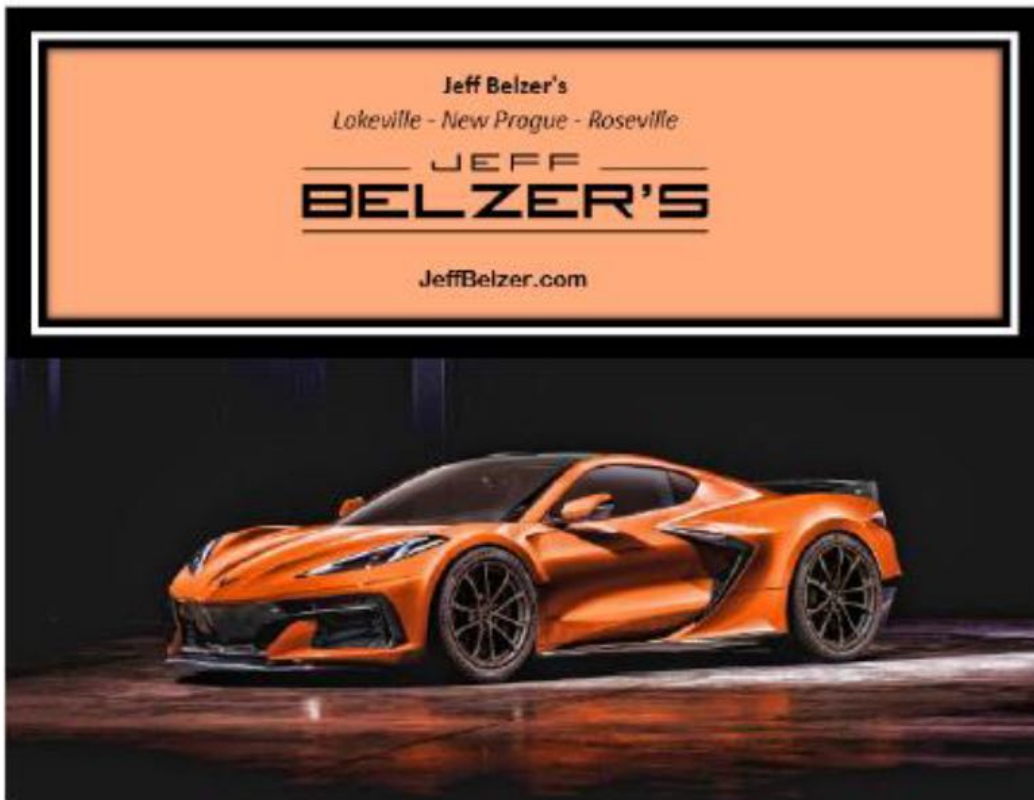


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