# NORTHERN ILLINOIS CORVETTE CLUB

***AMERICA'S SPORTS CAR***










## *PRESIDENTS MESSAGE*

The end of the year is closing in on us and so many things need to be done before the cold weather gets here. By now, most of us have done the maintenance on our Corvettes and have put them away for the winter months. Remember though, there are several things on the list for the NICC members to complete in the month of December. One of which involves the elections of board members. This will take place at the December 3rd meeting. I know that some of the members are lucky enough to get out of the cold weather but, you can still attend the meeting virtually via Zoom. Cindy always sends out the necessary Zoom information ahead of the meeting. This year the Holiday Party is on December 12th. The flyer has been sent out with all the information for attending the party or if you have any questions, you can contact Traci or Debbie. This member favorite event is always a good time for everyone who attends. All you have to do is get involved in any activity that you would like to do.

Mark the first Wednesday of each month on your calendars, come to the NICC meetings, and enjoy the good times that we have at our monthly meetings. Our club meetings are held at Sam's Ristorante Rockford on the first Wednesday of the month. The Vette Visions newsletter contains the schedule of meetings. I would enjoy seeing more members attending the membership meetings, adding their voices to our decision making, and bringing forth innovative ideas. Members are welcome to attend the Board meetings while Guests are welcome to attend the social hour and membership portions of the monthly meetings. Bring a Corvette enthusiast friend and have an enjoyable time.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns about the club.

*John M. Stupec*
NICC President
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# NICC Minutes

November 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes – Unapproved

**1. <u>Opening and Call to Order</u>:**

The NICC Monthly Membership meeting was called to order by John Stupec at 6:59 p.m. with 28 members present in the meeting room and none on Zoom for a total of 28 members in attendance.

**2. <u>List of Officers, Directors, & Committee Chairs</u>:**

President: John Stupec
Governor: Dale Samuelson
Secretary: Cindy Starzyk
Treasurer: Louise Gorsch
Membership: Leon Gorsch
Parliamentarian: Linda Stimart
Historian: Carolyn Samuelson
NCM Ambassador: Sherry Putnam
Sunshine Chair: Mary Ann Akey
Charity Director: Barb Johnson
Sergeant-at-Arms: Craig Gleason
Editor: Steve Webster
Social Director: Debbie Schaefer
Quartermaster: Barb Johnson
Advertising: Ken Starzyk
Public Relations: Ken Starzyk
Webmaster: Traci Hill
Parade Director: Open position
Media Director: Traci Hill

**3. Introduction of Guests:** Katie, a friend of George Titus, attended as a guest tonight.

**4.Minutes:** A motion was made to approve the October, 2025 minutes by Ken Starzyk and seconded by Louise Gorsch. The motion was approved.

**5. Monthly Reports:**

**<u>President</u>** – John Stupec: John reviewed the Old Business.

**<u>Governor</u> –** Dale Samuelson: The National/Regional Meeting will be held in St. Louis on November 15th. Dale will let us know the dates for the <u>2026 Autocross NICC Fundraisers</u> when announced. Equipment has been working flawlessly, however a racer clipped the receiver and cord, then dragging it down the exit area a significant distance. A replacement device and cord have been ordered with billing is being sent to the driver responsible. Our equipment vendor has announced the business may be sold and our hope is that a buyer steps in to continue operating the sales and service of the devices.

**<u>Secretary</u>** – Cindy Starzyk: No report.

**<u>Treasurer</u> –** Louise Gorsch: Louise passed out the budget sheet and explained income and expenses for October. Our most recent CD with Chase Bank was rolled over and will come due in January. A motion was made by Dale Samuelson to approve the <u>October budget</u> and seconded by Ken Starzyk. The motion was approved. Our three charities, PAWS, Vets Roll, and the Rock River Food Pantry, will each receive $1100.00 from the NICC in December, 2025.

**<u>Membership</u>** – Leon Gorsch: We have 66 members. Carrie Summers has joined the NICC. Carrie recently purchased a 2015 Shark Gray Stingray. She is employed by the Illinois State Police Forensics Lab. Having participated in an exotic cars on-track drive with an instructor riding shotgun in a newer Corvette, they reached a top speed of 140 MPH! She knew she wanted to purchase a Stingray. Welcome to the NICC Carrie!

**Parliamentarian** – Linda Stimart: Linda has completed the Bylaws and is almost done finalizing the Policies & Procedures changes. Please review the P & P that apply to you and let Linda know if any changes need to be made. A motion was made by Barb Johnson and seconded by Gene Stimart to approve the Bylaws.
**Historian -** Carolyn Samuelson, absent.
**NCM Ambassador** - Sherry Putnam: No report.
**Sunshine Club Chair** – Mary Ann Akey: Mary Ann sent a get well card to Judy Webster who is recovering from a knee replacement. Please contact Mary Ann if you know of anyone who is needs any kind of support.
**Sergeant-at-Arms** – Craig Gleason: $2 was collected for name badge fines.
**Editor** – Steve Webster: Articles for the newsletter should be sent to Steve prior to the publication date of the 15th of each month. Next year he is planning to conduct a photo contest.
**Social Director** – Debbie Schaefer: No report.
**Quartermaster** - Barb Johnson: No report.
**Advertising** – Ken Starzyk: No report.
**Public Relations** - Ken Starzyk: No report.
**Webmaster** – Traci Hill: Traci complimented Steve Webster for the great job on his first NICC newsletter production. A few issues continue to come up on the website but overall it has been working well.
**Parade Director** – Leon Gorsch: For 2026 we can do three or four parades. We will most likely continue with the Lena parade which we added this year due to the feedback and exposure we had.
**Media Director** – Traci Hill: No report.

**6**. **Old Business**

a. Board Meeting - Oct. 1st 5:00
b. Membership meeting – Oct. 1st 7:00
c. Wiener Roast - Oct. 4th (Leon & Louise's house) – Great success and the weather was ideal.
d. Cars & Coffee Car Show & Toy Drive Oct.6th - Three NICC members attended.
e. NICC Low Speed event, Crystal Lake, IL Oct. 11th &12th - There was a good turnout of racers and workers. NICC made money.
f. Wine tasting – Canceled - A new date is to be determined.
g. Walkie-talkies for sale – Ken has two walkie-talkies for sale. Contact him if you would like to buy one.

**7. New Business:**

a. Voting on Bylaws – See statements under Parliamentarian.
b. Tailgate Party - Nov. 9th at 12:00 – Don & Barb Johnson – Bring a dish to pass.
c. MWR Governors Meeting - Nov. 15th – Dale

**8. December 2025 Activates:**

a. Board Meeting
b. Social Hour 6:00pm
c. Membership meeting 7:00pm
d. Voting on all NICC Positions

e. Holiday Party Fri. Dec. 12th – Traci Hill – Traci, Sherry Putnam, Debbie Schafer and Lisa Thumme are on this committee.
The party will be catered at the South Beloit Businessman's Club. The venue is free. NICC members will pay $10 - $15 dollars to be determined later. Additional information will be emailed or texted to all members. Prizes will be purchased by NICC.

**9. New Cars:** Dale & Carolyn Samuelson took possession of their 2026 Red Mist ZO6 on October 7th side by side with their very good friend Bill Dockerty. They will also attend the Ron Fellows Driving Academy together. NICC's new member, Carrie Summers, purchased a 2015 Shark Gray Stingray.

**10. Collection of Fines:** $2

**11. 50/50 Drawing:** The 50/50 raffle was won by Barb Johnson. The amount was $55.

**12. Attendance Drawing:** The $10.00 prize was also awarded to Barb Johnson.

**Adjournment:** 7:40 pm. A motion to adjourn was made by Ken Starzyk and seconded by Dale Samuelson. The motion was approved.

**BOARD MEETING – December 3, 2025 at 5:00**
**Next Club Monthly Meeting:**
**December 5th 2025**
**Social hour 6:00 p.m.**
**Member meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted by *Cindy Starzyk*

***NICC Sunshine Club***

***Dear Club Members: If you know of someone who needs to be remembered by our club, via a card or a note, please contact Mary Ann Akey, 815-262-7324 or by email mgakey@gmail.com***

***If you have other appropriate events of interest that you'd like to see publicized, please send the details to the email address below. They will be included as space allows. swebster1010@gmail.com***

## ***CLUB CALENDAR***

**NOVEMBER:**

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| Wednesday, November 5 | 6:00 PM - Social Hour |
| | 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting - **In person and Zoom** |
| Saturday, November 15 | MWR Governors' Meeting - Dale Samuelson |
| Sunday, November 9 | Tailgate Party – Barb & Don Johnson – 12:00 Kick-off |

**DECEMBER:**

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| Wednesday, December 3 | |
| | **5:00 PM – Board Meeting – In person and Zoom** |
| | 6:00 PM - Social Hour |
| | 7:00 PM - Membership Meeting - **In person and Zoom** |
| Friday, December 5 | **11:00 AM – Lou Bachrodt Auto Mall Christmas Toy Drive** |
| Friday, December 12 | Christmas Party –Traci Hill |

***Additional Club Activity Ideas for 2026 --- Host Volunteers needed!***

***TBD Henry Dorrbaker's***

***TBD Ice Hogs Game***

***TBD Rallye***

***TBD Historic Attractions Museum in Roscoe***

***Unless otherwise posted, all membership meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month at:***

***Sam's Ristorante***

***6075 E. Riverside Blvd.***

***Rockford, IL 61114***

***Members are welcome to attend the Board Meetings.***

***Guests are welcome to attend the Social Hour and Membership Meetings***

On December 5th our great, long-time sponsor, Lou Bachrodt Auto Mall will be hosting its Annual Christmas Toy Drive which NICC participates in each year to enhance its inclusion in its local Community Service Activities. More information and a flyer will be forthcoming.
If you have a little time on December 5th, please stop by
Bachrodt Auto Mall whenever you can. Most of us will aim for 11:00.
Usually, Bachrodt has a small but delicious buffet for everyone to enjoy.
If possible, please bring an unwrapped toy/Christmas present to donate.
Supporting our sponsor is very important to NICC!
Thank you!
Cindy




NICC Holiday Party
Friday, Dec. 12th
5:30 P.M.
South Beloit Businessmen's Club
525 Washington St.
South Beloit, IL 61080
RSVP by text or call no later than Nov. 21st
Traci 815-298-3361
Debbie 815-742-1826
Payment of $15 per person due by Dec. 3rd
Meeting - make checks payable to NICC
Club will provide water, coffee, punch, tax, tip, and prizes
Feel free to bring your favorite beverages

NICC 2025 October Autocross Fundraiser

NICC's last Autocross Fundraiser Event for the year was held on Saturday,
October 11th and Sunday, October 12th in the parking lot of McHenry Community College in Crystal Lake. Our only NICC racer was Marc Kinnemann. He did a great job in his green1966 convertible. Some of the outstanding NICC and Sunburst Corvette Club volunteers worked the track corners for seven hours on Saturday and/or five hours on Sunday. It takes a lot of focus to watch for the car numbers and all of the cones as the racing constantly shifts from car to car. One volunteer job was to drive a golf cart taking the timing tickets from the timing station to the display board. On Saturday, there was a Calzone food truck on-site. All of us were able to break for lunch. Bright sunshine helped to warm up the days although the temperatures were not too bad either. Everyone enjoyed tunes from the playlist provided by the Sunburst Corvette Club. They had an excellent collection of music!

Heartfelt thanks go out to Dale and Carolyn Samuelson for the amazing job they do every season with Autocross. Their hard work creates a substantial revenue stream for our club. Also, their exceptional organizational skills make it an easy event to volunteer for. Appreciation goes out to Joe Hansen, Sherry Putnam, and Ken & Cindy Starzyk from NICC for volunteering and supporting this enjoyable event. Proceeds from this event will significantly help our club achieve the goals set for its many charities. Thanks again to all the volunteers who made this endeavor a great one for our veterans and other charities!
Submitted by Cindy Starzyk






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*Happy Anniversary wishes to …*

*October*

Kevin and Mary Gugliuzza 6th
Steve and Judy Webster 6th
Craig and Michelle Meiter 8th
Gregory and Christine Osen 18th

*November*

Richard and Maxine Bowers 3rd
Roy(Bill) and Lisa Thumme 12th

*Birthdays are good for your health.*
*The more you have, the longer you live.*



*Happy Birthday wishes to …*

*October*

Lisa Smith 19th
Marie Naretta 20th

*November*

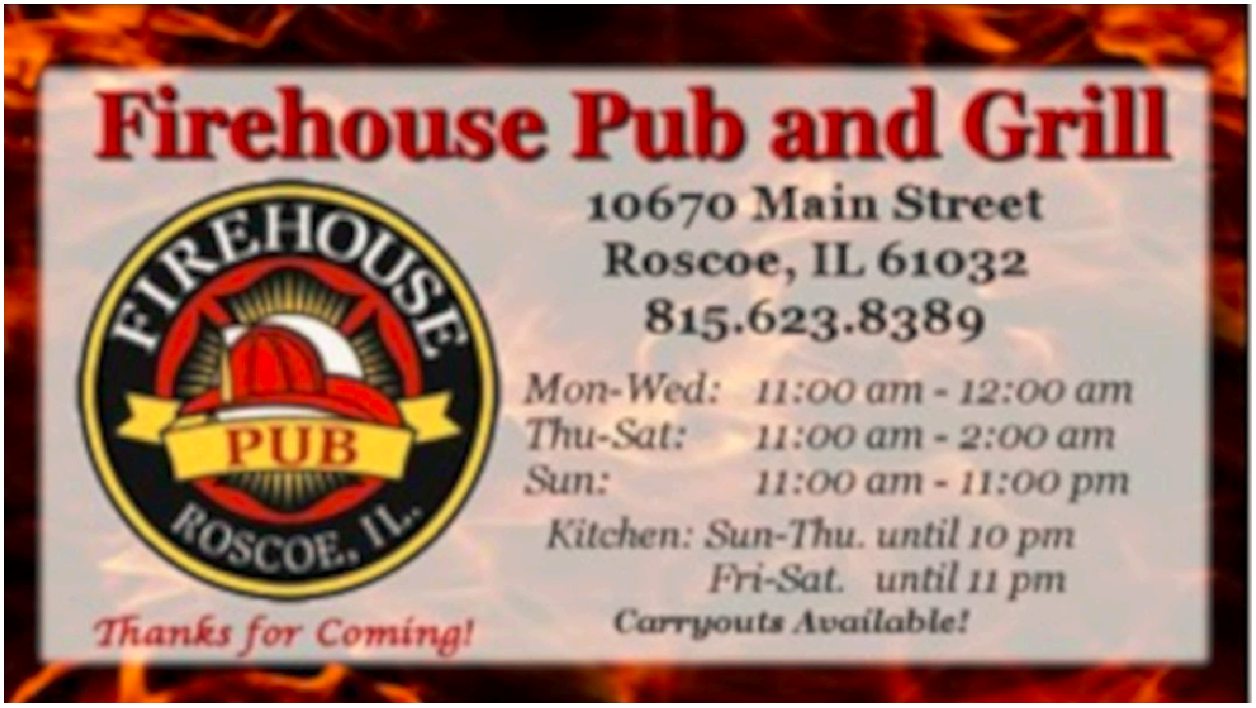
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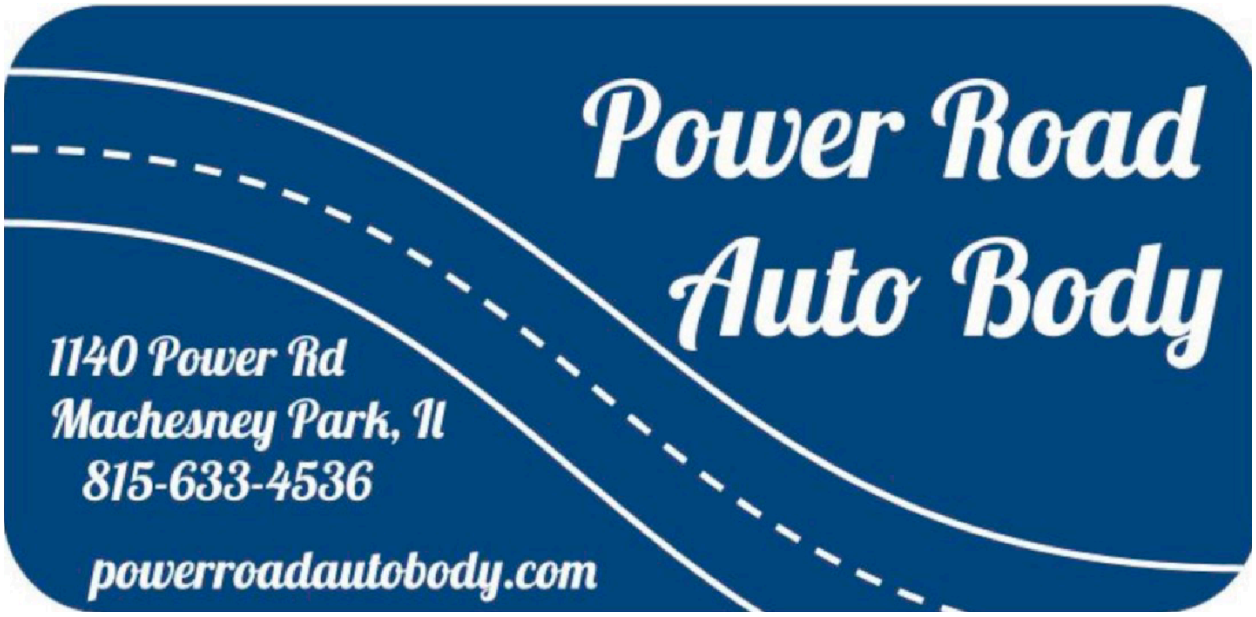
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