

# Chicago Cross Roads



## Corvette Club

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Hibernating Corvettes!

## From Our President

By Marvin Mayberry



2014 has come to a close and we now start 2015, a very busy year with many new events, trips and car shows. The CCCC leadership met in January to lay out our vision of 2015. Extra time was allotted to discuss the new events and trips to be presented to the membership at the February general meeting. As I discussed with our founder, Patrick Eaton, the club gets better and each year does more. In 2014, we added events to our community service list, visiting more schools. We grew in 2014 and can expect further growth in 2015. We formed relationships with many new clubs like Strictly Vettes of Memphis

TN, Brownsville Corvette Club of TN and Mid-Delta Corvette Club of Greenwood, MS. The 2014 Car Show Weekend was off the chain, starting with the Golf Outing, Meet & Greet, Light Show & Exhaust contests on Friday. Saturday was the Car Show followed by the Dance and who can forget the Safe and Sound **day picnic and member's car show. 2015 will be even BETTER.**

2015 will start with trips to Memphis for the ICCC Annual Beale Street Car Show, followed by a trip to Fort Knox/Bowing Green Museum and Factory then on to Columbus for the Chosen Few Spring Fling Car Show. Chosen Few is our Brother club. Although Chosen Few and Cross-Roads are no longer members of the Mid-West Traveling Corvette Clubs, we still support the clubs that are: KlasAct of St. Louis, MO; Brew City of Milwaukee, WI; Trend Settas of Flint, MI; and Corvettes of Distinction of Columbus, OH. We visit and support each others events.

We expect 2015 to be the fastest growth in the history of the club. We start the year at 141. In addition to Illinois, we now have members in Arizona, Florida, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Texas and Wisconsin.

*Members should always be true to our charter.* The Chicago Cross-Roads Corvette Club was established as a body to promote an image that encourages personal growth and achievement for all. Additionally, the club will promote Corvette Club activities by being Anti-Drug and Pro Community, collecting and publishing information, sponsor activities, affairs and gatherings that enhance the enjoyment of the ownership of a Corvette car, both public and private. The Chicago Cross-Roads Corvette Club is an Illinois based Corporation not for profit, Charter Number 5703-294-4.

## From Our President *(continued)*

By Marvin Mayberry

We are a member of the National Corvette Museum and the National Council of Corvette Clubs, Mid-West Council. In addition, we are the official transportation of the Bud Billiken Day Parade and sponsored by both Rogers Auto Group of Chicago and Webb Chevrolet of Oak lawn, IL.

July 17, 2015 begins CCCC Car Show weekend. Let's all pitch in to help the Car Show Committee make this a Chicago Cross-Roads success.

The calendar for 2015 is the already full with 99 events including club meetings. Since we add events during the year, there is a good chance we will exceed all previous years events. Try to make as many as you can, it's a great fun.

*Marvin Mayberry,  
President*



The Silver Ninja on STEROIDS IS Back!  
Crown Point Corvette Club Annual Shootout  
September 28, 2014 - Morocco, INI

# TIRE RACK AUTO CROSS UPDATE

By Joe Bowman

Thanks to all the participants and supporters of the event. We all had a great time, especially me, having such an awesome turnout.

Six club members listed below drove in the event and were cheered on by the greatest support team! Please see the team pictures Eric and Curtis posted. The tour of TireRack was a bonus. The hosting clubs, including us, were very friendly and helpful.

All that drove learned car control in a safe environment through a series of autocross elements like the slalom, skip pad, hairpin turn and sweepers.

The **club member's times were:**

Chester had the fastest single run time of approximately 45.57 and wins the fastest team trophy.

The official results were:

Chester Elion	45.57 sec	16 points
Joseph Bowman	46.72 sec	35 points
Curtis Davis	47.32 sec	15 points
Eric Keyes	49.42 sec	37 points (Wins the most points trophy)
Paul Armor	50.56 sec	15 points
Charles Peterson	Great experience	

**I have started planning this year's events:**

1 Road America Event <http://www.roadamerica.com/>

1 Autobahn event <http://www.autobahncc.com/>

1 Corvette Museum Race Track event <http://www.motorsportspark.org/>

Tail of the Dragon <http://www.tailofthedragon.com/>



Low Speed Auto Crossing—Tire Rack  
October 2014

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to all of those members celebrating birthdays in  
1st Quarter 2015!

1/2 Theresa Ross-Gordon	2/28 Kendal Flenaugh
1/3 Darrin White	3/1 David Gober
1/13 Joey Jordon	3/6 Hector Duran
1/13 Elliott Moore	3/6 Greg Jackson
1/14 LaWanda Flennoy	3/6 Faser Johnson
1/18 Louis Flowers	3/7 James Carter Jr
1/19 Luther Murray	3/7 Melvyn Stewart
1/28 David Hardin	3/12 Ray Conley
1/30 Richard Coleman Jr	3/22 Joseph Bowman
2/3 Ron Vasser	3/24 James McGuire
2/4 Michael Williams	3/25 Ronald Bowles
2/6 Keith Sutton	3/27 Eric Hambrick Sr
2/12 Karen Hill	3/27 Benjamin Kennerly
2/16 Robert Sweatt	3/28 George Gilmore
2/17 Joe Dixon	



**Horace William's Birthday Party**  
December 2014

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

CCCC would like to extend a warm welcome to the members who joined in 3rd Quarter 2014

10/5 Rass Powell  
11/2 Faser Johnson  
11/2 Jerrold Johnson  
11/2 Gentral Brooks  
11/2 Greg Jackson



South Side Veterans Day Brunch  
November 2014

# FINANCIAL ADVICE

## THE AMERICAN DREAM?

*By Monica Harris*

Years ago, society convinced our ancestors that home ownership was the American Dream. Many of them acquired mortgages to make it happen. How many of you are living, in part or entirely, off of the wealth produced by those home purchases?

Society forgot to mention that every mortgage should be accompanied by a life insurance policy. The face value of that life insurance policy should be, at minimum, the amount of the mortgage loan. The owner and beneficiary of that life insurance policy should be the mortgagor, estate or direct heirs depending on the most appropriate legal structure of the estate.

Theresa died as a single mother to 7 adult children. Theresa had a home in her name with a mortgage. At the time of her death, none of her children were homeowners. The home was lost out of the family (foreclosed) and eventually sold into another family. **The other option could've been to have a life insurance policy that would've gone to the estate to clear the debts of the deceased. Then the children could've inherited a debt free home and had the option to sell it or turn it into an investment property that could've did wonderful things like produced a little extra monthly cash in the 7 children's pockets or produced a generational college fund for the children of the family.** Consider the possibilities.

Lita died at the age of 91 with a mortgage and no living children. She did, however, have grandchildren. All of her grandchildren were homeowners with spouses and children. No one was prepared to assume a new mortgage for the sake of securing this excellent investment property. A life insurance policy matching the value of the mortgage would have afforded the grandchildren options. However, without it their only option was to acquire a mortgage to keep the property in the family. The property had the ability to produce at least \$600 net/month of income.

Make sure that every mortgagor in your family has a life insurance policy to clear the mortgage and a documented plan for the disbursement of the tax-free death benefits. Generational wealth is achievable!

Efficient Estates

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **2015 Calendar of Planned Events January—March**

- 1/11—Board Meeting—**St. Ailbe's Church; Chicago, IL**
- 1/18-26—Club Trip: North American Auto Show; Detroit, MI
- 1/24—Club Outing: K1 Speed Indoor Racing, Addison, IL
- 2/8—**Club Meeting: St. Ailbe's Church; Chicago, IL**
- 2/7-16—Club Visit: Chicago Auto Show; Chicago, IL
- 3/1—**Club Meeting: St. Ailbe's Church; Chicago, IL**



CCCC Group Photo—Christmas Party  
December 2014

# THANK YOU, CHICAGO CROSS-ROADS!

**Chicago Cross-Roads Corvette Club is committed to supporting our community within our ability to do so. On this page are two Thank You notes from entities receiving our support.**





**Valerie O'Neil**  
(Val)



The member in this spotlight is Val **O'Neil**. Val has been the go to person for our events for the past five years, be it the Sweetheart, Car Show or Christmas dance. Val has made each of these events her own. Along with her team of Hazel Boyd, Chester Elion and Eric Keyes. She has gave each of our dances the decorations and ambience that makes our guest feel welcome and complement the event. Although many of you may not be aware of her and her teams work, you see it at each event.

**Hats off to Val O'Neil, for being this issue's Spotlight Member.**

# FOR YOUR INFORMATION

## Lamont "Harmonica" Harris Performances

- February 9—The House of Blues w/Tommy McCracken; Chicago, IL; 8p—12a
- February 11—The Quest Eatery and Spirits; 1204 US 30; Schererville, IN; 6p—10p
- February 13—Ray Kroc Center; 119th S. Loomis; Chicago, IL; 6p—10p
- February 14—Checker Board Lounge; 5225 S. Lake Park; Chicago, IL; 7p—12a

### HOTEL INFORMATION FOR UPCOMING TRIPS

#### *Wounded Warrior /Corvette Museum Trip*

Bowling Green, KY

Thursday, April 23rd—Saturday, April 25, 2015

Microtel Inn  
1980 Mel Browning Road  
Bowling Green, KY  
270-745-9922  
Double Bed: \$58.95  
Single Bed: \$49.95  
Calling Code: CROSSROADS

#### *ICCC Memphis/Tunica Trip*

Memphis, TN/Tunica, MS

Friday, April 17—Sunday, April 19

Hilton Memphis Hotel (Host Hotel)  
939 Ridge Lake Blvd  
Memphis, TN 38120  
901-684-6664 or 800-252-8758  
User Code: CC0416  
Rate: \$94 + tax per night  
No hot breakfast

Staybridge Suites (Across from Hilton Memphis)  
1070 Ridge Lake Blvd  
Memphis, TN 38120  
901-682-1722  
User Code: Chicago Cross Roads  
Rate: \$119 + tax per night (Cutoff 3/16/15)  
Includes Breakfast

### NEW MEMBERS

Have questions and/or concerns?

Contact Charles Peterson at  
(773) 551-8960  
chp47@sbcglobal.net

The application for the 2015 Chicago Cross Roads Scholarship became available on the website October 1st. Please spread the word to friends and family so that we have adequate students to choose from.

*Scholarship Committee*

## ELECTED CLUB OFFICERS



Marvin Mayberry  
President



Louis Flowers  
Vice President



Eric Keyes  
Secretary



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Derrick Mayberry  
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Chicago, IL 60616

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### **Webb Chevrolet**

9440 S. Cicero Ave

Oak Lawn, IL 60453

[www.webbchevroletoaklawn.com](http://www.webbchevroletoaklawn.com)

### **Safe & Sounds**

317 West 79th Street

Chicago, IL 60620

[www.safeandsoundmobile.com](http://www.safeandsoundmobile.com)

### **Illinois Auto Insurance**

[www.autoinsurance.net](http://www.autoinsurance.net)

[www.autoinsurance.net/Illinois Car Insurance](http://www.autoinsurance.net/Illinois%20Car%20Insurance)

### **Efficient Estates**

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Peach Church Visit Supporting Rev. J. McKinney III  
October 2014

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### **Manny's Blue Room**

2911 South Claire Boulevard

Robbins, IL 60472

[www.mannysblueroom.com](http://www.mannysblueroom.com)

### **Mr. G's Supper Club**

1547 West 87th Street

Chicago, IL 60620

[www.mrgssupperclub.net](http://www.mrgssupperclub.net)

### **Pearl's Place**

3901 South Michigan Avenue

Chicago, IL 60653

[www.pearlsplacerestaurant.com](http://www.pearlsplacerestaurant.com)

### **The Family Den**

12401 South Ashland Ave

Calumet Park, IL 60827

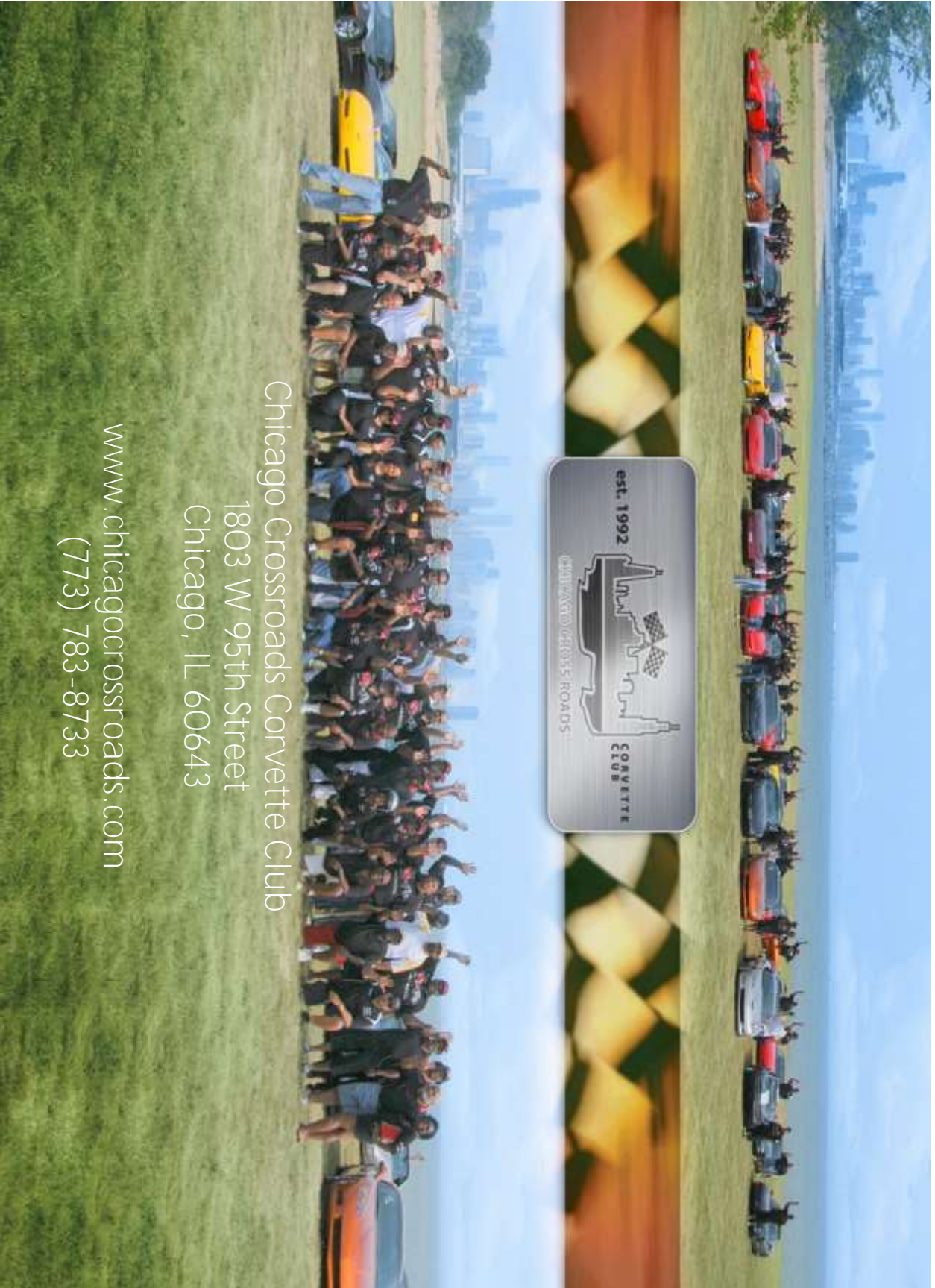
### **Geno's Place**

12401 South Ashland Avenue

Calumet Park, IL 60827



Straightline Performance (Sponsors)  
Winner—Extreme Street—NMCA Finals  
December 2014



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