



2019 Chili Challenge



Well the 2019 Corvette Chili Challenge is over and from the comments I received it was the best yet!! This our 30th year, we had approximately 135 registered people attending from Classic Corvettes of Minnesota; Corvettes of Minnesota, Suburban Corvette Club of Minnesota, Minnesota Renegades, FOM, Fast Glass, North Country and independent Corvette owners.

This year's winners are:

Best Spicy Chili: 1. Gary Cooper (CCOM); 2. Classic Corvettes of Minnesota; 3. David and Michelle Schoening (SCCM)

Best Mystery Chili: 1. Minnesota Renegades; 2. Dick (Hoppy) Hopkins (North Country Corvettes); 3. Vern & Candi DeHoop (CCOM)

Best Overall Chili: 1. Classic Corvettes of MN; 2. Dick (Hoppy) Hopkins (North Country Corvettes); 3. TIE-Chris Antoine and Arlene Martin (CCOM) and TIE-Sandy Norgaard, Sandi Scott and Barb Dahlquist-The SCCM Banquet Committee

Many, many thanks to Classic Corvettes of MN, Corvettes of Minnesota, Minnesota Renegades, Suburban Corvettes of MN, David Kupka, Shawn and Jan Hanna for their monetary contributions. Thank you all so much for your g e n e r o s i t y .

Much appreciation to our friends and sponsors who contributed prizes: Suburban Corvettes Fall Color Run (Terry & Joan Wiggington); Boos Performance (John Boos); Doug Rippie Motorsports(Todd Cleasby); Dave and Lu Kupka; Kiss Autobody and Restoration; Don Gettinger; Charley Hoffman; Scott Hegstrand; Riverside Sporting Gear (Jon & Marci Thompson); TPiS (Jim Hall), Paul Capeder, and Jan and Shawn Hanna. If I missed anyone, I apologize. Many in attendance won at least one prize. Over 100 prizes were given away.

This year we had our 7th year of aligning ourselves with our charity, Camp Anokijig through Dan Binks (Crew Chief) of the Pratt & Miller Corvette Racing Team. Through Raffle tickets sales and a silent auction of racing memorabilia from Pratt & Miller, we were able to donate \$2,000.00 to our charity, Camp Anokijig. A huge thank you to Pratt & Miller for their generosity. And a special thank you to Dan Binks for taking time out of his busy racing schedule to help us.

Many thanks to Jimmy's for renting us a banquet room, tables and outlets to plug in our crock pots. And let's not forget that cash bar to help us cool down from some hot chili. Jimmy's wait staff was, again, friendly, helpful and professional. Thank you Mary and the Crew at Jimmy's, you are awesome.

Huge thanks to our professional and personable Chili Challenge volunteer team. Without these fine folks the event would not run like a clock! These people deserve creds: David and LuAnn Kupka; Brian and Vera Zenezek; Vern and Candy De Hoop; Linda Franke; Jack Strait; Jennifer Monson; Don Gettinger; Scott Hegstrand; Len & Sandy Geronomie; Sharon Koolmo and Bill Steinke. We had some terrific prizes this year. Jack Strait and Max Allers did an awesome job with the emcee and prize presentation. Big Fun!! Max, your good humor really helped the event. Jack your energy and focus kept us moving along at just the right pace (fast). We appreciate you both so much and thank you for making the event so much fun!! Finally, thanks to my wonderful wife Janet Hanna for all her decorating ideas, her constant organization and whipping me into shape. Jan we are so happy you are back with us in such good shape, you are an amazing person and an example for all of us (me especially).

This year we fed 135 people 12 different chili's, gave away over 100 door prizes, held an awesome silent auction, awarded a Chili Challenge trophy and 9 cash prizes all in 3.5 hours. Wow! Superb job to all who helped this event continue its history of FUN!!! Thanks to everyone who attended, we hope YOU had fun and look forward to seeing you all next year for the 2020 Chili Challenge.

Sincerely, Shawn Hanna, Chairman
2019 All Corvette Chili Challenge