

Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade – NICC Summary

Monday, May 29th, 2017 – 2PM Parade Start

NICC second parade is the Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade. Another beautiful day with partial clouds and high winds. We initially met at the Harvest Restaurant. Some had breakfast and others began to congregate in the restaurant parking lot. The parking lot soon became over crowded with Corvettes and patrons. Two elderly ladies looked horrified as they entered the parking lot and saw a sea of Corvettes. We may need to change our starting location. Faye Edlund correctly answered the parade question and won a free drink. Rod Bennet proceeded to lead our club to our staging area on 7th Street in Pecatonica.

There were 24 Corvettes that participated and is a new record number for this parade. Brent & Jennifer Smith brought their new black C7 Grand Sport. There were more C7's in this parade and seemed to outnumber the C6s and C5s. All the Corvettes looked great. Our parade position was "61" and entered the parade around 2:20 PM. The large crowds, mostly kids, congregated on the east and west sides of Main Street. The parade proceeded at a snail's pace as the crowds really appreciated our Corvettes. As I was the caboose in this train I could see all the Corvettes as a candy throwing machine. The 24 Corvettes extended for most of the 0.5-mile parade route. We exited the parade on 1st Street and parked in Sumner Park.

While at the parking lot we will take off our flags and signs. Return all NICC signs to the Parade director. We took a count for dinner and proceed to Firehouse Pub that was expecting our arrival at 4:00PM. We regrouped then caravanned to our dinner destination. This was the largest dinner for our parades as 33 club members joined us. Also, a nonmember couple with their new C7 saw all our Corvettes, and joined us for dinner. They may become new members. We thank the Firehouse staff in providing us a great tables and food to enjoy our dinner.

My thanks and appreciation to the members of 24 Corvettes that attended the Pecatonica Memorial Day Parade.

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