

Black Knights Car Club
Estherville, Iowa
December 5, 2023

The Black Knights Car Club of Estherville, Iowa December 5, 2023 meeting was held at the Estherville VFW. President Denny Houseman called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with 23 members present.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary Gary Crandall read the November 2023 minutes. The minutes were approved with the addition of a letter to the Estherville Newspaper. The letter concerned the history of the organization, the purpose and goals, the benefits and impact to the community, the activities involved and an invitation to interested people to join the membership of the Black Knights Car Club. This letter will be attached to the December meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Robert L'Heareux reported a positive bank balance with all submitted invoices paid. All received funds have been deposited. Club yearly dues are \$20.00. Dues can be paid at the monthly meetings or mailed to Robert L'Heareux at 1517 250th Ave. Spirit Lake, Iowa 51360. Thankyou to all who have paid dues and participated this year.

Correspondence:

Received a thankyou from the Iowa Lakes Community College Foundation for the two \$500.00 scholarships

Received a thankyou from the Immanuel Lutheran Church of Spirit Lake, Iowa for the \$200.00 donation to their Trunk and Treat event.

Business:

Ray Tucker has volunteered to be the Sweet Corn Days Chairman.

The Club has a major sponsor for the 2024 Spencer Drags committed.

Spencer Garage Tours will be on February 17, 2024.

The Club awarded appreciation plaques to Niki McCord, Ann Anderson, Bettje Wilmore, Ann Level and Diane Tucker for their much appreciated help with the Spencer Drags over the years. We would not be able to do it without you. Thankyou so very much!!

Yearly club election results were as follows. Treasurer: Robert L'Heareux, Co-Vice Presidents: Eric Anderson and Ray Tucker.

August 3, 2024 will be Sweet Corn Days, August 17, 2024 will be Lakes Car Show, September 22, 2024 will be the Spencer Airport Drags. The Club decided to continue with these events next year.

We will not meet again until the April meeting. We will meet for supper at the Hut in Arnolds Park the first Wed. in Feb. and March 2024 for those interested.

Adjourned:

Motion made and approved to adjourne at 8:00pm.

Submitted by:

Submitted by Secretary Gary Crandall

Black Knights recap 2023 season.

Letter to the Editor:

The Black Knights Car Club is winding down our 2023 season and wish to thank all those that helped make it a success. The club was started by seven car guys in 1957 and continued until the attrition of Vietnam.

The interest in reviving the club began in 2006 when a group got together and re-established the Estherville based club. This time it was determined to be a 501(c)7 charitable organization. This way, tax free donations can be added to expected revenue from club activities.

Some of these activities are the annual Estherville Sweet Corn Days car show, the Arnolds Park car show in the Greenspace, and the Airport Drags in Spencer. In addition we hold Friday evening car cruise-ins at Estherville, Emmetsburg and Spencer, May through September.

We thank our members, donors and participants. Their support has allowed the Club to fund multiple benefits for medical and emergency assistance, scholarships, food banks, VFW, and other deserving applicants.

The multi-community involvement has allowed the Black Knights car club to fund over \$53,260.00 in help to those in need. We welcome new members and donors---no need to have a car, just be interested in car culture and your community.

Please mark your calendar to join us at the Estherville VFW for our club meeting December 5 at 7pm. Contact us at BlackKnightsCarClub.net or : Dennis Houseman 712-260-3278 or Eric Anderson 712-380-4969.

Eric Anderson,
Estherville