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THE CONNECTION

The Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club

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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

July 2, 2008

7:00 pm

Deli Café-Holt

BOARD MEETING

July 16, 2008

6:30 pm

Delhi Café-Holt

Please send any articles you would like to have
published to: editor @ cccorvette.org

From the President

Well, summer is officially here and it looks like it's going to live up to expectations. We have some great events planned for July including a Drive and Dine, Mini Golf, numerous NCCC regional events and, Oh yeah, our club's 50th Anniversary Celebration. Keep an eye on the CCCC Calendar as there are items being added all the time.

June was certainly a fun filled month with the Spring Get-a-way, The All Corvette Show, a Drive and Dine and the NCCC National Convention in Tulsa. There were also numerous competition and car show events at the regional level and of course Bloomington Gold.

I want to remind you all to get your reservations in for the 50th celebration if you haven't already done so. The arrangements are all coming together nicely and it's going to be a great party, of course it will be even better if you're there.

I have talked to a few of you about board positions for next year and have gotten very favorable responses. If you think you might want to be a board candidate for next year, now's the time to do your homework. Talk to the current board members and find out what the jobs entail. Start thinking about what it will take to move this club into its next fifty years and how you can contribute to that future. This truly is a wonderful club with great people. Working on the board is a great honor and a lot of fun. JB



Pictures from the Spring Fling to Traverse City. Visit the club Website to see more!



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Board Meeting – May 21, 2008

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Absent: Angie Hyde, Shalimar Maynard, and Chris Burke.

Reports:

Secretary: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the April 16, 2008 board meeting. Rich Bratschi moved to approve the minutes as written. Gary Wyma seconded. Motion passed.

Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel indicated there was nothing to report.

Points: Carrie Hutton stated she is working on updating the points now. She noted 46 cars registered for Blessing of the Vettes. She provided NCCC sanction information to Rich Bratschi. He will calculate the amount of money that must be forwarded to NCCC. Gloria clarified the fact that each NCCC member that attends a sanctioned event earns points, but our club only pays NCCC based on the number of vehicles involved.

Membership: Colleen Bratschi reported we have 109 regular, 1 honorary, and 73 FCOA members. She further stated membership lists will be distributed by email in July. Printed copies will be made available for people who don't have email.

Social: Kathy Wyma stated the Blessing went well; but noted it is necessary to be more organized for the blessing of the individual cars. She confirmed the May and June drive and dines are all set, and that the spring fling is being finalized. People participating in the spring fling will be meeting at 8:30 a.m. at the West Saginaw Quality Dairy (near Art Van).

Treasurer: Carol Putmon provided the balances of all accounts. Bills for the Blessing (trophies and NCCC sanction fees) will be paid promptly.

Editor: On behalf of Chris Burke, John Bechtel advised the deadline for submitting articles for the June newsletter is listed on our calendar [May 23rd].

Competition: Gary Wyma indicated the low-speed training went well. Only one club member participated in the training. Based on our operating budget, it was agreed to pay our club's \$170.00 training fee. Gary noted the flier for our low-speed event will be on our web page soon. Gary presented total costs for the event of \$700.00 (track rental and timing). Rich Bratschi moved to approve the expenditures. Sandy Bechtel seconded. Motion passed.

Public Relations: Bob Maynard reported we have 19 advertisers. He will ask members to volunteer to work at both the June 14th All Corvette Show and the July 26th 50th Anniversary. (Carol Putmon and Sandy Bechtel will handle registration at the All

Corvette Show.) Regarding the 50th anniversary event – Colleen Bratschi stated the food wagon is self contained, and will not need another power source. She noted BLT will print 12 sample shirts for members to inspect. It will cost \$12.00 to purchase a shirt. It will cost \$15.00 to purchase a shirt and a meal.

Governor/Vice President: Rich Bratschi stated Mid America Motorworks will recognize several clubs that are celebrating their 50th anniversaries at this year's Funfest. Along with many other club members, Carrie Hutton is attending the September 19-21 event. As a current board member, she will accept the recognition on our club's behalf.

President: *John Bechtel indicated an email blast will be sent to our membership to enable individuals to opt out of being included in a membership list that will be made available to vendors. *He noted he and Sandy will be attending the May 23rd presentation of our 2008 CACC scholarships. Colin Nethaway's parents will be in attendance. They have also begun a similar scholarship to honor their son. We will invite the recipients of our scholarships to attend our All Corvette Show, 50th Anniversary Show, and Horsepower at the Zoo. *John encouraged members to begin thinking about the 2009 board member elections. *John noted the following items have been purchased for our club: two canopies, 4 6-foot tables, 6 folding chairs, 3 extension cords, 3 sets of canopy weights, trailer and hitch padlocks, trailer vent cover, 3 tarps, assorted bungee cords, broom and dust pan, and misc. cleaning supplies. A canopy, cooler, two trash bins, and two storage bins have also been donated.

Old Business: Carrie brought samples of the flier and dash sheets she is designing for our 50th anniversary show.

New Business: *Gloria Reiffer asked if the new way she is screening and forwarding board member emails is working out. Everyone agreed it is working well. *John Bechtel asked for volunteers to handle the various duties for this year's Horsepower at the Zoo: Sponsors – Bob Maynard, Door Prizes – Colleen Bratschi, Trophies/Dash Plaques/Ballots – Sandy Bechtel, Registration – Carrie Hutton and Carol Putmon. Fliers – no assignment yet.

Member Comment: Carrie Hutton advised she is on the Fan Advisory Board for Michigan International Speedway. If any club member has any comments about MIS, she will gladly present them at her board meetings.

Adjournment: Gary Wyma moved to adjourn. Rich Bratschi seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
GENERAL MEETING
JUNE 4, 2008**

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Welcome to our visitors Ed Root and Joel Crutcher.

Secretary: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the May 7, 2008 general meeting. M. Price moved to approve the minutes as presented. Rich Bratschi seconded. Motion approved.

Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel advised she is selling \$10.00 tickets to win a 2009 Coupe that will be raffled off by the National Corvette Museum over Labor Day weekend. Also, she noted the museum has acquired land to build a motorplex. You can find more information about the motorplex on the museum's website, www.corvettemuseum.com.

Points: Carrie Hutton advised the points on our website are current through May 22nd. She reminded members to sign in when attending a meeting or event, and to be sure to include whether or not you drove your Corvette. Carrie also noted she has club window stickers (\$3.00) and banners (\$5.00) for sale.

Membership: Colleen Bratschi advised we currently have 109 regular, 1 honorary, and 73 FCOA (Future Corvette Owners of America) members. Per by-law requirements, membership lists will be emailed to members in July. Hard copies will be available for members without email addresses.

Social: John Bechtel advised our June calendar of events is printed on the back of the meeting agenda. Kathy Wyma thanked Tom and Kathy Stump for hosting a great May drive and dine. June's drive and dine will take place on the 29th, and is hosted by Mike and Connie Britz. July's drive and dine will be on the 19th, and is hosted by Art and Marilyn Ickes. Pat and Ellie Lickfeldt are hosting an August 2nd drive and dine. See the respective hosts and our website for details on these events. Kathy noted we are still in need of a host for a November drive and dine. Kathy also reminded members about the July 26th 50th anniversary party, our July 30th mini-golf outing at Hawk Hollow, the August 16th low-speed event at Spartan Speedway, and the August 22-23 Corvette Crossroads at Mackinaw City. (For more social information, see "Public Relations" below).

Treasurer: Carol Putmon has all current account information available for review. John Bechtel advised our insurance policies arrived and premium billing has been presented to Carol for payment.

Editor: Chris Burke advised the deadline for submitting articles for the July newsletter is June 23rd. She reminded members to submit their profiles to her. John Bechtel noted the board continues to work on streamlining the newsletter.

Competition: No report.

Public Relations: Bob Maynard referred us to our website for information on the upcoming All Corvette Show. Shalimar has a worker sign-up sheet. Bob also provided information about the upcoming Spring Fling. He advised participants to contact the AmericInn at 800/441-1903 to confirm reservations.

M. Price drew names for the 50th anniversary duplicate-year showcase cars. The results were:

1977 – Raul Eiseman, Alternate – Lee Webster
1990 – Bryan Sebolt, Alternate – Ron Cooper
1992 – David Brown, Alternate – Terry Burke
1993 – Pam Thompson, Alternate – Cindy Hanes
1998 – Joshua Braman, Alternate – Janyce Shepler
1999 – Rich Bratschi, Alternate – Diane Kuempel
2000 – Randy Gisse, Alternate – Larry Wight
2001 – Bob Kroupa, Alternate – Gordon Terwilliger
2002 – Patty DeNike, Alternate – Gary Wyma
2003 – Dave Kuempel, Alternate – Carrie Hutton
2004 – John Bechtel, Alternate – Brenda Shatkosky
2007 – Joe Thomas, Alternate – Lewis Kuempel
2008 – Frank Kessler, Alternate – Art Ickes

M. Price reminded people to distribute our event flyers at other events. They are available on our website for printing. Bob Ribar reminded everyone that Cruisin the Gut is this weekend.

Governor/Vice President: Rich Bratschi noted he still has some 2007/2008 NCCC membership pins and calendars, as well as club car flags. He reminded all event chairs to use waiver forms.

President: John Bechtel thanked everyone for helping make this year's Blessing of the Vettes a success. We raised \$164.00 for charity (Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home for Children). Jeff McQuade moved to increase our donation to \$200.00. Art Doty seconded. Motion passed. John asked members to begin considering serving on the club's 2009 board.

Old Business: Simon Reiffer stated he recently met Ray Baylor, who has films of early club members ice racing their Corvettes on Lake Lansing. If the movies are still good, Simon will see if they can be shown at a future club meeting.

New Business: John Bechtel advised there are flyers available for the August 3rd Angel House car show. He also noted Ted Lasher works for Bosch – the sponsor of the Labor

Day weekend Detroit Belle Isle Grand Prix. See Ted by June 18th if you're interested in purchasing discounted tickets. Dave Kuempel noted there are flyers on the table for the June 12th cruise-in to benefit the Eaton Siren Shelter.

Member Comment: Carrie Hutton noted she is a member of the MIS Fan Advisory Board. Please let her know if you have any questions, concerns, or ideas. Jeff McQuade advised us that if you don't like your seat belt, GM will provide you with an extension at no charge. Colleen Bratschi reminded everyone that 50th anniversary T-shirts are for sale.

50/50 Drawing: Pam Thompson was the lucky winner.

Adjournment: Carrie Hutton moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Board Meeting – June 18, 2008

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Absent: Angie Hyde, Shalimar Maynard, Rich Bratschi, and Colleen Bratschi.

Reports:

Secretary: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the May 21, 2008 board meeting. Gary Wyma moved to approve them as written. Carrie Hutton seconded. Motion passed.

Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel reminded everyone that she is selling \$10.00 tickets for the museum's Labor Day raffle of a 2009 Coupe.

Points: Carrie Hutton reported that the points are caught up through June 13th. Upon receipt of information for the June 14th All Corvette Show, she noted she will add those points to the members' totals.

Membership: No report.

Social: Kathy Wyma advised she has received confirmation of our reservation at the Wagon Wheel Banquet Room in Portland for our January 10, 2009 Winterfest. She is still waiting for confirmation from Brookshire Inn in Williamson for our December 3, 2008 Christmas party.

Treasurer: Carol Putmon provided balances for all accounts. John Bechtel advised we have received our replacement FEIN from the IRS.

Editor: Chris Burke advised that June 23rd is the deadline for submitting information to her for the July Newsletter. Problems and solutions were discussed for people who are currently unable to open or download the newsletter. Gloria noted she has removed the flyers from the newsletter, as they are directly available on our website.

Competition: Gary Wyma indicated he would like to discuss at the July general meeting the possibility of having a club tech day. Ram Racing in Saranac, MI (among other things) is a chassis dyno facility that has offered a substantial discount to the club.

Public Relations: Bob Maynard advised the proceeds from the All-Corvette Show 50/50 drawing will go to the Lansing Food Bank. He noted we will have a meeting of the 50th Anniversary committee on Monday, June 23rd at 6:30 p.m. at the Delhi Café.

Governor/Vice President: On behalf of Rich Bratschi, John Bechtel advised he attended the June 17th NCCC regional meeting. The national council will have no increase in dues. The regional council proposed a \$1.00 annual member fee to offset their operational costs, and proposed elimination of advance fee payments for sanctioned events. Both proposals require changes to their by-laws.

President: John Bechtel reported that Mr. Price resigned from the club on June 14th. Carrie Hutton moved to accept his resignation. Gary Wyma seconded. Motion passed. In Colleen Bratschi's absence, Gloria Reiffer noted it will be necessary to transfer his NCCC membership from CCCC to "member at large".

Old Business: None

New Business: Gloria Reiffer indicated she would like to host a cruise-in at Cones and Bones on August 14th. She also noted Sparrow Hospital Hospice is hosting a July 13th car show at the West Saginaw Logan's Roadhouse. Gloria noted she will immediately design the HAZ flyer so members can begin distributing it at area events.

The board discussed the pros and cons of converting the Webmaster to a voting position. Discussion tabled.

The board discussed pictures posted on our website, and the need for possible changes on our membership forms regarding ownership and control of those pictures. Discussion tabled.

Member Comment: None.

Adjournment: Gary Wyma motioned to adjourn the meeting. Kathy Wyma seconded. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.



Capital City Chatter

Please be sure to wish a **Happy Birthday** to the following CCCC Club Members!

Chuck Jennings & Kathy Reed-July 2
Phil Hanses-July 3
Kathy Wyma-July 6

Ken Wasco-July 7
Terry Burke-July 21
John Bechtel-July 27

Club Officer Emails

Please be advised that only the following Club Officer Email addresses are valid: [board @ cccorvette.org](mailto:board@cccorvette.org), [president @ cccorvette.org](mailto:president@cccorvette.org), [editor @ cccorvette.org](mailto:editor@cccorvette.org) and [webmaster @ cccorvette.org](mailto:webmaster@cccorvette.org). All other addresses have been closed.

Drive N Dines

This month's newsletter includes a flyer for the August Drive N Dine hosted by Lickfeldt's. Please be sure to RSVP and get your money to them by the next General Membership meeting so that they can purchase tickets for the dinner theater. We are still looking for hosts for a September and November Drive N Dine. Please contact Kathy Wyma if you are interested in leading us on an adventure of fun and food!

Membership Lists

A copy of the most current CCCC Membership List will be made available to all members via email from Colleen Bratschi. There will also be hard copies available at the next General Membership meeting. In order to keep members personal information confidential, the list will not be posted on the web.

Volunteer Opportunities

The club is always looking for volunteers to help out or organize events such as car shows, community events, and social events. Please be sure to contact any of your club officers if you are willing to volunteer your time, and have some fun in the process!

Event Flyers

In order to save space, The Connection newsletter will no longer feature flyers for events other than those being held by CCCC. Be sure to check the website for a full list of NCCC Michigan Region Events, as well as other local events of interest to Corvette enthusiasts.

Member Profiles

The editor is looking for Member Profiles for upcoming newsletters. If you have not been featured, or would like to update your profile, please contact Chris Burke at [editor @ cccorvette.org](mailto:editor@cccorvette.org).

A RELUCTANT FAREWELL

By Steve Musselman

Barb and I became members of Capital City Corvette Club three short years ago. To fully appreciate our newly leased 2005 Corvette, it seemed necessary to share the experience with other owners. This relationship soon became the enjoyable interaction of meeting new friends and participating in numerous club events. We felt right at home at the very first club meeting because of personal welcomes extended by the Maynards, Johnstons, Reiffers, and Wymas. A "Drive & Dine" to Ionia, planned by Mark Hanson, was our first club function; followed by "Horsepower at the Zoo". My mind is flooded with pleasurable memories of club activities; the trip to the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY; Parade Day in Vermontville; Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City; the Fall Color Tour; Blessing of the Vettes; the Christmas Dirty Santa Auctions; and the many car shows and "Drive & Dines". One of our most enjoyable experiences was to plan and lead the "Drive & Dine" to Schuler's, in Marshall, MI. Despite my own trepidations, it proved that Corvette owners do drive their Vettes during the month of November! My thanks go out to all those that made that venture a success.

As the three year lease comes to an end, my practical side must dominate my emotions and yield to the current economic environment by returning my "ward" to GMAC. Maintaining a "fun" vehicle that requires \$5.00 per gallon fuel, seems to contradict rational thought. But, you can be sure that our hearts remain true to the thrill of power, ride, and prestige offered by the new Corvette.

We extend a personal thank you to all those members that made Capital City Corvette Club possible for us to enjoy and we encourage everyone to seek the fun of becoming involved. We will miss you all and wish you many happy motoring miles. See you on the circuit and.....**Revere the Vette!**



Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points Update as of June 20, 2008

0 Kathleen Andrews*	0 Jennifer Everhart*	7 Julie Lasher	0 Steve Spinrad
4 Roy Bailey	7 Kady Gisse	9 Ted Lasher	0 Janet Sprague
4 Pat Bailey	7 Randy Gisse	1 Harold Leeman	0 Michael Sprague
4 Jim Balla*	0 Cynthia Gregor	6 Ellie Lickfeldt	1 Dan Stremmer
3 Bruce Baulch	0 Bill Griffith	8 Pat Lickfeldt	1 Nancy Stremmer
1 Sharon Baulch	2 Mark Hansen	9 Bob Maynard	6 Kathy Stump
30 John Bechtel	0 Nancy Hansen	16 Shalimar Maynard	8 Tom Stump
30 Sandy Bechtel	0 Cindy Hanses	6 Jeff McQuade	4 James Sutherland
1 Joshua Braman	0 Phil Hanses	7 Barb Musselman	0 Linda Swift
13 Colleen Bratschi	14 Janet Hardin	7 Stephen Musselman	3 Gordon Terwilliger
14 Rich Bratschi	20 Carrie Hutton	2 Diana Parks	5 Joseph Thomas*
4 Connie Britz	7 Angela Hyde	2 Howard Parks	1 Pam Thompson
8 Mike Britz	16 Craig Iansiti	8 Joe Platte	2 Sue VanAtta
0 David Brown	10 Arthur Ickes	8 Pam Platte	0 Jan Wasco*
3 Diana Brown-Mosher	10 Marilyn Ickes	9 Ed Politza	0 Ken Wasco*
15 Chris Burke	1 Dick Iding	7 Suzanne Politza	2 Lee Webster
11 Terry Burke	3 Chuck Jennings	21 Carol Putmon	7 Larry Wight
0 Pam Candy	3 Geri Jennings	17 Randy Putmon	15 Gary Wyma
7 Ronald Cooper	3 Don Johnston	3 Don Reed	15 Kathy Wyma
7 Kathy Cooper	3 Janet Johnston	3 Kathy Reed	
9 Dave Cripe*	11 Greg Kapp	24 Gloria Reiffer	
8 Pat Cripe	15 Kim Keith	18 Simon Reiffer	
1 Darwin Day	15 Sue Keith	19 Robert Ribar	
1 Sheila Day	3 Frank Kessler	2 Brian Sebolt	
12 Jim Denike	3 Judy Kessler	9 Brenda Shatkosky*	
14 Patti Leppanen-Denike	5 Bob Kroupa	9 Richard Shatkosky*	
11 Art Doty*	5 Kathy Kroupa	3 Janyce Shepler	
10 Nancy Doty*	18 Dave Kuempel	3 John Shepler	
5 Catherine Eiseman	18 Diana Kuempel	2 Victor Smith	
5 Raoul Eiseman	15 Lewis Kuempel	0 Loretta Spinrad	

Top Ten for 2008

30 John Bechtel	21 Carol Putmon	18 Dave Kuempel	18 Kathy Wyma
30 Sandy Bechtel	20 Carrie Hutton	18 Diana Kuempel	
24 Gloria Reiffer	19 Robert Ribar	18 Simon Reiffer	

Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary!
1958 - 2008

** Members denoted by an asterisk have their NCCC membership number with another club.*



CONES & BONES

AN OUTING WITH YOUR DOG & YOUR <<<< FRIENDS



Bring your pup to share treats with you at Cones & Bones, across from Meijer on Elmwood.

When: Thursday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Where: Cones & Bones – 412 Elmwood, Lansing

Dogs are welcome and even have their own entrance!

The full menu, including prices, is available on their Website at www.conesandbones.net. They have all kinds of treats available for you and your dog.

Specialty ice creams are available for those who are lactose intolerant. And remember, it isn't necessary to bring a dog to enjoy this fun evening out for our favorite - ICE CREAM!

Questions? Please eMail webmaster@cccorvette.org if you have questions about the event. Event hosted by Simon & Gloria, who shall remain dogless. (Cones & Bones has cat treats too!)

Tripping Northward

Submitted by Gloria Reiffer

What a day to head to northern Michigan. The sky was slightly overcast, but our spirits weren't. Imagine, a spring getaway that we could actually wear shorts on. Eight beautiful Corvettes (and their owners) taking to the open highway, with four more joining us once we got to Traverse City. You couldn't ask for more.

Along the way the last three Corvettes in the caravan stopped by the side of the road as Greg and Deb's engine stalled unexpectedly. It started right back up and we caught up to everyone at the Clare rest area. After a brief stop we headed on to Cadillac for lunch at Da Dawg House. I don't think I've ever seen a hot dog as large as the one they brought out for John. That thing was mammoth!

We got to the motel just in time to hook up with the Kroupa's and head out for our winery tour at Chateau Chantel. Mick, the world's best tour guide, showed us around the winery and told us all about the steps and processes used in making the different types of wine. We took the steps to the lower level while Simon was directed to a very small elevator. Chateau staff and I waited, and waited, and waited by the elevator doors downstairs and no Simon, no sound of the elevator, nothing. They started talking about how someone had been stuck between floors on the elevator recently. That sure didn't give me any warm and fuzzy feelings. We went upstairs and Simon wasn't there either. He seemed to have vanished. Great trick – put someone on an elevator and have them disappear. It turned out that someone else had taken him to the Bed & Breakfast end of the building to use the guest elevator because his wheelchair wouldn't fit into the one at the winery end of the building. All was well and we enjoyed the rest of the tour. At the end of the tour we were treated to a private wine tasting party, with many bottles of wine poured and sampled.

After the tour we rushed back to the motel to check in before our dinner reservations at Mulligan's followed by (you guessed it) ice cream at Moomer's. After our favorite treat some headed back to the motel to relax in the pool/hot tub while others went to Bob and Shalimar's place on the bay.

Saturday morning, after breakfast at the motel, several of us headed over to a local car wash where we had Corvettes in all four bay's plus the outside wash. The guys all pitched in and washed and dried our Corvette after finishing their own (thanks all!). After the washing I had a slight panic attack when the small bungee cord that ties down our cooler to the trailer was nowhere to be found. After much searching by everyone, even peering into the car wash grate, it was located INSIDE the cooler. That spray was pretty powerful!

Everyone was then on their own to shop or sun themselves at the beach (we shopped, lucky Simon) before meeting up at a neat old restaurant called Sleder's. After lunch a few of the guys just couldn't leave without getting up on a ladder and kissing (or blessing) the moose. After lunch many of us toured a local garden and then split to do our own thing (Simon slept) until it was time to head out on The Big Bobbers Road Tour which included a garage filled with a variety of collector cars. You can see them by visiting the picture pages on the club Website under Spring Fling.

Several ladies (and some gents) got antsy and sped off to do more shopping before dinner. We all met up again at the Brookside Inn in Beulah for dinner. The plan for the evening was an old fashioned drive in movie, but the weather and the bugs helped make the joint decision to head back to Traverse City for the evening instead. Our motel was located right next to a go-cart track and miniature golf course so entertainment was close by.

Sunday morning, after breakfast, a group of us headed over to The Presbyterian Church for worship. It was donut Sunday so we were all treated to homemade donuts before heading back to the motel.

Before leaving the area we popped over to the go-cart track where club members raced each other around the curvy track. It was fun to watch the expressions, from smiles to determination, as everyone went around and around the track trying to beat each other – and everyone else present. By the way, our President is quite the competitor. In the first race John came from the back of the pack and passed EVERYONE before his car broke down on the back stretch toward the end of the race. They finished under a "caution" as John was towed in and Tom won the race. In the second race Gary ruled the day, but again John was passing everyone in a valiant effort to catch up to him.

After a pleasant morning racing, a group headed off to Mountain Jacks for brunch while others started making their way home. Simon and I decided to pop in to Da Dawg House for lunch on the way home. We had just gotten into the building when the torrential rain storms hit and trapped us there for an extended period. Fortunately we had our rain ponchos with us. When the rain let up – just a little – we put them on and headed out to the Vette. I learned a VERY valuable lesson a few minutes later. It was about a little thing called brakes. After Simon transferred to the drivers' seat I pulled his wheelchair back next to the trailer to get it loaded. I had taken off the cushion, wrapped it up in a towel and put it in the trailer. When I turned back around to take off the next part – NO WHEELCHAIR! I didn't see it at first because it had been blown down into a ravine that had water almost up to the seat of the wheelchair. You have no idea what fun is until you try to pull a 67 pound wheelchair up a steep embankment in the rain. I couldn't even keep my shoes on my feet. I must have looked quite the sight to anyone passing by. Simon, of course, had no idea this was happening because he was having a struggle of his own trying to get his wet poncho off inside the small enclosure of the Corvette. Fortunately we have a friend that lives just a few blocks from Da Dawg House so I was able to change into dry clothes before we got on the road again.

We had a wonderful time and would like to thank the Wyma's and Maynard's for planning everything!

Drive and Dine

Saturday, July 19th

Meet at Quality Dairy, W. Saginaw Hwy. (near I-96) @ 2:30PM Leave at 2:45PM

Hosted by Marilyn and Art Ickes

Questions:

E-mail: [mikes2 @ comcast.net](mailto:mikes2@comcast.net)

517) 627-0438

Event Sponsor
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Saturday, July 26
10:00am - 2:00pm

50/50 Raffle
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Music DJ



Event Chairperson
Robert Maynard
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Board@ccc Corvette.org
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Pre-order must be received by June 15th

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Make check payable to: Capital City Corvette Club

Mail to: Colleen Bratschi • Capital City Corvette Club • PO Box 27295 • Lansing, MI 48909

CCCC Mini-Golf Challenge!

Please join us for 18 holes of miniature golf at Hawk Hollow's Little Hawk Course. This is a miniature golf course with real grass, & water hazards, a perfect challenge for the expert mini-golfer. (dinner will follow at the club house).

WHEN:

Wednesday July 30, 2008
(first tee times to start at 5:30pm)

WHERE:

Hawk Hollow Golf Course
15106 South Chandler Road - Bath, MI
(north on Abbott Road - see map for detour)

COST INVOLVED:

\$20.00 per person (\$6.00 Mini-Golf/\$14.00 Dinner)

We have set up a golf/dinner package for this evening. Those unable to golf can reduce the package amount by \$6.00 and just pay for dinner.



Please indicate below your choice of dinner meats to help with the counts. Our meal is to include: choice of meat, baked beans, pasta salad, veggies and dip, chips, cookie, lemonade, and iced tea. Cash bar will be available.

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO:

Call Colleen Bratschi at 517.484.2300 (work), or email her at cbratschi@aol.com.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

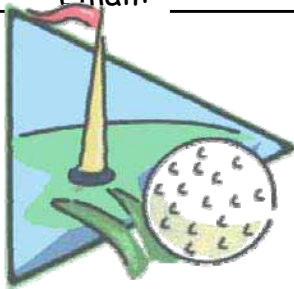
Telephone: _____ Email: _____

_____ $\frac{1}{4}$ LB HOTDOG

_____ Hamburger

\$ _____ Total Enclosed

(Includes tip and taxes)



MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

Capital City Corvette Club

MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO:

Colleen Bratschi

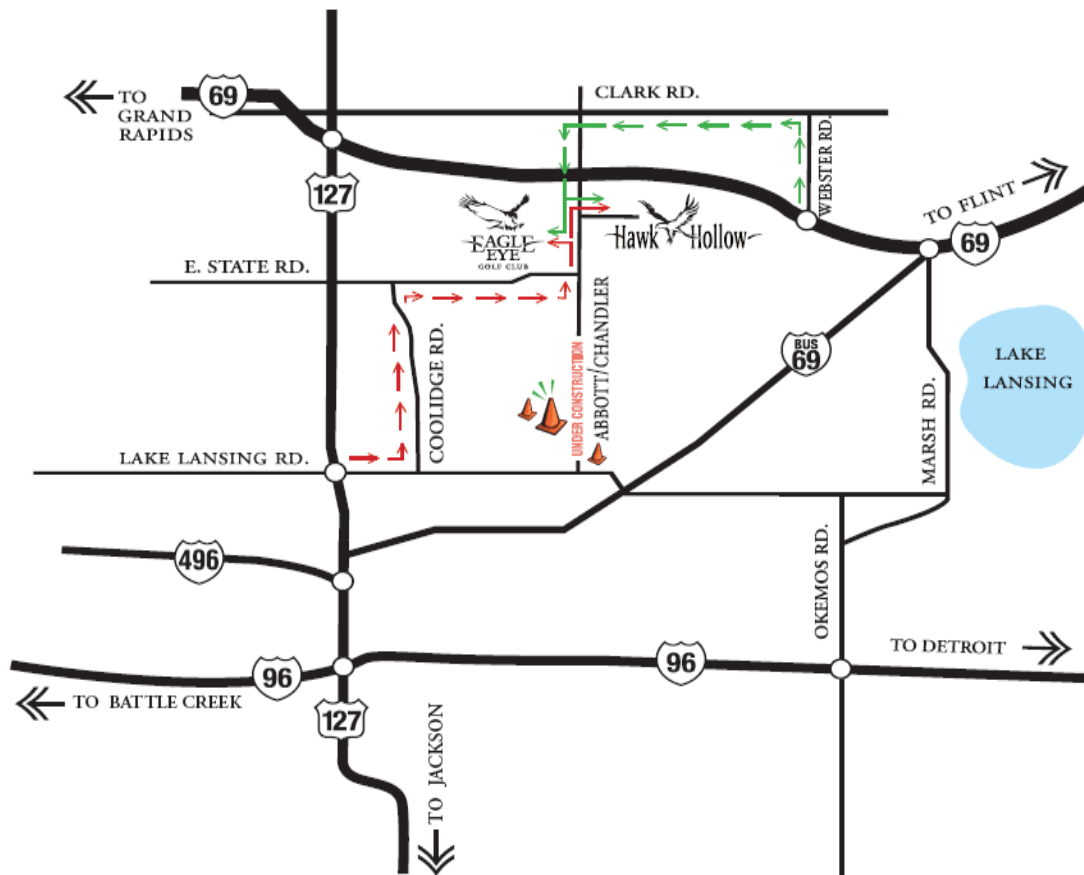
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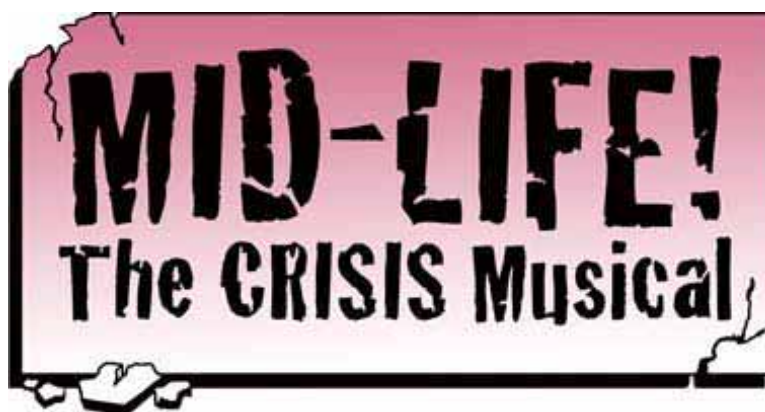
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Little Hawk - 18 Hole Bentgrass Putting Course



Only a handful of natural grass putting courses exist in the United States. One of only three in Michigan, this par 54 bentgrass putting course features undulating greens winding through picturesque landscaping. Always immaculately groomed, the variety of hole layouts provides a challenge for the beginner or expert. Families, couples, seniors... this unique putting experience provides fun for everyone. Playing time 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ hours.





Regardless of your age you will love this romp through the trials and tribulations of the unavoidable aging process.

Date / Time: August 2, 2008 - 3:00 pm (leaving at 3:15 sharp!)

Meet At: Quality Dairy - 8512 W. Saginaw, Lansing

Show Time: Big Boys Toys event followed by:
Dinner at 6:00 p.m., Show at 8:00 p.m.

Location: Turkeyville USA Dinner Theatre
8935 15 1/2 Mile Rd. - Marshall, MI

Tickets: Dinner and Show: \$33 per person (pre-reserved)
(Tickets must be paid for in advance so try to get your money in to Patrick and Ellie Lickfeldt by July 1 so that they have time to purchase the tickets.)

Big Boys Toys Event

The BBT event has a test track for ATVs, a 3-D archery range, lots of antique tractors, new tractors, motorcycles and much more (that would be us!).

Capital City Corvette Club has been invited to come out to the BBT event to display our Corvettes on the lawn before the dinner theatre.

Questions???

Contact Patrick and Ellie Lickfeldt with any questions. CCCC members can find their contact information on the club membership list (coming your way soon).



Capital City Corvette Club

PO Box 27295 ~ Lansing, MI 48909



2008 SPARTAN SPEEDWAY

Saturday, August 16th, 2008

SIX LOW SPEED EVENTS – CLOSED EXHAUST

NCCC Sanction #'s MI-003-061, 062, 063, 064, 065, 066

Registration Opens at 7:45 am, Closes 9:00 am

Driver's Meeting 9:45 am First Car Out at 10:00 am

NCCC members \$12.00 per event or all six for \$60.00

***Save an additional \$2.00 per event, or all six for \$50.00, with registration by August 1!
(NCCC members only)***

Non-NCCC: \$14 per event or all six for \$70.00 **Metal Cars Welcome!**

Helmet must be DOT Snell 2000 or newer

Air, Restrooms, and Food Available

**Note that the Jackson Corvette Club will be holding five low speed events the next day,
Sunday Aug 17th. Make it an eleven events weekend in mid-Michigan**

Early Registration Cutoff Date is August 1st

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Car Make/Model: _____ Year: _____
Color: _____ NCCC # _____ CAR NO: _____
NCCC Club: _____ Speed Event Class: _____

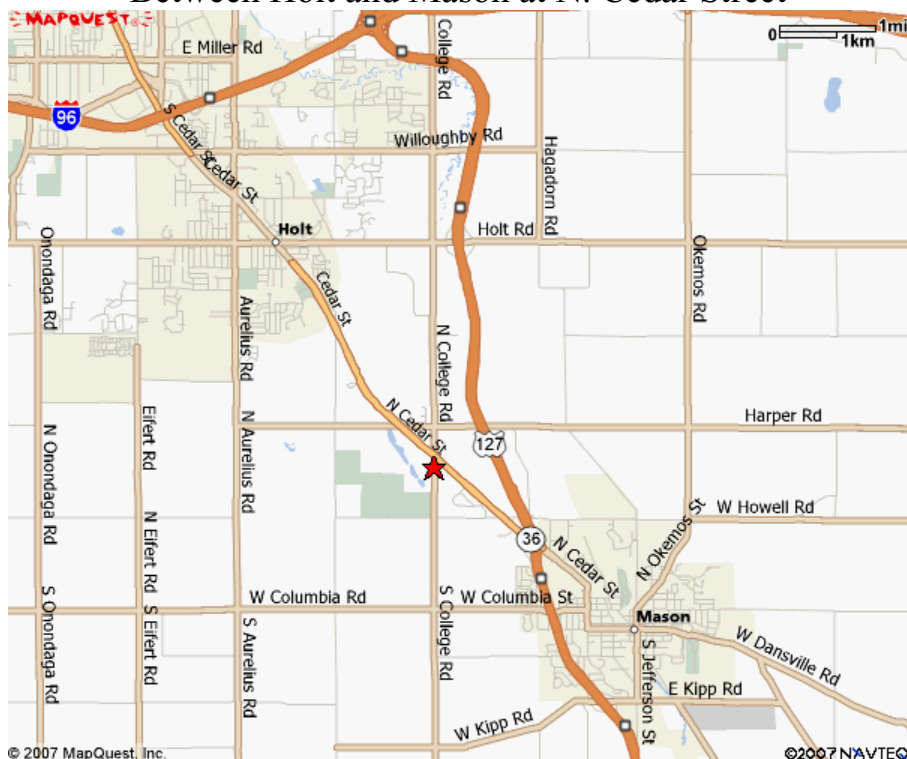
Make check payable to:
Capital City Corvette Club

Mail check and registration to:
Rich Bratschi - Governor
Capital City Corvette Club
PO Box 27295
Lansing, MI 48909

Website: www.cccorvette.org



Spartan Speedway 779 N. College Road
Between Holt and Mason at N. Cedar Street



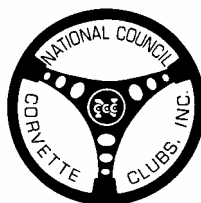
EVENT CHAIRPERSON:

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WILLIAMSTON, MI 48895

PHONE: 517.655.8487



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***NOTE:**

In High Speed Events: 1.) All roadsters must have roll bars as outlined under Section on Technical Inspection For Speed Events. 2.) Fire extinguisher (min. 5 BC) required in ALL groups and classes. 3.) It is highly recommended, and required in Group 3, that all competing cars be equipped with roll bars or roll cages. 4.) All entrants must be High Speed Certified and fire suits are required for Group 3.



Corvette Crossroads Information

The 19th annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show takes place in Mackinaw City on August 22 & 23. The weekend features a Karaoke boat cruise or dock party on Friday night. The show itself is from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday with 250 – 300 Corvettes in attendance. It takes place on a paved parking lot behind the Mackinaw Crossing Mall. Saturday night at 7:00 pm we parade through town and then cross the Mackinac Bridge.

Pre-registration (by August 1) is \$25. After that date the cost goes up to \$35. The cost of the Karaoke Sunset Boat Cruise is \$15 per person. An event shirt is available for those interested. You can find more information and a registration form at: <http://www.mackinawchamber.com/content/view/88/225/>

Corvette Crossroads is a great time to get better acquainted with other CCCC members. Weather permitting; there is a bon fire at the beach every evening. Thursday's group usually eats together that night and the next morning. After that the group is larger so we try to get together in smaller groups so that we can be seated.

To accommodate member's schedules we usually head up in two groups (plus those who drive up on their own). A stop is made along the way to eat and gas up the older Corvettes (like our guzzler). One group will head up Thursday morning, leaving from Clark Corners (Clark Road and Old US 27) at 10:00 am. Another group will head up on Friday. Please see Gloria Reiffer if you would be interested in leading the Friday group.

We've made the Chippewa Motor Lodge and Waterfront Inn our home for many years. The Chippewa is no longer in existence. A new all suites hotel, with the same owners, has taken its place. Get your reservation in now to avoid losing out on a room. They have a 72 hour cancellation policy if you should have to change plans.

More details will follow as they become available. In the meantime, you can contact webmaster@cccorvette.org if you have any questions about the weekend. Hope you can join us!

Simon & Gloria

Mackinaw Beach and Bay All Suites Resort

929 South Huron Ave
Mackinaw City MI 49701
231.436.8621 / 1.800.468.7736 email: mbbresort@gmail.com

*Be sure to mention you are with
Capital City Corvette Club to
obtain the stated rates. Some room
types are already sold out.*

The Mackinaw Beach and Bay Resort offers all two bedroom suites on the beachfront with a balcony overlooking Mackinac Island and Lake Huron. Most suites will have one bedroom with a king bed and the second room with a queen and a sofa sleeper, sleeping two to six comfortably. All suites have 2 flat panel TVs, sink/frig/micro, iron and board, coffee maker, hair dryer, and one bathroom. Expanded continental breakfast and all suites will have free wireless internet access. The hotel is SMOKE FREE. Smoking will be permitted on balconies only and outside the hotel in designated areas. This is a four story all interior corridor hotel with an elevator. Room rates are \$109 for Thursday; and \$169 for Friday and Saturday if you tell them you are with Capital City Corvette Club. To make this more affordable, you might want to consider sharing a suite.

Waterfront Inn

1009 South Huron Ave
Mackinaw City MI 49701
231.436.5527 / 1.800.962.9832 email: info@largestbeach.com

All rooms at the Waterfront Inn come with TV, telephone, frig and small breakfast. These are not suites, just one bedroom. For those who want parking close to their Corvette, the Waterfront Inn offers many first floor rooms with parking right up in front (upon request). Rates are as follows, however all room types may not still be available:

Lakefront – 1 or 2 queens	Courtside room – 2 queens	Courtside room – 2 doubles or king
\$69 on Thursday	\$59 on Thursday	\$49 on Thursday
\$99 on Friday and Saturday	\$89 on Friday and Saturday	\$69 on Friday and Saturday

WEEKEND EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!

Friday, August 22

9:00 AM-7:00 PM - Registration/Package Pickup -
Chamber of Commerce office, 216 E. Central Ave.

8:00 – 10:00 PM - Karaoke Boat Cruise or Dock Party -
Enjoy a leisure cruise around the Straits of Mackinac aboard the "Algoma". Cash bar and karaoke. Tickets are \$15.00 per person. Food is available for an additional charge.

Saturday, August 23

9:00 AM – Registration/Package Pickup -
*Showsite, Mackinaw Crossings Mall

10:00 AM-2:00 PM Corvette Crossroads Auto Show -
*Showsite, Mackinaw Crossings Mall Parking Lot. All registered Corvettes on display. People's Choice Judging.

10:00 AM – 7:00 PM - Mackinaw City Fine Arts & Crafts Show -
Conkling Heritage Park, S. Huron Ave.

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM - Poker Walk - Free to all registered Corvette owners and family. Prizes awarded at 2:15 PM.

3:00 PM – Show Awards Presentation - *Showsite,
Mackinaw Crossings Mall Parking Lot

4:00-6:00 PM - Enjoy a dinner at one of many fine restaurants.

6:00 PM – Mackinac Bridge Parade LINE-UP - TBA

7:00 PM – Mackinac Bridge Parade -
\$6.00 charge included in registration price.

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Free Live Entertainment featuring
Billy Jewell - at the "Depot" in the Mackinaw Crossings Mall.

8:00 PM – 9:00 PM - Music in Mackinaw Conkling
Heritage Park - featuring "Rich Eddy's Rock'n Oldies".

Sunday, August 24

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM - Mackinaw City Fine Arts & Crafts Show -
Conkling Heritage Park, S. Huron Ave.

8:00 PM – Vesper Cruise - State Ferry Dock, S. Huron Ave.
- One hour cruise on the Straits of Mackinac. Free, first come, first serve.

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Permit #31



19TH ANNUAL



Weekend of
August 22 & 23

**Showsite:*

**Mackinaw Crossings Mall
Parking Lot
South Huron Avenue
Mackinaw City, Michigan**

*Please contact the Chamber for
event sponsors and other Chamber members at
(888) 455-8100*

*E-mail: info@mackinawchamber.com
www.mackinawchamber.com*

JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FAMILY FUN!

P.O. Box 856
Mackinaw City, MI 49701
www.mackinawchamber.com

Registration Form



Signature: _____

Distance & Club Awards

HORSEPOWER AT THE ZOO



9th ANNUAL POTTER PARK ZOO CAR SHOW

Location: 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI

Sunday, September 14, 2008 10:00 am – 2:30 pm

**Awards: Best of Show, Top Ten, Best Engine, Best Paint,
Best Pre-1940, Best Corvette, and More**

Registration: 10:00-12:00 Ballots in by: 1:15 Awards: 2:15 Enjoy the Zoo: 2:30-6:00

This is a participant's choice car show, open to all makes and models.
Zoo passes and dash plaques provided for registered vehicles.
Music and great door prizes (must be present to win).

Questions...

Call John or Sandy Bechtel at 517.482.9584 or email board@ccc Corvette.org
if you have questions or would be interested in helping sponsor this event.



Pre-Registration by September 7: \$12.00 Day of Show: \$15.00

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Year of Car: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

**Make checks payable to:
Capital City Corvette Club**

**Mail to: HAZ Car Show
Capital City Corvette Club
PO Box 27295
Lansing, MI 48909
www.cccorvette.org**



NO ALCOHOL ON GROUNDS. Please use one registration form per car. All cars in the display area must register for the show. The City of Lansing may charge an additional \$3.00 parking fee. In an effort to raise more funds for the zoo, an event t-shirt will not be available. Pictures from this event will appear on the CCCC Website. CCCC and its members are not responsible for accidents or injury.

All proceeds (after expenses) will be donated to Potter Park Zoo.

Hosted by Capital City Corvette Club, celebrating our 50th anniversary in 2008! NCCC: NS-003-017

Directions to the Zoo:

The Potter Park Zoo is located within Potter Park along the Red Cedar River in Lansing, Michigan.

The entrance is just south of the I-496 Freeway. Take the Pennsylvania Ave. exit and go south to 1301 South Pennsylvania Avenue. The entrance is on the east side of the road.

- From Flint (east)—69W to 127S to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Detroit (S.E.)—696W to I96W to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From North (Mackinac)—75S to 127S to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Mt. Pleasant—127S to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Coldwater (south)—69N to 496E to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Grand Rapids (west)—I196 to I96 to I496E to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Traverse City (west)—U.S.10E to 127S to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7



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