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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

January 7 at 7:00 pm

Delhi Café, Holt

(come early to eat and socialize)

Winter Fest

January 10 at 5:45 pm

Wagon Wheel Banquet Room, Portland

Board Meeting

January 21 at 6:30 pm

Delhi Café, Holt

Welcome to New CCCC Members

Scott Bauries of East Lansing • 1977 black coupe.

Carlo Litrenta of Lansing • 1979 red hardtop and a
1993 ruby red convertible.

January Birthdays

Janyce Shepler (2), Mike Britz (4),
John Shepler (5), Suzanne Politza (6),
Larry Wight (6), Diana Kuempel (14),
Fred Koos (19), Howard Parks (21),
Carol Putmon (21), Ellie Lickfeldt (24),
Scott Bauries (29), Randy Gisse (31),
Patrick Lickfeldt (31)

Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all February newsletter articles to
webmaster@ccc Corvette.org by January 23.

From the President...

Happy New Year and welcome to the Capital City Corvette Club version 2009. I hope everyone's holidays were safe and soulful and most of all fun. May the New Year bring you more opportunities than challenges.

Your new board has had its first meeting and even though the year hadn't begun, we're already accomplishing things. I'm very excited about the make up of the new board. 70% of the board is new this year and 50% have never been on the board before. This brings a great opportunity for new ideas and different prospective on old issues. As I have said before, this is your board and it exists to do your bidding. Obviously, that is more difficult without your input. Your constructive criticism is appreciated and necessary for us to do our jobs.

All or at least most of you should have received an e-mail from Gloria describing some plans we have for the newsletter. This is an experiment that is based on extensive discussions between last years and this years boards and a major commitment on the part of Gloria Reiffer to make it work. When we started the "08" year, the cost of printing and postage for the newsletter consumed 50% of our proposed budget. We as a board decided this was not acceptable and set about trying to provide an appropriate newsletter in a fiscally responsible manor. We tried various options and we feel we have come up with an acceptable solution. However, because it is almost impossible to accurately estimate hard costs, we are forced to present it as an experiment for a couple of months. When we are able to gather real numbers we will revisit the issue to see if it can be accommodated in a responsible budget.

The board has also finalized a proposed budget that will be presented for your approval at the January meeting. Because of the afore mentioned uncertainties with the newsletter costs we will probably have to revisit the budget in March or April to see if everything fits. If we can accomplish the newsletter within the existing approved budget, no further action will be needed. If it becomes necessary to make significant changes in the budget we will have to bring a new proposal to you the membership. As all of this develops we ask for your patience and constructive comments to help us accomplish what is best for the entire club. On the topic of the budget, I know some members question the need for the club to have a certificate of deposit or savings account. I believe we need look no further than last years unbudgeted trailer insurance expense to see the need for having a "Rainy Day Fund".

Your new board is very excited about the possibilities of making this year the best yet for the club and its members. To that end, your participation and support is very important, so let's all work together to make it happen.

JB

Winter Fest

*Saturday • January 10 • 5:45 pm
Wagon Wheel Banquet Room, Portland*

*5:45 pm Cash Bar • 6:30 pm Buffet Dinner
\$25.00 per person (in advance)*

*Great Fellowship! Great Raffle Prizes!
Great Buffet! Great Evening of Fun!*

*RSVP to Kathy Wyma and give your money to
Carol Putmon by the January 7 club meeting.*

Cruise In to Jon's

*Saturday • February 21 • 5:00 pm
Jon's Country Burger, 3109 S. Cedar, Lansing*

*Cruise in to Jon's for dinner at 5:00 pm.
We are planning some card games for those
who would like to stay and visit longer.*

*Jon's menu includes a wide variety of foods including the
famous "Country Burger," steaks, fish, shrimp, soup, etc.
all at reasonable prices. (Non-smoking restaurant.)*

*Stay a while after dinner for games and dessert!
Jon's serves a great homemade donut sundae and has a
wide variety of pies and other desserts available.*

*Please contact Simon or Gloria Reiffer before
Tuesday, February 17 if you plan to attend.*

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
General Membership Meeting – December 3, 2008

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. He welcomed all members and guests to our annual Christmas party.

Old Business: John Bechtel reminded members that we are collecting checks for the American Red Cross, Greater Lansing Food Bank, and the VFW National Home for Children. Checks can be given to Rich Bratschi, Bob Maynard, and Sandy Bechtel, respectively.

New Business: John Bechtel advised that Ed Politza has agreed to run for Competition Director for 2009. In compliance with by-laws, it will be necessary to hold a general election. Nominations were opened. Sandy Bechtel nominated Ed Politza. Craig Iansiti seconded the nomination. No other nominations were received from the floor. Randy Putmon moved to close nominations. Rich Bratschi seconded. Motion passed. A special election will be held at the January 7, 2009 general membership meeting.

Adjournment: Rich Bratschi moved to adjourn our meeting. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Board Meeting – December 17, 2008

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Absent: Sandy Bechtel. Welcome to all new and returning board members. John presented suggestions for conducting respectful, productive meetings; and noted, per Roberts Rules of Order, he is not a voting board member unless there is a tie. When necessary, issues will be brought before the general membership for discussion and/or a vote. John asked board members to become familiar with our by-laws. Gloria noted they are posted on our website. John also asked that the board communicate with each other via email so all matters are timely addressed. In addition to a board-member distribution list, Gloria Reiffer asked that each board member also save a complete club-member distribution list for use throughout the year.

Reports:

Secretary: In Sandy Bechtel's absence, John Bechtel presented the minutes of the November 19, 2008 board meeting. Carol Putmon moved to approve them as written. Terry Burke seconded. Motion passed.

Ambassador: No report.

Points: No report.

Membership: Angie Hyde reported we currently have 95 regular, 1 honorary, and 72 FCOA members. Angie and John Bechtel presented information from NCCC regarding giving their sponsors our membership email addresses. We will not provide email addresses for club members who have their NCCC membership with another club. We will also honor any other member's request not to release his/her information. Angie stated she will try to have the 2009 membership cards ready to give out at the January general membership meeting. She requested purchase of a label maker for making name tags. She will research prices.

Social: Sue Politza reminded everyone of our upcoming January 10th Winterfest. Sue also advised she has developed sign-up forms for drive & dines and member profiles. She has already begun getting commitments to host the monthly drive & dines. Sue is also working on scheduling other club events. Angie Hyde will provide her with a birthday list. John Bechtel indicated he wants every board member to have a clip board with waivers available so every event will be covered. The board discussed the importance of making sure members pay in advance for our Christmas party and Winterfest.

Treasurer: Carol Putmon is still working under the 2008 budget. It is still in balance. She gave Simon Reiffer a list of current advertisers so he can contact those who have not paid for 2009.

Editor: Gloria Reiffer stated she would like to purchase a saddle stapler. With the way she is revising the newsletter, she believes it will be possible to offer printed newsletters for people who want them. She has also been looking at toner cartridge prices. Simon Reiffer feels that we may get more advertisers if we go back to a printed newsletter. Gloria stated printed newsletters for people wanting them will be brought to general membership meetings. Those not picked up will be mailed. It was agreed to leave the newsletter expenses in the 2009 proposed budget as is. By the March general membership meeting, we will have a grasp on what the actual expenses are. We will then present that information to the membership for consideration, including any necessary budget revisions.

Competition: Position not filled. John Bechtel noted this position and that of governor will be responsible for our low-speed event. This position will also be responsible for the spring low-speed training. Ed Politza noted Gary Wyma is working on getting a substantially-reduced rate for the club tech day at Ram Racing in Saranac. [This event is tentatively scheduled for sometime in April, 2009.]

Public Relations: Simon Reiffer stated his main focus will be to get the word out about our club, including getting event announcements posted in local media. He will also strive to get more advertisers. If anyone is aware of potential advertisers, please give that information to Simon. He will also attempt to have our upcoming events announced at other area events. John Bechtel noted this position will be responsible for providing potential sponsors (i.e. Corvette Central) with member addresses.

Governor/Vice President: Terry Burke indicated he attended the last regional meeting with other club members. He noted all seven of our 2009 sanction points will be applied to our July low-speed event.

President: Re our post office box, Angie Hyde agreed to pick up mail on her way to meetings.

Re Blessing of the Vettes and Horsepower at the Zoo: John Bechtel will contact Cory at Culvers to see if having the Blessing there is still viable; discussed the possibility of including motorcycles at HAZ. Discussions tabled.

Two possible budgets were developed by the 2008 board. That board recommended the budget that listed \$250.00 as a newsletter postage/printing expense. After discussion, Simon Reiffer moved to present the recommended budget to the membership at the January 7, 2009 meeting. Terry Burke seconded. Motion passed. [See editor's information above.]

Old Business: None.

New Business: John Bechtel asked all board members to prepare their profiles and submit them to Gloria. Angie Hyde asked for a paper copy of the profiles.

Member Comment: None.

Adjournment: Simon Reiffer moved to adjourn. Terry Burke seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

2008 Participation Points

2 Kathleen Andrews*	1 Cindy Hanses	27 Ed Politza
12 Roy Bailey	1 Phil Hanses	23 Suzanne Politza
14 Pat Bailey	29 Janet Hardin	0 David Pursel
17 Jim Balla*	30 Carrie Hutton	0 Kathryn Pursel
5 Bruce Baulch	15 Angela Hyde	50 Carol Putmon
1 Sharon Baulch	35 Craig Iansiti	44 Randy Putmon
57 John Bechtel	18 Arthur Ickes	11 Don Reed
57 Sandy Bechtel	18 Marilyn Ickes	7 Kathy Reed
6 Jim Boettcher	1 Dick Iding	57 Gloria Reiffer
2 Mara Boettcher	3 Chuck Jennings	51 Simon Reiffer
1 Joshua Brahman	3 Geri Jennings	44 Robert Ribar
35 Colleen Bratschi	5 Don Johnston	12 Eddie Root
36 Rich Bratschi	5 Janet Johnston	2 Brian Sebolt
19 Connie Britz	19 Greg Kapp	25 Brenda Shatkosky*
26 Mike Britz	42 Kim Keith	35 Richard Shatkosky*
6 David Brown	42 Sue Keith	9 Janyce Shepler
15 Diana Brown-Mosher	4 Frank Kessler	9 John Shepler
43 Chris Burke	4 Judy Kessler	21 Victor Smith
36 Terry Burke	0 Fred Koos	0 Loretta Spinrad
0 Pam Candy	0 Judy Koos	2 Steve Spinrad
11 Cindy Carr	13 Bob Kroupa	2 Janet Sprague
11 David Carr	13 Kathy Kroupa	3 Michael Sprague
14 Ronald Cooper	26 Dave Kuempel	8 Dan Stremmer
14 Kathy Cooper	26 Diana Kuempel	8 Nancy Stremmer
19 Dave Cripe*	23 Lewis Kuempel	15 Kathy Stump
16 Pat Cripe	34 Julie Lasher	17 Tom Stump
4 Joel Crutcher	41 Ted Lasher	6 James Sutherland
3 Darwin Day	18 Harold Leeman	0 Linda Swift
3 Sheila Day	2 Mark Lewis	10 Gordon Terwilliger
27 Jim Denike	2 Patty Lewis	13 Joseph Thomas*
33 Patti Leppanen-Denike	12 Ellie Lickfeldt	9 Pam Thompson
23 Art Doty*	17 Pat Lickfeldt	8 Sue VanAtta
22 Nancy Doty*	28 Bob Maynard	12 Larry Warren
12 Catherine Eiseman	27 Shalimar Maynard	12 Linda Warren
12 Raoul Eiseman	15 Jeff McQuade	0 Jan Wasco*
2 Jennifer Everhart*	7 Barb Musselman	0 Ken Wasco*
12 Kady Gisse	7 Stephen Musselman	5 Lee Webster
16 Randy Gisse	2 George Nelson	25 Larry Wight
4 Cynthia Gregor	4 Diana Parks	29 Gary Wyma
0 Bill Griffith	4 Howard Parks	34 Kathy Wyma
5 Mark Hansen	20 Joe Platte	
1 Nancy Hansen	20 Pam Platte	

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51 Simon Reiffer

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