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## Upcoming Events

### General Membership Meeting

April 6 • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### Let's Meet for Breakfast

April 16th • 9 am • Flap Jack Restaurant

6927 South Cedar St • Lansing

### Bowling With Jackson Corvette Club

Sunday, April 3rd • 1:30 p.m. • City Limits • 801 N Cedar St, Mason



### Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade

April 30th • See Flyer

### Blessing of the Vets

May 14th • See Flyer

### April Birthdays

Randy Putmon (1) • Nancy Doty (2) • Shalimar Maynard (4)

Mara Boettcher (6) • Colleen Bratschi (9) • Victor Smith (10)

Simon Reiffer (13) • Sue Keith (28)

### Board Meeting

April 20 • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all May newsletter articles to

rnuck1220 @ hotmail.com by April 23





## From The President...



**A**pril. Did I say April? April flowers. April sunshine. April. Hopefully that means no more snow or salt.

Time to dig 'em out and shine 'em up, if you haven't already done so. I know there are a few hardy members who have already been driving their Vettes for a month or more. At least on the nice days. We should all be so lucky and have our cars stored where we could just jump in and go when



the sun shines. Don't forget to check your tires, oil, water, and battery before you go too far. And don't cringe too much when filling up that tank with Premium.....ouch.

Speaking of sunshine – It is nice to be back from the sunny shores of Florida. It was pretty boring getting up to blue skies and 80 degree temperatures day after day, week after week. Since we have been home as of the first of March we have experienced Pure Michigan, and I don't have to tell you what that has been. Gotta love it! Thanks again, Simon, for taking the helm and keeping everything running smoothly while I was gone.

April is still a pretty quiet month for the club, but a good time to prepare for our mid-summer activities. We have the Blessing of the Vettes coming in May, which happens to be the same day as the annual Driving School in Marshall. Some will have to make a decision which to attend. We have lots to do to acquire sponsors and prizes for our Horsepower at the Zoo show in late summer. It is never too soon to start preparing for that one. Our jointly hosted Sparrow Hospice benefit shows, with the Capital Area Muscle Car Club, are also fast approaching, so check our club calendar and mark yours. I have already received application forms for Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City, and if you plan to attend, it would be wise to reserve a room soon. They fill up fast. As usual, we will have a lot more fun things to do over the summer – enough that everyone should have an opportunity to come to at least a few events. I look forward to seeing everyone happily driving their Vettes again this year. It has been a long winter.

*Craig*



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# Let's Meet for Breakfast 9:00a.m.

April 16th

## Flap Jack Restaurant

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RSVP: Sign up Sheet at April 6 Membership Meeting

Randy & Nancy Buck 517-937-8642

rnuck1220 @ Hotmail.com

## *Start planning ahead!*

The 2011 NCCC Convention will take place in Tinley Park, IL during the week of June 18-24.

On-line registration opens on February 1. You will want to get your reservations in early to get into the convention hotel. Check out the NCCC Website for detailed information.  
[www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2011.html](http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2011.html)

The convention is being planned so that members can continue on to the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in St. Charles, IL.

Bloomington Gold runs from June 23-26.  
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# ***BOWLING WITH....***

# **JACKSON CORVETTE CLUB**

**Sunday, April 3rd, 2011**

**1:30 p.m.**

**Cost:** \$3.95 per person/per game  
shoes to be included

**Location:** City Limits • 801 N Cedar St.  
Mason MI.

**We will be staying after bowling for a bite to eat**

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## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

### March 2, 2011 Membership Meeting



**Social Time & Dining** started around 5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Simon Reiffer as President Craig Iansiti was absent.

**Acting President - Simon Reiffer** welcomed new members Darrell & Dana Conley and Tom Sipka and visitors Harold & Katherine Twining.

**Simon Reiffer and Mike Britz** (Treasurer) presented the need to change Article XII, Section A (1) and Article V, Section A (5) and opened the subject to questions and discussion. A motion was made by Larry Wight and seconded by Julie Lasher. The motion passed.

**Governor/VP - Simon Reiffer** advised members there had been a Governors Meeting last week and some of the items discussed were as follows:

They may move future meetings from St. Louis to Indianapolis. More to follow!

The FCOA fee has been increased to \$10.00!

Blue Bars Magazine might go electronic at some point in the future.

NCCC Membership pins should have been ordered in December. The club will try and get up to a dozen for the club if there are any extras.

Awards/Points was 200 in the past but will be increased to 300 this year.

If you race you will need a helmet with at least a 2005 approval.

Unsure if an older helmet can be recertified. Simon will try and get more info on this subject!

Flyers are available for Jackson Club MIS car show on September 24th. This will be Jackson's 50th Anniversary Car Show. More to follow!

The driving school held in the spring will be May 14th this year. Same day as the Blessing of the Vettes. Cost is \$20 before May 7th. Let Simon know if you can attend or work the event. It will be at Marshall High School.

Our club Insurance is now with Brown and Brown. Be sure and use ONLY new waivers - toss the old ones!



NCCC Convention will be in Tinley Park, Chicago on June 18-24. If we have at least 5 cars for 2 days we can get a special parking place together for the club members. They need judges for the Concourse Show. Advise Simon if you are interested.

**Acting Secretary - Mike Britz** requested and received approval of the January meeting minutes. There was no meeting in February due to weather.

**Treasurer - Mike Britz** presented the budget for the year and requested and received approval from club members.

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## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

### March 2, 2011 Membership Meeting



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**Membership - Dave Pursel** advised the club that membership cards are ready and being handed out. He advised we have 87 members as of March 3rd since we picked up 3 new members tonight. The FCOA count is unchanged from the last report! Dave reminded members they need to give other clubs their membership cards when attending other club functions. This is the only way we will get credit for attending other functions.

**Editor - Randy Buck** reminded everyone the deadline for the news letter is the 23rd. Nothing else to report.

**Competition - Rich Bratschi** had nothing new to report. He suggested members review the Region Website for a list of activities in the area.

**Public Relations - Sandy Bechtel** advised the membership of 1 new advertiser and we had two more returning from last year. She pointed out we should support our advertisers whenever possible.

**Social - Carol Putmon** awarded candy bars for February and March birthdays. She also reminded members of the following functions:

March 19 Meet for Breakfast

April 3 Bowling with the Jackson Club

April 30 Vermontville Parade

May 14 Blessing of the Vettes and Driving School

**Hearts and Flowers - Julie Lasher** will send a card to Gary Wyma since it was reported he was in the hospital.

**Historian - Sue Keith** advised club she is working on building the history of the club and will welcome any old records they might have!

**NCN Ambassador - Joe Thomas** advised the membership updated info can be found in their newsletter each month. He also reminded everyone of the upcoming April Birthday Bash at the museum.

**Photographer - Ted Lasher** had slide show from last year showing on the wall all night. He had no other updates at this time.

**Quartermaster - Randy Putmon** advised he set up our sound system and we needed to get it repaired before we can use the system. The thought is Craig Iansiti may know someone that can make the needed repairs.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Not present.

**Webmaster - Gloria Reiffer** has made the change from Michcom to AT&T and all is well! Gloria pointed out the charges go against her personal credit card each month so we need to look into another way to handle payment.

If you have updated pictures of your Corvette please send it to Ted Lasher. Also, if you have pictures of past Corvettes you can send to Ted and they will be shown under "Past Loves".

**Member Input - Dave Cripes** pointed out he now handles a complete line of Corvette pictures and he had the complete collection on display on the back display table. They are \$10 each or 2 for \$19.

**50/50 Drawing - \$43.50** won by Ted Lasher.

**Adjourn -** Request to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 8:14 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by M. C. Britz - Acting Secretary







## Corvette Plant Seeking Display Cars for 30th Anniversary



This year the Bowling Green Assembly Plant will be celebrating its 30th year of being the home of Corvette. As part of their celebration they are looking to have one Corvette from each of the generations that were built in the plant on display during their monthly "All Hands" meeting on September 1st. They have asked the NCM to find one each of a C3 (specifically a 1981 BG production), C4, C5 and C6 that can be on display for that meeting, approximately a 2 hour time period.

The owners of the 4 cars selected will bring their cars to the plant at 5:45am on Thursday and will be able to attend the all hands meeting as well as have their picture taken with their car while on display inside.

If you are interested in being part of this event please send an email to Roc Linkov ([roc@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:roc@corvettemuseum.org)) with a picture of your car and your contact information. The 4 winners will be selected in mid July, 2011.

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## From Here to There Science Exhibit Now Open

Explore the science of how things move by land, sea and air at the National Corvette Museum's new traveling exhibition, From Here to There. Lift, launch and levitate as you experiment with hands-on exhibits that make learning about gravity, friction, and the laws of motion fun. Ride a hovercraft to experience how air pressure works, adjust wind speed to form fabric into an airfoil and float your sailboat to experiment with the effect of wind, rudder and sail positions.



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## Spring VIP Tour Sale

Join us this Spring for a V.I.P. Corvette Plant and Museum tour and save! Guests who book and use their tour between March 7 and April 14 will **save \$50 off the regular price.**

The 3-5 hour tour includes the GM Corvette Assembly Plant and The National Corvette Museum. Tours are more in-depth and include portions not included in the regular tours.

Regular price of tours is \$250 and includes up to four people in a group. Special pricing is \$200. Additional persons are \$50 each. Tour must be used by April 14. Mention this special offer when booking. More information is online. You may also contact Gary Cockriel or Lori Bieschke at 800-205-4248 or by email [gary@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:gary@corvettemuseum.org) or [lori@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:lori@corvettemuseum.org).



Group rates are available, and discount tickets are available for the public at any Warren County PNC branch. Additionally, PNC customers may show a bankcard to receive discount admission.

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## Corvette is a Recommended Buy

**A**ccording to Consumer Reports - the 2011 Corvette is a Recommended Buy, and Corvette Convertible had the lowest overall insurance losses of any car. Consumer Digest.com also named Corvette a Best Buy, noting:

*"As it has for decades, the Corvette continues to deliver eye-opening performance, distinctive styling and a surprisingly comfortable ride. All of this puts it in a class of its own. Even at the Z06 level, the Corvettes dual personality—a splendid street car that is just as much at home on a race track—is unmatched for the money that you plunk down. Some auto-industry critics have complained about the quality of the interior of this year's Corvettes, but we are less put off by it. We found the bucket seats to be firm and supportive, and, even on long trips, the Corvette is a comfortable companion."*

Congratulations, Corvette!



## Let Us Help Promote Your Events!

**E**ach month we will list upcoming Corvette and car shows... want to get yours on this list? It's easy and free! First, check to see if your event is listed already. If it's not, click [here](#) to create an account and add it!



***This April, the Corvette Store will hit the road, attending a whopping SEVEN shows all over the country! Check them out here, and make plans to come see us!***

April 1 - Leisure Time Corvette Club (The Villages, FL)

April 1-2 - [Corvette Enid Expo](#) (Enid, OK)

April 7-9 - Barrett Jackson (West Palm Beach, FL)

April 9 - [Corvette Cup](#) (Columbia, MO)

April 14-16 - [Central Arkansas Corvette Show](#) (Hot Springs, AR)

April 16 - [Vettes 'Doin Charleston](#) (Charleston, SC)

April 22-23 - [Corvette Beach Odyssey](#) (Panama City Beach, FL)

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## Museum Website Menu Now Mobile Friendly

**T**hanks to some of our enthusiasts for pointing out that the Museum's main menu was not mobile friendly! We have now made an adjustment to that menu so that you can tap it twice on your iPhone, iPad and other mobile devices to access items on the menu instead of having a drop down menu like is available for desktop PCs.

We anxiously await the completion of our BRAND NEW website which we anticipate to be completed and launched this fall. The new site will make online shopping easier, and you will have only ONE login and password to access not only the store, but event registration and other sections. Stay tuned!

Submitted by  
Joe Thomas





*Memorial Day Parade  
Historic Downtown Marshall  
May 30, 2011*

***Capital City Corvette Club Parade Details:***

Monday, May 30, 2011 - Meet at former Coyote Creek Grille - 6951 Lansing Road, Dimondale. We will be leaving from CCG at 8:00 am SHARP! Arrive in Marshall and stop at Burger King for snacks/bathroom break. We will leave Burger King for the parade line-up at 9:00 am. The parade begins at 10:00 am. We will meet at the K-Mart parking lot immediately after the parade.

***Cornwell's Turkeyville:***

For those interested, after the parade we will head over to Cornwell's Turkeyville USA for lunch and a visit to the Memorial Day Flea Market and Antique Show. Visit Cornwell's Website at [www.turkeyville.com](http://www.turkeyville.com).

***Questions???***

Call Simon and Gloria at 646.2180. Watch the club Website for updates. A signup sheet will be available at the May club meeting.



# Ambassador's Travels

As some of you may know, from time to time, I enjoy writing articles about the events I attend as a Corvette enthusiast and as the ambassador for the club. Most recently, as a board member of the National Corvette Museum, I had the opportunity to attend a one day driving course at the Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch in Pahrump, Nevada.

For those of you that did not know, I became a board member for the NCM two years ago. As a board member, I am required to attend four mandatory meetings a year. Two of these meetings are held during the Birthday Bash in April and the Labor Day event in September. For the last seven years as the ambassador for the Corvette Club of Michigan, I was already attending those events. The third and fourth meetings are held during December and February. As a board member, our travel and hotel expenses are at our own cost, because we are considered volunteers, but as with any board position, there are perks.

During our December meeting, we were given the agenda for the February meeting and told the meeting would be held at the Spring Mountain Motorsports Ranch. We were informed our visit would include a One Day Driving School at the Ron Fellows Driving School. The next question was "who's interested in attending and whose spouse would like to go?" Without seeking approval from my spouse, I stated I would go and Jennifer would love to go as well. I later called home and confirmed that I was right.

Move forward to February 22, 2011. Jennifer and I boarded a plane to Las Vegas. We were going to drive the Corvette, but the weather outlook in Michigan did not agree with vehicle travel. We rented a car and drove from Las Vegas to Pahrump, arriving at the resort that afternoon.

Because we arrived early on Wednesday, we had the day to ourselves, so we searched for a restaurant for dinner and located one called the Symphony's at the Pahrump Valley Winery. We participated in a wine tasting then had a delightful dinner before returning to our condominium at the ranch.

Other board members began to arrive on Thursday morning. Our meeting wasn't scheduled until the evening, so Jennifer and I jumped in the rental and set our sights on Death Valley. We drove westward for more than two hours, taking in the beautiful scenery that is Nevada and California.

We arrived at a town called Furnace Creek. As you might guess, there isn't much in Furnace Creek, but there was a lovely inn known as the Furnace Creek Inn.

Restaurant and Hotel. Imagine a luxury hotel built in 1927 that still has all of its charm from that era. The restaurant and hotel were built by the Borax Company as a stop over for wealthy travelers going through the desert to see the old mines.



We enjoyed a great lunch, and then returned to the ranch to prepare for the board meeting.

Our meeting was held that night, but earlier in the day, we could see some action on the track. A few Corvettes, Mustangs, and Radicals were on the course.

Friday morning arrived, and we enjoyed breakfast and moved on to registration for our track experience. We were divided into two groups, those with some experience and those without. The class was 50/50 with twenty-two participants total. The group that Jennifer and I were in, included Harlan Charles of General Motors, and David Tatman and his wife Barbie. David is the current plant manager of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, where the Corvette is assembled.

After the instructor introductions we were divided into our two groups. We were given an overview of the Corvette, which included how it operates and its capabilities. We were then given instruction on the proper techniques for Heel and Toe shifting. This portion of the course concerned me, but as with any instruction, you get out of it what you put into it.

I successfully completed the Heel and Toe shifting portion of the class and have to admit, my success is directly related to the quality of instruction given by the instructors. "Brake, clutch, blip, shift, clutch, steer, accelerate" are now part of my driving experience.

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**W**e were then taken to a small Oval Course. This exercise was designed for achieving the proper apex for a turn. We learned when to begin accelerating, or when to lift. This course also taught you to look beyond where you are. After the oval track we moved on to the Wet Figure – 8. This course taught you how to control the car if you were to go into a skid. They purposely had you get the car out of control, so that you could learn how to regain control. They used terms like “setting the front end”, “under steer” and “over steer”, lightly braking.

With all of that in mind, it was time for a break. We went to lunch at the clubhouse located on site, and enjoyed a lunch that was catered by one of the local restaurants. Now the time had come to try to remember all that was taught during the morning and try to apply it on the course.



Our driving sessions were conducted, utilizing the “Lead / Follow” method. We were broken up into groups of three or four students, following an instructor. Each student would be in their own car and the instructor would lead the group around the track and only drive as fast as the first student behind him was comfortable. During the session, the first student would then rotate to the rear of the pack and the subsequent student would become the first student. We utilized Corvette Z06's and Grand Sports and if I hadn't experienced it for myself, you would never have known these cars were used on a race course. They take very good care of the vehicles at Spring Mountain. As you drove through the session, your instructor was in constant communication with you by way of a two-way radio, and giving you feedback as you navigated the course.

The first session dealt with orientation of the course. The instructor would drive the proper line and make comments as to how to properly set yourself up. The second session dealt with shift points, which included certain areas of the course where it was optimum to up shift or downshift, without upsetting the car or making a big mistake. The third session out, you really tried to put it all together. During this session, I found our instructor driving a little faster to see if the students could keep up.

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As everyone was winding down and getting ready for the graduation exercise, where we received our certificates, shook hands, and took pictures, four of us were allowed to drive the new ZR1 on the course. The only difference this time was that the instructor would be in the car with us, instead of leading us around the track. I was one of the lucky ones!

The course is a 2.4 mile road course with fourteen turns. The track has elements called the Carousel, the Kink, the S's, the Bus Stop, the Lucy Lu, and of course the back straight and the front straight.

Now I had been on this track all day and feeling pretty comfortable, but I have to admit, due to the students rotating in and out of the cars, I spent most of the day driving Grand Sports. Just prior to being able to drive the ZR1 I did get the chance to drive a Z06 on the track and you can tell the difference. But there is still a difference from the Z06 to the ZR1, and it comes on in a RUSH!

The first lap was, again, an orientation lap. All of the controls are the same, but you know you are driving something different, from the moment you take off. We let the tires warm up a bit, and I got used to the throttle inputs and smoothness of the shifter. I'm thinking to myself, “Complete lap one, enter front straight, start lap two. On the throttle, and right now the acceleration is almost overwhelming! Slight brake into turn one and push a little harder.” All the while my instructor is constantly talking, like we are out for an evening cruise. I work my way around the course and get to the back straight, and here is where I let it “rip”. I feel myself pinned in the seat, this thing is pulling harder than anything I have ever driven before, and before you know it, it is time to downshift and prepare for the bus stop. In my mind, I'm thinking, don't screw this up, and just like that, “Brake, clutch, blip, shift, clutch, steer, accelerate” and the bus stop is in my rearview mirror.

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# Capital City Corvette Club



## Participation Points as of March 19, 2011

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9	Sandy Bechtel	0	Jennifer Everhart*	3	Bob Maynard	0	Bill Simons
4	James Boettcher	0	Randy Gisse	2	Shalimar Maynard	2	Thomas Sipka
4	Mara Boettcher	0	Vidal Gonzalez	0	Linda McMillan	0	Victor Smith
3	Colleen Bratschi	2	Howard Hein	0	Barb Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
8	Rich Bratschi	1	Angela Hyde	0	Steve Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
7	Connie Britz	10	Craig Iansiti	2	Dominique Palacios	0	Janet Sprague
8	Mike Britz	4	Janet Iansiti	2	Jerry Palacios	0	Michael Sprague
0	David Brown	1	Dick Iding	2	Diana Parks	0	Ralph Swan
2	Diana Brown-Mosher	1	Greg Kapp	4	Howard Parks	0	Susan Swan
6	NancyLee Buck	8	Kim Keith	0	Joe Platte	4	Connie Taylor
10	Randy Buck	7	Sue Keith	2	Ed Politza	4	Tom Taylor
3	Chris Burke	0	Frank Kessler	2	Suzanne Politza	5	Joseph Thomas*
3	Terry Burke	0	Judy Kessler	8	David Pursel	2	Harold Twining
2	Dana Conley	0	Fred Koos	2	Kathryn Pursel	2	Katherine Twining
2	Darrell Conley	0	Judy Koos	8	Carol Putmon	0	Sue VanAtta
3	Dave Cripe*	3	Sheila Lansing	6	Randy Putmon	0	Larry Warren*
1	Pat Cripe	7	Julie Lasher	11	Gloria Reiffer	0	Linda Warren*
1	Darwin Day	7	Ted Lasher	10	Simon Reiffer	0	Lee Webster
1	Art Doty*	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	6	Robert Ribar	2	Larry Wight
1	Nancy Doty*	4	Patrick Lickfeldt	0	Brenda Shatkosky*	0	Gary Wyma
0	Catherine Eiseman	1	Carlo Litrenta	0	Richard Shatkosky*	0	Kathy Wyma
0	Raoul Eiseman	1	Janet Litrenta				

## Current 2011 Top Ten

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11	Gloria Reiffer	10	Simon Reiffer	8	Mike Britz	8	Carol Putmon
10	Randy Buck	9	Sandy Bechtel	8	Kim Keith		
10	Craig Iansiti	8	Rich Bratschi	8	David Pursel		



\*NCCC number is with another Michigan Region club.





Instructor, still talking, lap two complete and as I enter turn one he takes the time to say, "I like your line entering this turn". Really? He's talking like we are old friends and I'm starting to sweat, because I've never driven anything this fast before. Just for grins, we "test" the brakes and bring the car to a complete stop. The car brakes almost as hard as it accelerates, and without fade. This goes on for two more laps, pushing a little harder, plus a cool down lap. The ZR1 had plenty left in it, but I wasn't willing to push the car to its limits on this day. All I can say is that the new ZR1 is an awesome car and worthy of the Corvette name. The acceleration is incredible, the brakes are phenomenal. I credit General Motors for being responsible to sending new owners to this school, because in the wrong hands this car could be serious trouble.

If you are looking for a driving school to attend, I would not hesitate to direct you to Spring Mountain. The facilities, vehicles, food and instructors were top notch!

After we left Spring Mountain on Saturday morning, we drove back to Las Vegas. Having never been to Las Vegas before, Jennifer and I decided to make a long weekend out of the Corvette driving experience.

We had booked a room at the Bellagio Hotel. There we took in the sights, and sounds of Vegas! We dined at the Sensi and Prime restaurants in the hotel and on Sunday night we took in the show "O" by Cirque de Soleil. All in all it was a wonderful weekend. Jennifer even managed to surprise the dealer at the roulette tables, bringing home more than we had started with!

So in closing, I now have my first Corvette trip in for the 2011 season and it was a memorable one. I can't wait to try my new techniques out on a course near you.

*DISCLAIMER – The rental car used during this trip was a BMW 750i. That's another story, and what a beautiful machine that was to drive. \*No law enforcement members were encountered during this trip!*



**Submitted by  
Joe Thomas**





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## Early Corvette Big-Block Engines - True Power



Just How Powerful Were Corvette's Early Big-Blocks? August 16, 2010 By Phillip Falk Photography by Source Interlink Media archives

**E**arly in the '66 model year, the 427ci L72 engine was rated 450 hp at 6,400 rpm. Not long after production began, the rating was lowered to 425 hp at 5,600 rpm. There were no changes to the engine, but Chevrolet's central office apparently realized that 450 hp would attract the attention of safety minded politicians and insurance companies. Also, there seemed to be an unwritten agreement between Ford, Chrysler, and GM that no engine would be rated over 425 hp no matter how powerful it was. In 1967, Chevy broke that rule by rating the L71 (triple two-barrel carb, solid-lifter, 427ci) engine at 435 hp. The L71 was identical to the '66 L72 except for the intake system. The L72 had one four-barrel carburetor compared to the L71's Tri-power setup.



Over the years there has been much speculation about the actual horsepower output of these two engines. Some people believed the L71 made nearly 500 gross horsepower. However, performance and dynamometer numbers seem to tell a different story. All known magazine quarter-mile times for L71- and L72-equipped Corvettes averaged 13.38 seconds at 107.94 miles per hour. For cars of equal weight, quarter-mile trap speeds are an excellent indicator of horsepower. Magazine tests of LS1-equipped C5 Corvettes had the same trap speeds as L71 and L72 Corvettes (see sidebar). Because big-block C2 Corvettes are nearly the same weight as a C5, we can assume they equal the 345 to 350 SAE net horsepower that LS1 engines make. In "Big-Block Power Tune" (Nov. '06), Corvette Fever chronicled a meticulous dyno tune on a correctly restored '66 L72 Corvette in order to determine horsepower gain from the



tune. Before the dyno tune, the engine produced 289 rear-wheel horsepower (rwhp) at 5,000 rpm and 331 lb-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm. After the dyno tune the output went up to 301 rwhp at 5,000 rpm and 342 lb-ft of torque at 3,800 rpm. This car was restored to showroom original condition for acceptable street operation and was equipped with the (more restrictive) N14 side-mount exhaust system. A standard under-car exhaust would most likely have resulted in somewhat higher numbers, probably at a higher rpm. Maximum horsepower was reached at 5,000 rather than closer to 6,400 rpm, where an open exhaust would have produced peak power. On average, the 345 net hp LS1 engine also produces 300 rwhp. Equal rwhp for both the LS1 and L72 translates to 345 net horsepower for the L72.

Submitted by Randy Buck



# Capital City Corvette Club

Board Meeting March 16 2011



**Social Time & Dining** started around 5:30 P.M.

Meeting called to order at 6:30 P.M.

**President - Craig Iansiti** - opened the meeting telling board members that no one had stepped up to chair HAZ so he and Janet will do it again this year. Janet is going to send letters out asking for donations to past donors as well as new leads. It was concluded that dropping the 'goody' bags and T-shirts has simplified and quickened the task of putting on the show without incurring any criticism.

A discussion followed about perhaps giving profits from the Garage Sale to the John Bechtel scholarship fund. It will be a topic for discussion at the next general meeting. The location at Steve Spinrad's place of business was applauded as a wonderful location. It was determined that newspaper advertising possibly would not even be needed.

Craig tried to clarify the confusion about the Lansing Autorama. It was first thought that the men running it wanted to turn it over to some younger leadership, however it has since been explained that they only want to get volunteer help running the event. It was suggested that volunteers could sign up for a certain length of time on a shift and then perhaps get a free admission into the show. It will be discussed further at the general membership meeting.

Sue Keith mentioned she felt it would be beneficial to have a 'procedural manual' giving instructions and names, telephone numbers, etc. for various and sundry jobs, events, and offices to help ease transitioning others into those positions. Gloria suggested putting it on the website for reference. Craig asked all board members to write a specific description of their jobs.

Craig announced that Gary Claudio is looking for support for the Motor City Corvette Concourse. He will talk to Joe Thomas about it.

**Governor/VP - Simon Reiffer** after checking on the region meeting pins found they are no longer included in the packet but some are available for purchase. They will be offered at the next general meeting. The convention locations have been set for the next three years. They will be Tinley Park, Illinois for 2011, Topeka, Kansas for 2012, and Bowling Green, Kentucky for 2013.

There are ballots out for the club Governors to vote to move the NCCC Governors meetings from St. Louis, MO to Indianapolis, IN beginning in 2013. The final decision will probably be made at the April Governors meeting in St. Louis. Ballots are due in before that meeting takes place.

It was decided it would be beneficial to members to have waivers available at all general membership meetings to help members when hosting an event.

**Secretary - Connie Britz** minutes for the February meeting taken by Sandy Bechtel were approved. Mike Britz sent board members March General Meeting minutes by email for review.



**Treasurer - Mike Britz** told board members that the old account at First Bank is now officially closed. He also said the check sent to the food bank had not ever been cashed. A discussion followed but ultimately was decided he would rewrite the check and hand it to Bob Maynard to deliver. A discussion followed on perhaps increasing funding of scholarships in John Bechtel's name with partial income from the annual garage sale. This will be further discussed at the next general meeting.

**Points - Kim Keith** reviewed the changes on the points system and the board voted to accept changes in the wording of the last item under "Social Points" to read 'One bonus point for bringing a Corvette to any of the above events.

**Membership - Dave Pursel** was not in attendance.

**Editor - Randy Buck** entered into a discussion with **Gloria Reiffer, Webmaster**, about length of articles/event flyers included in the newsletter.

**Competition - Rich Bratschi** was not in attendance.

**Public Relations - Sandy Bechtel** had nothing to report.

**Social - Carol Putmon** said Bowling is set for April 3rd with about 37 people signed up, Vermontville only has 6 people/cars and she needs to give an official count by March 30, (she wondered if it was still a viable event considering the seemingly lack of interest). It was decided a 'blast' on email be sent to members to spark interest. Blessing of the Vettes is all set for Culvers and Gary is ready with some prizes.

**Hearts and Flowers - Julie Lasher** -not in attendance.

**Historian - Sue Keith** displayed her hard work in making an historical book of club information for the past 20+ years. She has quite painstakingly gone through boxes of documents to produce the book. It was decided that 'thank you' letters need not be displayed in the book but will be on hand for members to read at the meeting immediately following receipt of them.

**NCN Ambassador - Joe Thomas** not in attendance.

**Photographer - Ted Lasher** not in attendance.

**Quartermaster - Randy Putmon** told Board Members the DVD and CD player were repaired for \$20.00 and he needed an invoice in order to be reimbursed.

**Sergeant-at-Arms - Patrick Lickfeldt** Not present.

**Webmaster - Gloria Reiffer** said the updated website will be complete when she gets new membership information. There was discussion on how to best pay the monthly web charge. There is a request to AT&T to allow us to make an annual payment and the matter will be reviewed again when we get an answer from AT&T on the annual payment request.

## Items for Discussion, Reminders, and General Information

Workers are needed for the Bud Kouts Show as well as the Logan's Show and we will have a signup sheet at future meetings. Also, Craig will issue an email reminder of future Board Meetings.

**Adjourn** - Request to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 7:45 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Connie Britz - Secretary**



# Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival **GRAND PARADE**

**Saturday April 30th**

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the **Quality Dairy** on  
W. Saginaw (by Art Van).

Departure time is 8:45 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. arrival.

Upon arrival we will walk into town for breakfast and then  
have time to see the crafts before heading back to our cars  
for the 2:00 p.m. start of the parade.

After the parade we will travel to

**The Mexican Connexion** in Hastings for a bite to eat.

Given the unpredictable Michigan weather this time of year  
please be prepared for anything.



# CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN

## SECOND GENERATION AUTOCROSS

**April 17th, 2011**  
**DCSCC CHAMP EVENT**  
**NCCC Sanction #NS-006-002**



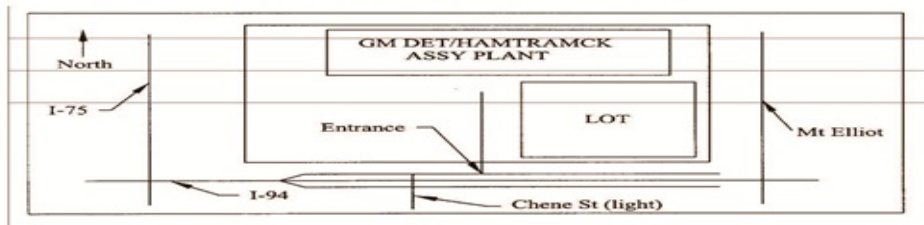
REGISTRATION: Open 9:00 - 11:00  
 DRIVERS MEETING: 10:45 am  
 FIRST CAR OUT: 11:00 am



*Tech inspection and minimum of Snell 2005 helmet required*  
*Each entrant will be required to work one shift*

PRE-REGISTERED Entry Fees: CCM/NCCC: \$10 DCSCC \$20 OUTSIDE \$30  
 Day of event registration + \$2 Khana pass users + \$1  
 Pre-register at [www.myautocross.com](http://www.myautocross.com) by Apr 14th (Pay on day of event)

**ALL MINORS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 MUST SIGN A MINOR'S ASSUMPTION OF RISK FORM OR THEY WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE PIT AREA. IN ADDITION, A PARENTAL RELEASE OF LIABILITY MUST BE SIGNED.**



**EVENT CHAIRMEN: Kris & Brett Watson (313) 537-9027**  
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**COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Chris Scafero (734) 748-9948**



### Michigan Region of Corvette Clubs Awards Banquet April 9, 2011



Cost: \$25.00 per person  
 Place: One Under Bar and Banquet Center  
 Located at 35780 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154  
 Time: Social 6:30-7:30 Dinner: 7:30  
 Cash bar  
 Awards and Door Prizes immediately following dinner.  
 Dancing and Entertainment until 1:30am in lower level.

No reserved seating—seating will be on a first come basis.

All Region clubs are asked to donate a door prize in the amount of \$30.

#### Directions to Banquet:

From North-Northwest—go east on I-96 to south I-275 to Six Mile exit (exit 170), exit (east) onto Six Mile to Newburg Rd, go south on Newburg Rd to Five Mile Rd., turn east onto Five Mile and continue on approximately 3/4 mile. The One Under will be on your left (north side of Five Mile Rd).

From West—go east on M-14, continue onto east I-96, merge to right, exit Newburg rd (exit 173), go past Newburg rd to turn around loop, and go north on Newburg to Five Mile Rd, turn east onto Five Mile Rd approx 3/4 mile. The One Under will be on your left (north side of Five Mile Rd).

From West-Southwest—go east on I-94 to north I-275, exit east I-96 (exit 29), merge to right, exit Newburg rd (exit 173), go past Newburg rd to turn around loop, and go north on Newburg to Five Mile Rd, turn east onto Five Mile Rd approx 3/4 mile. The One Under will be on your left (north side of Five Mile Rd).

Accommodations at I-96 exit 170:

Courtyard (4 stars), 17200 N Laurel Park Dr. (734)-462-2000  
 Marriott (4 1/2 stars), 17100 N Laurel Park Dr. (734)-462-3100  
 Best Western (5 stars), 16999 S Laurel Park Dr. (734)-464-0050  
 Red Roof Inn (4 stars), 39700 Ann Arbor Rd. (734)-459-3300  
 Quality Inn (4 stars), 40455 Ann Arbor Rd. (734)-455-8100  
 (an NCCC approved Choice hotel)

Accommodations at I-275 exit 28:

**Enter the banquet parking and facility at the top of the hill**

Appetizers during social hour

Buffet dinner menu :  
 Roasted N.Y. Strip  
 Chicken Picatta

Oriental blend vegetable  
 Oven roasted red skins  
 Homemade breads and rolls

Mostaccioli marinara  
 Garden Greek salad

Name (s) \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount enclosed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Make check payable to Michigan Region of Corvette Clubs  
 Mail to: Joe Scafero, 27530 Buckingham, Livonia, MI 48154

**Deadline March 31 please**  
**More info call Joe @ 313-515-0734**







# April 2011

## Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 1:30 - 4:00 pm CCCC vs JCC Bowling Challenge	4	5	6 7:00 - 8:30 pm General Membership Meeting	7	8	9 6:30 - 10:00 pm NCCC Michigan Region Awards Banquet
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17 9:00 am Low Speed - CCM (NS)	18	19	20 6:30- 8:00 pm Board Meeting	21	22	23
24	25	26 7:30 - 9:30 pm MI Region Meeting	27	28	29 NCCC National Meetings	30 8:30-5:00pm Vermontville Parade NCCC National Meetings

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