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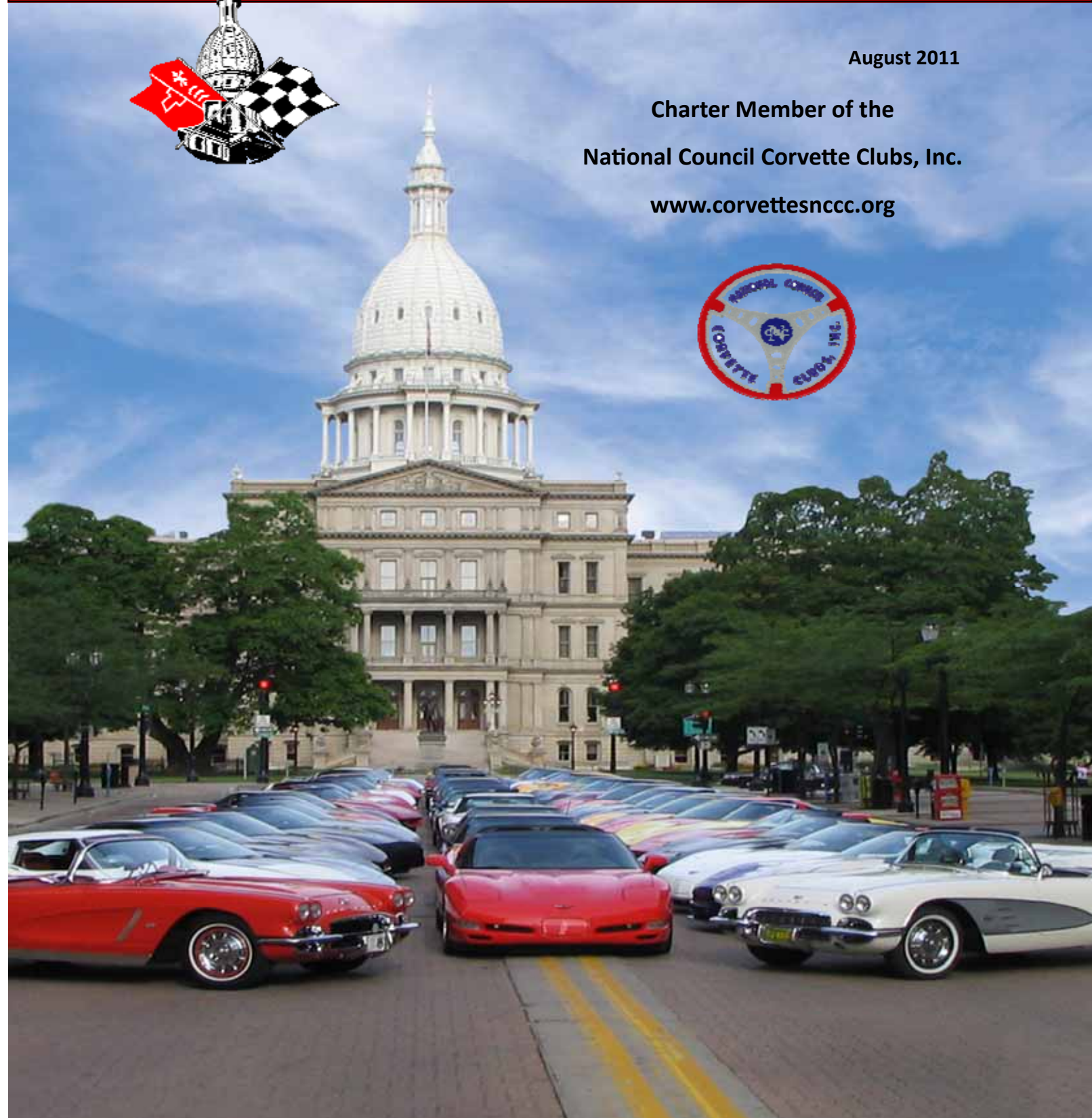
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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

August 3rd • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Board Meeting

August 17th • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

August Birthdays

Laurie Ketcik (6) • Ted Lasher (13) • Dominique Palacio (21)

Howard Hein (22) • Chris Burke (24)

Cones and Bones

August 6th • See Flyer

Let's Meet For Breakfast

August 20th • See Flyer

Corvette Crossroads Summer Getaway

Aug 25-28 • See Flyer

Horsepower At The Zoo

September 18th • See Flyer

Fall Getaway

September 30th • See Flyer

BACKYARD BBQ AND HAYRIDE

September 24th • See Flyer



Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all September newsletter articles to
rnbuck1220 @ hotmail.com by August 23rd



From The President...



July has been a busy month for those who participated in all the scheduled events, and it's not yet over. I'm writing this just prior to our big weekend at Spartan Speedway July 30th and 31st, and what a weekend it will be. If you are reading this after the fact, I hope you were able to attend, either to race or relax in the grandstands.

Our joint (with the Capital Area Muscle Car Club) Sparrow Hospice Benefit Car Show was a good time for all. It was hot, and there was construction in the area so turnout was light, but we still made about \$2,100 for Hospice. That makes it about \$5,000 for the year for both shows. The CAMCC guys really put in a lot plan-

ning and preparation to make this such a success, and our team worked hard to support them.

The Onsted Show Car Nationals at MIS was a riot. Only a couple of CCCC members attended, but it was a blast. We got some track time at pretty good speeds, and learned to tolerate a lot of heat in the infield. There were many beautiful cars on display. If you like car shows, this is one to schedule for next year.

Our Drive & Dine to the Kalamazoo Air Zoo was a success. Everyone seemed to enjoy the tour and free time at the museum, the meal was very good at Theo & Stacy's Greek Restaurant, and we missed all the hard rain. Life is good. We also ran into a large group at the restaurant from America's Corvette Club. They were dining first and then going to the Air Zoo. We went to the Air Zoo first, than dined. It was quite a surprise to pull in to eat and find the parking lot full of Corvettes. We were lucky they didn't take our reservations – and did have the staff a bit confused over which club was which. All was fine, and we had a nice visit.

Don't forget Cones & Bones Saturday, August 6th. Our puppies deserve a little drive and dine, too! If you have a dog and haven't been there, come join in for some great ice cream and a bit of barking.

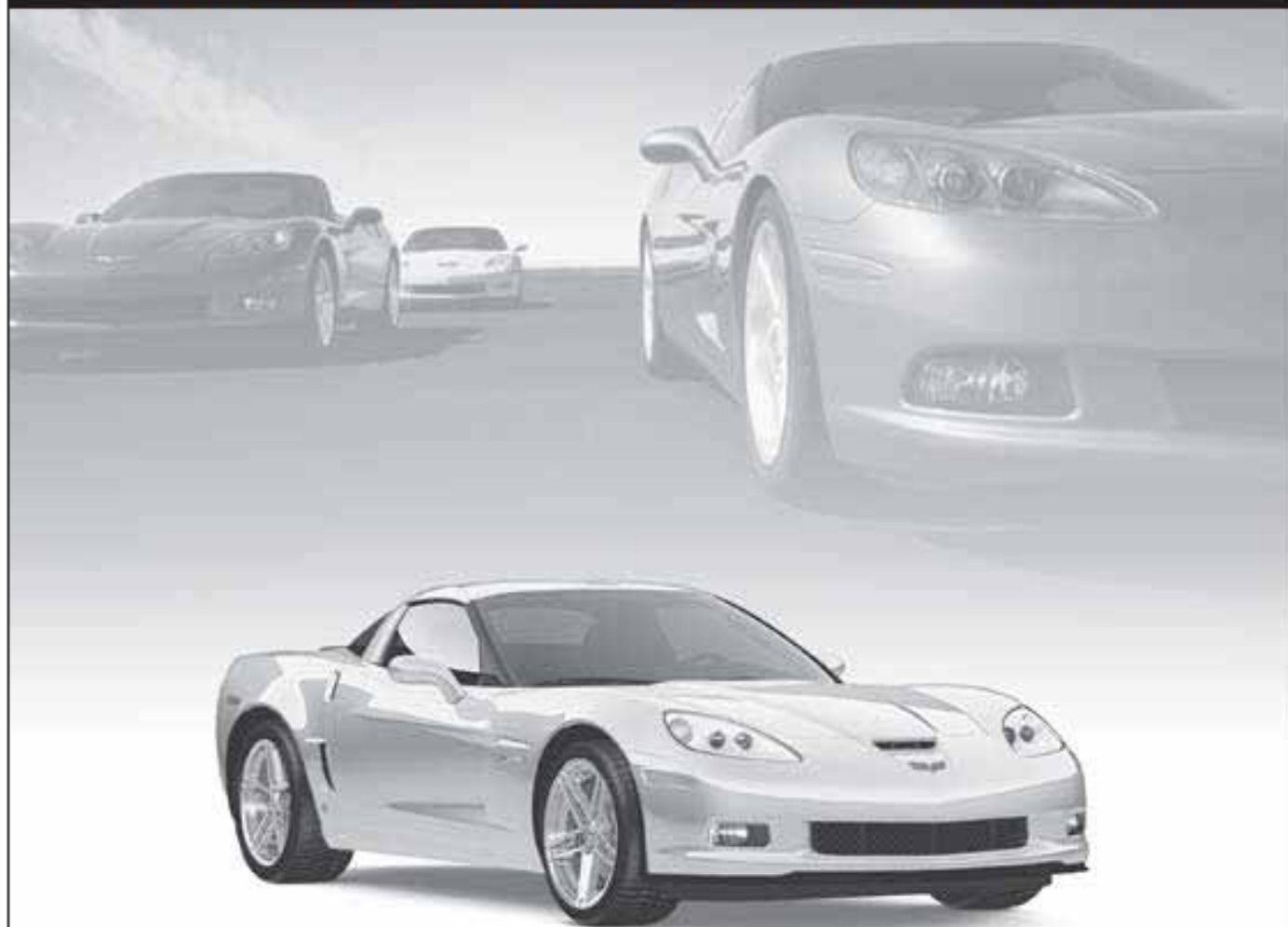
Our Summer Getaway at Mackinaw City is fast approaching. Corvette Crossroads has become an annual tradition for many in the club, and this year we may even throw in a couple more days in the U.P. for those who can get loose a bit longer.

I think I have enjoyed this year with the club more than any one prior. Everyone seems to be having a great time, no complaints or issues, and great new members who have fit right in. This is what it is all about – having fun with our friends, making new friends, and especially centering it all around our beloved Corvettes. As our past president, John Bechtel once said, "Don't take things too seriously. It's just a car club. Nothing we do will change the world, so just enjoy". Good advice. Thanks John.

Craig



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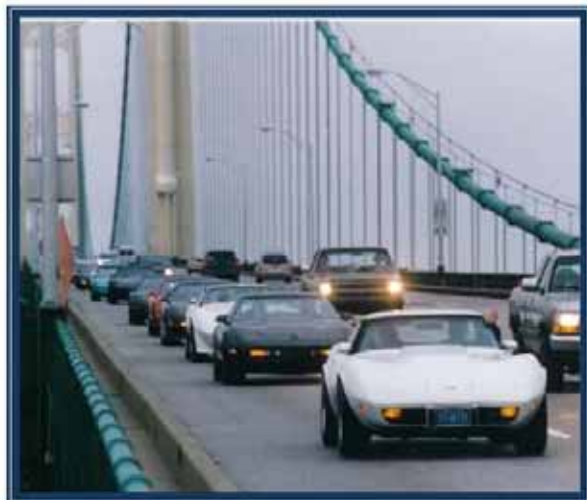
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CCCC Summer Getaway to Mackinaw City ~ August 25 – 28



This is a fun time to get to know everyone. We do lots of socializing between eating, daily ice cream runs and our bonfires on the beach every night.

With all of the Corvettes arriving, downtown Mackinaw City is the place to be Friday night. We usually eat at the Pancake Chef because they can accommodate our large group and they have a very nice buffet dinner.

Caravan Details

Thursday: We will caravan from Clark Corners (Clark Road and Old US 27) at 10:00 am. We plan to stop at the Houghton Lake Big Boy for lunch along the way. We are open to suggestions on where to plan a day trip for Friday.

Friday: Another group will head up on Friday morning. Please contact Simon or Gloria if you would be interested in leading the Friday group.

Lodging Details

The Waterfront Inn is an older motel and offers many first floor rooms with parking in front of your room. Mackinaw Beach & Bay All Suites Resort is right next door. Capital City Corvette Club member rates are below. Get your reservations in early to get the room style you want.

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Visit www.mbbresort.com for room amenity details.

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\$99 on Thursday
\$159 on Friday & Saturday

Suite B (2 rooms) –
1 king, 2 queens, 1 queen
sofa sleeper (room for 8)
\$119 on Thursday
\$179 on Friday & Saturday

All rates are for two adults. Add \$5 additional per night per additional adult. Cancellation time expires at 6 p.m. 3 days prior to arrival day, not including the day of arrival. Failure to comply with cancellation requirement will allow hotel to charge for one nights stay.

Contact Simon or Gloria with any questions about the weekend. We hope you can join us!

Corvette Crossroads ~ August 27

The show takes place on a paved parking lot behind Mackinaw Crossing Mall from 10:00 – 2:00 Saturday, August 27, with the awards presentation at 3:00. Cost to enter the show is \$25 if pre-registered by August 5; \$35 thereafter. The registration form is available on our Website. Pre-registration packets can be picked up at the Chamber Office in the Mackinaw Crossings Mall between 10:00 – 6:00 Friday, or at the show Saturday. Saturday evening the Corvettes parade through the downtown district and then cross the Mackinac Bridge. Parade participation is free to registered Corvettes; \$5 if taking part in the parade only.

Corvettes at the Summit

Ford retiree fulfills a long-time dream -- a 1954 Corvette

By Larry Edsall / Special to The Detroit News July 12, 2011 (reprinted by permission)

CANTON, Mich. -- Thomas Gamache remembers the day in 1953 when his father, a chauffeur at General Motors, came back to Michigan with a bunch of brochures after attending the Motorama auto show extravaganza in New York's Waldorf-Astoria Hotel.

"I was 12 years old," Gamache said here last weekend at the record-setting seventh annual Corvettes at the Summit gathering around the

shores of the pond in Heritage Park.

"I saw that car," Gamache still says the word "car" with a reverent air. "It was so beautiful.

"Someday," I said, "I'll own one."

That car was the original Chevrolet Corvette, which was shown to the public for the first time at the Motorama show and was so popularly received in New York and at other cities the show visited that GM quickly put its sports car into production, the first of the fiberglass-bodied two-seaters rolling off an assembly line in Flint on June 30.

Thomas Gamache also pursued a career in Detroit's auto industry, working first at Detroit Diesel and then retiring after 30 years at Ford.

But Gamache never lost his desire for that first Corvette roadster, and when he retired in May of 1999, he finally found one and bought it "as my retirement present to myself."

Gamache's car is a 1954 Corvette which, he notes, was built March 2, 1954, and was the 826 Corvette built to that date; after the first 300 were crafted in Flint, production shifted in 1954 to an assembly plant in St. Louis, Mo.



Thomas Gamache of Canton is the fifth owner of this 1954 Corvette, the 526th built that model year and only the 826th overall.



The license plate on this red roadster lets everyone know that Patrick Lickfeldt's Corvette is a 19 SIXTY 2.

Gamache is the fifth owner of his car. It originally was sold to someone in Dearborn, then went to two different owners in Jackson, then to Ann Arbor, and now to Gamache's home in Canton.

Sometime before Gamache got the car, it had been involved in a fire and its hood was replaced. Otherwise, it's nearly all original, he said, though the front fenders were repainted after the fire and at some point the interior was redone, though not only in the proper original-equipment color but even with the right stitching.

The car also still has its factory signal-seeking AM radio, which Gamache says he worked long and hard to get back into signal-seeking and working condition.

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Corvettes at the Summit

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While many car collectors have a variety of classic vehicles in their garages, often several Corvettes, Gamache has only his cherished '54 and the car he drives on a daily basis.

"It's the only Corvette I ever wanted," he said, and he was willing to wait decades to get it.

By the way, Gamache isn't the only one who appreciates his very early and classic Corvette. Not only did it draw a lot of attention at the Corvettes at the Summit show, but Gamache said his former Ford co-workers love it when he drives the white roadster to retiree reunions.

Gamache's was one of more than 150 Corvettes displayed at Corvettes at the Summit this year. The show is staged by the Corvette Legends, a relatively new -- eight years old -- and small -- only 52 members -- car club. The field of 150 fiberglass sports cars (and one matching fiberglass trailer) parked on the grassy hills around the Heritage Park pond represented nearly a 40-percent increase over the previous record turnout.

This year the increasingly popular event raised money for the Detroit Area Diaper Bank and drew individual cars and entire Corvette clubs from as far away as Flint, Battle Creek and Ontario.



Anglers at the pond in Heritage Park hope that Juan and Lisa Bradford's bright-yellow 1971 Corvette will attract fish to the shoreline.



More than 150 Corvettes -- from 1954 through 2011 -- were displayed around the pond in Canton's Heritage Park.

From The Detroit News: <http://apps.detnews.com/apps/joyrides/index.php#ixzz1SSVbPGkB>

Patrick Lickfelt attended the "Corvettes at the Summit" show at Heritage Park in Canton on July 9. A photo of his 1962 Corvette was selected to accompany the article written by Larry Edsall. This article was published in the July 12th edition of The Detroit News. We have received permission from the author and from The Detroit News to reprint the article in our club newsletter.

Article submitted by Patrick Lickfeldt

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CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

July 6th , 2011 Membership Meeting



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

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM Craig Iansiti.

President - Craig Iansiti advised there will be a Drive and Dine on July 23rd. HAZ will be September 18th and we need sponsors. You can be a sponsor yourself with a mini sponsorship. This will be our 11th year for HAZ. No guests and no new members were present. Craig stated a great time was had by all at Bloomington Gold. On July 16th Huron Valley is having a rally. This is the same date as MIS. July 10th is the Sparrow Hospice Logan's Car Show and we will need workers for this show.

Governor/VP - Simon Reiffer attended Convention in Tinley Park 6/30 – 7/4 and reported the following: Overall, a Great Convention! Awards were given out Saturday. Gloria took 1ST Place for the CCCC Web Site nationally! WOW! Family helping Family will be ready in the near future and they are working on several other national programs.

Secretary - Connie Britz – Mike Britz (Acting Secretary) requested and received approval of the June General Meeting minutes.

Treasurer - Mike Britz reviewed account balances effective 7/1/2011.

Points - Kim Keith advised the group points are up to date on the web site.

Membership - Dave Pursel advised the club has 64 FCOA and 92 members. Name tags for new members will be available at the next meeting.

Editor - Randy Buck had nothing new to report.

Competition - Rich Bratschi needs help for Spartan Speedway on July 30th.

Public Relations - Sandy Bechtel had nothing new to report on public relations. She did update the August 13th Yard Sale. Please sign up to help and to support the bake sale we will hold at the same time. Money from the sale will be divided as follows - \$250 to the John Bechtel fund and the balance will go to HAZ. Everything that does not sale will be picked up by Volunteers of America at 3:15 PM.

Social - Carol Putmon awarded candy bars for folks with Birthdays in July. She also reminded the group of Cones and Bones on August 6th. The Fall Getaway will be October 1st and 2nd and the Fall Tour will be October 8th.

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Hearts and Flowers - Julie Lasher had a card for members to sign for Ed and a card was sent to Sandy in honor of her new home.

Historian - Sue Keith talked to Jim Hoppin who was the first president of CCCC when the club started in 1959. 1959 was also the first year the club joined NCCC. Jim will check and see if he has any old info on the history of the club. Carrie Hutton has the award CCCC received from Mid-America Motorworks acknowledging the club's 50th Anniversary at Funfest 2008. Sue has been in touch with her to arrange obtaining the award for the club.

NCN Ambassador - Joe Thomas advised construction at the Corvette Museum will start with the West End Track (2.3 miles long). They will also build an Autocross and Drag Strip.

Photographer - Ted Lasher had nothing new to report. If you have pictures of new cars get them to Ted.

Quartermaster - Randy Putmon was not present.

Sergeant-at-Arms - Patrick Lickfeldt – was not present.

Webmaster - Gloria Reiffer will be adding Convention photos to the web.

Member Input – Sandy Bechtel advised she has moving boxes for the taking. Just give her a call. A member pointed out there was a Dewitt Ox Roast Car Show and Cruise in the Park on Saturday, August 20th.

50/50 Drawing – winner received \$62.

Adjourn - Request to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 7:57 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by M. C. Britz - Acting Secretary



HORSEPOWER AT THE ZOO 2011

Sunday, September 18 at the Potter Park Zoo
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Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of July 21st, 2011

37	Sandy Bechtel	1	Raoul Eiseman	9	Janet Litrenta	5	Richard Shatkosky*
15	James Boettcher	10	Jennifer Everhart*	6	Bob Maynard	0	Bill Simons
15	Mara Boettcher	1	Randy Gisse	3	Shalimar Maynard	20	Thomas Sipka
23	Colleen Bratschi	12	Vidal Gonzalez	0	Linda McMillan	0	Victor Smith
32	Rich Bratschi	7	Howard Hein	8	Barb Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
12	Connie Britz	9	Angela Hyde	8	Steve Musselman	4	Steve Spinrad
22	Mike Britz	43	Craig Iansiti	1	George Nelson	1	Janet Sprague
0	David Brown	28	Janet Iansiti	28	Dominique Palacios	1	Michael Sprague
4	Diana Brown-Mosher	1	Dick Iding	26	Jerry Palacios	6	Ralph Swan
50	NancyLee Buck	11	Greg Kapp	6	Diana Parks	6	Susan Swan
55	Randy Buck	43	Kim Keith	8	Howard Parks	13	Connie Taylor
16	Chris Burke	44	Sue Keith	10	Joe Platte	13	Tom Taylor
24	Terry Burke	2	Frank Kessler	3	Ed Politza	21	Joseph Thomas*
8	Dennis Burt	2	Judy Kessler	3	Suzanne Politza	21	Harold Twining
8	Sandy Burt	1	Laurie Ketcik	18	David Pursel	21	Katherine Twining
8	Dana Conley	0	Fred Koos	6	Kathryn Pursel	18	Sue VanAtta
8	Darrell Conley	0	Judy Koos	41	Carol Putmon	0	Larry Warren*
15	Dave Cripe*	10	Sheila Lansing	37	Randy Putmon	0	Linda Warren*
2	Pat Cripe	30	Julie Lasher	59	Gloria Reiffer	2	Lee Webster
1	Darwin Day	32	Ted Lasher	50	Simon Reiffer	20	Larry Wight
27	Art Doty*	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	40	Robert Ribar	10	Gary Wyma
23	Nancy Doty*	19	Patrick Lickfeldt	15	Milton Scales	8	Kathy Wyma
1	Catherine Eiseman	11	Carlo Litrenta	5	Brenda Shatkosky*		

Current 2011 Top Ten

59	Gloria Reiffer	50	Simon Reiffer	43	Kim Keith	37	Randy Putmon
55	Randy Buck	44	Sue Keith	41	Carol Putmon		
50	NancyLee Buck	43	Craig Iansiti	40	Robert Ribar		



*NCCC number is with another Michigan Region club.

SIXTH ANNUAL BACKYARD BBQ • HAYRIDE • BONFIRE

When: Saturday, September the 24th 2011

Meeting Time: 5:00-5:15p.m.

Meeting Place: Clark Corners
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Randy cell: 281-6421 Carol cell: 331-4629



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

July 20th , 2011 Board Meeting



Social Time & Dining: started around 5:30 P.M. Craig shared a 'thank you' note from Suzie Politza for the jacket the club presented to Ed. Dominique Palacio had graciously personalized the jacket for Ed. The club is trying to find a date which will work to bring a 'mini' car show and picnic to Ed's home.

President: Craig Iansiti opened the board meeting with a report on the success of the two car shows for Sparrow Hospice that have raised approximately \$5,000.00.

Janet Iansiti reported on HAZ sponsors and prize status. She concluded that all is going well.

Secretary: Connie Britz asked that minutes from the July general membership meeting be approved. There was one correction from Sue Keith stating that the four club members she spoke with in June did not include Bill Ewing who is deceased and that Richard Dunham is not a former club member. She did speak with Jim Hoppin who was the club's first president. The minutes were approved as amended.

Treasurer: Mike Britz reported that he had corrected mistakes previously reported in budget items. He had the same 'bottom line' but had rearranged items so that they were attributed to the correct lines on itemized report. The budget stood as corrected.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer said national level will go to voting electronically and is presently doing sample voting. Simon assured board members he would vote to represent the club's wishes.

Points: Kim Keith had received questions via email from a South Florida Club's member about our point system. He was interested in exactly how it worked, how long it had been in place, etc. Kim tried to explain the system's benefits in so far as determining what events are successful and which are not, etc. Kim said the inquirer would try to duplicate the system for his club in South Florida.

Membership: Dave Pursel feels comfortable in job and has a successful system in place. He reported 64 FCOA's and 92 regular members.

Editor: Randy Buck had nothing new to report. Board members all agreed newsletter is looking good! He did, however, ask for some input on articles to include in future newsletters.

Competition: Rich Bratschi had nothing new to add.

Public Relations: Sandy Bechtel had recently spoken with **Dick Iding**, sponsor of the club. He is very happy with the club and will remain the sponsor. It was suggested by **Rich Bratschi** we include a story or an article about Dick and his dealership. Sandy said she would be very happy to meet and speak with Dick for a future article.

Social: Carol Putmon had nothing to report.

Craig Iansiti asked if there was someone who was closer to the Post Office who would be able to pick up mail and bring it to meetings. **Rich Bratschi** volunteered to do so and has the second key to the P.O. Box.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher was not present.

Historian - Sue Keith told board members how she was compiling old newsletters and that Joe Thomas had contributed a couple. She has put together a list of members who would be eligible to be nominated for club President and that will be published before nominations take place.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not present

Photographer: Ted Lasher was not present

Quartermaster - Randy Putmon was not present

Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Lickfeldt gave a testimonial about a car show he attended on July 9 "Corvettes at the Summit held in Canton, Mi. He would like to promote this Car Show to the club for an activity for next year. He said it was a very well run car show.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer was not present.

Discussion: Much of the meeting centered around preparations for the Spartan Speedway event to be held next weekend. The club will provide free bottled water but will charge for sodas. Because the cost of food has gone up, the club will charge \$6.00 for pulled pork sandwiches or 2 for \$10.00. Board members are encouraged to bring their own chairs. Colleen and Rich will be there around 6:30 A.M. and those volunteering are encouraged to be there by 7:00 or so.

A discussion on waiver forms followed. Everyone attending is required to sign a waiver. Board members told of volunteers actually going through the stands to get everyone to sign.

In the future there will be waiver forms on the club's website so that in case Craig forgets to bring them, they are easily accessible

Respectfully submitted by Connie Britz – Secretary



FALL GETAWAY TO PORTAGE POINT INN

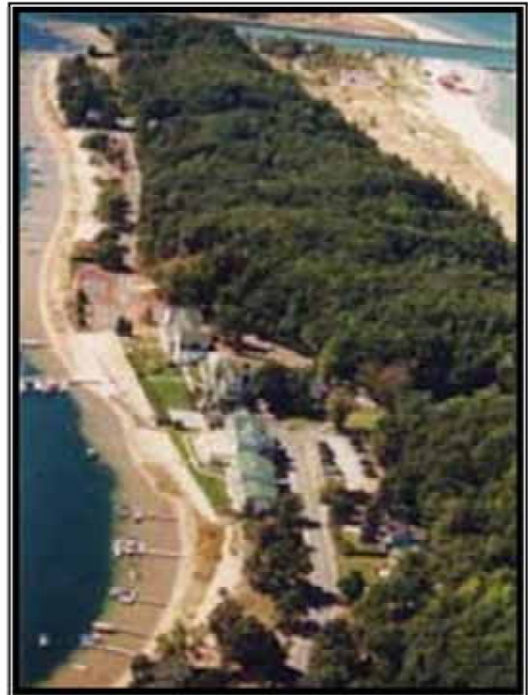
ENJOY THE CHARM OF YESTERYEAR...WITH THE AMENITIES OF TODAY.

We will leave the Flying J, 7800 W. Grand River (Grand Ledge), at 9:00 am Friday, September 30. The drive to Portage Point Inn will take about 3 hours (longer if we stop for lunch).

The Portage Point Inn is located on a peninsula of land between Lake Michigan and Portage Lake, just north of Manistee. Current plans are to dine at the Inn on Friday evening and then relax with a few games of dominoes or cards.

On Saturday we will take a scenic drive on beautiful M22, leaving enough time to rent one of the Inns boats, golf, go to the casino, or just enjoy the Inn and beach.

Saturday evening we will dine at a local restaurant recommended by the Inn.



RESERVATIONS:

Call 800.878.7248 or 231.889.4222 to reserve the accommodation that best suits you. Visit their Website at www.portagepointinn.com for more information. When reserving, be sure to mention that you are with Capital City Corvette Club.

QUESTIONS:

Contact Greg Kapp if you have any questions.

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August 20th

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Randy & Nancy Buck 517-937-8642

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Kalamazoo Air Zoo

CCCC Color Tour Saturday October 8th, 2011



Where: Meet at the Charlotte Meijers at 10:45 am (NE corner of M-50 & I-69)

1167 E Clinton Trail, Charlotte, MI

Drive Time: Approx. 2 Hours including a 30 minute break mid-route.

Heading: Mostly West.

Highlights: Photo opportunity for you and your car during the break.

Route is mostly country roads.

Exact colors cannot be guaranteed.

Lunch: Reservations are for 1pm. Cost is \$8.00 to \$15.00 per person.

Other Info: Bring your walkie-talkie & your camera.

Hosted by Kim & Sue Keith

Phone 616-308-4313



August 2011

Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 7:00 - 8:30 pm General Member- ship Meeting	4	5	6 3:00 pm Cones & Bones
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 7:30 am Car Show - ACC (S)
14 9:30 am Car Show - CCM (S)	15	16	17 6:30 - 8:30 pm Board Meeting	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 <div>Summer Getaway to Mackinaw City</div> Corvette Crossroads
28 Summer Getaway to Mackinaw City	29	30	31			

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