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Happy New Year Everyone!

Due to the first Wednesday in January falling on New Year's Day, our next general membership meeting will take place on January 8, 2014.

General Membership Meeting

January 8 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Board Meeting (2014 officers)

January 15 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Contact Janet Litrenta if you would like to organize a social event.

January Birthdays

Janet Litrenta (2) • Larry Wright (6) • Suzanne Politza (6)
Sue VanAtta-Wright (8) • Alex Spitzley (11) • Fred Koos (19)
Howard Parks (21) • Carol Putmon (21) • Patrick Lickfeldt (31)
Randy Gisse (31)

Please accept my apology if your birthday was missed.

Please submit newsletter articles to 4c . board @ cccorvette . org by the 24th of each month.



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From Our President

As I'm writing my first-ever "president's letter", we have just gone through one of the worst weather weeks in more than 20 years. Ice, snow, freezing temperatures, downed wires, broken trees, no power day after day, canceled parties. Did I mention ice? It has become crystal clear why we own Corvettes – we not only want to have fun, we need to have fun. I know our cars are tucked away right now. Not a bad thing, considering. There are always the bowl games: The Buffalo Wild Wings game is on December 28th - Good luck to the maize and blue. There's also the Rose Bowl (the mother of all bowl games) on New Year's Day - Go Michigan State, beat Stanford. Until we can drive our Corvettes next spring, I hope you make your fun in other creative ways. If you're heading south, don't forget the sunscreen. In any event, let's stay warm and keep smiling.

Sandy Bechtel

News for Members

Editor's Notes:

Since we didn't have a membership and board meeting in December this month's newsletter is a little shorter than usual – no meeting minutes to review.

I am an avid car magazine reader as well as being somewhat of a computer geek. Motor Trend, Autoweek, Corvette Magazine and of course Blue Bars all arrive in my mail box. And I'm a member of Corvette Forum on the web, so I'll do my best to keep you informed on the latest Corvette auto news.

The 2014 Corvette didn't make Motor Trend's car of the year. Was it the tail lights? That honor went to the Cadillac CTS, a fine automobile. Although, the Corvette was a finalist in the sports care class along with the Jaguar F-type. Nice company I'd say.

As the new editor, I have a few ideas to share. I'd like to add a couple of ongoing sections to the newsletter this year. A tech tips and mods section for the DIYers and a featured members car of the month. Any input on these ideas would be greatly appreciated. You can email me at jwardr@yahoo.com if you're interested in contributing.

Everyone have a great new year and see you on the road in the spring.

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And don't forget, Bud Kouts offers CCCC members a 10% discount on parts and labor for all Corvette repairs. Be sure to show your club membership ID when arranging for service.

Sue Keith, our historian, recently updated the Capital City Corvette Club display case at Bud Kouts. Be sure to stop in and check it out!

Activities coming up in 2014

North American International Auto Show



Experience the next generation of transportation at the North American International Auto Show 2014. See more than 500 vehicles on display, representing the most innovative designs in the world and experience North America's largest and most prestigious automotive showcase.

When - Public Show Date & Times

Saturday, January 18 - Saturday, January 25, 2014 9 a.m. - 10 p.m. (no admittance after 9 p.m.)

Sunday, January 26, 2014 9 a.m. - 7 p.m. (no admittance after 6 p.m.)

Ticket Pricing

- Adults: \$13 per person
- eTickets: \$13 per person
- Seniors: \$7 (65 and older)
- Children \$7 (7-12 years old; 6 and under free with a parent or guardian)

Location

Cobo Center
One Washington Boulevard
Detroit, MI 48226

Web site

<http://www.naias.com/the-2014-show/public-show.aspx>

NCCC Convention

It's time to start your plans for the 2014 NCCC convention. Registration begins on February 1st. The convention will be on August 25th through August 29th in Savannah, GA. More information at www.corvettesnccc.org

Corvette Museum



Thursday, January 9th is your chance to win a "Build Your Own" 2014 Stingray! This raffle gives the winner the opportunity to pick and choose the color and options of their coupe or

convertible, or take \$55,000 CASH! Tickets are \$200 and the raffle is limited to 1,000 tickets.

Learn more about NCM raffles, including exclusions and restrictions and purchase tickets online at www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle.

Labor Day weekend 2014 marks a major milestone in Corvette and Museum history; Corvette, the longest running single marquee, is in its 7th generation and the Museum, a member driven organization, celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Grand Opening.

In keeping with tradition, which is one of the hallmarks of the Corvette world, the kick-off to the celebration starts with thousands of Corvette enthusiasts from all over the world making their way to Bowling Green, Kentucky in ever-growing caravans converging on the home of Corvette for 3+ days of exciting Corvette lifestyle.



2014 National Corvette Caravan

A Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY from all over the United States

When

Leaving Michigan Tuesday August 26, 2014 and arriving in Bowling Green, Kentucky on Wednesday August 27, 2014.

The Route

Marshall, Michigan

Meet at Caron Chevrolet in Marshall around noon on Tuesday August 26, 2014.

Jeff McQuade of Calhoun County Corvettes is helping with the coordination of activities at Caron Chevrolet.

From the East side of Michigan

Meet at Matick Chevrolet Redford Michigan. Assemble at 8 AM and leave at 10 AM for Marshall.

Plan to be on the road from Marshall by 2 PM for the next destination Indianapolis, Indiana.

More Information Available at

<http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com/>

-No other car can match the 2014 Corvette Stingray, which delivers 455 horsepower and an EPA-estimated 29 mpg highway

DETROIT – The 2014 Corvette Stingray will deliver up an EPA-estimated 17 miles per gallon in the city, and 29 mpg on the highway. This makes the new Corvette Stingray the most fuel efficient sports car on the market, as no other car offers more than more than 455 horsepower and greater than 29 mpg highway.

"The Corvette Stingray establishes the benchmark for modern performance cars by using technologies to deliver more performance and more miles per gallon," said Tadge Juechter, executive chief engineer for the Corvette. "We expect more and more performance cars will follow Corvette's example."

The EPA estimate of 17 city and 29 highway is for the Corvette Stingray equipped with an all-new, seven-speed manual transmission. The estimate reflects an average of fuel economy in both the default "Tour" mode (which delivers 28 mpg highway) and driver-selectable "Eco" mode (which delivers 30 mpg highway). For Stingrays equipped with the seven-speed manual transmission, Eco mode enables Active Fuel Management, which disables four of the cylinders during light engine loads for improved fuel economy.

For Corvette Stingrays equipped with the six-speed automatic, Active



Fuel Management is active in all drive modes until the driver engages the manual-shift mode using the steering-wheel paddles. Fuel economy estimates for Corvette Stingrays equipped with the six-speed automatic will be finalized soon.

Significantly, the all-new Corvette Stingray is more fuel efficient and more powerful. The highway rating represents an 11-percent increase in fuel economy over the previous Corvette, while the all-new 6.2L LT1 V-8 delivers 455 horsepower, a 6-percent increase over the previous Corvette (the LT1 delivers 460 horsepower with the available dual-mode exhaust).

By comparison, the Porsche 911 Carrera S delivers 400 horsepower, and an EPA-estimated 27 mpg highway.

Sports cars with more than 455 horsepower typically offer significantly lower highway fuel economy estimates than the Corvette Stingray. For example, the Jaguar F-Type S offers 495 hp and 23 mpg highway while the Audi R8 V10 offers 510 hp and 19 mpg highway.



Sports cars that deliver more than 29 mpg highway based on EPA estimates typically deliver significantly less engine output. For example, the Porsche Cayman offers 30 mpg and 275 hp while the BMW Z4 sDrive28 delivers 34 mpg and 241 hp.

The 2014 Corvette Stingray coupe goes on sale this fall, with a convertible following by the end of the year.

Founded in 1911 in Detroit, Chevrolet is now one of the world's largest car brands, doing business in more than 140 countries and selling more than 4.5 million cars and trucks a year. Chevrolet provides customers with fuel-efficient vehicles that feature spirited performance, expressive design, and high quality. More information on Chevrolet models can be found at www.chevrolet.com.





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Participation Points as of December 28, 2013

(Note: members that joined after September do not have points listed.)



2	Austin Arunasalam	48	Art Doty*	44	Bob Maynard	8	Brenda Shatkosky*
11	David Averill	48	Nancy Doty*	10	Shalimar Maynard	6	Richard Shatkosky*
8	Ursula Averill	1	Jennifer Everhart*	19	Chuck Miller	33	Barbara Sipka
4	Roy Bailey	0	Randy Gisse	21	Diana Mosher	33	Thomas Sipka
2	Jim Balla*	2	Vidal Gonzalez	18	Barb Musselman	0	David Sowders
	Scott Bauries	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	22	Steve Musselman	0	Fran Sowders
0	Dana Beaman	12	Jeanne Harris	4	George Nelson	3	Loretta Spinrad
0	Kim Beaman	16	Ward Harris	33	Dominique Palacio	4	Steve Spinrad
82	Sandy Bechtel	35	Howard Hein	33	Jerry Palacio	4	Alex Spitzley
10	Mary Blackwood		Jim Hoppin	42	Diana Parks	4	Joan Spitzley
12	Tim Blackwood	44	Angela Hyde	82	Howard Parks	1	Janet Sprague
16	James Boettcher	68	Craig Iansiti		Codi Plaskett	6	Michael Sprague
12	Mara Boettcher	66	Janet Iansiti		Kiesha Plaskett	34	Ralph Swan
29	Colleen Bratschi		Dick Iding	19	Joe Platte	34	Susan Swan
33	Rich Bratschi	27	Laura Kazmer	32	Ed Politza	17	Connie Taylor
9	Connie Britz	37	Wayne Kazmer	34	Suzanne Politza	19	Tom Taylor
42	Mike Britz	75	Kim Keith	42	David Pursel	8	Joseph Thomas*
36	NancyLee Buck	81	Sue Keith	18	Kathryn Pursel	42	Harold Twining
38	Randy Buck	4	Laurie Ketcik	43	Carol Putmon	44	Katherine Twining
24	Chris Burke	3	Fred Koos	40	Randy Putmon	22	Sue VanAtta-Wight
79	Terry Burke	32	Sheila Lansing	122	Gloria Reiffer	48	Jerry Wardell
13	Dennis Burt	67	Julie Lasher	116	Simon Reiffer	34	Sally Wardell
5	Sandy Burt	71	Ted Lasher	93	Robert Ribar		Chris Wieczorek
17	Dave Cripe*	12	Ellie Lickfeldt		Connie Rosendall		Tom Wieczorek
11	Pat Cripe	29	Patrick Lickfeldt		Dick Rosendall	30	Larry Wight
7	Darwin Day	39	Carlo Litrenta	39	Milton Scales	11	Gary Wyma
4	Sheila Day	52	Janet Litrenta	18	Herb Schultz	8	Kathy Wyma
			Lee MacGillivray	12	Kathleen Schultz		

2013 Top Ten

122	Gloria Reiffer	82	Sandy Bechtel	79	Terry Burke	68	Craig Iansiti
116	Simon Reiffer	82	Howard Parks	75	Kim Keith		
93	Robert Ribar	81	Sue Keith	71	Ted Lasher		

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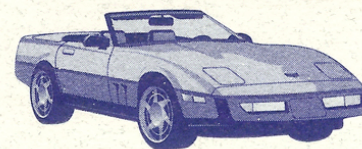
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