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The Newsletter of Capital City Corvette Club

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September Activities

General Membership Meeting

September 3 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Game Night

September 12th • 5:00 PM
3109 Smithville Rd • Eaton Rapids

Meet for Breakfast

September 13 • 9:30 AM • Bob Evans
625 Commercial Drive • Lansing

Drive & Dine

September 14 • 1:45 PM • Meet at Flying J
7800 W Grand River • Grand Ledge
Dine at Olivera's in Ionia

Board Meeting

September 17 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

9th annual BBQ and Hayride

September 27 • 5:00 • Meet at Clark Corners
former Dewitt Outlet Mall

Please check the CCCC Web Site for additional information.

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

September Birthdays

Thomas Taylor	Sep-01	Sheila Hein	Sep-18
Dave Cripe	Sep-08	Darwin Day	Sep-21
		Janet	
Kim Keith	Sep-09	Gunthorpe	Sep-26
Jerry Wardell	Sep-11	Angela Hyde	Sep-26
Julie Lasher	Sep-15	Carlo Litrenta	Sep-27
Jerry Palacio	Sep-16	David Sowders	Sep-28
Ursula Averill	Sep-18	Dick Iding	Sep-30

*Please accept my
apology if your
birthday was
missed.*

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



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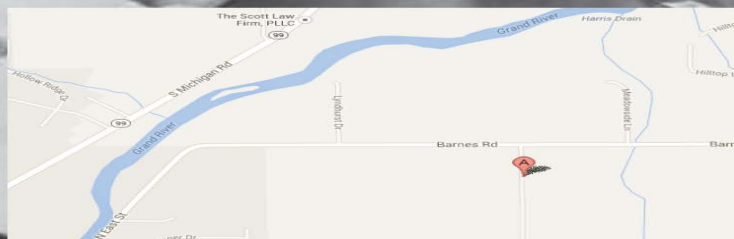
Game Night

Friday, September 12th, • 5:00 p.m.

Games Following Dinner

Bring a Dish to Pass!

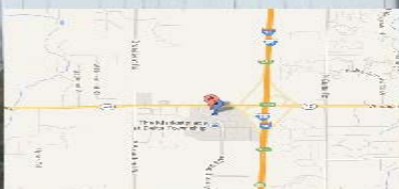
Hosted by Angela Hyde
3109 Smithville Rd., Eaton Rapids
RSVP to Angela Hyde: vettechic@hotmail.com



Let's Meet for Breakfast

Saturday
September 13th
9:30 a.m.

Bob Evans



625 Commercial Drive • Lansing, MI
The Marketplace at Delta Township
Hosted by: Angela Hyde • RSVP: vettechic@hotmail.com

From Our President

Serendipity – Webster defines it as, “a seeming gift for finding something good accidentally”. Yep, our trip to Mackinaw City last Thursday was just that. We gathered at Clarke Corners, left on time, and started our drive north. Everything was routine until we got to the 16-mile stretch of Old US-27, just north of St. Johns. That’s where we happened upon the Old US-27 Motor Tour. While they occupied the right lane, through traffic stayed in the left lane. It was like a classic car show on a conveyor belt. We passed countless amazing cars. (Someone said about 300 – I guess I can still count that high.) What a treat. Construction workers stopped to watch, people were taking pictures from their yards. Movie cameras were whirring. The cars were shiny, some were a little fummy – they were all beautiful!

Something I experienced on Friday was sort of a girl thing. You boys can skip this paragraph if you’d like. After dinner with the club that night, I went back to my motel to wash my car. I was working on the wheels when a young female voice said: “Excuse me, will you please settle a bet for us?” I stood up and saw a couple in their late twenties – toddler sitting on daddy’s shoulders. Cute family! The wife asked me if I always washed the Corvette. Yes. Do you drive it? Yes. Do you own it? Yes. She turned to her husband and said, “I win!” Turns out when they saw me while on their walk, the husband said, “If I owned a car like that, would you wash it for me?” Her retort, “What makes you think her husband owns it?” She walked away with a big smile – he was a good sport! I got a kick out of them, then finished my car before it got too dark to see what I was doing.

Saturday’s car show was almost perfect. Good weather, a lot of Corvettes, people milling around enjoying the day. It was nice to spend the time with club members – nice to make new friends, too. Tim & Mary Blackwood, Art & Nancy Doty, and Tom & Chris Wieczorek’s cars won awards in their individual classes. The club also won for having the most cars in the show. That’s FOUR awards. Way to go CCCC!

Sunday morning – time to head home. I thought that was the end of my Corvette Crossroads experience. Nope. When I stopped at the Clare rest area, Carlo & Janet Litrenta and Terry & Chris Burke were there. Topped off the weekend with Carlo serenading Chris with “Happy Birthday”. Wonderful! The whole weekend was “a seeming gift for finding something good accidentally”.

Save the wave,

Sandy Bechtel

News for Members

Editor’s Notes:

As you read this issue, the NCCC convention in Savannah, GA will be just finishing up. A few members attended, there should be some great stories to share at the next membership meeting. Be there or be square! (only kidding).

C7’s in the news. Car & Driver magazine featured the C7 Z06 convertible on the cover (with a couple other *steel* body cars) of the September new car issue. Check it out!

Do you like the really bright LED high beams? Well BMW has introduced a laser version at 425,000 CD (candlepower). However, don’t expect to see them in the US. The maximum legal head light intensity in the US is 150,000 CD about equal to an overcast day in winter.

Looking for a auction to buy your next corvette? *Barrett – Jackson* is hosting an auction in Las Vegas on September 25th thru 27th. Register on line at <http://www.barrett-jackson.com/>

Our CCCC Sponsor:

Bud Kouts Chevrolet is the official sponsor of Capital City Corvette Club and is one of the area's finest Chevrolet dealers.

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Drive and Dine

Sunday, September 14th
Meet at Flying J, 1:45 p.m.
Depart Flying J, 2:00 p.m.
7800 W Grand River Ave, Grand Ledge
Dine at 3:00 p.m.



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Planning Ahead...

Election of Officers:

It's that time of year where we begin planning for the fall election of our 2015 club officers. The Capital City Corvette Club By-Laws (2012) state, Article IV, Section A1, Officers - Must be Members in good standing and hold their NCCC number with CCCC. Article IV, Section B, 2a, requires that the President must have held a prior elected office in the Club and Article VIII, Section A requires that club officers have their CCCC membership dues renewed for the coming year.

Those eligible to hold the position of president in 2015 include:

Dave Averill	Pat Cripe	Howard Parks	Loretta Spinrad
Scott Bauries	Howard Hein	Joe Platte	Mike Sprague
Sandy Bechtel	Angela Hyde	Ed Politza	Katherine Twining
Rich Bratschi	Craig Iansiti	Suzanne Politza	Jerry Wardell
Colleen Bratschi	Janet Iansiti	Dave Pursel	Sally Wardell
Mike Britz	Kim Keith	Carol Putmon	Gary Wyma
Connie Britz	Janet Litrenta	Simon Reiffer	Kathy Wyma
Randy Buck	Shalimar Maynard	Gloria Reiffer	
Terry Burke	Bob Maynard	Steve Spinrad	

Membership Renewals:

NCCC/CCCC dues are renewed each fall for the upcoming year. Renew your membership prior to the end of the November general membership meeting to avoid a \$10 late fee, imposed by NCCC.

Spouse/Companion membership is restricted to husband, wife, or significant other of the Primary member. Dependent membership is defined as the child of any Primary or Spouse member who is between the ages of 16 and 21, or between the ages of 16 and 25 and also a full time student. See the NCCC Website for additional clarification on dependent members.

Other Activities coming up in September 2014: (Where has the summer gone?)

Frankenmuth Auto Fest

The 31st annual 3 day event located in Frankenmuth, MI is scheduled for September 5th – 7th.

Irish Hills CC low speed event at MIS

This 7 low speed NCCC event is scheduled for September 6th at Michigan International Speedway. Hosted by Irish Hills CC and Great Lakes CC.

Cruise & Dine at Chandler Crossing

Scheduled for September 18th. See flyer in newsletter.

Fun Fest

The 4 day event sponsored by Mid America Motor works and located at there Effingham, IL facility is scheduled for September 18th – 21st. The band Bachman Turner overdrive is featured.

Paragon Open House

This Saturday event sponsored by Paragon Corvette Reproductions is located at there Swartz Creek, MI facility is scheduled for September 20th.

Kim Rules Autocross

This 7 low speed autocross NCCC event is scheduled for September 21st at the Schoolcraft Training Center in Livonia, MI. Hosted by Huron Valley CC, Royal Corvettes of Western MI, Great Lakes CC and the Corvette Club of MI.



Corvette Crossroads 2014

Cruise & Dine



Home-Made Ice Cream Menu

Thursday Special

Bacon Cheeseburger \$3.95

Other Menu Items

Oliveburger \$4.75

Cheeseburger \$4.50

Hot Dog \$2.25

Chili Dog \$2.75

Chicken Sandwich \$4.75

Chicken Nuggets \$4.25

Burger & Fries \$6.25

Burger, Fries & Soda \$6.75

Burger, Fries & Shake \$7.75

Chicken Phillies \$4.95

Beef Phillies \$6.50

Chili-Cheese Fries \$4.95

Spagnuolo's Chocolate,
Ice Cream & Grill

Cruise & Dine

Chandler Crossing

16800 Chandler Rd.

East Lansing

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Thursday September 18

Lake Lansing Rd. to Abbott Rd. (north)

1 mi. north on left side

For Info Contact Darrell Conley (517) 410-5614



Corvette Crossroads Awards



Sandy our club president receiving award for the club with most cars at the show

Spartan Speedway Rallye



Some pics from the Spartan speedway autocross

Event Pictures

Triple Play Cruise - August 1st, 2014 : "What a great time!"



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
General Membership Meeting Minutes
August 6, 2014
Delhi Café, Holt, MI
DRAFT

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

President: Sandy Bechtel welcomed **Marty Latchaw** of Charlotte to the meeting. Marty has a 64 Vette which he recently restored after it had spent 30 years in a barn.

Board of Director Reports:

Secretary: Katherine Twining requested approval of the July 2nd Membership Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by **Craig Iansiti** and SUPPORTED by **Mike Britz** to approve the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer reported on the July 15 Regional Meeting and mentioned that the Data Base will be closed on October 7 and 8. Nominations will be taken for Regional Secretary, Treasurer and Points. The next Regional Meeting is scheduled for September 10. A new rule book will be voted on in November and changes may be made in competition rules. The 2015 National Convention will be held in the Poconos the end of August. No bids have been received for the 2016 event; it may possibly be shortened and be held in the Chicago area.

Treasurer: Mike Britz reports all is good. CCCC totally funded the Spartan Speedway event and Jackson CC will reimburse CCCC. Currently, all bills are paid.

Points: Sally Wardell shared all points are up to date and will be on the website soon.

Membership: Dave Pursel was not in attendance.

Editor: Jerry Wardell has moved back the date for remitting information for the newsletter to August 25th due to the Mackinaw City Crossroads Car Show.

Competition: Mike Sprague shared he felt the Spartan Speedway event was a huge success and that he received many positive comments. He expressed special thanks to **Jerry** and **Sally Wardell** for their help. He appreciated everyone's help and support and expressed thanks to all who assisted. CCCC made \$584. He suggested participant numbers need to increase in the future. Suggestion was to hold a car show in addition to the races at Spartan Speedway. Future events need to be published early on the calendar.

Public Relations: Dave Averill shared he had recently attended a car show in Colorado and enjoyed seeing a 77 white Corvette similar to his, along with meeting new car friends.

Social: Janet Litrenta thanked **Angela Hyde** for stepping in for her at the July Membership Meeting. She had sign-up sheets for the Lasher Picnic to be held on Saturday, August 9th, and Hayride and Barbecue at Putmon's on September 27. Members celebrating birthdays in August include: Laurie Nelson, Harold Twining, Ted Lasher, Frances Sowders, Dominique Palacio, Howard Hein, Cindy Hollenbeck, Howard Blackwood and Laurie Nelson.

Appointee Reports:

Hearts and Flowers: Angela Hyde sent a congratulations card to **Tom** and **Chris Wieczorek** on the birth on their new granddaughter.

Historian: Sue Keith had no report.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was absent.

Photographer: Milton Scales has been extremely busy at Meridian Township and **Robert Ribar** has offered to step in as photographer.

Quartermaster: Craig Iansiti reports all is well with the trailer.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Ribar had no report.

Chaplain: Gary Wyma was absent.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer had no report but requested that she be contacted if anyone sees anything out of the ordinary on the website.

New Business:

Nominations: Sandy Bechtel reminded members that it is getting close to time for nominations for the CCCC 2015 Board. **Sue Keith** will provide a list of all previous board members that are eligible to run for president. This information will be printed in upcoming newsletters. **Colleen Bratschi** will run the nomination process and **Sue Keith** will assist in counting ballots.

REMINDER: Your 2015 CCCC Dues must be paid in order to be eligible to vote.

Member Comments:

Corvette Crossroads: Chris Wieczorek reminded those interested in attending the Corvette Crossroads to make note on the sign-up sheet.

Craig Iansiti has information and phone number for an individual in the Holt area who has several Corvette items for sale.

Gloria Reiffer reminded those in attendance of Back to the Bricks on August 16.

Milton Scales asked that he be contacted if anyone is interested in going to Carlisle.

Janet Litrenta reminded everyone to attend the **Lasher Picnic** at Rayner Park on Saturday, August 9.

Hospice Benefit Car Show, hosted by Capital Area Muscle Car Club in association with Capital City Corvette Club will be held at Hawk Island Park, Lansing, MI on Saturday, August 30, 2014.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Harold Twining.

Adjourn:

MOTION was made by **Craig Iansiti** and SUPPORTED by **Kim Keith** to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining
Secretary

Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes – August 20, 2014

Board Members In Attendance:

Sandy Bechtel.....President
Katherine Twining.....Secretary
Simon Reiffer.....Governor/VP
Mike Britz.....Treasurer
Sally Wardell.....Points
Jerry Wardell.....Editor
Dave Averill.....Public Relations
Janet Litrenta.....Social

Board Members Not In Attendance:

Dave Pursel.....Membership
Mike Sprague.....Competition

President: Sandy Bechtel called the CCCC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Secretary: Katherine Twining expressed her thanks to **Angele Hyde** for recording the July Board Meeting Minutes in her absence; the minutes were approved via email.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer shared a Governors' Meeting is schedule September 14 in St. Louis. He will review the minutes of the Regional Meeting at the next membership meeting.

Treasurer: Mike Britz is waiting for a reimbursement check from the Jackson Club for the Spartan Speedway event. CCCC made a \$435 profit on the event.

Points: Sally Wardell reports all points are recorded and up to date.

Membership: Dave Pursel was not in attendance.

Editor: Jerry Wardell reminded everyone that the September newsletter will be out by the 29th.

Competition: Mike Sprague was not in attendance.

Public Relations: Dave Averill had no report.

Social: Janet Litrenta has a breakfast scheduled for September 13 and a Drive & Dine on September 14 at Olivera's in Ionia. Bingo at Tamarack will be discussed under new business.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Hearts & Flowers: Angela Hyde was not in attendance.

Historian: Sue Keith was not in attendance; however, she told **Sandy Bechtel** she will give a presentation at the next Board Meeting.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not in attendance.

Photographer: Bob Ribar was not in attendance.

Quartermaster: Craig Iansiti was not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms: Bob Ribar was not in attendance.

Chaplin: Gary Wyma was not in attendance.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer was not in attendance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Cruizin' for Kids. Sandy Bechtel has a hat left over from the Cruizin' for Kids car show for *Blessings In A Backpack*. Following discussion, decision was made to present the hat to Tina Erskine.

NEW BUSINESS:

Photographer:

MOTION was made by **Simon Reiffer** and SUPPORTED by **Janet Litrenta** to approve the appointment of **Bob Ribar** as Club Photographer to finish out the current year. MOTION CARRIED.

Bingo: There have been issues in attempting to set up Bingo at Tamarack. **Sandy Bechtel** has been in contact with the Delta River Senior Center regarding holding Bingo at their facility on November 1, and she reports the staff is excited about the event. Following discussion, it was decided to follow up with the Center and **Janet Litrenta** will make contact.

Color Tour: Rich and Colleen Bratschi are heading up a color tour on October 18, with October 19 scheduled as rain date.

Adjourn:

MOTION was made by **Dave Averill** and SUPPORTED by **Simon Reiffer** to adjourn at 7:02 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining

Secretary

9th Annual Backyard BBQ • Hayride Bonfire



When: Saturday, September 27th

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

Meeting Place: Clark Corners
(former DeWitt Outlet Mall)

Corner of Clark Road and Business 27

**We will “follow the leader” to Randy & Carol Putmon’s
home, 4900 West Pratt Road, DeWitt, MI**

**Please bring your own chairs and drinks as well as a dish
to pass. Randy and Carol will supply the meat for all.**

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information or directions to their home.**

Randy cell: 281-6421 • Carol cell: 331-4629

Tech Tips and Mods

Ride height

Is the ride height of your C3 through C6 not meeting your expectations. Is it too low or too high and you'd like to change it? Well it can be done (in most cases) with the minimum of cost and effort.

History: The 1981 corvette saw the introduction of the fiberglass reinforced mono leaf transverse suspension spring. The change from the multi-leaf steel spring resulted in a weight savings of 48 lbs per spring. All corvettes from then on have the fiberglass spring design.

Here are the stock specs for ride height;

	<u>Front</u>	<u>Rear</u>	
C3 (81 & 82)	11.42"	16.52"	(measurements at front & rear impact bar points.)
C4	6.9"	6.9"	(measurement at front and rear of the rocker panels)
C5	5.98"	6.18"	(measurement at front and rear of the rocker panels +/- .25)
C6	Could not locate factory value. Most likely the same as the C5.		

Note: There are several measurement points on the C5 & C6 for ride height, The above are the easiest to make a quick check. The general heights from the top of the wheel opening can be anywhere from 26" to 28". Keep in mind if you make changes, you will need a 4 wheel alignment.

Adjustment is fairly straight forward. (1) raise the car, (2) remove wheel and take the wheel assembly weight off the spring, i.e. use a jack stand (carefully) under the spring side to be adjusted and (3) with the appropriate ratchet and socket or open end wrench (10 mm front – 18mm rear on a C5) turn the adjustment bolt clockwise to raise height (4 Turns is about a 3/4" change). WD40 or similar will most likely be needed. It takes about a day for the adjustment to settle in. Front shown in picture.→



Crate Motors

Looking for a crate motor? According to the September issue of Car & Driver the selection is extensive and can range from about \$2,500 to \$25,000 or the most expensive is \$39,000 for a Mopar V10 800hp 512ci competition motor. The best bang for the buck? A Chevy 350ci 290hp at the low end of the price range. Shipping is extra.

GPS Radio

Want a GPS with Bluetooth stereo for your C5 or older Vette? Since the General introduced the 1.5 DIN* radio back in the early 80's you'd think there would be a great array of choices. Well, sorta. A couple choices today are (1) a single DIN radio and bezel adapter with a motorized screen or (2) re-due your C5 radio bezel to accommodate a double DIN stereo (check online for a bezel modifier). There are some 1.5 DIN suppliers still out there, but GPS with Bluetooth does not appear available in this size.

Note: The stock radio is about 5.2" in depth. Keep in mind when selecting a head unit.

The mechanical part is not too difficult for DIYers, (1) remove the center bezel, (2) remove radio mounting screws and pull out the stereo, (3) disconnect harnesses and antenna. Reverse with new stereo. Oops, I didn't mention the wiring part for the new stereo. There are plug-in adapters for the factory harness, but the new stereo - get out your wiring diagram, wire strippers and soldering iron. Better yet - order the whole setup (stereo and all) from Crutchfield (or a similar supplier).

* DIN stands for "Deutsches Institut für Normung", meaning "German institute for standardization" an industry adopted standard. Single DIN is 50mm x 180mm and double is 100mm x 180mm face plate.



Capital City Corvette Club

Participation Points for Year 2014



As Of: Wednesday, August 27, 2014

Member 108

33 David Averill	8 Ursula Averill	Jim Balla	Dana Beaman
Kim Beaman	57 Sandy Bechtel	4 Mary Blackwood	4 Tim Blackwood
7 James Boettcher	6 Mara Boettcher	35 Colleen Bratschi	34 Rich Bratschi
9 Connie Britz	42 Mike Britz	13 NancyLee Buck	12 Randy Buck
7 Terry Burke	4 Dana Conley	7 Darrell Conley	2 Fred Cowper
2 Sioux Cowper	8 Dave Cripe	3 Pat Cripe	Darwin Day
Sheila Day	21 Art Doty	22 Nancy Doty	Jennifer A Everhart
Paul Flynn	Janet Gunthorpe	Larry Gunthorpe	19 Jeanne Harris
21 Ward Harris	21 Howard Hein	16 Sheila Hein	Cindy Hollenbeck
Jim Hoppin	51 Angela Hyde	57 Craig Iansiti	47 Janet Iansiti
Dick Iding	1 Laura Kazmer	1 Wayne Kazmer	67 Kim Keith
70 Sue Keith	Fred Koos	18 Julie Lasher	19 Ted Lasher
Ellie Lickfeldt	6 Patrick Lickfeldt	25 Carlo Litrenta	33 Janet Litrenta
Lee MacGillvray	23 Bob Maynard	4 Shalimar Maynard	30 Chuck Miller
30 Diana Mosher	9 Barb Musselman	9 Steve Musselman	George Nelson
Laurie Nelson	33 Dominique Palacio	35 Jerry Palacio	2 Diana Parks
3 Howard Parks	Codi Plaskett	Kiesha Plaskett	8 Joe Platte
6 Ed Politza	8 Suzanne Politza	39 David Pursel	10 Kathryn Pursel
19 Carol Putmon	18 Randy Putmon	89 Gloria Reiffer	86 Simon Reiffer
69 Robert Ribar	8 Connie Rosendall	8 Dick Rosendall	32 Milton Scales
Herb Schultz	Kathleen Schultz	4 Brenda Shatkosky	8 Richard Shatkosky
9 Barbara Ann Sipka	9 Thomas Sipka	4 David Sowders	Frances Sowders
1 Loretta Spinrad	1 Steve Spinrad	1 Janet Sprague	25 Michael Sprague
23 Ralph Swan	23 Susan Swan	20 Connie Taylor	20 Thomas Taylor
5 Joseph Thomas	39 Harold Twining	46 Katherine Twining	10 Sue VanAtta-Wight
60 Jerry Wardell	56 Sally Wardell	44 Christine Wiczorek	38 Thomas Wiczorek
25 Larry Wight	10 Gary Wyma	8 Kathy Wyma	

Current Points Leaders

89 Gloria Reiffer	86 Simon Reiffer	70 Sue Keith	69 Robert Ribar
67 Kim Keith	60 Jerry Wardell	57 Sandy Bechtel	57 Craig Iansiti
56 Sally Wardell	51 Angela Hyde	47 Janet Iansiti	46 Katherine Twining



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