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# *The Connection*

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club*

## **Activities For January**

### **General Membership Meeting**

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

### **Board Meeting**

January 21 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

## **January Birthdays**

Sue VanAtta-Wight	Jan-08	Diane Kuemple	Jan-14
Janet Litrenta	Jan-02	Fred Koos	Jan-19
Mike Britz	Jan-04	Howard Parks	Jan-21
Suzanne Politza	Jan-06	Carol Putmon	Jan-21
Larry Wight	Jan-06	Ellie Lickfeldt	Jan-24
Dick Rosendall	Jan-13	Patrick Lickfeldt	Jan-31

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

Contact Chris Wieczorek if you would like to organize a social event

## *Drive Safely*

Please check the CCCC web site for additional information



Please submit newsletter articles to 4c . editor @ ccorvette.org by the 24<sup>th</sup> of each month.

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**Heritage**  
 CENTER  
[www.gmheritagecenter.com](http://www.gmheritagecenter.com)

Capital City Corvette Club members have been invited to join the Huron Valley and Irish Hills Corvette Clubs for a joint tour of the GM Heritage Center.

**DATE:**           **April 18, 2015** (Saturday)

**CARAVAN:**   **8:45 a.m.** (meet at 8:45 at the east-bound I-96 rest area, located halfway between exits 133 (M-59) and 137 (D-19))

**TOUR TIME:**   **10:00 a.m.** (GM Heritage Center, 6400 Center Drive in Sterling Heights)

**COST:**           **\$20.00 per person** (due by April 1 to Chris Wieczorek – cash or check payable to Capital City Corvette Club)

**RSVP:**           **Sign up at a club meeting or email Chris Wieczorek** (prz922 AT aol DOT com)

Chris needs to know if you plan to do just the tour or if you will also have lunch with everyone at an area restaurant after the tour. (We did Rosie O'Grady's last time.)



This tour has been arranged by Jim Royster, Huron Valley Corvette Club.



## From Our President

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It's 2015 already. Wow! Remember all the Y2K panic when the world was fretting the turn of the century. Our computers were expected to die, security systems would fail, bank vaults would pop open, and planes would fall out of the skies. All at the stroke of midnight, New Year's Eve, 1999. Obviously, none of that happened. Turns out our new technology was smarter than all the IT people thought. Can you believe that was 15 years ago? Amazing!

Our Corvettes are tucked away right now. That's one of the only down sides I see to living in Michigan. When you think about it, though, we're really only a little more than three months away from putting insurance back on them and hitting the roads. Sometimes, it's good when time flies.

Until then, I'm going cruising. This time, it's on the water, in a boat – a big boat. I'm one of those people who loves cruises. I don't really care where the ship is headed. What does it matter what the name of the island or country is? If there are palm trees, beaches, and warm weather, it's gonna be great! My kids have no desire to go on a cruise, they think I'm nuts. (Well, they think that about a lot of things I do.) Although, I don't remember any complaints when I brought home spiced rum from Hawaii or Blue Mountain Coffee from Jamaica.

So, on January 16<sup>th</sup>, it's off to Miami with my sisters, brother-in-law, and nephews. We're going to have fun on a Caribbean cruise. I can't wait. See you all when I get back.

Have a great January, and remember to save the wave.

*Sandy Bechtel*

## News for Members

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### ***Editor's Notes:***

It's time to kick off the new year with accolades from the car magazines on the new Z06.

The January issue of Car & Driver has the test results for the new Z06. A quote from the article states "Um, Holy Crap. Riding a Z06 through the first four gears feels like putting a saddle on Superman". Now that sounds mighty awesome. And BTW the 0 to 60 was 3.0 seconds with the 8 speed automatic.

Motor Trend is also favorably impressed. The February issue states "The Z06 appears to be the product of the Have Your Cake and Eat it department". They rate the 0 to 60 at 3.2 seconds with the 7 speed manual.

Is a supercharged 650 HP LT4 in your future? Maybe....

Everyone have a happy New Year! *Editor*

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## 2015 Bloomington Gold

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Bloomington Gold has moved to the Indianapolis Motor Speedway for 2015!!! Dates are June 25-27. The ever changing Schedule of Events is already posted. Bloomington Gold is planning an Auto Cross, burnout competition and other fun stuff. Staging for the Road Tour is on the Speedway track, and the tour starts there!!

Get your motel reservations in NOW before prices start to skyrocket. There are a lot of hotels to choose from but prices do go up as rooms fill up. A few of us already have reservations at the Drury Inn Indianapolis, 9320 N Michigan Road. Their phone number is 317.876.9777. (It wouldn't hurt to sign up for their Drury Gold Key Club before making your reservations.)

Drury Inn Indianapolis is located about 15 miles out, but is in an area with a lot of restaurants, including walkable ones. That is if you even need to go out. They have a Quick Start breakfast and a free 5:30 Kickback with hot food and cold beverages. If you miss that, a Cracker Barrel is right next door with Texas Roadhouse and Ruby Tuesday on the corner.



Call Simon or Gloria Reiffer if you have any questions. We've attended Bloomington Gold as it has been held in three different locations over the past 20 years. They do a really good job organizing it.



## Activities coming up in 2015

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### **NAIAS - North American International Auto show**

Saturday January 17<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> at Cobo Hall in downtown Detroit.

### **NCCC Michigan Region Annual Awards Banquet**

TBD

### **GM Heritage Tour**

Saturday April 18<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 a.m. (GM Heritage Center, 6400 Center Drive in Sterling Heights). CARAVAN: 8:45 a.m. (meet at 8:45 at the east-bound I-96 rest area, located halfway between exits 133 (M-59) and 137 (D-19). \$20 per person.

### **Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade**

Saturday April 25. Meet at 8:30 at the Quality Dairy 8512 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI. Looking for a sponsor – contact Chris.

### **Marshall Memorial Day Parade**

The annual Marshall Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 25 in Marshall, MI. Looking for a sponsor – contact Chris.



**Marshall Parade**

### **Bloomington Gold**

The 3 day Bloomington Gold NCCC car judging and cruise in Indianapolis, IN at the Indy 500 raceway is scheduled for June 25th - 27th

More info at <http://www.bloomingtongold.com/>

### **Back to the Bricks**

The Back to the Bricks week long event in Flint is scheduled for August 11th – August 15th. The

Corvette reunion car show is Saturday August 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Dream Cruise**

The annual Woodward avenue car cruise is scheduled for Saturday August 15th.

### **Corvettes at Carlisle**

The 3 day Corvettes at Carlisle NCCC judged car show and swap meet is scheduled for August 28th – 30th.

More information at [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

### **NCCC Convention**

It's time to start your plans for the 2015 NCCC convention. Registration begins on February 1st. The convention will be on August 22<sup>nd</sup> through August 27<sup>th</sup> in Lake Harmony, PA.

More information at [www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

### **Corvette Museum**

Always open.

More information at <http://corvettemuseum.org/>

### **Summer Getaway & Corvette Crossroads**

The summer getaway to Mackinaw City, MI and 26<sup>th</sup> annual Corvette Crossroads car show is scheduled for August 21 – 23. The car show is on August 22 from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM.



**Crossroads car show**

### **Fun Fest**

The 4 day event sponsored by Mid America Motor works and located at there Effingham, IL facility is scheduled for September 17th – 20th.

More information at <http://www.corvettefunfest.com/>

# Hosting

## ***Hosting an Event:***

Have you ever thought you might like to host or chair an event but weren't sure what it would take? Questions like, how do I put a flyer together, who do I call, what do I have to set up and with whom.

Well we've got you covered. If you're interested or just curious about what's involved here are some contacts for you.

If it's a social event (drive and dine, breakfast, etc.) just contact our social director Chris Wieczorek and she can provide the details and put you in touch with someone who can assist you. If it's a competition event (rally, drag race, etc.) just contact our competition director Mike Sprague and he can provide the details and put you in touch with someone who can assist you.

And if it's an event that was done the previous year, you can contact the host of that event for the how two's. For instance Robert Maynard & Chuck Miller hosted Blessing of the Vettes last year. It was a NCCC event. They have all the details and can pass along to the next host.

Need assistance with a flyer? We have some great resources. Scott Bauries, a former newsletter editor can help. He's a busy guy, so if he isn't available, Gloria our webmaster can assist. She also has contact information for Scott.

It's as simple as that. We are always looking for folks to host or chair an event, so take the plunge; it can be a fun and a rewarding experience. Plus you get points!

***Some 2014 Hosted events:*** Clockwise (1) Marshall Parade, (2) Blessing of the Vettes, (3) Mackinaw, (4) Triple Play, (5 center) Color Tour





## Christmas Party 2014

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January 2015



## Tech Tips and Mods

### Head Light Adjustment

A not too uncommon problem with C5 vettes with 75k+ miles is headlight aiming and finding the adjustment device frozen. There is no replacement parts available – it is not a GM replacement item. You can purchase a used assembly, but they are difficult to find. So, you'll need to repair what you have.

The process starts with removing the headlight shroud and cover, cover adjustment plate, headlight assembly and finally - the adjustment unit(s). There are two per headlight assemble - (up/down & left/right). Rebuild the adjustment device(s), grease well and reinstall. Figure on 3.5 hours per headlight.



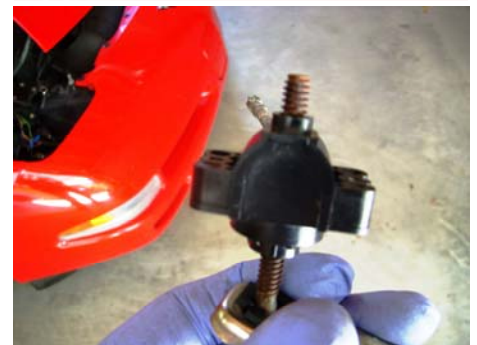
### Engine Oil

#### GM4718M Registered Products

High Performance Engine Oil Specifications

Revision Date: 18-Sep-2008

Product Name	SAE Viscosity Grades
76 Super Synthetic Motor Oil	5W-30, 10W-30
AC Delco Full Synthetic	5W-30
Castrol SLX Professional 4718	5W-30
Chevron Supreme Synthetic	5W-30, 10W-30
CITGO SUPERGARD Synthetic	5W-30, 10W-30
Kendall GT-1 Ultimate Synthetic	5W-30, 10W-30
Mobil 1	0W-30, 5W-30, 10W-30
Northland, Synergy Synthetic	5W-30
Pennzoil Platinum Full Synthetic	5W-30, 10W-30
Q HorsePower	5W-30, 10W-30
Texaco Havoline Synthetic	5W-30, 10W-30







# Capital City Corvette Club

## Participation Points for Year 2014



As Of: Tuesday, December 30, 2014

Member 108

34 David Averill	8 Ursula Averill	4 Jim Balla	Dana Beaman
Kim Beaman	82 Sandy Bechtel	4 Mary Blackwood	6 Tim Blackwood
7 James Boettcher	6 Mara Boettcher	45 Colleen Bratschi	44 Rich Bratschi
16 Connie Britz	49 Mike Britz	15 NancyLee Buck	14 Randy Buck
11 Terry Burke	10 Dana Conley	13 Darrell Conley	2 Fred Cowper
2 Sioux Cowper	15 Dave Cripe	5 Pat Cripe	2 Darwin Day
2 Sheila Day	27 Art Doty	28 Nancy Doty	Jennifer A Everhart
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27 Ward Harris	26 Howard Hein	21 Sheila Hein	Cindy Hollenbeck
Jim Hoppin	78 Angela Hyde	75 Craig Iansiti	64 Janet Iansiti
Dick Iding	1 Laura Kazmer	1 Wayne Kazmer	88 Kim Keith
92 Sue Keith	2 Fred Koos	18 Julie Lasher	19 Ted Lasher
Ellie Lickfeldt	6 Patrick Lickfeldt	38 Carlo Litrenta	56 Janet Litrenta
Lee MacGillvray	31 Bob Maynard	9 Shalimar Maynard	33 Chuck Miller
35 Diana Mosher	17 Barb Musselman	17 Steve Musselman	George Nelson
Laurie Nelson	39 Dominique Palacio	41 Jerry Palacio	2 Diana Parks
7 Howard Parks	Codi Plaskett	Kiesha Plaskett	15 Joe Platte
9 Ed Politza	12 Suzanne Politza	45 David Pursel	13 Kathryn Pursel
25 Carol Putmon	24 Randy Putmon	118 Gloria Reiffer	114 Simon Reiffer
90 Robert Ribar	8 Connie Rosendall	11 Dick Rosendall	34 Milton Scales
Herb Schultz	Kathleen Schultz	4 Brenda Shatkosky	8 Richard Shatkosky
17 Barbara Ann Sipka	17 Thomas Sipka	4 David Sowders	Frances Sowders
1 Loretta Spinrad	1 Steve Spinrad	1 Janet Sprague	25 Michael Sprague
27 Ralph Swan	27 Susan Swan	25 Connie Taylor	27 Thomas Taylor
7 Joseph Thomas	55 Harold Twining	62 Katherine Twining	17 Sue VanAtta-Wight
85 Jerry Wardell	81 Sally Wardell	54 Christine Wiczorek	48 Thomas Wiczorek
33 Larry Wight	10 Gary Wyma	8 Kathy Wyma	

## Year End Points Standings – Top Ten

118 Gloria Reiffer  
88 Kim Keith  
78 Angela Hyde

114 Simon Reiffer  
85 Jerry Wardell  
75 Craig Iansiti

92 Sue Keith  
82 Sandy Bechtel

90 Robert Ribar  
81 Sally Wardell



James Garner and friends with one of his 1968 COPO corvettes. Number 44 is scheduled to be auctioned at Barret – Jackson. Jim recently passed away – RIP.



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