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Social Director

Mike Britz
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The Monthly Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club

Activities for December

General Membership Meeting

- No membership meeting in December

Christmas Party

December 5th • 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the R club • Buffet at 2 p.m. • 6409 Centurion Dr. Lansing • see flyer for details

Board Meeting

- No board meeting in December

December Birthdays

Sipka	Barb	December 7
Gunthorpe	Larry	December 19
Latchaw	Marty	December 23
Averill	David	December 24
Musselman	Steve	December 24

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

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Christmas Lunch / Dinner Party!

Date: Saturday, December 5, 2015

Place: R-Club • 6409 Centurion Dr. Lansing, MI 48917

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. • Buffet at 2 p.m. • Cash Bar

Door prizes and games.

*Wear your best Christmas outfit,
most Christmasy wins a prize!*

*Remember to bring a childhood
picture or yourself at Christmas time!*

*This is a pre-paid event. Cost is \$25.00 per person
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From Our President

December – wow! Typically, I wait until January to reminisce. Since this is my last letter as your president, though, I'm starting a month early.

I was gone a little more than nine weeks this year. Not all at once, like most people. It was a few days, a week, or two, or three at a time. I enjoyed every moment of that time away – wonderful scenery, experiences, and people. Unfortunately, I'm a person who gets homesick easily. It only takes about four or five days for it to set in.

I guess that means my everyday life is good – and it is. We all know there are a lot of seriously-frightening things going on in our world. In spite of what airs on the six o'clock news each night, though, I'm convinced most people are good hearted. Just look at this club.

I thank John for finding you, and for encouraging me to attend meetings with him. We joined in 2002. With each passing year, members have created new ways to have fun and to help our community. Just check our website. So far in 2015, we have donated approximately \$8,300 to local organizations, and helped the Capital Area Muscle Car Club raise another \$4,000 for Sparrow hospice. Plus, who can forget the prizes, gift cards, goodies and fun we had playing Bingo with our new friends at Delta River Senior Village. We're still smiling. And, the year isn't over yet. It shows the good that can be done by a small group of people with big hearts.

I am blessed to count you as my friends, and honored to have served as your president these past two years.

Merry Christmas.

Sandy Bechtel

Election of Officers:

At the November general membership meeting club officers were elected. Those elected to office for 2016 are;

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|---------------------------------------|--|
| • Competition Director: Rich Bratschi | • President: Dave Purcel |
| • Governor: Simon Reiffer | • Public Relations Director: Tom Wieczorek |
| • Membership Director: Angela Hyde | • Secretary: Colleen Bratschi |
| • Newsletter Editor: Scott Bauries | • Social Director: Chris Wieczorek |
| • Points Director: Sally Wardell | • Treasurer: Mike Britz |

News for Members

Editor's Notes:

Best wishes and enjoy the holiday season. A Merry Christmas to all. May your stocking be filled with a title (or the pink slip as the beach boys call it) to a new corvette.

Drive safely.

Editor

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CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2015

PRESIDENT: Sandy Bechtel called the meeting to order @ 7pm

SECRETARY: Colleen Bratschi asked for approval of the October 2015 membership minutes. Craig Iansiti made motion and Tom Wieczorek seconded. Motion was carried.

V/P GOVERNOR: Simon Reiffer reported that he will be attending the next Regional meeting here in Lansing, but would not be attending the next Governors meeting in St. Louis. Simon reported his voting for National is all done.

TREASURER: Mike Britz was absent. Mike had sent information to Sandy that all bills had been paid and accounts balanced.

POINTS: Sally Wardell reported all points up to date. Sally also reported that after checking with NCCC that our club must keep hard copy of waivers used at events.

MEMBERSHIP: Angela Hyde reported that we have 100 members, 2 honorary, and 44 FCOA members. At the time of the meeting she had received renewals for 2016 from 85 members.

EDITOR: Jerry Wardell had no report. Newsletter deadline is November 24th.

COMPETITION: Mike Sprague was absent

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dave Averill had no report

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Chris Wieczorek talked about the clubs Christmas Party & Bingo. Chris reminded everyone attending the Christmas party to bring a picture of themselves at Christmas time to be used in a game that afternoon.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS:

HEARTS & FLOWERS: Angela Hyde reported cards were being sent to 4 members of the club.

HISTORIAN: Sue Keith had no report

NCM Ambassador: Kim Keith had no report

PHOTOGRAPHER: Bob Ribar had no report

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bob Ribar had no report

QUARTERMASTER: Craig Iansiti had no report

CHAPLAIN: Ward Harris had no report

WEBMASTER: Gloria Reiffer had no report

PAST PRESIDENT: Terry Burke was absent

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: Tom Wiczorek made a report on the Sponsorship committee that he headed last fall. With the information collected and visits made the 2015 Board of directors made a decision to change the sponsorship of the club to Shaheen Chevrolet effective January 1, 2016.

2016 Election results were presented by Sue Keith and our clubs new Board members are: President – Dave Pursel, Secretary – Colleen Bratschi, V/P Governor – Simon Reiffer, Treasurer – Mike Britz, Points – Sally Wardell, Membership- Angela Hyde, Editor – Scott Bauries, Competition – Rich Bratschi, Public Relations – Tom Wiczorek, Social Director- Chris Wiczorek.

Bob Maynard collected money for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Looks like we will be able to send another \$1000.00 to them at the end of December thanks to members of the club.

50/50: Winner was Sam Zabawsky – Congrats!!!

ADJOURNMENT: Sue Keith made motion to close the meeting @ 7:50 and Craig Iansiti seconded. Motion was carried.

Prepared by your Secretary;

Colleen Bratschi☺

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 18, 2015

PRESIDENT: Sandy Bechtel called meeting to order @ 6:31pm

BOARD REPORTS:

SECRETARY: Colleen Bratschi asked for approval of Board minutes from the October 21, 2015 meeting because there were not enough e-mail approvals. Motion was made by Sandy Bechtel to approve, motion carried.

V/P GOVERNOR: Simon Reiffer reported on the Regional elections, and the upcoming banquet on April 3, 2016 in Flint, Mi..

Simon also reported on the GM logo regulations, if you would like more info on these regulations contact Simon he will be glad to give you the info he has at this point.

Simon informed the board that at the last Regional meeting he was able to put our Clubs name in for the dates needed for our 2016 Spartan event. These dates are July 30 & 31. So please mark your calendar now.

TREASURER: Mike Britz had no report

POINTS: Sally Wardell reported all points are up to date.

MEMBERSHIP: Angela Hyde reported that we have 100 members, 2 honorary, and 44 FCOA members. Angela reported that for 2016 we have 90 paid renewals, and that she will be preparing the new membership lists to come out in January 2016, so if you have any updates she might need please get them to her.

EDITOR: JERRY WARDELL had no report.

COMPETITION: Mike Sprague was absent. Simon did discuss again the fact that he was able to put the clubs name in for Spartan event on the Regional calendar for July 30 & 31, 2016 . With these 7 points there will be 3 left for the Blessing event .

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dave Averill reported that he was preparing letters to go out to those who advertise in the Clubs newsletter for 2016. Dave also talked to club members about the need for someone to be in charge of a facebook site for the club.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Chris Wieczorek read a thank you from the Delta Retirement home for all that was given to them during the Bingo event.

Chris reported that with all the donations given this year she will be able to give \$20 gift cards this Christmas to each resident.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS:

HEARTS & FLOWERS: Angela Hyde reported all requested card are up to date.

HISTORIAN: Sue Keith was absent

NCM AMBASSADOR: Kim Keith was absent

PHOTOGRAPHER: Bob Ribar was absent

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bob Ribar was absent

QUARTERMASTER: Craig Iansiti was absent

CHAPLAIN: Ward Harris was absent

WEBMASTER: Gloria Reiffer reported she was working on the logo for the new sponsor Shaheen Chevrolet.

PAST PRESIDENT: Terry Burke was absent

NEW BUSINESS: A welcome to all new board members was made. Scott Bauries is working on a supply of new club applications, and business cards with the new sponsor information.

2016 budget will be worked on thru January, so it may be presented to the members in February. Motion was made and accepted that the donation amount be increased to \$3000.00 per year.

Bingo equipment: Chris Wieczorek made a motion that the club purchase bingo equipment @ a cost of \$94.00 and the motion was seconded by Jerry Wardell. Motion was moved. There will be some investigation into different types of bingo cards to be used.

Sponsorship: It was noted that with Tom Wieczorek being elected to the Public Relations position for 2016, that there is no need to have a separate Sponsorship director. Tom gave out goodies he had received from Shaheen's to all at the meeting as examples of things that we will be able to obtain for upcoming events we may have.

MEMBERSHIP COMMENT: None

ADJOURNMENT: Simon Reiffer made motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Chris Wieczorek. Motion carried

Prepared by your Secretary;

Colleen Bratschi☺

Tech Tips, Mods and Facts

RPO	1st yr	Last Yr	Cu In	HP	HP	
L30	1966	&	1967	327	300	Base
L36	1966	to	1969	427	390	1x4
L46	1969	&	1970	350	350	Option
L48	1973	to	1980	350	190	Base
L68	1967	to	1969	427	400	3x2
L71	1967	to	1969	427	435	3x2
L72	1966			427	425	1x4
L75	1963	to	1965	327	300	
L76	1963	to	1965	327	340	
L79	1965	to	1967	327	350	
L81	1981			350	190	
L82	1973	to	1980	350	250	Option
L83	1982	&	1984	350	200	to 205 Base
L84	1963	to	1965	327	360	FI
L88	1967	to	1969	427	430	1x4
L89	1967	to	1969	427	435	3x2
L98	1985	to	1991	350	230	to 250 Base
LG4	1980			305	180	
LS1	1997	to	2004	346	345	to 350 Base
LS2	2006	&	2007	364	400	Base
LS3	2008	to	2013	376	430	Base
LS4	1973	&	1974	454	275	to 270 Option
LS5	1970	to	1972	454	390	Option
LS6	1971			454	425	Option
LS7	1970			454	460	Not built
LS7	2006	to	2013	427	505	Z06
LS9	2009	to	2013	376	638	
LT1	2014	to	2015	376	450	Base
LT1	1992	to	1996	350	300	
LT-1	1970	to	1972	350	370	to 330 255 net
LT4	1996			350	330	
LT4	2015			376	650	SC LT1
LT5	1990	to	1995	350	375	ZR1

Corvette Engine RPO Designations

For you tech spec junkies, here are some facts (as accurate as I could research from multiple sources) about the corvette engines offered starting with the mid years. Hang on to your hat there's 33 versions plus some base engines not specified with an RPO.

The RPO (regular production option) letter/number designations for corvette engines began in 1963. Prior to that numbers were used to identify the options, e.g. the 1962 327 CI (cubic inch) fuelie option was #582. There was not an identification for the base engine prior to 1966.

The smallest engine option since the 1961 283 CI was the LG4. Available in 1980 for only one year, it was a 180 HP (horse power) 305 CI California required engine. It was the first of the computer controlled air/fuel mixture engines using the Oxygen sensor.

The largest engine in cubic inches was the 1970 to 1974 454 CI big block LS4, LS5 and LS6. A 460 HP version LS7 engine was advertised in 1970 but not produced.

Only three RPO's have been duplicated. The 1970 to 1972 LT-1 (350 CI), the 1992 to 1996 LT1 (350 CI) and the current 2014 to 2015 LT1 (376 CI) base engine. The 1996 LT4 (350 CI) and the 2015 LT4 super charge (376 CI) 650 HP engine. The 1970 LS7 (454 CI) however not produced and the 2006 to 2013 LS7 (427 CI) Z06 engine.

The LS series engines are among the most popular crate engines available today. Ranging from the LS3 430 HP to the LS9 638 HP super charged version.

More info on crate engines is available at

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

Some Corvette Trivia

- The four speed manual transmission was first made available in late 1957.
- Seat belts were first installed by the factory in 1958.
- C2 corvettes may be called mid years because they were produced in the middle of the 1960's or maybe they were named after the C3's came out. I couldn't find any consensus.
- The 1967 C2 was originally to be the first year of the C3 model. GM delayed the C3 a year.
- Cheer's star Ted Danson was said to drive a 1967 427 coupe in the TV series.
- Radial tires were introduced on the 1974 corvette.
- Power door locks and intermittent windshield wipers were first available on the 1978 corvette.
- The 1979 model year was the highest production of any corvette at 53,807.
- The four speed automatic was introduced in the 1982 model year.
- The 1982 cross fire L83 engine is considered the reintroduction of fuel injection dating back to 1965.
- Automatic only transmissions were available in 1982 and 1984.
- Passive key less entry (PKE) was introduced in 1993 and discontinued in 2000.
- The 1997 vette began the 'drive by wire' era. No more throttle cable.
- The six speed automatic transmission was introduced in the 2006 model year.



Capital City Corvette Club

Participation Points for Year 2015



As Of: Friday, November 27, 2015

Member 101

30 David Averill	Ursula Averill	1 Roy Bailey	Jim Balla
2 Dana Beaman	Kim Beaman	63 Sandy Bechtel	16 Mary Blackwood
24 Tim Blackwood	10 James Boettcher	7 Mara Boettcher	48 Colleen Bratschi
47 Rich Bratschi	19 Connie Britz	39 Mike Britz	NancyLee Buck
Randy Buck	10 Terry Burke	13 Dana Conley	12 Darrell Conley
14 Dave Cripe	9 Pat Cripe	6 Fred Darin	1 Darwin Day
1 Sheila Day	24 Art Doty	24 Nancy Doty	Janet Gunthorpe
Larry Gunthorpe	34 Jeanne Harris	46 Ward Harris	20 Howard Hein
14 Sheila Hein	Jim Hoppin	70 Angela Hyde	73 Craig Iansiti
52 Janet Iansiti	Dick Iding	6 Laura Kazmer	6 Wayne Kazmer
99 Kim Keith	103 Sue Keith	8 Fred Koos	13 David Kuempel
11 Diane Kuempel	8 Marty Latchaw	4 Sue Latchaw	6 Ellie Lickfeldt
6 Patrick Lickfeldt	20 Carlo Litrenta	32 Janet Litrenta	Lee MacGillvray
34 Bob Maynard	10 Shalimar Maynard	49 Chuck Miller	12 Diana Mosher
6 Barb Musselman	8 Steve Musselman	1 George Nelson	1 Lori Nelson
21 Dominique Palacio	21 Jerry Palacio	Diana Parks	3 Howard Parks
6 Joe Platte	2 Suzanne Politza	26 David Pursel	14 Kathryn Pursel
5 Carol Putmon	4 Randy Putmon	17 Deanna Pyle	17 Robert Pyle
117 Gloria Reiffer	107 Simon Reiffer	64 Robert Ribar	18 Milton Scales
1 Mike Seagun	8 Brenda Shatkosky	8 Richard Shatkosky	14 Jim Simmons
Vicky Simmons	10 Barbara Ann Sipka	10 Thomas Sipka	1 Loretta Spinrad
1 Steve Spinrad	Janet Sprague	38 Michael Sprague	12 Ralph Swan
12 Susan Swan	29 Connie Taylor	29 Thomas Taylor	54 Harold Twining
54 Katherine Twining	17 Sue VanAtta-Wight	120 Jerry Wardell	117 Sally Wardell
99 Christine Wieczorek	77 Thomas Wieczorek	26 Larry Wight	6 Sam Zabawsky

Current Points Standings – Top Ten

120 Jerry Wardell
103 Sue Keith
73 Craig Iansiti

117 Gloria Reiffer
99 Kim Keith
70 Angela Hyde

117 Sally Wardell
99 Christine Wieczorek

107 Simon Reiffer
77 Thomas Wieczorek



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