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# THE CONNECTION

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December 2022

**106 Members**  
**2 Honorary Members**  
**34 FCOA**



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# Bingo at Delta River November 5<sup>th</sup>







Speed Funkhana Weekend  
November 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>







# Toys for Totes Lingenfelter Collection November 13<sup>th</sup>





# ACTIVITIES FOR DECEMBER

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- **Holiday Luncheon** **Dec 3**
- **Nite Lites at MIS** **Dec 9**

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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**Patricia Mead**  
**December 4**



**Cary Mulvany**  
**December 19**



**Barb Sipka**  
**December 7**



**Steve Musselman**  
**December 24**



**Kelly Wilson**  
**December 16**

**Check out the Events Page on the CCCC Website for more information on upcoming NCCC, Local, Regional, and National Events.**  
[Event Flyers \(cccorvette.org\)](http://cccorvette.org)



# Holiday Luncheon

December 3, 2022

1:00pm – 3:30pm

Buffet at 1:30pm



## Coral Gables

2838 Grand River Ave, East Lansing, MI

### Menu

Roasted Sliced Breast of Turkey with Stuffing • Beef Sirloin Tips in Mushroom Gravy

Mashed Potatoes • Baby Carrots and Green Beans

Tossed Salad • Rolls

Soft Drinks • Coffee • Tea • Cash Bar

Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce

### RSVP

RSVP with your Payment of \$30 per person by Friday, November 25, 2022

Checks Payable to: *Capital City Corvette Club*

Mail to: Melissa Felts • 3741 David Ln, Lansing, MI 48911

Contact: [melissagfelts@yahoo.com](mailto:melissagfelts@yahoo.com) • 865.583.9288

Bob Maynard will be collecting donations for the *Greater Lansing Food Bank*.

GREATER LANSING  
**foodbank**



Kyle Felts will be collecting donations for *Toys for Tots*.





# Join us for Christmas Lights at MIS



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Cost \$30/Vehicle

**December 9th 2022**

**Meet: 5:15PM at Meijer South Lansing**  
**6200 S Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing**  
**Dinner: Following (~7:45PM)**  
**JR's Hometown Grill & Pub**  
**11551 Brooklyn Rd, Brooklyn, MI**

**Contact: Kyle Felts [screaming\\_yellow\\_gt@yahoo.com](mailto:screaming_yellow_gt@yahoo.com)**



**Michigan International Speedway**  
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**12626 US-12**  
**Brooklyn, Michigan 49230**

\*It's about an hour drive to MIS, we will stop at the Sunoco at the intersection of US12 & US 127 (Facilities at MIS are closed)

# 2022 CLUB OFFICERS

## PRESIDENT

Kyle  
Felts



## GOVERNOR/VP

Simon  
Reiffer



## SECRETARY

Tim  
Wells



## TREASURER

Mike  
Britz



## SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Melissa  
Felts



## COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Kevin  
Mead



## MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Angela  
Hyde



## POINTS DIRECTOR

Mary  
Wells



## NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Tom  
Faupel



## PR DIRECTOR

Chuck  
Miller





# 2022 APPOINTED OFFICERS

## CHAPLAIN

Ward  
Harris



## HEARTS & FLOWERS

Ann  
Voss



## HISTORIAN

Sue  
Keith



## NCM AMBASSADOR

Casey  
Mulvany



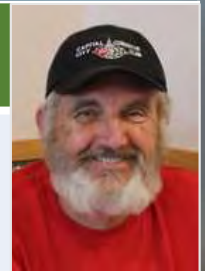
## PHOTOGRAPHER

Stella  
Wood



## QUARTERMASTER

Randy  
Putmon



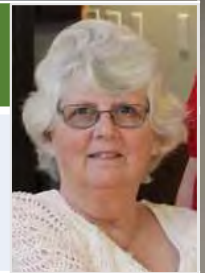
## SERGEANT AT ARMS

Geofrey  
Cradit



## WEBMASTER

Gloria  
Reiffer



## PAST PRESIDENT

Bob  
Maynard



## FACEBOOK MODERATOR

Dave  
Voss





# President's Page



Members,

Unfortunately it is December and there is very little Corvette news to share as most have been put away. My wife and I caught a glimpse of a new Z06 sporting Manufacturers plates the other night driving in Okemos though. It is coming soon and that sound is definitely unique to the new Z06. We do have two more events to close out the year; our Holiday Luncheon on the 3rd and MIS Nite Lites on the 9th.

I can't believe how fast this year has passed with all the events I attended. Again, I want to thank all who attend any NCCC sanctioned competition. That being the shows, rallyes, autocrosses, or Funkhana. We finished 3rd in the region and were able to bid and secure each date we wanted for our sanctioned events for 2023. This makes planning a lot easier when you can get your target dates. Additionally, there still may be some events that post nationally, but looks like we as a club will finish in the Top 35, meaning we are in the top 20% of clubs that scored this year. We can all be proud of both of those accomplishments.

At writing, all of the event results have not been posted for the MI region. However, we can tell that we will have men and women from Capital City that will place in the Region overall and in some Trails. These members will be recognized at the Regional Banquet this spring. If possible, please plan to attend and support your fellow Capital City members. We will get a list published as soon as all scoring is available and like most events, the Region Banquet is open to any members, not just those receiving awards. As always, keep an eye on the Calendar of Events online for updated information.

This month it also warms my heart to see the generosity our club has for our community. In addition to our annual charitable donations to our community, we also supported Toys for Tots this year. The Lingenfelter's were kind enough to allow us to host an intimate event at their Car Collection to gather toys. In all, we filled two and a half boxes full of Toys. This allowed us to leave one full at Lingenfelter's and fill one and a half at Shaheen's Chevrolet.

Remember to Wave!

Kyle Felts  
President  
Capital City Corvette Club



# Membership Meeting Minutes

**Capital City Corvette Club  
General Membership Meeting  
November 2, 2021 @ 7:00 PM: Delhi Cafe & Zoom**

**7:00 Call to Order:** Kyle Felts

- The only mail discussed included a flyer for the Kodner Galleries event in Boca Raton, November 6, 2022.
- Kyle thanked the attendees and organizers of the color tour and river cruise.
- Urged members to attend the funkana this coming weekend.

**7:05 Board Reports:**

Secretary: Tim Wells

- No additions or corrections were made. Motion to approve October minutes: Mike Britz, seconded by James Sutherland, and approved by the majority of the membership in attendance.
- Tim Wells will be taking over secretary duties for the months of November through April.

Treasurer: Mike Britz

- All bills are paid, and a detailed report has been sent out to board members for their review.

VP / Governor: Simon Reiffer

- Has flyers for the Wisconsin Dells Corvette Adventure, June 8-10, 2023.
- The Regional meeting is scheduled for next Tuesday (November 8) at Buddies in Holt.
- The National Governor's meeting will be held in St Louis on November 12 & 13.
- Simon has cast his ballot for next year's national board members and bylaw changes.
- National Convention will be in Bowling Green, KY during June 25-30.

Social Director: Melissa Feltz

- The Holiday Party will be December 3rd from 1:00-3:00 at Coral Gables. Cost is \$30 per person.

Points Director: Mary Wells

- Points are up to date.

Competition Director: Kevin Mead

- We will be bidding for next year's event dates in the coming week, including:
  - Blessing of the Corvettes on June 17th.
  - Birch Run autocross on August 5-6.
- Hoping to get up to 30 members to take their cars to Corvette Envy and Gilmore Car Museum on July 16th.
- The club is doing very well in points, which helps us when bidding event dates.



# Membership Meeting Minutes

Editor: Tom Faupel

- Newsletter published today.
- As always, appreciating input for the next newsletter.

Membership Director: Angela Hyde

- The club has 106 members, 2 honorary members, and 34 FCOA.
- Over 90 members have renewed for 2023, 11 have yet to renew, and 2 are in the process.
- Angela will be updating the membership rosters next week and forwarding to NCCC. Once this happens, you will get a renewal email from NCCC. Please make sure your information is correct, and let Angela know if it is not. Also, please give her any updates to your contact information ASAP so that it can be updated prior to sending to NCCC.
- Angela thanked those who attended the color tour.

Public Relations Director: Chuck Miller

- We have one new ad from the Hass' Honeycomb Farm. Has another new ad still pending.

## 7:30 Appointed Officer Report:

Past President: Bob Maynard

- No report

Photographer: Stella Wood

- Photos are up to date on the website. Kyle has added some from regional events.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer

- Website is up to date. Paid the Flickr account (\$137 for 2 years).

Facebook Moderator: Dave Voss

- Not present/No report

Zoom Facilitator: Kyle Felts

- No report

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon

- Trailer is good

Sergeant at Arms: Geoffrey Cradit

- Not present/No report

NCM Ambassador: Casey Mulvany

- Available to discuss joining NCM if interested, and the Ambassador's Convention is November 3-5.



# Membership Meeting Minutes

Historian: Sue Keith

- Not present/No report

Hearts & Flowers: Ann Voss

- Not present/No report

Chaplain: Ward Harris

- Not present/No report

## **7:40 New Business:**

- VOA Delta River Bingo Update: Nov 5th: Setting up between 1:00 & 2:00, Bingo 2:00-4:00. Sandy needs desserts, and help unloading her car. Team will meet at Cheddars afterwards.
- Elections were held with a motion to approve made by Mike Britz, seconded by Bob Maynard, and approved by the majority of members in attendance. The elected positions for 2023:
  - President - Kyle Felts
  - VP / Governor - Simon Reiffer
  - Secretary - Tim Wells/Melissa Hass (split position again)
  - Treasurer – James Sutherland
  - Newsletter Editor - Tom Faupel
  - Competition Director - Kevin Mead
  - Social Director - Unfilled, President/Board will appoint leads for Holiday Party and Bowling.
  - Membership Director - Angela Hyde
  - Points Director – Dan Burke
  - Public Relations Director - Chuck Miller
- Christmas Party – No Meetings in December.
- The following charitable giving was recommended. Motion to approve made by Craig Iansiti, seconded by Kevin Mead, and approved by the majority of members in attendance:
  - \$1,000 to Greater Lansing Food Bank.
  - \$200 each to Veteran's Children's Home, St Vincent's, Children's Miracle Network, Old News Boys, and It's a Breast Thing.
- Toys for Tots will be a private event at the Lingenfelter collection on November 13th.

## **7:50 Other Business:**

65th anniversary plans – Committee Update? Picture Update?

- Stella had two tote bags to share that commemorated the 65th anniversary. The large bag ranges between \$37.50 - \$50.00, and the smaller bag between \$22.50 - \$46.00 depending upon options.

Member Comments - None

50/50 Drawing was \$50.00

**8:00** Adjournment at 8:06. Motion by Craig Iansiti, seconded by Mike Britz.



# Board Meeting Minutes

## Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes November 16, 2022 Delhi Café and Zoom

**6:30 Call to Order:** Kyle Felts

- Review mail received:
  - Bank statement.
  - A request from Volunteers of America asking for a donation.

**6:35 Board Reports:**

Secretary: Tim Wells

- No further additions or corrections were made to the October 2022 board minutes.

Treasurer: Mike Britz

- Mike was not in attendance, but had sent the financial report out.

VP / Governor: Simon Reiffer

- Simon and Gloria did not attend the recent NCCC Governor's meeting. However, he reported Deb Murphy will be the president for 2023, the woman running for treasurer won, the three bylaws were passed, and the board approved Joplin MO for the 2024 convention.

Social Director: Melissa Felts

- Not present, but Kyle reports that the Holiday party is on track for December 3rd.

Points Director: Mary Wells

- All points are up to date.

Competition Director: Kevin Mead

- Kevin reported that the club got their dates for both events. The Blessing of the Vettes will be on June 10th, and the autocross will be August 5-6.
- The proposed bylaw to remove the 11% rule passed.
- He has petitioned the Great Lakes club to get their sanction numbers for a Funkhana, and the Jackson club's sanction numbers to support our autocross.
- The board recommends doing a Funkhana separate from the Blessing of the Vettes, and to hold it at Lansing Christian.

Editor: Tom Faupel

- Tom stated that the end of the month is rapidly approaching, so he will begin working on the next newsletter pretty soon.

Membership Director: Angela Hyde

- The club has 106 members, 2 honorary members, and 34 FCOA.
- To date, there have been 96 renewals, of which 90 have their NCCC membership through our club. The other six are social members and have their NCCC membership through a different club. Angela reports that the club has four lifetime members, and possibly two new social members.



# Board Meeting Minutes

Public Relations Director: Chuck Miller

- There are two new ads. One is from Bob's PDR, and a complimentary ad for Tom Dys, who is the manager at Shaheen's Collision Center.

## 7:00 Appointed Officer Report:

Past President: Bob Maynard

- Present/No Report

Photographer: Stella Wood

- Not Present/No Report

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer

- Gloria has updated the website for the new ads and club events.

Facebook Moderator: Dave Voss

- Not present/No report

Zoom Facilitator: Kyle Felts

- Everything is running fine.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon

- Not present/No report

Sergeant at Arms: Geoffrey Cradit

- Not present/No report

NCM Ambassador: Casey Mulvany

- Not present/No report

Historian: Sue Keith

- Not present, but sent out the annual report to the board. See the report for more information.

Hearts & Flowers: Ann Voss

- Not present, but has sent sympathy cards to the Randy Putmon family, Mike Sprague family, and Dave Waters family.

Chaplain: Ward Harris

- Not present/No report

## 7:10 New Business:

- Holiday Luncheon is on track.
- 65th Plans/Picture/Dates – update: Angela is working on getting the committee up and running. The tentative plan is to have two parties around the end of July and on separate days. One will be at Shaheen's and one at Bob and Shalimar Maynard's.

## 7:20 Other Business:

- Member Comments.

7:30 Adjournment at 7:06. Motion by Mary Wells, seconded by Simon Reiffer.

### Capital City Corvette Club Items Added to the Archives 2022

2021 Historian Report  
SD card with "The Connection" newsletters 2008-2021  
2021 Participation Points list  
Updated Top Ten spreadsheet  
2022 Membership list  
2021 List of CCCC events  
Most FCoA in MI Region "Blue Bars" Fall 2021  
CCCC at NCCC Convention in Cleveland OH, 4 pages "Blue Bars" Fall 2021  
Thank you letter from St Vincent Catholic Charities \$250  
Thank you letter from Toys for Tots \$500  
Thank you letter from VFW National Home for Children \$250  
Thank you letter from Children's Miracle Network \$500  
Thank you letter from Greater Lansing Food Bank \$1000  
Thank you letter from Lansing Old News Boys Assoc. \$250  
Updated spreadsheet with 2022 Elected Officers & Appointed Positions  
Turkey Award article "The Connection" March 2022  
President's Award list "The Connection" March 2022  
Most FCoA in MI Region "Blue Bars" Winter 2022  
Kyle Felts in Regional News "Blue Bars" Winter 2022  
Simon & Gloria Reiffer receive NCCC President's Award & Past Presidents' Award  
at NCCC Convention - "The Connection" July 2022  
Most FCoA in MI Region "Blue Bars" Summer 2022  
Corvette Crossroads - CCCC wins club award and 4 club members win awards  
results from Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce email



# Why The 2004 Chevy Corvette Was The Last Car To Feature Pop-Up Headlights

BY SANTIAGO REIBAKAS

The 2004 Chevrolet C5 Corvette was the last car to feature pop-up headlights, here's why they no longer exist.



Mecum

Pop-up headlights are an iconic styling cue that has featured on some of the most beautiful cars ever created, from sports cars to family sedans. However, they've been out of practice for nearly two decades now, and even though many might prefer regular headlights, it's a shame we'll probably never know what a modern production car could look like with pop-up eyes.

The last vehicle to feature the distinctive design element was the 2004 Chevrolet Corvette C5, and the Lotus Esprit right before it, and the fact that no automaker has done so since isn't a coincidence.

The history behind pop-up headlights is more complex than you might imagine and goes back all the way to 1935. So, without further ado, let's get into the details before revealing why the Corvette C5 was the last lucky car to sport hidden headlamps.

Back in the 1935 New York Auto Show, pop-up headlights first emerged on the Cord 810, and other automakers began to play with the design shortly after. Early iterations needed to be manually cranked in order to raise the headlights for use, and the first production vehicle to feature power-operated pop-ups was the 1962 Lotus Elan.



But why did pop-up headlights make sense? Well, there are plenty of reasons. First off, at the time, regular headlights weren't able to sit flush with a vehicle's fenders, which is why most cars displayed bulging fenders in order to house the lights and all their components. Pop-up headlights were a perfect solution because they could provide seamless aerodynamics when not in use, which resulted in less drag and slightly improved fuel economy. The other advantage was purely aesthetic, slick front ends simply looked better than voluptuous regular-headlight alternatives.

Then, in the '70s, new safety regulations stipulated that a vehicle's headlights had to remain above a certain height in order to be legal. This wasn't a problem for SUVs and regular sedans, but it was a different story for sports cars with low front ends. The only way to keep a car low to the ground while also complying with new regulations was through the implementation of pop-up headlights, which allowed them to sit higher than the hood itself.



[corvetteforum.com](http://corvetteforum.com)

In 2004, just after the release of the **Chevy** Corvette C5 and Lotus Esprit, a new European regulation required new production cars to feature deformable and absorbent front ends, and dangerous protruding elements above a vehicle's front bumper weren't allowed. This regulation - intended to protect pedestrians, didn't directly ban pop-up headlights, but it made manufacturing them much more of a hassle because they needed to be able to retract almost instantly upon collision. This made every car manufacturer in the world steer away from implementing the use of pop-up headlights, simply because they were harder to manufacture, more expensive, and heavier.

Now, even though this regulation only applies in Europe, manufacturers all around the world still have to comply if they want to sell their vehicles there, which is why pop-ups are no longer a thing altogether.



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# Capital City Corvette Club



## Participation Points as of November 28, 2022

2	Beverly Adado	14	Norman Gozalka	38	Casey Mulvany	0	Ralph Swan
2	Robert Adado	8	Jeanne Harris	31	Kim Mulvany	0	Susan Swan
4	Roy Bailey	22	Ward Harris	13	Barb Musselman	3	Connie Taylor
0	Dana Beaman	47	Bill Hass	13	Steve Musselman	3	Thomas Taylor
44	Sandy Bechtel	52	Melissa Hass	2	Stanley Olson	0	Beth Terzian
0	Ben Behnke **	9	Skip Herold, Jr.	0	Zola Olson	0	Ted Terzian
2	Ronnie Bidelman	9	Skip Herold, III	0	Mark Otto	4	Stephen Toth
0	Colleen Bratschi	157	Angela Hyde	6	Joe Platte	14	Harold Twining
0	Rich Bratschi	7	Craig Iansiti	46	Suzanne Politza	13	Katherine Twining
2	Connie Britz	17	Daniel Kane	92	Carl Polomski *	0	Marge VanDyke
9	Mike Britz	30	Kim Keith	66	Carolyn Polomski *	27	Ann Voss
33	Daniel Burk	38	Sue Keith	13	David Pursel	28	David Voss
8	Laura Burk	16	Gwen Lewis	0	Kathryn Pursel	4	James Wagner
37	Geoffrey Cradit	22	Michael Lewis	33	Carol Putmon	2	Joyce Wagner
23	Joyce Cradit	3	Janet Litrenta	36	Randy Putmon	2	Jerry Wardell
0	Frederick Darin	50	Artie Love	97	Gloria Reiffer	1	Sally Wardell
0	Marlene Darin	17	Jean Luttig	94	Simon Reiffer	17	Robert Watson
2	Ralph Davis	0	Lee MacGillvray **	5	Robert Ribar	34	Mary Wells
2	Susan Davis	0	John Manning	23	Kyle Schittenhelm	69	Timothy Wells
9	Art Doty *	63	Bob Maynard	18	Kim Schramm	40	Christine Wieczorek
9	Nancy Doty *	38	Shalimar Maynard	0	Ralph Shaheen **	38	Thomas Wieczorek
33	George Duncan *	31	Brian McKeveitt	0	Barb Sipka	50	Densel Williams
87	Kathy Duncan *	129	Kevin Mead	0	Thomas Sipka	4	Billy Wilson
49	Michelle Faupel	10	Patricia Mead	4	James Spalding	4	Kelly Wilson
65	Tom Faupel	4	Linda Michael	2	Robert Spehar	45	Stella Wood
194	Kyle Felts	52	Chuck Miller	0	Janet Sprague		
40	Melissa Felts	6	Diana Mosher	0	Michael Sprague		
14	Cindy Gozalka	2	Cary Mulvany	57	James Sutherland		

109 Members

## 2022 Top Ten

194	Kyle Felts	97	Gloria Reiffer	87	Kathy Duncan *	65	Tom Faupel
157	Angela Hyde	94	Simon Reiffer	69	Timothy Wells		
129	Kevin Mead	92	Carl Polomski *	66	Carolyn Polomski *		



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