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# **VOLUME XXV - NUMBER 12 - DECEMBER 1995**

Dear Members:

As we close out the year, I'd like to give some final thoughts to 1995. It has gone by so quickly, I can hardly recall where the time has gone. We have seen club members come and go. We started this year with 49 members, and we ended the year with 64. Thank you Linda for the wonderful job!!! This year also brought a brand new social director, who with his enthusiasm, brought interest to our club members to get involved and participate in club activities. Thank you Phil Zeller for your enthusiasm!!! This year brought on more work and responsibilities for someone we all know, our president, competition director, and this year's region competition director, Loretta. She also works full-time and owns and works at her restaurant. How does she do it all? I don't wanna know. Thanks Loretta for finding the time to run our club!!! Thanks Steve for Relating to the Public!!! Thanks Phil for Pointing out the Treasures!!! Thanks Art for Governing!!! Thanks Chuck for Secretarying(?) !!! And thanks to me for getting all this news to you!!! Whew!!!

The Capital City Corvette Club Annual Awards Banquet will be held January 13, 1996. This is the event you will not want to miss. After a wonderful dinner, awards are handed out to the top 10 club members who have the most Participation Points and a minimum of 1/3 of club members who have the most Competition Points. Then, several door prizes and centerpieces will be given away in a drawing. At the conclusion, we usually have a slide show presenting pictures taken throughout the year. Come see what you've been missing!!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Simon and Gloria Reiffer for their help in putting the newsletter together for the last three months!!! Your help is greatly appreciated.

We will be holding elections at this month's Membership Meeting. If you cannot attend, see the ballot inside. If you can attend, well, the more the merrier! Congratulations to this year's officers on a job well done, and a warm welcome to next year's officers!!!

The deadline for the January Newsletter is Wednesday, December 27th. Anything received after that date will not make it in the January Newsletter. Please address your articles to P.O. Box 204, Westphalia, MI 48894. Thank you for being on time.

Your Editor, Cindy

# 1995 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# ■ MEETING NOTICE ■ ● ELECTIONS ●

The December General Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. at Richard's Food and Drink (4105 North East Street, Lansing).

Dinner Ordered at 7:15 p.m.



# from the President

Loretta Spinrad

1995 is quickly drawing to a close and before we know it we will be busy planning for 1996. On behalf of this year's Board of Directors we would like to thank you for your support and dedication throughout this past year.

The leadership of an organization is critical to its existence, but the support of the membership is the strength that holds everything together and makes it work. Without the support of the membership we could not have accomplished the things we planned this past year. Thanks to all of you for a job well done!

This is the one month of the year when the Board forgoes its monthly board meeting in lieu of a social evening with the club members. We recognize this is a very busy time of year for everyone, planning for the holidays, attending parties, and the never ending Christmas Shopping. But we hope you will take time out of your busy schedule to join us for dinner on Tuesday, December 19. (See Phil's article for the pertinent details)

As I said earlier, 1996 will soon be upon us and we will need to begin planning for a whole new season which brings us to the upcoming elections.

As our club continues to grow our interests become more diversified. This creates a bigger challenge for the board to make sure everyone's interest are considered. Your voice at election time (and throughout the year) is very important.

The board and all its members are elected each year to represent you, the membership throughout the year. This may be planning events, pursing new ideas, or representing your vote at regional or national meetings. Your voice and ideas are important to our club. Please voice your opinion by making sure to vote in this year's coming election.

Remember this is your club and your voice does count! If you cannot attend the next General Membership Meeting please complete the ballot in your newsletter and mail it to the Club's Post Office Box no later than December 6, 1995. Your ballot should be placed in a sealed envelope and placed into a second envelope for mailing with your name and return address on the envelope.

General Membership Meeting
December 6, 1995
Richard's Lounge
7.:15 p.m.

Annual Elections
Your vote is needed

We are still looking for ideas to pursue in 1996

Bring your thinking caps for social hour!

This should spark some interest!

The Competition season in Michigan is over and Capital City has a lot to be proud of as Capital City ended the season in first place and a number of our club members finishing in the top 10 in the Region (See the "Competition Report" for details).

Once again thanks to all the workers that made our events possible and a great success!

The Competition Calendar for 1996 was tentatively set at the last Region Meeting and as of this time Capital City will be sponsoring (3) speed events on June 22 along with (1) rallye. The

Jackson Club will once again join us in our Corvette Weekend by hosting (1) rallye on Saturday in conjunction with ours and 4 speed events on Sunday. We are also on the calendar for (2) rallyes on September 29 and (1) Rallye on October 26 (this rallye is very tentative).

We will be hosting our Corvette Night at Spartan Speedway the same weekend, Friday, June 21, 1996.

Elections were held at the Region level and the officers for 1996 are as follows:

Roger Thomas, Region Executive Loretta Spinrad, Region Competition Director Barb Harris, Region Membership Director Elana Siebel, Secretary Susan Butters, Treasurer Sharon Meesseeman, Points Director

There were a number of things that happened at the Governor's Meeting that will be of interest to you and as Art was not able to attend I will highlight them for you.

As you know, the 1996 Convention will be held in Florida. Plans are progressing well for convention. There will be a Corvette Cruise in OLD Town on Sunday Evening. I understand this is a great place to visit and everyone should have a great time. Monday night will be a dinner theater with the Arabian Nights (This should prove to be very interesting). Wednesday evening will be Western Night with a rodeo and Thursday will be Club night (everyone is to bring their club banner). Friday of course is the banquet.

Jim Harris (the Convention Steering Committee Chairperson) has indicated a proposal for a Bylaw change is being worked on to change the time frame conventions can be held. This would facilitate warm weather regions hosting conventions at a more appropriate time of year.

The 1997 convention will be held in the Cleveland Area where there will be a lot of fun things to do. Cedar Point and Sea World are nearby in addition to the many other attractions that will be available. The Committee is trying to set up an event with the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and a number of other tours and trips.

A motion was made for outgoing National Council

board members to be reimbursed for mileage for attending the 1st meeting of the next year. This had been recommended to help with a smooth transition of board members. The motion was defeated.

A problem has development with the Charity Committee and Spina Bifida. Apparently Spina Bifida has insisted that we make a \$30,000 commitment each year right up front. If you are not familiar with the Charity Program. National Council raffles a new Corvette every year and the proceeds go to Spina Bifida. If we make \$30,000 fine, if we don't well then we would still have to pay. The committee said "no". The Governors voted to give the Charity Committee the power to chose another charity for this year's raffle.

Rally Insurance Group made a presentation to the group regarding Car Insurance. The Rally Group specializes in specialty cars and is looking forward to working with National Council Members.

Normally this group does not insure cars newer than 15 years old, but for National Council Members they will make an exception. You will need to have your National Council Number available when contacting them. In addition they will insure your other cars. The Executive Board of National Council is very supportive of this program and hopes this will be a great benefit to the membership. If you would like to investigate the rates and ask questions, please contact Ellen or Tamra at 800-617-9960.

Elections were held for the National Officers and Elana Siebel from Michigan was elected Sergeant at Arms. Dennis Patrick was elected Business Manager. Nancy Bailey was elected Secretary, and Dale Samuelson was elected Vice President of Competition.

The meeting closed on a high note - the 50/50 raffle paid over \$100 to the winner, not bad!



# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Steve Spinrad

We had a very busy and successful 1995 and soon we will be moving into 1996. As Public Relations Director I am responsible for a number of events or possible events that deal with the public. Sometimes the responsibilities of the Public Relations Director, the Social Director, and the Competition Director seem to intertwine, but who said three heads aren't better than one.

A number of the events held in 1995 will be repeated in 1996 so get your pencil ready and start to mark your calendars yearly.

Swap meets will start early in 1996. There will be a swap meet for new and used auto parts on January 27 and 28. This meet will be hosted by the same person that is doing the car show at the Lansing Center. We have already discussed his attitude towards clubs and Corvettes so I am not sure what this meet will be like. This will be the first year for this meet. If you would like more information regarding the meet contact D's Productions at 676-4258.

The Kalamazoo Club will host their annual meet on Sunday, February 25, 1996. There is a flyer in this newsletter with the details.

Chicago's Chevy Vettefest will beheld in March at the McCormick Place.

April will bring our annual Open House at Holt Auto Sales. This is a fun event that gives our club a lot of exposure and provides a great opportunity to get our cars out for the first time each year. It is also

our way of saying thank you to Steve Hanks and the folks at Holt Auto Sales for their support throughout the year.

The Huron Valley club will once again host their swap meet on Mother's Day (May 12) 1996.

Capital City's Speed Events will be held June 22 and will be preceded by our Corvette Night at Spartan Speedway. By hosting the Corvette Night the same weekend, we are hoping for a great turnout.

Corvette Night is open to anyone with a Corvette and we encourage participation by everyone. If you have ever wanted to drive your car on a race track, be sure to mark June 21 on your calendar.

The Swap Meet of all swap meets is also held in June - Bloomington Gold and there has been a request the Club sponsor a Club tent in 1996. If there appears to be enough interest we may pursue this event as a club sponsored event.

The Corvette Club of Michigan will also be hosting a large car show event on the 1st of June for members that are interested in car shows.

I will continue to keep you informed throughout the year of car shows and swap meets that may be of interest to Corvette Owners! The 1995 Competition Season in Michigan is over and congratulations to the Entrants and a big thank you to the workers. I hope everyone will be able to attend the Region Awards Banquet in March to share in the memories of the season.

I should have a copy of the new Rulebook by the end of the year. At the last RCD Meeting I received an updated copy of chapter II. Normally I would make copies for distribution, but by the time I have made and distributed the copies the new book will be here. So if you can be patient we will have the whole book soon!

There are some items I would like you to note in the book:

Page 2-23 - Camshaft - any camshaft that meets GM specifications for lift and duration for Class.

Page 2-26 - Brakes. Stock type. Replacement of drums with stock type disc allowed. Aftermarket anti-locking brake systems and air cooling is allowed (no water cooled).

You will be able to obtain a copy of the new Rulebook by returning a coupon that will be included in your NCCC renewal packet.

Your new Rulebook will need a new binder which can be purchased at the Governors Meeting in February for \$8 or you will be able to order by mail for \$10 by returning a coupon that will be in your renewal packet.

I have included the latest points standings for the Region and National. The National Points are dated 11/16 and include all results Gary had received by 10/31/95. The Region points include all

events for this season.

Gary Kelly has requested that questions regarding points be addressed to the RCD's. He will pass the points along to us as soon as possible, but he cannot not talk with every member of National Council about their points.

The North Sectional has been awarded to the Indiana Region to be held at Putnam Park the first weekend in May.

There were a number of drag records set in Texas. I have enclosed a copy of the records to date. There was a problem with a potential new record for IIA. The RCDs upheld Gary's ruling that the car was not legal for Group IIA.

This newsletter includes a tentative agenda for 1996. Please submit your sanction requests (new forms were available at the last meeting) to me as soon as possible. And as a reminder, if you have not submitted your sanction fees to Susan, please be sure to do so soon!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your cooperation and support this past season. Sometimes it is hard to remember this is a volunteer organization especially when so much time is spent to keep everything on track. I do thank you and look forward to 1996.

Record Drags for 1996 are scheduled as follows:

May 4 - Boone Trail Corvette Club at Wentzville, Missouri

June 8 - Oklahoma City Corvette Club at Thunder Valley in Norman, Oklahoma

August 31 - Mid Texas Custom Corvette Assn.. at Little River Dragstrip September 2 - Cornhusker Corvette CLUB at Scribner, Nebraska

September 21 - Royal Corvettes of Western Michigan at Stanton, Michigan

NCCC	
Top 10 Cl	ubs
Tiretown CC	12447
Corvette Indy	9444
Competition CA	5847
Cornhusker CC	5843
Corvette Troy	5185
Fort Wayne CC	5000
Cowtown Vette	4802
Windy City Cor	4356
Corvette Atlanta	4019
Medina Corvettes	3923
Ladies	
S. Workman	1544
R. Martin	1274
M.Martin	1241
B. Lyberger	898
P. Quine	872
S. Carpenter	834
D. Fultz	772
M. Bellamy	<b>7</b> 71
S. Meesseman	758
B. Parks	710
Men	14 1
M.Workman	1488
D. Seredich	1479
L. Martin	1204
G. Martin	1168
L. Scott Cox	937
H. Bellamy	926
W. Quine	827
R. Fultz	792
J. Gott	711
R. Meesseman	700

The following a tentative calendar for the 1996 Michigan Season:

02/20 Region Meeting 02/23-24

Governors Meeting 02/25 KCC Swap Meet

03/23	Region Banquet	1995 Final Poi	nts	10. B. Bush	93
04/14		Standings for the top 10			70
05/07	North Sectional Region Meeting		the top 10	Matching Tim	ies Men
05/10-	11	finishers:		1. S. Spinrad	91
00/10	Governors Meeting	Clark		<ol> <li>JR Biksacky</li> <li>G. McCann</li> </ol>	73
05/12	HVCC Swap Meet	Clubs		4. T. Dillen	59 58
05/18	JCC (2) Rallyes	Capital City CC CCM	2731 2159	5. R. Meesseman	53
0519	BCC-Charlton Park	MAG	1930	6. A. Doty	50
05/19	CCM Low Speed	CCSWM	1786	7. S. Comstock	48
	HVCC Low Speed	JCC	1390	8. P. Igneizi	44
05/27	KCC-MTT/ Low Speed	RCWM	1230	9. R. Thomas	43
06/01	CCM Concours	FCC	1143	<ol><li>R. Horenstein</li></ol>	37
06/08	GLCC (2) Rallyes	GLCC	1134		
06/09 06/09	HVCC (3) Low Speed CCM Low Speed	HVCC	778	Matching Times	
06/15	GVCA (2) Low Speed	SCC .	700	1. L. Spinrad	92
06/21	Corvette Night at Spartan	KCC	641	2. N. Doty	83
00/21	Speedway	GVCA	219	3. L. Losert S. Meesseman	73
06/22	CCCC (3) Low Speed	BCC	0	5. S. Carpenter	73 63
	CCCC Rallye	Mens Ove	woll	6. K. Horenstein	46
06/22	JCC Rallye	1. S. Spinrad	456	7. V. Thomas	43
06/23	JCC (4) Low Speed	2. JR Biksacky	445	8. M. McCann	41
07/09	Region Meeting	3. R. Meesseman	345	W. Long	41
07/13-0		4. G. McCann	287	10. A. Davis	31
07/07	Convention-Florida	5. A. Doty	267		
07/27	CSWM Low Speed	<ol><li>R.Horenstein</li></ol>	213	Rallye	
07/27	MTT MAG(2) Low Speed	7. D Davis	205	1. JR Biksacky	113
01121	MAG(2) Low Speed (2) MTT	8. R. Brown	186	2. P. Hanses	95
07/28	CSWM-(2) Low Speed	9. B Wentzel	184	C. Hanses	95
07,20	(2) MTT	10. C. Wolff	182	4. L. Spinrad	94
07/28	MAG Low Speed	Womana		<ol> <li>S. Spinrad</li> <li>T. Spinrad</li> </ol>	83 69
	MTT	Womens Ov 1. L. Spinrad	veran 478	7. B. Reeve	52
08/10	FCC (3) Low Speed	2. S. Meeseman	386	P. Thuemmel	52
08/11	FCC (3) Low Speed	3. N. Doty	316	9. D. Telgenhof	50
08/17	Conventry Low Speed	4. L. Losert	290	10. M. Riel	45
08/18	MAG Low Speed	<ol><li>S. Carpenter</li></ol>	221		
08/24	FCC Low Speed	6. P. Brown	215		
08/31	SCC (2) Low Speed	7. A. Davis	208		
09/01	MTT	8. V. Thomas	200		
09/01	SCC (2) Low Speed (2) MTT	9. M. Wentzel	171	Congratulations	and
09/10	Region Meeting	10. M. McCann	120		
09/13-1		3. Karana G		thank you to ev	•
	Governors Meeting	Mens Spe		that made this y	year's
09/21	Record Drags	<ol> <li>R. Meesseman</li> <li>S. Spinrad</li> </ol>	292	events a succes	s!
	Bracket Drags (2)	3. JR. Biksacky	268 257		
09/29	CCCC (2) Rallyes	4. G. McCann	228		
10/05	GLCC (2) Rallyes	5. A. Doty	208		
10/06	KCC (2) Rallyes	6. R. Horenstein	176	A special congr	catulations
10/20	CCM (3) Rallyes	7. D. Davis	172	to our very own	
10/26	CCCC (1) Rallye	8. B. Wentzel	171		
11/03	CCM Rallye	9. R. Brown	165	Siebel the new	_
11/05 11/08-0	Region Meeting	10. C. Wolff	162	at Arms for NC	CCC!
11/00-0	Governors Meeting	***			
		Womens S <sub>I</sub> 1. S. Meesseman			
		2. L. Spinrad	306 278		
		3. N. Doty	278 224		
		4. L. Losert	213		
		5. P. Brown	186		
		6. A. Davis	177		
		7 M Wentzel	162		

7. M. Wentzel

8. V. Thomas 9. S. Carpenter 144

# The Social Section

YET ANOTHER YEAR

# Everything is winding down

elcome to the holiday season; The time of year when our Corvettes are in hibernation waiting it out until the spring thaw.

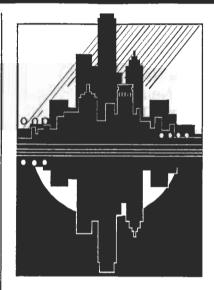
Well it's been quite an exciting year from a Social perspective. We've had many Mystery Dinners, Rallyes, Parades, Competitive events, and social gatherings.

These events were successful because of **you!** 

Your participation in your Capital City Corvette Club has made this an especially fun year for Angie and I.

We also want to give an extra thanks to those of you who helped put the Social Events together this year.

Sometimes coordinating events can become time consuming, but you folks



took the "bull by the horns" to see that the rest of had a good time.

Speaking of a good time, do you know what's coming up?

Well let me tell you. We've got 3 more exciting events before we see the end of 1995.

First off is our always exciting general membership meeting on December 6. Guaranteed to be an exciting electoral evening.

Second is our Club Holiday Dinner on Tuesday December 19. We are asking that everyone bring a \$5.00 friendship gift and participate in our friendship gift giving evening.
Everyone who brings a
\$5.00 gift will be able to
draw a gift from the
friendship gift basket.
Participation is strictly
voluntary for the friendship
gift giving. Please make
your gifts generally
applicable to everyone and
let's have some fun with it!

Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the exact details of this fun-filled evening.

Thirdly, will be our annual New Year's Eve Party. Guaranteed to be a smashing success!!! Please see the flyer in this newsletter for the exact details on the joyous evening.

Again, Thanks for your patronage and allegiance to your Capital City Corvette Club this past year. We're looking forward to seeing your smiling faces again in 1996!

Yours Truly,

Philip L. Zeller

'95 Social Director for CCCC

# **CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 1995 POINTS STANDINGS**

Through 11/25/95

# **PARTICIPATION POINTS**

Bob Benko27Mary Benko16Bill Clark0Abe Crayon32Dave Cripe42Pat Cripe29Art Doty191Nancy Doty144Charles Duell171Larry Fogg13Elizabeth Goodland67Jim Gossum56Cindy Hanses275Phil Hanses285Christopher Hause0Tina Hause0Char Hoffman7Mike Hoffman28Fred Honhart10	Connie Lang Carol McVicker Mike McVicker Art Miller Clyde Nash Jack Nelson Dennis O'Hara Elaine O'Hara Steve Pavlik Joe Platte Pam Platte Gloria Reiffer Simon Reiffer Linda Roberts Candy Scharnweber David Schlegel Jerry Selleck Steve Sewell	13 4 0 0 154 167 121 113 56 53 138 143 181 28 11 0	Bill Stehouwer Bridget Stehouwer Roger Stehouwer Al Swift Linda Swift John Tanner Josette Tanner Dianne Taulbee Jack Taulbee Clara Taylor Max Taylor Ken Terry Jim Thompson Tom Waier Vicki Waier Sharon Wasson Ward Wasson Jim Weber	58 9 41 36 36 22 0 57 62 8 22 0 13 0 33 33 42
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Ralph Huss 6	Marv Shreve	6	Angie Zea Phil Zeller	154 229

# **COMPETITION POINTS**

1. Loretta Spinrad		9. Roger Stehouwer	72	17. Elaine O'Hara	25
<ol><li>Steve Spinrad</li></ol>	463	<ol><li>Phil Zeller</li></ol>	58	<ol><li>18. Bridget Stehouwer</li></ol>	21
<ol><li>Nancy Doty</li></ol>	354	<ol><li>Linda Roberts</li></ol>	57	19. Abe Crayon	12
<ol><li>Art Doty</li></ol>	305	12. Angie Zea	45	20. Jim Gossum	8
<ol><li>Phil Hanses</li></ol>	129	13. Jack Nelson	44	20. John Tanner	8
<ol><li>Bill Stehouwer</li></ol>	122	<ol><li>14. Dennis O'Hara</li></ol>	40	22. Candy Scharnweber	4
<ol><li>Cindy Hanses</li></ol>	108	<ol><li>Simon Reiffer</li></ol>	35	23. Charles Duell	2
<ol><li>Steve Pavlik</li></ol>	95	<ol><li>Gloria Reiffer</li></ol>	31	23. Elizabeth Goodland	2

# **TOP TEN PARTICIPATION POINTS**

1.	Loretta Spinrad	368	6. Art Doty	191
2.	Steve Spinrad	291	7. Linda Roberts	181
3.	Phil Hanses	285	8. Charles Duell	171
4.	Cindy Hanses	275	9. Dennis O'Hara	167
5.	Phil Zeller	229	10. Jack Nelson	154
			10. Angie Zea	154

## C.C.C.C. GENERAL MEETING OF 11-1-95

# Secretary

-Minutes of previous meeting accepted.

### Treasurer

-Report distributed and accepted.

# Competition

- -Will bid on '96 dates at 11-7-95 region meeting.
- -Capital City gets 1st Pick!
- -May do joint function with Jackson weekend 6-22-96. Vette show Fri. night then events and rallye Sat.& Sun.
- -Trying to set joint drag events with Kalamazoo at Stanton, possibly May and then Sept. or Oct.
- -We will plan rallyes in fall to round out year.
- -Will get new rule book at Louisville R.C.D. meeting.

### Governor

- -Received letter from president of national council: Still looking for club patches for museum. Hope to have proposal for auto ins. at next Gov. mtg. -Circulated Cleveland Info. poss. '97 convention site.
- Membership

-Renewals coming in but still waiting on several.

## Social

-Watch newsletter for variety of upcoming events.

# Public Relations.

-Steve discussed methods and tip's for winter storage.

### Points

-If you WORKED at 4-8-95 Holt show please Call Phil.

# Editor

-Deadline 11-25-95 for Dec. newsletter.

### Old Business

- -Need deposit before 11-4-95 for Vegas trip.
- -Only change to officer slate withdrawal of L.Roberts.

### New Business

-Contact Phil Hanses for Discovery Books to sell.

## C.C.C.C. BOARD MEETING OF 11-21-95

## **PRESIDENT**

Ballots for upcoming election will be in newsletter along with instructions on mailing them in. National Council is considering a by-law change to say the Convention does not have to be in mid-July. Insurance for National Council has been approved. You can insure other cars than just your Corvette through this insurance. Spina Bifida's request for \$30,000 up front for the tickets we sell for the Corvette was denied by NCCC. If we would like to move our brick at the Museum to be next to the other Corvette clubs' bricks, we can.

# TREASURER

Balance read and approved.

## COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Loretta has Chapter 2 changes in the Rulebook. It will go to print, and she will hopefully have a copy by the end of the year. CCCC got first in the Region and will get to pick first for next year. Hotels in Mackinaw City are raising their rates \$30 - \$40 per night during Mackinaw Weekend.

Possibilities were discussed to handle this situation.

### **GOVERNOR**

Deadline for Membership dues is today. Memberships are coming in good. SOCIAL

A question was brought up regarding Mystery Dinners. Should we reimburse the hosts for their extra expenses involved? A maximum of \$25 was approved. Phil Zeller will make the Banquet program. \$50 was approved for door prizes and centerpieces.

# **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Kalamazoo Swap Meet is the last Sunday in February. This would be a good opportunity to caravan as a group to the meet. There was negative reaction in going to the car show at the Lansing Center. Steve has found Super Smart Battery Charger Tenders, a device to preserve your Corvette battery during storage. Get in touch with him if interested.

# **POINTS**

The latest points were handed out.

# **EDITOR**

Copier having problems again.

# **OLD BUSINESS**

We have sold several Discovery Passbooks and have many left if anyone wants some.

# **NEW BUSINESS**

The letter Art Doty sent out to the membership was discussed.

# ADJOURNMENT

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5	6 General Membership Moeting	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Hanubkah	19 Holiday	20	21	22 Winler Begins	23
24 31 Now Year Part Eve Part	25 Christmas	26	27 Nowslotter Deadline	28	29	30

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB CALENDAR FOR <u>DECEMBER 1995</u>

# CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 6 General Membership Meeting

December 19 Club Holiday Dinner - Club Event of the Month

December 31 New Year's Eve Party

January 3 General Membership Meeting

January 13 Capital City Corvette Club Annual Awards Banquet

February 25 Kalamazoo Swap Meet

March 7-10 Las Vegas Trip

March 23 Region Banquet

# CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB BALLOT FOR 1996 OFFICERS

President:	Membership Director:
□ Loretta Spinrad	□ Jim Gossum
	□ Phil Hanses
Competition Director:	
□ Loretta Spinrad	Social Director:
	□ Phil Zeller
Governor:	
□ Art <i>Doty</i>	Editor:
□ Dennis O'Hara	□ Cindy Hanses
Secretary:	Public Relations:
□ Sharon Wasson	□ Steve Spinrad
Treasurer:	Points Director:
□ Phil Hanses	□ Angie Iea

Elections will be held at the December Membership Meeting. You must have paid your dues for 1996 to vote. If you are unable to attend the meeting, you can vote by proxy by returning this ballot in a sealed envelope and placed in a second envelope for mailing with your name and return address on the envelope. Mail it to Capital City Corvette Club, P.O. Box 27295, Lansing, MI 48909. It must be received no later than December 6, 1995.



# DISCOVERY PASSBOOKS

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# MINISTRY IIDDATE

One of the neat things about my job is that many trade publications cross my desk containing auto industry information, as well as many tidbits about Corvettes, all of which should be of some interest to our club members. I will try to share this information with you as often as I have enough worth reporting; or, if it's really important, it may not be a full page. Of course, I'll always let you know the source of the information. Submitted by Dennis O'Hara

# Scramble for ZR-1 parts intensifies

Now that the low-volume Chevrolet ZR-1 Corvette is out of production, replacement parts for the car's high-performance 5.7-liter double-overhead-cam V8 are getting hard to find.

In fact, Chevrolet has restricted the sale of many parts of the LT5 engine to only ZR-1 owners, who must provide a vehicle identification number to have their order filled. That in essence prohibits owners of of other Corvettes from upgrading their cars.

ZR-1 owners have been given an unpublished toll-free number to call to help them get parts.



How many ZR-1s?		
Model year	Production	
1990	3,049	
1991	2,044	
1992	502	
1993	448	
1994	448	
1995	448	
Total	6,939	

The restrictions were put in place by Chevrolet because it "wants to maintain the quality of repairs, " said Kathy Bommarito, spokeswoman for General Motors' Service Parts Operations. She said that engine parts are available, and that all other parts for the 7,000 ZR-I Corvettes were in plentiful supply.

GM is required to keep repair parts available for certain emission-related and safety-related parts, but others are

stacked according to demand.

Bommarito said parts will be on hand as long as warranties are in effect, which means engine parts should be available until April 1998.

### LONG WAITS

But the wait for parts can be long, according to some technicians who specialize in working on the ZR-1.

Recently, one ZR-1 owner had to wait 2 1/2 months for a new set of pistons and cylinder liners, said Carmen Melillo, who works for Ramp Chevrolet in Part Jefferson Station, N.Y., on Long Island.

Melillo and partner Dennis Hemmerly bill themselves as the "Vette Doctors" and write a column titled "The Doctors Are In" in the ZR-I Registry magazine. The Registry is a club that has 1,800 ownermembers.

Writing about ZR-1 engine parts in a recent issue, Melillo said he urged readers "that if you can find extra parts, get them now: because of the long wait.

Melillo said his shop has not seen many ZR-1s with major engine failures.

"But what does a guy do if he wipes out the engine? GM tells me there are no engines available," Melillo said.

Earlier this year, GM ran out of water pumps for the LT5, said Larry Van Dorn, owner of Auto Masters in Palm Desert, Calif. Van Dorn is a Corvette specialist and enthusiast, and a ZR-1 Registry member who helped coordinate ceremonies to commemorate production of the final ZR-1 Corvette in Bowling Green, Ky., last April.

### TOO MANY IN STORAGE

Van Dorn traced the supply problem to the fact that many people who bought early production ZR-1s put them in storage in the hope that their value would appreciate.

As more ZR-1s got on the road, it became apparent that water pumps were a high-demand replacement part, which exhausted the supply. Van Dorn said GM had to find a new supplier to begin manufacturing the pumps again.

But there is a price. Van Dorn said water pumps used to cost him \$150, but that has risen to \$300.

While the LT5 engine is covered by a three-year, 36,000-mile warranty, there can be a long wait for a part. That could lead to a situation where Chevrolet must offer to buy back the car under terms of some states' lemon laws.

Some members of the ZR-1 Registry have been "a little overenthusiastic" about a parts shortage.

This article originally appeared in the October 16, 1995 edition of Automotive News.

# GM puts dealers into vintage parts business

General Motors will offer dealers a chance to crack the restoration parts business through an Authorized Restoration Parts Dealer program it will launch this year.

The program is part of a push to boost customer satisfaction in a growing market fueled mainly by nostalgic baby boomers who want to drive the dream car of their youth, explains Robert Cheyne, manager of trademark licensing for GM Service Parts Operation. Enthusiasts have tried to purchase discontinued parts through GM dealers and have been turned away because the parts aren't available, explains Cheyne.

These customers have been able to buy restoration parts through 110 GM-licensed manufacturers around the country under the company's four-year-old licensing program. Dealers will make these parts even more accessible.

This year's edition of the GM Restoration Parts Reference Guide features 12,000 parts numbers, double from last year's catalog. GM has published three catalogs since the licensing program's inception.

GM's authorized dealers will be able to stock parts for models as old as the 1930s.

This article was originally appeared in the November 6, 1995 edition of Automotive News.

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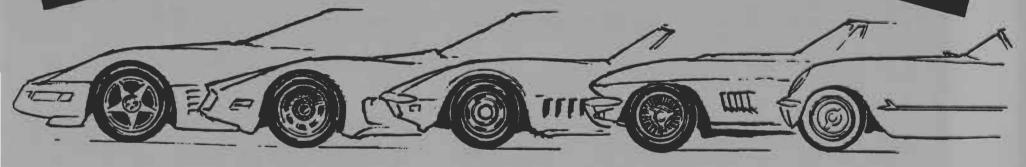
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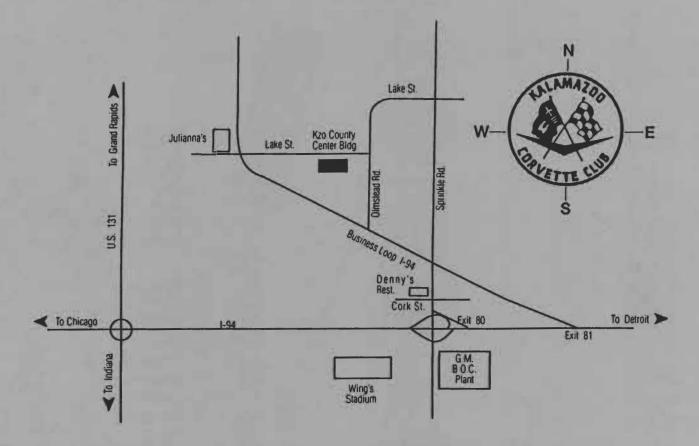
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