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Dear Members:

To start out the new year, I'd like to welcome everyone back to the club, not that you ever left it, of course. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. But now it is time to close that chapter of our lives and move on to 1996.

This year should bring massive amounts of excitement and action. The calendar is just being set, but I'm sure there is something on it for everyone this year. Those of you who sat back last year and watched everyone else participate, this is your year. This is the year for you to get out there and try a race event, a parade, a rallye, a mystery dinner, or whatever tempts you.

Be sure and be at the Capital City Corvette Club Annual Awards Banquet January 13, at Mountain Jack's. This is the event of the year where club members are honored for their participation and hard work. 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. Also, several door prizes and centerpieces will be given away in a drawing. Later, we usually have a slide show presenting pictures taken throughout the year. Please come and share this evening with your fellow members.

We will be wrapping up the Discovery Book sales this month. Please bring all monies and unsold books to the meeting.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Angie Zea (this year's Points Director) for her help in putting the newsletter together last month. Your help is greatly appreciated. Good luck at points!

I hope we finally have the copier working again. It has seen better days. We'll find out when I try to copy this article. Update at next meeting.

Deadlines are very important to me, especially when it is my responsibility to get this news to you by the first of every month. Please forgive me if there is an occasion when you don't receive it by that day. The deadline for the February Newsletter is Monday, January 22nd. Anything received after that date will not make it in the February Newsletter. Please address your articles to P.O. Box 204, Westphalia, MI 48894. Thank you for being on time.

Your Editor, Cindy

PS: If you have any suggestions for the Newsletter, please let me know. Your comments are very welcome.

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MEETING NOTICE 50

The January General Membership Meeting will be held Wednesday, January 3 at 7:00 p.m. at Richard's Food and Drink (4105 North East Street, Lansing).



As we prepare for a brand new year lets take a few moments to remember the events we shared with our friends during 1995.

December is always a very hectic month with everyone rushing around for the holidays. That is why January is a perfect time to host the Annual Awards Banquet. It gives everyone an opportunity to sit back, relax, and enjoy a night filled with a lot of fun and entertainment. If you will recall the big winner of the night was Phil Zeller. he must have won more raffle prizes than the rest of us put together.

February was a rather quiet month, but we managed to spice it up a little with a mystery dinner to the Pointe After lead by our Phil Zeller and Angie Zea.

By March people are getting a little restless and ready for some competition. The weather is not real conducive for Corvetting so we turned to bowling where we upheld our reputation with the Jackson Corvette Club by beating them at the

bowling alley. Thanks to a few good bowlers, of which I was not one.

April finally brought a little sun and gave us a chance to get the Corvettes out and share our hospitality at Holt Auto Sales by co-hosting an Open House. As the day was a little cool, we found no shortage of people willing to cook hot dogs. It was the only warm place to be found.

We also had our first mystery, mystery dinner hosted by the Reiffers. I never was very good at the game of Clue and it showed.

May was the beginning of a very busy summer for our club with the Corvette Night at Spartan Speedway and the Parade downtown the next day. And as usual the competition season started with the Drag Races at Stanton.

We thought June would bring better weather, but Mother Nature was there to hinder our plans once again. We had more than our share of rain during our events at Spartan, but the picnic turned out great. And during the course of the two days we got some new members out on the track for the first time. Linda Roberts, Abe Crayon, Phil Zeller, and Angie Zea. Hopefully we opened the doors to a whole new world to these folks.

July is usually hot and this year was no exception. Some of our members went to the NCCC Convention in California where it was 118 degrees. The rest of us stayed here where it was only 100 degrees. Even through the heat, we managed to participate in several social events. The 4th of July parade in Mason and Miniature Golf in Dewitt with Jack Nelson the victor of the evening.

Our August Mystery
Dinner was planned a
little differently than the
rest. We started at the
Owosso Speedway hoping
we would encourage some
additional participation in
the races, and we did.
Cindy Hanses made her
racing debut with the
Matching Times. Overall
it really didn't turn out

too well. It was extremely hot, the cars and drivers both were wilting and cars were breaking right and left, but we survived and moved on to the restaurant for a cold beverage and nourishment.

August was also the month for our excursion to Mackinaw. Once again, Mother Nature was not kind to us. It may have rained on our show, but not on our spirits. We still had plenty of time for the casinos and shopping.

By September people are thinking the summer is over and starting to wind up activities with thoughts of fall and winter. Not us, we still had some races left and our annual golf outing with the Jackson Club. What an experience. Steve thought the more swings the better and Phil had quite a time convincing him that was not the object of the game. Personally, I felt sorry for the people that had homes by the golf course. Didn't you think it was pretty silly to have all those signs telling us not to hit the houses? Like we didn't know. If they were truly worried about the houses, they

should have installed nets to catch the balls. Thanks to Chuck Duell and Joe Platte for making us look good.

October is always packed with rallyes, and we had our share. And if you will recall our members did quite well throughout the season, in fact Phil and Cindy ended up in second place in the region for Rallye points.

The highlight of November was the mystery dinner hosted by Elaine and Dennis O'Hara where the door prizes consisted of Thanksgiving Dinner items.

As I said, December is a very hectic month, but we did find time for our annual holiday dinner. Now as the month and year are coming to an end it is time to plan for 1996. As we watch 1995 leave and 1996 enter lets not forget the friends we made this last year and the years past.

While 1995 was a very good year, 1996 promises to be even better. With the club election held this past month, our Board continues to see new faces with fresh ideas which can only be a positive step into the future.

Over the next two months we will be planning events for all of 1996, so if you have a strong desire to see our club pursue certain things, be sure to let it be known.

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors, I would like to thank the members for their support during this past season. 1996 is sure to be a great year and your continued support will be appreciated.

As usual we will have our seven competition events in addition to numerous social events including golf, car shows, parades, and mystery dinners.

Our monthly meetings will continue to offer a variety of technical and fun-filled evenings.

General Membership
Meeting
Wednesday
January 3, 1996
7:00 p.m.
Richard's Lounge
Planning for 1996

I am looking forward to this coming year, I hope you are too! How time flies when you are having fun! And boy have I had my share of fun over the last 30 plus years with my Corvettes and the Club.

People join the Corvette Club for many reasons. I joined the club during its formation because I liked to race.

When I was in college (the beginning of time) I fell in love with cars thanks to my roommate. I was a city boy from New York and cars were not a top priority. My roommate's father was a mechanic and I was impressed.

My first car was a 52 Chevy which made it all the way from East Lansing to New York where it underwent major surgery, my first attempt at racing. So out with the old and in with the new which was a 53 flat head Ford which was supposed to be the hottest car around at that time.

I decided Ford did not have a better idea as the Chevy's were still beating me so I decided my first priority after college was to buy a CORVETTE, a truly fast car! And that's exactly what I did.

My first Corvette was a 1959 turquoise and white convertible which I was told was the hottest car around. He lied, it broke on the way home. But that's OK the man that sold me the car sent me to a garage that built race cars, to have it repaired.

My racing debut, like most of us, was on the gut (downtown Lansing) where I managed to finally hold my own. There were a lot of people dragging the gut with sports cars which led me to the MSU Sports Car Club. I soon found this club was not for me, there were only 3 Corvettes in the club and the main topic of conversation seemed to be centered around how much better the other sports cars were compared to the Corvette.

I soon found that Lee MacGillivary's Chevrolet and the manager (who was racing Corvettes) was trying to organize a Corvette Club. Needless to say I jumped ship from the Sports Car Club and joined the new Corvette organization (where by the way women were not invited, everyone knew Corvettes were for men).

So my racing career began with ice racing on Lake Lansing and racing from bar to bar after the meetings. After ending up in the ditch (I was taking a shortcut) I decided that racing on the street was not a good idea.

Capital City had its first funkhana at Spartan Speedway which proved to be most interesting for both the driver and navigator. Since that time, Spartan Speedway has been home for the Capital City Corvette Club.

As most of the membership at that time consisted of engineers from GM, we always had advance information about new and upcoming things that were happening with the Corvette. This is where I first heard about the new "Killer" motor, the 327/365 HP, solid lifter motor that was to be introduced in the 1964 Corvette.

I had to have this motor! As Lee MacGillivary was the top selling Corvette

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 1995 POINTS STANDINGS

Through 12/29/95

PARTICIPATION POINTS

COMPETITION POINTS

	Loretta Spinrad		9. Roger Stehouwer		111	25 21
	Steve Spinrad		10. Phil Zeller		,	
3.	Nancy Doty	3 54	Linda Roberts	57	19. Abe Crayon	12
4.	Art Doty	305	12. Angie Zea	45	20. Jim Gossum	8
5.	Phil Hanses	129	13. Jack Nelson	44	20. John Tanner	8
6.	Bill Stehouwer	122	14. Dennis O'Hara	40	22. Candy Scharnwebe	r 4
7.	Cindy Hanses	108	15. Simon Reiffer	35	23. Charles Duell	2
8.	Steve Pavlik	95	16. Gloria Reiffer	31	23. Elizabeth Goodland	2

TOP TEN PARTICIPATION POINTS

1.	Loretta Spinrad	411	6. Art Doty	193
2.	Steve Spinrad	319	7. Linda Roberts	187
3.	Phil Hanses	296	8. Charles Duell	182
4.	Cindy Hanses	286	9. Dennis O'Hara	178
5.	Phil Zeller	240	10. Angie Zea	162

The Social Section

HAPPY NEW YEAR

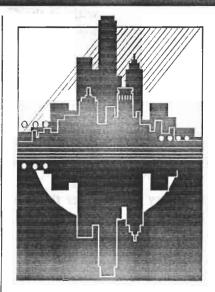
Do you have a New Year's Resolution?

t has been said that New Year's resolutions are culturally on the decline this year. I don't know why, but I think establishing goals for ones self is a very good idea.

As a matter of fact if you give me five minutes I'll come up with another goal for myself. But, you must remember to be a realist; Prioritize those goals. For gosh sakes, you need some sort of excuse for not cleaning the basement or garage this year.

But, Angie will be the first to tell you, Philip doesn't have a basement or garage. But give me time, that's all we need right?

Good luck on your New Year's resolutions!!!



HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

What an enjoyable evening we had at our Holiday Club Meeting. The food, the gifts, the friends, and Steve leading the group in Christmas carols.

Wow, we would've never guessed he could hit that high note in "Deck the Halls."

Sorry if you missed this exciting night, but you'll be happy to know everyone else had a great time and you still have future opportunities to enjoy funfilled evenings with your Corvette friends.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Highlight these dates on your calendars.

1/03/96: Spend an evening with all your club friends as we engage in a fun-filled evening at the general membership meeting at Richard's (7:00pm).

1/13/96: The Annual Capital City Corvette Club Awards Banquet takes place at Mountain Jack's restaurant on West Saginaw St. This is yet another night you'll be sorry if you miss. If we're lucky we won't be asked to leave for being so rowdy. So put on your boots and come on out!



C.C.C.C. GENERAL MEETING OF 12-6-95

President

-Be sure to check your renewal package from national as it will contain information on auto insurance.

Secretary

-Previous minutes accepted.

Treasurer

-Report distributed and accepted.

Competition

- -The calendar for the coming year has been set, see update in news letter.
- -Also in news letter are results of regional officer election.
- -If you wish copy of new rule book, see coupon in national renewal package.
- -Trophies were presented to members representing wins in several of this years competition events. Congratulations!

Membership

- -Presented Membership report.
- -Introduced guest and potential member, Mr. Doug Lamke.

Social

- -Holiday dinner 12-19.
- -Awards banquet 1-13-96. See newsletter and R.S.V.P.
- -Thanks to Elaine and Dennis for great mystery dinner!
- -If you or someone you know would like to donate a door prize for the banquet, please contact Loretta Spinrad.

Public Relations

-We will continue to meet at Richard's for 1996.

New Business

-Election of Officers for '96 as follows:

President and Competition Director, Loretta Spinrad.

Governor, Dennis O'Hara Treasurer, Phil Hanses Social, Phil Zeller

Secretary, Sharon Wasson Membership, Jim Gossum Editor, Cindy Hanses Public Relations, Steve Spinrad Points, Angie Zea

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 New Year's Day	2	3 General Membership Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13 Capital City Awards Banquet
14	15	16 Board Weeling	17	18	19	20
21	22 Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB CALENDAR

Capital City Corvette Club Schedule of upcoming events 1996

January 3	General Membership Meeting at Richards Restaurant				
January 13	Capital City's Annual Awards Banquet				
January 16	Board Meeting				
February 7	General Membership Meeting at Richards Restaurant				
February 20	Region Meeting				
February 24	Governors Meeting				
February 24-	25 Chevy Vettefest in Chicago				
February 25	Swap Meet Kalamazoo Corvette Club				
March 6	General Membership Meeting				
March 7 - 10	Las Vegas Trip				
March 23	Region Meeting and Annual Awards Banquet				

UTTLE NUMBERS MEAN A LOT OR THE CORVETTE POLICE By Phil Hanses

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How much do you know about your Corvette's history? In November I found out a lot more than I needed to know about my car's past. It all started with a phone call from the Michigan State Police Auto Theft Unit on November 27th.

I was at work when I got a call from Cindy telling me to sit down. She had just received a call from the police about a stolen Corvette. A detective would be calling me soon to ask me some questions about my car. Sure enough, a few minutes later the detective called me at work. He told me they were investigating an individual from Holt (this person is NOT connected in any way with Holt Auto Sales). Apparently, a couple of guys were in business together and had a falling out. One of the men went to the police and agreed to tell the police of some illegal activity if he would gain immunity from prosecution for testifying against the other.

As a result of this information, the police obtained a search warrant to go through the business records. From what I understand, one or both of the men illegally switched VIN tags on some of their cars. They



would buy a salvage car and switch the tag with another car (which they may have a c q u i r c d

through unknown means), thereby changing the identity of the (stolen) car to that of the legally obtained salvage car.

Apparently, the police confiscated a '81 silver Corvette (salvage car) and a VIN tag to an unknown Corvette, which is where my car comes in. I don't know how, but the police suspected the VIN tag belonged on my car. I told the detective I bought the car from Oldsmobile Regency (now Crippen Auto) in March of 1986. detective The made appointment with me to come over and look at my car on November 30th.

Meanwhile, thinking over the call, I wondered if it might be part of some elaborate scam to steal my car. I called the state police to confirm that the person I talked to was indeed a detective with the auto theft unit. I also called the salesman who sold me the car to ask him if the police had contacted him. Both calls checked out, so I felt better about the visit I would be getting.

When the detectives arrived on the 30th, they proceeded to check the engine, transmission, and frame numbers to find that my car does in fact match the VIN tag they had confiscated. I did discover that my car has a different transmission. The detectives made a call to Chicago and learned the transmission on my car was from a '76 Chevy Malibu station wagon that was originally shipped to Bud Kouts

Chevrolet in Lansing. (Maybe this is why my car seems to accelerate like a family car.) The detectives speculated that the suspect may have driven my car a while and burned up the transmission before trading or selling the car to Regency Olds.

I also learned that my car was originally shipped to Canada. The detectives told me it can be difficult to obtain records from Canada and that they purge their records after a certain amount of time. It was probably stolen from there or part of an insurance fraud.

My car would not be impounded at this time (there is no real proof that it is stolen), but they will take it if they need it. The best case scenario for me: I have to pay to have a new, or possibly the original VIN tag installed. Worst case: I lose the car and get nothing.

Because of the possibility of the worst case, my car is now at a location that even I don't know. This will give me some time to hire a lawyer if the police suddenly show up at my door wanting to take my car.

I believe that after owning the car for more than ten years, I should be protected by some kind of right-of-possession law. If you or anyone else you know has been in this situation, I would appreciate any kind of advice you could give me.



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Capital City Corvette Club's Annual Awards Banquet



To be held at Mountain Jack's restaurant on West Saginaw St. next to the Lansing Mall on Saturday January 13th at 7:30 p.m.



Please R.S.V.P. by completing the following and returning it with payment to Philip Zeller at the general membership meeting on Wednesday, January 3. Please make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club.

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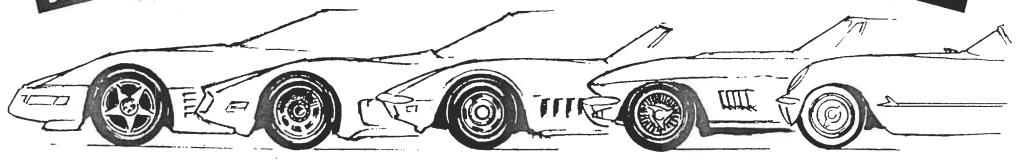
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