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#### Dear Members:

It seems August was "get your car fixed month". First Kenneth and I left our corvette overheated on the side of the highway on the way to Sharon and Ward's pool party. Fortunately it wasn't to far from the highway exit and one of Sharon and Ward's son-in-laws came and rescued us from the Total station and took us to the pool party. After the party was over we hooked up with Steve and Loretta and had the car towed to Steve's shop. It sure is nice going to the same parties as your mechanic. Unfortunately at the end of the month it was Steve and Loretta's turn for car trouble, as Loretta will explain in her article.

Once again the Mackinaw Weekend was a lot of fun. However, it was mid-afternoon on Saturday before Kenneth and I found out the reason we hardly saw anyone at the car show. A number of people decided to go to the island for the day and hang around one horse power transportation. This year the casino didn't get the better of Kenneth and myself. We walked away with \$2.20 in winnings. Do you have to declare such vast amounts to the IRS? Steve Spinrad, Bob Metzger, and Kenneth Terry are all sure that the ice cream shops in Mackinaw City close too early. The weather was very cooperative all weekend, which made crusin' with your vette all the more enjoyable. If you didn't go this year, or even if you did, think about going next year. I find it one of the most fun and relaxing activities we do as a group.

September is upon us, and there are fewer and fewer speed events and rallyes. So enjoy them while you still can. It will be Fall before we know it.

Finally, if you would like your article printed in the October Newsletter, the deadline is <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>September 23<sup>rd</sup></u>. Please address your articles to Christine Krisztian, 4600 Oakwood Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864 or call 517/347-6701 to make other arrangements to drop off your article.

Chris

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#### **→** MEETING NOTICE **→**

The September General Membership
Meeting will be held Wednesday,
September 3 at 7:00 p.m.
at Richard's Food and Drink
(4105 North East Street, Lansing)
DINNER ORDERED AT 7:15



Well gang, summer is nearly over. For some reason, the Mackinaw Weekend seems to mark the end of summer and the beginning of fall, like it or not. If you were able to travel to the straits last weekend you may have noticed one or two trees already changing color. Sad, isn't it? It seemed to take so long for summer to arrive and now it is slipping away. We will have to do our

best to make the rest of the year just as exciting as the summer season has been.

August was a very busy month for all of us. A big thanks to Sharon and Ward Wasson for hosting a "Pool Party" at their home August 2. We understand that Sharon has only one "child" that may not always follow the safety rules of the pool. I bet you will never guess who that may be. I

won't mention any names but W\_\_\_\_, shame on you! Sharon tells me that everyone must always swim with a buddy.

It was a perfect day for a pool party and I do believe everyone had a great time, I only wish I could have been there earlier - maybe next year?

The clubs in Michigan offered a number of speed events during the month of August-Flint Auto City and Owosso Speedway. There were a couple of accidents at Flint, no one was hurt, well maybe one's pride. Those darn walls do have a habit of sneaking up on one, or is it the corner that is too short? What ever the cause, we are just happy that everyone is ok and no one was hurt.

The Owosso events were plagued with rain. There was a threat of rain all day Saturday, but Mother Nature was kind to us and held off until the events were over. We were not so lucky on Sunday, what a mess. The best Steve and I could do was about 40 miles per hour and that was a chance. There is always next year, right?

Mackinaw was great though. The weather was perfect throughout the entire weekend (no small miracle). I understand the parade

had approximately 260 cars and we made it across the bridge and back in 18 minutes. I am sure it was a long 18 minutes for some and a short 18 minutes for others.

A number of us ventured over to the Island Saturday and of course several of us made our donations to the casino. A limited number of folks were lucky enough to come home with money, but I wasn't one of them.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 1997 7:00 P.M.

VIDEO FROM MACKINAW

DINNER ORDERED AT 7:15 P.M.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE THAT OWNS A CORVETTE?

INVITE THEM TO ATTEND!

For the people that were in the caravan, you may be happy to know that Steve and I made it home with only a few problems (the loss of the front seal on the rear end, ruined transmission, and one less radiator hose), it was a delightful trip!

September may not appear to be as busy, but we have some great events coming up. The drags on the 20th and Golf!!!

The drags will be the last Michigan speed event of the season, I hope you plan to participate. Even if you don't race, come and watch. Bring your friends.

Phil is planning a number of social events during the upcoming months, so even though summer is drawing to a close, we plan to keep you busy!

We hope to see you at the meeting!

#### Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes August 27, 1997

#### President's Report

Loretta discussed CCCCs' upcoming Rallyes on Sunday, October 12th. One will be a Game Rallye and one will be a Fun Rallye. We will have a golf outing at Mason on Sunday, September 28th. Also the Mystery Dinner continues to be a mystery, but we will have one in November. RCWM will host one record drag and 2 bracket drags on Saturday, September 20th. In October, KCC will host two Rallyes on October 5th, GLCC will host two Rallyes on October 18th, CCM will host a Rallye on October 19th, and HVCC will host a Rallye on October 25th. Watch your newsletter for details as they develop. There were several complaints regarding the Downing's Hotel where most CCCC members stayed. The main complaint was being quoted one price and on our arrival being told another price. While this was straightened out, some members felt maybe we need to look at other possibilities. This will be discussed further at the general membership meeting. There are still two tickets to the September 12th Governor's meeting. If interested please let Loretta know. Ways to increase membership were discussed, including ads in the paper, checking with dealerships and seeing if we could leave information packets, talking up our club when people talk to us about our cars, and giving members information packets they can hand to people when they discuss corvettes with other corvette owners. It seems frequently people don't know there's a club for corvette owners.

#### Points Report

Turned in to Newsletter. Notify Mike if any discrepancies.

#### Treasurer's Report

Updated Treasurer's Report will be submitted at the next general membership meeting. Also will discuss the Discovery Passbooks at the next general membership meeting.

#### **Public Relations**

Problem with Spartan Speedway. They thought we were lined up to use the track in August since we used it in August last year, however we used it in May and June this year. Steve will get with them to try and straighten out the misunderstanding.

Governor's Report, Secretary's Report, Newsletter, Competition Report, Social Report, Membership Report, New Business

Nothing new to report.

#### Old Business

Loretta renewed the question of possible new activities for the club to line up. These included: Ferry to Wisconsin connected with the Mackinaw Weekend or connected to a trip to the Dells of Wisconsin, horse races, Mt. Pleasant gambling, trip to Greenfield Village, Toronto, trip to Chicago for Vettefest, Las Vegas, Lake Michigan to Sagatuck, Frankenmuth and Birch Run, Wine Country Tour, rent a cabin or lodge for a color tour. Loretta will compile a questionnaire for the general membership meeting and members will be asked to rank the choices for possible club events.

#### CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MINUTES AUGUST 6, 1997

Dennis O'Hara, Governor, conducted the meeting in Loretta's absence.

#### TREASURER REPORT - Ken Terry

The June and July expenditure and revenue reports are complete and available for review upon request.

#### COMPETITION REPORT (Dennis O'Hara in Loretta's absence)

- Competition reported the upcoming race events at Flint Autocity Speedway, 8/9-10, and the Shiawassee corvette Club's low speed event on 8/16-17.

#### GOVERNOR REPORT (Dennis O'Hara)

- The next Region Meeting will be 9/9/97 at the Holiday Inn South.
- A member from Iowa won the 1997 Corvette raffle car at the National Convention in Cleveland.
- Cindy Hanses gave a report of the events at the National Convention. Others that attended from our club were the Doty's and the Swifts.

#### SOCIAL (Phil Zeller)

- The 4th of July parade at Mason was a success. Phil and Angie hosted a pre- and post-parade party at their home.
- A report was given of the Pool Party on 8/2/97 at the Wassons' home. Comments were: Lots of fun, big pool, great weather, NICE 55' CHEVY WAGON!
- The Mackinaw Trip is 8/22-24. The caravan will leave from the Meijer's parking lot on Lake Lansing Road at 8:00 A.M. Lunch will be in Mackinaw City.
- There will be a golf scramble on September 28th (Sunday). The time will be reported soon.
- Suggestions for upcoming social events were discussed. These included Mystery Dinners, Jackson Harness Races and Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant.

#### MEMBERSHIP (Mike Dotson for Nancy Dotson)

- Total NCCC members are 57; with 1 lifetime member (Steve Spinrad).
- Membership renewal is rapidly approaching. When you get your information, please respond promptly and positively.

#### PUBLIC RELATIONS (Steve Spinrad)

- We plan to continue to use Richard's Restaurant for our membership and board meetings.
- 50/50 raffle \$25/\$25

#### POINTS (Mike Dotson)

- Mike distributed to each member present a list of their points that they have accumulated and requested that each person review their points and let him know if there are any corrections.

#### NEWSLETTER (Ken Terry for Chris Krisztian)

- No June General Membership minutes were done because the June meeting was the Miniature Golf Challenge.
- Deadline for articles in the September Newsletter is 8/18/97, Monday.

#### NEW BUSINESS (Dennis O'Hara)

- Dennis encouraged all members to consider being nominated for a Board position. Nominations will be coming up starting at the October General meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

#### Capital City Corvette Club 1997 Participation Points

Through 8/6/97

NAME	POINTS	NAME	POINIS
Bob Benko	2	Steve Pavlik	12
Mary Benko	2	Gloria Reiffer	78
Kim Binney	10	Simon Reiffer	78
Elaine Blackie	39	Bob Saylor	2
Keith Blackie	42	Linda Saylor	2
Chris Cooper	5	Loretta Spinrad	112
Dave Cripe	13	Steve Spinrad	94
Mike Dodson	85	Bill Stehouwer	36
Nancy Dodson	93	Bridget Stehouwer	39
Art Doty	17	Al Swift	34
Nancy Doty	15	Linda Swift	34
Chuck Duell	16	John Tanner	6
Donna Gibbs	3	Joe Platte	10
Rick Gibbs	3	Dianne Taulbee	43
Elizabeth Goodland	10	Jack Taulbee	43
Jim Gossum	2	Ken Terry	82
Cindy Hanses	77	John Valo	8
Phil Hanses	77	Pat Valoo	5
Dick Hartman	17	Sharon Wasson	52
Pat Hartman	17	Ward Wasson	44
Christine Krisztian	79	Angie Zey	45
Bob Metzger	70	Phil Zeller	75
Dawn Metzger	70		
Dennis O'Hara	91		
Elaine O'Hara	66		

#### **Competition Points**

#### Through 6/22/97

Mike Dodson	52	Dennis O'Hara	18
Nancy Dodson	24	Loretta Spinrad	124
Cindy Hanses	38	Steve Spinrad	118
Phil Hanses	38	Bill Stehouwer	42
Chris Krisztian	18	Bridget Stehouwer	21
Dave Lindgren	10	Ken Terry	31
Bob Metzger	34	Angie Zea	31
Dawn Metzger	22	Phil Zeller	45

Mike Dodson, 1997 Points Director

# September

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 General Membership Meeting	4	5	6
7	8	9 Region Meeting	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 RCWM 1 Record Drag/2 Brackets
21	22	23 Newsletter Deadline	24 Board Meeting	25	26	27
28Golf Outing Mason Hills	29	30				

#### Capital City Corvette Club 1997 Tentative Calendar

#### **SEPTEMBER**

- 3 General Membership Meeting
- 9 Region Meeting
- 20 RCWM 1 Record Drag/2 Bracket
- 24 Board Meeting
- 28 CCCC Golf Outing at Mason Hills

#### **OCTOBER**

- 1 General Membership Meeting
- 5 KCC 2 Rallyes
- 12 CCCC 2 Rallyes
- 18 GLCC 2 Rallyes
- 19 CCM Rallye
- 25 HVCC Rallye

#### **NOVEMBER**

- 2 CCM Rallye
- 5 General Membership Meeting
- 11 Region Meeting
- ?? Mystery Dinner

#### **DECEMBER**

3 General Membership Meeting

#### Royal Corvettes of Western Michigan Present

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Registration Opens 8:30 am
Closes 11:15 am
Drivers Meeting 11:15 am
Eliminations 11:20 am
Cost \$25.00

Bracket Drags MI-062-101 Opens 8:30 am Closes 12:00 approx 11:15 am To follow **Records** \$25.00 Bracket # 2 MI-062-102 Opens 8:30 am Closes 1:00 pm approx 11:15 AM To follow 1st Bracket \$25.00

Cost of "Pit Crew" \$5 If running all Three events cost is \$65.00

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No Rain Date

Call Gary Dekker for additional information on these events!

#### Event Chairman: Event Chairman: Event Chairman: Gary Dekker Sharon Dekker Dan McGladdery 4093 Summit View NE 4823 138th Avenue 4823 138th Avenue Grand Rapids, MI 49505 Hamilton, Michigan 49419 Hamilton, Michigan 49419 TRACK (616)751-5243 (616)36-2437 (616)751-5243 more STANTON Governor: Gary Dekker GRAND mai 4823 138th Avenue 196 Hamilton, Michigan 49419 (616)751-5243 IONIA

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#### A Rallying We Go Over Hill and through the Wood

To Alamo

Sanction # MI-047-083

Type of Event: Type II Gimmick Rallye

Date: October 5, 1997

Club: Kalamazoo Corvette Club

Registration Opens: 11:00 a.m.

Region: Michigan

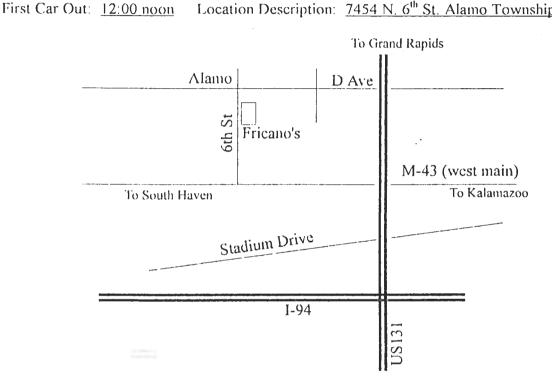
Closes: 11:45 a.m.

Entry Fee - Both Rallies: \$10.00 NCCC

\$12.00 non

Driver's Meeting: 11:45 a.m.

Location Description: 7454 N. 6<sup>th</sup> St. Alamo Township



\$5.00 extra per person for Pizza and Soft drinks after Rallye.

Event Chairpersons:

Governor:

Name(s): Gloria Walters & Paula Aldridge

Name: Elana Siebel

Address: 1090 Cadet Lane

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#### A Rallying We Go Over Hill and through the Wood To Alamo



Sanction # MI-047-084

Type of Event: Type III Poker Rallye

Date: October 5, 1997

Club: Kalamazoo Corvette Club

Registration Opens: 11:00 a.m.

Region: Michigan

Closes: 11:45 a.m.

Entry Fee - Both Rallies: \$10.00 NCCC

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Driver's Meeting: 11:45 a.m.

First Car Out: 12:00 noon

Location Description: 7454 N. 6th St. Alamo Township

To Grand Rapids Alamo D Ave 5th St Fricano's M-43 (west main) To Kalamazoo To South Haven Stadium Drive I-94

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# Time fore Golf



Clear the cobwebs off your clubs and join us for a round of golf.

Place: Mason Hills Golf Club, 2602 Tomlinson,

Mason, Right On US27, Kipp Rd. Exit

Date: Sunday, September 28th

Time: Tee off at 3:00 P.M.

Cost: \$10/person for a cart and 9 holes

For More Info Contact: Phil Zeller 676-6609

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