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# Capital City Corvette Club News

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Fa-la-la-la! Greetings Members!

It's nearly December and the hustle and bustle of the holiday season is upon us. But this is also a time to get together, sit back and relax and enjoy some time with family and friends that we infrequently, as well as frequently see. In this holiday spirit join your fellow CCCC friends for a Holiday Dinner at the Rooftop Landing Restaurant on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you're like Ken and myself, you've been keeping your eye on the weather channel and noticed this week-end's temperatures are expected to be in the mid to upper 50's. With this in mind, we're expecting to drive our corvette to the Holiday Dinner. Come on CCCC members, if you haven't already tucked your corvette away for a long winter's nap, let's drive them to the Holiday Dinner! Don't forget the Holiday Dinner will replace the December General Membership Meeting. Please see the enclosed flyer for further details.

We will tend to a little business at the Holiday Dinner. We will have our election of officers at that time. If you can not attend the Holiday Dinner, and wish to cast your vote by absentee ballot, the ballot is enclosed in the newsletter. Please follow the directions carefully. All ballots must be returned by December 2, 1998.

With the New Year will come new activities. If you were wondering "what will I do this winter, this coming year, etc.", wonder no more. See Loretta's President's page for more details.

Lastly, anyone wishing to have their article in the January Newsletter please submit it by Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. Please address your articles to Christine Krisztian, 4600 Oakwood Drive, Okemos, Michigan 48864, e-mail me (call before trying this) or call 517/347-6701 to make other arrangements to drop off your article.

Have a joyous & blessed season?

## **1998 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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Public Relations Director, 372-4380

Bob Metzger -

Points Director, 517/723-8431

#### **→** MEETING NOTICE **→**

The December Holiday Dinner will be held Wednesday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Rooftop Landing Restaurant (2980 N. Williamston Road, Williamston)



# GOVERNOR'S REPORT

Governors' Meeting - November 14, 1998

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

NCCC treasury balance on hand, as of November 13, 1998: \$309,835.57.

NCCC Charity Program for September 5, 1998 to November 1, 1998: \$15,054.77.

NCCC Grants Program for September 5, 1998 to November 1, 1998: \$18,394.64.

Convention profit from the St. Louis, Missouri National Convention: \$19,089.48.

#### **NEWSLETTER CONTEST**

Each club entering the contest will submit 3 issues covering the period from January 1999 through May 1999. Entries will be judged on content and completeness of service rendered to their Club in the following categories: Local News, Technical News, National News, Regional News, and Competition. Awards will be presented to the top 5 entries, and will be announced at the NCCC Convention.

#### COMPETITION

BF Goodrich G force R-1 tires will now be legal for Group I. See me for additional information regarding competition if you are interested.

#### **FUTURE CORVETTE OWNERS OF AMERICA**

Membership in the FCOA is growing well. There are now 718 members.

#### **CONVENTION 1999**

The 1999 National Convention is being held in Denver, Colorado July 24 – 30, 1999. The Convention Chairman announced that the Funkana will be held Monday instead of Tuesday. The location of Low Speed Events had to be moved to a 1.7 mile course due to unavailability of a track originally chosen for the events. The NASCAR track will be used for the High Speed Events.

#### PRESIDENT SPECIAL REPORT

The current President of NCCC, Deb Murphy, announced that a number of articles will be printed in various magazines on "Women and Corvettes". One such article should be in a future article in Corvette Fever magazine.

#### NATIONAL ELECTION HIGHLIGHTS

Richard Yanko, from Ohio, was voted as new President of NCCC by the Governors at the November meeting. The proposed site for the Year 2000 National Convention was approved by the Governors to be held in Traverse City, Michigan. The Convention will be hosted by . . . . CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB!

Mike Dodson, Governor

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Reminder... If you have not paid your dues for 1999, call Mike or Nancy Dodson at 517-669-9698. The deadline has past, however, we don't want to loose you as a member!

## From the president...

Loretta Spinrad

I am happy to report that we have received the approval to proceed with our plans for Convention 2000. As I explained, the Board of Governors was to vote on our proposal at the November Governor's Meeting and the vote was 133 in favor with 37 opposing.

I was not surprised with the 37 no votes, but I was very disturbed to learn that our own Region officers and fellow club members were actively campaigning against us. I feel this shows a true lack of sportsmanship and how truly spiteful people can be.

Any event that we are invited to whether it is hosted by National, the Region, or a sister club, it is our choice to attend or not to attend, it should not be our place to encourage other people not to attend. This is an organization of volunteers and while we encourage participation, no one is expected to attend or contribute if they choose not to. If as a group or as individuals, we choose not to participate. that is our choice. I do not feel that we should make it our business to encourage other folks not to participate. I think it is wrong and unfair and I was very disappointed to hear the comments being made by fellow Region members and officers.

I remember when we hosted the Region party two years ago. I got all sorts of grief from the same people because the cost of the ticket was too high. How could we not have a region meeting? Why would we want to have a party during the day? And of course no one would come. If you will recall everyone had a great time and the turnout was the largest in several years and to top it off we made a small profit for the Region.

I think it is important for you to know what is being said so you will not be disappointed if you hear negative comments. We were successful when we tried something new and different for the banquet and I feel (with your help) we will be successful in 2000!

In addition to the efforts of our club, we have received offers of assistance from Elana Siebel (Kalamazoo Corvette Club) and the Huron Valley Corvette Club. Elana worked on the '94 Michigan Convention and has experience with the registration process. Bob Kellerman from Huron Valley has told me their club is interested in helping where ever they can. I think we will benefit from both offers.

On a lighter note, Joe Scafero from CCM will be hosting the Region Banquet in March 1999. The date is March 6 at the Novi Hilton. The cost will be \$35.00 per person. As soon as I receive a flyer I will make sure it is in the newsletter. I think it would be nice for us to support Joe and the efforts of his committee, you will recall how it felt when people didn't seem to want to support us. This will provide you with an opportunity to meet and socialize with other members of our Region, so please mark March 6, 1999 on your calendar as a very important date.

The Competition Carraiar was set at the last Region meeting for the 1999 Competition Season. We will be hosting Record Drags on May 8<sup>th</sup> with the Kalamazoo Club, Low Speed events June 19 and 20 with Huron Valley and Jackson and once again July 17 and 18th with Huron Valley and Jackson. Our fall Rallyes will be October 17.

Our next meeting will be our annual Holiday Dinner which will be December 2 at the raindeer farm or better know as the Rooftop Landing. We hope to see you there!

On behalf of the entire Board of Directors we would like to extend our sincere gratitude for your hard work and continued support this year.

Our club is only as good as you make it. and we feel we have the best of the best!

May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a most prosperous New Year!

Steve and Loretta Spinrad

#### Capital City Corvette Club General Membership Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, November 5, 1998

Motion to accept minutes as listed in newsletter. Steve moved, Elaine seconded; minutes accepted.

<u>Treasurers Report</u> - Balance Reported.

<u>Competition Report</u> – We will soon be bidding on competition events for the 1999 competition events.

Governor's Report – The Board of Governors will meet next week, and elections will be held next week as well. Please see newsletter for membership renewal information.

Membership Report - 67 CCCC members. Please submit your club membership renewals.

Social Report – The Holiday Dinner will be held at the Rooftop Landing in Williamston on December 2, 1998. We had a great time at the horseracing event, 18 people attended. Thanks, Mike and Nancy Dodson, for putting together the event.

Public Relations Report - We continue to work with Stanton to schedule 1999 drag events.

<u>Points Director Report</u> – Points information was passed around, please complete the listed of events attended and send it to Bob Metzger.

Editor Report - Newsletter due date is November 20, 1998.

Old Business – Convention update. The vote relating to Convention 2000 will be held at the Governor's meeting on November 14, 1998.

Nominations for 1999 CCCC officer positions.

Points Director - Phil Hanses

Editor - Cindy Hanses

Governor - Phil Hartman

nominations closed

\*Please look to your newsletter for previous nominations.

New Business – Please submit ideas for the 1999 social calendar.

Adjournment

# Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, November 17, 1998

- Membership Report 38 CCCC w/ NCCC (22 primary and 16 spouse) membership renewals have been received and 4 CCCC membership renewals have been received. Please continue to submit renewals.
- Governor Report NCCC treasury balance was reported. Sanction fees and charity and grant programs were also discussed. The 1999 National Convention will be held in Denver, CO. Please see Mike Dodson for additional details. Also, please submit your membership renewal information.
- Social Director The 1998 Holiday Dinner will be held at the Rooftop Landing Restaurant in Williamston. The 1998 Capital City Corvette Club Banquet is schedule for January 30 at Signatures American Grill.

<u>Treasurer Report</u> – Balance reported.

Editor - The copier has been repaired. The newsletter deadline is November 20, 1998.

<u>Public Relations</u> – 1999 Spartan speed events have been scheduled, June 19 & 20 and July 17 & 18. We are still working on the details to secure a date for drags. CCCC rallye is scheduled for October 17, 1999. Region meetings will now be held at Richard's.

<u>Secretary</u> – nothing to report.

President – Capital City Corvette Club's bid to host the 2000 National Convention has been approved. Web site possibilities were discussed. A contract for Convention 2000 at Shanty Creek has been received and sent to Jim Harris and Region Business Manager for review. Deposit and signed contract needs to be sent to Shanty Creek. Capital City Corvette Club is looking into the possibility of putting together a trip to Shanty Creek / Traverse City in July of 1999. Committees for Convention 2000 will need to be formed. Club Members, please consider a committee you may want to be a part of. Capital City Corvette Club has decided to pursue the possibility of a web page. The Region Banquet will be hosted by CCM and held at the Novi Hilton on March 6, 1999. Cost for the banquet will be \$35.00/ person, and the hotel will be \$89.00/ night. Roger Thompson has challenged all clubs to donate \$2.00 per person to the Corvette Museum.

# Capitol City Corvette Club Points List

Bob Benko	25	Gloria Reiffer	71
Mary Benko	22	Simon Reiffer	73
Kim Binney	12	John Richard	05
Keith Blackie	13	Debbie Richard	05
Elaine Blackie	13	Loretta Spinrad	165
Tom Carter	05	Steve Spinrad	124
Karen Carter	05	Bill Stehouwer	45
Chris Cooper	21	Bridget Stehouwer	52
Dave Cripe	39	Allen Swift	09
Mike Dodson	156	Linda Swift	09
Nancy Dodson	162	Dianne Taulbee	58
Art Doty	26	Jack Taulbee	58
Nancy Doty	24	Kenneth Terry	124
Charles Duell	03	Sharon Wasson	20
Donna Gibbs	34	Ward Wasson	22
Rick Gibbs	34	John White	06
Elizabeth Goodla	nd 03	Betty White	06
Cindy Hanses	73	Angie Zea	107
Phil Hanses	81	Philip Zeller	123
Dick Hartman	64	Janice Tribble	08
Pat Hartman	61	John Shepler	29
Ralph Huss	02	Jan Shepler	15
Christine Kriszti	an 117	Ralph Guss	02
Bob Metzger	66	Fred Honhart	02
Dawn Metzger	70	Steve Pavlik	03
Clyde Nash	Ha ava con-	Joe Platte	03
Mike Nash	07	Pam Platte	05
Dennis O'Hara	135	Linda Kay Roberts	07
Elaine O'Hara	127	Dick Tucker	05
Irene Quick	64	M.T. Wallet	02
Steve Quick	61	Mike Walsh	05

Points do not include competition points.

# You're Invited...



Occasion: Capital City Corvette Club Holiday Dinner.

Date: Wednesday, December 2,1998

(in place of the regular general membership meeting)

Time: 7:00

Place: Rooftop Landing Restaurant 2980 N Williamston Road Williamston, MI (517) 655-5234



R.S.V.P by: Sunday, November 29, 1998 Philip Zeller 517-676-6609

Optional: Friendship gift exchange...
Bring a wrapped gift valued at \$5.00 and receive a gift in exchange.

# DECEMBER

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# Capital City Corvette Club 1998 Tentative Calendar

# **DECEMBER**

 General Membership Meeting -Holiday Dinner

# 1999 Tentative Calendar

# **JANUARY**

- 6 General Membership Meeting
- ?? CCCC Board Meeting
- 30 CCCC Annual Awards Banquet

## **FEBRUARY**

- 3 General Membership Meeting
- ?? CCCC Board Meeting

## **MARCH**

- 3 General Membership Meeting
- 6 Region Banquet
- ?? CCCC Board Meeting



# July 4th Weekend 1999

We won the bid to host Convention 2000 for the National Council of Corvette Clubs. As you know we will be hosting the convention at the Shanty Creek Resort in Bellaire, Michigan. The official dates for convention will be July 8 - 16, 2000.

# The reality is here! The challenge is ours! Onward, upward, and full speed ahead!

Our Board has already started the planning process and will have a well defined plan to present to the membership at the February General Membership Meeting. At that time we will be asking for volunteers to serve on various committees. Some of the committees will have projects to complete prior to convention others will be responsible for events during the convention. Please be thinking about the level of commitment you will be able to make, things you enjoy doing and where you may be able to offer assistance. You may want to volunteer to work on more than one committee based on the time you have available. Don't be shy, step right up and volunteer!

In preparation for convention and to help with our planning efforts we are planning a trip to Traverse City next July. We will be leaving Lansing early Saturday morning July 3rd. We plan to stay at Shanty Creek Saturday and Sunday evenings and some of us will be staying longer. The room rates will be \$75.00 per night over the weekend and \$55.00 per night during the week.

This will definitely be a work weekend but we will find plenty of time to enjoy the sites. It will also be Cherry Festival time in Traverse City. We feel it is imperative that we spend time in the area to better acquaint ourselves with the locale and plan our events. Your support will definitely be appreciated.

If you feel you will be able to join us please call me ASAP so I can block the rooms. Thank you!

It is once again time for the election of officers. The officers elected will take office as of January 1, 1999. We will be voting at the December Holiday Dinner. If you would like to vote by mail please complete this ballot and return to our post office box. Your envelope must have your name and address and the envelope must be identified as a ballot. If returning by mail, the ballot must be received prior to December 2, 1998.

#### Capital City Corvette Club Official Ballot for 1999

Preside	ent		
	Loretta Spinrad		
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Secreta	ary Angie Zea		
	Aligie Zea		
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Govern	nor		
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## The Night Before Christmas . . .

'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a motor was running, not even a mouse;
Most Corvettes were parked in the garage until spring,
And waiting to see what St. Chevy would bring.



Our family was haunted by lingering thoughts,
Of the bills for the Corvette parts recently bought
And mama in her roadster, and I in my 'Ray,
Had just arrived home for the long holiday.



I stared from my coupe to see what was the matter. I looked through the window, jumped out like a flash, Hit my head on the hardtop and fell on my ????.

I landed in snowdrifts as deep as my neck
And got snow down my collar, but, hey, what the heck,
For what I saw next was a vision from heaven,
A red '66 with a 427.

The little old driver sat letting it rev.

I knew from the big block it must be St. Chev.

His foot hit the throttle, eight cylinders roared,

And he chuckled with glee at his thundering hoard



"Now, pushrod! Now, camshaft! Now, valve stem and piston! On, header! On gasket! On, con rod and wrist pin!

Let's redline the tach to the end To tell them some muscle cars



of this drive! still do survive

His slicks spun like whirlwinds, making me choke From the cloud that arose like a grey wall of smoke He then screeched to a stop in a four-wheel slide And St. Chev grabbed his toy bag and sauntered inside.

The big block still idled its resonant sound

As he unlatched his seat belt and stepped to the ground

The windows still shook from the deep, throaty roar,

And he glanced back and smiled as he stepped through the door.





He was dressed all in bowties, from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with grease and soot; A bundle of stuff he had flung on his back, And he looked like a swap-meeter opening his pack.

His eyes - how they twinkled! A grand celebration! But his cheeks were indented by acceleration! He smelled of high octane and fiberglass dust, And was covered with brake fluid, gear oil and rust.

The stump of pipe he held tight in his jaw,
But to light it would risk an explosion, he saw;
He had a broad face and little round gut
Where the shape of the steering wheel had carved a
deep rut.

He was chubby and plump, a right jaded old elf, I recoiled when I saw him, in spite of myself; With his unsteady hands and the twitch in his eye, I knew him instinctively....a real Corvette guy



As he filled all the stockings, he turned with a jerk,
Don't not short blocks in stockings...it just doesn't work,
He passed but the car parts and turned for the door,
Past the new sting ray frame on the living room floor

He sprang to his car, mashed his foot to the gas, And just missed me, still stuck in the snow to my ????

I heard him exclaim as he screeched out of sight

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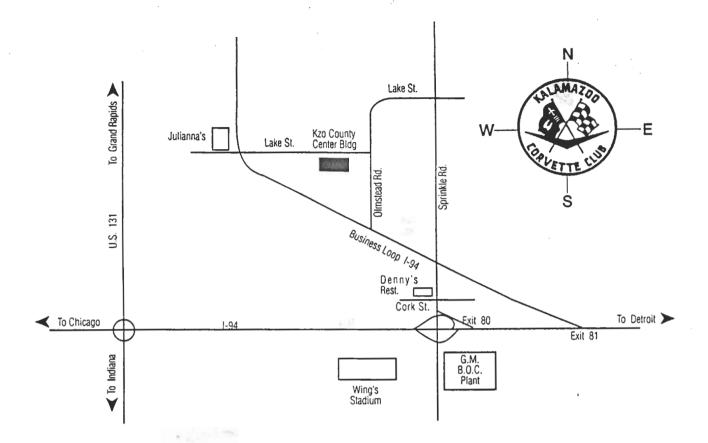
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