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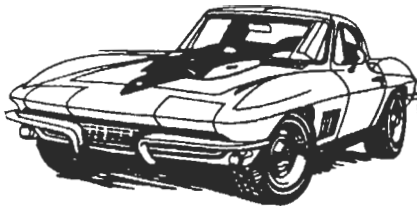


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Upcoming Calendar of Events

December 1, 1999

Holiday Dinner

Damon's

Lake Lansing Road

January 5, 2000

General Membership Meeting

Richard's Restaurant

January 12, 2000

CCCC Board Meeting

January 15, 2000

Annual Awards Banquet

Signatures Restaurant

February 2, 2000

General Membership Meeting

Richard's Restaurant

February 12, 2000

Convention Planning Committee Meeting

Old Town Diner

Lansing

February 16, 2000

CCCC Board Meeting

February 26, 2000

NCCC Governor's Meeting

Louisville, KY

March 4 -5, 2000

Chevy Vettefest

Chicago, IL

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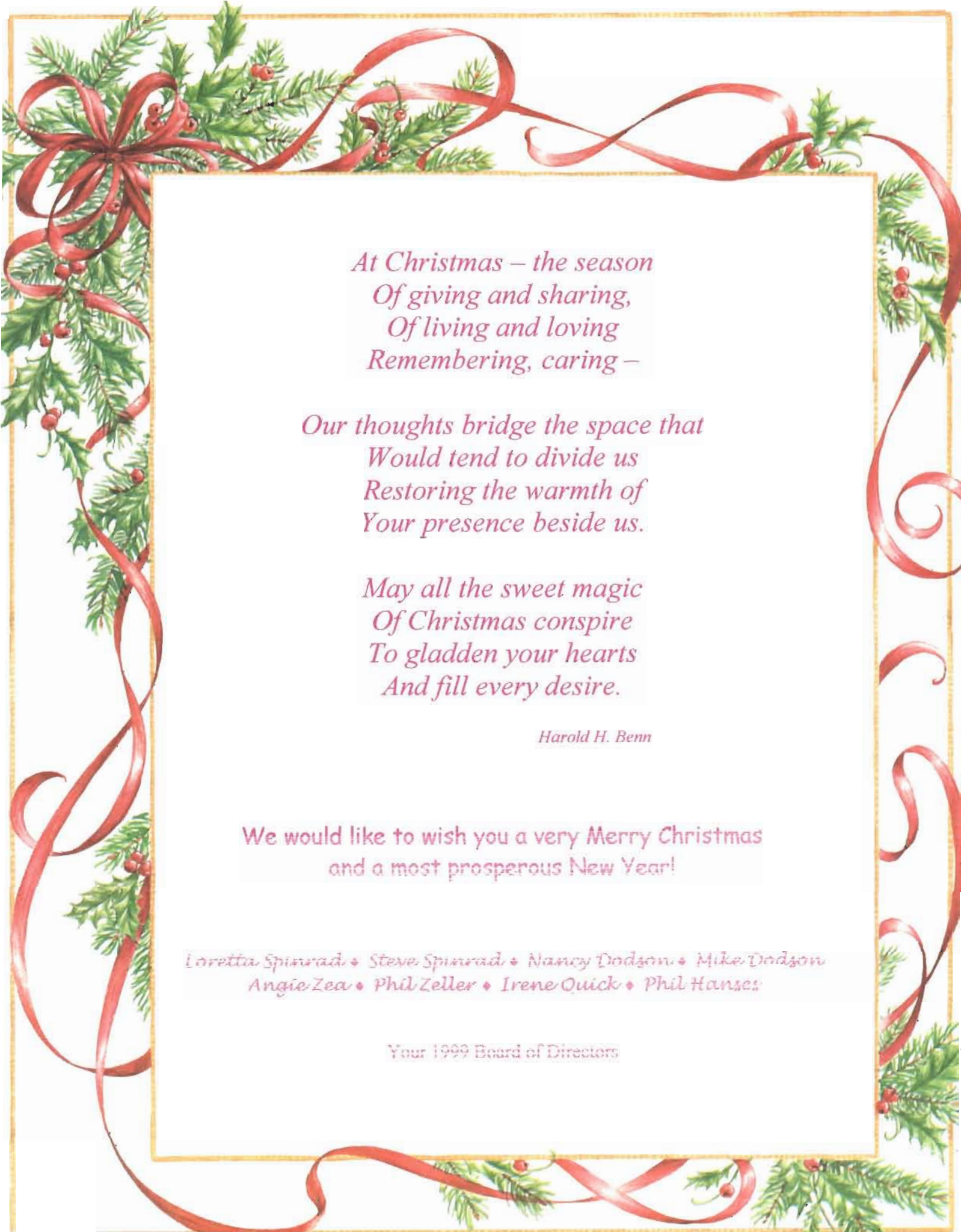
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*At Christmas – the season
Of giving and sharing,
Of living and loving
Remembering, caring –*

*Our thoughts bridge the space that
Would tend to divide us
Restoring the warmth of
Your presence beside us.*

*May all the sweet magic
Of Christmas conspire
To gladden your hearts
And fill every desire.*

Harold H. Benn

*We would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a most prosperous New Year!*

*Loretta Spinrad ♦ Steve Spinrad ♦ Nancy Dodson ♦ Mike Dodson
Angie Zea ♦ Phil Zeller ♦ Irene Quick ♦ Phil Hanses*

Your 1999 Board of Directors

from the president . . .

Loretta Spinrad

The holiday season is now upon us and as usual, schedules become hectic, and the stress levels seem to accelerate. Be sure to take time for yourself, take time to enjoy what is going on around you, and above all, have a happy holiday.

As for our club, we are off to a great start. Our holiday dinner was a great success, with approximately 34 people in attendance including little Andrea Terry and a number of visitors: Ken David, Lynn and Bill Craycheck, and Ray and Mary Debar.

A big thanks to Nancy Dodson for making the evening possible.

Phil and Angie were quite surprised with the honeymoon shower. And were very appreciative of the fine gifts and well wishes for their upcoming marriage and honeymoon.

As the year comes to a close, I am sure Corvette events are the last thing on your mind, but let me take a little time to update you on where we are with our many activities.

We will be planning our 2000 calendar during the month of January. As customary, I will provide a survey to everyone at our January meeting pertaining to events that you may or may not want to pursue.

Competition: The bidding for competition events was held at the last Region Meeting and as it stands now, we are scheduled to host a People's Choice car show April 30, Drag Racing May 20, Convention July, Low Speed Events August 19 and 20, and Drag Racing September 30.

On the social scene, we are looking at our annual banquet in January, Convention Planning and dinner in February, Trip to Chicago in March, Bingo at Tamarac in March or April, Bowling in April, Parades Memorial Day and July 4, our Miniature Golf Outing, mystery dinners, and many other fun things.

If there is an event you would like to see us pursue this coming year, please provide me with the details prior to our January meeting (if at all possible) so it can be discussed and researched before our first Board Meeting on the 12th of January. The final decision on events will be made by the Board of Directors based on your comments, suggestions, and availability.

We are considering possible options for our charity car show in April. Some suggestions that have been presented are: the VFW home in Eaton Rapids, St. Vincents Home for Children, the local hospice. If you have an idea please let me know.

Now for Convention:

We had a great planning meeting last month, with a lot being accomplished. A special thanks to those who attended. Your support has and continues to be wonderful!

We have a great opportunity to market our convention at the Chevy Vettefest in March. NCCC is trying to secure a booth for us at the March show. We will have an opportunity to promote our organization, our charity, and our convention. The dates for this show are March 4 and 5 at the McCormick Center. We would also like to sponsor some type of social event for NCCC members and possible members in attendance at the show.

Have a great holiday and I hope to see everyone at our regularly scheduled meeting, January 5, 2000. Bring a friend and we will see you at 7:00 p.m.!

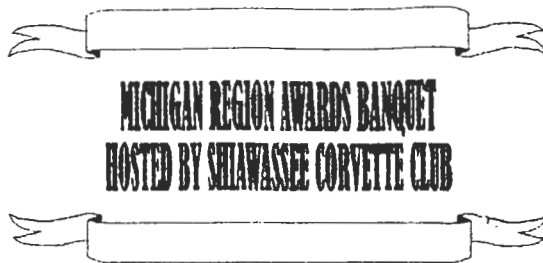
Happy Holidays!

Loretta

This issue contains a survey that is being distributed by John Gibson, a consultant for Chevrolet. John has been hired by Chevrolet to form a club alliance to help Chevrolet with their support of organizations like ours. They are looking for input from club members regarding club activities and their perception of clubs in general and how Chevrolet can help us. This is a great opportunity to share our thoughts with Chevrolet. Please complete the survey and return to:

John Gibson
543 Carberry Hill
Brighton MI 48116

Thanks!



DATE: March 11, 2000

PLACE: GiGi's Catering & Banquets
3144 E. M 21
Corunna, MI 48817

COCKTAILS: 6 p.m. DINNER: 7 p.m.

DINNER COST: \$20.00 per person

DINNER BUFFET

Roast Beef, Chicken, Sausage & Kraut
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Coleslaw & Spaghetti Salad
Corn & Broccoli-Cheese-Rice Casserole
Baked Beans, Pudding, Dessert
Relish Tray, Rolls & Butter
Coffee, Punch & Ice Tea

Beer & Pop Provided; Cash Bar

D.J. FOR DANCING

FOR HOTEL RESERVATIONS please call the Comstock Inn & Conference Center, 300 E. Main St., Owosso, MI 48867 at (517) 725-0999.

Rooms will be blocked -- Please tell them you are with the Corvette club.

ROOM RATE: \$79 per night; two double or queen-size bed

Please detach this portion and return to Jackie Leone by March 1, 2000, with your check for the cost of dinner made payable to SCC.

NAMES OF THOSE TO ATTEND AWARDS DINNER

CLUB REPRESENTING _____

MAIL TO: JACKIE LEONE, 504 E. CRONK RD., OWOSSO, MI 48867

CCCC Points Information

Thank you to those of you who completed the attendance summary form that I handed out at the November General Membership meeting. I found that I had not properly awarded points for attending the Marshall parade and for hosting social events. I have made the appropriate corrections and they are included in this months points report.

A question was brought up at the November 15 CCCC Board meeting about receiving points for convention related activities which are promoted by the Club. So far these activities have been the trip to Shanty Creek over the July 4th weekend and trips to the NCCC Governors meeting in Louisville, KY. Discussion took place about the extensive traveling required to attend these events so our club can prepare for next year's NCCC Convention. I had previously awarded 2 points for attending the Shanty Creek work session (with an additional point for driving a corvette) assuming that the trip was considered a social event. No points were awarded for attending the Governors meeting to sell convention shirts.

The Board hopes to more fairly reward club members who give of their time and incur travel expenses due to the fact that we are hosting the national convention next year. We have decided to award a total of 10 points for attending Shanty Creek and Governors meeting plus an additional point for driving a corvette. The points are not available for attending the Governors meeting if you are required to be there as part of other duties (i.e. Club Governor, Regional Membership Director, and NCCC Executive Board member). I have included the additional points for those who have attended these events in this months points report.

Because of the revisions noted above there has been a significant change in the overall points standings. I apologize for any problems that may have been caused by not having the corrections made earlier.

Phil Hanses
Points Director

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 1999 POINTS STANDINGS

Through 11/23/99

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Bob Benko	34	Dick Hartman	48	John Shepler	11
Mary Benko	20	Pat Hartman	45	Gary Simpson	0
Elaine Blackie	0	Chuck Hokanson	2	Maggie Simpson	0
Keith Blackie	3	Fred Honhart	0	Jack Smith	2
Colleen Bratschi	3	Edward Hooks	0	Loretta Spinrad	203
Rich Bratschi	3	Ralph Huss	8	Steve Spinrad	170
Mike Britz	18	Christine Krisztian	42	Bill Stehouwer	48
Connie Britz	6	Karen Martoni	2	Bridget Stehouwer	50
Dave Cripe	20	Mike Martoni	2	Roger Stehouwer	5
Trini Dixon	14	Dawn Metzger	0	Al Swift	10
Mike Dodson	142	Bob Metzger	0	Linda Swift	4
Nancy Dodson	142	Dennis O'Hara	86	Jack Taulbee	51
Art Doty	16	Elaine O'Hara	76	Dianne Taulbee	51
Nancy Doty	14	Steve Pavlik	6	Ken Terry	39
Craig Dredge	2	Joe Platte	14	Janice Tribble	15
Chuck Duell	5	Steve Quick	57	Chanda Wieland	2
Donna Gibbs	6	Irene Quick	81	Gary Witzenburg	14
Donald Gibbs	6	Gloria Reiffer	84	Jill Witzenburg	14
Elizabeth Goodland	0	Simon Reiffer	84	Angie Zea	121
Cindy Hanses	162	Steve Sewell	0	Phil Zeller	130
Phil Hanses	180	Janyce Shepler	8		

TOP TEN PARTICIPATION POINTS

1. Loretta Spinrad	203	7. Phil Zeller	130
2. Phil Hanses	180	8. Angie Zea	121
3. Steve Spinrad	170	9. Dennis O'Hara	86
4. Cindy Hanses	162	10. Simon Reiffer	84
5. Mike Dodson	142	10. Gloria Reiffer	84
5. Nancy Dodson	142		

COMPETITION POINTS

1. Phil Hanses	120	8. Angie Zea	20
2. Cindy Hanses	86	9. Steve Quick	17
3. Steve Spinrad	66	9. Steve Quick	17
4. Nancy Dodson	50	11. Simon Reiffer	15
5. Loretta Spinrad	48	11. Gloria Reiffer	15
6. Mike Dodson	45	13. Steve Pavlik	6
7. Phil Zeller	27		

If you have any questions about your points total, please talk to Phil at the Holiday Dinner or call at (517) 587-3422.

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Thanks to Kalamazoo Corvette Club

Subject: Have a nice drive home

----- Message Contents -----

The wife of a Southern Baptist preacher talks to her Sunday school
>class about a wonderful religious experience that she had last week:

>The other day I went up to the local Christian book store where I saw a
>"Honk if you love Jesus" bumper sticker. I was feeling particularly
>sassy that day because I had come from a thrilling choir performance at
>church, so I bought that bumper sticker and put it on the back bumper of
>my car. And I'm really glad that I did, too. What an uplifting
>experience followed.

>
>I was stopped at the light of a busy intersection, just lost in thought
>about the lord, and I did not notice that the light had changed. It is
>a good thing someone else loves Jesus or I may have never noticed the
>light had changed. But then I found that lots of people love Jesus.

>
>Why, the guy behind me started to honk like crazy and then he leaned out
>his window and screamed, "For the love of GOD, go!...go! Jesus Christ
>go!".

>
>Everyone was honking, so I leaned out my window and waved and smiled at
>all those loving people. I even honked my horn a few times to share in
>the love.

>
>There must have been a man from Florida back there because I could hear
>him yelling something about a sunny beach.

>
>I saw another guy waving in a funny way with just his middle finger. I
>asked my teenage son what this meant, he said it was probably a Hawaiian
>good luck sign or something. Well I have never even met a person from
>Hawaii, so I leaned out the window and gave him the good luck sign >back.
My son burst into laughter, why, even he was enjoying this >religious
experience.

>
>A couple of the people were so caught up in the joy of the moment that
>they got out of their cars and started walking towards me. I bet they
>wanted to pray or ask what church I attended, But that is when I noticed
>the light had changed. I waved one more time to my brothers and sisters
>and drove through the intersection.

>
>I was the only car that got across the intersection before the light
>changed again. I felt kind of bad that I had to leave them and all the
>love we had shared. I slowed down, leaned out the car and gave them all
>the Hawaiian good luck sign one more time as I drove away.

>
>Praise the LORD for such wonderful folks!

SUBMITTED BY JOHN NEWBY

October 28, 1999

To: All Chevrolet Enthusiast Clubs and Affiliate Club Organizations

Subject: CHEVROLET SUPPORT STRUCTURE FOR ENTHUSIAST CLUBS

As you may know, the number of Chevrolet-related enthusiast clubs has continued to grow at a remarkable rate. In fact, the sheer number of enthusiast activities exceeds that of any other carmaker in the world. Such interest and activity has always been extremely important to Chevrolet.

Chevrolet National Club Communication Effort

Due to this exceptional growth, Chevrolet has launched a serious planning effort aimed at developing a structure to communicate with and support the activities of enthusiast clubs connected with any and all of its products, regardless of vehicle vintage.

It is Chevrolet's intention to establish a national affiliate structure that will enable clubs to have consistent and effective communication with the division. The ultimate purpose of this permanent structure will be to help clubs secure assistance for worthwhile activities that warrant Chevrolet support.

We Need Your Help Getting Club Member Input

This project is currently in the early fact-finding and planning stage. Chevrolet has secured the services of John Gibson, former Managing Editor of Corvette News, as an independent consultant to work as the Project Manager in the early planning phase. You may know Gibson as an honorary member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs who has been very active in enthusiast club functions for over 20 years.

We recognize that input from enthusiast club members is of critical importance if we are to reach our goal of making this project work effectively for all clubs. Thus we are currently developing a detailed research survey designed to gather club member input for our planning. We need your help in securing the necessary lists of club-member information in order to conduct this survey. Essentially, we need member names, addresses, and phone numbers in order to handle the effective distribution of survey questionnaires and the subsequent gathering of member input.

Our goal is to complete this research phase over the next few weeks in order to finish structural development and be ready for a formal program announcement in early January 2000. All member information will be maintained on a highly secured "confidential" basis and will be used solely for research and planning purposes.

We will be contacting you in the near future to follow-up on this project. Your cooperation will lead to a program that will be highly beneficial to all Chevrolet enthusiasts clubs.
Thanks you for your assistance,

Sincerely,

Cynthia Babcock
Chevrolet Motor Division

Chevrolet Vehicle Club Member Survey

(10-27-99)

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our research survey of members of a local Chevrolet vehicle club. Chevrolet is very interested in better understanding the needs and opinions of vehicle club members so that it can be more supportive of these clubs in the future. Your feedback will help Chevrolet learn what is most important to you and your club in order to provide services/support that is appropriate and beneficial.

Respondent's Name: _____

Respondent's Club Name: _____

Respondent's Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

1. Is your club active on the Internet? ☐ Yes ☐ No
2. Does your club use e-mail? ☐ Yes ☐ No
3. What is your club's e-mail address: _____
4. Is your club interested in Internet Car Club activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. Would you be interested in Chevrolet assistance in developing Internet usage for clubs?
☐ Yes ☐ No
6. Is your club affiliated with a national club organization? ☐ Yes ☐ No
7. Please identify that national club organization: _____
8. Does your club travel to car enthusiast events away from your local area?
☐ Yes ☐ No
9. How far will you travel to participate in car enthusiast events? _____ Miles.
10. Would you be interested in events involving other Chevrolet car brands and vintages (i.e., Camaro, Corvair, Corvette, Impalla SS, Monza, Classic Chevy's, etc.)?
☐ Yes ☐ No
11. Would you object to Chevrolet establishing a national registry of all club members?
☐ Yes ☐ No
12. Would you permit your club to provide the membership roster to support construction of this registry with the assurance that it will be totally secured and used only in direct communication with Chevrolet?
☐ Yes ☐ No
13. Using a five point scale, please respond to the following statements (Check one):
I really enjoy being a member of my Chevrolet Vehicle club
Strongly Disagree ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 Strongly Agree
A benefit of this club that is important to me is the chance to meet and talk with other members
Strongly Disagree ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 Strongly Agree
14. Each of the following statements has to do with something that people may like or not like to do. Please use the following 5-point scale to respond to following statements (Check one):
I enjoy attending car club events

- | | | | |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Strongly Disagree | | Strongly Agree |
| | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | |
| I enjoy taking and showing my personal vehicle at car club events | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 |
| I enjoy participating in a national, regional or local car club(s) | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 |
| I enjoy attending new car shows | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 |
| I would recommend my make of vehicle to others who ask me my opinion | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 |
| I consider myself a loyal Chevrolet Loyalist | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 |
| I consider myself a loyal General Motors Loyalist | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 |
| I consider myself a loyal Chrysler and/or Dodge Loyalist | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 |
| I consider myself a loyal Ford Loyalist | | | |
| Strongly Disagree | ☐ 1 | ☐ 2 | ☐ 5 |
| | ☐ 3 | ☐ 4 | ☐ 5 |
15. What are the major benefits of being a car club member in your own words:

The proposed mission of this Chevrolet enthusiast club initiative is as follows.

21. Based on the following list of different benefits please indicate how appealing they are to you (Check the appropriate answer):
- A single telephone number for club members (1-800) for club event requests
- Strongly Unappealing ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 Strongly Appealing ☐5
- Offering event materials kits with such items as posters, car photo cards, premium give-aways, ID Banners, and pennants on a rope, etc.
- Strongly Unappealing ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 Strongly Appealing ☐5
- Developing a private web site to facilitate communication amongst clubs, as well as with Chevrolet. Possible features could include individual areas specific to vehicle model, club locator, chats featuring guest speakers, bulletin board for classifieds, etc.
- Strongly Unappealing ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 Strongly Appealing ☐5
22. If Chevrolet decides to implement this club support program it will give the program a name. Please indicate the appeal of each proposed program name:
- "Alliance of Car Clubs"**
- Strongly Unappealing ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 Strongly Appealing ☐5
- "Car Club Alliance"**
- Strongly Unappealing ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 Strongly Appealing ☐5
- "Chevy Car Club Alliance"**
- Strongly Unappealing ☐1 ☐2 ☐3 ☐4 Strongly Appealing ☐5
23. Is there a program name you would suggest? If so, what would it be? _____
- _____
24. The following response represents your garage or driveway. Please list the make and model of all vehicles within your household.
- _____
- _____
- _____
25. What is the make and model of the vehicle that you personally drive most often?
- Make _____ Model _____

The following questions relate to market research that will assist Chevrolet in understanding your needs as a consumer, as well as a car club member/enthusiast. It is not our intention to be intrusive any information you provide us will not be shared and/or sold to companies outside of Chevrolet. **Your participation in this portion of the survey is optional**, but we hope you will be willing to share this information with us.

26. Are you or anyone in your immediate family employed in any of the following occupations?

In an effort to secure long-term relationships Chevrolet will support and assist car clubs, enthusiasts and dealers connected with all Chevrolet vehicles by providing a central point for communication and information.

Some benefits that Chevrolet is considering offering to car clubs include:

- A single telephone number for club members (1-800) for club event requests
- Offering event materials such as posters, product photo cards, give away premiums, ID banners, pennants on a rope, etc.
- Developing a private web site to facilitate communication amongst clubs, as well as with Chevrolet. Possible features could include individual areas specific to vehicle model (Corvette, Camaro, Chevelle, Impala, Corvair, Vintage Chevys, Monza, etc.), state by state club locator, chatrooms featuring guest speakers, bulletin board for classifieds, etc.

Based on the previous preliminary description of this Chevrolet initiative and possible benefits:

16. Do you believe this would be of value to you and your club (Check one)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

17. What if anything, sounds good to you about this proposed initiative?

18. What if anything does not sound good to you about this proposed initiative?

19. What types of benefits would you like to see provided to your club?

20. Based on the above description of this proposed initiative, which of the following choices best describes your reaction to this idea (Check one)?

Like it very much

☐ 5

Like the initiative

☐ 4

Indifferent to this initiative

☐ 3

Chevrolet should leave well enough alone

☐ 2

Chevrolet should stay out of club activity

☐ 1

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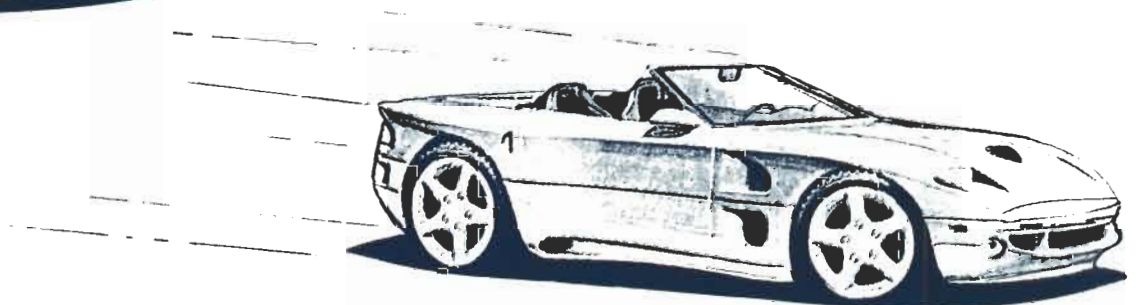
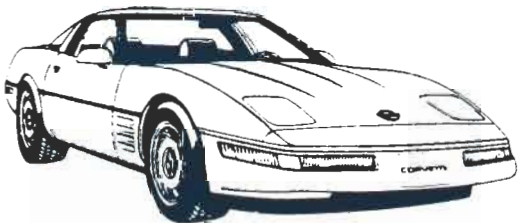
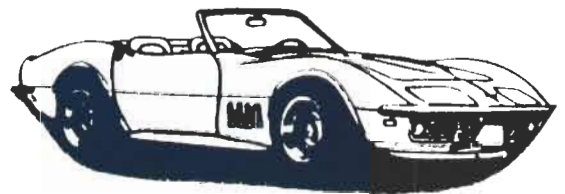
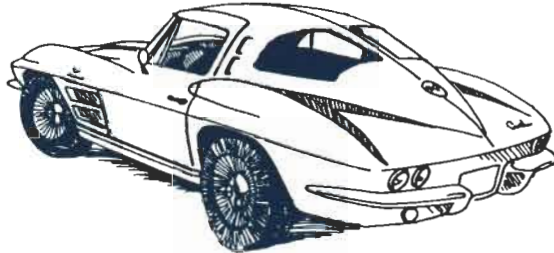


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