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CLUB NEWS

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NEWSLETTER

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REMINDER:

Our October General Membership Meeting will be held October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. at Richard's Restaurant.

HORSE RACES

We are traveling to Muskegon on October 13 to Great Lakes Downs to the horse races. We will be stopping for dinner on the way, so please join us!

NOMINATIONS

We will be taking nominations for 2002 officers at the October and November meetings and voting at the Holiday Dinner. This is a great time to get involved!



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Greetings! Fall is quickly approaching so we need to make the best of things while we can.

In the limited time left this season, we have two rallyes planned, a color tour, and our annual holiday dinner.

Our two rallyes will be held this Saturday, September 29. I hope you will be able to attend. Rich and Colleen and Phil and Cindy have spent a lot of time trying to plan these events, so we hope the participation will be good.

Angie Zeller is currently planning the Color Tour, dinner, and trip to the horse races in Muskegon for October 13. Many members have enjoyed the horse races over the years, but this year it will be a little different. We will be leaving earlier in the afternoon so we can take in a little color on our trip to the west. We will enjoy dinner in the Grand Rapids area, then on to the track. Horse racing at the Muskegon track is not trotters, but the real thing!

Make sure to put these dates on your calendar; you won't want to miss the fun!

Nominations for officers will be held at our next meeting. As usual we are always looking for a few dedicated members that would like to offer their wisdom, time, and efforts to our club. If you are interested in being an officer, please complete the nomination form and mail to the post office box or bring it to the meeting.

Sincere Condolences. . .

It is always difficult to lose a loved one; young or old makes no difference. This month Dennis O'Hara lost his father to a heart attack.

This was not the first time Dennis had been summoned to his father's bedside. But each time, his father showed great strength and against all odds, pulled through.

This time was different. This time he didn't beat the odds.

Our thoughts are with you and your family, Dennis. You can be assured your father will now rest in peace. So maybe he did beat the odds after all.

October 3, 2001
General Membership Meeting
Richards Restaurant
7:00 p.m.
Dinner Ordered: 7:15 p.m.

C.C.C.C. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
9-5-2001

Introduction of guests.

PRESIDENT: We gave Potter Park a check for \$1,000 to go towards their equipment. They want us to come back next year. The park bought the leftover T-shirts from us. We saved a few for ourselves and will sell them for \$10 each to club members.

SOCIAL: The upcoming events are in the newsletter. Our club rallyes are September 29. We will have our Holiday Dinner the first Wednesday in December. Nominations will be open in October and November and voting in December.

GOVERNOR: The next Governors Meeting is September 15. Phil has the last meeting minutes if anyone wants to see it.

TREASURER: Colleen gave a financial report.

COMPETITION: The Region Calendar is bid on in November. Loretta is wondering if the club is interested in running the Low Speeds next year because of the low turnout of club members who showed up to help this year. We discussed what events we would be interested in doing next year.

SOCIAL: The horse races are October 13 after a color tour and dinner in Grand Rapids on the way.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Steve needs to buy new parts for the headsets.

C.C.C.C. BOARD MEETING MINUTES
9-18-01

PRESIDENT: Loretta got a check from Potter Park Zoo for the T-shirts they bought from us. They are very pleased with us and look forward to us next year.

GOVERNOR: Phil did not go to Governors Meeting due to airline problems.

SOCIAL: We will go to the horse races October 13 following a color tour. The races start at 6:30 pm. "Great Lakes Downs" is in Muskegon, and we will be stopping for dinner on the way. We're looking for a restaurant in the Grand Rapids area for dinner. We will be leaving at 3:30 p.m.

Angie is looking for a place to have our holiday dinner.

We have canceled the golf outing.

COMPETITION: Our club rallyes are September 29. Please come out and support the club! Colleen, Rich, Phil, and Cindy are working on it.

Capital City Corvette Club Governors Report of September 15, 2001 Meeting

The meeting was held in St. Louis despite the terrorist attacks against the United States. I chose, however, not to use my airline tickets and skip this meeting. I would guess that many others did not attend either. I will pass along any information from the meeting when I receive it.

I've decided to fill this space with other information.

Our club is made up of many volunteers who donate their time (and sometimes money) to put on activities for which the entire club is encouraged to participate. **This Saturday, September 29th, the club is hosting its annual road rallye (see the flyer later in the newsletter for more info).** For those of you unfamiliar with what a road rallye is, I will give you a brief overview.

A rallye is basically a set of instructions of how to get to an unknown location with a few twists thrown in. Two people, a driver and a navigator, are required to make up a team. You can use any vehicle you want but a Corvette is more fun. You will meet other participants at a specified location where you sign up and pay your entrant's fee. A drivers (and navigators) meeting is held to describe the rally and answer any questions you might have. You will then be given a set of instructions to follow directing you to your destination. The instructions will include questions, the answers to which can be found along your rallye route. The answers may be found on signs, barns, houses, mailboxes, or anything else. They are sometimes found by counting certain things at certain locations. Points are given for each correct answer you have. Sometimes mileage is a factor in a rallye. The rallye master determines how long the route is, and the participant must figure out what that mileage is by checking the odometer. Points are often deducted for each 1/10 of a mile your mileage differs from the rallye master's mileage. At the end of the rallye (usually at a restaurant), points are figured while the participants eat and discuss how much fun they had. The team or teams with the highest point totals receives their awards and congratulations from the rest of the group.

A rallye is great way to get out and enjoy a scenic drive in your Corvette with your spouse or other trusted friend. Cindy and I have participated in many rallies with varying degrees of success. We would love to answer any questions you may have and encourage you to participate.

On another note: Nominations for club officers take place at the October and November general membership meetings. See the Official Nomination Form in this issue for a brief description of the responsibilities for each office. I know that some of the current officers would like to take some time off, so we will be looking for new people to fill these positions. As I mentioned earlier, this club is made up of volunteers. It is very important that people volunteer and get nominated to run for a club office. Now is the time to get involved. The Board of Directors is always in need of new ideas and viewpoints.

Without member participation the club cannot survive. Please seriously consider running for an office this year. Different offices require different levels of participation. Choose one or more positions depending on how much time you are willing to contribute.

Phil Hanses
CCCC Governor



September 13, 2001

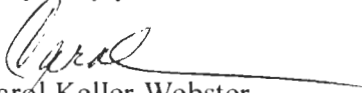
Ms. Loretta Spinrad, Club President
Capital City Corvette Club
P. O. Box 27295
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Loretta:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Potter Park Zoological Society, I thank you for choosing Potter Park Zoo for your Charity Car Show in August. The ***Horsepower at the Zoo*** event was fun for everyone, owners, visitors and zoo people.

Please extend our thanks to your membership for a successful first-time event and for the generous donation to the Animal Care Clinic equipment fund. It is my experience that a new event like yours builds in popularity from year to year. We look forward to having you with us in 2002.

Very truly yours,


Carol Keller Webster
Executive Director

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CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Tentative Calendar of Events
2001

October

- 3 *General Membership Meeting
- 7 Kalamazoo Rallyes
- 13 *Horse Races
- 14 FCC Rallyes
- 16 *Board Meeting
- 21 CCM Rallyes

November

- 6 Region Meeting
- 7 *General Membership Meeting
- 10 NCCC Governors Meeting
- 21 *Board Meeting
- Possible Las Vegas Trip

December

- 5 *Holiday Dinner

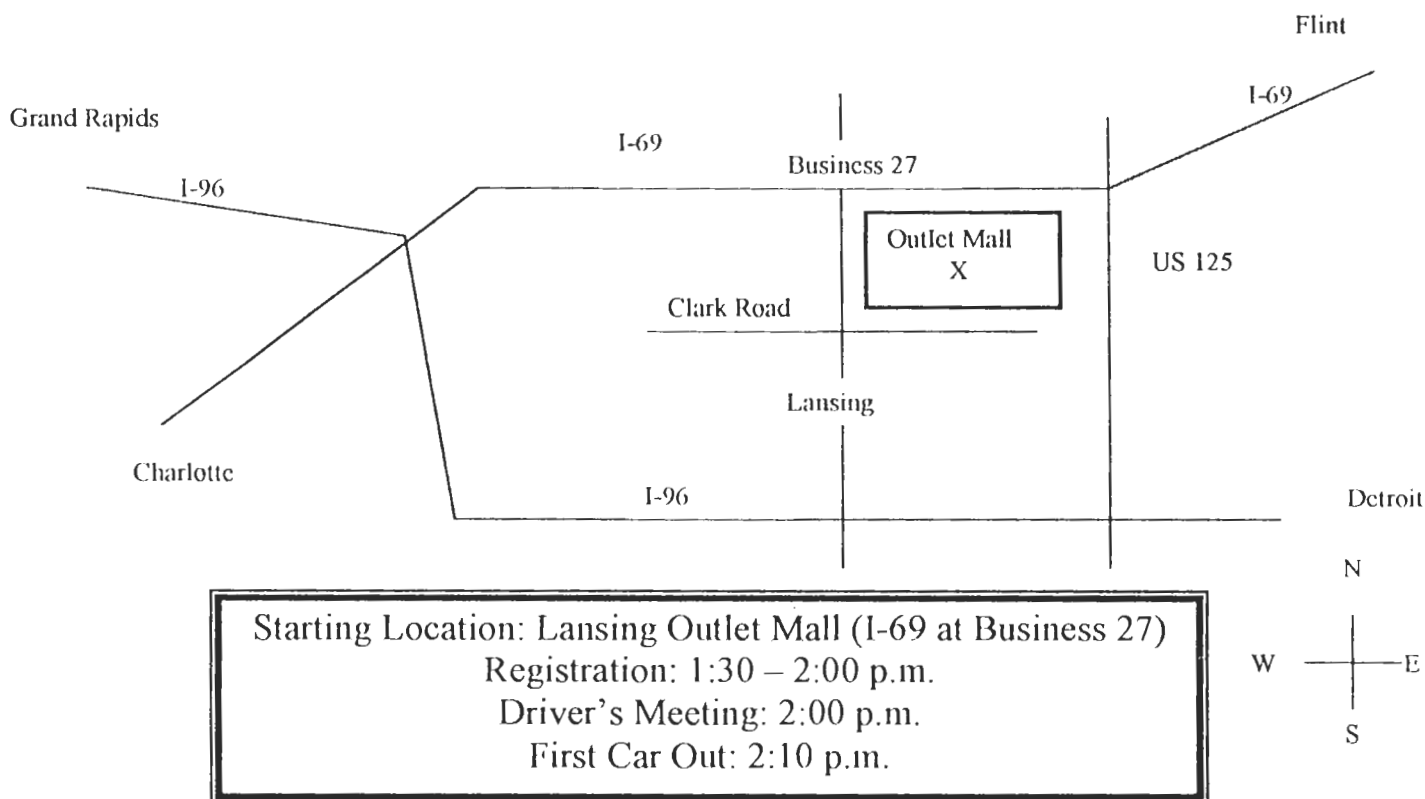
*Club Events



Saturday September 29, 2001 Fall Rallyes



Capital City Corvette Club Michigan Region \$10.00 Per Event



Fun Rallye MI-066
Rich and Colleen Bratschi
1138 Haslett Rd
Haslett, MI 48840
(517) 339-8487

Game Rallye MI-067
Phil (Governor) and Cindy Hanses
P.O. Box 204
Westphalia MI 48894
(517) 587-3422

Kalamazoo Corvette Club Fun/Poker Rallye

Sanction # MI-004, MI-005

Type of Event: Fun Rallye, Poker Rallye

Date: October 7, 2001

Club: Kalamazoo Corvette Club

Registration Opens: 11:00 a.m.
Closes: 11:45 a.m.

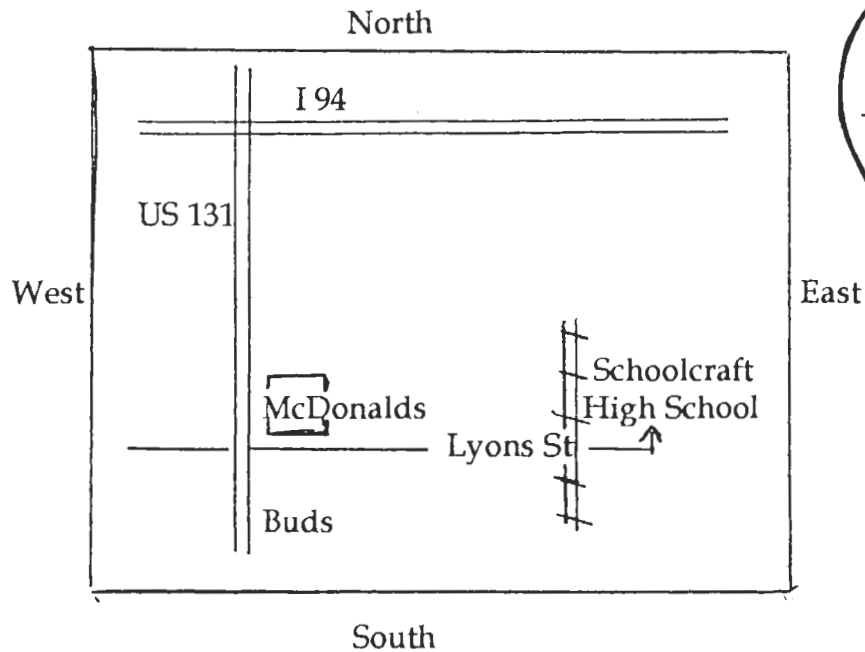
Region: Michigan

Entry Fee - Both Rallyes: \$15.00

Drivers Meeting: 11:45 a.m.

Location: Schoolcraft High School
Lyons Street
Schoolcraft Michigan

First Car Out: 12:00 noon



Dinner and Awards will be at Buds Bar in Schoolcraft after the Rallye.
(ORDER FROM THE MENU – PRICES \$ 5.95 AND UP)

EVENT CHAIRMEN:

Name(s): Cindy & Ron Prosser
Address: 13228 South 5th Street
Schoolcraft MI 49087
Phone: (616) 679-4961

GOVERNOR:

Name: Elana Siebel
Address: 8916 South 8th Street
Kalamazoo MI 49009
Phone: (616) 375-6117

SANCTION # MI-070

TYPE OF EVENT: Fun Rallye

DATE: October 14, 2001

CLUB: Flint Corvette Club

REGISTRATION: OPENS: 10:30 AM

REGION: Michigan

CLOSES: 11:30 AM

ENTRY FEE: NCCC: \$10/vehicle

DRIVERS MEETING : 11:45 AM

OTHERS: \$12/vehicle

FIRST CAR OUT: Noon

LOCATION: K-Mart

MAP AND EVENT INFORMATION:

18055 Silver Parkway

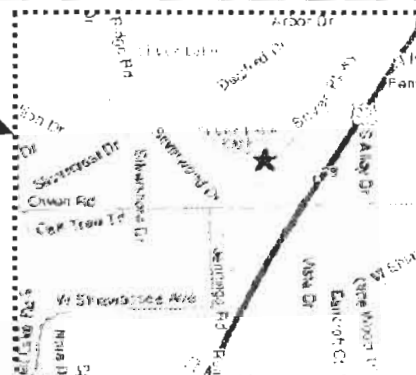
Fenton, Michigan

810-629-2232

*** Please bring a pencil, calculator and clipboard. ***



Exit US-23 at Owen Road
Go west 1 block to Silver Lake Pkwy



EVENT CHAIRPERSON:

NAME: Lisa Kaufer

ADDRESS: 13084 N. Holly Rd.

Holly, MI 48442

PHONE #: 248-634-7440



GOVERNOR:

NAME: Jim Harris

ADDRESS: 906 Dexter

Lennon, MI 48449

PHONE #: 810-621-3468

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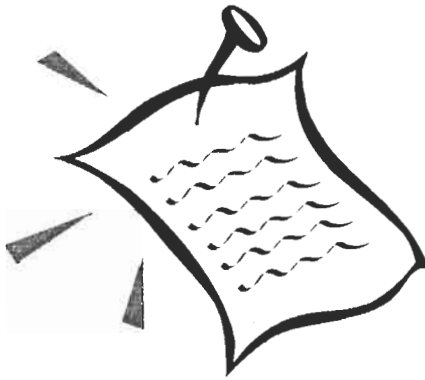
FREE ADS:

Do you have something you'd like to sell or buy? Any ads of a non-business nature are FREE! Let me know if you have an ad you'd like published in this space.

FOR SALE:

1978 Silver Anniversary Corvette
T-Tops, Great Stereo, Automatic,
Power Windows, Power Locks,
AC, Good Condition, In Storage,
3rd Owner, 51,000 miles, asking
\$12,500. Call Marta or Jack at
989-224-8111 if interested.

Cindy



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Corvette Z06 is quicker and more powerful

Besides modifications to the engine, it adds handling refinements

Already a very special sports car in the hearts of Americans, the Chevrolet Corvette becomes even more so for 2002.

The top-of-the-line Corvette Z06 for 2002 is even more powerful and quicker than its 2001 predecessor, which ranked as the quickest production Corvette ever.

Besides engine modifications, the new two-seater also adds handling refinements.

"We could have chosen to remain satisfied with our achievements for 2001, admitted Dave Hill, performance cars vehicle line executive and chief Corvette engineer. "Instead, we set our sights on breaking the 400-horsepower barrier."

Thus, the new Z06 offers 405 horsepower, compared with 385 horses in the 2001 Corvette Z06. Torque rises to 400 foot-pounds at 4,800 rpm from 385 at 4,800 rpm in the 2001 model, and 0-to-60-mph now takes just 3.9 seconds.

"When you hear customers talking about wanting more power, what they really mean is that they want more torque," Hill explained.

"It's torque that gets you going, whether launching from a standstill, or accelerating out of a corner," he said. "At 385, last year's Z06 was already in an elite class. For 2002,



Ann Job

we've upped the ante. The result is one that must be experienced to be appreciated."

Indeed, the Z06 test car was positively addictive. Just a gentle nudge on the accelerator, and the car sprang forward with a ferocity that automatically pushed driver and rider back into their well-bolstered seats.

And this was before I even sought the full Z06 experience out on the highway.

The six-speed manual transmission, standard on this model of Corvette but an option on other Corvettes, is well-matched, allowing quick shifting that brings out the best power in each gear.

But I rarely used sixth gear, preferring to play in the high-rev ranges.

This was not just because of how readily accessible the engine power was. This also was because it maximized the Z06's deep and relatively loud engine sounds emanating from the cars titanium mufflers.

The engine improvements didn't



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Fast car: The top-of-the-line, 2002 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 becomes the fastest production Vette to date.

require a huge reworking of what was already a historic Chevrolet powertrain. Remember, this is a car with a pushrod V8 under the hood, not some new-fangled four-valve, overhead cam engine.

As Sam Winegarden, chief engineer for GM Powertrain's small block team, put it: "It's just one more step in a long and very storied and successful history of the small block."

Specifically, engineers installed new, lighter-weight, hollow-stem valves and a higher-lift camshaft. The air cleaner is a new, low-restriction design, too. A new catalyst arrangement also contributes to the power boost.

All the while, fuel economy remains at last year's rating of 19 mpg in the city and 28 mpg on the highway.

I wouldn't put too much stock in those numbers, however. If you drive this Corvette with any gusto, chances are you won't get close to those fuel economy figures. In my combined city/highway test drive, I managed just a bit over 17 mpg.

Note that the Z06's preferred fuel, for maximum performance, is premium unleaded.

But Winegarden noted "it oper-

ates just fine with regular." The electronic spark control system adapts to it, he said, though there is "a slight degradation in performance."

"The two areas where a little performance is lost is at low-speed, heavy-load and then at top end. Driving around town you won't really notice," Winegarden said. "On the track, yes, but around town just use a little more pedal because there's a lot there."

Thankfully, drivers who do get their foot into it also find the new Z06 has surprisingly competent road manners, where more modifications occurred for 2002.

The Z06-specific FE4 high-performance suspension has a larger front stabilizer bar now, a stiffer rear leaf spring and shock absorbers with new valving.

In addition, front brakes on the Z06 use a new, high-performance pad.

Tires also are Z06-tailored and are Z-rated, Goodyear Eagle F1 SC Asymmetric Tread 17-inchers in the front and 18-inchers in the back.

Their considerable grip was palpable during the test drive as was the considerable road noise.

I took highway entrance ramp curves at serious speeds, yet found

Chevrolet Corvette Z06

- **Base price:** \$49,505
- **As tested:** \$50,420
- **Transmission:** RWD
- **Occupants:** 2
- **Engine:** 5.7-liter, V-8
- **Test mileage:** 19 mpg (city); 28 mpg (highway)
- **Length:** 179.7 inches
- **Wheelbase:** 104.5 inches
- **Curb weight:** 3,118 pounds

the Z06 stuck doggedly to its line. It was unflappable in abrupt emergency maneuvers.

But I also appreciated how a Sunday afternoon drive could feel nicely damped and not punishing in this Corvette, while still conveying a tightly controlled demeanor.

It still takes some effort to squeeze down into the Corvette bucket seats, but the ergonomics inside the 2002 models are much better today than in some previous versions – and yes, you ride low to the ground.

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OFFICIAL NOMINATION FORM

Please complete this form for the nomination of Club Officers for 2002 and/or your entry for the Newsletter Contest. Feel free to nominate yourself or someone else. They must be a member of our club and hold their national membership with our club.

You can mail your completed form to:

Gloria Reiffer/CCCC
P.O. Box 27295
Lansing 48909

or
Bring it to the Club Meeting

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
NOMINATION FORM
2001

Please use this form to nominate members for 2002 Club Officers. Return the form to Gloria Reiffer at our P.O. Box or bring to the October Meeting. Voting will be done at the December Holiday Dinner.

Office	Nomination
President (must have served as a prior office of this club) Responsible for all aspects of the clubs activities.	
Competition Director Must be familiar with NCCC rules and be able to administer club competition events. Responsible for all sanction requests, flyers, and event summaries. In addition this position is responsible for overseeing the club's points and year-end trophies. This position is also the club's representative to the Region meetings and is responsible to vote the club's position at said meetings.	
Governor Must be familiar with NCCC standing rules and bylaws. This position serves as the club's representative to the National meetings and is responsible to vote the club's position at said meetings.	
Membership Director Responsible for all membership duties including processing new membership applications and renewals.	
Social Director Responsible for overseeing all club social events. This includes recruiting chairpeople for social gatherings and overseeing such activities.	
Public Relations Club's representative to the general public. This position secures monthly meeting place, solicits advertising for the newsletter among other duties that arise.	
Points Director Responsible for administering the club's points program. Keeps accurate accounting of all points earned throughout the year and posts standings in the club's newsletter each month.	
Treasurer Responsible for all club's banking activities, paying bills and providing treasurer's report each month.	
Secretary Responsible for taking the minutes at club meetings and board meetings and publishing said minutes in the monthly newsletter.	
Editor Responsible for the publication of the monthly newsletter. This includes gathering articles and information, maintaining the mailing list, collating and mailing the newsletter each month.	

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