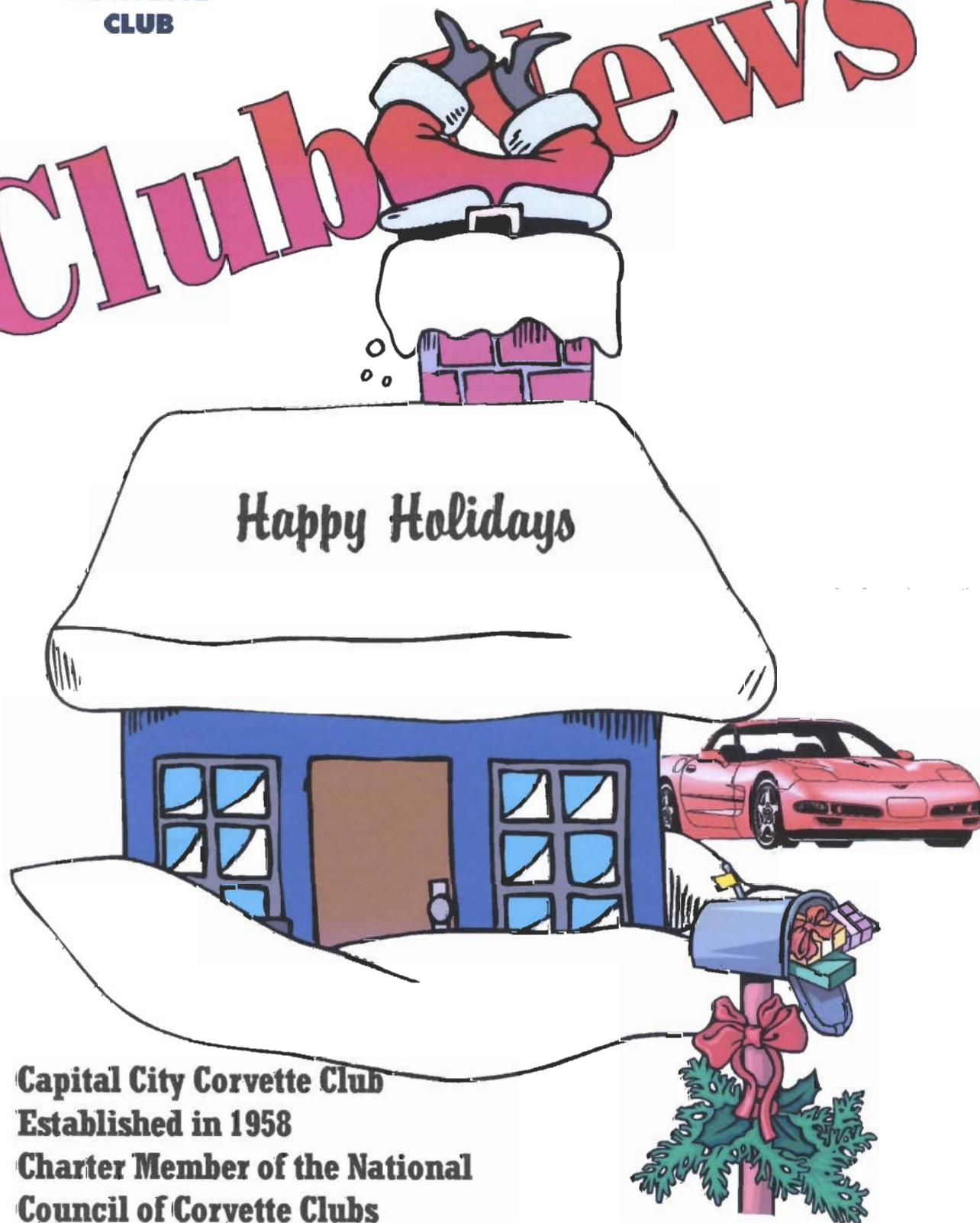




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Club News



Capital City Corvette Club
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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

HOLIDAY DINNER

Our Holiday Dinner
will be held December 5th at
7:00 p.m. at Signatures.

ELECTIONS

We will be voting for 2002 officers at
the Holiday Dinner. Ballots will be
provided at the restaurant.

ANNUAL BANQUET

Our Annual Banquet will be January 26th
at Mountain Jack's at 7:00 p.m.

THANKS!

Thanks to this year's officers and
volunteers for a job well done! Have a
great Christmas and a happy
New Year!

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From the president . . .

This will be my last article as president of this club. Over the last several years I have had a great time with lots of fond memories. But as with all good things there is always a downside, in this case, heartaches of being the leader.



During my tenure as president, our club can boast of a number of accomplishments. We hosted one of the very best NCCC conventions ever held. Competitors throughout the Region have always enjoyed our competition events and still speak highly of the originality of our trophies.

We have had lots of fun at car shows, parades, and weekend trips. Don't forget the bowling, golf, picnics and parties.

Steve and I have committed so much of our time, effort, and money over the years in support of the club, it is difficult to know when to draw the line. When is enough too much? We have always been committed to the club and want what is best for its continued growth and prosperity.

We have made a lot of great friends and worked with wonderful people over the years, both on and off the Board. So many people have given so much of their time and themselves during my tenure of president, all for which we are extremely grateful. We have truly appreciated their continued support over the years. But as time goes on, things change and that is what we are seeing in our club at this time.

As our membership experiences changes, so must the direction of the club and it has become apparent that some feel others are in a better position than I to lead our club in this new direction; therefore, it is now time to step back and give this group the opportunity to explore their ideas.

Once again, we have had a great time over the last ten years and hope you have too!

For auld lang syne my dear, for auld lang syne.
Should auld acquaintance be forgot?
Never!

Happy Holidays. . . .

Loretta and Steve Spinrad





Seasons Greetings

December 5, 2001

Holiday Dinner

Signatures Restaurant
7:00 p.m.

"Don't forget about the gift exchange!"

Capital City Corvette Club Governors Report of November 10, 2001 Meeting

The results of the National elections were announced. In the only contested race Jim Adrian won over Pete Dawley for the position of Vice President of Competition.

A representative from K & K Insurance was present to answer questions regarding the NCCC insurance. As I understood one item of discussion, non-NCCC members are not protected by the National insurance policy even though they may be a member of a NCCC club. The K & K policy is there to protect NCCC, its member clubs, and its individual members. This sounds like a very good reason to be a NCCC member in today's sue happy society.

Treasurer Jay Hommer presented his report. An auditor presented the results of his audit. The auditor made a few suggestions regarding club bookkeeping records. Currently the convention treasurer is using Quicken software. It was suggested that a copy of Quick Books Pro be purchased and provided to each Convention Treasurer for their record keeping. This will match the software that Jay uses and will facilitate the import and export of financial records. NCCC will have an estimated loss for 2001 of \$25,000 to \$35,000 mainly due to the switch from a cash basis of accounting to an accrual basis.

Convention Steering Committee Chairman Jim Harris gave a brief report on future conventions. There is a possibility that a proposal for the 2004 Convention in the Minnesota area will be submitted.

Director of Public Relations Laurie "TEX" Schwab reported on the NCCC web site activity. As of November 8th, 99,849 hits were made on the site. Large events (where over 50 entrants are expected) will be listed on the Key NCCC Events page.

Director of Charity Patrick Dolan reported that the NCCC Scholarship levels will be raised from \$500 to \$750. The raffle tickets for the 2002 raffle are now available. The green sheet in your NCCC renewal packets will allow you to purchase tickets at the 5 for \$25 rate. All other tickets are to be sold (or purchased) at \$10 each. The proceeds from the 2001 raffle afforded a donation of \$15,000 to the National Kidney Foundation.

Vice President of Competition Roger Mitchell gave his final report. There are several updated Drag Records as follows: Group 2C is now 11.93; 2E is now 12.96; 1D is now 14.10; 1E is now 13.58; L1D is now 14.22; and L1E is now 13.81. Record Drags will be held next year on May 26 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; July 11 at the NCCC Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana; and September 29 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Business Manager Dan Skinner gave his report. Dan thanked everyone for their thoughts and kind words due to the very recent loss of his wife to cancer. Dennis Patrick, the keeper of all NCCC trinkets (patches, stickers, license plate frames, etc.) had patches made with the 2001 Convention logo. For some reason they were not provided as part of the convention packets. He has some available for \$3 each or 2 for \$5.

Vice President of Membership Paul Bohannon passed out his reports.

The Editor was not present but it was stated that the Convention Issue of Blue Bars is mailing now. The deadline for the next issue is December 1.

Deb Murphy spoke about the happenings with the National Corvette Museum. A caravan consisting of all 50 years of Corvettes will take place in 2002. Another caravan will take place in 2003 commemorating the 10-year anniversary of the museum. Check the web site www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com for more info.

Deb also gave a wrap up of the 2001 Convention. There were over 800 attendees including day passes. Financially there ~~were~~ was \$5,292 left over with \$4,974 owed back to National plus over \$3,000 in other reimbursements owed back to National. She stated that it looks like there will be a "deficit" of \$2,683. Over \$30,000 was spent on beverages alone which was \$10,000 over budget.

Isn't it funny how the word deficit sounds better than LOSS! It's incomprehensible to me how there could be a loss with so many people attending even though they provided so little as compared with what we did at the 2000 Convention. If they would have had to pay for NCCC officers' rooms and purchase Convention patches like we did, they probably would have lost much more than we did at our Convention. Maybe now people at the regional and national level will realize what an excellent job Loretta and the rest of our club did with the 2000 Convention. Somehow I think they won't. Enough of my editorial on this subject.

The 2002 Convention Chairman reported on the progress of next year's Convention. Registration forms will be in the NCCC renewal packets. Hotel reservations must be made through convention registration. There will be no trailer parking at the hotel. Parking will be available at the State Police post 1-mile away. Non-NCCC members who register for convention will be allowed to enter competition events. I have a listing of the events dates and places if you would like to know them. One that I am looking forward to is the opportunity to drive a lap around the famed Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Monday.



Phil Hanses
Governor

C.C.C.C. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
11-7-2001

Welcome new member Bill Smejkal.

PRESIDENT: Loretta attended the recent Region Meeting. America's Corvette Club is going to get help on the Region Banquet by CCM. CCM is going to put on a 14-event weekend July 27-28, 2002. The giveaway car for next year is a 2002 Blue Coupe. KCC will not be holding a swap meet next year.

COMPETITION: We scheduled race events in June and rallies in September next year. We have considered doing drags but have not scheduled them. The competition season begins in May 2002. Convention is in Indianapolis from July 6-12.

SOCIAL: HVCC is sponsoring a trip to Greenfield Village on December 1st. If anyone wants to join them, we would have to leave by 5:00 pm for dinner.

Our club's Holiday Dinner is December 5th at Signatures.

Our Annual Banquet is going to be January 26 at Mountain Jack's. See the flyers in the newsletter for details.

GOVERNOR: Convention materials for 2003 is available to look at. It will be held in Baltimore, Maryland. A full report is in the November newsletter.

TREASURER: Financial report given.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 45 members.

OLD BUSINESS: You will find a ballot in the newsletter with the current nominations. We will vote at the Holiday Dinner.

NEW BUSINESS: Gloria would like to know if the club is interested in helping with the WKAR Auction again next year between April 20-27. It was requested to go on either the 20th or 27th. Gloria will get back to the club when she gets more information.

Note: There was no board meeting in November.

Capital City Corvette Club

November 2001 Participation Points Standings

Evelyn Aronson	42	Phil Hanses	143	Steve Quick	21
Colleen Bratschi	102	Ralph Huss	8	Gloria Reiffer	118
Rich Bratschi	83	Greg Kapp	52	Simon Reiffer	121
Connie Britz	0	Lynn Krejcik	0	Janyce Shepler	20
Mike Britz	7	William Krejcik	2	John Shepler	20
Dave Cripe	14	Christine Krisztian	12	Jim Simmons	13
Ken David	84	Jeff McQuade	44	Bill Smejkal	2
Trini Dixon	0	Lana Miersen	0	Loretta Spinrad	158
Mike Dodson	10	Ron Miersen	0	Steve Spinrad	149
Nancy Dodson	10	Dennis O'Hara	22	Dianne Taulbee	7
Art Doty	24	Elaine O'Hara	14	Jack Taulbee	7
Nancy Doty	18	Steve Pavlik	3	Ken Terry	12
Pam Fletcher	0	Joe Platte	8	Janice Tribble	0
Cindy Hanses	155	Irene Quick	23	Mike White	2
				Angie Zeller	85
				Phil Zeller	89

Top Ten Participants

1. Loretta Spinrad	158	6. Gloria Reiffer	118
2. Cindy Hanses	155	7. Colleen Bratschi	102
3. Steve Spinrad	149	8. Phil Zeller	89
4. Phil Hanses	143	9. Angie Zeller	85
5. Simon Reiffer	121	10. Ken David	84

Top Ten Competition

1. Steve Spinrad	72	6. Phil Hanses	30
2. Loretta Spinrad	64	7. Ken David	16
3. Simon Reiffer	38	8. Colleen Bratschi	13
4. Gloria Reiffer	35	9. Rich Bratschi	13
5. Cindy Hanses	33	10. Greg Kapp	6

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Holiday Treats

Candy Cane Cookies

Ingredients

1/2 cup butter or margarine, softened
1/2 cup shortening
1 cup confectioners' sugar
1 egg
1 1/2 teaspoons almond extract
1 teaspoon of vanilla
2 1/2 cups flour
1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon red food coloring

Directions

Heat oven to 350. Mix thoroughly butter, shortening, confectioners' sugar, sugar, egg, and flavorings. Blend in flour and salt. Divide dough in half; blend food color into one half. Shape 1 teaspoon dough from each half into 4-inch rope. For smooth even ropes, roll them back and forth on lightly floured board. Place ropes side by side; press together lightly and twist. Complete cookies one at a time. Place on ungreased baking sheet; curve top of cookies down to form handle of cane. Bake about 10 minutes or until set and very light brown. If you wish, mix 1/2 cup crushed peppermint candy and 1/2 cup granulated sugar. Immediately sprinkle cookies with candy mixture; remove from baking sheet

Hard Tack Candy

Ingredients

3 3/4 cups of sugar
1 1/2 cups of white karo syrup
1 cup of water
food coloring
flavor oils (These can be found at specialty candy or gourmet stores)

Directions

Mix sugar, karo, and water in medium to large pan on the stove. Using a candy thermometer, cook until the temperature reaches 310°. Immediately remove from heat; pour in one bottle of flavor oil and desired amount of food coloring, stirring both in quickly. Now pour onto a teflon-type cookie pan and let cool completely. Once cooled, hold over a large container and whack it with a knife! Continue to break large pieces until you have desired size for eating.

These ~~are~~ a couple of our favorites. We hope you enjoy them too.

Have a happy and safe holiday season!! – Phil and Angie



Happy Holidays!!!

You are invited....

Capital City
Corvette Club

Holiday Dinner!!

Where: Signatures

(517-339-0755)

When: December 5, 2001

Time: 7:00 P.M. dinner will be ordered about 7:15-7:30

Festivities:

Gift Exchange – Bring a gift valued at \$5.00 and exchange with other club members. Gifts can be, goofy, funny, nice, yummy; whatever you want.

Vote for 2001-2002 CCCC officers

***If you plan on attending, please sign up at the November CCCC General Membership meeting, or call Phil or Angie Zeller at 517-676-6609.



Let's Party

The 2001
Capital City Corvette Club
Awards Banquet

Mark Your Calendars!!

Where: Mountain Jack's, Lansing

When: Saturday, January 26, 2002

Time: 7:00 P.M.

What to Expect: Awards, good food,
cake, door prizes, raffle prizes,
slide show, laughs!!

Capital City Corvette Club 2002 Ballot

Please complete this ballot by voting for no more than one individual for each office. You can mail your ballot to the Club Post Office Box, or bring it to the Holiday Dinner at Signatures American Grill on December 5. If you choose to mail your ballot, place and seal your ballot in a blank envelope, put the blank envelope in an addressed envelope and mail to the Club P.O. Box noted below. Mailed ballots must be received by December 5th to be counted.

President:

- ☐ Phil Hanses
☐ Other _____

Public Relations Director:

- ☐ Simon Reiffer
☐ Other _____

Competition Director:

- ☐ _____

Secretary:

- ☐ Rich Bratschi
☐ Other _____

Governor:

- ☐ Phil Hanses
☐ Other _____

Social Director:

- ☐ Gloria Reiffer
☐ Other _____

Membership Director:

- ☐ Rich Bratschi
☐ Greg Kapp
☐ Other _____

Treasurer:

- ☐ Colleen Bratschi
☐ Other _____

Newsletter Editor:

- ☐ Cindy Hanses
☐ Other _____

If unable to attend the Club Holiday Dinner on December 5, mail your ballot to:

Points Director:

- ☐ Cindy Hanses
☐ Jeff McQuade
☐ Other _____

Capital City Corvette Club
Attn: Ballot
PO Box 27295
Lansing, MI 48909

Don't forget to vote!



This Holiday Season –

Cultivate a Mental Attitude that will Bring You Peace and Happiness!!

- Fill your mind with thoughts of peace, courage, health, and hope.
- Never try to get even with your enemies.
- Expect ingratitude.
- Count your blessings – not your troubles.
- Do not imitate others.
- Try to profit from your losses.
- Create happiness for others.

Prevent Fatigue and Worry and keep Your Energy and Spirits High

- Rest before you get tired.
- Learn to relax at your work.
- Protect your health and appearance by relaxing at home.
- Put enthusiasm into your work.

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