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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

HOLIDAY DINNER / MEETING AND ELECTIONS!

December 4 at 6:00 p.m.

at the home of

Bob and Shalimar Maynard

3955 Meridian Road, Okemos

GAME NIGHT

December 28 at 6:00 p.m.

at the home of

Bill Smejkal & Pam Candy

5709 Castlebury Circle, Lansing

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 8, 2003

7:00 p.m.

Windsor Mountain Grille

6951 Lansing Road, Dimondale

NEW MEMBER!

**Please give a warm welcome
to Gary Brothers!**

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you'd like published to
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From the President . . .

As Thanksgiving approaches I thought I would write about a few of the things I am thankful for this year.

I am thankful for my wife Cindy for putting up with me this year. I know how difficult it is to be around me before big events like the events at Spartan Speedway and the Horsepower at the Zoo car show. I promise to delegate more responsibility to others in the future so I will be easier to live with.

I am thankful for our "old" members who stuck with the club for what could have been a very difficult year. Change is seldom easy but was made easier by your willingness to get involved and help out. Your positive comments are very much appreciated, especially during the times when I wasn't quite sure why I allowed myself to become President.

With a Board of Directors made up mostly of people who had not served on the Board before, I am thankful for you giving of your time for the benefit of this club. Your dedication and commitment has been inspiring. It has certainly rubbed off on others, because for the first time in recent memory, no one member will hold more than one office for 2003, and all positions will be filled!

I am thankful for all of the members who joined us for the first time this year. With so many of you, it is sometimes hard to keep track of all the new names and faces. I look forward to getting to know each of you, and I appreciate your joining us. Hopefully you will continue to join us by participating in our events or by hosting an event yourself.

I am thankful for long time members Steve and Loretta Spinrad. I appreciate your help and advice while I was getting my feet wet as a first time President. While we didn't see you

much this year because of other things going on in your lives, I hope you'll be able to find more time to join us in the coming year.

I am thankful for the enthusiasm of our members. Without it we would not have been able to double the size of our club. It is obvious that people who are excited about the club help others to feel the same way. I'm sure that with the same positive attitude, we will continue to grow.

Thanks to everyone who helped make this year such as success for the club. I look forward to the annual CCCC Awards Banquet on January 25, 2003 at Coral Gables where I can publicly recognize the accomplishments of the club and its members.

On other subjects, a new and approved points program was finalized at the November 19th board meeting. Much thought and many hours went into the restructuring of the program. The board feels it will be a less complicated and more fair way to reward our members for their participation.

Don't forget our Holiday Dinner and Meeting at Bob and Shalimar Maynard's home. See the flyer in this issue for more information. Call if you need directions on how to get there. Elections of club officers will also take place. If you can't make it to the Maynard's, you can use the absentee ballot included in this issue.

Our first meeting of 2003 will be on January 8th (Not January 1st), at our new meeting location, the Windsor Mountain Grille.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas



Phil Hanses

In Remembrance

This page is dedicated to all of our club members who have lost loved ones
in the past year.

We would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Mrs. Nellie Reiffer

Mother of Simon Reiffer, passed away July 11, 2002

Mrs. Alice Backlund

Mother of Carol Armstrong, passed away August 6, 2002

Michael R. Taylor

Son-in-Law of Simon and Gloria Reiffer, passed away November 11, 2002



Social Happenings . . .

Thanks to Jeff for doing such a great job organizing BINGO at Tamarack Apartments on Saturday, November 2. Jeff called the numbers and game rules out while club members assisted the residents in checking their cards and providing the prizes and desserts. Everyone seemed to have a great time. A word of advice to Jeff -- don't be so quick to offer your services in the future (although we did find the response to be very amusing).

Bob and Shalimar will host the club holiday party on Wednesday, December 4. We will start the evening with a potluck at 6:00. There will be a little competition between some of the guys to see who makes the best meat loaf. (No one makes a better meat loaf than my Simon! You got that Jeff???) After dinner there will be a brief meeting to elect club officers for next year. A "Dirty Santa" gift exchange will follow the election. Those wishing to participate in the gift exchange should bring a priceless white elephant item or \$5 gift to exchange. Have some fun with this one and let's see what turns up!

Bill and Pam are planning a club game night/potluck for Saturday, December 28. Included will be ping-pong, shuffleboard, pool, Mexican Train, euchre, etc. They have a six-person hot tub available, so bring your bathing suit if you dare to brave a few steps through the winter air. Check the flyer for further details.

The annual CCCC Awards Banquet will take place January 25 at Coral Gables in East Lansing. Appetizers will be available at 6:00, followed by dinner at 6:30. Join us for a recap of 2002 club activities and presentation of the Top Ten Awards. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Fill out the form located in this newsletter and return it to Gloria Reiffer, along with your payment, by Saturday, January 11. I have placed a copy of the form on the club website for those not wishing to rip apart their club newsletter.

I appreciated the way everyone pitched in and helped plan events this year. It made the job of Social Director very easy for me, and I am hoping that everyone will support our new Social Director in the same way. Please let the Board of Directors know about events you might like to attend or organize during 2003. The Board will soon begin planning the club calendar and would like your input. (Someone just HAS to plan a fall color tour next year!!!)

In closing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our fellow club members for all of the prayers, cards, flowers, and emotional support as we went through the loss Simon's mother in July and then our dear son-in-law on November 11. Your support has meant a great deal to both of us. Thank you all.

Gloria Reiffer
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CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 2002 POINTS STANDINGS

Through 11/6/02

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Carol Armstrong	94	Art Doty	102	Gloria Reiffer	204
Don Armstrong	114	Nancy Doty	102	Simon Reiffer	214
Evelyn Aronson	110	Cindy Hanses	207	Steve Sage	25
Jay Atchinson	16	Phil Hanses	232	Tammie Service	27
Kenalee Atchinson	16	Joy Hardman	44	Janyce Shepler	41
Kurt Bancroft	60	Steve Hitchcock	25	John Shepler	46
John Bechtel	51	Don Johnston	86	James Simmons	26
Sandy Bechtel	23	Janet Johnston	74	Vicki Simmons	0
Melissa Bernier	10	Greg Kapp	159	Bill Smejkal	34
Colleen Bratschi	121	David Kuempel	47	Loretta Spinrad	13
Rich Bratschi	126	Diana Kuempel	50	Steve Spinrad	17
Connie Britz	8	Margaret Lewis	5	Brenda Strobel	25
Mike Britz	10	Mark Lewis	5	Gordon Terwilliger	56
Gary Brothers	0	Bob Maynard	35	Margaret Terwilliger	52
Pam Candy	29	Shalimar Maynard	46	Al Thies	12
Dave Cripe	49	Jeff McQuade	175	Gary Thompson	26
Ken David	51	Steve Pavlik	30	Pam Thompson	26
Charlie DeYoung	29	Joe Platte	35	MarLou Walker	0
Patti DeYoung	29	Pam Platte	9	Peter Walker	9
Karl Dickert	21	Carol Putmon	12	Angie Zeller	14
Trini Dixon	8	Randy Putmon	12	Phil Zeller	14

TOP TEN PARTICIPATION POINTS

1. Phil Hanses	232	6. Greg Kapp	159
2. Simon Reiffer	214	7. Rich Bratschi	126
3. Cindy Hanses	207	8. Colleen Bratschi	121
4. Gloria Reiffer	204	9. Don Armstrong	114
5. Jeff McQuade	175	10. Evelyn Aronson	110

Note: All points are included through 11/6/02.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

11/6/02

SECRETARY: Minutes in newsletter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: Dues are due tonight.

SOCIAL: The Holiday Dinner / Meeting will be a potluck dinner hosted by Bob and Shalimar Maynard on December 4, 2002. There will be a meatloaf cook-off challenge between Jeff, Simon, and whoever else wants to. A sign-up sheet was passed around for those that are planning to attend. There will also be a dirty Santa gift exchange for those that are interested.

Bill and Pam will host a game night on December 28, 2002. The annual awards banquet will be January 25, 2003 at Coral Gables. Check the web site or call Gloria for more details on all of the above. The bingo at Tamarack was a great success. The golf outing in October was also fun for all those that attended. The calendar for next year is being planned, so if you want to host an event for next year, let Gloria know soon.

POINTS: Points are updated and most current on the web site. The Board is still working on a revised points system for next year.

EDITOR: Deadline for December newsletter is November 25, 2002.

TREASURER: All accounts are balanced, and all payables are current.

COMPETITION: Bids for next year's sanctioned events were made at the region meeting: May 10, 2003 for our car show and rallies, and June 21, 2003 for our low speed events at Spartan Speedway. The low speed events were changed to one day with four events to coincide with Owosso's events that will be on June 22, 2003. This should attract more racers for the entire weekend. We are still working out details for a date for the Zoo Car Show, it but looks like a weekend in late August or early September..

GOVERNOR: Officers were elected at the region meeting. There was discussion about the web site that the region is going to have to administer now. Bids for the region banquet were taken. Our club did not bid. The Corvette raffle raised \$120,000 for the national charity.

PRESIDENT: Phil gave out the new club T-shirts to all members present.

OLD BUSINESS: The committee to find a new meeting place gave their report, and a vote of the general membership was taken. The new meeting place will be Windsor Mountain Grille on south Lansing Road. The first meeting there will be January 8, 2003.

Nominations for officers were reopened and closed for next year. The nominees are:

President - Phil Hanses

Competition Director - Rich Bratschi

Governor - Don Johnston

Secretary - Shalimar Maynard

Treasurer - Colleen Bratschi

Membership Director - Jeff McQuade

Social Director - Janet Johnston

Editor - Cindy Hanses

Public Relations - Simon Reiffer

Points Director - Don Armstrong

Voting instructions and ballots will be in the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Cripe brought in samples of apparel that we can have the club logo put on.

Adjourned.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

11/19/02

SECRETARY: No report.

MEMBERSHIP: The club has 63 members at the end of 2002; all but five have renewed. Membership renewals were due at the Region by November 15. Those that renew after this date will have to pay the original membership fee again, which is \$10 more than the renewal fee.

SOCIAL: No report.

POINTS: The board approved a final draft of the new points program for next year.

TREASURER: All payables were approved, and all accounts are balanced. We still need an invoice from Huron Valley for our half of the trophies for the low speed events this past summer. Phil will contact them again.

EDITOR: Deadline for newsletter is November 24, 2002. The ballot for officers was reviewed and approved. Ballots will be in the next newsletter.

COMPETITION: Dates for the sanctioned events for next year were discussed and were kept the same as bid at the region meeting: May 10, 2003 for the car show and rallyes and June 21, 2003 for the low speed events at Spartan Speedway.

GOVERNOR: Same report as at general meeting. Phil reminded everyone to see our club's mention in Blue Bars.

PRESIDENT: Awards for the top ten were discussed, and couple of ideas will be researched for cost and availability.

OLD BUSINESS: The date for the Zoo Car Show was discussed and will be September 14, 2003.

NEW BUSINESS: A policy for the club to send cards and flowers to members was discussed and will require more discussion after the new board takes office. The calendar for next year's social events was discussed, and we wanted to have a lot of the same events that were held this year. We will have to finalize the calendar at the January meeting.

Adjourned

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HAPPY ☺
BIRTHDAY
GORDON
TERWILLIGER!

HOLIDAY
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HAPPY ☺
BIRTHDAY
GREG KAPP!

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WINTER
BEGINS

*Merry
Christmas!*

HAPPY ☺
BIRTHDAY
MARGARET
LEWIS!

GAME NIGHT
☺

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NEW YEARS
EVE

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Tentative Calendar of Events
2002 - 2003

December

- 4 *Holiday Dinner
- 25 *MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!*
- 28 *Game Night



January 2003

- 1 *HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!*
- 8 *General Membership Meeting
- 25 *Awards Banquet

* CCCC Events, not to be confused with
"Club Events"



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

INVITE ALL MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO A

**HOLIDAY DINNER / MEETING
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2002
6:00 p.m.**

After the general meeting & officer elections,
we will be doing a 'Dirty Santa' gift exchange.
Bring a wrapped \$5.00 max. gift, or a 'priceless' white
elephant item to exchange.....

Dinner is Potluck
(drinks, dessert, and table service provided)

Bob & Shalimar Maynard
will be hosting the dinner at their home
3955 Meridian Rd.
Okemos
517 347-2949
shalmayn@aol.com

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

**Invites all Members and guests to a Game Night
Saturday, December 28, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.**



Table Tennis (Ping Pong)
Shuffleboard, Pool (Billiards)
Mexican Train & Cards



6 Person Hot Tub Available
Bring your swimsuit, towels provided
(It's just steps outside on the deck)



**Dinner is Potluck
(Drinks and table service provided)**

At the home of
Bill Smejkal and Pam Candy
5709 Castlebury Circle
Lansing, MI 48917

North off Willow, between Elmwood and Creyts Road
From Willow turn North on Cheltingham and right on Castlebury Circle
Cambridge Manor Subdivision

**Questions? Call 517-323-6515 or
send an email to: pammycando@aol.com**

Annual Awards Banquet

Date: Saturday, January 25, 2003
Time: Appetizers at 6:00 / Dinner at 6:30
Location: Coral Gables
2838 E. Grand River Ave.
East Lansing, MI



Join in the fun as we remember events CCCC members participated in during 2002. Awards will be presented to the individuals that attained the highest participation points for the year. The evening will include door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

Please complete the following form and return it to Gloria Reiffer, along with payment, by January 11, 2003. (This form is also available on the club website.) Make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club. If unable to pay in person, you may send your reservation and payment to the club mailing address, PO Box 27295; Lansing, MI 48909.



Appetizers will be available at 6:00, including cheese, crackers, vegetables and dip. Dinner will follow at 6:30.

Entrée Choices:

- ☐ Braised Swiss Steak in Gravy
- ☐ Grilled Breast of Chicken

Cost is \$20.00 per person and includes appetizers, tossed salad, entrée, vegetable, oven browned redskin potatoes, coffee or tea*, and ice cream. Tip and taxes are included.

Name(s)

\$ _____
Amount Enclosed

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Capital City Corvette Club 2003 Ballot

Please complete this ballot by voting for one individual for each office. You can mail your ballot to the Club Post Office Box or vote at the Holiday Dinner on December 4 (ballots will be provided). If you choose to mail your ballot, please refer to the instructions at the bottom of the page.

President:

- ☐ Phil Hanses
- ☐ Other _____

Public Relations Director:

- ☐ Simon Reiffer
- ☐ Other _____

VP / Competition Director:

- ☐ Rich Bratschi
- ☐ Other _____

Secretary:

- ☐ Shalimar Maynard
- ☐ Other _____

Governor:

- ☐ Don Johnston
- ☐ Other _____

Social Director:

- ☐ Janet Johnston
- ☐ Other _____

Membership Director:

- ☐ Jeff McQuade
- ☐ Other _____

Treasurer:

- ☐ Colleen Bratschi
- ☐ Other _____

Newsletter Editor:

- ☐ Cindy Hanses
- ☐ Other _____

TO VOTE BY MAIL, complete the ballot and place in a sealed envelope marked "ballot." Place the sealed envelope into a second envelope and mail to:

Points Director:

- ☐ Don Armstrong
- ☐ Other _____

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

Your name and address must be on the outside of the mailing envelope. Without a return address, your ballot cannot be counted. Ballots must be received no later than December 4th. One ballot per person.

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