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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 8

7:00 p.m.

Windsor Mountain Grille
6951 Lansing Road
Dimondale

ANNUAL BANQUET

January 25

Appetizers at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Coral Gables
2838 E. Grand River Avenue
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From the President . . .

Another year is in the books. Rather than look back to 2002, let's look ahead to 2003.

Club elections were held at the December meeting/dinner. Two existing board members were elected to new positions, and four new board members were elected. Each of our 10 elected offices is now held by one individual. No one person now holds multiple offices. This should help bring a lot of new ideas to the board meetings. I'm sure it will be an exciting year for the club.

New to the board this year is Don Johnston as Governor, Don Armstrong as Points Director, Shalimar Maynard as Secretary, and Janet Johnston as Social Director. Continuing on the board in new positions are Rich Bratschi as Competition Director and Jeff McQuade as Membership Director. Cindy Hanses will continue as Newsletter Editor, Simon Reiffer as Public Relations Director, Colleen Bratschi as Treasurer, and I will serve one more year as President. Thanks to all of you for choosing to be involved in the operations of the club.

The club points program was revised for 2003 and approved at the November board meeting. It is included in this issue. The goal was to simplify the program so it could be easily understood by all members, new and old. I'm confident that the program will meet that goal and "level the playing field" for all members. It will more fairly reward members who are the most active in club events and should make the pursuit of a Top Ten Award very competitive.

As a club, we hope to build upon the success we had in 2002. We plan on continuing the events that were successful

such as the weekend getaway, mini-golf outing, Horsepower at the Zoo car show, the Corvette show and rallye at Pres Kool, mystery dinners, and others.

My philosophy as president has been to let the membership determine what direction the club should go as far as the social activities are concerned. With that in mind, if you have ideas for social events you would like to have the club participate in, please talk with Janet Johnston or myself about your ideas.

The Corvette 50th Anniversary Celebration is happening in Nashville, TN on June 27-28, the same time as Bloomington Gold in Indiana. I would like to see us participate in the 50th Celebration as a club event. I know Mark Lewis is already planning on attending. I'm sure he will be able to give you additional information or you can visit the corvette50th.com website. We will talk more about this at the January meeting.

Our big event for January is the annual Awards Banquet at Coral Gables in East Lansing on the 25th. Be sure to dress up in your best Corvette attire and join us in honoring our Top Ten members and reminiscing about 2002. See the flyer in this issue for the details.

Don't forget, our first meeting at our new location is January 8th beginning at 7:00 PM at the Windsor Mountain Grille. A map is included in this issue for those of you who don't know where it is. See you there.

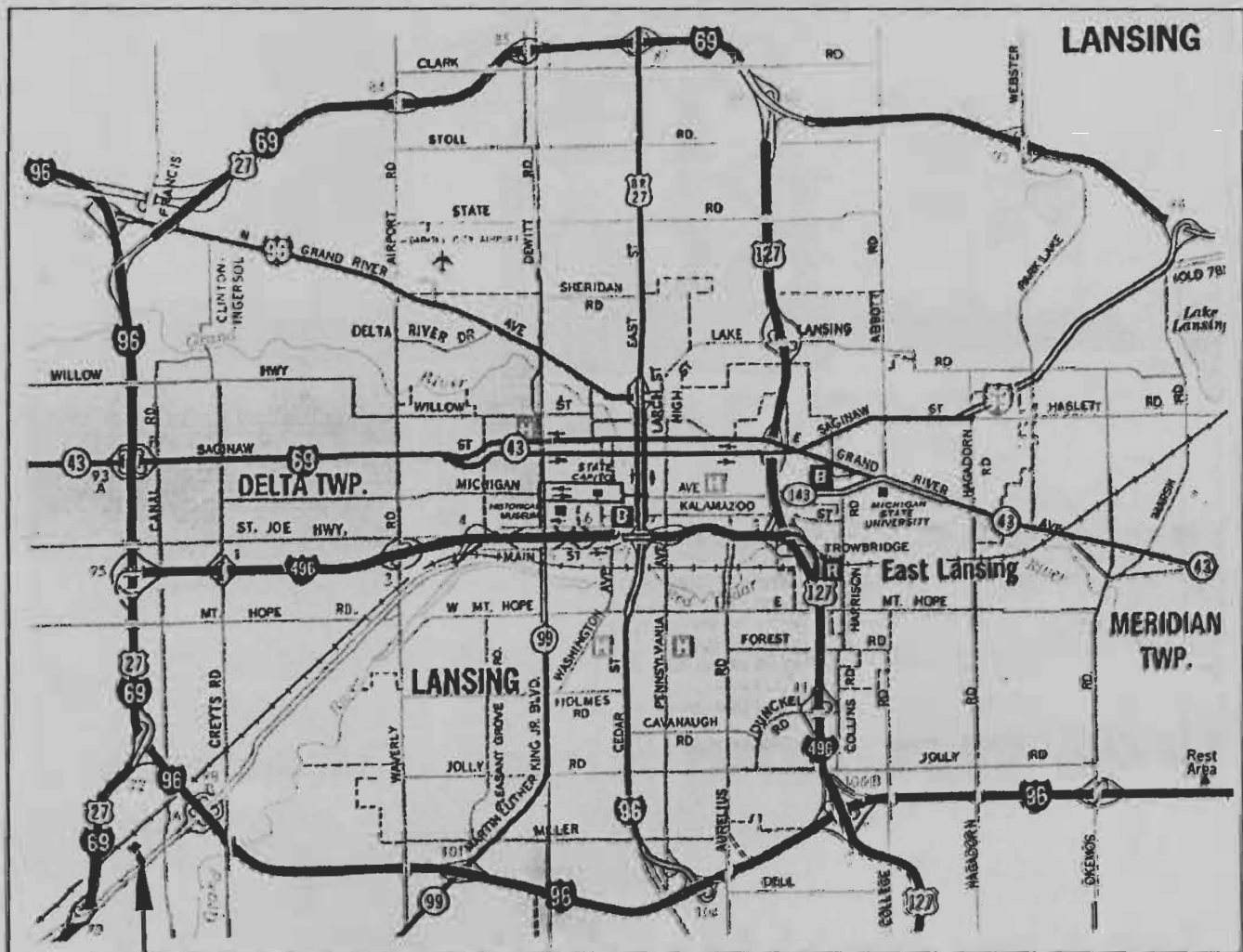


Phil Hanses

NEW MEETING LOCATION:

WINDSOR MOUNTAIN GRILLE

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Social Happenings . . .

What a fun year this has been. In the beginning I was leery of taking on the position of Social Director. To me, Phil was Mr. Social, and no one could replace him. I should have known that I could count on all of you to help plan the events. It made my job much easier than I had expected and allowed me to concentrate on the club Web site.

We found real value in using the Internet to keep in contact with one another this year. The email blasts worked really great for getting members together for a last minute cruise or dinner. We also added a page on the club Web site to post late breaking news items to keep us all informed of things coming up.

2002 was a fun and exciting year as we watched club participation grow along with the membership. The year started with our annual awards banquet, followed by a mystery dinner, Mexican train tournament, and the WKAR auction. We also went bowling, to car shows, parades, a hog roast, mini-golf, bingo, and two club trips to northern Michigan.

December brought a wonderful holiday party at the home of Bob and Shalimar. What terrific hosts they were, and what a beautiful setting for a Christmas party. It was like going to the Festival of Trees! There were decorated Christmas trees everywhere you looked in their home. The evening included potluck dinner with a meatloaf bake off. Jeff's was voted the best, and he received an apron with the club logo on it. Later in the evening we enjoyed a Dirty Santa gift exchange. Simon and I weren't able to stay for the whole party, but we heard that it was a blast.

The year ended with a potluck dinner and game night at the home of Bill and Pam. There was so much food to choose from, you hardly knew where to begin. After eating we settled into a variety of games. There were three game rooms set up on the main floor plus pool, shuffleboard, and ping-pong downstairs. It was a great time to just sit around and visit with each other too. As far as I know, there wasn't anyone brave enough to take a dip in the outdoor hot tub.

What a fun group of people you all are! Thanks again for helping make my job an easy one this year. Please continue to do the same for Janet as she takes on this position for 2003. Having members plan the events is what give us a such a good variety of things to do together. Keep up the good work everyone. I'm sure we can make 2003 even better!

Gloria Reiffer
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From Janet Johnston, Social Director 2003...

I want to thank everyone for their support for Social Director in the upcoming year. I'm looking forward to the challenge and hope I can do as great a job as Gloria has done. I've had a few people come forward already and express their desire to chair an event, which is exciting! After the new board meets I will have a better idea of the calendar events like the car shows, parades, low speed events, etc. to fill in all the other social events everyone wants to do. If you have any questions for me or suggestions, feel free to contact me anytime.

Looking forward to our new year in the club!

Janet

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CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 2002 POINTS STANDINGS

Through 12/31/02

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Carol Armstrong	98	Art Doty	104	Gloria Reiffer	208
Don Armstrong	118	Nancy Doty	104	Simon Reiffer	218
Evelyn Aronson	114	Cindy Hanses	211	Steve Sage	27
Jay Atchinson	16	Phil Hanses	236	Tammie Service	27
Kenalee Atchinson	16	Joy Hardman	44	Janyce Shepler	43
Kurt Bancroft	60	Steve Hitchcock	25	John Shepler	48
John Bechtel	53	Don Johnston	86	James Simmons	26
Sandy Bechtel	25	Janet Johnston	78	Vicki Simmons	0
Melissa Bernier	10	Greg Kapp	163	Bill Smejkal	46
Colleen Bratschi	123	David Kuempel	49	Loretta Spinrad	13
Rich Bratschi	128	Diana Kuempel	52	Steve Spinrad	17
Connie Britz	8	Margaret Lewis	7	Brenda Strobel	27
Mike Britz	10	Mark Lewis	7	Gordon Terwilliger	60
Gary Brothers	0	Bob Maynard	47	Margaret Terwilliger	56
Pam Candy	41	Shalimar Maynard	58	Al Thies	12
Dave Cripe	53	Jeff McQuade	179	Gary Thompson	28
Ken David	51	Steve Pavlik	30	Pam Thompson	28
Charlie DeYoung	29	Joe Platte	39	MarLou Walker	0
Patti DeYoung	29	Pam Platte	13	Peter Walker	9
Karl Dickert	21	Carol Putmon	12	Angie Zelller	14
Trini Dixon	8	Randy Putmon	12	Phil Zeller	14

TOP TEN PARTICIPATION POINTS

1. Phil Hanses	236	6. Greg Kapp	163
2. Simon Reiffer	218	7. Rich Bratschi	128
3. Cindy Hanses	211	8. Colleen Bratschi	123
4. Gloria Reiffer	208	9. Don Armstrong	118
5. Jeff McQuade	179	10. Evelyn Aronson	114

Note: All points are included through 12/28/02.

Capital City Corvette Club Points Program

Purpose - The purpose of the CCCC Points Program is to encourage and reward members to attend and/or participate in CCCC and NCCC Michigan Region sanctioned or sponsored events.

1. **Eligible Events** - All events sponsored or co-sponsored by the Capital City Corvette Club (CCCC) or competition events sanctioned by the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Michigan Region will be eligible for points. Additionally, special events not normally eligible may become eligible by a majority vote of the CCCC Board of Directors.
2. **Notice of Event** - Thirty days notice must be given before an event. Under special circumstances, the competition director can make exceptions. In most cases, "notice" is defined as an announcement or flyer in the CCCC newsletter.
3. **Annual Awards** - The competition season will run from January 1 through December 31. Members who accumulate enough points to finish in the "Top Ten" of the highest points at the end of each competition season will receive awards. Awards will be presented at the annual CCCC Awards Banquet.
4. **Member Responsibilities** - Each member is responsible for notifying the CCCC Points Director of their attendance and/or participation at non-club sponsored events in order to receive the appropriate points.
5. **Chairperson Responsibilities** - Event Chairpersons are responsible for submitting an attendance list and/or workers list to the Points Director.
6. **Point Values** - Points will be awarded as follows:
 - 1 For attending a CCCC General Membership Meeting, Board Meeting, or Social Event.
 - 1 Additional point for arriving at the Meeting or Social Event with a Corvette.
 - 1 For each CCCC or Regionally sanctioned/sponsored competition event attended as an entrant. A competition event is defined as having a Michigan Region sanction number.
 - 1 For attending the annual CCCC Awards Banquet.
 - 1 For attending the annual NCCC Michigan Region Banquet.
 - 1 For entering your Corvette in any Car Show designated as a Club Event.
 - 1 For entering your Corvette in any Parade designated as a Club Event.
 - 1 For each CCCC elected office held or serving as Web Master of the Club website.
 - 1 For writing an article used in the CCCC newsletter. Article must be at least 1/2 page in length. Articles published will be at the CCCC Editor's discretion. Articles or reports required by an elected officer are not eligible. Maximum 1 pt. per year.
 - 1 For working at each CCCC sponsored or co-sponsored sanctioned competition, charity, or fund-raising event.
 - 1 For each full day in attendance at the annual NCCC Convention. Maximum of 5 pts. per year.
 - 1 Chairing or Co-Chairing a CCCC social, charity, or fund-raising event. Maximum of 1 point per competition season, plus "attendance point" for the chaired event.
 - 1 Chairing or Co-Chairing a CCCC sponsored or co-sponsored race, rallye, concours, or car show event. Maximum of 1 point per competition season, plus "worker or attendance point" for the chaired event.

The Capital City Corvette Club Board of Directors approved this Points Program at their November 19, 2002 meeting to be effective for the 2003 competition season. The Points Program is subject to review and revision at the end of each competition season.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
January 2003						
			1 HAPPY NEW YEAR !	2 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY JANYCE SHEPLER !	3 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY TRINI DIXON !	4 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY MIKE BRITZ !
5 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY JOHN SHEPLER !	6	7	8 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	9	10	11
12	13 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY EVELYN ARONSON !	14 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY DIANA KUEMPEL !	15 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY CHARLIE DEYOUNG !	16	17	18
19	20	21 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY CAROL PUTMON !	22 BOARD MEETING HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY BILL SMEJKAL !	23	24	25 CCCC ★ ANNUAL BANQUET
26	27	28 HAPPY ☺ BIRTHDAY PATTI DEYOUNG !	29	30	31	

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Tentative Calendar of Events
2003

January

- 8 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 22 ***Board Meeting**
- 25 ***CCCC Annual Banquet**

February

- 5 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 19 ***Board Meeting**
- 25 Region Meeting
- 28 Governors Meeting

March

- 1 Governors Meeting
- 5 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 19 ***Board Meeting**
- ? Region Banquet

April

- 2 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 5 ***WKAR TV-23 Auction**
- 16 ***Board Meeting**
- 29 Region Meeting

May

- 3 Governors Meeting
- 7 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 10 ***CCCC Car Show & 2 Rallyes**
- 17 FCC Car Show
- 18 BCCC Car Show @ Charlton Park
- 21 ***Board Meeting**
- 26 BCCC Memorial Day Parade

June

- 1 KCC Speed Events
- 4 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 7 CCSWM Speed Events
- 8 MAG Speed Events
- 14 GVCC Speed Events
- 15 CCM Speed Events
- 18 ***Board Meeting**
- 21 ***CCCC Low Speeds**
- 22 SCC Low Speeds
- 27-29 Corvette 50th Anniv. Celebration

July

- 2 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 12 JCC Car Show
- 16 ***Board Meeting**
- 19-20 FCC Speed Events

August

- 3 JCC Speed Events
- 5 Region Meeting
- 6 ***General Membership Meeting**
- ? ***Board Meeting**
- 15-21 NCCC Convention
- 22-24 Corvettes at Carlisle
- 22-24 Corvette Crossroads

September

- 3 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 7 SCC Rallyes (2)
- 9 Region Meeting
- 13 Governors Meeting
- 14 ***Horsepower at the Zoo Car Show**
- 17 ***Board Meeting**
- 21 KCC Speed Events
- 28 JCC Rallyes (2)

October

- 1 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 5 KCC Rallyes
- 11 FCC Rallye
- 12 GLCC Rallyes (4)
- 15 ***Board Meeting**
- 19 CCM Rallye

November

- 4 Region Meeting
- 5 ***General Membership Meeting**
- 8 Governors Meeting
- 19 ***Board Meeting**

December

- 3 ***Holiday Dinner**

*** CCCC Events**

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
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