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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

HOLIDAY DINNER / MEETING

December 3 - 6:00 p.m.

Bob & Shalimar's House

3955 Meridian Road,

Okemos

Officer elections will be held.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

January 24, 2004

Mountain Jacks

5800 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing

NEW MEMBERS !!!

A warm welcome to new members:

Marie Barrett,

Gary and Kathy Wyma,

Kim David,

Kurt and Sharon Schwamberger,

Mary Kay Brothers,

Donna Dickert, and

Dennis and Danielle Hessell !!!

Please send any articles you'd like
published in the January newsletter to
bluecorvette@bigfoot.com

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2003

Phil Hanses
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VP / Competition Director

Don Johnston
Governor

Colleen Bratschi
Treasurer

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Secretary

Janet Johnston
Social Director

Simon Reiffer
Public Relations Director

Jeff McQuade
Membership Director

Don Armstrong
Points Director

Cindy Hanses
Editor

From the President . . .

The election of club officers will take place at the annual Holiday Dinner on December 3rd. The event will take place at the home of Bob and Shalimar Maynard. See the flyer in this issue for the details and be sure to call the number provided if you need directions.

Each paid-up member for 2004 is allowed one vote. If you are unable to attend the dinner to vote, you may vote by mail using the instructions provided on the ballot in this issue. For your mail-in vote to count, it must be received in the club PO Box no later than December 3rd. For those of you attending the dinner, ballots will be available there.

There are a number of contested positions in this year's election. If you have questions of any of the candidates, you can contact them personally. Last month's newsletter included a membership list with phone numbers if you do have questions.

By now, most of you with email should have received a sample copy of the electronic version of the November newsletter. It included full color flyers and pictures with bookmarks so that you can quickly move to the page you want. You can print out the entire newsletter or just the pages you want.

I asked for your comments on what you thought of an electronic version and if you might be willing to get your newsletter via email rather than the usual version through the regular mail. So far I have only got one response.

The thought behind the electronic version

was to give members a choice on which version they received. Some may find the electronic version more convenient, and some may not. In the past year the club has spent over \$400 to mail out newsletters. We could save on mailing costs if people were to choose the electronic version.

Since we've purchased Adobe Acrobat to make the electronic version, I thought that time permitting, I will go back and scan previous issues of the newsletter and make them available on CD to our members. I have all of the newsletters since joining the club in 1990. If anyone has issues prior to 1990 that I could borrow to scan into pdf files, let me know. It will be a good way preserve some of our club history.

Planning of events for next year is already taking place. If you have ideas for club events or activities for next year, call Janet Johnston, or bring it up at a meeting. We are always looking for fun things to do with our Corvettes.

On another note, new newsletter covers have been printed with an ad for our club sponsor on the back cover. Remember Pres Kool Chevrolet when shopping for a new or used vehicle. Don't forget our business card advertisers. Show them your thanks for supporting our club by doing business with them whenever possible.

See you at the meeting/holiday dinner on December 3rd.

Phil

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. Sophie T. Gallagher

Mother of Colleen Bratschi, passed away January 3, 2003

Mr. Bryce P. Call

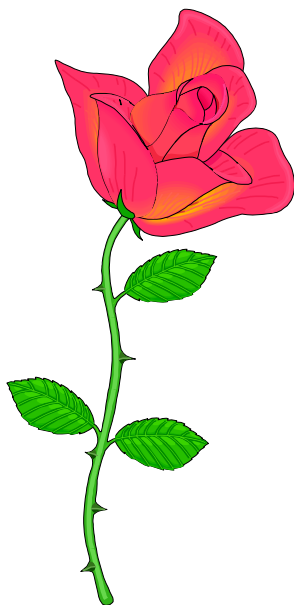
Brother of Brenda Strobel, passed away February 25, 2003

Mr. Gary Thompson

*Husband of Pam Thompson and Capital City Corvette Club member,
passed away May 12, 2003*

Mrs. Lucy A. Platte

Mother of Joe Platte, passed away October 16, 2003



The drawing for the benefit raffle for Simon Reiffer was held on November 5th at the Point After Eatery & Pub in Lansing. Nearly \$3,300 was raised to help Simon with his medical & recovery expenses.

The raffle prize winners were:

- 1st prize - Ft. Myers, FL condo stay – Tom Meyer of DeWitt
- 2nd prize - Color Television – Laura Flynn of Portland
- 3rd prize - Gold Necklace & Bracelet – Dave Kuempel of Nashville
- 4th prize - Internet Service – Roy Morris of Portland
- 5th prize - Microwave Oven – Jean Feher of Lansing
- 6th prize - \$100 Mobil gas card – Jack Cady of East Lansing
- 7th prize - Mini Hi-Fi Stereo system – Bob Curtis of Charlotte
- 8th prize - “Raikes” collectible bear – Linda Moore of Lansing
- 9th prize - Corvette Poster Plaque – Bill Zerkle of Lansing
- 10th prize - \$50 Home Depot gift card – Myrna Kleucklry of Lansing
- 11th prize - \$50 Home Depot gift card – Don Crowley
- 12th prize - Tiger Woods Golf Book – Carol Wooley of St. Johns

CCCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES
11/05/03

SECRETARY: October General Membership Meeting and Board Meeting minutes are in the newsletter.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The VetteFest in Chicago is November 22 and 23. Anyone interested in attending, see Simon. There will be another one in March. If there is enough interest, we could attend as a group.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership total to date: 98 adults, 26 FCOA. Some had expressed interest in purchasing a National Lifetime Membership. Current cost is \$300.00 which Jeff figured would be equal to 12 years of dues. There will be a dues increase next year, the first since 1986. See Jeff for more info. Members were reminded Club T-shirts are allowed to be worn by a family member, however any other club apparel is to be worn by Club members only. Jeff gave an emotional recap of Simon's accident in June and then presented him with a check derived from donations of caring members and friends.

SOCIAL: The Dominoes tournament at Don and Janet's was a great success. With 24 members in attendance, Don Johnston was the winner of the traveling trophy. 2nd place was Simon Reiffer, 1st place in the Women's Division was Evelyn Aronson, 2nd was Diana Kuempel. Bingo at Tamarack is this Saturday, and the sign-up sheet is circulating. December 3rd is the Christmas Dinner/Meeting at the Maynard's, and 2004 club officers election will take place. January is the Annual Awards Banquet. Anyone interested in getting together between Christmas and New Years, see Janet.

POINTS: Updated list is available on the website.

TREASURER: All accounts balances and payables are paid. Consideration of newsletters being sent via e-mail would be a considerable savings of postage and printing costs.

EDITOR: December newsletter deadline, November 23rd. Discussion of purchasing an Adobe Acrobat program and it benefits to the club was discussed.

COMPETITION: Brad Hutton was presented with a 1st place trophy in his class from the summer low speeds. At the region meeting, we were in 7th place for date choices in the 2004 season. Results were: Corvette Show & Rallye, June 19, 2004; Low Speed Events, July 24, 2004; and HP at the Zoo Car show, September 19, 2004.

GOVERNOR: Don reported By-Law changes include a dues increase, primarily to help defer the increased insurance costs. Congratulations to Nancy Doty, elected as the new Region Secretary. National Convention is June 6th - 13th in Las Vegas this year.

PRESIDENT: Phil conducted an extremely informative group discussion pertaining to winter storage and preparation. Numerous members shared their 'wisdom' and suggestions. Phil also noted the web site: www.corvetteactioncenter.com offers some excellent storage tips.

OLD BUSINESS: Floor was again open for 2004 Officer Nominations or changes from the October meeting. For the positions of Treasurer, Mark Lewis was nominated and accepted. Membership Director, Jeff McQuade withdrew his nomination, Evelyn Aronson accepted her nomination. Social Director, Pam Platte withdrew her nomination. Points Director, Evelyn Aronson withdrew her nomination. Nominations were then closed. Election will be held at the December Dinner/Meeting. Also, absentee ballots will be available in the December newsletter but must be postmarked no later than December 1st.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeff proposed the club donate \$500 to a needy family for the holiday season. Also proposed, we, as a club would accept unwrapped toy donations at the December meeting for the Toys for Tots program. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved. There has been interest expressed and requests for another golf outing this coming year. Brad Hutton was appointed to chair this committee and set a tentative date for Spring 2004.

Tonight's 50/50 Winner: Gary Brothers.

Meeting Adjourned

CCCC BOARD MEETING
11/19/03

SECRETARY: Absent, no report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Simon has contacted the Point After to let them know we are not going to be there in December and reserved it for next year's meetings. He is going to talk to Pres Kool about next year.

MEMBERSHIP: Jeff reported we now have 27 FCOA members. Renewals: 37 primary and 24 spouse members have renewed, and 1 new Lifetime Member. An order for 30 club T-shirts was placed and paid for in advance, and the shirts came back in the wrong color. They are to be returned to the shop, and new T-shirts in the correct color are expected. If the shop won't make the correction, then we will be looking for another vendor for our screen-printing.

SOCIAL: Bingo and Mexican Train were both well-attended. We are getting ready for the club Christmas party and Awards Banquet. 62 people have signed up for the Christmas dinner. We are planning next year's calendar.

POINTS: Don wants to have a full board meeting to discuss the points program.

TREASURER: Absent. Jeff made a motion to pay for Bingo expenses of \$7.47 as a social event. Motion carried.

EDITOR: January newsletter deadline is December 22. Newsletter covers (2000) are in from Insty-Prints at a cost of \$244.78.

COMPETITION: Phil called Spartan Speedway for Low Speeds on July 24th. We got tentative approval for that date. He is going to check into an alternate location to hold the event.

GOVERNOR: NCCC dues will increase \$5 for the Primary member in 2004.

PRESIDENT: Phil went over the financial report. He feels it's not necessary to pass on the increased NCCC costs to our members. He thinks we should create a budget next year. Phil wants to have a work session for the new board in December.

OLD BUSINESS: Jeff McQuade and Dave Kuempel have selected a needy family to donate \$500 worth of Christmas gifts to. This was approved at the November General Membership Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Jeff suggested that By-Law amendments may need to be made. Jeff noted that Holt Auto Sales would like to become more involved with the club. We will look into how best to accommodate them.

Meeting Adjourned



Social Events

November 8th we played Bingo at the Tammarack Apts. Again as usual the residents enjoyed the fun afternoon. There was a great support of members there helping. It is always heart warming to give the residents joy in there day and something to look forward to do. The truely look forward to our visits. Big thanks to all who worked and to Jeff McQuade for setting this up.

December 3rd is our Christmas/Dinner Meeting at the Maynards. Shalimar has a flyer in this newsletter with the evening events. This is a fun time with the club and one of the things we do best is eat! So mark your calanders for that evening.

January we have the Annual Awards Banquet which will be at Mountain Jack's in Lansing. There is a flyer explaining the evening of events, cost, and menu also in this months newletter. So please look through this issue and plan on attending.

This year has went by very fast. (Or its the age thing?). I have enjoyed being the Social Director. It is beacuse you all make my job easy! The members of this club are always willing and wanting to do things. If you have a idea for the next year and or want to host/chair an event, let me know and we can work it out on the calander, before it fills up to fast. Things like a mini rallye, mystery dinners, color tours, weekend get-a-ways, ect.

Happy Holiday To You And All Your Familes

Janet



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 2003 POINTS STANDINGS

Through 11/8/03

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Nev Agass	0	Trini Dixon	13	Joe Platte	24
Sharon Agass	0	Art Doty	30	Pam Platte	42
Carol Armstrong	46	Nancy Doty	30	Carol Putmon	34
Don Armstrong	56	Randy Gisse	13	Randy Putmon	36
Ed Armstrong	2	Cindy Hanses	37	Gloria Reiffer	49
Evelyn Aronson	55	Phil Hanses	57	Simon Reiffer	50
Jay Atchinson	0	Joy Hardman	13	Robert Ribar	13
Kenalee Atchinson	0	Danielle Hessell	0	Steve Sage	5
Laurie Backus	23	Dennis Hessell	0	Kurt Schwamberger	0
Kurt Bancroft	16	Steve Hitchcock	3	Sharon Schwamberger	0
Don Baron	1	Tammie Hitchcock	4	Gregory Shannon	0
Marie Barrett	2	Brad Hutton	36	Janyce Shepler	32
John Bechtel	27	Carrie Hutton	34	John Shepler	31
Sandy Bechtel	23	Greg Jenca	13	Lyn Shoal	3
Melissa Bernier	10	Theresa Jenca	11	Ron Shoal	3
Colleen Bratschi	39	Don Johnston	68	James Simmons	21
Rich Bratschi	40	Janet Johnston	66	Vicki Simmons	0
Char Breeden	7	Ryan Johnston	4	Bill Smejkal	9
George Breeden	4	Greg Kapp	47	Linda Smith	23
Connie Britz	13	David Kuempel	69	Rick Smith	25
Mike Britz	17	Diana Kuempel	52	Loretta Spinrad	2
Gary Brothers	18	Mandy Lawless	2	Steve Spinrad	2
Mary Kay Brothers	0	Margaret Lewis	12	Brenda Strobel	7
David Brown	1	Mark Lewis	15	Gordon Terwilliger	40
Diana Brown	0	Tom Lindsay	0	Margaret Terwilliger	41
Pam Candy	7	Lynette Macarty	0	Gary Thompson*	2
Maurice Cartier	0	Reed Macarty	0	Gayle Thompson	2
Dave Cripe	26	Bob Maynard	48	Pam Thompson	18
Ken David	2	Shalimar Maynard	53	Ann Underwood	0
Kim David	0	Lisa McDonald	2	MarLou Walker	0
Charlie DeYoung	8	Steve McDonald	5	Peter Walker	5
Patti DeYoung	4	Jeff McQuade	67	Chris Wheeler	1
Donna Dickert	0	Jeffrey Mitzel	13	Gary Wyma	2
Karl Dickert	12	Steve Pavlik	0	Kathy Wyma	2

TOP TEN PARTICIPATION POINTS

1. Dave Kuempel	69	6. Don Armstrong	56
2. Don Johnston	68	7. Evelyn Aronson	55
3. Jeff McQuade	67	8. Shalimar Maynard	53
4. Janet Johnston	66	9. Diana Kuempel	52
5. Phil Hanses	57	10. Simon Reiffer	50

*CCCC member Gary Thompson passed away on May 12, 2003.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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December 2003

	1	2 HAPPY BIRTHDAY GORDON TERWILLIGER !	3 HOLIDAY DINNER / MEETING	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 HAPPY BIRTHDAY RYAN JOHNSTON !	15	16	17	18	19 HAPPY BIRTHDAY GREG KAPP !	20
21	22	23	24	25 CHRISTMAS	26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARGARET LEWIS !	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEARS EVE			

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Tentative Calendar of Events
2003/2004

December

3 *Holiday Dinner

January

7 * CCCC Membership Meeting

21 * CCCC Board Meeting

24 * CCCC Awards Banquet

February

4 * CCCC Membership Meeting

18 * CCCC Board Meeting

24 Michigan Region Meeting

28 NCCC Governors Meeting

March

3 * CCCC Membership Meeting

17 * CCCC Board Meeting

27 ~ Michigan Region Banquet

April

7 * CCCC Membership Meeting

21 * CCCC Board Meeting

25 CCSWM Driving School

May

4 Michigan Region Meeting

5 * CCCC Membership Meeting

8 NCCC Governors Meeting

16 CCBC Car Show - Charlton Park

19 * CCCC Board Meeting

22 MAG Speed events

22 FCC Car Show

23 CCSWM Speed events

29 MAG Speed events

30 MAG Speed events

31 MAG Speed events

31 ~ Marshall Memorial Day Parade

June

2 * CCCC Membership Meeting

5-11 NCCC Convention, Las Vegas, NV

16 * CCCC Board Meeting

19 * CCCC Car Show at Pres Kool

20 HVCC & CCM Speed events

25 Drive Your Corvette To Work Day

25-27 Bloomington Gold

27 KCC Speed events

July

7 * CCCC Membership Meeting

13 Michigan Region Meeting

14 * CCCC Board Meeting

17 FCC Speed events

18 FCC Speed events

24 * CCCC Speed events

25 SCC Speed events

31 JCC Car Show

August

1 JCC Car Show

1 HVCC Speed events

4 * CCCC Membership Meeting

8 JCC Speed events

14 ACC Car Show

14 RCWM Speed events

15 RCWM Car Show

18 * CCCC Board Meeting

27-29 ~ Corvette Crossroads

September

1 * CCCC Membership Meeting

4 MAG Speed events

5 MAG Speed events

6 MAG Speed events

7 Michigan Region Meeting

11 NCCC Governors Meeting

15 * CCCC Board Meeting

19 KCC Speed events

19 * Horsepower at the Zoo Car Show

26 SCC Rallyes

October

3 RCWM Rallyes

6 * CCCC Membership Meeting

9 FCC Rallye

10 KCC Rallye

16 GLCC Rallyes

20 * CCCC Board Meeting

24 CCM Rallyes

November

3 * CCCC Membership Meeting

9 Michigan Region Meeting

13 NCCC Governors Meeting

17 * CCCC Board Meeting

December

1 * CCCC Holiday Dinner/Meeting

* CCCC Events

~ Club Events



*HO...HO...HO...
'TIS THE SEASON*

*ANNUAL
HOLIDAY DINNER / MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2003
6:00 P.M.*

*HOSTED BY:
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Annual Awards Banquet

Date: January 24th, 2004

Time: Appetizers at 6:30 /
Dinner at 7:00

Location: Mountain Jacks
5800 W. Saginaw Hwy.
Lansing MI

Price: \$25.00 Per Person



Join in the fun as we remember events of CCCC members participated in during 2003. 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 Janet Johnston, along with payment, by January 17th. (This form will be also available on the web site.) Make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club. If unable to pay in person, you may sent your reservation and payment to me at 300 Pleasant St, Portland MI 48875.

Dinner Choices include garden salad, fresh baked bread, baked potato, coffee, tea, or milk.

8.oz Prime Rib

Top Sirloin

Lemon Herb Chicken

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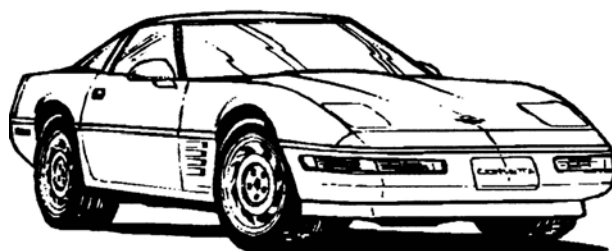
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