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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 7 - 7:00 p.m.

The Point After

3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

(Logan Street), Lansing

BOARD MEETING

January 21 - 7:00 p.m. The Point After

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

January 24, 2004 Coyote Creek Grille 6951 Lansing Road Windsor Twp.

NEW MEMBERS !!!

A warm welcome to new members: Craig and Sharon Hitchcock, Terry Feichtenbiner, and Dawn Love !!!

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From the President . . .

Well here we are a brand new year. I hope the old year went well for you. As we look forward to the New Year let's not forget our past. I want to thank all those that worked so hard to make this a successful Corvette club. Without everyone pulling together we wouldn't be where we are today.

As your new president you might want to know a little about me. We joined the club in 1994, shortly after we bought our first Corvette (which we still have by the way). I always wanted one since I was about fifteen or sixteen. Had to wait until those kids grew up, you know the story. So anyway, our first event was the Mackinaw trip. We had fun and made new friends and thought this should be a lot of fun. So time went by and we found that this club is a lot of fun.

With that short story about me, on to the present. As your new president I hope we can keep things going as we are. We seem to be on the right track. We need everyone's help to keep this club successful.

We also will have new board this year so if anyone has an interest in organizing an event this year please contact one of the board members. We need every member to help with the different events that we do throughout the year.

This month we have our membership meeting on January 7. We also have our awards banquet on January 24. The banquet will be at the Coyote Creek Grille, located at 6951 Lansing Road, near the State Secondary Complex. I would encourage everyone to come to this event. It's a lot of fun for everyone. Please contact Janet Johnston to sign up.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone who is interested in competition events to participate in the other clubs events in our region. Our club gets points in the region standings when our members participate in other Michigan region events. This helps us when we put in for dates for our events the following year. It's also fun to get know other people in our region.

With that I want to wish everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR. I hope everything goes well for all of you in this New Year. (By the way, be careful on those ladders.)

Simon Reiffer

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

We can't say thank you enough to all of our wonderful friends in the Capital City Corvette Club. You guys are the BEST!

When Simon had his accident in June, Jeff McQuade was in the emergency room wanting to know what he could do to help out. He heard that Simon was planning to do work around the house on the day he fell so Jeff organized a work day at our house in August. Many of you showed up then, and on other days, and took care of the things that needed to be done. You even got his father's old Blazer up and running again. (Special thanks to Bob and Shalimar for purchasing new batteries.)

As if that wasn't enough, a raffle was organized to help us out financially. Many of you donated prizes, sold tickets, and purchased them yourselves. Almost \$3,300.00 was raised! We hope to use the money to purchase a trailer for the Corvette so that we can attend events again. The remaining funds will go toward the purchase of a standing wheelchair for Simon.

Thank you again for all the love you have shown us through this difficult time.





Happy New Year!

This being my first article as Competition Director, I thought I would take a few words to talk about my two years as club President. When I assumed the office, I had a number of things I wanted to accomplish in the one or two years I expected to be President. I didn't meet all my goals, but I am confident the club is headed in the right direction and will continue to grow. Although I was the guy in charge, I cannot take much of the credit for the growth of the club. I just tried to provide direction and leadership when needed. The success was due to the enthusiasm of the members, especially the board members, who gave of themselves to try to take the club in a new direction. We did some things that had not been done in a while and came up with some new ideas, most of which were very well received.

I am very encouraged from the elections held last month. It was great to see so many members willing to get involved in the leadership of the club. The results for President could not have been any closer. It was a difficult vote for me, as I'm sure it was for most of you. Either Simon or Jeff would have done a great job. I know this because both of them were a big part of the success over the last two years. Congratulations to those who were elected. To those of you who weren't elected, I hope you will consider running for an office again. The future success of the club depends on having members willing to volunteer their time to run the club.

I'll take this opportunity to thank all of you for the privilege of serving as President for the past two years. It has at times been difficult but always rewarding. I always tried to do what was in the best interest of the club. Your support and encouragement was very much appreciated. This has become so much more than just a car club to me, more like a family, especially with some of the events of this past year. I hope you will give Simon the same support and encouragement for as long he is President. Thanks again!

Now, on to the duties of my new office. Although the competition season is still a few months away, I have a few things to mention.

We will be holding a rallye school sometime this spring. Several of our members are taking more of an interest in road rallyes. Right now, my idea is to run a road rallye in short segments, stopping several times along the way to instruct the participants on the things they should and should not be doing along the route. Hopefully you will learn some things to make road rallyes more fun and increase your chances of winning some trophies.

Our Corvette Show and Rallye is scheduled for June 19th at our club sponsor, Pres Kool Chevrolet. I will be looking for someone to be chairpersons for these events. If you would like to know more about what is involved, see me at a meeting or give me a call.

Our autocross events are scheduled for July 24th at Spartan Speedway. However, we may see a significant increase in the track rental price so we may have to consider other options. I will be looking for chairpersons for these events also.

Each month I plan to use this space to keep you up-to-date on competition related news, mainly on what is happening in the Michigan Region. My hope is to get more of our members interested in the competitive side of owning and driving America's Favorite Sports Car.

Phil Hanses 2004 Competition Director

Social Update

Hope everyone's holiday was a nice time of memories. Time with family and friends. We have another year ahead of us and lots of things to do.

We had a great time at Bob & Shalimar's Christmas Dinner/Meeting. There was a big crowd, and what we do next year will be interesting. Thank you for hosting that wonderful time.

January 24th will be the Awards Banquet. It was to be at Mountain Jack's, but they closed their doors Christmas Eve. Gloria has a new form on the web to look at the new menu choices. Price still will be the same, \$25.00 per person. I need checks by January 17th. Make them payable to the club. If you haven't signed up to go, there is still time. You can let me know at the meeting or e-mail me! We have lots of door prizes, and it is always a great time to gather and reminisce the projects and events of the last year.

I have had a few members come forward to volunteer for upcoming events this year already. I'm looking for folks to host a Get-Away Weekend, a few more Mystery Dinners, Fall Hayride again, Game Night....etc. Things that you want to do with your Vette and or just have a fun time of fellowship.

Looking forward to another fun year!

Happy New Year

Janet Johnston

Social Director djohnston@voyager.net

CCCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 12/03/03

The December dinner/meeting was held 12/03/03 at the Maynard's. Fifty-nine members attended, with a potluck dinner comprised of "Extraordinary Holiday Recipes." Many members brought toys to be donated on behalf of the *Toys for Tots* program. In fact, so many, they almost filled a Ford Expedition (note: toys were delivered to WITL by Simon, Gloria, and Shalimar on Sunday, December 7th during their "Fill a Truck" program). Following dinner, we had a friendly exchange of white elephant gifts.....with no injuries (ha ha).

Members placed their votes for the 2004 Board of Directors. It was a close race for many offices, as we have so many great people in this club willing to commit their time!!!! Final results this year were as follows:

President: Simon Reiffer 30 votes

Jeff McQuade 28 votes

VP/Competition Director: Phil Hanses (uncontested)

Governor: Don Johnston 41 votes

Dave Kuempel 17 votes

Treasurer: Bob Maynard 47 votes

Mark Lewis 11 votes

Secretary: Shalimar Maynard 52 votes

Sandy Bechtel 6 votes

Social Director: Janet Johnston (uncontested)

Public Relations Director: John Bechtel 37 votes

Greg Kapp 21 votes

Membership Director: Evelyn Aronson (uncontested)

Points Director: Don Armstrong 39 votes

John Bechtel9 votesJeff Mitzel5 votesRandy Putmon4 votes

Editor: Carol Armstrong (uncontested)

Although not a formal meeting, we all enjoyed the time to relax and share the evening with a great group of friends and look forward to the great year ahead!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

^{***} THERE WAS NO BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER.

Meet Pam Thompson

Pam has five children, Tammy, Sandy, Eric, Randy, and Chad. She has eleven grandchildren, ages from 12 years to 6 months. Pam's husband, Gary, who was also a CCCC member, passed away last May. She has two cats named Peter and Bess. "They are great having around, some times big babies. Spoiled rotten!!" says Pam.

Pam is the office manager for Blaze Fire Protection, Inc., located in Sparta. She has been there over seven years. Pam and Gary worked together for all of that time. Before that she was a dental assistant. In her spare time, she enjoys crafts and sewing.

In addition to CCCC, Pam is a member of two motorcycle clubs. (Pam wanted to point out that she rides her own motorcycle.)

Pam has owned two Corvettes, the first one is a 1991 T-Top, but she sold that one. However, she still owns a 1993 Convertible.

"We first meet the group when Gary and I went up to Mackinaw for the rallye. We didn't know anyone there, but we wanted to see what was going on. We had tried to go to another group meeting a few times, but didn't care for it. So, we decided to go out on our own. We did this a lot; we always tried things together and was not afraid of anything, as long as we did it together. Anyway, as we were at the bridge, we meet a couple from your group and enjoyed talking to them. We told them that we were going to park our car in the show. They saved us a spot with your group. We had such a nice time with the group, we joined, and the rest is history," said Pam. She has been with the group since 2002.

"I enjoy traveling and seeing new things. I plan on doing some traveling and who knows!" added Pam.

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25	26 HAPPY BIRTHDAY DON BARON (& (CRAIG HITCHCOCK!	27	28 HAPPY BIRTHDAY PATTI DEYOUNG! (29	30	31 HAPPY BIRTHDAY RANDY GISSE! (

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB Tentative Calendar of Events 2004

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18	* CCCC Board Meeting	1	JCC Car Show
24	Michigan Region Meeting	1	HVCC Speed events
28	NCCC Governors Meeting	4	* CCCC Membership Meeting
	-	8	JCC Speed events
Marc	ch	14	ACC Car Show
3	* CCCC Membership Meeting	14	RCWM Speed events
17	* CCCC Board Meeting	15	RCWM Car Show
27	~ Michigan Region Banquet	18	* CCCC Board Meeting
		27-29	9 ~ Corvette Crossroads
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7	* CCCC Membership Meeting	Septe	
21	* CCCC Board Meeting	1	* CCCC Membership Meeting
25	CCSWM Driving School	4	MAG Speed events
		5	MAG Speed events
May		6	MAG Speed events
4	Michigan Region Meeting	7	Michigan Region Meeting
5	* CCCC Membership Meeting	11	NCCC Governors Meeting
8	NCCC Governors Meeting	15	* CCCC Board Meeting
16	CCBC Car Show - Charlton Park	19	KCC Speed events
19	* CCCC Board Meeting	19	* Horsepower at the Zoo Car Show
22	MAG Speed events	26	SCC Rallyes
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23	CCSWM Speed events	Octob	
29	MAG Speed events	3	RCWM Rallyes
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2	* CCCC Membership Meeting	24	CCM Rallyes
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16	* CCCC Board Meeting	Noven	nher
19	* CCCC Car Show at Pres Kool	3	* CCCC Membership Meeting
20	HVCC & CCM Speed events	9	Michigan Region Meeting
25	Drive Your Corvette To Work Day	13	NCCC Governors Meeting
	7 Bloomington Gold	17	* CCCC Board Meeting
27	KCC Speed events		
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July		1	* CCCC Holiday Dinner/Meeting
7	* CCCC Membership Meeting		
13	Michigan Region Meeting	* ccc	C Events
14	* CCCC Board Meeting	~ Club	Events
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CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB 2003 POINTS STANDINGS Through 12/15/03

PARTICIPATION POINTS

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PARTICIPAT	ION	POI	NTS

Nevill Agass	0	Nancy Doty	31	Steve Pavlik	0
Sharon Agass	0	Terry Feichtenbiner	0	Joe Platte	26
Carol Armstrong	48	Randy Gisse	13	Pam Platte	44
Don Armstrong	58	Cindy Hanses	39	Carol Putmon	35
Ed Armstrong	2	Phil Hanses	59	Randy Putmon	37
Evelyn Aronson	59	Joy Hardman	15	Gloria Reiffer	52
Jay Atchinson	0	Danielle Hessell	0	Simon Reiffer	53
Kenalee Atchinson	0	Dennis Hessell	0	Robert Ribar	13
Laurie Backus	23	Craig Hitchcock	0	Steve Sage	5
Kurt Bancroft	17	Sharon Hitchcock	0	Kurt Schwamberger	2
Don Baron	1	Steve Hitchcock	3	Sharon Schwamberger	2
Marie Barrett	3	Tammie Hitchcock	4	Gregory Shannon	0
John Bechtel	28	Brad Hutton	37	Janyce Shepler	33
Sandy Bechtel	24	Carrie Hutton	35	John Shepler	32
Melissa Bernier	10	Greg Jenca	13	Lyn Shoal	
Colleen Bratschi	40	Theresa Jenca	11	Ron Shoal	3
Rich Bratschi	41	Don Johnston	71	James Simmons	22
Char Breeden	7	Janet Johnston	69	Vicki Simmons	1
George Breeden	4	Ryan Johnston	6	Bill Smejkal	10
Connie Britz	14	Greg Kapp	50	Linda Smith	24
Mike Britz	18	David Kuempel	72	Rick Smith	26
Gary Brothers	19	Diana Kuempel	55	Loretta Spinrad	2
Mary Kay Brothers	1	Mandy Lawless	2	Steve Spinrad	2
David Brown	1	Margaret Lewis	13	Brenda Strobel	7
Diana Brown	0	Mark Lewis	16	Gordon Terwilliger	41
Pam Candy	8	Tom Lindsay	0	Margaret Terwilliger	42
Maurice Cartier	0	Dawn Love	0	Gary Thompson*	2
Dave Cripe	27	Lynette Macarty	0	Gayle Thompson	2
Ken David	2	Reed Macarty	0	Pam Thompson	19
Kim David	0	Bob Maynard	51	Ann Underwood	0
Charlie DeYoung	8	Shalimar Maynard	56	MarLou Walker	0
Patti DeYoung	4	Lisa McDonald	2	Peter Walker	5
Donna Dickert	0	Steve McDonald	5	Chris Wheeler	1
Karl Dickert	12	Jeff McQuade	71	Gary Wyma	3
Trini Dixon	13	Jeffrey Mitzel	14	Kathy Wyma	3
Art Doty	31				

TOP TEN PARTICIPATION POINTS

1. Dave Kuempel	72	5. Phil Hanses	59
2. Don Johnston	71	7. Don Armstrong	58
2. Jeff McQuade	71	8. Shalimar Maynard	56
4. Janet Johnston	69	9. Diana Kuempel	55
5. Evelyn Aronson	59	10. Simon Reiffer	53

Annual Awards Banquet

Date: Saturday, January 24, 2004

Time: 6:30 p.m. Appetizers

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Location: Coyote Creek Grille

6951 Lansing Road Windsor Twp., MI

Price: \$25.00 Per Person



Join in the fun as we remember events *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 17, 2004. Make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club. If unable to pay in person, you may send your reservation and payment to Janet Johnston; 300 Pleasant Street; Portland, MI 48875

The evening will begin with appetizers at 6:30 (veggies, cheese and crackers). Dinner follows at 7:00 and includes a small salad, vegetable of the day, choice of starch (rice/potatoes/etc.), and coffee, tea or pop.* A sheet cake will be provided for dessert.

Entrée Choices:
10 oz. Sirloin Steak - grilled to order
Chicken Breast - marinated in house sauce
Rainbow Trout - lightly breaded, pan fried, covered in a creamy lemon-caper
sauce
The price is \$25.00 per person. Tip and taxes are included.
Name(s):
Amount Enclosed: \$
**
*A cash bar will be available to purchase other beverages.

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale: A collection of 53 (42 different designs) Hot Wheels and Matchbox Corvettes, all unopened and in original packages. Asking \$50 for all. Call Phil at 989-587-3422.

For Sale: 1977 Cruiser, 17 foot, Deep V, 15 horse Evinrude, power tilt, excellent condition. \$3,000. Call Rick at 989.842.3742 or 989.842.5294. Bought another boat and would like to sell this one.

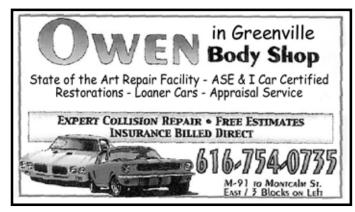
For Sale: 1989 metallic red convertible Corvette, 6 speed with beige cloth interior. 109K of loving miles. Purchased about 12 years ago and have added a Borla exhaust system. Top end of the engine was rebuilt with stainless valves, guides, valve springs, heads milled, full roller cam, HP oil pump, TPIS custom aluminum flywheel. prom. conditioning system was converted to Added insulation under the R134. carpets to keep it cool inside. Have receipts for all work done. In excellent condition other than rock chips from the Colorado sand. (Colorado uses sand instead of salt in the winter, and these chips are from winter residuals.) Driven May - September only. Priced at only \$12,900. If you know of anyone that is looking for a nice Corvette please have them call Gary at 517.256.8645 (cell), or 517.492.3452 (office).

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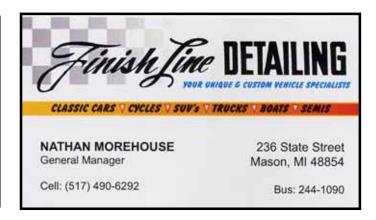
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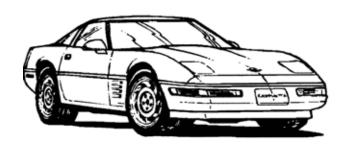


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