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Quick Hits from the Editor~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 3 - 7:00pm

The Point After

3015 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd
Lansing

Board Meeting

March 17 - 7:00pm

The Point After

Bowling Challenge

March 21 - 2:00-4:00pm

(Flyer Inside)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Congratulations to Steve Sage & Brenda Strobel
They were married Feb. 18th.

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From the President . . .

Greetings everyone. Well here we are, March already. You know, the first day of spring is March 20th. Wow, can't wait. *Spring* – sounds nice doesn't it? Won't be long before we'll be getting those cars out of storage and getting them all cleaned up and ready to go.

Before you start your car the first time, make sure you check everything out and look for any signs of mice. They can hide anywhere in your car. Check all compartments in the interior for a nest, and then check under the hood too. Look in the air intake and check the wiring. We were driving down the road one spring and had a mouse peek out by the windshield wiper. Gloria swears that it looked right at her before it ducked back in. That year the little buggers even built a nest in the door panel. They dragged in an old kitchen sponge and stocked the door panel full of bird seed, which continued to drop out all season long (even after vacuuming).

Anyway, once you're sure everything looks ok on the inside, go ahead and start the car and let it run up to temperature. Once you've done that, shut the engine off and let it sit for a little while. Check for any leaks or anything else that looks out of the ordinary. Once everything checks out, get in it and drive that car. Just be sure to take it easy for the first five or ten miles, and have fun.

Don't forget about the bowling challenge with the Jackson club at the Mason Bowling Center on March 21st. It's always a good time for everyone. I think we won last year. Make sure that you contact Janet Johnston to sign up for it. We'll go out for a bite to eat afterwards so let her know if you will be doing that too.

The Michigan Region Banquet is on March 27th in Flint. That's always a lot of fun. Several of us are planning to attend. Congratulations to Greg Kapp who will be receiving 1st place in concours events at the banquet this year. Complete details of the banquet are in this newsletter and are also available on the club web site.

We've signed up for the WKAR Auction on April 17th. We will need 25 people for the phone bank, 2 isle captains, 2 bid sorters, and 5 runners. Gloria will have a sign-up sheet available at the meeting. Those that help out will also be able to attend the WKAR mini auction a few weeks later. WKAR sells all leftover items at the mini auction.

With Corvette season fast approaching, don't forget about the rallye and competition school for members, tentatively planned for May 8th. It's a good way to learn how to run rallyes and other events. As I mentioned before, to have a good time with these events it's good to know all the ins and outs and the rules of the game.

There are plenty of car shows coming up this spring and summer. I'd like to encourage everyone in our club to attend these. Not only are they competition events, but they can be fun social events at the same time. It gives everyone a chance to show off their Corvettes and to see what other people have done with their cars. If you are in the process of doing work on your car, these events give you a great opportunity to do some networking and make contacts with people that have the know-how to give you advice.

Race season begins in late May and I'm sure some of you will want to get out there and try the race tracks again this year. A couple of our members even won novice trophies last year.

And, don't forget about the NCCC convention in Las Vegas this summer. There is a form in your Blue Bars magazine if you're interested in attending, or you can sign up by visiting this web site: www.vette.org/LasVegas2004.htm.

I hope everyone has a good month, and we'll see you at the different events coming up.



CCCC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES- FEBRUARY 4, 2004

President Simon Reiffer called the meeting to order at 7:05, 41 members & guests were in attendance.

Officer reports:

SECRETARY: General membership & board meeting minutes are in the newsletter and on the website.

No corrections or questions.

MEMBERSHIP: Membership total remains at 91 adult, 28 youth. Membership list appears twice yearly in the newsletter, scheduled for March and September. If you have an objection to your e-mail address being included, contact Evelyn prior to February 20th.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: John met with Marv at Pres Kool and reported they are very enthusiastic about the continued sponsorship. Car show is scheduled for June 19th. There are still a few advertising spots in the newsletter / web site. Excellent opportunity for a business or sponsor, cost only \$35.00 annual. John plans to promote the club via websites, newspaper, etc. Contact him should you have any ideas or note any errors in publicized info.

SOCIAL: CCCC Award Banquet was January 24th, an excellent turnout, and a great facility. Mystery Dinner is this Saturday. Meet at the Westside Meijers, 4:45, dinner reservations are at 5:30. Bowling at Mason Lanes with the Jackson club is March 21st, dinner to follow at Darbs. The Michigan Region Awards Banquet is March 27th. April is the WKAR auction, Gloria is working on the final details.

POINTS: A copy of the new points program was given to all members by Don (a copy is also in the newsletter and website). The major changes: -0- points for attending a board meeting (this would eliminate a point advantage to board members). Change from 1 to 2 points for serving as a club officer. Hosting an event, change from 1 to 2 points. Low speeds, rally's, etc., would be eligible for a maximum of 1 point per day. The point system was designed to encourage all members to attend club events. This new program hopefully will meet that intent.

TREASURER: Bob reported current checking and savings balances, not including receipts received as of this evening.

EDITOR: March newsletter deadline, February 20th. Carol is not set up on the Adobe program yet, so all members received hard copies this month, rather than E-mailed. She plans to be set up by next month.

COMPETITION: May 8th is the tentative date Phil has scheduled for competition school and tech training. Corvette show and road rally on June 19th, still needs a chairperson. Low speed events, July 24th, still looking at some alternate locations due to price increase at Spartan, and also need chairperson volunteers.

GOVERNOR: Michigan Regional Meeting is February 24th, at LaSenorita's in Lansing. Don will not be able to attend, but Phil will be going.

PRESIDENT: The CCCC Convention is in Las Vegas June 5th-11th. Simon said it's always a lot of fun, lots of events, shows and entertainment. There was some question regarding the suggested CCCC Bylaw change which would appoint the Webmaster to a Board position. The issue will be researched and discussed at the next Board Meeting, then brought to the General Meeting for a recommendation and/or vote.

OLD BUSINESS: Light blue CCCC T-shirts were offered to members for \$5.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Mike & Connie Britz are working on plans for a 'Get Away Weekend.' They could not attend tonight's meeting, but relayed information to Colleen Bratschi: We're looking at May 21-22nd, in the Petoskey

Area. Rooms at the Hampton Inn would be \$79.00 with balcony's overlooking the water. Some members expressed concern with the cool weather conditions in mid -May. Colleen explained weekends after that date run into graduations and higher hotel rates. A vote was taken to approve the May 21st weekend or look at an alternative. Majority vote..we're going May 21st.!

Other new business, a picture CD" is being offered (thanks to Gloria) for \$10.00. It includes more than 800 pictures of CCCC events from 2003. Funds raised will be designated toward our charity events.

MEMBER INPUT: Phil has placed his car 'for sale.' A substantial discount will be given to a club member if interested.

Evelyn Arson: All members should be receiving 2-3 emails a month from the Social Director. If you're not, we need your correct E-mail address.

Jeff Mitzel: Seeking any interest in renting the Drag Strip in Milo for a day. Cost is approximately \$375.00 and could be divided among those interested.

Tonights 50/50 winner: Laurie Backus. Motion to adjourn at 8:10 by Don Johnston, 2nd by Terry Feichtenbiner.

**CCCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
FEBRUARY 18, 2004**

SECRETARY: No questions or corrections to minutes. Proposed embroidered club apparel product and price list from B&B Embroidery was reviewed and approved by Board. B. L. T. will be handling screen printed items.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: John will be meeting again with Pres Kool to discuss sponsorship funding and possibility of assisting with a new club banner. He also noted other businesses' have expressed interest in sponsorship. Board will be open to considerations. Payment has been received for 2 additional newsletter ads. John presented a generic letter sample to be used for new and renewal contacts. To avoid meeting disruptions, he suggested 50/50 sales to be handled prior to the meeting start, and during 'old business' only. Board agreed. He is pursuing possible club picture locations and will keep us advised. Grand Ledge Jeweler's has offered to host a 'girls night out' (not a club event) but a fun evening for everyone. We will look at date possibilities.

POINTS: New point program seems to be working well.

TREASURER: Pending invoices were reviewed. Phil made motion to approve payments, 2nd John Betchel.

MEMBERSHIP: 92 members, 28 FOC. E-mails were sent to all members regarding directory publication, to date no objections.

SOCIAL: Bowling with Jackson 3/21, expecting 25-30 participants. WKAR Auction, April 17th 5:30 - 8:45. June 26th Williamston car show and parade chaired by Greg Kapp. Janet made a motion next month's board meeting be held at Coyote Grill as a possible back up meeting location. Board approved, next board meeting March 17th, 7:00, Coyote Grille as a trial.

EDITOR: Absent - newsletter deadline - February 20th

COMPETITION: Michigan Region Banquet, 3/27, CCCC member(s) will be receiving awards!! Rallye / Competition School May 8th, location to be announced. Chairperson's and/or committee volunteers are still needed for the Car Show and Rallye 6/19, Low Speed Events 7/24 and Zoo Show 9/19.

GOVERNOR: Nothing new to report.

PRESIDENT: Simon suggested all board members write a short article with updates for the newsletter. Following a lengthy board discussion, Don Armstrong motioned to rescind the vote from last month regarding appointment of the Webmaster to the board, 2nd by Phil Hanes. Bob Maynard then made a motion that the Webmaster to be appointed as 'an advisor' to the board of directors of CCCC, 2nd by Don Johnston. Board vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS: Shalimar requested the 4th of July Celebration at the Meridian Mall, sponsored by The Meridian Area Business Assoc., and Pres Kool, be included as a 'club event.' Request approved.

MEMBER INPUT: Gloria would like the top ten winners this year to wear their award apparel to the next meeting for a group picture.

Motion to adjourn at 8:45 by Don Johnston, 2nd Bob Maynard.



COMPETITION REPORT

Region Banquet – Being it's March, it's the time of year that the members of the clubs from the Michigan Region gather together to reminisce about last year. March 27th brings the annual NCCC Michigan Region Awards Banquet. This year the Flint Corvette Club is hosting the banquet. If you haven't been to a Region Banquet before, it's a great opportunity to meet members from other clubs throughout the region. It is a somewhat formal evening where awards are presented to the best of the autocrossers, drag racers, rallyers, and car show participants. This year, our own Greg Kapp will receive his first place award for car shows. Along with the awards are a great meal, numerous door prizes, and dancing. See the flyer in this issue for more information. I'd love to see a great turnout from our club this year, especially since Greg will be receiving his first ever region award. So mark the date on your calendar so we can be the club with the highest attendance.

Rallye School - On Saturday, May 8th, I will be hosting a rallye school for our club members who are interested in learning more about road rallyes and how to give yourselves the best chance to win them. I will go over the various types of rallyes and the pertinent NCCC rules. The goal is to make the participants more knowledgeable in running rallyes so they become better rallyers who can enjoy the competitive side of the events. I expect to have a classroom type session at the beginning followed by on-the-road training on what to be doing and looking for on a rallye. There will be several stops along the way for additional training and question and answer sessions. Although I haven't worked out the details yet, you can plan on a full afternoon and maybe part of the morning followed up by what we all love most, eating. Watch the newsletter for more information as it becomes available.

Tech Inspection Training - A number of people have mentioned that they are interested in learning about what is required to do tech inspections for competition events. Because I am not very knowledgeable in this area, I will round up as many people as I can who can instruct us on what to be looking for. I expect to spend a half-hour to an hour prior to the rallye school for this training. Again, watch the newsletter for details.

Call for Chairpersons - As you know, each year the club hosts a Corvette Show, Rallye, and Autocross events. This year our Corvette Show and Rallye are scheduled for June 19th at Pres Kool, and our Autocross events are scheduled for July 24th. We are in need of people willing to be chairpersons or co-chairpersons for these events. The chairs of these events are responsible for helping to organize and run the event. Rest assured, if you decide to step up and volunteer to chair one of these events, you will not be left all alone to plan and run an event. You will have access to all of the help and advice you need to be successful. Not knowing what to do will not be an excuse for not volunteering to chair an event. I feel it is very important to get as many people as possible involved so all of the work does not fall upon just a few people's shoulders. Please see me at the March meeting or give me a call to volunteer or if you have any questions.

Drag Racing – At last month's meeting, Jeff Mitzel asked if anyone was interested in joining a number of other Corvette owners throughout the state in renting a drag strip for a day. He mentioned that last year he got together with others and for \$25 or so he was able to get an unlimited number of runs at Milan Dragway. Since there are no drag racing events on the Region calendar this year, this is a great opportunity to test out your car while competing with other Corvettes. I've only tried drag racing once myself, so I'm really looking forward to the opportunity. As far as I know, a date and time have not yet been determined. Contact Jeff if you would like to participate.

Phil Hanses
Competition Director

Capital City Corvette Club

2003 Participation Points Standings

Through February 25th

PARTICIPATION POINTS

Nevill Agass	0	Phil Hanses	6	Randy Putmon	4
Sharon Agass	0	Joy Hardman	0	Gloria Reiffer	6
Carol Armstrong	6	Danielle Hessell	1	Simon Reiffer	6
Don Armstrong	6	Dennis Hessell	1	Robert Ribar	1
Ed Armstrong	0	Craig Hitchcock	0	Brenda Sage	0
Evelyn Aronson	4	Sharon Hitchcock	0	Steve Sage	0
Laurie Backus	4	Steve Hitchcock	0	Kurt Schwamberger	0
Kurt Bancroft	0	Brad Hutton	4	Sharon Schwamberger	0
Don Baron	0	Carrie Hutton	4	Janyce Shepler	0
Marie Barrett	3	Greg Jenca	1	John Shepler	1
John Bechtel	5	Theresa Jenca	0	Lyn Shoal	0
Sandy Bechtel	3	Don Johnston	6	James Simmons	0
Colleen Bratschi	3	Janet Johnston	6	Vicki Simmons	0
Rich Bratschi	3	Ryan Johnston	0	Bill Smejkal	0
Connie Britz	1	Greg Kapp	3	Linda Smith	1
Mike Britz	1	David Kuempel	4	Rick Smith	1
Gary Brothers	0	Diana Kuempel	4	Loretta Spinrad	0
Mary Kay Brothers	0	Mandy Lawless	0	Steve Spinrad	0
David Brown	1	Margaret Lewis	1	Gordon Terwilliger	3
Diana Brown	0	Mark Lewis	2	Margaret Terwilliger	3
Pam Candy	0	Tom Lindsay	0	Gayle Thompson	0
Dave Cripe	3	Dawn Love	3	Pam Thompson	1
Ken David	0	Lynette Macarty	1	Gary Wyma	1
Kim David	0	Reed Macarty	1	Kathy Wyma	1
Charlie DeYoung	0	Bob Maynard	6		
Patti DeYoung	0	Shalimar Maynard	6		
Donna Dickert	1	Lisa McDonald	1		
Karl Dickert	1	Steve McDonald	3		
Trini Dixon	1	Jeff McQuade	2		
Art Doty	2	Jeffrey Mitzel	3		
Nancy Doty	2	Steve Pavlik	0		
Terry Feichtenbiner	2	Joe Platte	0		
Randy Gisse	1	Pam Platte	1		
Cindy Hanses	2	Carol Putmon	4		

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Tentative Calendar of Events

2004

March

- 3 * CCCC Membership Meeting
- 17 * CCCC Board Meeting
- 21 * CCCC/JCC Bowling Challenge
- 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
- 15 FCC Car Show
- 16 CCBC Car Show - Charlton Park
- 19 * CCCC Board Meeting
- 21-23 ~CCCC Getaway Weekend
- 22 MAG Speed events
- 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

March 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING	4	5 HAPPY BIRTHDAY RICH BRATSCHI	6
7 HAPPY BIRTHDAY MANDY LAWLESS	8	9	10	11	12	13 HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB MAYNARD
14	15	16	17 HAPPY BIRTHDAY THERESA JENCK BOARD MEETING	18 HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROBERT RIBAR	19	20
21 BOWLING CHALLENGE	22	23	24 HAPPY BIRTHDAY SANDY BECHTEL	25 HAPPY BIRTHDAY REED MACARTY	26	27 MICHIGAN REGION BANQUET
28	29	30	31 HAPPY BIRTHDAY KURT BANCROFT	Answer to last months question: What model year corvette was the last to feature teeth in the front grill? 1960 This months trivia question: What color top did the 1953 Corvette come with?		



Social Events

There were 29 members at the Mystery Dinner, which ended up at Champs in the new Eastwood Shopping Center. The food was great with huge servings. The way we all received our bills at the end was crazy, but worked out. All in all it was a fun evening.

We have our Bowling Challenge coming up March 21st, with the Jackson Corvette Club. We will be starting at 2:00 going until 4:00, then eating at Darbs afterwards. Look for the flyer and rest of information in this issue.

April 17th, Gloria Reiffer is planning on us to help out again at the WKAR Auction. This is fun time and a great community event to be a part of. The time I believe will be 5:30 through 8:45. Gloria will give us those details as we get closer to that date.

Mike & Connie Britz are planning our annual Get-Away-Weekend. We will be going to Petoskey, May 21st & 22nd. Looks like a great hotel and different activities going on there. So mark your calendars for that weekend of fun!

June 26th, Greg Kapp has signed us up for the Williamston Parade/Car Show. So we will have a flyer on that next month. But this will give you time to plan on that date also.

Lots of things happening! Trini Dixon mentions another Mystery Dinner. Remember if there is a special event or place you would like to go just let me know.

Happy St Patrick's Day

Janet Johnston



2004
Michigan Region
Awards Banquet
Hosted by: Flint Corvette Club



Date: March 27, 2004

Activities schedule: Hospitality room 2 - 5 PM - Cash bar 6 PM
Dinner buffet 6:30 PM - Awards / Guest speaker / DJ /
Dancing 7:30 PM

Ticket price: \$ 35.00 per person -

Location: Holiday Inn - 5353 Gateway Centre Dr. - Flint, MI 48507
Phone 810-232-5300

Guest room rate: \$ 89.00 + tax - make reservation under Michigan
Region C.C. - cutoff date March 10, 2004

For information contact: Jim Harris - 810-621-3468

harris56@power-net.net

RSVP by March 20, 2004

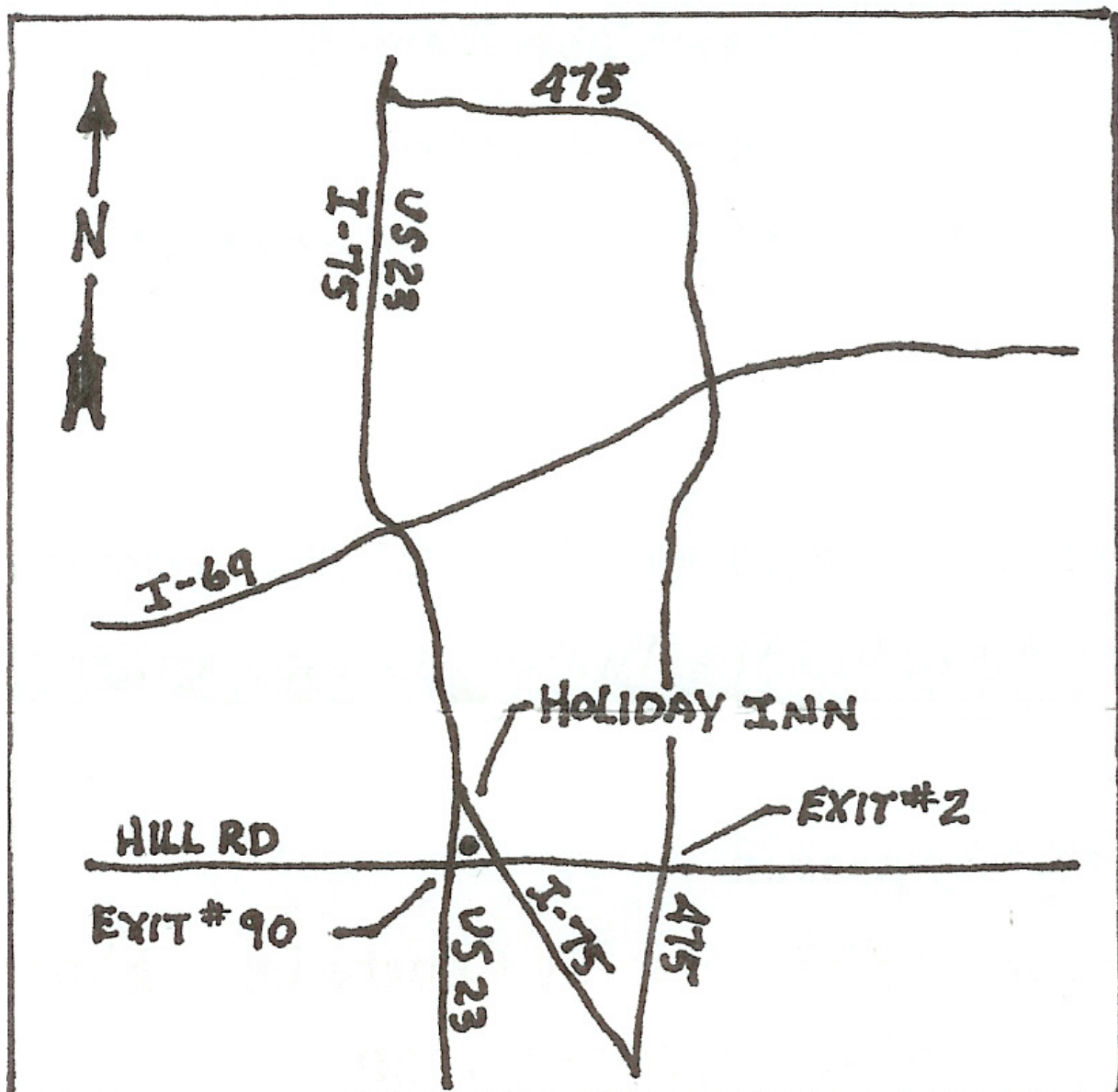
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Club:_____



Map to Region Banquet

Holiday Inn
5353 Gateway Centre Drive
Flint, MI 48507

810.232. 5300



Capital City/Jackson Corvette Club Bowling

March 21st 2:00 –4:00 p.m.

Mason Bowling Center
801 N Cedar St
Mason MI

Cost is \$2.00 per game (This includes shoe price also)

Dinner at Darb's afterwards – If I could get a head count on who is going to bowl and who is eating, would be very helpful.

E-mail me at djohnnton@voyager.net your RSVP, or call
517-647-2403

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Janet Johnston



Saturday - April 17
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

WKAR Studios
at MSU

WKAR Auction Time!

We've been invited to work at the WKAR Auction again this year. Be sure to set aside the evening of Saturday, April 17 for this fun event! Plan to arrive at the WKAR studios by 5:30 for training. (This goes for the old pros too!) Dinner will be available at \$4.00 per person during our shift.

CCCC participation has grown over the past few years so we arranged a few additional positions this year. We need 25 to man the phone bank, 2 isle captains, 2 bid sorters, and 5 runners. There is always stuff to do if more come. Simon and I are working behind the scenes in warehouse again. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the March and April meetings. Sign up after the job that you'd like to do.

We have also contacted the Jackson Corvette Club to see if they would like to join us again.

Contact Simon and Gloria at 617.646.2180 with questions.

CCCC Fundraisers!

Did you know that our club has three fundraisers going right now? They are listed on the Fundraiser page of the club web site at www.capitalcitycorvetteclub.org.

1. Gloria Reiffer created a CD with pictures of 2003 club events. It is available for \$10.00. All proceeds from this CD are being donated back to the club to be used for one of our charities. So far \$180 has been raised!
2. Gary Brothers offers a referral program that we can participate in. If a CCCC member refers a real estate client to Gary, and a sale is completed (listing or purchase), Gary will donate \$100 to the club. So far \$100 has been raised!
3. Go Green Glass offers us \$10 for a referral when someone mentions CCCC referred them in when they get their windshield replaced at Go Green Glass. I'm not aware of any funds having been raised, but the potential sure is there!

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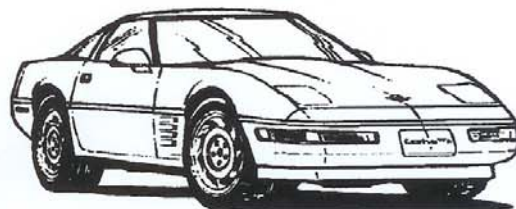
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