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Quick Hits from the Editor~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

January 5 - 7:00pm
Delhi Cafe'
4625 Willoughby
Holt

Board Meeting

January 19 - 7:00pm
Delhi Cafe'

Awards Banquet

January 15- 6:00 pm
Coral Gables
East Lansing

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They are listed to the right.

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From the President . . .

Greetings!

Here we are, a new year already. Can you believe its 2005?? The time sure does go by fast. I know a lot of you can remember back in the late fifties when they were talking about the twenty-first century. That by now all of our cars would be nuclear powered. Imagine driving something like that – and we worry about getting rear ended now with a gas tank back there. I guess a lot of things have changed but I like the old saying, “the more things change, the more they stay the same.” So I hope everyone enjoys a successful new year. Let’s not forget all those around us that depend on us, so continue to do the right thing. And I also hope that all of you had a very enjoyable Christmas with your family and friends.

With this new year we also have a new Board. The members of the Board this year are: Diana Kuempel, Gary Wyma, Dave Kuempel, Bob Maynard, Evelyn Aronson, Janet Johnston, Margaret Terwilliger, Kurt Schwamberger, Don Johnston, and myself – Simon Reiffer. Our retiring Board members are Don and Carol Armstrong, Phil Hanses, John Bechtel, and Shalimar Maynard. I would like to thank the retiring members for all the work they did this past year. They really helped make this a successful club. And I would like to thank the new members for their willingness to serve on the Board.

As you might know, we took a survey of the membership this past year. This will help the Board with the planning of events for the new year. We look forward to some of the new events already in the works. Thanks again to Dave Kuempel and Evelyn Aronson for all their work on this survey.

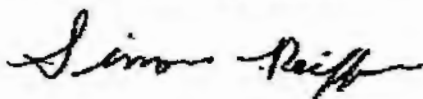
This January we have a couple of events planned. On January 15th we have our annual awards banquet at Coral Gables Restaurant – 2838 E. Grand River, East Lansing. I hope to see all of you there. We also have a drive and dine on January 22nd. Details are in this newsletter. And don’t forget our membership meeting on January 4th at Delhi Café on Willoughby Road in Holt. See ya there.

I would like to thank those who helped with the sponsorship of the families from the Siren\Eaton Shelter. Special thanks to Chris and Terry Burke, Jeff McQuade and Evelyn Aronson for all the shopping and planning they did this Christmas season on behalf of our club. Members also collected toys for the Toys for Tots program run by the Marine Reserves and raised funds for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. CCCC is a very generous group of caring individuals and we are getting well known in the Lansing area for being a community minded car club. As we go to different events let’s keep that in mind and always put our best foot forward.

I wish everyone a prosperous new year. Let’s get out there and enjoy those Corvettes and our club during the coming year. We have a very good and active club so let’s continue to work with each other and the community that we live in. Also, don’t forget to support the businesses that support us. The ads placed in our newsletter make it self-supporting.

So with all that have a HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!

...and *Save the Wave*



Competition Report

As I sit here writing this I find it very hard to believe that 2004 is over and that we are beginning a new year. If 2005 is half as good as 2004 it will be a great year. Sharon and I attended our first CCCC meeting last December when the Maynard's hosted the Christmas party. I can still remember seeing Randy Putmon opening the first present and then spending the whole night wearing that umbrella hat. It's too bad that Randy couldn't make this year's party as I'm sure someone else would have taken that prize possession home.

2004 marked the first year that Sharon and I became involved in the competition side of the Corvette hobby and not just the social side. It was great to meet so many people from other clubs and regions around Michigan and the US, I can't remember when I have had so much fun and met so many new people (I sure wish I had started long before now). I also now understand the amount of work that goes into both preparing for an event as a competitor and a sponsor. I don't think I applied as much wax in my entire life as I did last year or changed as many tires.

As we look to 2005 from a competition point of view, you can almost break our year into the following groupings: Winter -nothing to do but attend our meetings in steel vehicles (with the exception of a few eccentrics) as our babies lie asleep for their long winter nap; Spring (May on) - it is time to wake them up and get them all cleaned up as this is the heavy car show season; Summer - it's time to race with the majority of the Low Speed and High Speed events held during this period of the year; Fall - it's rallye time and time to see how strong your marriage is should your spouse be your navigator (Right Bob and Shalimar).

Some of my goals for this year are to help ensure that our sponsored events are well run and are viewed by the participants as *must do's* in the future and to accomplish this I will be asking for help from the membership. We would like to setup functional groups with people who have had experience in these areas in the past or want to learn. These functional groups would then be the nucleus for the chairpersons of our Car Show, Speed Event and Rallye to build their event around. Some of the Functional areas that have been initially identified are: Tech, Pre-Registration, Registration, Timing, Timing Setup, Course Setup, Staging, Waiver Sign-in, Concessions/Food and Goodie Bags. I'm sure that there are others that I have left out and would appreciate your input. If you have experience in any of these areas and would like to head up that area please let me know. I have already had some volunteers but need a lot more. Also I would appreciate your input throughout the year as you attend other events, as to what you liked and disliked that we could consider or avoid in our events.

We will be holding some educational classes after some of our monthly meetings. These classes will last about 30 minutes and some of the topics could be: How to prepare your

car for a show; How do I run a rallye: Basic principals of auto-crossing and road racing. If you have topics that would interest you please send me any ideas you have.

We are also putting together a Competition Points Program that will mirror the regional NCCC points program and at the end of the year will recognize the following areas: Men's Overall, Women's Overall, Men's Rookie of the Year, Women's Rookie of the Year, 1st Place Show/Concours, 2nd Place Show/Concours, 1st Place Rallye, 2nd Place Rallye, Men's Speed Champion, Women's Speed Champion. I will be working with the board over the next month to finalize the program. Sharon and I will not participate in this program in 2005.

During 2004 many of our club members were winning recognition for their outstanding performance in car shows, speed events and rallyes. Some of the time we heard about them and other times not. In order to recognize these accomplishments I will add a section to my monthly report called the "Winner's Circle" in which I will recognize these outstanding events so please don't be shy and let me know when you win an event/trophy/award so I can pass it along.

Well obviously I have gone on way to long so Happy Holidays to everyone and I look forward to working with all of you in 2005. Phil thanks for a great 2004 and leaving me with such a great platform to work from.

Kurt Schwamberger
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Capital City Corvette Club Competition Points Program

Purpose: The purpose of the CCCC Competition Points Program is to encourage and reward members to participate and/or work in CCCC and NCCC 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) will be eligible for points.
2. **Annual Awards** – The competition season will run from January 1 through December 31. Awards will be presented at the annual CCCC Awards Banquet.
3. **Awards Categories** – The following are the categories for which awards will be offered:
 - a. **Men's Overall Top Points** – Highest men's award and goes to the individual with the highest number of total points.
 - b. **Women's Overall Top Points** – Highest women's award and goes to the individual with the highest number of total points.
 - c. **Men's Rookie Of the Year** – Goes to the individual who accumulates the most overall points and begins the year in Novice class in the speed events.
 - d. **Women's Rookie of the Year** – Goes to the individual who accumulates the most overall points and begins the year in Novice class in the speed events.
 - e. **1st Place Show/Concours**
 - f. **2nd Place Show/Concours**
 - g. **1st Place Rallye**
 - h. **2nd Place Rallye**
 - i. **Men's Speed Champion**
 - j. **Women's Speed Champion**
4. **Award Order**– No individual can win more than one award. If the overall men's or women's top points champion is also the rookie points champion then the Rookie award will be given to the second place finisher.
5. **Member Responsibility** – Each member is responsible for notifying the Competition Director of their participation and/or working of the event and a copy of the final event results if event was out of region.
6. **Points Values** – Points are awarded as follows:
 - a. **Participation** – Based upon final results from event sheet.
 - b. **Worker** – Based upon final results from event sheet.
7. **Ineligible Members** – For 2005 the Competition Director (Kurt Schwamberger) and Sharon Schwamberger per their request.

The Competition Points Program is subject to review and revision at the end of each competition season.



Social Events

Welcome everyone to a new year! Working with the survey that was done last year, it shows that we want to have more Drive & Dines and other activities. So you know what that means! I need your help.

If you have a place you want to take us to, (doesn't need to be fancy), I will help you with it. I'm looking for hosts, for the months of March to December.

I'm also looking for people that have any ideas of new things we have not tried yet. I will be there to help you. I won't leave it on your lap once you volunteer. So don't be shy if you have a fun idea! I would like to do a Progressive Dinner this summer but will need many helpers with that event. Many things we can do if I have chairpersons.

Reminder that the Annual Awards Banquet is January 15th at Coral Gables. You need to get the money to me by the membership meeting. There is a flyer in this newsletter on the details.

Looking forward to another fun year with everyone.

Janet



Capital City Corvette Club Annual Awards Banquet



January 15th - 6:00 pm

\$20.00 Per Person

Coral Gables

2838 E. Grand River, East Lansing

Checks Made Payable To: CCCC by January Meeting



MENU

Appetizers and Cocktails

at 6:00P.M. - Dinner at 6:30P.M.

Entree Choices Are:

*Beef Sirloin Tips - or - Grilled Chicken Breast
(Both Entees Will Be Under a Bed of Rice Pilaf)*

Tossed Salad Vegetable Beverage

Carrot Cake - Cash Bar



Contact Janet Johnston 517-647-2403 for RSVP

(e-mail djohnston@cablespeed.com).

I will need all money and RSVP's by the January meeting.

So I can send in one check.

January 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Happy Birthday Janyce Shepler	3 Happy Birthday Trini Dixon	4 Happy Birthday Mike Britz	5 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING Happy Birthday John Shepler	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13 Happy Birthday Evelyn Aronson	14 Happy Birthday Diana Kuempel	15 AWARDS BANQUET Happy Birthday Charlie DeYoung
16	17	18	19 BOARD MEETING	20	21 Happy Birthday Carol Putmon	22 Happy Birthday Bill Smejkel
23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday Don Baron	27	28 Happy Birthday Patti DeYoung	29
30	31 Happy Birthday Randy Gisse					

January Drive & Dine

Now that your vette is in for the winter, lets not be couch potatoes!

Date:

January 22, 2005 (Snow Date - January 29th)

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Meeting Place:

Portland-Grand River Exit, East Side of Grand River Ave. Car Pool Area

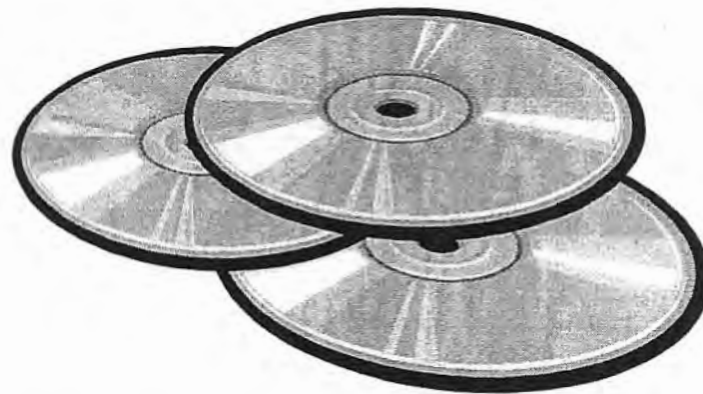
You can contact Dar Day at 269-948-9010 or Janet Johnston at 517-647-2403 for your R.S.V.P.



Looking forward to a fun night out somewhere

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Orders will be taken in December for a picture CD of Capital City Corvette Club events that took place in 2004. The cost to purchase one of these CD's will be \$10.00.



All profits will go to the club's general fund and will be designated for one of our charity events.

Contact Gloria Reiffer to order your CD.

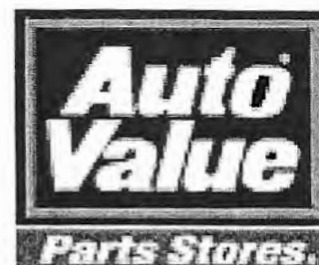


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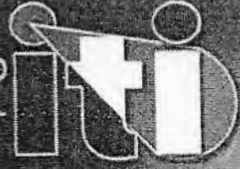
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