

THE CONNECTION



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Quick Hits from the Editor~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 2 - 7:00 pm

Delhi Café

4625 Willoughby Rd.

Holt

Board Meeting

March 16 - 7:00 pm

Delhi Café

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From the President . . .

Happy March to all! Spring officially begins March 20. Isn't it nice to think about spring? Leaves start coming out on the trees, *and* getting those Vettes out on the road again. Speaking of that, when you're ready to get your car out, be careful before you start it up the first time. Check out the engine compartment for signs of mice. They like to build their nests in any little space that they can find. Look in the intake and at the wiring. Check for nests in all areas of the interior and make sure that it's all clean. Be sure to check under the seats (remove them if possible). You don't want to take a mouse on your first road trip of the season. The mouse might like the ride, but you and your human passenger probably wouldn't enjoy it as much.

Before you start your car, make sure all the fluids are up to the proper levels. Once you do all of that, get in the car, put the key in the ignition, and start that thing up. Once it's up to temperature check the transmission fluid and all other fluid levels. There, everything seems to be ok. All right! Now let's get out on the road and drive -- but be careful and take it easy for the first thirty miles or so. How does it feel? Isn't it great to be out in that Vette and on the road again? Now we're ready to wash and wax it. Oh, and don't forget we can spend money on it too. Sounds like fun, right?

Well, back to business. This month we have a few events that might interest most of you. First of all is our membership meeting on Wednesday, March 2 at the Delhi Café. Then on March 19 we have the Michigan Region Awards Banquet at the Hampton Inn, right here in Lansing. I hope most of you can make it to that. We always have a good time and get to meet other people from the region, make some new friends, and see friends we haven't seen since the snow hit. You can check out the newsletter or Web site for more details on this event. Be sure to get your reservations by March 9. Send a check for \$25 per person to Pat Thuemmel at the address listed on the flyer. Also, coming up March 26 is Euchre and Mexican Train dominoes at Bob and Shalimar's home. They sure are brave to host so many of us, aren't they?

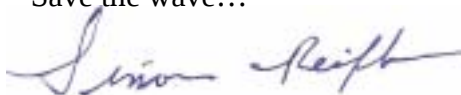
And now for a little news from the Board. We have a subcommittee of club members working with me to update the club By-Laws. This is something we have been talking about for some time. With changes made at the national level, the Board decided it was time to get it done now. We've had one meeting so far and hope to complete the assignment in about two weeks. We hope to present the updates of the By-Laws to the Board in March, then to the membership at the April meeting.

Take a good look at the updated Participation Points Program in this issue of the newsletter. Make sure you understand how the points are awarded so that you report all the points that are due to you. Think of the points system as a game, understand the rules and then let's have fun with it.

Just one more thing I want to mention as the season is starting to get underway. We want everyone to have a good time with your Corvette hobby. There will be plenty of events to choose from this season. Pick the ones that interest you and have fun with them. Just make sure that you don't let the hobby take over your life to the point that you no longer have fun with it.

Well, that's about it this month. Let's make the most of the time given to us. Have a good time together and build some new friendships this year.

Save the wave!!!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Simon Reiff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

CCCC Membership Meeting February 2, 2005

President Simon Reiffer called the meeting to order at 7:04p.m. He introduced new/old members Ken Wasco and new member Jeremy Kapalla.

SECRETARY: Correction to January minutes. The location for the August 6 speed event is undecided at present.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Gary & Simon had a meeting with Pres Kool. Pres Kool doesn't feel they have room for an All-Chevy show as suggested by the club. The club will do something later with Pres Kool. It was suggested to ask Pres Kool to keep an eye out for a trailer for the club. Gary still needs suggestions for people to contact for donations.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 120 members and 42 future Corvette owners. Evelyn has brochures for anyone who wants them.

SOCIAL: Janet passed a sheet around to sign up for a Drive'n Dine. Gordon & Margaret Terwilliger have a Drive'n Dine on February 19. Bob & Shalimar Maynard have Euchre and Dominoes on March 26. There will be more information on WKAR Auction later. Spring Get-away is at Frankfort in May. We had 33 people at our Award Banquet in January.

POINTS: Points are currently up-dated on the web-site and in the newsletter. Dave explained how members get into the 4C-Chat room.

TREASURER: Bob gave a re-cap of finances for 2004

EDITOR: Deadline for March newsletter is February 24. Discussion was brought up about so many newsletters printed. There were questions of the newsletter being put on the web-site. It was decided it was too much work for Gloria.

COMPETITION: Functional team chairpersons have been filled except for 2 positions. There will be 10 winners in the new Competition Program (includes shows, rallies, & races). Kurt talked about the Black Hills Corvette Classic on July 13-16. Some members are interested in going. Jeff McQuade explained about his "Tour of Michigan".

GOVERNOR: March 19 is the Regional Banquet at Hampton Inn Lansing. Regional meeting is February 22 at La Senorita.

PRESIDENT: Horse Power at the Zoo is September 18. Club needs to start work on it. Mid America Motorworks Swap meet is April 2. Miller Farms approached Simon asking the club to sponsor a car show on June 26 in Eaton Rapids. It is a 2-day festival. Jeff McQuade made a motion to make June 26 a sanctioned car show. (Give up the Oct. rallye) Motion seconded. Motion passed. Kurt Schwamberger will check with René to see if we can get this date sanctioned.

NEW BUSINESS: Dave Kuempel brought up about the Vermontville Syrup Festival parade on April 23. There will be a Drive'n Dine afterwards. Margaret Terwilliger brought up that volunteers are needed for the Lugnuts games to benefit the Rescue Mission. Dates are: May 17, June 29, July 19. Contact Margaret if you are interested. Jeff McQuade was approached by Team One in Charlotte to help run a car show during Frontier Days on September 10. Need people to volunteer.

50/50 RAFFLE: won by Evelyn Aronson

Kurt Schwamberger made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Meeting ends at 9:00 p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting February 16, 2005

Meeting called to order by President Simon Reiffer at 6:58 p.m. All members present.

SECRETARY: No additions or corrections to the minutes.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Gary would like to see a group photo taken, possibly with the Capital in the background. The downtown Museum was also suggested. Gary will do some more checking into this. Gary talked with Coaches about a different venue for our board meetings. He doesn't think it would work out for a variety of reasons. La Seniorita was interested in having our board meetings there. Bob Maynard also offered the use of the bowling alley. Gary will check around some more.

MEMBERSHIP: 120 members and 43 future Corvette owners.

SOCIAL: February 19 Drive'n Dine, March 26 Euchre & Dominoes at Bob & Shalimar's. WKAR Auction probable date on April 9. Gloria will confirm. April 3rd date bowling with the Jackson club. It hasn't been decided where we will eat after bowling. April 23 Vermontville Syrup Festival parade & Drive'n Dine afterward. May 20-22 Spring Get-away at Frankfurt. May 30 Marshall Parade and Hog Roast at Pat & Shari Carmickle's.

TREASURER: Bob gave the monthly report. Gary Wyma made a motion to pay all of the February bills. Motion seconded and passed. Don Johnston made the motion to add Diana Kuempel's name as one of 3 signatures (Simon, Bob, and Diana) needed for the bank account and to remove Shalimar Maynard's and Phil Hanses' names. Motion seconded and passed.

EDITOR: February 24 deadline for the March newsletter. It was suggested the club make up a proposal and take to Pres Kool to see if they would help pay for the newsletter to be sent out. Spring membership list will be published in the April newsletter. Regional & CCCC events will be listed in the newsletter.

GOVERNOR: Regional meeting February 22, Regional Banquet March 19. Each club is asked to donate a door prize of approximately \$20. Simon told Don to go ahead and pick up something. March 9 is the deadline for the Regional Banquet registration. Don will pick up raffle tickets.

POINTS: Discussion on "Blessing of the Vettes". It was decided that the Host cars be judged separately from the rest. Kurt suggested we might want Best Paint, Best Engine and Best of Show. It was decided that 1st and 2nd place trophies be awarded. It was suggested that plaques be given to Host cars. Entrant's fee will be \$12 pre-registered, \$15 day of show and \$5 for a blessing only. Kurt made a motion to allocate \$350 for the expense of awards. Motion seconded & passed. We will be trying some new activities as suggested by the member's survey. Dave explained the new "Participation Points Program". Margaret made a motion to accept the revised program. After further discussions it was decided by the board to have a "blanket statement" of adding one extra point for driving your Corvette to any event or activity. Margaret withdrew her motion and then Kurt made a motion to accept the revised points program with the "blanket statement". Motion seconded and passed. Kurt made a motion to accept a maximum of 1 point per event plus 1 point for driving car to a large car show. Motion seconded and passed.

COMPETITION: No report

PRESIDENT: Discussion on revisions of by-laws. Evelyn made a motion to table by-laws until next month. Evelyn rescinds that motion. Gary made a motion that a committee should be formed from the membership and 1 board member to go over the by-laws. Motion seconded & passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Hearts and Flowers program discussed. Let Trini know if someone needs a card to be sent. 50th anniversary meeting is put on hold.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussion of Web-site.

Kurt made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.

COMPETITION REPORT

Well another month closer to being able to use our cars again. On the way back from the drive and dine the other night I was thinking the roads are pretty clean and I need to get my car out and around to a couple of locations so it will be ready for the first car show and race. Well the next morning when I got up it was snowing and we got 16" of snow that day and it has been snowing ever since. Well so much for the clean roads and getting the car out and around. I know it's coming but darn it sure is tough trying to be patient.

It appears that the Michigan Regions Calendar is now really coming together and Gloria has been right on top of getting it updated as the new revisions come out (thanks Gloria). Anytime you want to know what is happening in the region go to the website and look under Calendar of Events. There were no changes to the calendar made at the Michigan Regions meeting last night, so this year from a competition point of view looks like this in a nut shell:

- 3 Driving Schools
- 40 High Speed Events
- 35 Low Speed Events
- 2 Matching Time Trials
- 19 Rallyes
- 7 Car Shows
- 1 Drag Race

Looks like a full spring, summer and fall.

New for 2005 in the Region is the "**Great Lakes Championship High Speed Series**". This will be held at 6 different tracks both here in Michigan (Gingerman, Grattan and Waterford Hills), as well as, in Indiana (Putnam Park), Ohio (Nelson Ledges) and Illinois (Autobahn). There will be driving schools associated with the first two events so if you are interested in getting your high speed license, you can by attending the school. If you have any questions on this series please do not hesitate to ask. The first event is April 15 – 17 at Gingerman Raceway near South Haven. It is a great track and very driver friendly and safe. Even if you don't want to race come out and watch, as last year we hit some top speeds of 120 to 135 MPH on the long straights.

WINNER CIRCLE

Mother Nature takes all the prizes again for the second straight month. Boy is she on a roll.

Remember to always "**Keep the Shiny Side Up**".

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Capital City Corvette Club Competition Program 2005

Purpose: The purpose of the CCCC Competition Points Program is to encourage and reward members for participating in NCCC Sanctioned Events.

1. **Eligible Events** – All events sanctioned by the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) will be eligible.
2. **Annual Awards** – The competition season will run from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2005. 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** – Highest Men's award and goes to the individual with the highest number of total points.
 - b. **Women's Overall** – 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. Must participate in minimum of one speed event to qualify.
 - 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. Must participate in minimum of one speed event to qualify.
 - 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. **Awards Order** – No individual can win more than one award. If the overall men's or women's top points champion is also the rookie of the year then the Rookie of the Year award will go to the second place finisher. In the event of a first place tie in either the Show or Rallye category the second place award will be eliminated and two first place awards will be awarded.
5. **Member Responsibility** – If a member participates in a NCCC sanctioned event outside of the Region (Michigan) it is their responsibility to provide the Competition Director with a copy of the event sheet results.
6. **Points Values** – Points will be those awarded from the event sheet in accordance with NCCC Guidelines.
7. **Ineligible Members** – For 2005 the Competition Director (Kurt Schwamberger) and Sharon Schwamberger per their request.

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

February 2005 CCCC Participation Points Summary

Carol Armstrong	4	Jennifer Everhart	0	Terry O'Dell	1
Don Armstrong	4	Terry Feichtenbiner	1	Bill O'Neill	0
Ed Armstrong	0	Randy Gisse	0	Steve Pavlik	0
Evelyn Aronson	6	Mel Hahn	0	Joe Platte	1
Laurie Backus	2	Mark Hansen	2	Pam Platte	2
Adele Bancroft	0	Nancy Hansen	1	Raymond Pulido	2
Kurt Bancroft	0	Cindy Hanses	1	David Pursel	0
Don Baron	0	Phil Hanses	2	Kathryn Pursel	0
Marie Barrett	1	Joy Hardman	1	Carol Putmon	2
John Bechtel	3	Danielle Hessell	0	Randy Putmon	2
Sandy Bechtel	3	Dennis Hessell	0	Gloria Reiffer	5
Colleen Bratschi	3	Brad Hutton	2	Simon Reiffer	5
Rich Bratschi	2	Carrie Hutton	1	Robert Ribar	0
Connie Britz	0	Greg Jenca	0	Brenda Sage	0
Mike Britz	0	Theresa Jenca	0	Steve Sage	0
David Brown	1	Don Johnston	6	Kurt Schwamberger	7
Diana Brown	1	Janet Johnston	6	Sharon Schwamberger	4
Chris Burke	1	Tom Kania	0	Brenda Shatkosky	1
Terry Burke	1	Jeremy Kapalla	1	Richard Shatkosky	1
Mike Busch	0	Greg Kapp	4	Janyce Shepler	0
Kady Campbell	0	Linda Kinney	0	John Shepler	0
Pam Candy	0	Angela Kranz	3	Lyn Shoal	0
Pat Carmickle	2	Jerry Kranz	1	James Simmons	0
Sheri Carmickle	2	David Kuempel	6	Vicki Simmons	0
Kathy Cooper	2	Diana Kuempel	6	Bill Smejkal	0
Ron Cooper	2	Margaret Lewis	0	Linda Smith	1
Dave Cripe	2	Mark Lewis	0	Rick Smith	1
Pat Cripe	2	Bob Maynard	5	Loretta Spinrad	0
Ken David	0	Shalimar Maynard	3	Steve Spinrad	0
Kim David	0	Lisa McDonald	1	Dan Stremler	0
Darwin Day	3	Steve McDonald	2	Nancy Stremler	0
Sheila Day	1	Jeff McQuade	4	Gordon Terwilliger	4
Charlie DeYoung	0	Kenneth Melaragni	0	Margaret Terwilliger	6
Patti DeYoung	0	Ron Melaragni	0	Joseph Thomas	2
Donna Dickert	1	Dawn Mitzel	3	Gayle Thompson	0
Karl Dickert	1	Jeffrey Mitzel	3	Pam Thompson	0
Trini Dixon	1	George Nelson	1	Jan Wasco	0
Art Doty	2	Bill Nezamis	1	Ken Wasco	1
Nancy Doty	2	Florence Nezamis	0	Gary Wyma	6
John Doyle	0	Gail O'Dell	1	Kathy Wyma	4

February 2005 Top Ten Participation Points Leaders

Kurt Schwamberger	7	David Kuempel	6	Bob Maynard	5
Evelyn Aronson	6	Diana Kuempel	6	Gloria Reiffer	5
Don Johnston	6	Margaret Terwilliger	6	Simon Reiffer	5
Janet Johnston	6	Gary Wyma	6		

CCCC Social Points Program:

The points program was created several years ago to encourage participation in the club. Club events could be anything from a Drive'n Dine to a car show, rallye or any event put on our calendar and hosted by a club member. We try to follow a 30-day guideline as far as notification to all club members. In other words, we like to have the event posted for 30 days to give everyone time to schedule. In some cases this is not possible and the Board will review these instances on a case-by-case basis and make a determination. At the end of the year, the points are totaled and the top ten point holders are given recognition awards at our annual banquet. There should be a sign-in sheet at every club event. The chairperson or host is responsible for providing a sign-in sheet and forwarding it to the Points Director at the conclusion of the event.

The following list is the guideline used to award our participation points.

- One point for attending a CCCC General Membership Meeting or Social Event.
- One point for attending the annual CCCC Awards Banquet.
- One point for attending the annual NCCC Michigan Region Banquet.
- One point for entering your Corvette in any non-sanctioned car show designated as a club event.
- One point for entering your Corvette in any parade designated as a club event.
- One point for entering your Corvette in any non-sanctioned all Corvette show.
- One point for visiting the Corvette Museum. Maximum of one point per year.
- One additional point for arriving at any of the above in a Corvette.
- One point for writing an article used in the CCCC newsletter. The article must be at least ½ page in length. Articles are published at the discretion of the CCCC Editor. Articles or reports required by an elected officer are not eligible. Maximum of 1 point per year.
- One point for each full day in attendance at the annual NCCC Convention. 5 points per year maximum.
- Two points for each CCCC elected office held or for serving as the Web Master of the club website.
- Two points for working at each CCCC sponsored or sanctioned competition, charity or fund-raising event.
- Two points for chairing or co-chairing a CCCC social, charity or fund-raising event. Plus the worker or attendance point for the chaired event.
- Four points for chairing or co-chairing a CCCC sponsored race, rallye, concours, or car show event. 4 points per competition season will be allowed plus the worker or attendance point for the chaired event. Chair or co-chair must be instrumental in organizing and running the event. "Signature Only" chairpersons will not be awarded points.



Social Events

I'm so excited I hear the birds chirping in the morning, and everyone knows what that means...Spring is around the nearest corner.

February 19th Drive & Dine was hosted by Gordon & Margaret Terwilliger. Thank you both for the time you put into planning that event.

March 19th is the Annual Regional Banquet. Cost is \$25.00 per person and your reservation needs to be in by March 9th. Contact Don Johnston with any questions on that or a flyer should be in this newsletter giving all the details.

March 26th Bob & Shalimar Maynard are hosting Eucher/Mexican Train Tournament. Get time of fun and fellowship. Remember this is a potluck and we have wonderful cooks in this group.

April 3rd we have the Bowling Challenge with the Jackson Club at the Mason Lanes. Get time to talk with each other as hopefully some vettes will be out and others being unveiled from storage. Great opportunity to meet the other club members in the region.

WKAR Auction will be this month sometime. Gloria Reiffer will have the information on the Web, so watch for time and dates on that event. Fun night of answering phones for WKAR.

April 23rd is the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival & Parade. Dave & Diana Kempel are hosting this with a Drive & Dine following right after the parade. Details in flyer.

Looking ahead in May. Gary & Kathy Wyma are planning a big Weekend-Get-A-Way in Frankfort. May 20-21. This a get time for one on one in building friendships.

Mark your calendars and see you out there. And remember to have your Tour Michigan via Corvette paper with you at all times. This will be fun to see what folks come up with.

Happy St Patricks Day

Janet

March 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 General Membership Meeting	3	4	5 Happy Birthday Rich Bratschi Pat Cripe
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Happy Birthday Bob Maynard	14	15	16 CCCC Board Meeting	17 Happy Birthday Theresa Jenca Pat Carmickle	18 Happy Birthday Robert Ribar	19
20 Happy Birthday Mike Busch	21	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Sandy Bechtel	25	26 Euchre and/or Dominoes at Maynards
27	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Kurt Bancroft		

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
"Tentative" CCCC and Regional Events
2005

March

- 2 CCCC Membership Meeting**
- 6 NS-09 -CC of Michigan – Rallye Plymouth
- 16 CCCC Board Meeting**
- 19 Michigan Regional Banquet -Lansing
- 26 Euchre + Dominoes at Maynard's**

April

- 3 Bowling w/ Jackson CC**
- 3 NS-10 - CC of Michigan-Low Speed-Warren
- 6 Membership Meeting**
- 10 NS-11 -CC of Michigan-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 15 NS-01-MI AutoX Group-Driving School-Gingerman RCWY
- 15 NS-02-MI AutoXGroup-Test and Tune-Gingerman RCWY
- 16 NS-03-MI AutoX Group-Test and Tune-Gingerman RCWY
- 16 MI-012 Lakeshore CC-High Speed Gingerman RCWY
- 16 MI-013 Lakeshore CC-High Speed Gingerman RCWY
- 16 MI-014 Lakeshore CC-High Speed Gingerman RCWY
- 16 MI-015 Lakeshore CC-High Speed Gingerman RCWY
- 17 NS-04-MI AutoXGroup-Test and Tune Gingerman RCWY
- 17 MI-016 Lakeshore CC-High Speed Gingerman RCWY
- 17 MI-017 Lakeshore CC-High Speed Gingerman RCWY
- 17 MI-018 Lakeshore CC-High Speed Gingerman RCWY
- 17 MI-019-MI AutoXGroup-High Speed Gingerman RCWY
- 20 CCCC Board Meeting**
- 23 Vermontville Parade-CCCC event**
- 23-24 NS-20-Flint CC-Driving School-Flint
- 24 NS-21-Flint CC-Driving School-Flint
- 24 NS-12-CC of Michigan-Rallye-Milford

May

- 1 NS-TBD-CC of SW Michigan-Driving School-TBD
- 3 Regional Meeting-Lansing
- 4 General Membership Meeting**
- 6 Regional Officers Meeting - St. Louis, MO
- 7 Nat'l Governor's Meeting – St. Louis, MO
- 8 NS-13-CC of MI –Low Speed-Hamtramack
- 13 NS-05-Mi AutoX Group-Driving School-AutoBahn North
- 13 NS-06-MiAutoX Group-Test and Tune-AutoBahn North
- 14 NS-07 –MI AutoXGroup-Test and Tune AutoBahn North

May Cont'd

- 14 MI-035 - CC of SW MI-High Speed-AutoBahn North
- 14 MI-036 – CC of SW MI-High Speed-AutoBahn North
- 14 MI-037 - CC of SW MI-High Speed-AutoBahn North
- 14 MI-038-MI AutoXGroup-High Speed-AutoBahn North
- 14 MI-043- Flint CC - People's Choice - Flint
- 15 MI-009-B.Creek CC - People's Choice-Hastings
- 18 CCCC Board Meeting**
- 20-21 CCCC – Frankfort, MI Get-a-Way**
- 22 MI-055-Royal C of SW MI-People's Choice-Muskegon
- 26 NS-14 - CC of MI-Drags-Milan
- 28 MI-010-CCCC-People's Choice-Lansing**
- 28 or 29 ? NS-20-MiAutoXGroup-Test and Tune Waterford Hills
- 28 or 29 ? MI-039-Huron Valley CC-High Speed Waterford Hills
- 29 or 29 ? MI-040-Huron Valley CC-High Speed Waterford Hills
- 28 or 29 ?-MI-041-Huron Valley CC-High Speed Waterford Hills
- 28 or 29 ?-MI-042-MI AutoXGroup--High Speed Waterford Hills
- 30 NS-TBD-Battle Creek CC-Parade-TBD
- 30 Drive and Dine after parade @ Carmickles**
- 30 NS-TBD-Battle Creek CC Parade-TBD
- 30 E.Ohio Region-High Speed Series-High Speeds Nelson Ledges, OH

June

- 1 CCCC Membership Meeting**
- 4 W.OH/IND-High Speed Series-4 High Speeds-Putnam Pk. IN.
- 5 Regions-High Speed /Series-4 High Speeds-Putnam Pk. IN
- 12 MI-002-K'zoo CC-Low Speed-Battle .Creek
- 12 MI-003-K'zoo CC-Low Speed-Battle Creek
- 12 MI-004-K'zoo CC-Matching Time-Battle Creek
- 15 CCCC Board Meeting**
- 18 TBD-Grand Valley CC-People's Choice-Gr. Rapids
- 18 TBD-Grand Valley CC-Rallye - Gr. Rapids
- 18 NS-TBD - CC of SW MI-People's Choice—TBD
- 19 NS-TBD - CC of SW MI-People's Choice-TBD
- 19 MI-020 - CC of MI-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 19 MI-021-H.uron Valley CC-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 19 MI-022-Huron Valley CC-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 19 MI-023-N. Oaks CC-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 19 MI-024-N. Oaks CC-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 26 MI-011-CCCC-Car Show-Miller Farms-Eaton Rapids**

July

- 4 NS-15 - CC of MI-Low Speed-Waterford Hills
- 4 CCCC Car Show - Meridian Mall**
- 6 Membership Meeting**
- 9 MI-044-FlintCC-Low Speed-TBD
- 9 MI -045-Flint CC-Low Speed-TBD
- 9 MI-046-Flint CC-Low Speed-TBD
- 9 MI-047-Flint CC-Low Speed-TBD
- 9 MI-048-Flint CC-Low Speed-TBD
- 10 TBD-Shiawassee CC-Low Speed-TBD
- 19 Region Meeting-Lansing
- 20 CCCC Board Meeting**
- 23 Region Officers Meeting-St. Cloud, MN
- 24 National Governor's Meeting-St. Cloud, MN
- 24-29 National Convention -St Cloud, MN
- 30 NS-TBD-Jackson CC-People's Choice-MIS
- 31 NS-TBD-Jackson CC-People's Choice-MIS

August

- 3 CCCC Membership Meeting**
- 6 TBD-CCCC Low Speed - TBD**
- 7 MI-050-JCC- Low Speed-Jackson
- 7 MI-051-JCC- Low Speed-Jackson
- 7 MI-052-JCC- Low Speed-Jackson
- 7 MI-053-JCC- Low Speed-Jackson
- 7 MI-054-JCC- Low Speed-Jackson
- 13 MI-001 - Americas CC-People's Choice-TBD
- 14 MI-056-Royal C of SWMI-Low Speed-Muskegon
- 14 MI-057-Royal C of SWMI-Low Speed-Muskegon
- 14 MI-058-Royal C of SWMI-Matching Time-Muskegon
- 17 CCCC Board Meeting**
- ?? TBD - Corvette Crossroads**
- 21 MI-025-CC of MI-Low Speeds-Hamtramck
- 21 MI-026-Huron Valley CC-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 21 MI-027-Huron Valley CC-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 21 MI-028-N. Oaks CC-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 21 MI-029-N. Oaks CC-Low Speed-Hamtramck

September

- 5 E. Ohio Region-High Speed Series-High Speed-Nelson Ledges, OH
- 6 Regional Meeting-Lansing
- 7 CCCC Membership Meeting**
- 9 Regional Officer's Meeting- St. Louis, MO
- 10 National Governor's Meeting - St. Louis, MO
- 17 TBD - Shiawassee CC- Rallye -TBD
- 18 Horsepower at the Zoo Car Show**
- 18 MI-005-Kalamazoo CC-Low Speed - Battle Creek
- 18 MI-006-Kalamazoo CC-Low Speed - Battle Creek
- 18 MI-007-Kalamazoo CC- Matching Time-B. Creek
- 21 CCCC Board Meeting**
- 24 MI-059-Royal C of SWMI-Rallye-Muskegon
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- 25 NS-16 - CC of MI-Low Speed-Hamtramck
- 29 NS-17- CC of MI -Rallye-Milan

October

- 2 MI-049- Flint CC-Rallye-TBD
- 5 CCCC Membership Meeting**
- 8 TBD - JCC - Rallye-TBD
- 9 MI-008 - Kalamazoo CC - Rallye-Kalamazoo
- 9 NS-18 - CC of MI-Low Speed - Hamtramck
- 15 TBD- Great Lakes CC - Rallye - TBD
- 16 MI-030 - CC of MI - Rallye - TBD
- 16 MI-031 - CC of MI - Rallye-TBD
- 16 MI-032 - CC of MI - Rallye -TBD
- 16 MI-033 - CC of MI - Rallye-TBD
- 16 MI-034 - CC of MI - Rallye - TBD
- 19 CCCC Board Meeting**
- 22 TBD - TBD - High Speed - Grattan Raceway
- 23 TBD - TBD - High Speed - Grattan Raceway

November

- 2 CCCC Membership Meeting**
- 6 NS-19 - CC of MI - Low Speed - Hamtramck
- 8 Michigan Region Meeting - Lansing
- 11 Region Officer's Meeting St. Louis, MO
- 12 NCCC Governors Meeting - St. Louis, MO
- 16 CCCC Board Meeting**

December

- 7 CCCC Holiday Dinner/Meeting**
- 21 CCCC Board Meeting**

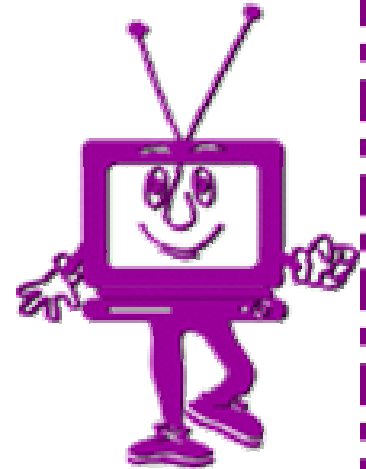
WKAR Auction Time!

Set aside the evening of Saturday, April 9 for working the phone banks at the WKAR Auction. Plan to arrive at the WKAR studios by 5:30 for training. This goes for the old pros too!

A meal will be available at \$4.00 per person during our shift. We will pass along the details of what's on the menu as soon as we receive the info.

We will head over to Jon's Country Burgers, 3109 S. Cedar Street, for snacks and/or dessert after we complete our shift at 8:30.

More details will be in the next newsletter. In the meantime, contact Simon and Gloria at 617.646.2180 with any questions you might have.



***PLEASE NOTE: April 9 is the date that we requested for our club to work.
It is tentative and may change once WKAR completes their schedule.
Parking is available in the ramp behind the WKAR Studios.***

HEARTS and FLOWERS:

Trini Dixon takes care of the "Hearts and Flowers" program for CCCC. It is important to inform Trini of special birthdays and anniversaries, illness, injury, etc. in order for her to respond on behalf of the club. If you know of something like this occurring, please send her an email, or click on the email link on that page of the Web site and Margaret will forward the message to Trini. Many thanks to Trini for handling this program for the last few years. You can find a few more details about the "Hearts and Flowers" program on the About CCCC" page of our Web site. When I update the Web site with new menu buttons in a few weeks I will add one for CCCC Programs so that you will be able to find stuff like this easier.

Gloria Reiffer
Web Master

Euchre/Mexican Train Tournament



Join us in a fun game night.

DATE: March 26th
TIME: 6:00 pm
PLACE: Bob & Shalimar Maynard
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Bring: A Dish To Pass - This Will Be A Potluck
Beverage of Choice

It would be very helpful to our host and hostess to
RSVP to give them an idea of how many to plan on.





Capital City/Jackson Corvette Club Bowling

April 3rd 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Mason Bowling Center
801 N Cedar St
Mason MI

Cost is \$2.00 per game (Free Shoe Rental)

Dinner afterwards - TBD where yet. 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 djohnston@cablespeed.com your RSVP, or call 517-647-2403

Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Janet Johnston



Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade/Drive & Dine

**April 23rd, 2005
Line Up Time By 12:00 Noon
Parade at 2:00 PM**

**Parade line up is on North Ionia Road between Vermontville and
Gresham Hwy.**

**Candy and similar handouts are not allowed from floats and
vehicles.**

Bring your MICKEY MOUSE HANDS and Walkie Talkies

**The parade will be over by 3:30. Then we will be leaving from
Vermontville to go to the Drive & Dine. After line up at the
parade this will give us time to check out the Festival.**

**Contact Dave or Diana Kuempele with any questions. If you are
not able to get to the meeting to sign up just contact the
Kuempel's for a head count.**

Dave & Diana E-mail c5hobo@hotmail.com



Capital City Corvette Club Annual Get-Away-Weekend

Date: May 20-22, 2005
Destination: Frankfort, MI
Harbour Light Motel
(On the Shores of Lake Michigan)
Cost:

Each member needs to call and make there own reservation, when Gary and Kathy Wyma have the final details. They are still working on them. Wanted to give you time to mark your calendars for time off. Watch for further information on reservations.

There are many things to do in the area – Golfing ,Eating, Antiques, Sleeping Bear Dunes, Eating, Point Betsie Lighthouse, and of course Eating!

Contact Gary & Kathy Wyma with any concerns or questions. Dont hesitate on a fun weekend.

Making the most of Auto-X

by Vic Nightscales

Here is the third installment of a five part guide to Auto-X by Vic Nightscales. See the Jan/Feb.'04 issue for Part II.

Part III: Walking the Auto-X Course.

Walking the Auto-X Course is key to becoming fast in auto-x.

That's because walking the course allows you to memorize the route and visualize the fastest line through the course.

You will be driving the course in approximately a minute, and if you must focus on deciding which way to turn after the next cone, you will be slower than if you already have that sorted out in your mind through your walking efforts.

John Ames, who has eight SCCA Solo II National Championships in four different classes, says, "My goal from walking is to

memorize the course and create a plan for the car's path, so I can close my eyes and mentally drive it. During the course walk I am learning the sequence of turns ... I look ahead and visualize where I will drive the car and which cones are key for being close to." (As quoted in "Solo Speed" by Rocky Entriken, *SportsCar* Aug.03). [Note: Solo is another name for auto-x and John Ames currently drives a Corvette.]

Walk the course in the path where you think the driver's seat will be when in the car. Keep in mind that whenever the steering wheel is turned the car loses speed, and the further it is turned the more speed is lost. The trick is to pick the path that minimizes the number of times and the degrees you must turn the steering wheel to complete the course. (Read those last two sentences again, they

are the key to speed.)

Plan out the path in terms of the gear you will be in, the points of acceleration and the places for braking. In the case of speed vs. distance, choose the path of less distance.

The first time walking the course you are finding the general direction, so minor distractions and conversation are not of great concern. Be sure to cover any gossip about other club members at this point so that on your next walk through you can fully concentrate on the course.

During your next walks through you need to concentrate on the details of car placement and possible shifting or braking points. Sometimes it helps to walk through with another member and talk over your plan of running the course. This can help both of you.

Sometimes it helps to

break the course up into a handful of sections rather than trying to remember every gate, wall, or cone. Sometimes it helps to stop numerous times during the walk to conduct a mental review of the course to that point in order to brand that section into your memory.

If you have done your homework well, you should be able to sit down, away from the course, and draw a fairly detailed map of the course.

Finally, sit in your car, close your eyes, and mentally travel the course to confirm your memorization process. This is the Zen of Corvette auto-x. But try to avoid nodding off and snoring.

Now get out there and have some fun!

Watch for Part IV:

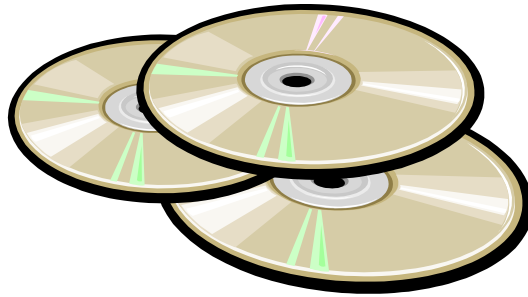
Improve your Auto-X times with Vision. ■



Starter Tim Pepper checking over Jim's Run Card before Jim takes the Course

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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.



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