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Quick Hits from the Editor~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 6th - 7:00 pm

Delhi Café

4625 Willoughby Rd.

Holt

Board Meeting

April 20th - 7:00 pm

Delhi Café

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From the President . . .

Greetings, and a happy Spring to everyone. Isn't great? It's finely here, Spring that is. It's been a long winter but we made it. Now let's get those Vettes out of storage and drive them. After all, that's why they build them, so we can use them. Don't forget what we talked about last month as far as getting your car out of storage before you drive it. If we have time at this month's meeting, we can talk about it then. I know everyone stores their cars just a little different, but when you get it out of storage the process is the same for most of us. Anyway, it's April, the weather is starting to warm up and the birds are starting to sing, not the rock group but the feathered kind. I haven't seen any robins yet but I'm sure they're around.

April is starting out as a busy month already. You'll notice a copy of the revised By-Laws in this month's newsletter. A committee consisting of John and Sandy Bechtel, Jeff McQuade, Jeff Mitzel, Gloria Reiffer, Gordon Terwilliger and I have been working on these revisions for over a month. The revised By-Laws will be presented and discussed as a whole package at the April General Membership meeting. The vote on the revisions will take place next month. The reason for this is that any changes to the By-Laws must be presented to the Membership at least fourteen days before a vote takes place. With the timing of our Board meeting there wasn't enough time to have you both review and vote on them this month. Please join me in extending thanks to the committee. They did a great job for all of us.

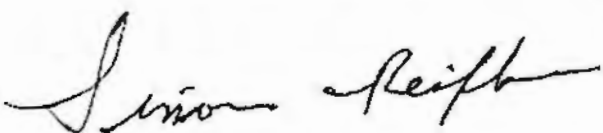
April 9th is the WKAR Auction. We need more people to help with this event. It's a lot of fun and real good exposure for our Club in the community. They serve food for \$4.00 per person. Afterwards we'll go out for dessert. I hope you can make it for this fun event! If you have any questions, check out the flyer in the newsletter or contact Gloria or me for more info.

There are a few high and low speed racing events coming in April. The low speed is in Warren and will be put on by CCM. The high speed event is at Gingerman Raceway over by South Haven. There also will be two driving schools this month. If you are interested in racing, or if you just want to learn how to drive your Corvette better, these are the places to go. Contact Kurt Schwamberger for all the inside scoop. Don't forget the Vermontville Parade and the Drive 'n Dine that follows. This is a lot of fun and gives our club good community exposure also. Contact Dave or Diana Kuempel for more info on this event.

As we begin this season with all these events available, don't feel bad if you can't do all of them. Check the newsletter or Web site to see what is coming up, then pick out the ones you will enjoy the most. If you have any questions, contact the chairperson of the event.

Also, if you would like to chair an event, contact a Board Member and we'll try to make it happen. We want this Club to be as enjoyable as possible for all the members. Speaking of chairing an event, we need a couple chairpersons for the Horsepower at the Zoo Car Show at Potter Park on September 18th. Most of the paperwork is in line but we could use a couple members to step forward and work with the Board on this community benefit.

Well, that's about it. Let's make the most of the days given to us and use them productively. Remember, save the wave and happy motoring.



CCCC Membership Meeting March 2, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:58 p.m.

SECRETARY: No additions or corrections. Passed around club mail.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Gary passed around a flyer for the Spring Get-Away.

MEMBERSHIP: Currently at 120 members. Gary & Kathy Wyma enrolled their 8 grandchildren in the FCOA so that brings the club total to 51.

SOCIAL: We had 40 members at the Drive'n Dine of Gordon & Margaret Terwilliger. March 26 is Euchre & Mexican Train Dominoes at Maynard's. Bowling on April 3 (2 – 4p.m.) with the Jackson club. WKAR Auction on April 9. Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade & Drive'n Dine on April 23. Spring Get-Away on May 20 – 22. Blessing of the Vettes Car Show May 28 at Culvers. Memorial Day Parade at Marshall & Pig Roast at Pat & Shari Carmickle's.

POINTS: A Big Thank You to Janet for her time helping with event flyers. Passed out flyers for the Blessing. Dave explained the new points program.

TREASURER: Monthly report given.

EDITOR: Newsletter deadline is March 28. Anyone who would like to be highlighted in the newsletter let Margaret or Cindy Hanses know.

COMPETITION: Kurt explained Competition Points program & events.

GOVERNOR: Regional Banquet on March 19 at Hampton Inn. Don has NCCC Raffle tickets. The raffle benefits the National Kidney Foundation. If you are interested in a raffle ticket see Don.

PRESIDENT: A committee has been formed to revise our By-Laws. Committee members are: Simon Reiffer, Jeff Mitzel, Jeff McQuade, Carol Armstrong, Gordon Terwilliger & John Bechtel. Chairman needed for Horsepower at the Zoo on September 18. Still have CD's of pictures of 2004 events for sale.

OLD BUSINESS: Help is needed for the Blessing of the Vettes Car Show on May 28. Jeff McQuade spoke of September 10 Team One Car Show. Possible show mentioned at Pres Kool. April 15 is a Driving class. May 17th Lugnuts game to volunteer for concessions.

50 -50 Raffle won by Dar Day

Kurt Schwamberger made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:12p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting March 16, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:59p.m.

All members present.

SECRETARY: No corrections or additions.

PRESIDENT: By-Laws Committee members: Simon Reiffer, Gordon Terwilliger, John & Sandy Bechtel, Jeff McQuade, Jeff Mitzel. The committee met 4 times. Simon & John Bechtel explained changes. Kurt suggested we specify exactly who are the Board of Directors. It was also suggested that the appointed officers (Webmaster, Hearts & Flowers & Historian) be selected by the President and approved by the Board. It was decided under the duties of Board Members, the word "appointed" be deleted in the Historian job description. President would recommend appointed officers for approval by the Board. These officers will be appointed annually. By-Laws will be printed in the April newsletter and presented at the General Membership meeting. A vote on the By-Laws is to take place at the May General Membership meeting. By-Laws will take effect January 2006. Margaret Terwilliger made a motion to present the revised By-Laws to the membership. Motion seconded and passed. Horsepower at the Zoo Car Show needs a chairman.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Gary was able to contact Campbell & Sons. They renewed their ad. Gary would like the ads pro-rated or put on a spread sheet so he can tell when the ads are due for renewal.

MEMBERSHIP: 122 members & 51 Future Corvette Owners. We have the most Future Corvette Owners in the region. Gary & Kathy Wyma's grandson was 2900 member and he will be acknowledged in the NCCC Blue Bars publication.

SOCIAL: Janet asked if the Meridian Mall Car Show on July 4, chaired by Shalimar Maynard be made a Club event. Motion was made by Kurt. Motion seconded & passed. Janet also asked the Red Cedar Jubilee parade/car show organized by Greg Kapp be a Club event. Motion was made by Don Johnston. Motion seconded & passed. Evelyn, speaking on Jeff McQuade's behalf, has requested a Drive'n Dine for July 16th titled "Return to Your Teen-age Years". Further information will be forth coming. Chris & Terry Burke have scheduled a Drive' n Dine, also in July.

TREASURER: Bills were turned in. Kurt made a motion to pay the monthly bills. Motion seconded & passed. Monthly report was given. The Old Car Club contacted Bob and offered to sell our club 1 acre of land.

EDITOR: Deadline for the April newsletter in March 28.

GOVERNOR: Regional Banquet is March 19 at the Hampton Inn Lansing.

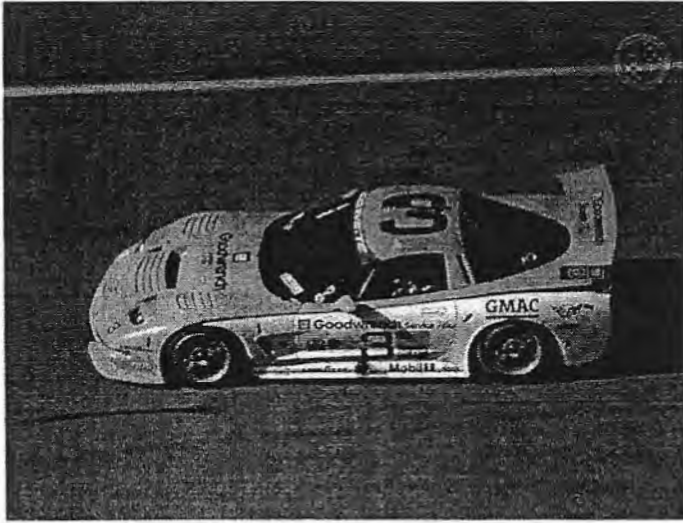
POINTS: Regarding the Blessing of the Vettes, Dave will contact Corey of Culver's Restaurant to see if he will contribute to the cost of the music. No more than \$250 will be allocated for music. Dave will contact Wal-Mart & Culver's to inform them of our Insurance policy.

COMPETITION: Kurt is still looking for a location to have our low-speed event.

OLD BUSINESS: September 10th is the Charlotte Frontier Days' Car Show. Discuss further details with Jeff McQuade.

NEW BUSINESS: There is a Pres Kool show on June 18th in publication, however no Board Member is aware of this.

Gary Wyma made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.



Competition Report April 2005

Well another month has passed and we still have snow on the ground (at least up here we do). April 15th starts our competition season in the Michigan Region. I'm not sure the track will be warm enough to heat up the tires. If you are interested in learning to drive on a road course, then come to the driving school on April 15th at Gingerman Raceway just outside of South Haven, Michigan. During the season Gingerman holds open test and tunes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights from 5:30 to dark for \$60. You can bring your street car out and drive the track as long it is not a convertible (unless it has a roll bar). I would like to try to get a Monday Corvette only night setup for our club and any other Corvettes in the region. We did this last year and had a great time. Please let either Sharon or I know if you would be interested. If there is enough interest, I will work on getting a date.

After next month's membership meeting, we will have a short class on getting your car ready to show. Here is a good site for some instructional tips:
<http://www.properautocare.com/detailingtips.html>.

For those of you who are going to compete this year in some of the speed events, here are a couple things to practice when you are driving your daily driver or your Corvette.

1. Look ahead: It is amazing your car will always go where your eyes are pointed. During skid pad training, we were always taught to look where you want to go not where the car happens to be going. So next time you are out on the road, extend your sight pattern farther out and see how much straighter your car stays in your lane. As you go around a turn or approach the on/off ramp, look where you want to go. Watch how the car ends up without any known input from you through your hands.
2. Left foot braking: If you have an automatic, practice some left foot braking. It is very useful in auto crossing where you seldom change gears and want to brake and then rollout the throttle. You won't lose time going from brake to gas pedal.

Competition Points Program: No points to Date

Winners Circle: Mother Nature continues her winning ways.

Kurt Schwamberger

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 half a 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.

March 2005 CCCC Participation Points Summary

Carol Armstrong	5	Terry Feichtenbiner	2	Terry O'Dell	1
Don Armstrong	5	Randy Gisse	0	Bill O'Neill	0
Ed Armstrong	0	Mel Hahn	0	Steve Pavlik	0
Evelyn Aronson	7	Mark Hansen	3	Joe Platte	1
Laurie Backus	2	Nancy Hansen	2	Pam Platte	2
Adele Bancroft	0	Cindy Hanses	2	Raymond Pulido	2
Kurt Bancroft	0	Phil Hanses	4	David Pursel	0
Don Baron	0	Joy Hardman	1	Kathryn Pursel	0
Marie Barrett	2	Danielle Hessell	0	Carol Putmon	2
John Bechtel	4	Dennis Hessell	0	Randy Putmon	2
Sandy Bechtel	4	Brad Hutton	3	Gloria Reiffer	7
Colleen Bratschi	4	Carrie Hutton	2	Simon Reiffer	7
Rich Bratschi	3	Jackie Jackson	0	Robert Ribar	0
Connie Britz	0	Wayne Jackson	0	Brenda Sage	0
Mike Britz	0	Greg Jenca	0	Steve Sage	0
David Brown	1	Theresa Jenca	0	Kurt Schwamberger	9
Diana Brown	1	Don Johnston	8	Sharon Schwamberger	6
Chris Burke	1	Janet Johnston	8	Brenda Shatkosky	1
Terry Burke	1	Tom Kania	0	Richard Shatkosky	1
Mike Busch	0	Jeremy Kapalla	1	Janyce Shepler	0
Kady Campbell	0	Greg Kapp	5	John Shepler	0
Pam Candy	0	Linda Kinney	0	Lyn Shoal	0
Pat Carmickle	2	Angela Kranz	3	James Simmons	0
Sheri Carmickle	2	Jerry Kranz	1	Vicki Simmons	0
Kathy Cooper	3	David Kuempel	8	Bill Smejkal	0
Ron Cooper	3	Diana Kuempel	8	Linda Smith	1
Dave Cripe	4	Margaret Lewis	0	Rick Smith	1
Pat Cripe	4	Mark Lewis	0	Loretta Spinrad	0
Ken David	0	Bob Maynard	7	Steve Spinrad	0
Kim David	0	Shalimar Maynard	5	Dan Stremmler	0
Darwin Day	4	Lisa McDonald	1	Nancy Stremmler	0
Sheila Day	1	Steve McDonald	2	Gordon Terwilliger	5
Charlie DeYoung	0	Jeff McQuade	5	Margaret Terwilliger	7
Patti DeYoung	0	Kenneth Melaragni	0	Joseph Thomas	2
Donna Dickert	1	Ron Melaragni	0	Gayle Thompson	0
Karl Dickert	1	Dawn Mitzel	4	Pam Thompson	1
Trini Dixon	1	Jeffrey Mitzel	4	Jan Wasco	0
Art Doty	3	George Nelson	1	Ken Wasco	2
Nancy Doty	3	Bill Nezamis	1	Tammy White	1
John Doyle	0	Florence Nezamis	0	Gary Wyma	8
Jennifer Everhart	0	Gail O'Dell	1	Kathy Wyma	6

March 2005 Top Ten Participation Points Leaders

Kurt Schwamberger	9	Diana Kuempel	8	Gloria Reiffer	7
Don Johnston	8	Gary Wyma	8	Simon Reiffer	7
Janet Johnston	8	Evelyn Aronson	7	Margare Terwilliger	7
David Kuempel	8	Bob Maynard	7		

April 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Happy Birthday Randy Putman	2 Happy Birthday Nancy Doty
3 Bowling Challenge JCC vs CCCC	4 Happy Birthday Shalimar Maynard	5	6 General Membership Meeting 7:00	7	8	9 WKAR Auction Happy Birthday Colleen Bratschi
10 Happy Birthday Vicki Simmons	11 Happy Birthday Brenda Sage	12	13 Happy Birthday Simon Reiffer Mark Lewis	14	15	16
17	18 Happy Birthday Sharon Schwamberger	19	20 CCCC Board Meeting 7:00	21	22	23 Vermontville Parade/Mystery Dinner
24	25 Happy Birthday Donna Dickert	26	27	28	29	30 Happy Birthday Dennis Hessell

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

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-MIAutoXGroup-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-MIAutoXGroup-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 Govenor'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 -MIAutoXGroup-Test and Tune AutoBahn North
- 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

May cont'd

- 14 MI-043- Flint CC - People's Choice - Flint
- 15 MI-009-B.Creek CC - People's Choice-Hastings
- 15 NS-23 MI-AutoXGroup-Test and Tune-AutoBahn-South
- 15 MI-68 CC of SW MI-High Speed AutoBahn South
- 15 MI-069-CC of SW MI-High Speed AutoBahn South
- 15 MI-070-CC of SW MI-High Speed AutoBahn South
- 15 MI-071-MI AutoX Group-High Speed AutoBahn South
- 15 Charlton Park Car Show-Haystings, MI Drive 'n Dine to the Kuempel's
- 18 CCCC Board Meeting
- 20-21 CCCC - Frankfort, MI Get-a-Way
- 20 NS-22-Royal C of SW MI-SpringTour Holland, MI
- 22 MI-055-Royal C of SW MI-People's Choice Muskegon, MI
- 26 NS-14 - CC of MI-Drags-Milan
- 28 MI-010-CCCC-People'sChoice/Blessing of the Vettes (All Corvette) Car Show-Culver's in Okemos,MI
- 30 NS-TBD-Battle Creek CC-Parade-TBD
- 30 Drive and Dine after parade @ Carmickles
- 30 E.Ohio Region-High Speed Series-High Speeds Nelson Ledges, OH

June

- 1 CCCC Membership Meeting
- 4 W.OH/IND-High Speed Series-3 High Speeds-Putnam Pk. IN.
- 5 Regions-High Speed /Series-3 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-Huron 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
- 25 Red Cedar Jubilee-CCCC event-TBD
- 25 MI-062-JCC-People's Choice
- 26 MI-011-CCCC-All Vette 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
- July TBD-NS-20-MI AutoXGroup-Test-and-Tune
Waterford Hills, MI
- July TBD-MI-039-Huron ValleyCC- High Speed
Waterford Hills, MI
- July TBD-MI-040-Huron Valley CC-High Speed
Waterford Hills, MI
- July TBD-MI-041-Huron Valley CC-High Speed
Waterford Hills, MI
- July TBD-MI-042-MI AutoX Group-High Speed
Waterford Hills, MI
- 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 MI-063-CCCC-Low Speed-TBD
- 6 MI-064-CCCC-Low Speed-TBD
- 6 MI-065-CCCC-Low Speed-TBD
- 6 MI-066-CCCC-Low Speed-TBD
- 6 MI-067-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-MatchTime-Muskegon
- 17 CCCC Board Meeting
- 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
- 26-27 Corvette Crossroads-Mackinaw City

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 - Team I Chevrolet Car Show C
Charlotte/Frontier Days
- 10 National Governor's Meeting - St. Louis, MO
- 17 TBD - Shiawassee CC- Rallye -TBD
- 18 CCCC 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
- 24 MI-060-Royal C of SWMI Rallye-Muskegon
- 24 MI-061-Royal C of SWMI- Rallye-Muskegon
- 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 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

Social Events

Now is the time to get your corvettes out and get the cobwebs off and polish them up. We have a very busy season coming up! Not only with the Competition schedule but with the Social schedule.

We are getting ready for the fun night of Euchre/Mexican Train Tournament at the Maynards on March 26th. If you can come out to that event I'm sure we will be having a great time there.

I will be contacting Chippewa Motor Lodge in Mackinaw City this month to secure our rooms again. I told them that we would be returning since the rumor of being torn down was not correct. Usually how that works is that everyone will get the same room again if you request to.

Some Highlights:

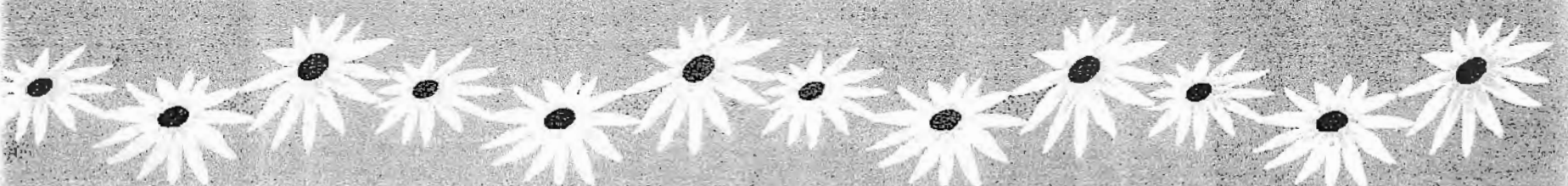
Bowling Challenge with the Jackson Club.... April 3rd
WKAR Auction..... April 9th
Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival/Mystery Dinner..... April 23rd
CCCC Get-Away-Weekend to Frankfort May 21-23
Marshall Parade/Hog Roast May 30th

Look for the flyers in the club newsletter for all details on these events.

So these are some of the dates to mark your calander.

Happy Spring!

Janet Johnston





Capital City/Jackson Corvette Club Bowling

April 3rd 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Mason Bowling Center
801 N Cedar St
Mason MI

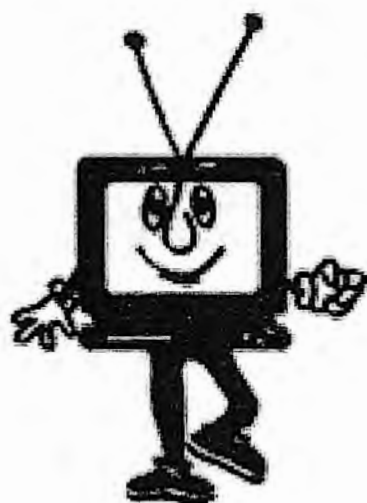
Cost is \$2.00 per game (Free Shoe Rental)

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



WKAR Auction Time!

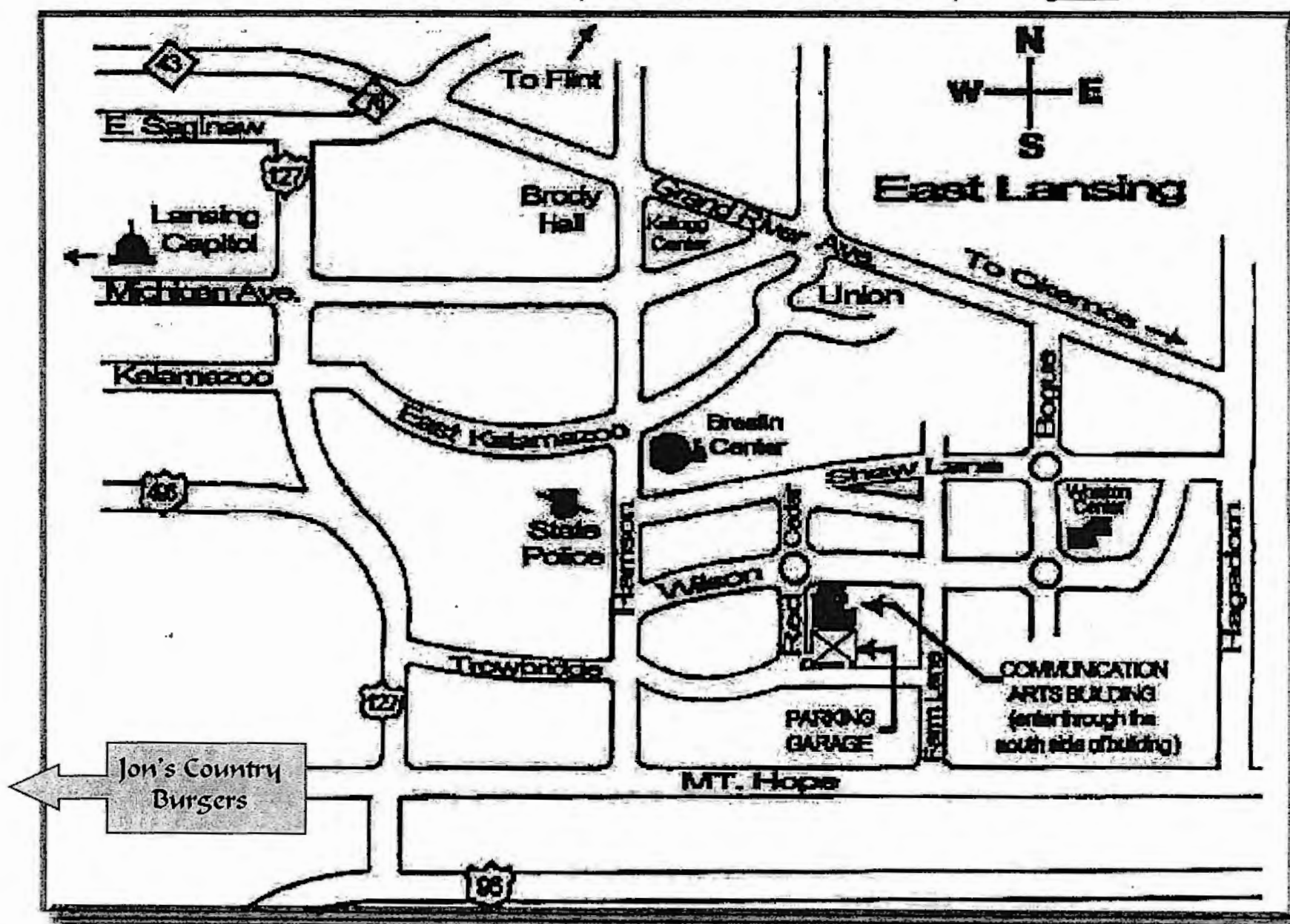
We've been invited to work at the WKAR Auction again this year. Set aside the evening of Saturday, April 9 for this fun event! Plan to arrive by 5:30 for training. (This goes for the old pros too!) Dinner will be available at \$4.00 per person during our shift.

Members of the Capital City and Jackson Corvette Clubs will join together for a fun filled evening at the WKAR Studios, located at the corner of Farm Lane, Wilson, and Red Cedar. You can park in the ramp behind the building. We need 25 people on the phone banks, 5 to work in staging, a couple of isle captains and bid sorters. Contact Simon and Gloria at 517.646.2180 if you would be willing to help out.

After the Auction we will head over to Jon's Country Burgers, 3109 S. Cedar, for a snack or dessert. Jon's is located about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile south of Mt. Hope on Cedar Street, and they have great sundaes!

Saturday - April 9
5:30 - 8:30 p.m.

WKAR Studios
at MSU



Everyone that works at the WKAR Auction is invited to a mini auction in May. All items not picked up during the event are sold to workers at this event!

News **Flash**

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 Kuemple 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

13.2. NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER OUTLINE

SANCTION#: MI-043

TYPE OF EVENT: Car Show-Peoples Choice

DATE: May 14, 2005

CLUB NUMBER: MI-037

(If Drag races include rain date)

(If Rallye include Rallye Type)

REGISTRATION: OPENS: 8:00 AM
CLOSES: 12:00 PM

CLUB: Flint Corvette

REGION: Michigan

DRIVERS MEETING TIME:

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 per vehicle

FIRST CAR OUT TIME:

LOCATION: Flint, MI

SPEED EVENTS: HIGH SPEED:

LOW SPEED:

EXHAUST - OPEN:

CLOSED:

MAP AND EVENT INFORMATION:

SHOW HOURS: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

T-SHIRT INCLUDED WITH ENTRY (SIZES LIMITED)

DASH PLAQUES (FIRST 50 ENTRANTS)

FIVE CLASSES (1953-2005) AND CUSTOM/MODIFIED

PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

CLASSES POLICED BY ENTRANTS
(show committee's decision will be final)

DOOR PRIZES (ENTRANTS ONLY)

FREE PUBLIC ADMISSION

MUSIC

FOOD AVAILABLE (A&W)

LOCATION MAP (ATTACHED)

BE SURE TO INCLUDE A LOCATION MAP

EVENT CHAIRPERSON:

NAME: Wil Adams

ADDRESS: 13205 N. Jennings Rd
Clio, MI 48420

PHONE #: 810-686-7212



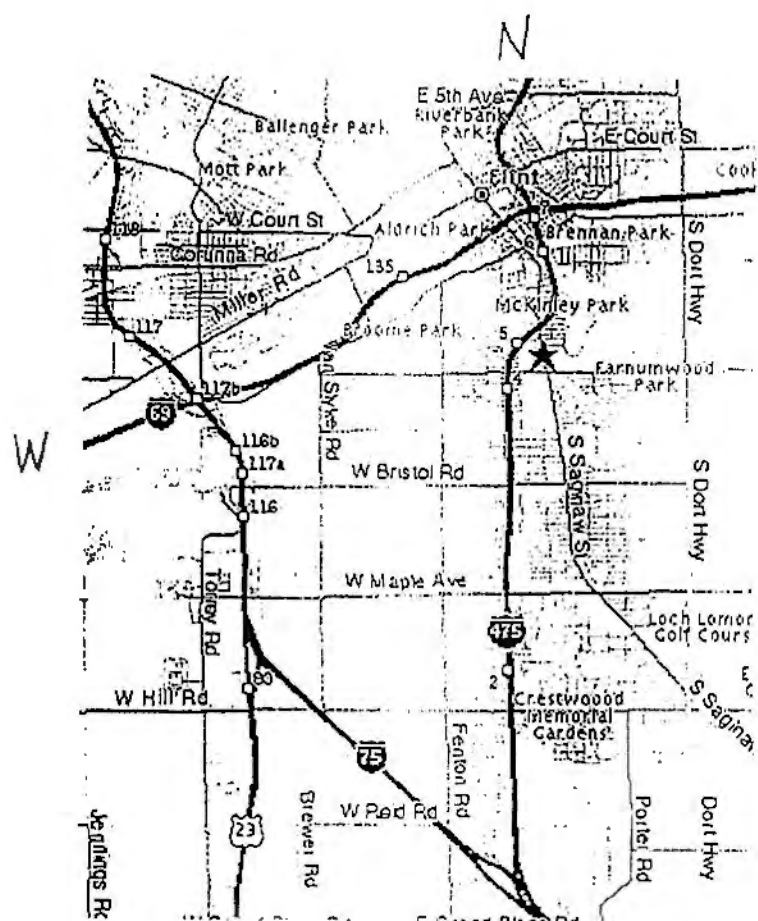
GOVERNOR:

NAME: Jim Harris

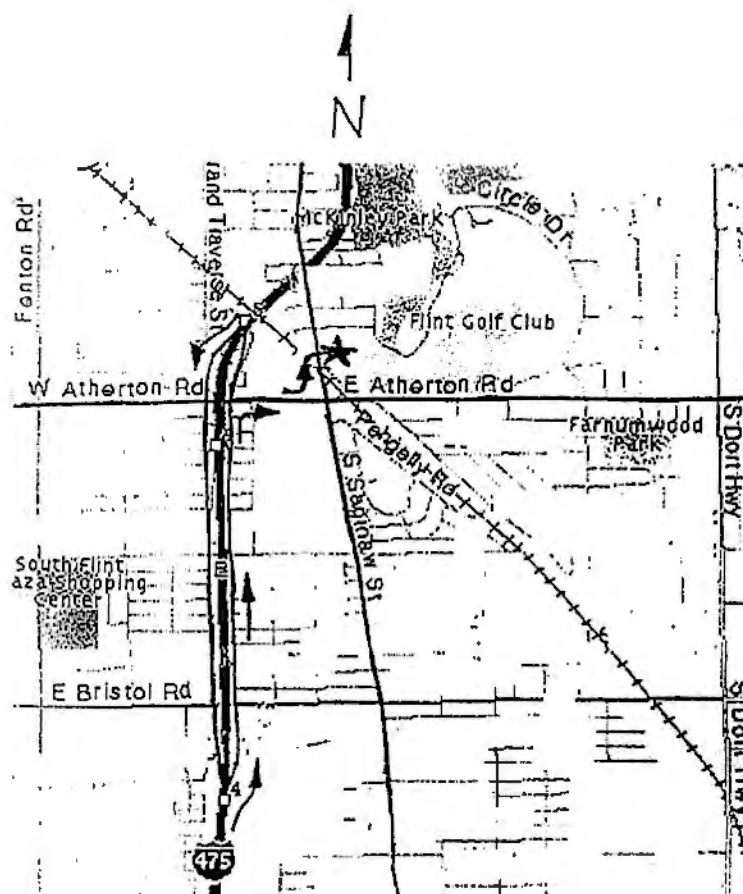
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Lennon, MI 48449

PHONE #: 810-621-3468

NOTE: In High Speed Events: 1. All roadsters must have roll bars as outlined under Section on Technical Inspection For Speed Events. 2. Fire extinguisher (min. 5 BC) required in all groups and classes. 3. It is highly recommended (required in Group III) that all competing cars be equipped with roll bars or roll cages. 4. All entrants must be High Speed Certified and fire suits are required for Group III.



GENERAL AREA MAP



DETAIL STREET MAP

APPLRGATE CHEVROLET, 3736 S. SAGINAW ST., FLINT, MI
 (TAKE ATHERTON RD. EAST TO SAGINAW ST. & SAGINAW ST. NORTH TO APPLRGATE CHEVROLET ON
 RIGHT)

DIRECTIONS TO FLINT CORVETTE CLUB CAR SHOW



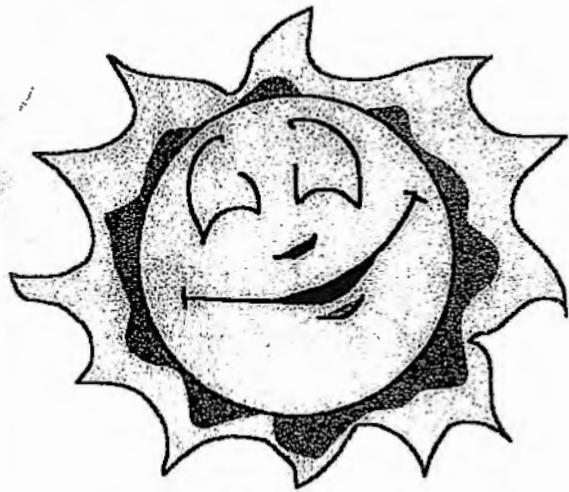
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following the Corvette show at Charlton Park*

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beverage.*

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Sunday May 15, 2005



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: \$74.00 per room

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.

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Modified '97-'05

Awards for: *First and Second Place by Class , and Best of Show*

Host Cars to be Judged Separately

Pre-registration

(Before June 1, 2005)

\$12

Registration

(After June 1, 2005)

\$15

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ADDRESS _____

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PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____

NCCC Club _____

CAR MAKE/MODEL _____ YEAR _____

EVENT CLASS _____ COLOR _____

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Making the most of Auto-X

by Vic Nightscales

Here is the fourth installment of a five part guide to Auto-X by Vic Nightscales.

See the Mar / Apr '04 issue for Part III.

Part IV: Improve your auto-x times with vision.

“We all know that you want to be looking where you want the car to go. But there is more to it than that. You need to look ahead – far ahead.” (Carroll Smith, *Driven to Win*, 1996).

As a result of walking the track, you should be able to visualize the slalom course. You should understand your opportunities to accelerate or brake between gates. Your visual focus should be on the fastest line or path through the cones, but not on the cones.

There is a theory called “Potholism”, if you look at

a pothole in the road, your car will hit it. Subconsciously, your vision tells you to aim at where your eyes are looking; your hands will actually move the steering wheel without your conscious knowledge.

The golf example is that if you look at the water hazard when teeing off, the ball will go in the water (no matter that your conscious mind is saying “don’t hit the water”). In slalom, if you look directly at the cone, you will hit it. You need to focus your vision on the path through the cones (look ahead), and the line of travel that permits the fastest completion of the course. Your peripheral vision can tell you to adjust the placement of the car as it relates to the cones.

Ross Bentley (professional driver and coach to up and coming new drivers) in the June, 2003, *SportsCar* magazine, carries

the concept of visualization further. He talks of MI or mental imagery, which uses more of your senses – visual, kinesthetic (feel, balance and motion) and auditory (hearing), and he believes it is more effective because of this. He further adds the important term of AWARENESS, in order to focus you on how close your actual performance is to the Mental Image.

“This technique especially applies to Solo,” says Bentley. “Say you’ve completed your first run of a Solo event. You know you are giving up time in the far hairpin. If you could carry a bit more speed into the corner, get the car to rotate using heavy trail braking, and then stand on the throttle once the car is pointed out of the turn, you know you would find at least another three-tenths of a second.

“Start again with getting a clear mental image of the

procedure – brake late, trail off the brakes as you turn crisply into the corner, pause for a fraction of a second while the car rotates around its nose, and then control the car’s rotation by squeezing hard on the throttle. Then, as you line up to begin your next runs, focus entirely on simply being aware of how close to this mental image you perform this turn.

“My bet is with this approach you will find your three-tenths, and maybe more.”

Now remember that Rome was not built in a day. Slalom drivers, like race-car drivers, get better with more seat time. Just try to work on the theory a little during each event and your improvements will increase your smiles.■

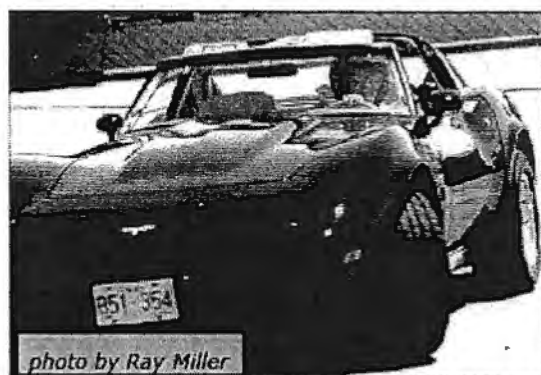
Watch for Part V: *Cornering theory for Auto-X.*



Joan maneuvers through the sea of cones spread over a large Course

Making the most of Auto-X

by Vic Nightscales



Karen Knibb takes a corner

This is the final installment in our five-part guide to Auto-X.

Part V: Cornering Theory for Auto-X.

There are many excellent books on cornering and tire-traction theory, one of the best being the late Carroll Smith's "Drive to Win", published in 1996.

In the foreword, Danny Ongais says it all, "I knew how to race. Carroll Smith taught me how to drive race cars."

It's going to be a chal-

lenge without a drawing board, but I will try to summarize what I believe are the basics for auto-x. Use all the pavement allowed by the cones. Don't take the exact line of the cones, but

try to smooth out the path if it provides a shorter line through the course. Your car's track is less than 6 feet wide and a typical lane might be 10 feet wide, so use the extra room to improve your car's path through the course.

Where a gate allows you to accelerate, focus on trying to accelerate at the earliest possible point. Don't jump on the gas, but press the gas pedal progressively as you unwind the steering wheel. Jumping hard on the gas while the wheel is turned can cause your car to spin, so smoothness is worthwhile

— even though spins really impress the spectators.

Where you need to brake into a gate, get the bulk of the braking done while traveling in a straight line before gradually releasing the brake pedal while winding the steering wheel into the gate. By maintaining some braking pressure, you maintain more load on the front wheels, and this helps the car turn. If you release the brakes suddenly, the front end of the car bounces up, unloads the front wheels, and you lose grip into the turn. Thus smoothness in releasing the braking pressure helps your car go faster into the turn.

Driving at the limit requires you to smooth out the transitions from braking to cornering to acceleration. Think of the brake pedal and gas pedal as being tied to the steering wheel. Maximum braking and acceleration can be done when the wheels are

in a straight line. As braking pressure is gradually released the steering wheel can be gradually turned. As the steering wheel is gradually unwound, the gas pedal can be gradually pressed, until you have full acceleration with the steering wheel completely unwound.

Whenever you are not on the track, observe your fellow competitors' lines and techniques and compare them with your own. Where are they gaining time on you? What changes in your line or technique can you try?

If you understand the basic dynamics of the car, you will be able to analyze these factors better.

Practice makes perfect. Seat time at auto-x will allow you to improve your technique at the wheel. Have fun with a personal contest to improve your times at auto-x. ■



We posed for a group picture with our new friends

Meet David and Diana Brown

David and Diana met when both were working for the Michigan Department of Treasury. Diana invited David to a Christmas party, and he accepted. No one thought he would accept because he was such a loner. The rest is history. They have been married a "very longgggggggg time !!"

They have three kids: Nicole (Chris), Jason (Jenni), and Adam Paul; and they have three precious grandchildren: Megan, Joshua, and Connor. They also have a cat named Maryann.

Diana still works for the Michigan Department of Treasury as a bookkeeper (with 28 years of service). David retired from the State of Michigan as a Senior Computer Programming Software Developer in 2002. David just completed his Master of Arts degree at Western Michigan University and is currently teaching (second career) kindergarten/first grade at Wexford Elementary School in Lansing.

Diana enjoys traveling, and David is a paper money collector and enjoys traveling, videos, and tutoring students.

In addition to CCCC, they belong to MSU Alumni and WMU Alumni Associations, Downtown Coaches Club, YMCA, BASE, and various computer programming clubs.

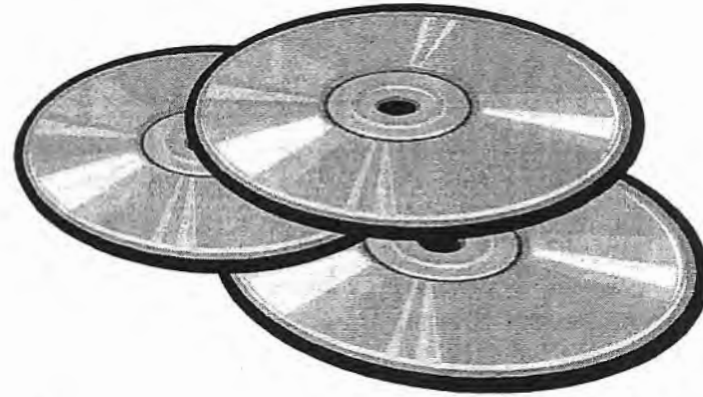
They bought their 1992 white Corvette convertible from a couple who were the sole owners of the Corvette. The previous owners hated to part with the car, but David promised he would take good care of it. David and Diana also have a 1986 red Camaro in which Diana takes great pleasure in driving around town!

They heard about CCCC through a Corvette Magazine, and they have been members for two years.

David and Diana love the atmosphere and the genuine friendliness that all the members display to them.

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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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Contact Gloria Reiffer to order your CD.

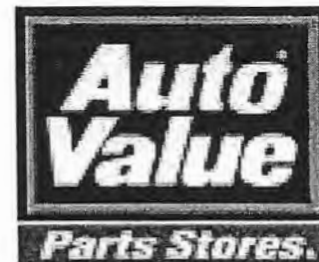


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