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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 7th - 7:00 pm

Delhi Café

4625 Willoughby Rd.

Holt

Board Meeting

December 21st - 7:00 pm

Delhi Café

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From the President . . .

Greetings everyone! Here we are December already, the last month of 2005. My, the year went by fast, but we did have good time. We had a lot of activities for everyone to participate in. I hope everyone enjoyed the past year. As I look back on the year, a few things stand out. We enjoyed the spring get-a-way to Frankfort, Bloomington Gold (except the motel), the NCCC Convention, and Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City. Our low speed events were very successful this year and we had a great time watching the racers. Oh yeah, don't forget all the great drive & dines and the fall color tour. Well, you get the drift. There were so many fun events this year. I just want to thank everyone who organized these events. You all make our club fun and successful.

I want to remind everyone our general membership meeting on December 7 is going to be at the English Inn on M-99 towards Eaton Rapids. This takes the place of our regular meeting and will be our annual Christmas party. There's going to be a Dirty Santa gift exchange so bring a small gift if you want to participate in this. It is a lot of fun and the rules will be explained at the party. If you haven't signed up yet contact Janet Johnston for more info. I hope to see all of you there.

Everyone has an opportunity to give a little extra back to the community at our Christmas party. CCCC adopted two families for Christmas. A list of their wants and needs are posted on the Web site. If you purchase something, please let the shoppers listed know what you got, and bring all gifts to the party. We will also collect toys for the annual Toys for Tots campaign. A group will take them over to WITL Sunday afternoon. If you would like to participate, just bring an unwrapped toy to the party. Bob Maynard is also taking up a collection for the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Remember GLFB donations are deductible on your state and federal taxes.

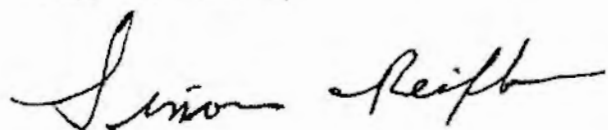
Let's see, not much else going on this month. Well, at least not within our club. I know all of us will be busy with all the other stuff this season has to offer and will enjoy time spent with family and friends. I hope you don't get yourselves too stressed out this time of year. Just try to remember the real reason for the season.

As most of you know, this is my last year as President of CCCC. I thought it was time to step down for a while and let someone else bring some new ideas to the club. I would like to thank everyone for all the hard work you did to make this such an enjoyable club. There are so many people I'd like to thank. All of the board members of course. Without all of your help things just wouldn't happen. So thanks to Kurt, Janet, Don, Bob, Dave, Diana, Gary, Evelyn, and Margaret. And a special thanks to Gloria for all the help she gave me for the past two years. I couldn't have done all the computer work without her help. There are so many others to thank that there's just not room here, so thank you all.

Let's give the new President and board all our support next year. That way we can continue to have a fun and successful club in the future.

With that I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year; and remember to make the most of the days given to you.

Save the wave,



CCCC General Membership Meeting November 2, 2005

Meeting called to order at 6:53 p.m.

SECRETARY: No additions or corrections. Don Johnston made a motion to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

PRESIDENT: Diane McNeal from Potter Park Zoo was present to accept our donation from the Horse Power at the Zoo show. Our donation will go to the Educational Dept. Gary Wyma made a motion to accept the absentee ballots. Motion seconded and passed. Committee left room to count ballots. Discussion on Christmas donations. Dave Kuempel has a family listed on the website. Dawn Mitzel will have another family in 3 or 4 days. Gloria Reiffer made a motion to spend \$400 on each family & \$200 to the Lansing Food Bank. Discussion followed. Motion failed. Sharon Schwamberger made a motion to spend \$100 per person for the families and the remainder will go to the Food bank. Motion seconded & passed. Members buying for the families are : 1) Pam Platte & Dawn Mitzel. 2) Randy & Kady Geisse & Terry & Chris Burke. General membership is invited to donate to the families as well. We will be collecting toys (unwrapped) for the Toys for Tots program at our Christmas party.

MEMBERSHIP: 150 members & 55 F.C.O.A

COMPETITION: Report given. Two week-ends this month are scheduled for competition events. Rallyes are done.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Tour to Ganton Museum this Saturday (Nov.5). Letter will be sent to our advertisers.

SOCIAL: Report given.

POINTS: Points are current & up to date on the web site and in the newsletter.

TREASURER: Report given. Bob will take donations from members for the Lansing Food Bank at the Christmas Party.

EDITOR: Deadline for the December newsletter is November 28.

GOVENOR: Regional meeting next Tuesday (Nov.8) at La Señorita's.

NCM AMBASSADOR: Report given. Silver Bells Parade in Lansing. Pres Kool will donate a C6 Corvette, Jim Simmons has donated his trailer. Trailer will be stored & decorated at the Maynard's. Any decorating ideas are welcome. Mason has also asked if we would be interested in joining their parade on Nov. 24.

50-50 raffle won by Janet Johnston.

2006 Board Members: **Competition** - Mark Hansen, **Governor** - Don Johnston, **Membership Director** - Evelyn Aronson, **Editor** - Margaret Terwilliger, **Points Director** - Jeff McQuade, **Public Relations Director** - Gary Wyma, **Secretary** - Diana Kuempel, **Social Director** - Janet Johnston, **Treasurer** - Bob Maynard, **President** - Dave Kuempel

Gary Wyma made a motion to adjourn. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting November 16, 2005

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m. Some members were late due to weather. Bob Maynard absent.

SECRETARY: No additions or corrections.

MEMBERSHIP: 129 members renewed, gained 2 members & lost 21 members. 121 are registered with us thru NCCC, 8 members have their NCCC with other clubs.

TREASURER: Report given by Simon due to Bob's absence. We will receive a sponsorship from Pres Kool and our club will do 2 car shows for them. One will be an all Corvette show and the other will be an all Chevy show.

SOCIAL: We have 72 people signed up for the Holiday Banquet. Award Banquet will be \$20 per person.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Most of the notices to advertisers are addressed. The rest will be ready tomorrow.

EDITOR: Deadline for the December newsletter is November 28.

GOVERNOR: Attended Regional meeting. We now have our sanctioned dates: May 20 (Blessing of the Vettes), June 17 (Vette show at Pres Kool) and July 15 (low speed events. Location TBD). Regional Banquet will be March 25 at Chesaning hosted by the Shiawassee Club

POINTS: Points are up to date. 72 members were present at the last meeting.

COMPETITION: Racing changes: there will be changes in classes due to the C6 Z06. Overall critique of events last year. We had a slow start at the low-speed event. Will do better next year. Blessing: next year maybe just do 1st place trophies (1 for visitors & 1 for host) possibly we could get some sponsors for our show. Flyers will go out at the next Regional meeting. Dave Kuempel asked Gary Wyma if he would do the blessings again. Gary accepted. Kurt expressed his disappointment in participation and said some changes might want to be made in the competition points structure. 10 trophies will be given for competition at the Awards Banquet.

HISTORIAN: Angie showed us the jacket her father had for his Top Ten (1969)

PRESIDENT: We have a second family from the Salvation Army. Discussion of up-grade on Website. The cost is \$19.95. Each board member would have an e-mail address. Dave K. made a motion to do the up-grade. Motion seconded & passed. After discussion it was decided to add membership list with By-Laws to be given to new members. Gary Wyma, as a spokesman for the club, expressed to Simon our appreciation of his leadership this year. Dave Kuempel also expressed his appreciation to Gloria for her excellent job as Webmaster.

OLD BUSINESS: Board decided not to be associated with any future Team One car shows.

NEW BUSINESS: Angie reminds everyone of the parade on Friday

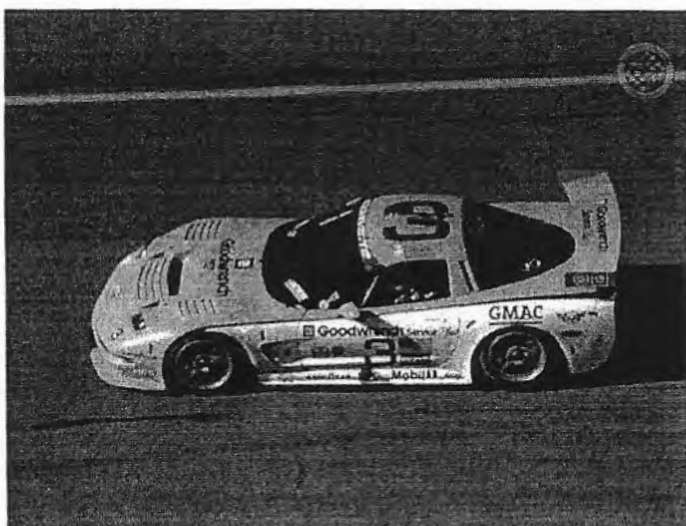
Kurt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

November 2005 CCCC Participation Points Summary

Carol Armstrong	31	Mark Hansen	43	Diana Parks	4
Don Armstrong	29	Nancy Hansen	32	Howard Parks	4
Ed Armstrong	2	Cindy Hanses	3	Steve Pavlik	1
Evelyn Aronson	56	Phil Hanses	20	Joe Platte	32
Pat Bailey	13	Janet Hardin	5	Pam Platte	37
Roy Bailey	13	Joy Hardman	16	Laurie Pulido	19
Adele Bancroft	6	Danielle Hessell	0	Raymond Pulido	18
Kurt Bancroft	4	Dennis Hessell	0	David Pursel	0
Don Baron	0	Brad Hutton	11	Kathryn Pursel	0
Marie Barrett	20	Carrie Hutton	32	Carol Putmon	48
John Bechtel	48	Craig Iansiti	7	Randy Putmon	37
Sandy Bechtel	46	Jackie Jackson	0	Gloria Reiffer	69
Pam Bohnett	11	Wayne Jackson	0	Simon Reiffer	63
Colleen Bratschi	38	Greg Jenca	0	Robert Ribar	11
Rich Bratschi	34	Theresa Jenca	0	Tom Rogers	2
Connie Britz	6	Don Johnston	70	Norman Saari	8
Mike Britz	7	Janet Johnston	62	Brenda Sage	4
David Brown	7	Tom Kania	0	Steve Sage	4
Diana Brown	24	Jeremy Kapalla	1	Kurt Schwamberger	71
Chris Burke	20	Greg Kapp	65	Sharon Schwamberger	62
Terry Burke	19	Linda Kinney	0	Brenda Shatkosky	15
Mike Busch	4	Angela Kranz	38	Richard Shatkosky	16
Pam Candy	19	Jerry Kranz	29	Janyce Shepler	17
Pat Carmickle	14	David Kuempel	85	John Shepler	15
Sheri Carmickle	14	Diana Kuempel	85	Lyn Shoal	2
Kathy Cooper	21	Margaret Lewis	7	James Simmons	19
Ron Cooper	21	Mark Lewis	7	Vicki Simmons	2
Dave Cripe	32	Ellie Lickfeldt	6	Bill Smejkal	0
Pat Cripe	17	Patrick Lickfeldt	12	Linda Smith	1
Ken David	1	Bob Loucks	20	Rick Smith	1
Kim David	1	Debi Loucks	25	Loretta Spinrad	0
Darwin Day	37	Bob Maynard	54	Steve Spinrad	0
Sheila Day	29	Shalimar Maynard	52	Dan Stremler	14
Kellie Dean	2	Lisa McDonald	6	Nancy Stremler	14
Marliyn Dean	0	Steve McDonald	11	Kathy Stump	20
Charlie DeYoung	0	Jeff McQuade	60	Thomas Stump	22
Patti DeYoung	0	Kenneth Melaragni	6	Gordon Terwilliger	51
Trini Dixon	1	Ron Melaragni	4	Margaret Terwilliger	54
Art Doty	21	Dawn Mitzel	35	Joseph Thomas	11
Nancy Doty	21	Jeffrey Mitzel	41	Gayle Thompson	2
John Doyle	0	Barb Musselman	13	Pam Thompson	17
Alex Earnshaw	5	Stephen Musselman	13	Jan Wasco	0
Mindi Earnshaw	0	George Nelson	15	Ken Wasco	5
Jennifer Everhart	0	Bill Nezamis	18	Lee Webster	3
Terry Feichtenbiner	9	Florence Nezamis	9	Cyndy Wetzel	0
Kady Gisse	7	Bob Nowlin	8	Tammy White	7
Randy Gisse	17	Gail O'Dell	1	Larry Wight	12
Bill Griffith	0	Terry O'Dell	1	Gary Wyma	68
Mel Hahn	3	Bill O'Neill	0	Kathy Wyma	62
Barb Hall	0				

2005 Top Ten Participation Points Leaders

David Kuempel	85	Gloria Reiffer	69	Janet Johnston	62
Diana Kuempel	85	Gary Wyma	68	Sharon Schwamberger	62
Kurt Schwamberger	71	Greg Kapp	65	Kathy Wyma	62
Don Johnston	70	Simon Reiffer	63		



Competition Report December 2005

Well the 2005 Michigan Region Competition season is now officially over. We completed the Snow and Shine Autocross this weekend with **SNOW** on Saturday and **Rain on Sunday** but no Shine to be found anywhere this weekend. The race to overall came down to the weekend and Barry Leone from Shiawassee took the Men's overall and Janet Matsura from CCM to the ladies overall. Congratulations to both. Sharon Schwamberger took 1st place in the Low Speed and 1st place in the Rallyes and Shalimar Maynard was 8th overall. Great going Ladies.

Last weekend at the Turkey Autocross both Mark Hansen and Alex Earnshaw came down and represented our club with distinction with Mark just barely taking the Fast Time of the Day in the Novice Class over Alex. After watching both guys compete I definitely need to practice if they both run this good as novices. Congratulations guys, job well done.

Next spring in April we will be hosting with Kalamazoo CC and the Battle Creek CC a driver's school for novices that would like to learn to autocross. This will not be a sanctioned event where your times mean anything but something to see how much you have improved. Each driver will be given an instructor who will work with you for the day. Mark will be working on this so there will be more to come. It will be in a parking lot and should be a great leaning event.

Competition Points Final Results

Congratulations to all the winners and there were a lot of people who came close and provided us with numerous great and not so great visions of how to autocross, rallye and show your car. Once again it was a great year and thanks to everyone who participated in one or more of the Regional Events.

Men's Overall	Bob Maynard	Ladies Overall	Shalimar Maynard
Rookie of the Year	Mark Hansen	Rookie of the Year	Dawn Mitzel
1 st Place Speed	Terry Feichtenbiner	1 st Place Concourse	Simon/ Gloria Reiffer
1 st Place Concourse	Don Johnston	1 st Place Concourse	Greg Kapp
1 st Place Rallye	Alex Earnshaw	2 nd Place Rallye	Pam Thompson

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the functional leaders and volunteers who worked any or all of the events this year because without you they would never have been as successful as they were. *Thank You* very much.

I enjoyed my tenure as Competition Director and know that Mark will do a great job for the club next year so please give him your full support.

It is now time to put the cars to bed from a competition point of view and to start to get them ready for the next season which is just around the (snowy) corner. Sharon and I would like to wish everyone a great Holiday Season and a very Happy New Year.

Kurt Schwamberger

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Capital City Corvette Club
"Tentative "2005-06 Calendar

December '05

- 7 CCCC Holiday Dinner-The English Inn
in Eaton Rapids
- 21 CCCC Board Meeting

January 2006

- 4 General Membership Meeting
- 18 CCCC Board Meeting
- 21 CCCC Awards Banquet-Portland

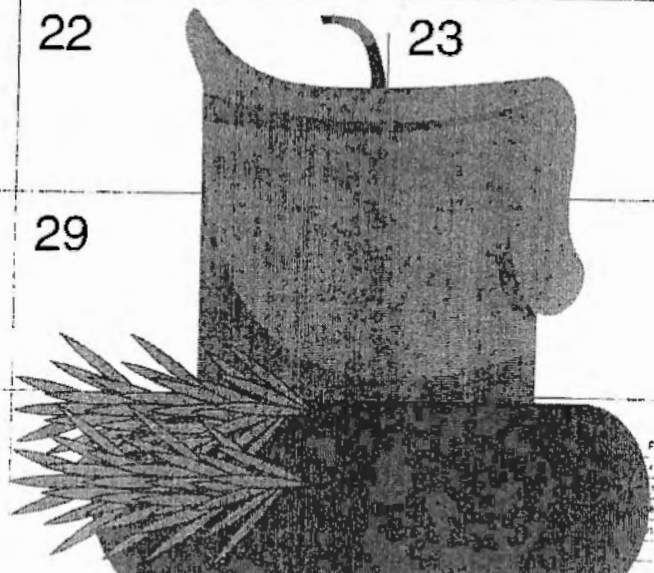
May

11-14 Tentative Get-a-way
Bowling Green, Ky

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As stated in our club Bi-laws, we publish our membership list twice a year. This list is sent ONLY to our registered membership. The membership list followsin this newsletter.

DECEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Happy Birthday Gordon Terwilliger	3
4	5	6	7 The English Inn Club Christmas Party	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 Happy Birthday Lee Webster	15	16	17
18	19 Happy Birthday Greg Kapp	20	21 BOARD MEETING 7:00	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Steve Musselman
25 Merry Christmas	26 Happy Birthday Margaret Lewis	27	28	29		31
to All and to All Goodnight!						



Social Events

It has been a busy but fun year. Everyone has been great working together and doing new things. I want to thank all of the chairpersons that hosted events this year. You did fabulous jobs and made my job easier. You're all wonderful! I'm planning to add some new events to the schedule next year, if dates allow.

We had our Bingo at the Tamarack Apartments. There were over 41 residents playing Bingo and enjoying the afternoon. Kurt Schwamberger had a hand at calling numbers to relieve Don Johnston and I'm sure Kurt is ready to sign-up for that job again. Thank you to all who donated prizes and made treats to make it happen. Nice Afternoon!

December 7th is our Christmas Party, which will be at the lovely English Inn in Eaton Rapids located on M-99. Make sure to bring your Dirty Santa Exchange Gift. This is a silly time when you see what folks bring and someone wants to steal it.

January 21st is our Annual Awards Banquet at the Wagonwheel Oak Room in Portland. This is an evening of reflecting all the past year's activities, bringing in the new board and just relaxing and enjoying the evening. Details are in this newsletter. Plan on attending and get your RSVP to me by January 15th.

Enjoy the Christmas Season with your family and God Bless You All!

Janet Johnston

Capital City Corvette Club Christmas Dinner

*December 7th - 6:00 P.M.
English Inn - Eaton Rapids*

\$25.00 Per Person

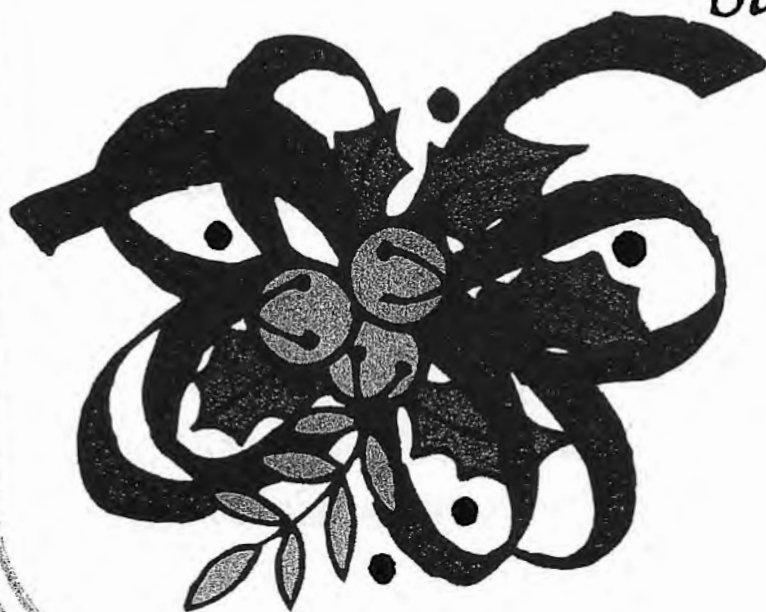
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Princess Chicken
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Chef's Selection of Starch, Homemade Rolls, Homemade
Mousse
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Cash Bar

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Santa Exchange*



*R.S.V.P To Janet Johnston
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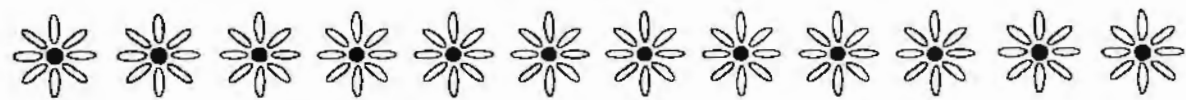
Capital City Corvette Club Awards Banquet

January 21, 2006

Cocktails 6:00pm ~ Dinner 6:30 pm

WagonWheel Oak Room

7888 E. Grand River, Portland, MI



Price is \$20.00 Per Person

Dinner Includes:

Prime Rib

Baked Chicken

AuGratin Potatoes

Vegetable Medley

Roll & Butter

Cake

Coffee

Cash Bar



This will be a buffet style dinner. Please have your RSVP & money to Janet Johnston no later than January 15th. Make checks payable: Capital City Corvette Club.

This year will be different than years past. Awards are going to the TOP TEN but with the Competiton Program also. There will be door prizes and the new Board will be sworn in that night. Mark your calendars and plan on a great evening.

The city estimates that between eighty and one hundred thousand people came to the Silver Bells in the City/Electric Light Parade on Friday the 18th to see the Capital City Corvette Club "Corvette- The Perfect Gift" float. OK, so some of them may have come to see some of the other sixty plus floats and marching bands in the parade but based on the enthusiasm we saw I have to believe most of them were there to see us.

My involvement notwithstanding, I think this was a great success and I hope the club will consider making it a regular event on our calendar. People really responded to the car well (even one as marginal as mine) and it is good PR for the club. It's very rewarding to see a kid standing in the cold at a hokey Santa parade suddenly look up and mouth the words OOOOH CORVETTE, COOL.

Sandy and I want to thank Kurt and Sharon Schwamberger, Don and Carol Armstrong and Gordy and Margaret Terwilliger for their offers of equipment and Jim Simmons, Bob and Shalimar Maynard, Angie Kranz, Greg Kapp and Craig Iansiti for their help and support in assembling and displaying the float. Thanks also to Putmans, Reiffers, Terwilligers and anyone else who braved the cold to come down and watch the parade. A special thanks to Carrie Hutton's kids for riding in the open car and waving at everyone (man that looked cold!)

Thanks again to everyone and Merry Christmas.

(Submitted by) John and Sandy Bechtel

Meet Ron Melaragni

Ron and his wife, Lorraine, met each other on the first day of freshman initiation camp at Wayne State University in Detroit. They have been married 40 years and have three grown children, Christina, Michael, and Timothy; one a pharmacist, one an electrical engineer at GM, and one a teacher in Flint.

Ron is a pharmacist and Administrative Director of Sparrow Pharmacy Plus Pharmacies for the Sparrow Health System, and Lorraine is an associate at the Mervyn's in Okemos.

Ron is an Executive Board Member of the Michigan Pharmacists Association and a member of NCCC.

His hobbies are hunting, fishing, golf, and, of course, restoring his 1961 Corvette back to its original condition. Lorraine's hobbies are knitting and helping her children with their children.

Lorraine and Ron have owned their '61 Corvette for 25 years. Ron found it in an ad in the Detroit Free Press (he still has the ad). The owner had the car dressed as a 62, with most of the 61 parts in boxes and bags. Ron, over a number of years, has restored the car to "almost" an original configuration. It has a non-original 283 block and is set up with a base 230 HP engine configuration. The car is Ermine White with Sateen Silver coves with a black interior. It has both a convertible top and a hardtop. Ron was able to find an original intake with correct part numbers and date of manufacturer which he intends to put on the car this winter. He also has found an original, correctly numbered WCFB card with a correct triangular date tag. The interior door panel metal has been upgraded. Ron's only "often repeated" statement is: "It's my money pit." Fortunately, Lorraine has been supportive and patient with his restoration efforts.

Ron has been a past member of the CCCC and recently rejoined this year. He was also a member of the Flint Corvette Club when he lived in that area.

The club members have welcomed Ron and Lorraine with open arms, "even though many of the members have cars of the newer vintages and are more interested in speed events than restoration efforts," added Ron.

In Remembrance

This page is dedicated to all of our club members who have lost loved ones
in the past year.

We would like to express our deepest sympathy and condolences.

Mr. Albert C. Cripe

Father of Dave Cripe, passed away July 28, 2005

Mr. Francisco Vera

Father of Ellie Lickfeldt, passed away November 19, 2005



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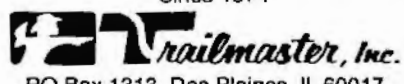


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