

THE CONNECTION



The Newsletter of the
Capital City Corvette Club

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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 4th - 7:00

Delhi Café

4625 Willoughby Rd.

Holt

Board Meeting

October 18th - 7:00 pm

Delhi Café

4625 Willoughby Rd.

Holt

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From the President . . .

Greetings!

Autumn has officially arrived and that signals the end of car show season and the beginning of Rallyes. If you have never been on a Rallye then let me recommend it to you. It takes a lot of patience and a careful eye to look for all of the clues. It's also an opportunity to get out in your Corvette a few more times before the snow flies.

I would like to take some time to acknowledge all of the hard work that went into the Horsepower at the Zoo show. This event was made possible by a number of people who worked diligently to make sure we had sponsors, flyers, awards, workers, and of course lots of cars.

Our Zoo show was a success because of the following people: Craig Iansiti, Mark Hansen, Janet Hardin, Gordon & Margaret Terwilliger, Tami Richison, and Bob & Shalimar Maynard and many others who worked at or attended the show. Our hats are off to these people who helped raise close to \$4000 for the Potter Park Zoo animal hospital.

We held last months meeting at 2 Feathers Road House and we will be taking comments at this months meeting. After we have heard all of the comments both pro and con then the Board will decide whether or not to recommend a change. We haven't yet outgrown Delhi but we are getting close. Our membership stands at 163 members and that in its self says a lot of this club.

Our newest members include Raoul & Catherine Eiseman and Al Peterson. I

would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to all of the fun activities of CCCC.

This month we will continue to take nominations from the floor for 2007 Board members. As of right now we have at least one individual running for each position and I would like to thank each of you for volunteering. If you would like to help shape this club for the future why not give it a try. You just never know how important your ideas and input can be.

Janet Johnston our social director has been busy making plans to keep us out and about. Diana and I will be your hosts for a Drive'n Dine on October 7 and Don & Carol Armstrong will lead us on another one of their famous color tours October 21. We will be helping the seniors play Bingo at Tamarack Apts. In November and if you have never been to Bingo then you are in for a treat. The seniors look forward to playing Bingo and really enjoy all of the neat prizes they receive.

December will be the start of the Holidays and our club has been very generous over the last few years adopting needy families for Christmas. Again we will be looking for volunteers to do the shopping for these families and if you can spare the time it would be greatly appreciated.

Save the wave,

Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting September 6, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

PRESIDENT: Last call for 50-50 raffle. Visitors tonight are Brian Hatfield and his parents Ken & Karen Hatfield. We are meeting at 2 Feathers tonight as a possible new venue.

SECRETARY: No additions or corrections. Kurt Schwamberger made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

COMPETITION: Horsepower at the Zoo coming up. Low-speed is coming to Flint. There is a Rallye on October 21.

GOVERNOR: Regional meeting was last night. Nominations were taken for new officers. There was a discussion on the 2009 Convention. Everything is tentative. Regional Banquet will be in March with a possible location in Frankenmuth.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Gary talked of our good showing at Mackinaw City.

TREASURER: Report given. Diana Kuempel made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed. Bob Maynard made a proposal for the club to donate \$200 as a "hole" sponsor for the Capital City Cadillac Kidney Foundation. Craig Iansiti made the motion to accept the proposal. Motion seconded and passed.

SOCIAL: Sept 30 Bar-B-Q at Putmon's, Oct. 7 Drive'n Dine, Oct. 21 Color Tour, Nov. 11 Bingo, & Christmas party in Eaton rapids.

MEMBERSHIP: New members are Raoul & Catherine Eiseman. 161 members 63 FCOA

POINTS: Points are up to date on the website.

EDITOR: Deadline for Newsletter is September 25.

AMBASSADOR: Told of Labor Day festivities. Joe Thomas took 2nd place at speed event at the Museum & his wife Jennifer Everhart finished 1st place in the woman's division. John also told of plans for the expansion of the Museum & the different raffles available at the Museum. Convention will be in Nashville, TN next year.

OLD BUSINESS: Craig Iansiti talks about Horsepower at the zoo. He needs some more people to help.

NEW BUSINESS: Capital city Corvette Club was awarded 2nd Place in the NCCC National Website contest. Congratulations to Gloria for all of her time and effort in making our website one of the best.

NOMINATIONS of 2007 OFFICERS: PRES. – Dave Kuempel & Gary Wyma, PUB. REL. – Bob Maynard, GOV. – Jeff Mitzel & Rich Shatkosky. SOC. – Dawn Mitzel & Kathy Wyma. COMP. – TREAS. – Brenda Shatkosky. MEMB. – Colleen Bratschi. POINTS – Carrie Hutton. EDITOR – Chris Burke. SEC. – Diana Kuempel. Greg Kapp made a motion to close the nominations. Motion seconded and passed.

50-50 RAFFLE: Won by Sandy Bechtel.

MEMBER INPUT: Everyone should try to support the advertisers in the back of the newsletter and the ones for the Horsepower at the Zoo. End of Oct. Dave Kuempel is going to the Tail of the Dragon. If anyone is interested in going let him know. If anyone has ordered a t-shirt be sure to pick it up. Cruise-in at Portland tomorrow night. They will cruise to Charlotte. Saturday is Team One Show, Sun. is Gilmore show. Frankenmuth is this weekend. Last weekend of the month is the last Lansing Cruise the Gut.

Kurt Schwamberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting September 20, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Absent: Trini Dixon, Gary Wyma, Gloria Reiffer, Margaret Terwilliger & Angela Kranz

PRESIDENT: Welcome.

SECRETARY: No additions or corrections. Don Johnston made a motion to accept minutes as is. Motion seconded & passed.

COMPETITION: Craig Iansiti gave a summary on the HAZ show. He suggested giving the sponsors a left over dash plaque and a thank you letter. The left over shirts will be donated to the zoo. Discussion on possibly moving the HAZ show up to Aug. for 2007. Discussion on possibly doing away with the present competition program. Jeff McQuade made a motion to eliminate the competition points program and revert back to our former points program to cover both social and competition points. Motion seconded and passed. We will still encourage members to participate in the competition events. Kurt Schwamberger made a suggestion to Mark of the possibility of doing a joint low-speed of 14 events with Muskegon. Mark will get more information.

GOVERNOR: Regional By-Laws are being worked on. Wording will be more specific. K&K Insurance will be increased. \$80,000 was donated to the National Foundation. Convention for 2007 will be held in Nashville, TN. 2008 Convention will be held in Tulsa, OK.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Absent. No Report

TREASURER: Report given. Mark Hansen made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed.

SOCIAL: Sept. 30 is Bar-B-Q, Oct. 7 is a Drive'n Dine, Oct. 21 is color tour and Nov. 11 is Bingo.

MEMBERSHIP: 163 members 63 FCOA

POINTS: Up to date on website

EDITOR: Absent. No report **AMBASSADOR:** No report **HISTORIAN:** Absent. No report.

WEBMASTER: Absent. No report **HEARTS & FLOWERS:** Absent. No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion on changing the name of the Awards banquet. It was decided the January banquet will be called "Winter Celebration".

NEW BUSINESS: Reminder of Christmas party in Dec. Bob Maynard will be having a budget meeting.

MEMBER INPUT: Mich. Historical Museum has asked John Bechtel to volunteer his Corvette to display on a float for the Silver Bells Parade. He wanted to know if we wanted the club banner displayed with the car. Craig Iansiti told about the ad in the paper about the HAZ show. Show was also on T.V. channels 10 & 47.

Jeff McQuade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:23p.m.

2006 Michigan Region Competition Schedule

(as of 10/06)

Date	Time	Event	Location/Club
October 1		Rallye Event (MI-TBD)	Kalamazoo, MI Kalamazoo CC
October 7		Rallyes (MI-032, MI-033 MI-034, MI-035, MI-036)	Milford, MI CC Michigan
October 14		Rallye Event (MI-022)	Flint, MI Flint CC
October 14		High Speed Test & Tune (NS-21)	Grattan Raceway MAG
October 14		High Speed Events (4) (MI-061, MI-062, MI-063)	Grattan Raceway Grand Valley CC
October 14		High Speed Event (1) (MI-064)	Grattan Raceway MAG
October 15		High Speed Test & Tune (NS-22)	Grattan Raceway MAG
October 15		High Speed Events (3) (MI-065, MI-066, MI-067)	Grattan Raceway Grand Valley CC
October 15		High Speed Events (1) (MI-068)	Grattan Raceway MAG
October 21		Rallye Events (4) (MI-TBD)	Lansing, MI Great Lakes CC
October 22		Rallye Events (3) (MI-006, MI-007, MI-008)	Muskegon, MI Royal CSW Mich
October 22		Low Speed Event (1) (NS-11)	Hamtramck, MI CC Michigan
October 28		Low Speed Event (1) (NS-12)	Hamtramck, MI CC Michigan

November 5		Rallye (NS-13)	Northville, MI CC Michigan
November 7	7pm	Regional Meeting	LaSeniorita, Restaurant Lansing
November 11-12		Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
November 25		Thanksgiving Day	

A Nomination Committee is being formed for the upcoming 2007 Elections for Club Board Members. If you are interested in either being on the committee or interested in running for a Board Position, a form is being handed out with the agenda at this September Membership Meeting. Please pick up both agenda and election forms at the entrance to the meeting.

**Club dues for upcoming 2007 year are due by the November General Membership Meeting. To be eligible to run for office or vote in this Election, members must have their 2007 dues paid before voting. Make checks payable to: CCCC - send to:
Colleen Bratschi**

4379 Zimmer Rd. Williamston, MI 48895

Please note the change at the beginning of the General Membership meetings. President Dave Kuempel will announce 50/50 raffle ticket sales will end at the start of the meeting. Please purchase your raffle tickets before the meeting begins.

OCTOBER

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm	5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Kurt Schwamberger	6	7 <i>Drive 'n Dine 3:30</i> <i>Happy Birthday</i> Adele Bancroft Ron Cooper
8 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Steve Spinrad	9	10 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Don Johnston Laurie Pulido	11 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Carrie Hutton	12	13 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Greg Jenca	14 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Brenda Shatkosky
15 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Stephen Klein	16 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Jennifer Everhart	17	18 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	19	20 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Florence Nezamis Rich Shatkosky	21 9:30 AM DELHI CAFE COLOR TOUR
22	23 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Tom Stump	24 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Melissa Kellett	25	26	27 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Cindy Hanes	28
29	30 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Tammy Richison	31 HAPPY HALLOWEEN	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

CCCC 2006 Calendar As You Go

October 2006

4 CCCC General Membership Meeting
18 CCCC Board Meeting
21 Color Tour CCCC*
31 Halloween

November 2006

1 CCCC General Membership Meeting
(Tentative 2007 New Board Voting)
11 Tamarack Apt. Holt, BINGO
15 CCCC Board Meeting
23 Thanksgiving Day

December 2006

6 CCCC Club Christmas Party
English Inn, Eaton Rapids
20 Board Meeting/Workshop
25 Merry Christmas Day

January 2007

3 General Membership Meeting
13 Banquet in Portland
20 Board Meeting

DID YOU KNOW?

Effective October 1, 2005 Michigan law requires an owner of a vehicle (other than a licensed dealer) to do one of the following when selling or transferring it:

1. Accompany the purchaser to a Secretary of State office to assure the vehicle title is transferred; or
2. Maintain a record of the sale for at least 18 months. (A "record of sale" means either a photocopy of the reassigned title or a document that includes the name, address, driver's license number, purchase price, date of the sale or transfer, vehicle identification number and signature of the new owner or purchaser. Failure to maintain this record subjects you to a \$15.00 fine plus costs, state assessments, and other statutory penalties.)

Why this is important - the registered owner of a vehicle is the person eligible and responsible to insure it. If the vehicle you sell is not re-registered in the name of the purchaser, you remain the responsible party if it is involved in an accident. Because chances are pretty good you dropped the insurance when you sold it, you become personally responsible for all of the damages and/or injuries it caused.) Although Michigan has a no-fault automobile insurance law, it only protects a person if he/she had no-fault coverage on the vehicle at the time of the accident. Therefore, you become subject to tort liability.)

So, do yourself a favor the next time you sell a vehicle - make sure when you hand over the keys, you also hand over the responsibility.

Submitted by Sandy Bechtel

(Sandy-Specialist for the Office of Financial & Insurance Services, f/k/a the Michigan Insurance Bureau)

**Capital City Corvette Club
2007 Nomination Survey**

Would you like to serve as a Board Member next year? Please check the office you are interested in. If you have any questions about the office you are seeking, write those questions next to the position you are interested in. We will have someone call you.

If you're NOT interested in any office on the Board, please check that box also. This will save the Nomination Committee phone calls.

President ____

VP/Competition Director ____

Public Relations Director ____

Governor ____

Treasurer ____

Social Director ____

Membership Director ____

Point's Director ____

Newsletter Editor ____

Secretary ____

I'm Not interested in any Office on the Board for the Year 2007 ____

It's DUES Time Again !!! Don't Wait till it's too LATE ...

The deadline for Membership Renewal is November 1st

If you are interested in running for an elected office and/or voting in the November election, your dues must be paid.

Consider renewing at either the September 6th, October 4th , or November 1st General Membership Meetings.

You may also mail your form and check to:

**COLLEEN BRATSCHI
4379 ZIMMER RD.
WILLIAMSTON, MICH. 48895**

Make checks payable to : Capital City Corvette Club

Renewal Form

Name(Master Member)_____

Spouse_____

Address_____

City_____ State_____ Zip_____

Telephone _____

Email Address_____

Corvette Models) owned_____ Coupe_____ Convertible Year:_____

MASTER RENEWAL: \$55.00

SPOUSE MEMBER RENEWAL/NEW: \$20.00

\$10.00 LATE FEE TO NCCC FOR RENEWING AFTER NOVEMBER 1,
2006

Thanks for your Cooperation.

COLLEEN BRATSCHI
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Drive'n Dine
October 7, 2006

Join us for a Drive'n Dine
Saturday October 7

Meet at Quality Dairy on West
Saginaw at 3:30p.m. and leave
at 3:45p.m. sharp

Bring your walkie talkies

The Kuempel's

FALL COLOR TOUR



***This year's color tour will be on
October 21st***

It's an all day event so come prepared for lots of fun !!

We will be meeting at the Delhi Café' at 9:30 am.

They open at 7am if you want breakfast before.

The trip will be approx. 140 miles with a couple stops along the way for lunch, etc.

So, gas up and grab your camera!!

We need RSVP's by Wed. Oct. 4.

If you won't be at the General

Membership meeting to sign up-

Please call Don or Carol Armstrong at

517.393.6779





Tamarack Apts Bingo - Ice Cream Social

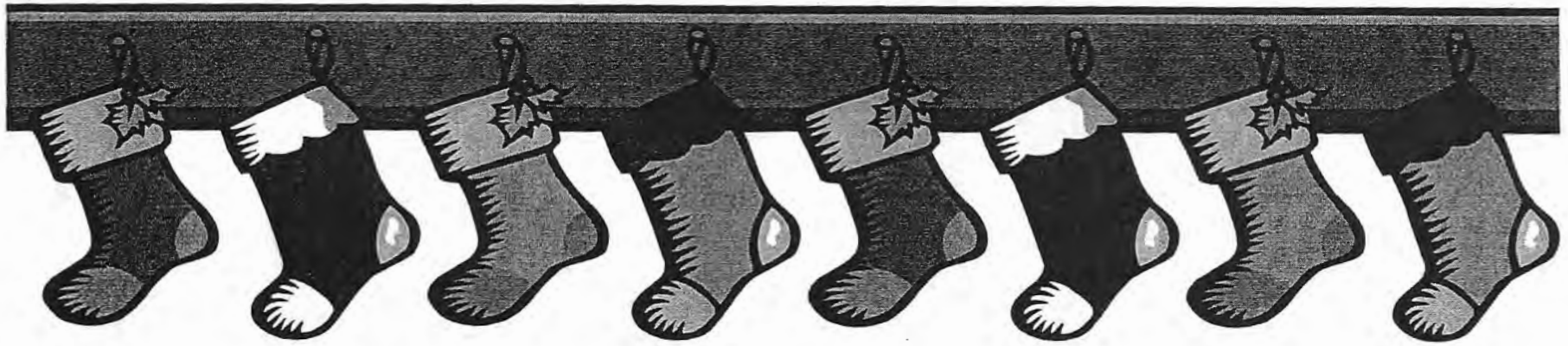
November 11th
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Bring a dessert to share - Also Bingo Prizes
Ice Cream - Coffee - Punch Provided

Workers be there by 1:45 at the latest.

Location is:
Tamarack Apts
4400 W Holt Rd

Contact Janet Johnston with any questions
djhomealone@cablespeed.com 517-647-2403



Capital City Corvette Club Christmas Dinner and Gift Exchange

WHERE : ENGLISH INN IN EATON RAPIDS

WHEN : DECEMBER 6TH @ 6:00PM

COST : \$25.00 PER PERSON (INCLUDES TIP)

*R.S.V.P.: CHECKS PAYABLE TO "CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB"
BY NOVEMBER 20th*

2 CHOICES ON THE MENU:

*BEEF TIPS
WHIPPED POTATOES
VEGETABLE
HOUSE SALAD & ROLLS
RASPBERRY MOUSSE
COFFEE OR TEA*

*CHICKEN MARSALLE
ON A BED OF RICE
VEGETABLE
HOUSE SALAD & ROLL
RASPBERRY MOUSSE
COFFEE OR TEA*

There will be gift exchange also. We do a "DIRTY SANTA" gift exchange where you may or may not end up with the gift you first opened. It's a fun time.

*JANET JOHNSTON - EVENT CHAIRPERSON djhomealone@cablespeed.com
517-647-2403*

The NCCC Competition Points Program

By Mark Hansen, VP/Competition Director

Introduction

For newer members in the club (and a few veterans that never understood this), I wanted to explain the NCCC Competition Points Program and how this differs from the general club points program. The general points program allows members to earn points for participating in the club's social activities and also working at competition events. These include the monthly meetings, Drive & Dines, the Fall Color Cruise, and other activities that are not considered "sanctioned" competition activities within the Michigan Region of NCCC.

The Competition Points Program

The Competition Points Program allows each member to earn competition points at the regional and national level. Both sanctioned and non-sanctioned competition events are held but only sanctioned events return points. Sanctioned events will appear on our CCCC website calendar with an "MI- number" while non-sanctioned events will have a "NS- number". When you see MI-016, MI-017, etc. in our calendar, that is a sanctioned event. Competition points you earn at sanctioned events are forwarded to both the regional points program and national points program.

The Michigan Region of NCCC has 15 official Corvette Clubs, of which CCCC is one. Each of these 15 clubs is allowed to offer 7 events during the year. Events can vary but there are four basic competition activities. These include 1) speed events - high speed and low speed, 2) drag races, 3) rallyes, and 4) concours (car shows). Competition activities also include icekhana, funkhana, and economy run, but since these do not occur that often I will not spend time on them here. There are also specific types of speed events such as autocross, matching times, time trials, etc, but again, I want to focus in this article on just the competition points system in general.

Speed Events & Rallye Scoring

Each speed event includes two timed laps with one car on the track at a time. When a person competes in a speed event, he/she earns 3 points as long as he/she finishes that event. A reason for not finishing might be that the driver missed a cone or turn and did not go back or else they just did not finish the timed lap for some reason. If the person has the fastest time for that event, they earn up to 9 points. Second place, third place, etc. may also win extra points depending on the number of cars in the class. If you participated, for example in our Spartan Speedway Low Speed event, you would earn at least 15 points for the day (3 pts per event x 5 events), and more if you placed.

Scoring for drags is based on eliminating opponents. Scoring for rallyes may vary but is based on fastest time to complete the course and collect the right clues. Awards go to both the driver and navigator. My analogy of a rallye is that it is similar to a scavenger hunt on wheels.

Concours Events & Scoring

A concours event, also referred to as a car show, varies with the type of concours in how points are scored. The more formal type of car show, referred to as Concours D'Elgance is a show where special judges are brought in and cars are checked to the finest detail including underneath the body, around the engine, basically anyplace the judge can see or check.

Most (or maybe all) of the sanctioned concours events in the Michigan Region of NCCC are referred to as "Peoples Choice Concours" or sometimes called a "Wash & Show" event. A People's Choice show allows the drivers or public to select the cars of their choice. The chair person/club develops the classes based on recommended classes by NCCC. Obviously, it is not as important for the owner to spend as much time preparing the car for a People's Choice event. This provides a more relaxed and fun activity. A Peoples Choice Concours is considered one single event in regard to scoring and everyone receives 3 points regardless of whether they win or not. Winners typically receive plaques or trophies for their effort. A Concours D'Elegance returns higher point earnings than a Peoples Choice.

Regional & National Competition Points Program

As the year progresses, the sanctioned event results are sent to the Regional Competition Director and he/she forwards them to NCCC as well. At the end of the year, those members with the highest total number of points in each type of event are recognized, plus an overall points leader is recognized. This occurs at both the Regional and National level.

CCCC :Competition Points Program

In 2005 and 2006, we offered a pilot competition points program within our club, in hopes of encouraging more members to participate in competition events. Points earned followed the same scoring as is used in national and regional competition but it has only been open to our CCCC members. Part of my job as Competition Director is to collect all of the members' points from event chairpersons so that we can recognize our members at the end of the year. Each month I place these scores in the "Competition Notebook" which I bring to the monthly membership meeting and pass from table to table.

While a number of members participated in sanctioned events, the number of members and frequency of participation has not been sufficient to sustain a healthy club competition program, and this will be eliminated in 2007. Members can still earn points and compete in the regional and national competition program. Points earned in sanctioned events will still be recognized in the CCCC general points program as well, but scored differently than in the sanctioned competition program.

Summary & Benefits from Competition

When the year is over, all of the Regions' 15 clubs are compared in regard to total combined competition points. The club with the most competition points gets 1st choice in selecting the dates on which they wish to hold their 7 events the following year. Last year, CCCC finished in 4th place, and surpassed our closest rival, Flint CCCC.

However, when all is said and done, it is not about individual points, club points, trophies or plaques. As Kurt Schwamberger (an avid racer in the club) told me, "It is about developing new friendships, satisfying that competitive edge that we all have, and just getting the most out of that beautiful, high-performance car that we drive."

Hopefully, this gives you a better understanding of how our competition system works. As the "Rookie of the Year" for our club in 2005, I can attest that I did have a lot of fun. I hope you will consider becoming more involved in the Michigan Region's sanctioned events program and take part in other clubs' sanctioned events when opportunities arise.

HIGH SPEED WEEKEND

at

GRATTAN RACEWAY

October 14-15, 2006

(5th of 6 in the Great Lakes High Speed Championship Series)

For Series rules go to www.michcorvette.org, Track Records and Rules

Test and Tune Open Practice Sessions presented by Michigan Autocross Group
8 NCCC Sanctioned events presented by Michigan Autocross Group and Grand Valley Corvette Club.

October 14, 2006

High Speed MI-061 GVCC

High Speed MI-062 GVCC

High Speed MI-063 GVCC

High Speed MI-064 MAG

Test and Tune NS-21 MAG

October 15, 2006

High Speed MI-065 GVCC

High Speed MI-066 GVCC

High Speed MI-067 GVCC

High Speed MI-068 MAG

Test and Tune NS-22 MAG

LIMITED TO 100 ENTRIES (Speed Events Only). High Speed participants must be High Speed Certified. Entrants may be asked to work corner stations. Speed event participants must wear a 1995 SNELL or newer approved helmet. NCCC Rules Apply.

PRE-REGISTRATION: BEFORE 10-07-2006 (See Registration Form)

REGISTRATION: Gates open at..... 7:00 AM Sat/Sun

Registration.....7:00 AM-9:00 AM Sat/Sun

TECH.....7:00 AM-9:00 AM Sat/Sun

Driver's Meeting...8:30 AM/Event Chairpersons TBD at Event

LOCATION: GRATTAN RACEWAY

7201 Lessiter Rd.

Belding, MI 48809 (See map)

OVERALL CHAIRPERSON

Michigan Regional Competition Director

Rene Cardenas

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Manchester, MI 48158

734-645-1763/734-428-7025

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248-634-5824

mrsracing@juno.com

"TOP MUTT" CHALLENGE AWARD AFTER EVENTS ARE COMPLETED ON SATURDAY, SMALL AUTOCROSS WITH MYSTERY VEHICLE.

HIGH SPEED WEEKEND

at

GRATTAN RACEWAY

October 14-15, 2006

(5th of 6 in the Great Lakes High Speed Championship Series)

	Pre-Registration (Before October 7, 2006)	Registration (After October 7, 2006)
4 HIGH SPEED EVENTS (Saturday).....	\$120.00.....	\$150.00.....
AM TEST + TUNE TRACK PRACTICE (Saturday).....	\$50.00.....	\$75.00.....
PM TEST + TUNE TRACK PRACTICE (Saturday).....	\$50.00.....	\$75.00.....
BOTH TEST + TUNE TRACK PRACTICES (Saturday).....	\$90.00.....	\$120.00.....
4 HIGH SPEEDS + 1 TEST + TUNE PRACTICE (Saturday).....	\$135.00.....	\$175.00.....
4 HIGH SPEEDS + 2 TEST + TUNE PRACTICES (Saturday).....	\$150.00.....	\$200.00.....
4 HIGH SPEED EVENTS (Sunday).....	\$120.00.....	\$150.00.....
AM TEST + TUNE TRACK PRACTICE (Sunday).....	\$50.00.....	\$75.00.....
PM TEST + TUNE TRACK PRACTICE (Sunday).....	\$50.00.....	\$75.00.....
BOTH TEST + TUNE TRACK PRACTICES (Sunday).....	\$90.00.....	\$120.00.....
4 HIGH SPEEDS + 1 TEST + TUNE PRACTICE (Sunday).....	\$135.00.....	\$175.00.....
4 HIGH SPEEDS + 2 TEST + TUNE PRACTICES (Sunday).....	\$150.00.....	\$200.00.....
ALL EVENTS (2 DAYS).....	\$250.00.....	\$350.00.....

NAME _____ NCCC# _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE # _____ E-MAIL _____
NCCC CLUB _____
CAR MAKE/MODEL _____ YEAR _____
SPEED EVENTS CLASS _____ CAR COLOR _____ CAR # _____

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: MICHIGAN AUTOCROSS GROUP

MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION TO: RENE CARDENAS
MICHIGAN RCD
P.O. BOX 412
MANCHESTER, MI 48158

Dinner Buffet Friday Evening at the Host Hotel. BBQ at the track after Saturday's events
Host Hotel: The Candlestone Inn, 8100 Storey Rd. Belding, MI 48809, 616-794-1580
23 rooms have been blocked. Rate is \$44.95 per night.

Mention Michigan Region NCCC to get the discount rate.

Camping is available at the track, no charge just outside the entrance to the front straight.
Bathrooms and shower rooms available for people wishing to camp at the track.

HIGH SPEED FINALE

at

GINGERMAN RACEWAY

October 22, 2006

(6th of 6 in the 2006 Great Lakes High Speed Championship Series)
For Series Rules go to www.michcorvette.org, Track Records and Rules

Gingerman Raceway/October 22
Nelson Ledges/May 29
Putnam Park/June 3-4

Waterford Hills/July 22
Nelson Ledges/September 4
Grattan Raceway/October 14-15

Test and Tune Open Practice Sessions presented by Michigan Autocross Group.
5 NCCC Sanctioned High Speed events hosted by Lakeshore Corvette Club, Kalamazoo Corvette Club, and Michigan Autocross Group.

October 22, 2006
NS-28 MAG
High Speed MI-076-LCC
High Speed MI-077-LCC
High Speed MI-078-LCC
High Speed MI-079-MAG
High Speed MI-105-KCC

LIMITED TO 75 ENTRIES. Open to Corvettes and Sports Cars of all Makes. High Speed participants must be High Speed Certified. Cars must pass minimum safety requirements per NCCC rulebook. Entrants may be asked to work corner stations. Speed event participants must wear a 1995 SNELL or newer approved helmet. NCCC Rules Apply for High Speed Events.

PRE-REGISTRATION: BEFORE October 15, 2006 (See Registration Form)

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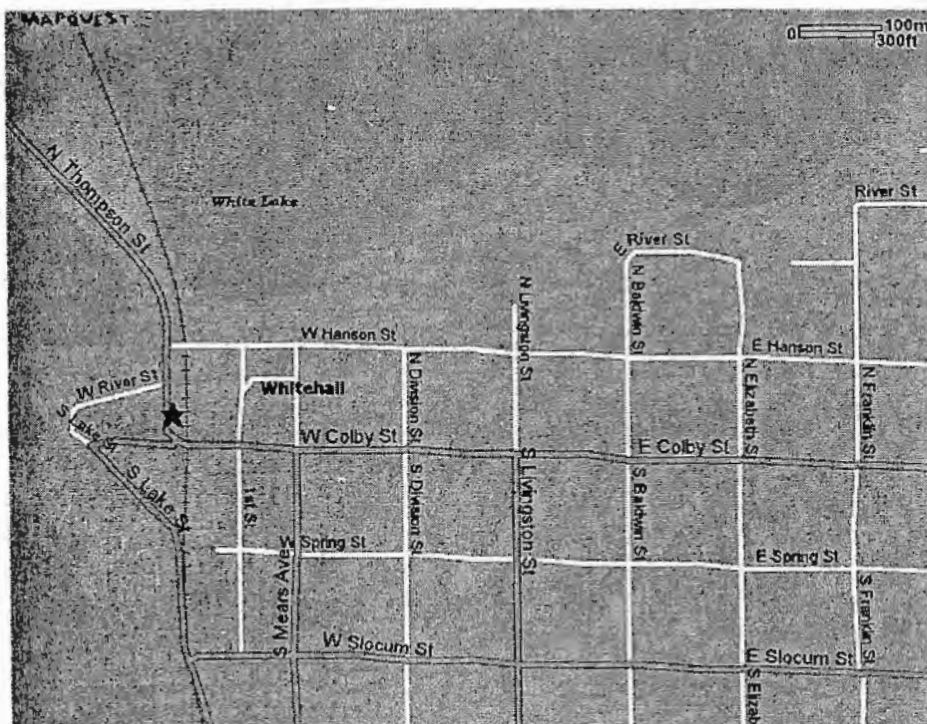
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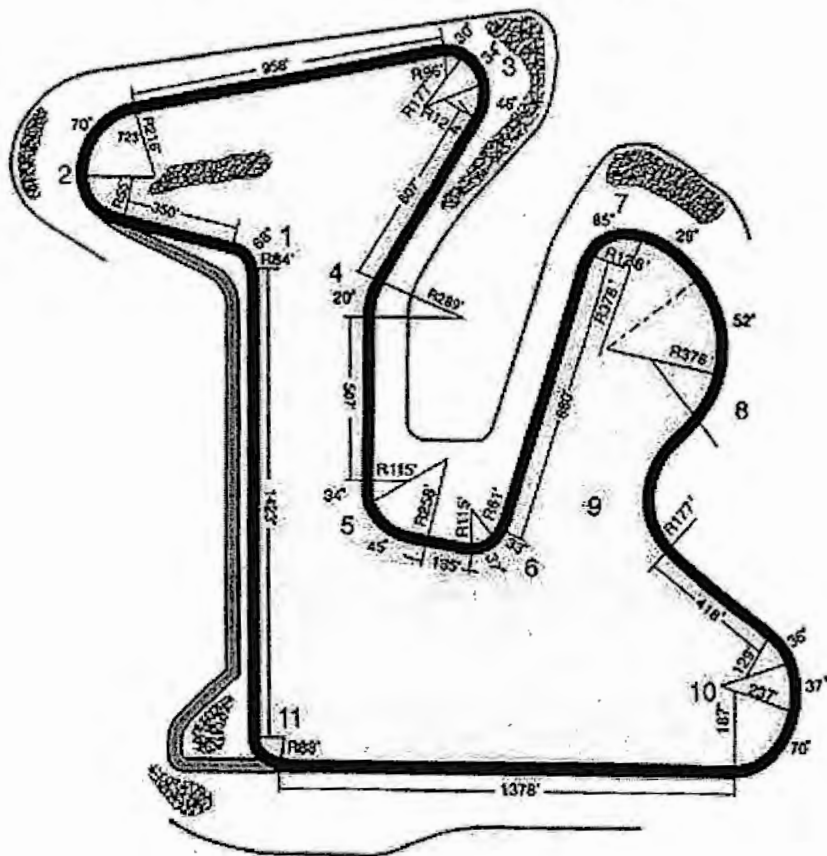
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PART THREE: THE STORY OF THE CORVETTE

C2: The Sting Ray (1963-1967)

More than four decades after its introduction, the 1963 Corvette remains one of the most startling, engrossing and completely delightful automotive designs of all time. For many discerning enthusiasts, the '63 to '67 Corvettes are the most compelling of the series.

The "midyear" Corvettes aren't so much beautiful as they are provocative. And it was Harley Earl's successor as GM design chief, Bill Mitchell, who was doing most of the provoking. Back in the late '50s, Mitchell had acquired one of the old SS chassis that had been built to race at Sebring and, working with his assistant Larry Shinoda, designed a new body for it with a high waistline, a chiseled prow and sharply creased fenders and called it the Sting Ray.

At about the same time that Mitchell and Shinoda were conjuring up the Sting Ray body style, Corvette chief engineer Zora Arkus-Duntov was building what he hoped would be a world-class chassis for his beloved charge. Cutting the wheelbase down by four inches to 98, Duntov built a ladder frame that was much stiffer than the previous X-member design and allowed the passenger compartment to be sunk down between the rails. He also designed a new independent rear suspension that economically (in both dollar cost and space usage) used a single transverse nine-leaf spring and the half shafts as part of the linkage.

It was the marriage of the Mitchell/Shinoda body design with the new Duntov chassis that resulted in the 1963 Corvette roadster and, for the first time, fastback coupe.

From the rotating hidden headlamps across the front to the boat tail-shaped rear window, the '63 Corvette coupe was outrageously attractive. And with a thick center bar splitting the rear window in two, not a car out of which it was particularly easy to see. That design earned this car the nickname "split window coupe."

However, the '63 is the most cluttered of the Sting Rays, with phony vent grilles in the hood, non-functional gills in the front fenders, ribbed rocker moldings and that bar bisecting the rear window.

What carried over from the '62 to the '63 Corvette were most of the engines (all of which still displaced 327 cubic inches), the four-wheel drum brakes and the general styling of the rear quarters. A three-speed manual was still the standard transmission and the base 327 V8 was still rated at 250 horsepower. On the options sheet were 300- and 340-horsepower four-barrel, and 360-horsepower fuel-injected versions of the 327. Also available was the legendary "Z06" race pack option for the coupe that included such things as metallic brake pads, a heavy-duty suspension and an oversize fuel tank. Ordering the Z06 required the costly fuel-injected engine, so production was limited.

Motor Trend tested a '63 Corvette powered by the fuel-injected engine and backed by the Muncie four-speed transmission. The 'Vette hustled from zero to 60 mph in 5.8 seconds and consumed the quarter-mile in 14.5 seconds at 102 mph. "We thought the old model cornered darn well," wrote the magazine, "but there's no comparing it to this new one. It does take a little different technique, but once the driver gets onto it, it's beautiful."

The public fell in love with the Sting Ray, buying 10,594 coupes and 10,919 convertibles. That's almost half again as many '62 'Vettes were sold and the first time total sales topped 20,000 in a year.

For 1964 the Sting Ray's styling was cleaned up but the car otherwise mostly carried over from '63. Eliminating the dummy hood vents, restyling the roof vents and taking the center bar out of

the rear window to drastically improve visibility made the true glory of the Sting Ray's shape more obvious. New to the options list was a 360-horsepower four-barrel 327, and the fuelie motor was now rated at a stout 375 horsepower.

Visually, the easiest way to tell a 1965 Corvette from a '64 is the three functional vertical louvers in each front fender. But the big news (literally) was the availability of the new 396-cubic-inch big-block V8. And there was even better news as four-wheel disc brakes became standard (though 316 fools did delete them in favor of drums and a \$64.50 credit).

The "L78" 396 grunted out a hulking 425 horsepower and became an instant legend as the meanest machine to leave General Motors since the company had stopped building Sherman tanks. With the arrival of big-block power, the mechanical fuel-injected 327's days were numbered -- 1965 would be its last year.

But the 396 lasted only one year in the Corvette as it was superseded by 427-cubic-inch versions of the big-block V8 for 1966. Behind the new egg crate grille, buyers could opt for the standard 327, which was now rated at 300 horsepower, a 350-horse version inhaling through a single four-barrel, the "L39" 427 making 390 horsepower or the overwhelming "L72" 427 rated at 425 horsepower (the same as '65's 396, but with a less temperamental personality).

For 1967 the louver count on each front fender went up to five and the parking brake moved from under the dash to between the bucket seats. But the real glory of the '67 came with the regal "L88" 427, which used aluminum cylinder heads and an intimidating 12.5-to-1 compression ratio to make somewhere north of 500 horsepower while wearing a huge 850-cfm four-barrel carburetor (though Chevy would, disingenuously, only admit to 430 horses). The L88 option carried an astronomical \$947.90 price tag and ordering it automatically eliminated the heater, radio and fan shroud. The intent was obviously racing and only 20 L88s were ever built. Today they are the most desirable of the first Sting Rays.

Also new to the Corvette option charts was an "L68" 427 rated at 400 horsepower and the L71 427 rated at 435 horsepower and featuring three two-barrel carburetors ("tri-power").

In every conceivable way, the Corvette was at its peak in '67. But, for no apparent reason, it was redesigned for '68 anyhow.

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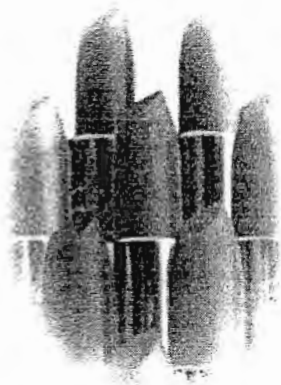
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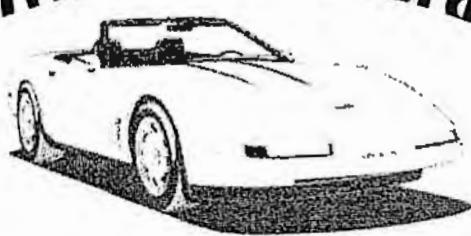


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