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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

November 1st - 7:00

Delhi Café

4625 Willoughby Rd.

Holt

Board Meeting

November 15th - 7:00 pm

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4625 Willoughby Rd.

Holt

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From the President . . .

Greetings!

It's November and that means it's time for the majority of us to put our cars away for the winter season. We've had a busy year with many memories to keep us thinking of all the things we would like to do next year.

Many thanks to Randy and Carol Putmon for putting together their Bonfire, Bar-B-Q, and hay ride. I don't know how Randy and Carol did it but we were treated to one of the most spectacular double rainbows I've ever seen.

This past weekend was our Annual Color Tour with Don and Carol Armstrong serving as our hosts. Again the weather was against us but we still managed to have about 30 cars and of course a great time. Don and Carol put a lot of time into this event to make sure we don't encounter any surprise detours along the way. THANKS!

The October and November membership meetings brought us a slate of candidates for next year's Board. I would like to say thank you to all of the members who have volunteered to run for an office. This 2007 group of officers will keep the club moving in the right direction. Come early to the November meeting and be sure to vote before 7:00 p.m.

November has traditionally been Bingo month at Tamarack Apts. This is where we give some more of ourselves to the community. We help the seniors play Bingo and enjoy an afternoon of fun and fellowship. I always look forward to Bingo with the seniors at Tamarack.

This month we have two important holidays coming up. The first one is Veterans Day and the second one is Thanksgiving. I would like to say THANK YOU to all of the Veterans in our club. Without your courage and dedication we might not be able to celebrate Thanksgiving the way we do.

We have two new members who have joined us since our last meeting and they are Arthur and Marilyn Ickes from Grand Ledge and they drive a 2006 red coupe. Welcome to all of the fun activities of CCCC.

It's not too early to start thinking of next year's events. If you have an idea for a club event be sure and mention it to the Social Director; Drive'N Dines, Spring Get-a-Way, or just something that sounds like fun. Last year we traveled to Bowling Green, KY for our Spring Get-a-Way. Who knows where 2007 will take us.

This December our Holiday Party will be held at the English Inn in Eaton Rapids and this party will involve a "white elephant" gift exchange. We have had some great times with this method of exchanging gifts and who knows what will be in the wrapping this year. A couple of years back Randy and Carol Putmon got a highly sought after gift. If you weren't there be sure and ask them what that gift was.

Save the wave,

Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting October 4, 2006

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

PRESIDENT: Welcome to visitors Art & Marilyn Ickes and to new members Kim & Sue Keith from Rockford. We celebrated Kurt Schwamberger's birthday with cake & good cheer.

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

COMPETITION: Mark's notebook is going around for everyone to look at. Mark told of competition events coming up. There were 123 cars at the Horsepower at the Zoo show. Money raised will be donated to the zoo. Simon Reiffer made a motion to round up the raised amount to \$4000 to be donated to the Zoo. Motion seconded and passed.

GOVERNOR: November 7 is next Regional meeting. They will be electing new officers. There will be more information given on the Regional Banquet & the 2009 Convention. They will also put in dates for sanctioned events next year. Don also mentioned that members can place ads on the Regional Website.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No report

TREASURER: Bob asked for a motion to pay the bills. Don Johnston made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed. Report given.

SOCIAL: October is Drive'n Dine & Color Tour, Nov. 11 Bingo at Tamarack Apts., December is Christmas party in Eaton rapids, and January is Winter Celebration. Gloria Reiffer made a motion to buy gifts for Bingo adding up to \$250. Motion seconded and passed.

MEMBERSHIP: Absent due to illness. Communicated to President there are 165 members & 63 FCOA

POINTS: Points are up to date on the website.

EDITOR: Deadline for Newsletter is October 23.

OLD BUSINESS: **PRESIDENT** – Dave Kuempel & Gary Wyma. **COMPETITION** – Craig Iansiti, **GOVERNOR** – Jeff Mitzel & Rich Shatkosky. **MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR** – Colleen Bratschi, Janet Hardin. **SOCIAL DIRECTOR** – Kathy Wyma. – **TREASURER** – Rich Bratschi, Mark Lewis, Brenda Shatkosky. **POINTS DIRECTOR** – Carrie Hutton. **PUBLIC RELATIONS** – Bob Maynard, **EDITOR** – Chris Burke. **SECRETARY** – Diana Kuempel. Kurt Schwamberger made a motion to close the nominations. Motion seconded and passed. There was a discussion on the restaurant 2 Feathers as to what members thought of it. There was a discussion on the 50-50 Raffle. There is a possibility of doing a trivia question and the 50-50 Raffle at the end of the meeting before adjournment. Absentee ballots will be available on the website. Dues must be paid by November 1 (club mtg.) for members to vote. Gloria Reiffer suggested a possible raise on our newsletter ads but not for members (maybe a lower rate). Will bring up at the Board meeting.

50-50 RAFFLE: Won by Jeff Mitzel. A C4 Throttle Body was donated by Bill Griffith and won by Ted Lasher.

MEMBER INPUT: Thanks to Carol & Randy Putmon for their Bar-B-Q and Bonfire. Everyone had a good time. Randy & Carol would like to make it an annual event.

Kurt Schwamberger made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Spotlight on the Candidates!

PRESIDENT:

Dave Kuempel: A.K.A. Kahouna. Diana and I have been members of CCCC since June 2002. I currently serve as your President and I served as your Points Director last year. Diana and I have been very active Corvette enthusiasts since we bought our first Corvette in December 1998. I currently drive a 2003 50th Anniversary Edition convertible and Diana drives a 1999 coupe. I have chaired numerous events since joining CCCC: Back Yard Bar -B - Q for the past 4 years, the Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade 2004 - 2006, and two Blessing of the Vettes car shows. Diana and I have attended the Mid America Motorworks Funfest and the Mackinaw City Corvette Crossroads every year since 1999. Diana and I have been to South Dakota twice for the Black Hills Corvette Classic and Bowling Green, Kentucky for the Corvette forum Cruise-in. I have worked just about every event that CCCC has had since joining the club.

I have enjoyed the many friends we've made since joining the club and I look forward to making many more in the years to come. I truly believe that we have one of the better clubs in the Michigan Region and I enjoy every event that Diana and I participate in. It has been a privilege to serve you this past year as your President and I would like to serve you again this coming year. To me and Diana there is nothing better than taking a cruise in one of our cars and that's what these cars were made for. Thank you for taking the time to read this. Save the wave.



Gary Wyma - My name is Gary Wyma. Most of you know me from my club position as CCCC Public Relations Director, so I would like to add a little more about past. I have been involved with the following: The Lions International and Kiwanis International holding elected offices in each, a member of "The Son's of Civil War Veterans" Austin Blair Camp holding office as Vice-Senior Commander (vice-president) which is a re-enactment organization in Jackson County. Back in the 60's, I taught public school, coached football, officiated 37 years in all main high school sports with the last 10 years as crew chief (white cap-referee) with a crew of 10 men, centering on high school football, some college and semi-pro ball.

But, above all, (except for my wife Kathy and our children) the auto has been my first and real love. In fact, when I was part owner of a stockcar - a

Sportsman Class 6 cylinder, Kathy had to graciously put up with race car parts in our bedroom while building a new home! My first car was a 1949 yellow bullet-nosed Studebaker convertible. From that time on it had to be "topless". "Vette number one entered my life in 1960 and was a very cool '57. When starting college, my mother suggested I part with it, sad day, but I did. Over time, there have been many convertibles, MGBs, Triumph Spitfires, Harleys but always returning to the "loveable" 'Vette. I have had four and want more!

At my prison (place of employment only) I-MAX, on 10-09-06 while we were undergoing a National audit by the American Corrections Association, I (Chaplain Gary Wyma) was presented with a verbal award as being the only Chaplain they had encountered in the U.S. who drives a blue corvette convertible; or as one auditor put it "a Corvette. They had a lot of fun with this, to my embarrassment, yet I still proclaimed "It's fun to drive and the greatest and "ONLY" American Sports Car, "Chappy" or not.

During the 70's and 80's, Kathy and I ministered in Michigan and Minnesota, serving four different parishes. The depth of my experience conducting various organizational functions, meetings and events is extensive. I have been encouraged to run for the CCCC office of President and do so willingly. If elected, I will do my best in promoting social, competition, charity, club activities, volunteerism, to promote the CCCC in Lansing, and surrounding areas of Michigan and nationally. We have a wonderful club made of wonderful people and GREAT 'VETTES!

Spotlight on the Candidates!

VICE PRESIDENT/COMPETITION DIRECTOR:

Craig Iansiti - I have been a member of the CCCC for just over a year. Janet Hardin and I drive her 1982 Charcoal and my 1993 Aqua Corvette Coupes as often as we can. Janet and I live in Mason. In 1992, I retired from a management position within the Michigan Department of Transportation. I now do some substitute teaching in the Capital Area Career Center, and the Holt, Mason, Dansville and Leslie school districts. For the past twenty-five years I have served, and continue to serve as the Chairman of the Aurelius Township Planning Commission. I hold the position of Deputy Zoning Administrator and am a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals. I am also a Transportation Planning consultant, and a member of various committees within the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. Janet and I also enjoy sailing, traveling, and camping in our RV. We previously owned a MG Midget and belonged to the Mid-Michigan Multi-Marque British Car Club. I co-chaired the 2006 Horsepower at the Zoo Benefit car show this year. If elected as Competition Director I hope to keep the club in Regional events, and to also find different, interesting and fun competitive activities at other levels that will interest all club members.



GOVERNOR:

Rich Shatkosky - I was born but I never lived till I bought our Vettes. Nuff said?



Seriously, I spent 22 years in a multi-national oil company holding research, sales, marketing and management positions. During that time, I sat as an industry representative on government roundtables, was a member of many industry associations and held a number of offices in those associations.

Currently I run a bio-based start-up and deal with a diverse group international customers, prospects as well as Federal, State and local governments and interest groups.

Our two Vettes are one of my escapes from the day-to-day stresses. The club has been a great way for Brenda and I to relax, unwind and meet great people with similar interests

Extensive Travel has been part of my life since '78 so regional and national meetings are no issue.

This is a position that I am interested in doing. I believe I have the skill sets to represent the club.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR:

Colleen Bratschi - I have been a member of CCCC since 1999. During my first year in the club, we (the club) put on the National Convention in Belair, MI. What a way to get your feet wet! For the next 3 years I held the treasurer position (must be the banking in my blood). The last 3 years I have held back from a position as we were building a new home and our daughter was graduating from high school. The membership director position was vacated this year therefore I stepped forward to complete the year for the club. My home is built and my daughter is off to college. I feel I can again give my all as a board member to the club again.



Spotlight on the Candidates!



Janet Hardin - I have been a member of the CCCC for just over a year. Craig Iansiti and I drive my 1982 Charcoal and his 1993 Aqua Coupes as often as we can. Craig and I live in Mason. I am an officer (VP) of Capitol Bancorp, a bank development corporation, directing their project management teams and help desk operations. I am also on the Board (secretary) of the National Association of Career Women. We attend as many CCCC club functions as possible and volunteer our help as needed. I was on the 2006 Horsepower at the Zoo organizing committee helping acquire sponsors, and worked registration at this show and other shows. Craig and I were members of the Mid-Michigan Multi-Marque British Car Club when we had our MG. We also enjoy sailing, traveling, and camping in our RV. If elected as Membership Director. I will work hard to not only maintain current membership, but also do whatever I can to help the club grow.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Chris Burke - I have been nominated to serve as CCCC Newsletter Editor. My husband Terry and I live in Williamston, and have two sons, Taylor-13 and Kyle-12. We own a 1992 Dark Red Corvette Convertible which we purchased in 2003. We have been in the club since 2004 and have enjoyed many of the club activities. I have never held a board position for the club, but have been involved in volunteering for many events and activities such as the 2006 Horsepower at the Zoo, Bingo at Tamarack, and I have been a shopper for the "Adopt a Family" at Christmas. All of the volunteering I have done has been very enjoyable and rewarding.

I currently work as a Sales Administrator for DENTCO in DeWitt. I have had some "creative writing" experience at a previous job where I published the weekly company newsletter. I am honored to have been nominated for this position.



POINTS DIRECTOR:



Carrie Hutton - My name is Carrie Hutton. I have a wonderful friend named Gary and 2 Future Corvette Owners, Kaitlyn age 14 and Kevin age 11. I enjoy driving my 2003 50th Anniversary Coupe. I look forward to the Points Director position because it will give me the opportunity to put a face to a name with more of the club members. I have been volunteering at as many events as my time will allow so this is just another way I can help make this a great club for our members.

Spotlight on the Candidates!

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR:



Bob Maynard - Shalimar and I have been members of the CCCC the past 5 years and have watched the club go from 29 members to our current 167 members. We have a 2000 White Pearl convertible corvette and have truly enjoyed it, having taken many trips with club members. We recently purchased a 1964 project Corvette.

During the past 15 years, I have been an insurance agent and registered securities advisor. I've had over 30 years of business management experience. I have served the club as treasurer in the board now am looking to serve the club as public relations director.

SECRETARY:

Diana Kuempel - I now have my own Vette. It's a 1999 Black coupe that Dave went to Oklahoma to pick up a year ago. I love it!

Dave and I have met many people from different states and made many friends since we've had our Corvettes. We like to meet different people and do different things. That's why we joined the club. We like to see other people enjoying some of the things we do. And there is no better way to do it then in a Corvette.

I have been a cosmetologist for 38 years and have owned my own business for 19 ½ years. I like my job and have met many interesting people.

This will be my third year as secretary. I hope that everyone is pleased with the job I've done.



SOCIAL DIRECTOR:

Kathy Wyma - Watch for Kathy's spotlight.



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TREASURER:

Rich Bratschi - Watch for Rich's spotlight.



Mark Lewis - Margaret and I have been members of CCCC since 2002. I am an auditor for the State of Michigan and have been there for over 19 years. I have a 50th anniversary burgundy convertible. My interests include road trips in my corvette (naturally) and collecting antiques and traveling.

Brenda Shatkosky - Richard and I have been in the CCCC for just over two years. We joined just after he got his first Corvette, the Red '88 Vert. Then we bought our "rain car" my '01 QuickSilver Vert.

I have been a Certified Accountant since 1989. I have worked in the banking industry, investment community and commercial real estate. My roles have all been in internal compliance and/or accounting. My last paid position was as Controller. Richard and I are Canadians. He is here on a work permit and after 6 years is still awaiting his "Green Card." That means I can't work (be paid.). To keep me current in my profession, and prevent myself from going stir crazy I have volunteered and been the Treasurer for the HELO club (Haslett, East Lansing, Lansing, Okemos) newcomers club. I have also "volunteered" to do the accounting for Richard's company as they are between Controllers.

I believe that getting involved is what clubs are all about. We really like the CCCC and the new friends we have made and I'd like to get involved doing something I really like doing accounting.



Ballot must be received by November 1 to be counted. Vote for one individual per office.

Governor:

☐ Richard Shatkosky

Points Director:

☐ Carrie Hutton

Social Director:

☐ Kathy Wyma

Membership Director:

☐ Colleen Bratschi
☐ Janet Hardin

President:

☐ Dave Kuempel
☐ Gary Wyma

Treasurer:

☐ Rich Bratschi
☐ Mark Lewis
☐ Brenda Shatkosky

Newsletter Editor:

☐ Chris Burke

Public Relations Director:

☐ Bob Maynard

VP/Competition Director:

☐ Craig Iansiti

Secretary:

☐ Diana Kuempel

Voting instructions for members NOT attending the November 1 meeting:

1. Detach your ballot from this sheet. One ballot provided per member.
2. Vote for one individual for each office by checking the box next to their name on the ballot.
3. Insert ballot into an envelope; mark outside of envelope with ABSENTEE BALLOT then seal it.
4. Insert your ABSENTEE BALLOT into the mailing envelope addressed to:

**Election Committee
Capital City Corvette Club
PO Box 27295
Lansing, MI 48909**

5. Include your name(s) and return address on the OUTSIDE/MAILING envelope to assure that only one vote per member is counted.
6. Drop into the U.S. mail so that it arrives in the Club PO Box no later than November 1.

PLEASE NOTE: All absentee ballots received will be set aside, unopened, until the election on November 1. The election committee will check off the names of those voting by absentee ballot against a list of members that have renewed. Prior to counting votes, the committee will open all sealed ballots, and add them to the ballots received at the meeting. You must have renewed your membership for 2007 prior to 7:00 p.m. on November 1 in order to vote or run for office.

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2006 Michigan Region Competition Schedule

(as of 11/06)

Date	Time	Event	Location/Club
November 7	7pm	Regional Meeting	LaSeniorita, Restaurant Lansing
November 11-12		Governors Meeting	St. Louis, MO
November 23		Thanksgiving Day	

CCCC 2006 Calendar As You Go

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 Christmas Day

January 2007

3 CCCC General Membership Meeting
13 CCCC Banquet in Portland-more info coming
20 Board Meeting

Please pick up both agenda and election forms at the entrance to the meeting.

Club dues for 2007 year are due by this General Membership Meeting. To be eligible to 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**

CCCC Competition Points To-Date

(Based on Club Reports to the MI Region Competition Director as of October 16, 2006)

Concours (car shows)

Name	Points	Place
Day, Dar	9	1 st
Hardin, Janet	9	1 st
Johnston, Don	9	1 st
Kapp, Greg	9	1 st
Kuempel, Dave	9	1 st
Kuempel, Diana	9	1 st
Maynard, Shalimar	9	1 st
Ribar, Robert	9	1 st
Schwamberger, Kurt	9	n/a*
Schwamberger, Sharon	9	n/a*

Drags

No members have earned club points in drag events.

Rallies

Name	Points	Place
Schwamberger, Kurt	17	1 st *
Schwamberger, Sharon	17	1 st *

High Speed Events

No members have earned club points in high speed events.

Low Speed Events (Men)

Name	Points	Place
Schwamberger, Kurt	147	n/a*
Shatkowski, Richard	41+**	1 st
Bratchi, Richard	41	2 nd
Feichtenbiner, Terry	35	3 rd
Maynard, Bob	35	3 rd
Putmon, Randy	35	3 rd
Price, Milton	28	4 th
Iansiti, Craid	21	5 th
Kuempel, Dave	21	6 th
Bailey, Roy	10	7 th

Low Speed Events (Ladies)

Name	Points	Place
Schwamberger, Sharon	205	n/a*
Hardin, Janet	32	1 st
Hutton, Carrie	18	2 nd
Brown, Diana	14	3 rd
Kuempel, Diana	9	4 th

* Not accepting CCCC competition awards.

** Regional point standings have not been updated to include recent low speed points earned.

CCCC Participation Points (through 10/21/06)

Carol Armstrong	22	Kady Gisse	0	Barb Musselman	25
Don Armstrong	17	Randy Gisse	4	Stephen Musselman	25
Ed Armstrong	2	Bill Griffith	0	George Nelson	12
Evelyn Aronson	1	Mel Hahn	2	Bill Nezamis	6
Pat Bailey	11	Mark Hansen	37	Florence Nezamis	4
Roy Bailey	11	Nancy Hansen	20	Bob Nowlin	0
Jim Balla	10	Cindy Hanses	4	Diana Parks	12
Adele Bancroft	10	Phil Hanses	4	Howard Parks	14
Kurt Bancroft	10	Janet Hardin	35	Steve Pavlik	0
Don Baron	0	Joy Hardman	3	Al Peterson	2
Marie Barrett	1	Brad Hutton	9	Joe Platte	23
John Bechtel	26	Carrie Hutton	30	Pam Platte	22
Sandy Bechtel	22	Craig Iansiti	42	Milton Price	14
Pam Bohnett	0	Arthur Ickes	0	Laurie Pulido	5
Celie Bradfield	16	Marilyn Ickes	0	Raymond Pulido	5
Jim Bradfield	16	Jackie Jackson	0	David Pursel	3
Colleen Bratschi	19	Wayne Jackson	0	Kathryn Pursel	3
Rich Bratschi	15	Greg Jenca	1	Carol Putmon	50
Mary Britten	3	Theresa Jenca	1	Randy Putmon	45
Wayne Britten	5	Don Johnston	44	Gloria Reiffer	44
Connie Britz	10	Janet Johnston	39	Simon Reiffer	39
Mike Britz	11	Ed Joseph	0	Robert Ribar	30
David Brown	10	Tom Kania	3	Tammy Richison	4
Diana Brown-Mosher	21	Jeremy Kapalla	1	Tom Rogers	0
Chris Burke	12	Greg Kapp	42	Norman Saari	9
Jack Burke	10	Kim Keith	6	Brenda Sage	5
Marie Burke	9	Sue Keith	6	Steve Sage	5
Terry Burke	14	Melissa Kellett	0	Kurt Schwamberger	22
Mike Busch	0	Linda Kinney	0	Sharon Schwamberger	20
Pam Candy	18	Karen Klein	2	Brenda Shatkosky	29
Pat Carmickle	6	Stephen Klein	2	Richard Shatkosky	29
Sheri Carmickle	6	Angela Kranz	18	Janyce Shepler	9
Jan Combs	0	Jerry Kranz	11	John Shepler	8
Kathy Cooper	25	David Kuempel	65	Lyn Shoal	2
Ron Cooper	21	Diana Kuempel	63	James Simmons	8
Dave Cripe	24	Lewis Kuempel	10	Vicki Simmons	4
Pat Cripe	15	Julie Lasher	19	Loretta Spinrad	0
Ken David	1	Ted Lasher	21	Steve Spinrad	0
Kim David	1	Margaret Lewis	9	Dan Stremmer	10
Bobby Davidson	8	Mark Lewis	10	Nancy Stremmer	10
Francie Davidson	5	Ellie Lickfeldt	4	Kathy Stump	28
Darwin Day	30	Patrick Lickfeldt	17	Thomas Stump	35
Sheila Day	21	Cheryl Little	0	Linda Swift	9
Kellie Dean	0	James Little	0	Gordon Terwilliger	35
Marilyn Dean	0	Bob Loucks	6	Margaret Terwilliger	35
Charlie DeYoung	0	Debi Loucks	16	Joseph Thomas	21
Patti DeYoung	0	Roger Martin	0	Gayle Thompson	2
Trini Dixon	3	Bob Maynard	46	Pam Thompson	15
Art Doty	12	Shalimar Maynard	48	Jan Wasco	2
Nancy Doty	11	Lisa McDonald	2	Ken Wasco	5
John Doyle	0	Steve McDonald	6	Lee Webster	12
Alex Earnshaw	0	Jeff McQuade	36	Cyndy Wetzel	2
Catherine Eiseman	0	Kenneth Melaragni	2	Tammy White	5
Raoul Eiseman	3	Ron Melaragni	4	Larry Wight	19
Jennifer Everhart	5	Dawn Mitzel	25	Gary Wyma	44
Terry Feichtenbinder	6	Jeffrey Mitzel	31	Kathy Wyma	33

CCCC Top Ten Participation Points

David Kuempel	65	Randy Putmon	45	Craig Iansiti	42
Diana Kuempel	63	Don Johnston	44	Greg Kapp	42
Carol Putmon	50	Gloria Reiffer	44		
Shalimar Maynard	48	Gary Wyma	44		

November 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Membership Meeting 7:00 pm Voting for 2007 Board Officers Tonight	2	3	4 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Art Doty Alex Earnshaw
5 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Francie Davidson	6	7	8	9	10	11 Bingo at Tamarack - Holt
12 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Mary Britten	13	14	15 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	16 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Nancy Stremler	17	18
19	20 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Al Peterson	21 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Bob Nowlin Joe Platte	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Ken David	28	29 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Bob Loucks	30 <i>Happy Birthday</i> Cheryl Little		



Tamarack Apts Bingo - Ice Cream Social

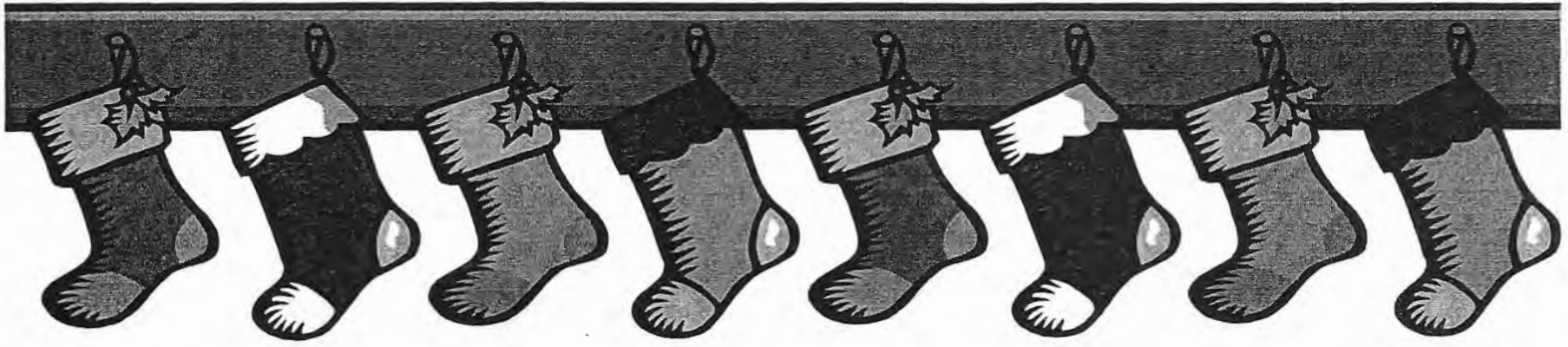
November 11th
2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

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*

Meet Rich and Colleen Bratschi

Rich and Colleen met at East Lansing High School when they were in their junior year. They got married in 1973 and have three "great children." Bill is 29, Jake is 24, and Elizabeth is 20. They don't have any grandchildren yet.

They have owned and operated Lake Lansing Road Mobil in Lansing for the past 30 years. They can take care of your fuel needs, a snack for your travels, wash your car touch-free, or make complete repairs to your car. Stop in and see them anytime!!

In their free time, they enjoy spending time with their children, golfing, and keeping up with their new home in Williamston.

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PART FIVE: THE STORY OF THE CORVETTE

C4: Scientific Corvettes (1984-1996)

Hey, what happened to 1983? What happened was that the change from the previous-generation Corvette to the new one was so radical that it took a while to get the Bowling Green plant up and running. So while 43 preproduction "1983" C4 Corvettes were built, none of these was ever sold to the general public and only one of them survives today. Instead, in March of '83, Chevrolet began selling the 1984 Corvette and it was the most dramatically different Corvette since the '63 Sting Ray.

This new machine rode on a 96.2-inch wheelbase, used simply gorgeous cast aluminum suspension components and featured a larger interior with fully digital instrumentation that looked as if it had been ripped off a Star Trek movie set. One of the particularly cheesy and unconvincing Star Trek movie sets.

Gone were the old coupe's T-tops in favor of a single fiberglass section that could be removed using a wrench, but many of the C3 styling themes continued, though more conservatively expressed. The hideaway headlights were now single square units on rotating mounts and the hood itself was a giant clamshell piece that made access to the engine easy, but appalled insurance companies who had to cover its enormous replacement cost.

Everything mechanical about the C4 Corvette was significantly better than before. The new suspension system used composite transverse leaf springs both fore and aft, the steering was by rack-and-pinion for the first time, the brakes were oversized discs, the frame itself featured a large aluminum C-section beam that made for a stiffer structure and the tires were enormous (for the time) Goodyear P255/50VR16 unidirectional "Gatorbacks" on 16-inch wheels. About the only thing that carried over was the small-block 350 V8, again equipped with Cross-Fire throttle body fuel injection and now rated at 205 horsepower.

At the beginning of the 1984 model run, the only transmission available was the 700R4 four-speed automatic, but by January of 1984 a new Doug Nash "4+3" manual transmission was offered which featured an electronically engaged overdrive on the top three gears. Although intriguing, it was a balky and completely crummy excuse for a transmission.

The major criticisms of the '84 Corvette were its incredibly stiff ride, particularly when equipped with the Z51 performance suspension package, the still lackluster engine and the obnoxious dash graphics. Despite that, however, the '84 Corvette quickly established itself as the dominant car in showroom stock racing and Chevrolet sold a stunning 53,877 of them during the extended model year.

Messing with success where needed, the Corvette was treated to the new Tuned Port Injected (TPI) version of the 350-cubic-inch (now more commonly referred to as a 5.7-liter) small-block for 1985. This vastly more efficient induction system bumped output of the V8 to 230 horsepower with a thick and friendly torque curve. The better "L98" engine was combined with a retuned, more comfortable suspension to produce a significantly better Corvette than the previous year.

A convertible returned to the Corvette lineup for 1986 and a bright yellow version was used to pace that year's Indianapolis 500 -- the second time a Corvette had had the honor. Another significant advance was the fitment of Bosch antilock brakes for the first time, making for a safer everyday machine. Every Corvette coupe also got a third brake light over its rear hatch, while the convertible's was integrated into the rear fascia. Chevy sold 27,794 '86 Corvette coupes and 7,315 convertibles.

The fitment of hydraulic roller lifters to the L98's valve train boosted its output to 240 horsepower for 1987, but the car was virtually unchanged otherwise. Two interesting additions to the options list were a new Z-52 suspension system for higher performance without the complete sacrifice of comfort and new electronic tire-pressure monitors.

New 17-inch wheels inside P275/40ZR17 tires were added to the 1988 Corvette options list while new aluminum cylinder heads and a revised camshaft boosted the L98 to 245 horsepower with even better torque characteristics. This was also the last year Chevy would foist the dreadful 4+3 white scheme, marked this milestone.

The new manual transmission for 1989 was a ZF six-speed that was a joy to shift as long as you didn't mind using some muscle. And as long as you didn't resent the "skip shift" feature that forced a shift from first to fourth gear under part throttle conditions to improve fuel economy. Other changes to the lineup included a new FX3 selective ride control system for the Z51-equipped coupes and a new optional fiberglass hardtop for the convertible. Every enthusiast knew, however, that much bigger, much brawnier news was coming to the Corvette for 1990.

That big news was, of course, the 1990 Corvette ZR-1 coupe (the ZR-1 was never available as a convertible). Nicknamed "King of the Hill," the ZR-1 was built around the Lotus-designed, Mercury Marine-built, all-aluminum, 5.7-liter, DOHC, 32-valve LT5 V8 making an astounding 375 horsepower. That is, it made 375 horsepower when an in-dash key was set in "full-power" mode and not in the "valet" mode when it was limited to just 250 horsepower. The only transmission available in the ZR-1 was the ZF six-speed and inside its swollen rear fenders were humongous P315/35ZR17 tires on suitably wide wheels.

The widened rear fenders on the ZR-1 were capped by a new rear fascia distinguished by squared-off taillights and convex (as opposed to the usually concave) rear fascia.

In testing a preproduction ZR-1, Motor Trend concluded that "With a top speed in the neighborhood of 175 mph, a 0-to-60-mph time of 4.71 seconds and 13.13-second/110.0-mph quarter-mile, no one's going to accuse the DOHC 'Vette of being limp-wristed." They were right, no one dared call the limited-production ZR-1 limp-wristed, but it was criticized for its incredible \$58,995 price -- nearly twice that of a regular L98-powered Corvette.

All the '90 Corvettes got a new dashboard with a vastly improved mixture of analog and digital instrumentation, better ventilation, better sound systems and an airbag for the driver. Otherwise, the Corvette was very much status quo.

Restyling came to the Corvette for 1991 with a slicker front end incorporating wraparound foglights, a new rear fascia reminiscent of the ZR-1's that incorporated the third brake light (the latter would remain on the hatch of the ZR-1) and new wheels. Everything else was pretty much a carryover, though the price of the ZR-1 had now ballooned to \$64,138 -- the first GM automobile to carry a price beyond \$60,000.

For 1992, the L98 was dumped in favor of the new next-generation small-block V8, the LT1 (no hyphen, unlike the '70 version with the similar name). The LT1 was rated at 300 horsepower thanks to significant revisions to the cylinder heads, accessory drives, cooling system and fuel injection. But despite that healthy increase in output, it was also an even more engaging driving companion than the L98. Along with the LT1 came traction control (Acceleration Slip Regulation -- ASR -- in GMspeak) whose best feature was that it could be turned off.

On July 2, 1992, the millionth Corvette, a white '92 convertible, was built. No other sports car has even come close to that.

A special 40th anniversary package, consisting mostly of badges and special Ruby Red paint, was offered for 1993 on both LT1 and ZR-1 Corvettes. Otherwise, the most notable change for the year was refinement of the LT5 engine in the ZR-1 that boosted its horsepower from 375 to an epic 405 -- in real-world terms (accounting for the difference between the old SAE gross and current SAE net rating methods), the most powerful production Corvette up to that time. Other changes were minimal.

An airbag was added for passengers in the 1994 Corvettes while the cockpit's trim and steering wheel were refined. The LT1 was treated to sequential fuel injection that improved drivability and simplified emissions control but didn't increase total power output. The ZR-1 got new five-spoke wheels, but that's about it.

New side gills distinguished the 1995 Corvette from previous editions, but other changes were much more subtle and included improved brakes, revised springs, de Carbon gas-charged shocks and a quieter-running engine fan. And for the third time, a Corvette (this time a convertible) paced the Indy 500.

It was also the last year for the ZR-1. "When the LT5's throttle body opens into the 16 tuned intake runners (assuming the power key is twisted to 'full')," Motor Trend's intrepid scribe wrote in its last ZR-1 test, "it humps. Beyond hazing the P315/35ZR17 Goodyear Eagle GS-Cs unr the car's trademark swollen flanks when accelerating, it bursts down the quarter-mile in 13.05 seconds at over 117 mph. Getting to 60 from rest

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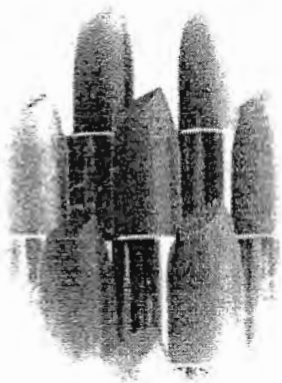
"The engine is sophisticated, but the sound of it and the transmission could only be more involving if the driver sat in the crankcase. The ZR-1's mechanical character thrills in an era when so many cars isolate their occupants. Like all current Corvettes, the handling limits are high, but the ZR-1's larger tires mean that once those limits have been exceeded that it's even tougher to rein in. And, like all current Corvettes, the cockpit is a challenge to enter and cramped once inside."transmission off as the shift-it-yourself choice. A 35th anniversary model, done in a white-on-

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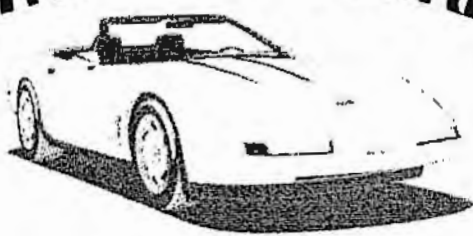


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