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Quick Hits from the Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

December 6 -Christmas Party

6:00 pm

English Inn - Eaton Rapids

BOARD MEETING **(location change)**

December 20th - 7:00 pm

BMI International

3900 Collins Rd.

Lansing

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From the President . . .

Greetings!

The holidays are fast approaching and signal the end of the 2006 season of driving our Corvettes. Soon the events of this past summer will fade into memory and it will be time to plan for the coming year.

We were fortunate enough to have our entire club events happen during good weather. It doesn't get any better than that and we're hoping for the same in 2007. We moved the Horse Power at the Zoo show up a month for 2007 in hopes of getting a larger attendance during the warmer month of August.

For those of you who don't regularly visit the club website you probably haven't noticed that the club has a new sponsor. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Bud Kouts Chevrolet as our new sponsor. Bob Maynard and I met with Dick Iding of Bud Kouts and were pleased to learn that Dick along with other members of the Bud Kouts family have been Corvette fans for many years.

I would like to personally invite all of our club members who might be looking for a new or used car to check out Bud Kouts Chevrolet. Don't forget about service and parts for your Corvette either. They are a full service Chevrolet dealer. We look forward to a long relationship with Bud Kouts Chevrolet.

A big Thank You to Janet Johnston for making our afternoon Bingo at Tamarack Apts. a huge success. We had 40 seniors come out and enjoy the afternoon with us. Many

thanks to those who either made or bought gifts for the seniors. We received so many "Thank Yous" from the seniors who were thrilled that we were there.

This month's meeting will take place at the English Inn in Eaton Rapids. This is our annual Christmas/Holiday party and takes the place of our regular club meeting. We'll be having a Dirty Santa gift exchange for those who want to participate.

We have adopted two families for Christmas. Gloria has posted the wants and needs of the families on the website. If you would like to purchase one of the items the family desires, please let our shoppers know. Our shoppers are Ron Cooper and Don Armstrong for the Cristo Rey family and Janet Johnston for the Salvation Army family.

As most of you know we held our elections in November and we'll have six new Board members for 2007. Along with these new faces we'll see new ideas so please give them your support for the coming year.

I would like to thank the 2006 Board members, Mark, Don, Bob, Diana, Janet, Gary, Colleen, Jeff, and Margaret for all of their hard work, support and dedication to the club.

Thank You for allowing me to serve as your President this past year. I look forward to serving you again in 2007.

Save the wave,
Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting November 1, 2006

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.
Last call for ballots and 50-50 raffle.

PRESIDENT: Welcome. Visitors are Dennis McCormick of Jonesville and Diane McNeil from Potter Park Zoo. Craig Iansiti presented a check to Ms. McNeil as a donation from the Horsepower at the Zoo show. The donation will go toward their veterinary clinic. Next year the HAZ show will be August 5, 2007. Art and Marilyn Ickes are welcomed as new members.

SECRETARY: There was a question about the Board minutes not being in the newsletter. It will be in next month. Don Armstrong made a motion to accept the minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

COMPETITION: Absent. Mark sent a report to the President which he read.

GOVERNOR: Regional meeting is next Tuesday. We will need dates for our sanctioned events next year. Dave Kuempel and Bob Maynard met with Matt Sloan of Graff Chevrolet to see if they would sponsor our club.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Absent. No report

TREASURER: Absent. Dave Kuempel announced that it was Bob & Shalimar's 20th anniversary. Dave read Bob's report. Craig Iansiti made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed.

SOCIAL: sign up sheets are going around for Holiday party & the Winter Celebration. Bingo is November 11. Thank you to Don & Carol Armstrong for the great color tour. Congratulations to Randy & Kady Gisse on their first anniversary.

MEMBERSHIP: Absent due to illness. Communicated to President there are 168 members & 63 FCOA

POINTS: Absent. No report.

EDITOR: Deadline for Newsletter is November 22.

OLD BUSINESS: Clarification of larger items being bought by Club. Members will still bring gifts as well. A straw vote was taken on the 50-50 raffle. Members wanted to have last call attend of meeting before adjournment.

NEWBUSINESS: Janet Johnston received a letter from the Salvation Army to see if club would like to adopt a family. Craig Iansiti made a motion to adopt 2 families at \$100 per person. Motion seconded and passed. After further discussion Cristo Rey Foundation was brought up for second family. Ron Cooper & Don Armstrong have volunteered to shop for the Cristo Rey and Janet Johnston has volunteered to shop for the Salvation Army family. Sandy Bechtel brought up that Bob Maynard will probably be taking donations for the Greater Lansing Food Bank again this year. Please bring your donations to the Holiday Party and also if you would like to bring a toy for the Toys for Tots program.
2007 Board members are: **Pres.-** Dave Kuempel **Competition Director/V.P.-** Craig Iansiti **Gov.-** Rich Shatkosky
Membership- Colleen Bratschi **Editor-** Chris Burke **Points-** Carrie Hutton **Public Relations-** Bob Maynard **Secretary-** Diana Kuempel **Social Director-** Kathy Wyma **Treasurer-** Brenda Shatkosky

Randy Putmon collected 50-50 raffle in Gary's absence. Diana Parks won.

MEMBER INPUT: Discussion on the HAZ show will be August 5, 2007. Mention made of Funfest in Effingham, IL, and Tail of the Dragon a possibility of October 25-28, 2007 Rich Shatkosky talked of his experiences at the Vette show in Eureka Springs Arkansas. Simon Reiffer mentioned the location of Chevy-Vette fest has been moved.

Greg Kapp made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting November 15, 2006

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

Absent: Colleen Bratschi, Gary Wyma, John Bechtel, Trini Dixon, and Angela Kranz

PRESIDENT: Welcome both the 2006 & 2007 Board members. Rich Shatkosky has offered his business board room for our Board members to have our meeting next month. Don Johnston made a motion to accept Rich's offer and possible future meetings there. Pres. Dave Kuempel presented John, the owner of Delhi Café, with a club picture to hang on his wall. John was very pleased.

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

COMPETITION: Muskegon club wasn't at the Regional meeting so there wasn't a chance to discuss having the low-speed events with them. Next years tentative dates are: May 19 Blessing of the Vettes, July 7 All Corvette show, July 28 low-speed event. Jackson club seemed interested in joining us for a possible 2 day 10 event low-speeds. August 12 will be HAZ.

GOVERNOR: Regional meeting was on Tuesday. They had their election of officers. No present information on the Regional Banquet. Keep an eye on the Regional website.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Absent. Mark Hansen gave Gary's report. Mailings will be going out to the advertisers in the newsletter.

TREASURER: Report given. Bob talked about donating to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. He also received a request from the Red Cross Disaster Fund. This will be announced at the club meeting. Mark Hansen made a motion to pay the bill. Motion seconded and passed. Dave Kuempel & Bob Maynard visited Graff Chevrolet to ask if they would sponsor our club. There was no immediate response and then Bob made a follow-up call & they said they weren't interested at this time. Bob & Dave then approached Bud Kouts Chevrolet to see if they were interested. They were definitely interested. We will need a new banner, brochures, & newsletter covers with our new sponsor "BUD KOUTS" logo printed on it.

SOCIAL: We had 40 people participate in Bingo and 14 club members who worked. Janet received the Christmas list of a family of 4 through the Salvation Army. Bob wrote a check for her & one for Ron Cooper who is to accept another family.

MEMBERSHIP: Absent. Report by Dave, 48 members did not renew at present. At present there are 120 members & 63 FCOA. The membership list will be in the December Newsletter. There was a discussion on who may hold a Master Membership.

POINTS: Up to date in last newsletter. Top 10 Awards are ordered.

EDITOR: Newsletter deadline is Nov. 23

HISTORIAN: Absent. **HEARTS & FLOWERS:** Absent. **AMBASSADOR:** Absent

WEBMASTER: Gloria put some filters on the email addresses of the new Board members. Gloria is checking into a calendar program.

OLD BUSINESS: The club will donate another \$500 to the Capital Area Career Center. Gloria will fix the picture (the banner) in the sponsor's photo now that we have a new sponsor.

NEW BUSINESS: By the end of the February meeting we will need to have chair persons for all our events. Bob Maynard has volunteered to chair the All Corvette show, Dave will chair the Blessing of the Vettes. We need to get flyers out early. Winter Celebration will be Jan. 13. Gift Certificates left over from Bingo will be used as door prizes. There will be the opportunity to play cards and/or bowl after the Banquet. Rich Shatkosky has made a suggestion the club do some day trips next year (such as Birch run). Rich & Craig Iansiti will work on this together. Dave also mentioned having a "tech night" where members can get together at different homes (garages) for idea swapping. Board meeting Dec. 20 at new location.

Don Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:29p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting October 18, 2006

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

Absent: Don & Janet Johnston, Colleen Bratschi, Trini Dixon, Margaret Terwilliger & Angela Kranz

PRESIDENT: Welcome.

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

COMPETITION: Discussion on having a low-speed event with our club & Muskegon club. Next years sanction dates were discussed and will be discussed at Regional meeting on November 7. Discussion on having Horsepower at the Zoo. August 5 or 12 was the dates decided on. Will discuss with the Zoo.

GOVERNOR: Absent. No report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Letters to advertisers in newsletter will be sent out for next years ads. Gary talked to John of Delhi to get his permission to hold our meetings there next year.

TREASURER: Report given. Budget meeting will be held in November. Gary Wyma made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed.

SOCIAL: Absent. No report.

MEMBERSHIP: Absent. Communicated to President 167 members 63 FCOA.

POINTS: Up to date on website.

EDITOR: Absent. No report.

HISTORIAN: Absent. No report.

HEARTS & FLOWERS: Absent. No Report.

AMBASSADOR: John made a suggestion our club donate a framed picture of our club to Delhi as a thank you gesture. Mark Hansen made a motion that we donate the picture. Motion seconded and passed. Discussion on legalities of 50-50 raffle. It was decided we would follow rules and get a license to sell if need be.

WEBMASTER: Gloria recommends changes in Board emails next year to get rid of spam and to make sure everyone reads their emails. Gloria would like to purchase a one - site calendar program license for the club. Gary Wyma made a motion to look into a license for the one - site calendar program. Motion seconded and passed.

OLD BUSINESS: Discuss 50-50 raffle. Will take a straw vote to see if membership wants to have last call at beginning of meeting or go back to former way.

Mark Hansen made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:32p.m.

CCCC 2006 Calendar As You Go

December 2006

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

January 2007

3 General Membership Meeting
13 Banquet in Portland-(more information coming)
20 Board Meeting

"TENTATIVE" Schedule of CCCC Competition Events for 2007

Saturday, May 19 - Blessing of the
"Vettes" (Sanctioned Event)

Saturday, June 7-Bud Kouts
"All Corvette Show" (Sanctioned)

Saturday, July 8-Bud Kouts "All
Chevy Show" (Non-Sanctioned)

Saturday, July 20 Spartan
Speedway OR Jackson (Sanctioned)

Sunday, Aug. 12 "Horsepower at the
Zoo Car Show" (Non-Sanctioned)

CCCC IS COLLECTING DONATIONS FOR
THE LANSING AREA FOOD BANK AT
THE DECEMBER AND JANUARY MEETINGS.
THE FOOD BANK NEEDS DONATIONS
THROUGHOUT THE YEAR BUT ESPECIALLY
AFTER THE HOLIDAY SEASON. BRING
YOUR DONATIONS TO THESE MEETINGS.

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THESE
MEETINGS AND WOULD LIKE TO DONATE,
PLEASE CONTACT ONE OF THE BOARD
MEMBERS FOR ASSISTANCE.

CCCC IS ACCEPTING DOOR PRIZES FOR
OUR ANNUAL WINTER
CELEBRATION/BANQUET
JANUARY 13, 2007

PLEASE CONTACT JANET JOHNSTON

DECEMBER 2006

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 <i>Happy Birthday Gordon Terwilliger</i>
3	4	5	6 Christmas Party/Meeting English Inn	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 <i>Happy Birthday Lee Webster</i>	15	16
17	18	19 <i>Happy Birthday Greg Kapp</i>	20 Board Meeting 7:00 pm Location Change	21 <i>Happy Birthday Karen Klein</i>	22	23
24 <i>Happy Birthday Stephen Musselman</i>	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26 <i>Happy Birthday Margaret Lewis</i>	27	28	29 <i>Happy Birthday Marilyn Ickes</i>	30 <i>Happy Birthday Raoul Eiseman</i>
31 HAPPY NEW YEAR						

CCCC Participating Points (through 11/11/06)

Carol Armstrong	24	Randy Gisse	4	George Nelson	12
Don Armstrong	19	Bill Griffith	0	Bill Nezamis	6
Ed Armstrong	3	Mel Hahn	4	Florence Nezamis	4
Evelyn Aronson	1	Mark Hansen	37	Bob Nowlin	0
Pat Bailey	13	Nancy Hansen	20	Diana Parks	14
Roy Bailey	13	Cindy Hanses	4	Howard Parks	16
Jim Balla	10	Phil Hanses	4	Steve Pavlik	0
Adele Bancroft	10	Janet Hardin	37	Al Peterson	2
Kurt Bancroft	10	Joy Hardman	3	Joe Platte	25
Don Baron	0	Brad Hutton	9	Pam Platte	24
Marie Barrett	1	Carrie Hutton	32	Milton Price	16
John Bechtel	26	Craig Iansiti	46	Laurie Pulido	5
Sandy Bechtel	22	Arthur Ickes	0	Raymond Pulido	5
Pam Bohnett	0	Marilyn Ickes	0	David Pursel	3
Celie Bradfield	16	Jackie Jackson	0	Kathryn Pursel	3
Jim Bradfield	16	Wayne Jackson	0	Carol Putmon	55
Colleen Bratschi	19	Greg Jenca	1	Randy Putmon	52
Rich Bratschi	16	Theresa Jenca	1	Gloria Reiffer	48
Mary Britten	3	Don Johnston	50	Simon Reiffer	44
Wayne Britten	5	Janet Johnston	45	Robert Ribar	32
Connie Britz	11	Ed Joseph	0	Tammy Richison	4
Mike Britz	12	Tom Kania	3	Tom Rogers	0
David Brown	10	Jeremy Kapalla	1	Norman Saari	11
Diana Brown-Mosher	23	Greg Kapp	49	Brenda Sage	5
Chris Burke	12	Kim Keith	7	Steve Sage	5
Jack Burke	10	Sue Keith	7	Kurt Schwamberger	22
Marie Burke	9	Melissa Kellett	0	Sharon Schwamberger	20
Terry Burke	14	Linda Kinney	0	Brenda Shatkosky	34
Mike Busch	0	Karen Klein	2	Richard Shatkosky	36
Pam Candy	18	Stephen Klein	2	Janyce Shepler	10
Pat Carmickle	6	Angela Kranz	19	John Shepler	8
Sheri Carmickle	6	Jerry Kranz	11	Lyn Shoal	2
Jan Combs	0	David Kuempel	68	James Simmons	8
Kathy Cooper	26	Diana Kuempel	66	Vicki Simmons	4
Ron Cooper	22	Lewis Kuempel	11	Loretta Spinrad	0
Dave Cripe	26	Julie Lasher	21	Steve Spinrad	0
Pat Cripe	16	Ted Lasher	23	Dan Stremmer	11
Ken David	1	Margaret Lewis	11	Nancy Stremmer	11
Kim David	1	Mark Lewis	12	Kathy Stump	28
Bobby Davidson	8	Ellie Lickfeldt	4	Thomas Stump	35
Francie Davidson	5	Patrick Lickfeldt	17	Linda Swift	10
Darwin Day	30	Cheryl Little	0	Gordon Terwilliger	38
Sheila Day	21	James Little	0	Margaret Terwilliger	38
Kellie Dean	0	Bob Loucks	6	Joseph Thomas	21
Marilyn Dean	0	Debi Loucks	16	Gayle Thompson	3
Charlie DeYoung	0	Roger Martin	0	Pam Thompson	16
Patti DeYoung	0	Bob Maynard	46	Sue VanAtta	0
Trini Dixon	3	Shalimar Maynard	48	Jan Wasco	2
Art Doty	14	Lisa McDonald	2	Ken Wasco	6
Nancy Doty	13	Steve McDonald	6	Lee Webster	13
John Doyle	0	Jeff McQuade	36	Cyndy Wetzel	2
Alex Earnshaw	0	Kenneth Melaragni	2	Tammy White	5
Catherine Eiseman	2	Ron Melaragni	4	Larry Wight	21
Raoul Eiseman	4	Dawn Mitzel	25	Gary Wyma	44
Jennifer Everhart	5	Jeffrey Mitzel	31	Kathy Wyma	33
Terry Feichtenbiner	6	Barb Musselman	26		
Kady Gisse	0	Stephen Musselman	26		

CCCC Top Ten Participation Points

David Kuempel	68	Don Johnston	50	Craig Iansiti	46
Diana Kuempel	66	Greg Kapp	49	Janet Johnston	45
Carol Putmon	55	Shalimar Maynard	48		
Randy Putmon	52	Gloria Reiffer	48		

CCCC Competition Points To-Date

(Based on Club Reports to the MI Region Competition Director as of November 25, 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.

Rallyes

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)

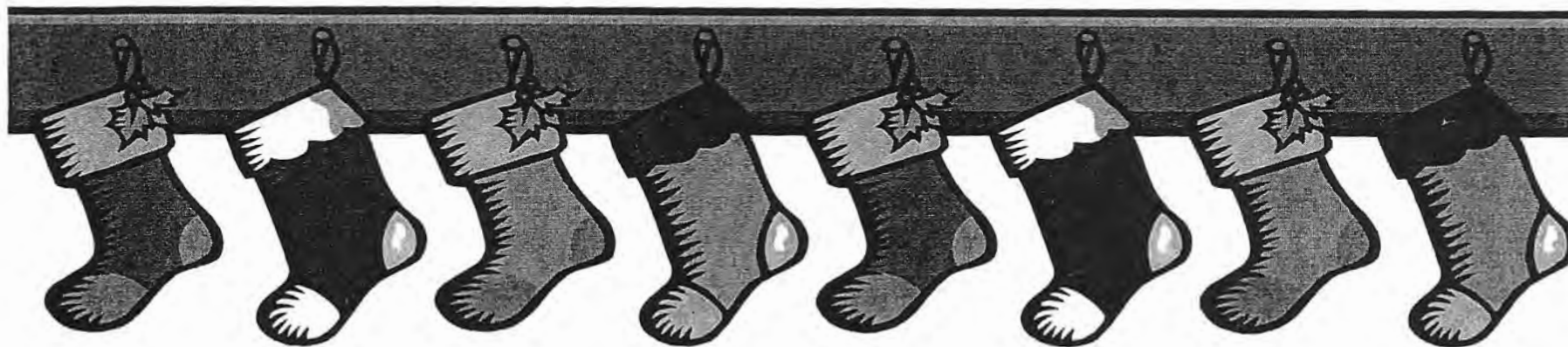
Name	Points	Place
Shatkowski, Richard	181	1 st
Schwamberger, Kurt	147	n/a*
Bratchi, Richard	41	2 nd
Feichtenbiner, Terry	35	3 rd
Maynard, Bob	35	3 rd
Putmon, Randy	35	3 rd
Price, Milton	28	6 th
Iansiti, Craig	21	7 th
Kuempel, Dave	21	8 th
Bailey, Roy	10	9 th

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.



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*

Capital City Corvette Club
Winter Celebration

January 13th, 2007
Cocktails at 6:00 - Dinner 6:30 pm
Wagon Wheel Oak Room
7888 E Grand River, Portland MI 48875

Price is \$20.00 per person
Cash Bar
Dinner Includes:
Prime Rib
Baked Chicken
AuGratin Potatoes
Vegetable Medley
Roll & Butter
Cake
Coffee

This will be a buffet style dinner. Please RSVP and money to Janet Johnston at the January Membership Meeting. If you can't make the meeting, send a check.

Payable to: Capital City Corvette Club.

This year we will stay after and bowl or play games. The new board will be sworn in at this dinner, and lots of door prizes.

Chairperson: Janet Johnston
Contact me at either - djhomealone@cablespeed.com or
517-647-2403

FEBRUARY'S DRIVE & DINE

WARM UP OUR WINTER TOGETHER !

BURRR...

When: Saturday, February 24, 2007

Time: 4:30 pm

Meet where? South Lansing Meijer's,
South end of parking lot.

(The Meijer's store is where Cedar and
Pennsylvania Streets intersect, just before I-96).

Distance: Approximately 90 miles total.

Questions: Please call Social Director, Kathy Wyma

517-622-5664

PART SIX: THE STORY OF THE CORVETTE

C5: World Beater (1997-2004)

The fifth-generation Corvette was the most wholly new Corvette since the '53. Not even the engine carried over from the C4, and the entire concept of how the car was built changed.

Unlike every previous Corvette that bolted its transmission directly behind the engine, the 1997 version split the transmission off and placed it in the back of the car between the rear wheels where its weight could be used to offset that of the engine in the front. This transaxle arrangement had been used before on cars like the Porsche 928, but it was a radical departure for the Corvette. The suspension itself still used aluminum links and transverse leaf springs, but the wheels and tires were now 18-inchers in the back and 17s up front and there was no provision for a spare tire since all tires would be of run-flat design.

The new frame used large, hydroformed rails and a thick backbone for extra strength, while relying on engineered wood products to make up part of the floor. The hatchback coupe body (the only body offered during '97) again evoked styling themes established in the previous two generations of Corvettes, though with reduced front and rear overhangs as the wheels moved out toward the corners of the car. Also, the clamshell hood was gone in favor of a less expensive conventional hood.

The C5's engine was also completely new and unrelated to any previous Corvette V8. While still displacing a nominal 5.7 liters and using a single in-block camshaft to drive the two valves per cylinder via pushrods like the old small block, the C5's "Gen III" "LS-1" was an all-new, all-aluminum design using all the latest production techniques. And its output was a satisfying 345 horsepower. The rear-mounted transmissions were either a version of the Borg-Warner T56 six-speed manual or Chevy's own 4L60-E four-speed automatic in a new case for this application.

With so much power in such a capable chassis, the C5 Corvette was an instant sensation. "As if anyone doesn't know it already, the new Corvette is unfathomably good," wrote Motor Trend in one early comparison test. "Despite being the least expensive car gathered for the Decathlon, its 4.8-second clocking to 60 mph is as quick as the most expensive car's and matches that Ferrari's quarter-mile elapsed time as well. On top of that, it's roomy, easy to get in and out of and forgiving of almost any boneheaded input from the driver. In its 45 years history, the Corvette has never before been so excellent in so many ways relative to its competition. It's a colossal achievement."

Wisely not messing with something so fundamentally wonderful, Chevy merely expanded the C5 Corvette range for 1998 by adding a convertible model. And for the first time since '62, this convertible included a trunk that was accessible from outside the car. Magnesium wheels were also offered as an option this year for those seeking the ultimate in unsprung weight savings. Again, a Corvette convertible paced the Indianapolis 500 and, again, Chevrolet offered replicas to the public -- this time in bluish purple.

A fixed roof coupe, lighter in weight than either the hatchback coupe or convertible, was added to the 1999 Corvette lineup. The intent behind the fixed roof coupe was hinted at by the fact that it could only be had with the six-speed manual transmission. Otherwise the most significant addition to the '99 Corvette options list was a surprisingly effective head-up display unit that projected major information on the windshield in front of the driver.

Gone from the 2000 Corvette was the passenger-side door lock cylinder as Chevy concluded that the keyless entry system made it unnecessary. Otherwise, all that was left to be excited about were two new exterior colors (Millennium Yellow and Dark Bowling Green Metallic), a new interior color (Torch Red) and new five-spoke forged aluminum wheels.

The real reason for the fixed roof coupe became obvious with the 2001 model year as Chevrolet brought forth the ferocious Z06 Corvette that year. Running a revised high-compression, low-reciprocating-weight version of the LS1 dubbed the LS6, the Z06 went into battle with 385 horsepower, shooting its exhaust out a titanium system. The Z06 also got a special FE4 suspension system that was stiffer and had thicker anti-sway bars than other C5s, special lightweight wheels and bigger, lighter, more aggressive Goodyear tires that weren't run-flat in design. In just about every way, the Z06 either matched or exceeded the vaunted ZR-1's performance and did so for far less money.

Regular C5 owners weren't completely overlooked during 2001, however, with the LS1 seeing its output increase from 345 to 350 horsepower. It was also an even more flexible and torque-rich engine.

As good as the '01 Z06 was, the 2002 Z06 was even better, as output of the LS6 jumped to an astounding 405 horsepower -- matching the highest output of the ZR-1. Furthermore, the Z06's suspension was retuned to perform even better than before. On the LS1-powered side of the Corvette equation, there were revisions to the sound systems and a new Electron Blue paint color.

Chevrolet acknowledged the 50th anniversary of the Corvette for 2003 with, naturally, a 50th Anniversary Edition Corvette. Available either as an LS1-powered hatchback coupe or convertible, the 50th Anniversary car got special deep red paint, a new Magnetic Selective Ride Control system and a bunch of logos. Of course, it was also used to pace the '03 edition of the Indianapolis 500. Other Corvettes got more standard equipment, including a power passenger seat and dual-zone climate control system. The Z06 was basically unchanged.

The C5 entered the 2004 model year with everyone fully aware that this would be the last year for this beloved Corvette. There were commemorative editions of all three models, with the Z06 featuring a carbon-fiber hood and revised shock valving. If there was ever a car that didn't seem to need changes, this was it.

Eureka Springs Arkansas Corvette Weekend.
October 5,6,7,8 2006

Eureka Springs (pop.2,278) is a quaint Victorian village nestled in the heart of the Ozarks. For the 16th time, this tiny village and its surrounding roads twisting through the scenic Ozark hillsides have hosted a fall Corvette Weekend hosted by a number of Regional Corvette Clubs. The event usually draws as many as 1300 Corvettes. Although final numbers were not released, that seemed about right.

Events include: Auto-X, Tech Seminars, Econo-run, Photo tour, Car show, Poker Run.

Brenda and I attended for the first time this year. We thought we would share our weekend with you.

The drive down via Chicago took 13:17 hours of elapsed time. The return trip via Indianapolis took 11:23. Total mileage (including events was 1,885). The route via Chicago is longer and fraught with constructions delays. That was our first learning.

Thursday's events were the Auto-X event, registration and three evening seminars that included one on the National Museum/C6R racing, Gordon Killibrew C4 trouble shooting and an introduction to Auto-X and high speed racing. The tech seminars were well attended with about 50 attendees per session.

The Auto-X attracted 125 cars. It was a tight, technical course laid-out in a hilly parking lot of a Davis Chevrolet. Each participant had two runs. The fastest time was 23.8 seconds (highly modded C3, the only Auto-X prepared car in the field), the slowest over 50 ! A "good" time for this course was declared to be 25 seconds. Richard placed second in his class with a respectable 24.749. Trophy time!

Friday's econo- run through 100 miles of twisting, rolling countryside (great scenery) attracted 167 cars. Cars were filled by the hosting club (sorry you pay for your own gas), the tanks sealed and then refilled after the run. Participants were allowed up to 3 hours to complete the circuit with awards given in stock and modified, automatic and manual for every Corvette generation.

The best overall mileage was in our class, C5 manual. It was 37.09 mpg! Brenda and I placed third (our second trophy of the weekend!) with 34.73 mpg.

Friday afternoon's photo tour was a first for the weekend. 39 Corvettes spent about 90 minutes, again driving through the surrounding countryside to visit and hear about:

- i) The 65 foot Jesus of the Ozarks statue at the site of the Ozarks world famous Passion Play.
- ii) The last remaining wooden suspension bridge in AR built in the 30's (sorry it wasn't covered)
- iii) Beaver Dam, a hydro electric project that crated a 1,110 foot deep recreational lake on the White river

iv) The Crescent Hotel and Spa, famous as America's most haunted hotel. A hotel built in 1886, that features the only unexplained paranormal citing captured on film by the GhostBusters TV series.

Friday also features a Midnight cruise through the historic town. The people of the town and a lot of Corvettes line the town's streets, to cheer on their favorite cars. It is a festive atmosphere. Corvettes with parade strobes, owners with flashing lighted hats, and even one Vette complete with a mounted set of longhorns with red glowing eyes and snorting steam!!!. The streets are filled with the smell of bleach to facilitate the crowds favorite activity, BURNOUTS!!!. The cruise (versus a parade) is scheduled for the night because the town has over 250 streets and no right angled intersections. The local police department cannot provide traffic control, so the event does not start until the restaurants and only cinema close and the patrons leave!

Saturday was the car show and Poker Run.

The car show has a very respectable turn out. It has 780 registered cars! I counted over 50 C1's alone. There are a lot of great looking cars in the region. The organizers claimed to have entrants from 20 States. They donated over \$20K to local charities, and \$5K to the Museum in Bowling Green. Awards were given to the furthest participants, which this year were from South Carolina, Wyoming and California. Our 800+ miles did not get us an honorable mention...

The Poker Run was another opportunity to spend over an hour of driving on another set of curving, undulating, scenic roads, although we loved the drive, we came up short in our hand with only a pair of 10's.

Sunday morning features two departing caravans, one for participants headed south, the other north. Annually scenic destinations are planned on the route. This year featured Blanchard Springs Caverns (AR) for those southbound and Fantastic Caverns (MO) for those northbound.

We met a number of friendly Corvette owners from the region, and have a number of stories to share... including one lady, who during the Auto-X approached our car (while Richard was leaning against it) reached in, popped the trunk, put her purse in side and was about to close the trunk when Richard asked if he could help her and she suddenly realized IT WAS NOT HER CAR!!!

She sure was embarrassed... and her club had quite a hoot over it!

It was a full, fun packed weekend. With a lot of great food including some of the best fried chicken we have had.

Doing the drive home in one session was a bit long but we arrived safely late Sunday evening.

The annual event always on the first full weekend in October, will be held next year on Oct. 4,5,6,7. The website is <http://www.eurekaspringscorvette.org/>
If you are thinking of going, book your hotel early. A lot of participants made their reservations for next year before they checked out.

Submitted by Richard and Brenda Shatkosky

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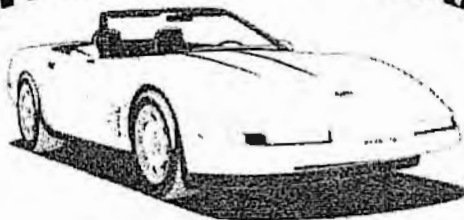
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