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~ Quick Hits from the Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

February 7, 2007

7:00 pm

Delhi Café-Holt

BOARD MEETING

February 21, 2007

7:00 pm

BMI International
3900 Collins Rd.
Ste. 1018
Lansing

Please send any articles you'd like
published to: editor@cccorvette.org

From the President . . .

Greetings!

Well it's been almost three months since Diana and I put our cars away in anticipation of that dreaded season we call winter. I thought that the weather would be nasty as usual so we put them away for the long winter hibernation. Boy was I wrong! We had people who drove their cars to the Christmas party, the January meeting, and the Winter Celebration. What a strange turn of events we've had this winter.

I believe that if attendance is an indicator, we can declare the Winter Celebration a smash hit. I would like to thank all of the many people who put forth so much effort to make our evening an enjoyable one. The membership enjoyed a look back on the events of 2006 with some video of Spartan Speedway, and a slide show detailing the highlights of events long stored away in our memories.

I would like to thank this year's guests of honor Dick and Laurie Iding along with Bruce Baulch who represented Bud Kouts Chevrolet. Dick presented the club with a check from Bud Kouts as this year's sponsor and the club presented Bud Kouts with a framed picture of the club photo shoot from last June.

Dick entertained us with some of his stories as a young man. He shared his passion for the Corvette, and a long ago destroyed Corvette pedal car, which has since been replaced through a happenstance of fate. Dick was also kind enough to donate numerous door prizes

to the club. Thank You to Dick Iding and Bud Kouts Chevrolet.

The January Board meeting turned out to be a marathon session with the Board meeting lasting three and a half hours. The Board wants to set some goals and objectives for the club due in part to the rapid growth of the club and a desire to give the membership what they want. Due to the many topics discussed at the meeting no decision was made on this issue. Please keep in mind that the issue will remain on the Boards agenda until we get a resolution to the clubs future goals and objectives that best serve the membership as a whole.

Like last year there is a lack of people stepping forward to volunteer for various events. We like being able to give to various charities through out the year and that's a great feeling for most of us. But I think that what most members don't realize is that the money we raise by doing car shows and low speed events is where that money comes from.

We are currently in need of chairpersons for the All Chevy Show, Low Speed Event, and the biggest one of all, the Horsepower at the Zoo Show. Without someone stepping up to the plate for these events they may have to be cancelled. Please volunteer to chair one of these events.

Save the wave,

Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting January 3, 2007

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

PRESIDENT: Some people drove their cars tonight! We had one guest tonight: Cynthia Gregor from Charlotte. Dave introduced out going and in coming Board members. Thanks to the out going members for their service this past year. Our new sponsor will be Bud Kouts Chevrolet.

SECRETARY: No meeting last month.

COMPETITION: There will be low speed training in Marshall on April 28, put on by the Battle Creek Corvette Club. Blessing of the Vettes show is May 19, the All Corvette show at Bud Kouts will be July 7. There is no date yet for the All Chevy show at Bud Kouts. We are trying for a tentative coordination with the Jackson club to do our low speed event on July 28 & 29. (Our show on the 28 & Jackson on 29) The Horse Power at the Zoo show is scheduled for August 12.

GOVERNOR: Regional Banquet is March 10. There is a competition for a new Regional logo. There are 6 or 7 choices. Go to the link on our website and please vote. Rich will be attending the Regional meeting and the National meeting in February. National is discussing the need to have an audit because of the change in Treasurer. The issue seems to be the expense of an audit at this time.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We need the money for our ads in the newsletter. Bob & Dave met with Dick Iding of Bud Kouts and feel they will be very active with our club. Mr. & Mrs. Iding will be attending our Winter Celebration. Dave made the suggestion to make Dick Iding an Honorary Member. The membership encouraged the Board to make a vote on it tonight. Bob Maynard made a motion to make Dick Iding an Honorary Member. Motion seconded and passed.

TREASURER: Report given. Don Johnston made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed. There is a question of what we do with our money. Mark Hansen checked with the IRS to see what status we are as a non-profit organization. They didn't have us listed. A status of 501 C4 is for a social club. Some members want to spend money on club members. There will be further discussion at the Board meeting.

SOCIAL: Winter Celebration is January 13 at 6:00 p.m. Clip board is going around to sign up for Drive'N Dines. Gary Wyma will chair the February Drive'N Dine. We need to think about a Spring Get-away.

MEMBERSHIP: 127 members & 63 FCOA

POINTS: No points update this month but there will be next month.

EDITOR: January 23 is deadline. Members are encouraged to send articles of interest to Chris to put in our newsletter. Email them to Chris: Editor@ccc Corvette.org

NEWBUSINESS: Discussion on new brochures. Members decided to go with the glossy paper rather than the matte finish. Margaret Terwilliger read a letter from the residents of Tamarack Apts. who were worried we might not return because of a minor incident at the time of Bingo. Secretary will write a letter to let them know our club will be back. Janet Johnston told of her experience in delivering the Christmas gifts to one of the adoptive families. Kathy Cooper also told of her and Ron and Don & Carol Armstrong's experience with their adoptive family.

50 – 50 Raffle was won by Janet Johnston

Jeff McQuade made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting January 17, 2007

Meeting at the Ecosynthetix Board room located at 3900 Collins Rd. Meeting called to order at 7:10 p.m.

Absent: Kathy Wyma, Gloria Reiffer

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

COMPETITION: Craig has proposed to do a low speed event in conjunction with Jackson Corvette Club. Craig, Rich, & Dave will meet next week (Jan24) with the Battle Creek Corvette Club about the low speed training in April. If there are too many drivers for one day we might be able to make a 2 day event. We need chairpersons for the All Chevy show, our low speed event, & Horsepower at the Zoo show.

Board had a discussion on ways to get members to participate. There will be many ways for everyone to participate. Drag races were also suggested as a possibility. Dave suggested we contact Cindy Sanchez about brochures so we know what events are going on around us.

EDITOR: Chris passed around one of the new newsletter covers. She persuaded them to give us a discount if we put their ad in our newsletter. Members are encouraged to put articles in the newsletter pertaining to Corvettes. Deadline is January 23.

GOVERNOR: Rich is going to attend the Regional meeting on February 20 and the National meeting on February 23 & 24

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Bob contacted people about ads in the newsletters. Bob will also do a follow-up.

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

SOCIAL: Absent. No report.

MEMBERSHIP: 3 new members, 130 members & 63 FCOA

POINTS: Carrie passed out report on her points program. Will discuss further next month. Discussion of the future for the club (short term & long term). Liability of Board was brought up, also equipment for the club.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Club meeting on July 4 will be changed to July 11. Discussed DJ equipment for the club. Will do further investigation. We will need a new club banner or re-do the old banner. Functional Teams: Registration, Carrie Hutton; Pre-registration, Shalimar Maynard. It was discussed that we might do goodie bags just for the people who pre-register for the car shows. Rich Shatkosky made a motion to table the further discussion of spending club money until the Board can spend more time on it. Motion seconded & passed.

Craig Iansiti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:23 p.m.

CCCC Competition Page

" TENTITIVE " Schedule of CCCC Competition Events for 2007

Saturday, April 21 (rain date April 28)-Low Speed Driving School
Joint effort w/CCBC and KCC-Location TBD
(Non-Sanctioned)

Saturday, May 19 - Blessing of the "Vettes" Culvers in Okemos
Chairman-Dave Kuempel
(Sanctioned Event)

Saturday, July 8-Bud Kouts "All Corvette Show"
Chairman-Bob Maynard
(Sanctioned)

Saturday, July 28- CCCC Low Speed Event, location TBD (Sanctioned)

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

Some of these dates are unconfirmed; please watch the newsletter or check the website for updates.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

We are looking for volunteer Chairpersons for these upcoming events.
Please contact Dave Kuempel or Craig Iansiti

FEBRUARY'S DRIVE & DINE

WARM UP OUR WINTER TOGETHER!

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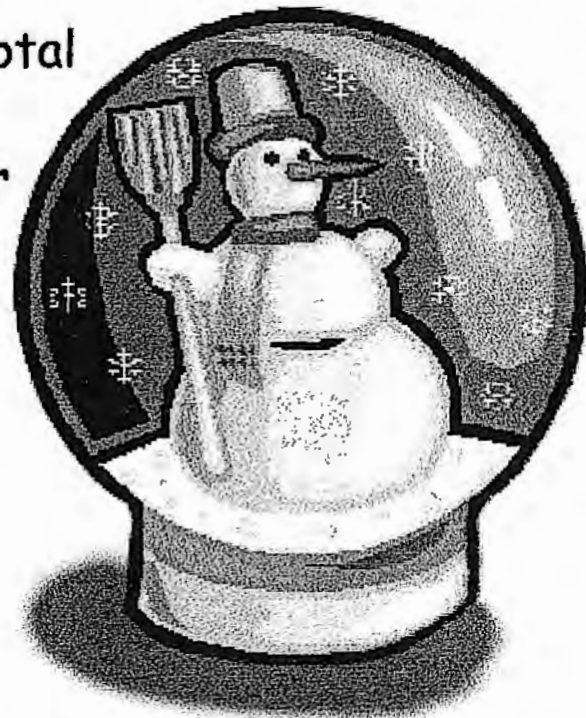
When: Saturday, February 24, 2007

Time: 4:30 pm

Meet where? South Lansing Meijer's, south end of parking lot
(The Meijer's store is located 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



America's Corvette Club

Cordially invites you to attend the

Michigan Region of Corvette Clubs Awards & Dinner Banquet

Saturday, March 10th, 2007

At the

Palace Club

Palace of Auburn Hills

5 Championship Drive, Auburn Hills, MI 48326

Cocktail Hour: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Cash Bar

Dinner: 7:00 pm

Banquet Cost: \$34.00 per person

RSVP by February 26, 2007

America's Corvette Club invites you to the Palace Club at the Palace of Auburn Hills @ 5:30PM on Saturday, March 10. After sharing Corvette stories and good times, we will have dinner, award presentations, door prizes and an auction.

Hotel Reservations can be made through the Fairfield Inn at 248-373-2228 located at 1294 Opdyke, Auburn Hills, MI (2 miles from the Palace). When making room reservations, please request MI-Region Corvette Clubs blocked rooms to assure the \$69.00 rate.

Each Michigan Region Corvette Club is asked to donate a door prize towards the evening's festivities.

Please indicate your attendance & number of guests attending and mail the lower portion of this form with your check payable to: Camille Werhun and mail to 4301 Country Club, Shelby Township, MI 48316.

For more information: Camille Werhun 586-731-5462 or cell: 810-459-1902.

Email: camille.werhun@gm.com

RSVP by February 26, 2007

Name: _____

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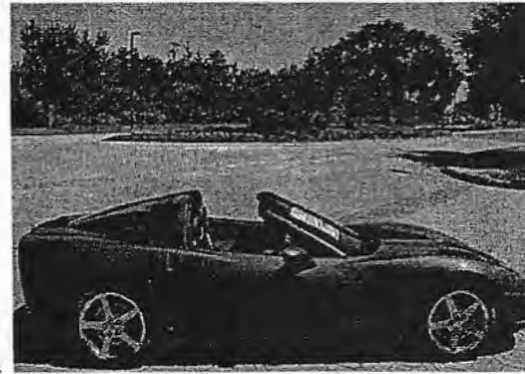
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March 2007 Drive & Dine



thru



(Steel bodies welcome)

DATE: Saturday, March 17th

Time: 5:00 PM

Where: Meet at the Okemos Park & Ride
Woodlake drive (Okemos Exit off I-96, behind Cracker
Barrel

Driving distance: about 80 miles round trip

1st 24 people guaranteed, balance based on availability...

Final confirmation: March 7, 2007

Call: Rich/Brenda Shatkosky
(517- 333-0299)

February 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	February 1	2 Ground Hog Day Happy Birthday Pam Thompson	3
4 Happy Birthday Joy Hardman	5	6	7 Happy Birthday Diana Parks 7 PM CCCC General Membership Meeting	8	9 Happy Birthday Arthur Ickes	10 Happy Birthday Steve Sage
11 Happy Birthday David Brown	12  Lincoln's Birthday	13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19  President's Day	20	21 7 PM CCCC Board Meeting	22  Washington's Birthday Happy Birthday Carol Armstrong Happy Birthday Jerry Kranz	23	24 Happy Birthday Diana Brown 4:30 PM Drive N Dine
25	26	27	28			

CCCC Calendar As You Go

February 2007

7th-General Membership Meeting

21st-Board Meeting

24th-Drive N Dine (see flyer)

March 2007

7th-General Membership Meeting

21st-Board Meeting

17th-Drive N Dine (see flyer)

CCCC Members Classified Ads

Cottage for Sale on White Lake, MI Well maintained year round. Includes grand views of lake, sweeping front lawn and dock for boat. Enjoy fireplace in open living room, sunsets from party size deck, or bring your own wicker rocker for glassed-in front porch. Cottage has one bath, one main floor bedroom, and spacious upstairs bunk room for everyone else! Move in condition. Call Rich/Colleen Bratschi @ 517-712-8968 or Mary Jamison @ 231-744-6219	For Sale: Furniture "Golden Oaks" Beautiful Solid Oak (Amish) Hutch (medium oak color) (2 piece). Carved etched design on top back-- lower doors. Measures 73"tallx47"wd total. Top 38"x47" tall w/ 3" shelf, 2 glass doors/w adj. shelves, a 3" nick-nack shelf, an opening 14 1/2" between the doors. Lower base 35 1/2 x 47 1/2" has 2-20" drawers, 2-solid, raised panel doors w/ wheat etch. 24 1/2"x20" w/one shelf the full inside width. Paid \$810. asking \$600 OBO. Oak Express computer desk (Oak veneer) 48"x24 1/2", 22 3/4" keyboard sliding shelf/tray, 19 1/2"x3" drawer. opening for monitor 20 1/2", closed storage space with 3 adj. shelves. Paid \$55.00, asking \$35.00 Call Gordon or Margaret @ 517-628-2002 or email: twig4952@cablespeed.com	For Sale: 1993 Corvette Coupe Ruby Red 40th Anniversary pkg, 63k miles, 300 hp LT1, automatic trans., runs great, 30mpg highway, very good condition. MUST SELL-\$15,500 OBO Call Phil H. @ 989-587-3422 or email: bluecorvette@bigfoot.com for more info. For Sale: 1985 Corvette Coupe Medium gray metallic (only 2,519 made), gray interior, air, auto trans, power windows/door locks, power seats-leather, removable transparent roof panel, cruise, tuned-port inject. L98 engine, high perform. ECM w/chip, ACCEL HEI super coil, Bose radio sys., CB antenna, Goodyear Eagles GSCP255/50ZR16 tire, 4 extra wheels w/BFG RI tires, 82k, excellent condition. Asking \$9,500 Call Steve S. @ 517-372-4380
For Sale: 1956 4-Door Chevy Station Wagon 17,500 miles, originally Grand Ledge Fire Dept. car, Asking: \$22,000 OBO Call Dave or Pat Cripe - 517-484-4677	For Sale: Precious Moments Figurine Collection. Several collector's items discontinued. Call Pam - 517-887-7232 For Sale: Disney Videos VHS Format. Several Disney Classics, such as Fantasia, Snow White, The Aristocats and more! \$3.00 each. Call Chris @ 517-655-6770 or email: CT91590@msn.com	Storage for your Corvette CCCC Members Stored in pole barn for \$25 per month. Call Randy or Carol @ 669-8365

Member Profile

Introducing: Art & Marilyn Ickes

Art and Marilyn Ickes, originally from Northeast Ohio, are currently living in Grand Ledge. This is their third time living in Michigan, but first time living in the Lansing area. Art and Marilyn have moved around a lot during their almost 35 year marriage, living in various parts of the United States, and even spending two years in Argentina.

Art and Marilyn met on a blind date and look forward to celebrating another anniversary in June. Art is the Director of Operations for Spartan Chassis in Charlotte, and Marilyn is a homemaker. They have raised two children, Amanda and Matt. Amanda is newly married, bringing 3 step-grandsons in to the family, and is currently living in Chicago. Matt, who is single but spoken for, is currently living in Royal Oak.

Now that their children are grown, this leaves lots of time for Art and Marilyn to pursue their love for Corvette's. They currently own a 2006 Monterrey Red Coupe, with a Cashmere interior. This is Art's eight Corvette! They've had this one for about a year....Marilyn says "One at a Time." Marilyn also enjoys cross-stitching, reading, and playing bridge in her spare time.

Art and Marilyn found Capital City Corvette Club on-line, and joined in October of 2006. Their first outing with the club was at the 2006 Winter Celebration. Art and Marilyn enjoyed the food and the fun they had at the Winter Celebration, and look forward to many more club gatherings.

Welcome to Capital City Corvette Club Art and Marilyn!



'Vette Vignettes

Fun Facts, Stories, and Just Plain Stuff!

Vette Magazine

March 2007, Idle Chatter by Jay Heath

Submitted by Sue Keith-CCCC Member

And so, as a public service to our faithful readers, I've decided to present the VETTE Magazine Semi-Official Want-Ad Translation Guide, First Edition. Familiarize yourself with these popular sellers' come-ons, and you will have exponentially increased your chances of netting a car that doesn't drive you to the brink of emotional and fiscal ruin. As always, your results may vary.

- **RUNS:** Car may, in fact, run, but only after repeated applications of a trickle charger, assorted cans of Bar's Leaks products, and possibly a religious ritual involving small-animal sacrifice.
- **RUNS GOOD:** See Above. Also, owner slept through fifth-grade English.
- **PEPPY** (used interchangeably with **ZIPPY**): Owner is approximately 400 years old.
- **ELDERLY OWNER:** Having not been changed since new, this car's oil has attained the consistency of Jif Extra Crunchy.
- **KNOCK, KNOCK. WHO'S THERE? OPPORTUNITY!:** Owner hasn't had a date since junior high school.
- **NEEDS ENGINE WORK:** Leave off the "work" part, and you have a pretty good grasp of what this one really needs.
- **GREAT CAR FOR A TEENAGER:** Only if the teenager has a second car. Or is a mechanic.
- **GREAT SECOND CAR:** Your homeowners' association is OK with long-term parking, right?
- **HOT SUMMERTIME FUN:** Having failed to enhance his sex appeal by purchasing an expensive motor vehicle, owner is now selling the car to finance hair-implantation therapy.
- **WON'T LAST!** This is one instance in which the seller is probably telling the truth. Just not in the way he thinks.

Members are encouraged to contribute to this new monthly feature! Please send your articles to Chris Burke at editor@ccc Corvette.org or fax to 517.655.3507

Corvette Action Center

Submitted by Rich Shatkosky, CCCC Governor

Corvette History - February

- **February 2, 1993:** The term "STINGRAY" is registered as a trademark to General Motors.
- **February 9, 1995:** The first alpha test C5 Corvette enters public roads for the first time.
- **February 11, 1962:** At the Daytona Continental race, Dick Thompson and Don Yenko race a 1962 Corvette of the Gulf Oil racing team to first in A/Production class, and seventh overall.
- **February 19, 1994:** Reeves Callaway decides to produce a modified Corvette to race at Le Mans, the first time for a Corvette in almost 20 years.
- **February 20, 1954:** The Ford Motor Company shows the Thunderbird two-seat convertible in Detroit. The Thunderbird is a major part of General Motors' decision to continue production of the Corvette.
- **February, 1955:** The basic design of the 1956 model Corvette is completed.
- **February, 1966:** At the Daytona Continental endurance race, Roger Penske's 1966 Corvette with 427 ci engine finishes first in GT class.
- **February, 1968:** At the 24-hour Daytona Continental race, Sunray DX Oil Company enters three Corvettes. Jerry Grant and Dave Morgan race a 1967 L88 Corvette (car No. 31). Revson/Yenko race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 29). DeLorenzo/Thompson race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 30). This is the racing debut of the 1968 model Corvette. The Grant/Morgan car finishes first in GT class and 10th overall.
- **February, 1993:** General Motors Powertrain Division decides to discontinue development of the Gen II engine as a small-block, and create a new medium-displacement V-8 engine.
- **February, 2000:** The Rolex 24 Hours at Daytona is held in Florida. Chevrolet enters its two C5-R Corvette race cars. One places second, 31 seconds behind the winner. The other places 24th.



The History of the Corvette
Part Seven
C6: More power and style for less money (2005-Present)

Rather than start over with a clean slate, Chevrolet's engineers decided to take the best aspects of the C5 and build on them. The idea was to create a car that does more things well than performance cars costing two or three times the price. The chief goal for the new Corvette was to improve its refinement and performance while addressing every notable imperfection of the previous generation. At first glance, the 2005 Corvette appears to be little more than a styling refresh; dig deeper, though, and one quickly realizes that the C6 is much more. Exposed headlamps, not seen on a Corvette since 1962, combine with a lean grille to create a distinctive "face."

Addressing complaints of the C5's big rear end, the backside was slimmed down so as not to appear as disproportionate as before. In profile, the sharply cut lines that trail away from the side vents look as if borrowed from the Dodge Viper, yet the overall look still says Corvette -- even more so than the C5.

For the first time since 1968, an engine with 350 cubic inches (5.7 liters) of displacement is not offered under the Corvette's hood as the C6 uses a new 6.0-liter "LS2" V8 as its sole power plant. Output is an astounding 400 hp and 400 lb-ft of torque providing performance on par with the world's best from Italy and Germany.

According to Chevrolet, the Corvette rushes from zero to 60 mph in an adrenaline pumping 4.2 seconds continuing on to a top speed of 186 mph. The standard six-speed manual received serious upgrades, and the clutch is smoother and lighter with a shift feel that is precise and satisfying in its snick-snick shift quality. Three suspension setups are available, and it's important to note that not one single suspension part was carried over from the C5. The standard setup provides a comfortable and controlled ride, along with the kind of precise handling you would expect. The optional F55 Magnetic Selective Ride Control suspension adjusts the shock damping rates instantly in response to changing conditions. The result is an even more comfortable ride than the base suspension, yet better control during aggressive maneuvers. The Z51 package is the closest thing to "Z06-like" performance -- at least this year, that is. This package includes more aggressive dampers and springs, larger stabilizer bars, shorter transmission gearing and larger cross-drilled brake rotors.

Even in Z51 form, the 'Vette would make a perfectly acceptable daily driver. Regardless of suspension setup, the chassis manages to be both highly capable and forgiving. In the cockpit, everything from materials quality to overall ergonomics is vastly improved. The seats provide great support and comfort while plenty of headroom gives the cockpit an open and airy feel. The straightforward climate control setup is light-years ahead of anything else in the Corvette's segment. Only the mostly hidden button clusters that flank the gauges mar the superb layout. The standard removable top is now easy to remove and install, and can be handled by one person. Gone are the days of erector set tools and ill-fitting connectors. Even the top storage brackets in the rear hatch were carefully engineered to keep a firm -- and quiet -- grasp of the stowed top.

With the C6, Chevrolet's engineers outdid themselves; the newest Corvette's handling is spot-on, the power train is smooth and scary-fast, the look is classy and the ergonomics top-notch. Making this all the more impressive is that the C6's base price is actually less than the outgoing 'Vette's.

Submitted by Kurt Schwamberger

From the Governor:

Taming the Tail of the Dragon October 26-29, 2006

A small group of members from CCCC (Dave, Diana, Lewis & Mike Kuempel and Rich and Brenda Shatkosky) decided a fall road trip/color tour to the Smokey Mountains bordering Tennessee and North Carolina was a fitting way to end the Corvette season.

The objective was to "tame the Dragon" "calm the Hellbender" and "bring the Skyway down to earth".

The caravan departed late morning on Thursday from Charlotte. After about 11 hours of elapsed time which including culinary stops outside of Indianapolis IN and Lexington KY and numerous (too many to count) other stops for the coffee drinking Kahouna, the caravan arrived safely in Alcoa TN. Alcoa is a small city of approx 9,000 people where the women outnumber the men (theoretically good news for Lewis and Mike). It is about 15 miles southwest of Knoxville and is a convenient starting point for touring the area. Alcoa and the adjoining Marysville feature a wide assortment of lodging and restaurant choices. The area is also only a few minutes from Smokey Mountain destinations such as Pigeon Forge, Gatlinburg, and Dollywood.

This makes Alcoa a great place to stage for daytime driving and evening shopping/entertainment. It would be easy to spend a whole week in this area and do both to your heart's content.

If exhilarating driving is what you are after, there is not much that beats driving the "Tail of the Dragon". This 11 miles stretch of US 129 straddling the Tennessee, North Carolina border features 318 curves, many of which are blind curves, hairpins, off camber or switchback. If you like driving the "twisties" this is "highway heaven".

We drove the "Tail" and "Hellbender" on both Friday and Saturday. On Saturday we added the Cherohala Skyway.

Friday's drive was an opportunity to learn about negotiating tight turns on wet leaf covered roads. We learned all about active handling and traction control. The colors were spectacular although muted by the lack of sunshine. We had lunch at a local BBQ pit in Robbinsville NC. We knew it was good because about 8 local LEO's were just finishing up. Dinner was at a restaurant called Up the Creek, a fish camp and grill. Kahouna claims the steak he had was the most flavorful, tender he has had in his life!!!

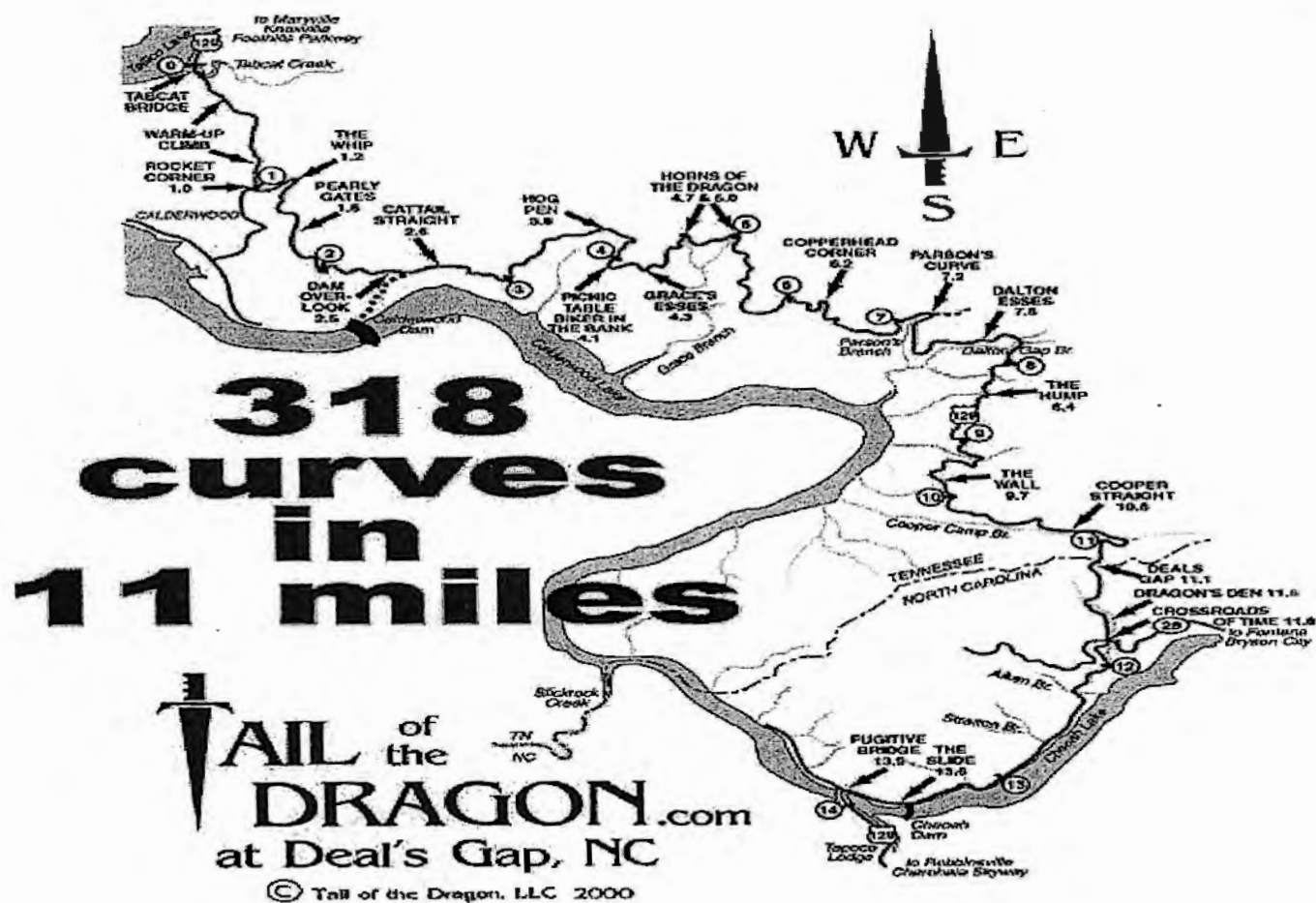
Saturday the roads were much drier, many of the leaves had blown away, but we encountered a phenomenon that gives rise to the name Smokey Mountains- FOG.

While cresting the Cherohala Skyway and driving through 3,000 – 5,000 feet in the morning we encountered fog that limited the view. Once we got below 3,000 feet on the Tellico Plains side, the sun emerged and we were treated to a blaze of colors as the Smokies appeared to erupt in a blaze of orange, yellow and red. For as far as the eye could see, we experienced wave upon wave upon wave of autumn blaze. We had lunch at the Riverside Bistro in Tellico Plains that had great food and fabulous scenery (hostess included). After 256 miles of spirited driving we returned to Up the Creek for round two of dinner.

We left Sunday morning about 9:30, had lunch outside Cincinnati at Cracker Barrel and returned 10 hours later to Charlotte. We put just under 1700 miles on our cars over the 4 days. During that time we saw some of the most glorious fall color, witnessed breathtaking mountain scenery and according to Diana and Brenda, a few breathtaking curves!! The food was excellent, the accommodations clean, comfortable and reasonably priced and the camaraderie outstanding.

Three days later at the November meeting, Kahouna shared that Mike's ear to ear grin had still not gone away...it seems that after a "real test drive" he's even thinking about buying his own Vette!

Who wants to come next year? Sign up now.....



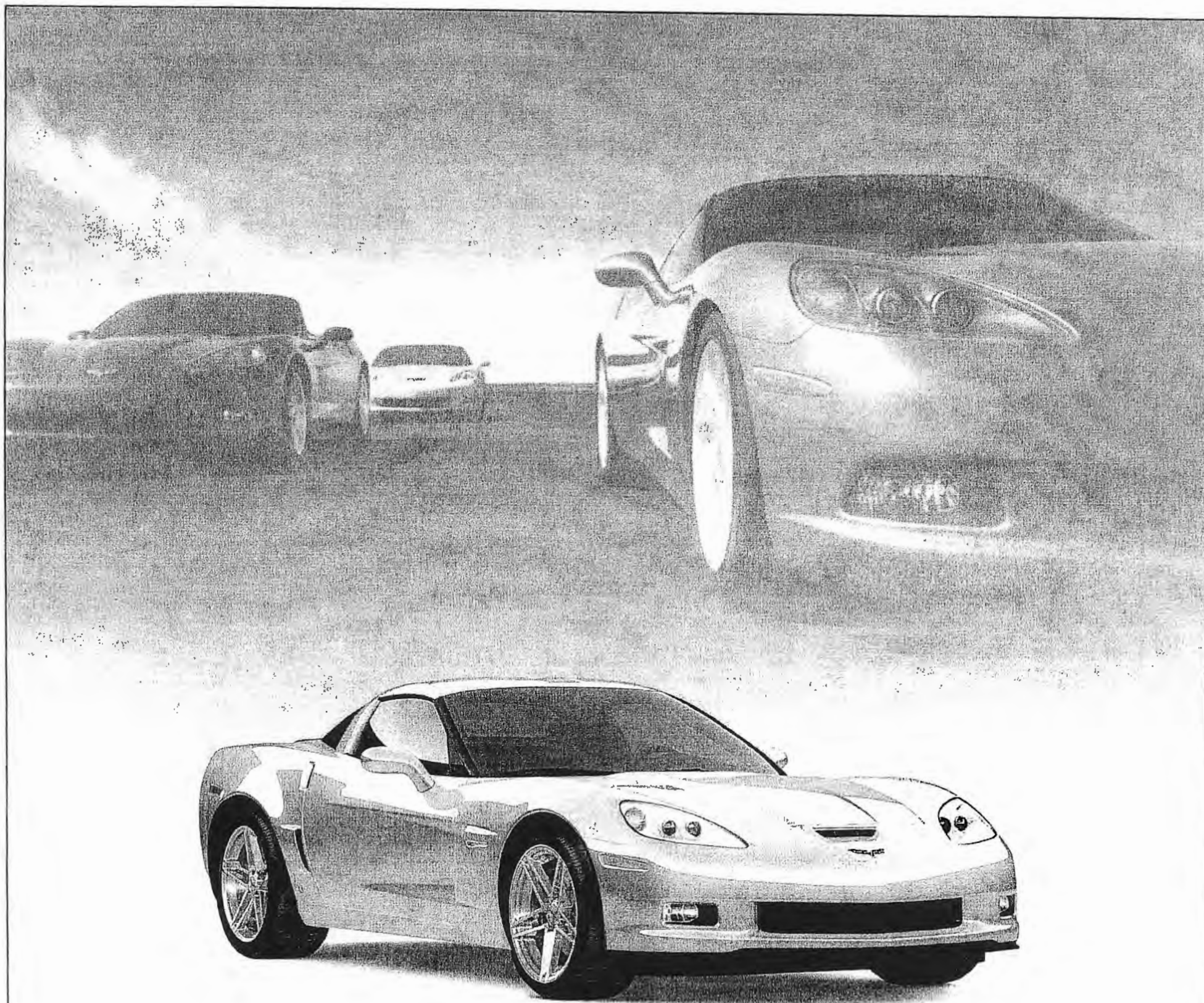
Michigan Region of NCCC Corvette Clubs

***The Michigan Region is comprised of 15 Clubs
and holds various events sanctioned by NCCC***

The Michigan Region is holding a competition for a new logo to represent its clubs. Go to the website www.michcorvette.org and vote for your favorite!

Below is a sample of the designs currently competing.
You can submit a design of your own for consideration as well.





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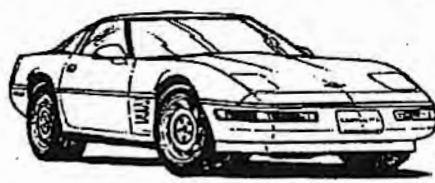
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