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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

March 7, 2007

7:00 pm

Deli Café-Holt

BOARD MEETING

March 21, 2007

**BMI International
3900 Collins Rd.
Ste. 1018
Lansing**

Please send any articles you would like to have
published to: editor @ cccorvette.org

From the President . . .

Greetings!

Temperatures in the 40's, the ice and snow is melting, and the sap buckets are being hung on the maple trees, a sure sign that Spring is just around the corner.

In past years Punxsutawney Phil has been pretty stingy with his predictions for an early spring. But on February 2, 2007 at 7:28 a.m. he had this to say, "On Gobbler's Knob I see no shadow today. I predict that early spring is on the way." Well I am putting my money on Punxsutawney Phil.

Now that we know for sure that spring is around the corner we can begin thinking about getting the Vettes out. Make sure you notify your insurer that you want to have full coverage in force before you roll out the end of the driveway.

We have a number of outings planned for you in the coming months. March will see us on a Drive'N Dine hosted by the Shatkosky's. April will see a number of events to keep us all busy. As of this date we are working with several other clubs to bring low speed training to those of you who would like to learn how to autocross. Then on the last weekend in April we'll be manning the phone lines at the WKAR Auction on Friday the 27th instead of the 28th followed by the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival parade on the 28th.

Due to the newsletter deadline being moved up to February 20 I can't give you any information on the club "give back". I can tell everyone that it will be

discussed at the February Board meeting. The Board is working hard to come to a decision on this issue that will be in the best interest of the club.

Kathy Wyma has notified me that currently no one has approached her with an idea for a Spring Get-away. If anyone has an idea for this event please contact Kathy and let her know of any ideas you might have.

At last months membership meeting we had two people come forward and volunteer to chair two car shows. I would like to say thank you to Terry Burke and Raoul Eiseman. That still leaves us needing a chairperson for the low speed event on July 28. I mentioned at the February membership meeting that if we do not have chair people in place for club events then that particular event will be cancelled.

The Board is extremely busy trying to plan activities like this club has never experienced during my five years of membership. We are planning activities during the week so we can get as many members involved as possible. There should be something of interest for everyone at some point during the driving season.

Save the wave,

Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting February 7, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESIDENT: Welcome. Ted and Julie Lasher were the only ones to drive their Vette tonight. Visitors tonight are Margie Hebden who bought Pam Candy's car and Sue Ellsworth, a friend of Diana Brown. New members Al Peterson and Mike Gould attend their first meeting.

SECRETARY: No additions or corrections. Motion was made and seconded. Passed.

COMPETITION: Low speed training is now April 21 with April 28 being a "rain" date. There isn't a location for it yet. No chairpersons for our low speed, All-Chevy show or Horsepower at the Zoo. No chair, no event. Diana Brown receives her trophy for 1st place women's overall low speed events.

GOVERNOR: Rich will be attending the Regional and National meetings. Regional banquet is March 10. NCCC Convention is in Nashville, TN in June.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We have 27 advertisers for our newsletter. Discussion of putting ads for our club meetings in the Lansing State Journal and Holt Community paper.

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

SOCIAL: February 24 Drive'N Dine by Wyma's. March 17 is a Drive'N Dine by Shatkosky's. April 28 is the WKAR Auction. No plans yet for a Spring Get-away.

MEMBERSHIP: 130 members & 66 FCOA + 1 honorary member. Question and discussion on giving our sponsor a membership list. Margaret Terwilliger made a motion, with the condition of no third party, to give our honorary member the membership list. Motion seconded and passed. It was also decided to give Mrs. Iding a name tag and a tee-shirt.

POINTS: Currently on the website.

EDITOR: February 20 is deadline.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave let the membership know that questions of the "give back" are being pursued. After meeting with an accountant, it will be brought before the Board and discussed. Members will be apprised of the progress.

NEWBUSINESS: Let Gloria know if you want a picture or change your picture of your Vette on the website. Gary Wyma shared his ideas on some mini Drive'N Dines during the week. Rich Shatkosky also addressed his ideas and Craig Iansiti's ideas of activities members could participate in possibly everyday of the week

50 – 50 Raffle was won by Brenda Shatkosky

MEMBER INPUT: Dave reminded everyone that we need chairpersons for upcoming club events. **No Chairpersons, No events.**

Don Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting February 21, 2007

Meeting at the Ecosynthetix Board room located at 3900 Collins Rd. Meeting called to order at 7:09 p.m.

Absent: Kathy Wyma, Gloria Reiffer

PRESIDENT: President Dave Kuempel recommended club members for the appointed Board positions as follows: Shalimar Maynard, Hearts & Flowers; Jeff Mitzel, NCM Ambassador; & Angela Kranz, Historian. Craig Iansiti made a motion to accept these appointments. Motion seconded & passed.

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

COMPETITION: There is no venue as yet for the low speed training. The training is set for April 21 with a rain date of April 28. There is no date set for the All Chevy show except for it being in the month of June.

GOVERNOR: Rich attended the Region meeting. He is writing an article for the newsletter. Article is discussed by the Board. National Convention is June 14 – 22, 2007 in Nashville, Tenn.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Discussion of ads in the newsletter.

TREASURER: Club accounts will be with a different bank. Citizens Bank has merged with another bank and was going to charge additional fees. So to avoid these fees we switched to Irwin Union for better services. Chris Burke made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed. Bills will be paid out of new account.

SOCIAL: Absent. WKAR Auction has been moved to Friday April 27. Saturday April 28 is the Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade. No one has come forward with any ideas for a Spring Get-Away. Board discussed some ideas. Rich & Brenda Shatkosky are going to check into a possible trip to Niagara Falls.

MEMBERSHIP: 132 members, 1 Honorary member, 66 F.C.O.A. Bruce & Sharon Baulch are our newest members. Bruce works at Bud Kouts Chevrolet.

POINTS: Craig Iansiti wants to meet with Carrie to discuss ideas for the points program. Table discussion until next meeting.

EDITOR: Deadline is Sunday February 25 12:00 noon. Discussion of Adobe system. Chris will check pricing.

WEBMASTER: Absent **HISTORIAN:** No report

OLD BUSINESS: Club "give back" was discussed. Rich & Dave met with Rick Fairchild an accountant who made suggestions on our status as a "non-profit" organization. Board will try to give an idea of what it actually costs to run the club. Present & past Board members have donated a lot of expenses not figured in. There is also an slotted amount of money to buy a trailer to transport equipment.

NEW BUSINESS: Discussed ideas presented by Rich & Craig for weekday events.

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



CCCC Competition Page

Tentative Schedule of CCCC Competition Events

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

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

Date TBD, June-All Chevy Show
Bud Kouts Chevrolet
Chairman-Raoul Eiseman
(Non-Sanctioned Event)

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

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

Sunday, August 12-Horsepower at The Zoo Car Show
Potter Park Zoo
Chairman-Terry Burke
(Non-Sanctioned Event)

Please watch your newsletter or check the CCCC website for date
changes/confirmations.

***We are still in need of a Chairperson for this event.
Please contact Dave Kuempel or Craig Iansiti**

2007 CCCC Social Participation Points:

Carol Armstrong	3	Bill Griffith	0	George Nelson	0
Don Armstrong	2	Mark Hansen	2	Bill Nezamis	0
Ed Armstrong	0	Nancy Hansen	2	Florence Nezamis	0
Pat Bailey	0	Cindy Hanses	1	Diana Parks	3
Roy Bailey	0	Phil Hanses	1	Howard Parks	3
Jim Balla *	0	Janet Hardin	3	Al Peterson	1
Adele Bancroft	0	Joy Hardman	0	Joe Platte	2
Kurt Bancroft	0	Carrie Hutton	5	Pam Platte	2
Bruce Baulch	0	Craig Iansiti	5	Milton Price	2
Sharon Baulch	0	Arthur Ickes	3	Carol Putmon	3
John Bechtel	2	Marilyn Ickes	3	Randy Putmon	1
Sandy Bechtel	2	Don Johnston	3	Gloria Reiffer	5
Celie Bradfield	0	Janet Johnston	3	Simon Reiffer	3
Jim Bradfield	0	Tom Kania *	1	Robert Ribar	4
Colleen Bratschi	5	Greg Kapp	3	Norm Saari	0
Rich Bratschi	3	Kim Keith	2	Brenda Sage	0
Connie Britz	1	Sue Keith	3	Steve Sage	0
Mike Britz	1	Karen Klein	1	Kurt Schwamberger *	2
David Brown	0	Stephen Klein	0	Sharon Schwamberger *	2
Diana Brown-Mosher	1	Angela Kranz	0	Brenda Shatkosky	5
Chris Burke	6	Jerry Kranz	0	Richard Shatkosky	6
Jack Burke	0	Dave Kuempel	5	Janyce Shepler	0
Marie Burke	0	Diana Kuempel	5	John Shepler	0
Terry Burke	4	Lewis Kuempel	1	Loretta Spinrad	0
Mike Busch	0	Julie Lasher	6	Steve Spinrad	0
Pam Candy	0	Ted Lasher	6	Dan Stremler	0
Pat Carmickle *	0	Margaret Lewis	0	Nancy Stremler	0
Shari Carmickle *	0	Mark Lewis	0	Kathy Stump	2
Kathy Cooper	2	Ellie Lickfeldt	0	Thomas Stump	2
Ron Cooper	3	Patrick Lickfeldt	0	Linda Swift	0
Dave Cripe *	0	Bob Loucks	0	Gordon Terwilliger	3
Pat Cripe	0	Debi Loucks	0	Margaret Terwilliger	3
Ken David	0	Roger Martin	0	Joseph Thomas *	2
Kim David	0	Bruce Matthews	0	Gayle Thompson	0
Darwin Day	1	Julie Matthews	0	Pam Thompson	1
Sheila Day	1	Bob Maynard	5	Sue VanAtta	0
Trini Dixon	0	Shalimar Maynard	3	Jan Wasco *	0
Art Doty *	0	Lisa McDonald	0	Ken Wasco *	0
Nancy Doty *	0	Steve McDonald	0	Lee Webster	0
Catherine Eiseman	1	Jeff McQuade	2	Larry Wight	3
Raoul Eiseman	1	Kenneth Melaragni	0	Gary Wyma	3
Jennifer Everhart *	0	Dawn Mitzel	1	Kathy Wyma	5
Kady Gisse	0	Jeffrey Mitzel	1		
Randy Gisse	0	Barb Musselman	2		
Mike Gould	1	Stephen Musselman	2		

Top Ten for 2007:

Chris Burke	6	Carrie Hutton	5	Bob Maynard	5
Julie Lasher	6	Craig Iansiti	5	Gloria Reiffer	5
Ted Lasher	6	David Kuempel	5	Brenda Shatkosky	5
Richard Shatkosky	6	Diana Kuempel	5	Kathy Wyma	5
Colleen Bratschi	5				

* Indicates that NCCC membership is with another Michigan Region club.

GOVERNOR'S MEETING REPORT

MICHIGAN REGION NCCC

FEBRUARY 20, 2007

This was the first 2007 meeting of the new Regional Executive. There are a number of new members on the MI Region NCCC Board; that combined with numerous issues, resulted in the meeting lasting until 10 PM.

Regional Secretary's Report

Due to a full time occupation, the Regional Secretary requested that all proposed Agenda items be sent to her at minimum 2 1/2 weeks before the meeting in question. For CCCC, that means issues that may be raised at our April meeting can be put on the May Regional Agenda.

Regional Treasurer's Report

The Regional Treasurer gave a financial report of savings and checking accounts, as well as CD's currently held by the bank.

The Regional Treasurer handed out a copy of "NCCC Guide to Federal Tax Matters" due to a number of clubs; including CCCC asking for guidelines on club expenditures.

Points Director's Report

There are no new points as of yet this year.

Events should be sent to both Renee and the Region Webmaster. Renee needs to have them in his hands 70 days before the event and the webmaster needs them for posting on the region website.

NCCC Pins and Calendars

The hottest issue was NCCC Pins and calendars. All Governors were taking flak from their clubs on the one pin, one calendar received in the NCCC renewal package.

Barb Harris advised that all groups within NCCC had been asked to identify areas for budget cuts. The reduction in number of pins and calendars was one of the cuts. National claims the Governors were advised and voted on the measure, the Governor's in attendance that were carryovers from last year, vociferously denied that they had been asked, let alone had given consent. The issue has been put on the National meeting Agenda for the weekend.

Regional Banquet

This was the second hottest issue. Concern was raised that the event broke the Region by-laws as the approved location; by Governor vote, was Frankenmuth. The question raised was "how can the venue change and how could their not be an approved budget for the event?" Since no club representative was present to answer, the executive will investigate the issue.

Competition Report

To generate interest in cross club participation, there will be a new All Around Region competition award.

At the Awards Banquet, one venue for each type of competitive event will be selected at random. The intent is to award the Regional member with the highest participation and scores in these chosen events.

NCCC Rule Book

The rule book is currently being revised. There is a divide between those who want it in hard copy and those who want it in electronic format. In preparation for the upcoming National meeting, the Regional members were polled. The Region supports the publication of the electronic format, with the proviso that the hard copy be available for this edition in transition.

Logo Contest

The winning Logo in the contest by a count of 61 votes, was Logo #1 submitted by Jim Harris. This logo can be seen on the website.

2009 NCCC National Convention bid

The proposal is coming along. Tentative dates are August 7-14 at the Amway Grand Plaza Hotel in Grand Rapids. Hotel charges will be \$112/night with \$16/day ramp parking. Free parking is available two blocks away. There will be 2 days of speed events along with Concours, Rallyes and Drags. The region is trying to add a lot more social and sightseeing events than in the past, as the Region clearly recognizes a shift in interest in members. Gone are the days of the NCCC being a racing organization, members are now more interested in socialization and side events.

2006 National Convention

Final numbers show that National lost a considerable amount of money.

2007 National Convention

The 2007 National Convention will be held June 14-22, there is a flyer with more information available on the website. Registration opened February 1, the first cut-off date is March 15.

Because of issues with scheduling the race track, some schedule changes have been made since the registration package was printed. There will be events held at the National Museum and the assembly plant in Bowling Green.

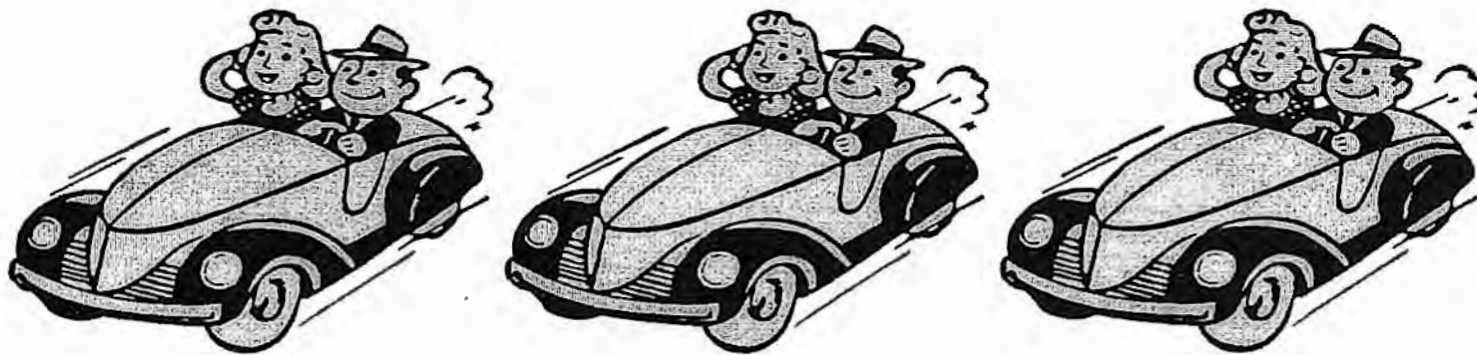
A relative of the Jackson Governor runs a recording studio. If there is interest and flexibility then a "Michigan secret" visit to see a Country star during recording may be available. Anyone attending and interested should see Barb Harris at convention.

Coventry Blues

It appears the Coventry club; with more than 100 members, is in trouble. Membership apathy and lack of willingness to run events means the club may fold. Various Regional members offered to make contact and see if there was anything that could be done to help.

Corvette Raffle

Everyone was reminded to ensure our members see and consider supporting NCCC charity activities, and consider buying raffle tickets for the 2007 Coupe.



Join us for a Drive & Dine
Hosted by Tom & Kathy Stump

Saturday April 14, 2007

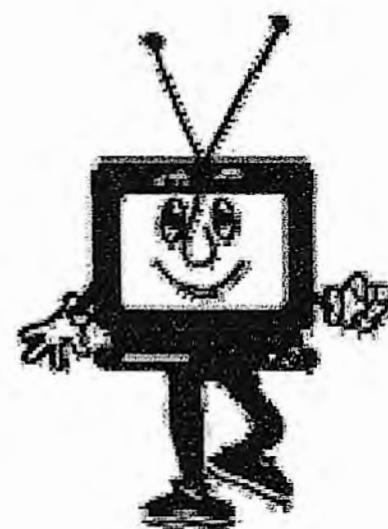
Details will be provided
at the March meeting

R.S.V.P. Tom Stump
tstump1487@aol.com



WKAR Auction Time!

Working at the WKAR Auction has become a tradition for members of Capital City Corvette Club. Continuing our tradition, we will man the phone bank - and various other jobs - from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. on Friday, April 27.



ALL volunteers need to arrive at the WKAR studios by 5:30 for training. This goes for the old pros too! They want everyone to report for training. A meal will be available at \$4.00 per person during our shift.

The WKAR studios are located in the Communication Arts Building on the southeast corner of Wilson and Red Cedar Roads. Parking is free in the ramp behind the studios.

After the Auction, those interested will head over to Culver's in Okemos for frozen custard, or one of their other great desserts.

Contact Simon or Gloria Reiffer at 517.646.2180 if you want to sign up in advance. A sign-up sheet will also be available at the March and April general membership meeting.

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Be sure to wear your blue club t-shirt.
They look great on TV!

Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade

APRIL 28, 2007

Capital City Corvette Club

Join us for what has become an annual event for the club as we travel to Vermontville for their annual Maple Syrup Festival. The parade will start at 2:00P.M. and we **MUST** be in line by 12:00P.M. Parade line up is on North Ionia Rd. between Vermontville and Gresham Hwy. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase our club to thousands of people who will be in attendance at this event.

Contact
The Kuempel's at:
517.206.4926
Email:
president@ccc Corvette.org



March 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	March 1	2	3
4 Happy Birthday Joe Thomas	5 Happy Birthday Rich Bratschi Happy Birthday Pat Cripe	6	7 7 PM  General Membership Meeting	8	9	10
11 Daylight Savings Time Begins	12	13 Happy Birthday Bob Maynard	14	15 Happy Birthday Pat Bailey	16	17  St. Patrick's Day Drive N Dine hosted by Shatkoskys Happy Birthday Pat Carmickle
18 Happy Birthday Robert Ribar	19	20 Happy Birthday Mike Busch & Janet Hardin	21  First Day of Spring! 7 PM - 8 PM  Board Meeting	22	23	24 Happy Birthday Sandy Bechtel
25	26	27 Happy Birthday Roy Bailey	28	29	30	31 Happy Birthday Kurt Bancroft
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

CCCC Calendar As You Go

March 2007

7th-General Membership Meeting
10th-Regional Awards & Dinner Banquet (see flyer)
17th- Drive N Dine hosted by Shatkoskys (see flyer)
21st-Board Meeting

April 2007

14th-Drive N Dine hosted by Stumps (see flyer)
21st-Low Speed Training event/Rain date: 28th
27th-WKAR Auction (see flyer)
28th-Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival & Parade (see flyer)

CCCC Members Classified Ads

For Sale: Cottage 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: 1956 4-Door Chevy Station Wagon 17,500 mile, originally Grand Ledge Fire Dept. car. **Asking \$22k OBO. Call Dave or Pat Cripe @ 517-484-4677**

For Sale: Furniture "Golden Oaks" Beautiful Solid Oak (Amish) Hutch. Medium Oak Color, 2 pieces. Carved etched design on top back-lower doors. Measures 73x47. Top is 38x47 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 two 20" drawers, two solid, raised panel doors w/wheat etch. 24 1/2 x 20 w/one shelf the full inside width. Paid \$810, asking \$600 OBO.

Oak Express Computer Desk (oak veneer) 48 x 24 1/2, 22 3/4 keyboard sliding shelf/tray, 19 1/2 x 3 drawer. Opening for monitor is 20 1/2, closed storage space w/3 adj. shelves. Paid \$55 asking \$35.

Call Gordon or Margaret @ 517-628-2002 or email: twig4952@cablespeed.com

For Sale: Precious Moments Figurine Collection Several collectors' items discontinued.

Call Pam @ 517-887-7232

For Sale: 1993 Corvette Coupe Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Pkg. 63k miles, 300 hp LT1, auto trans, runs great. 30mpg hwy, very good condition. **MUST SELL- \$15.5k OBO Call Phil H. @ 989-587-3422 or email: bluecorvette@bigfoot.com.**

For Sale: 1985 Corvette Coupe Medium gray metallic (only 2519 made), gray interior, air, auto trans, pwr windows/locks and leather seats. Removable transparent roof panel, cruise, tuned-port inject. L98 eng, high perform. ECM w/chip, ACCEL HEI super coil, Bose system, CB antenna, Goodyear Eagles GSCP255/50ZR16 tires, 4 extra wheels w/BFG RI tires. 82k miles, excellent condition. Asking \$9.5k **Call Steve S. @ 517-372-4380**

Storage for CCCC Members Corvettes Stored in pole barn for \$25 per month **Call Randy or Carol @ 669-8365**

Filling Your CCCC Calendar

From your Social Director, Competition Director & Governor

This year the Board is working hard to increase the number of opportunities members will have to drive their Corvettes with other club members. These opportunities will be a combination of social events, competition events, club events and other events, such as the Portland Cruise, Hooters Cruise-in, and Cruisin' The Gut. To get things kicked off, you will find the preliminary April Calendar in this newsletter.

The calendar will be published at least 30 days in advance, and featured club events will be highlighted with the club logo. In the event that 10 or more members show up for an event, it will be counted as a qualifying event under the current CCCC Points Program. If less than 10 members show up, the event will be considered an informal non-qualifying event, but will proceed as scheduled.

Many of the events will be simple, just show up at the appointed time and place. Since this is a new endeavor for the club, there will invariably be a few potholes, detours, and route changes in the first month or so.

We will be trying out a number of new activities including "Fun Rallyes", "Country Curves", "Eat Out of Town", "Tech Tuesdays", "Drive and ?", "Coffee", "Mini-Shows" and more. Depending on turnout and interest; we will be continually adjusting and improving the offering.

FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

- **Coffee**

This will be an informal meeting of those interested in socializing. Meetings will alternate between morning and evening coffee sessions every Monday. The morning sessions will meet at Beaners in East Lansing, located at 1429 Saginaw (at Coolidge). The evening sessions will meet at Starbucks in Okemos, located at 3552 Meridian Crossing (Okemos Rd/Jolly). Depending on the level of interest, the evening coffee sessions might morph into ice cream sessions once the weather gets warmer.

- **Tech Tuesdays**

We will kick off these informal "fix your car" nights at the home of Craig Iansiti. (check your membership roster for the address). During the season we will announce alternate locations which will generally be at the homes of members owning lifts. Tech Tuesdays are not intended to be a "school" of any kind. Rather they are designed to provide a venue and opportunity for a few guys/gals to get together and help each other complete some of those nagging items that one never seems to get done without encouragement and/or help from others. There can be many things (or nothing) going on at once and everyone is invited, even if they don't have anything in need of work.

Members are not expected to work at these events; anyone can come to watch or hold a work light. All you will need to bring is your Vette, your replacement parts, and your favorite beverage. We can pitch in and order pizzas or start a grill and make hot dogs.

- **Country Curves**

This is an opportunity to get out and drive your car somewhere out of town. The participants will meet at Culver's in Okemos. At 7:00PM the group of whoever is there will leave for an approximate 90 minute drive through the surrounding country side. We have selected Culvers as it is known to club members, has a good parking lot, provides a good place to grab a bite to eat before the drive, or an ice cream treat afterwards. Each week club members will be asked to volunteer to lead the drive for the subsequent week.

THE REST OF THE SEASON

The remainder of the drive season will see us add some additional items to our program.

- **Mini-Shows**

This is an opportunity to have mid-week mini-shows during the evenings in the Lansing area. Generally speaking; these events will be held in the parking lot of a local business where we will display our cars for approximately 2 hours. The first of these mini-shows will be held in May. Gary "Chappy" Wyma has presented this opportunity and more details will follow in next month's newsletter.

- **Local Cruise-Ins**

This year we will attempt to pre-announce and lead a group of interested club members to numerous local cruises. We will discuss which ones are of most interest to club members, and will publish details in the prior month's newsletter.

- **Drive and ?**

This is a variation on the current Drive N Dines and Color Tour. Again, these events will provide an opportunity to get together with fellow club members and participate in a day long drive somewhere in Michigan. The emphasis will be on traveling interesting roads, seeing interesting scenery and believe it or not... there is likely to be a stop somewhere along the way for food. We would like to see at least 2 of these events during the season turn into a 2-day event, possibly staying at a quaint B&B somewhere en-route.

- **Ladies Night -Out**

This will be an opportunity for the ladies in the club to get together socially for a craft session, wine and cheese party, or other activities of interest. Word has it that if the male club members treat their ladies royally, they may be invited to one or two of these events.

All of these activities will be in addition to our usual social, community, and competition events that have composed our program over the last couple of seasons.

Ladies and Gentlemen- Start Your Engines!

Kathy, Craig and Rich



Capital City Corvette Club



April 2007

1	 2	3	 4	5	6	7
	Coffee Beaner's 10:30am		CCCC Meeting			
8	 9	 10	11	12	13	14
	Coffee Starbuck's 7:00 pm	Tech Night				
15	 16	17	 18	 19	 20	 21
CCM Lo-Speed Hamtramck	Coffee Beaner's 10:30 am		CCCC Board Meeting	Country Curves 7:00 PM Culvers	Eat out of town 6:00PM Culver's	Lo' Speed School
22	 23	 24	25	 26	 27	 28
Drive your Vette to Church	Coffee Starbuck's 7:00am	Tech Night		Country Curves 7:00 PM Culvers	WKAR 5:30PM	Vermontville Parade 9AM
29	 30					
CCM Rallye Plymouth	Coffee Beaners's 10:30 am					

March Member Profile
Introducing: Julie & Bruce Matthews

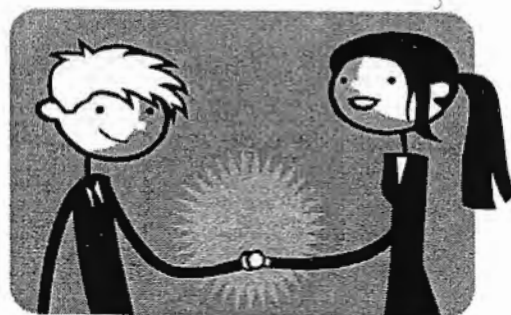
Julie and Bruce met at their high school graduation in 1971, and have been married 33 years. They have one child and a brand new grandchild! Julie and Bruce also have a cat named Chip.

Bruce is a Golf Course Architect and Julie is an Office Manager. Not surprisingly, Bruce's favorite hobby is golf, while Julie enjoys baking and reading. Together they enjoy car shows, traveling, and fishing.

Julie and Bruce have owned a 1972 Burlington Gold Survivor for the past 3 years, and heard about CCCC at a car show. They are not currently involved in any other clubs or organizations.

Julie and Bruce joined CCCC in January of 2007. Unfortunately with winter not being a very active time for our club; they haven't had many experiences to share, but we certainly hope to change that!

Welcome to Capital City Corvette Club Julie & Bruce Matthews!



'Vette Vignettes

Fun Facts, Stores, and Just Plain Stuff!

This month's 'Vette Vignette comes to us from our friend and member down in Pearl River, Louisiana, Bill Griffith. I'm not sure of the source of Bill's Vignette, but I wouldn't be surprised if it's of his own invention. Enjoy!

After "Hurricane Katrina" a lot of unscrupulous people in the New Orleans area sold obvious "floaters" to unwary car buyers. Some of these cars may have found their way to your area. Here are some tips to keep you all safe.

1. If there is a fish in the trunk.....IT SUNK!
2. If there is a crab in the cab....well....you know.
3. If there's even a hint of a "fishy" smell.....run like hell.
4. If you smell "cologne"....you'd best...be gone!
5. "Velour" Green Interior.....IT IS MOLD!!!
6. Two-Tone Paint Job. If bottom half is "Rusty Brown"...NO WAY! Or if the bottom half is "Charcoal Grey" or "Black", then the car is from the Chalmette, LA area. (Murphy Oil dumped 5 Million gallons of crude oil)...Note: Grey or Black will wipe off easily with gas on a rag!
7. If seller advertises: "Not Flooded by Hurricane Katrina"....The Car SUNK!
8. If you check the oil and the dipstick is rusty, and caked with SALT!...yeah...it got "damp".and Alligator tracks on the headliner are a SURE sign!
9. Most Important!...Louisiana License Tags are NOT Brown!....They are
10. "Off-White"...with a Pelican on them.....NOT a Barnacle!

I hope these tips help. Good Luck. Bill Griffith-Pearl River, LA

PS: I saw an ad in the Times-Picayune (Newspaper-New Orleans)-for 30 Acres in S.E. Louisiana "unflooded by Katrina" recently and had to laugh! The location on "Apple Pie Ridge Road" is less than a 1/4 mile where I lost 2 Corvettes of mine due to an 18-20 ft. Storm Surge! To see the ad go to: www.nola.com, Section 7740 of the Classifieds (Acreage/Farm and Timberland)

I may call them up and ask them to meet me out there. It might be fun!

**Members are encouraged to contribute to this monthly feature.
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Corvette History - March

- March 2, 1990:** At the Firestone Test Center near Fort Stockton, Texas, a team of drivers set a dozen land speed records with a Corvette ZR-1 and a Corvette L-98. Cars were in near stock condition, minus mufflers and catalytic converters. Records include 5000 miles in a time of 28:46:12.462, 5000 km in a time of 17:40:53.748, and 4221.256 miles in 24 hours. Average speed for all record runs were 170-175 MPH. One driver is Corvette Development and Validation Manager John Heinrichy.
- March 6, 1996:** Corvette's Chief Engineer, Dave Hill makes the final decision to stop C4 model Corvette production and put all emphasis on C5. June 16 is set as the last day of building C4 Corvettes.
- March 7, 1997:** Chevrolet begins selling the 1997 model Corvette.
- March 14, 1977:** The 500,000th Corvette drives off the assembly line.
- March 18, 2000:** In Florida, the 48th Annual Superflo 12 Hours at Sebring is held. Corvette C5-R, #4, driven by Ron Fellows, Chris Kneifel, and Justin Bell, places 16th overall. Corvette C5-R, #3, driven by Andy Pilgrim, Kelly Collins, and Frank Freon places 24th overall.
- March 20, 1999:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race, Ron Fellows, John Paul Jr., and Chris Kneifel drive C5-R No. 3, finishing 4th in class. Andy Pilgrim, Scott Sharp, and John Heinrichy drive C5-R No. 4, but do not finish the race.
- March 23, 1957:** Chevrolet enters four Corvettes in the 12 Hours of Sebring race in Florida. The Corvette SS (Super Sport), driven by John Fitch and Juan Fangio, runs only 120 miles before being retired on lap 23 due to erratic brakes and faulty rear suspension. Richard Thompson and Gaston Andrey in No. 4 finish first in GT Production class, 12th overall. A third Corvette wins Modified Production class, 15th overall. The fourth Corvette takes 16th overall. 12th place is the best showing for a car in GT class at Sebring.
- March 23, 1992:** General Motors applies for a registered trademark of "STINGRAY".
- March 24, 1956:** Four 1956 Corvettes take part in the Florida International 12-Hour Grand Prix of Endurance, at Sebring, Florida. Car No. 1, with 307-ci engine, driven by John Fitch and Walt Hansgen, runs in SCCA class C/Modified, and finishes the race, winning first in its class, and ninth overall. Car No. 5, with 265-ci engine, high performance Duntov cam and 4.11-to-1 final drive, and driven by Dale Duncan and John Eager, runs in class B/Production, but breaks an axle shaft 20 minutes into the race. Car No. 6, with 265-ci engine, 3.70-to-1 final drive, driven by Ray Crawford and Max Goldman, runs in SCCA class B/Production, and finishes the race 6th in class and 15th overall. Car No. 7, with 265-ci engine, 4.11-to-1 final drive, driven by Ernie Erickson and Chuck Hassan, runs in class B/Production, but blows a piston about 1:20 hours into the race.
- March 27, 1962:** At the 12 Hours of Endurance race at Sebring, Florida, M.J.R. Wylie and Duncan Black drive Gulf Oil's 1962 Corvette to 2nd in A/Production class, and 18th overall.



- **March 27, 1978:** The Wall Street Journal runs a front-page article about the 1978 Corvette Indianapolis 500 Pace Cars, indicating they would be excellent investments.
- **March, 1960:** A Corvette finishes first in class at the 12 Hours of Sebring race. Two Corvettes of the Camoradi racing team, driven by Jim Jeffords and Fred Gamble, finish second and third in GT class.
- **March, 1961:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race, Corvette drivers Delmo Johnson and Dave Morgan finish 1st in GT class and 11th overall.
- **March, 1964:** A Corvette finishes first in GT category at the 12 Hours of Sebring race.
- **March, 1966:** Roger Penske, in his 1966 Corvette with 427 ci engine, finishes first in GT class at the 12 Hours of Sebring race.
- **March, 1967:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race, Dave Morgan and Don Yenke compete in a 1967 L88 Corvette, finishing 1st in GT class and 10th overall.
- **March, 1968:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race in Florida, Yenke/Rodriguez race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 2), Thompson/DeLorenzo race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 4), and Morgan/Sharp race 1968 L88 Corvette (No. 3). One finishes first in GT class.
- **March, 1972:** At the 12 Hours of Sebring race in Florida, Dave Heinz and Bob Johnson race Toye English's 1969 L88 convertible to first in GT class.
- **March, 1973:** The driving team of John Greenwood, Ron Grable, and Mike Brockman drive a Corvette to a win in its class at Sebring, and taking third place overall, the best ever showing for a Corvette at Sebring
- **March, 1983:** The 1984 Corvette goes on sale in the US, except for California.
- **March, 1989:** Chevrolet introduces the Corvette ZR-1 at the Geneva Auto Show in Switzerland.
- **March, 1990:** Dennis Amodeo, winner of 36 Corvettes through a 1989 VH-1 contest, sells the collection to artist Peter Max for approximately US\$1.5 million.
- **March, 1992:** Ground-breaking ceremony is held next to the Corvette plant for a permanent home for the National Corvette Museum.

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