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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

April 4, 2007

7:00 pm

Deli Café-Holt

BOARD MEETING

April 18, 2007

7:00 pm

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!

Spring has sprung and the spring rains have begun washing away the winter salt from our highways. The summer birds are beginning to appear and this all means fun in the sun behind the wheel of our beloved Corvettes.

This is such a great time of the year as we return to the roads in the hope of enjoying a little spirited driving after a long winter. Before you begin that spirited drive, take time to go over your car and make sure everything is in operational mode.

Check for any nesting creatures that may have made your precious ride their new home. Take time to check all of the fluid levels and be sure to check the air in your tires. Now might be a good time to change out that winter air and replace it with summer air. Oops a little humor there!

But seriously make every effort to make sure your top is latched down. Call your insurance agent and make sure you have coverage on the car and for those who renew their license plates during the winter be sure you put that new tab on the plate.

The summer driving season will be in full swing shortly and we have a number of "NEW" things on the calendar that should be of interest to most of our members. Rich and Craig have busy planning a variety of weekday events for the members who have trouble getting weekends free.

April will be a busy month for us as we try to coordinate bowling between CCCC and the Jackson CC. April 14th will be a Drive'N Dine hosted by Tom and Kathy Stump. April 27th we will once again man the phones at the Annual WKAR Auction and on Saturday April 28th you will have two choices. We are working with the Battle Creek CC to put on a low-speed driving class in Marshall and you'll also have an opportunity to participate in the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival parade. The club began appearing in the parade in 2004.

May has traditionally been our time for a Spring Get-away. Rich and Brenda Shatkosky put together a trip to Niagara Falls for the club but due to a general lack of interest this trip has been canceled. I would like to say thanks to Rich and Brenda for all of their hard work that went into the planning.

On May 19th we'll be hosting our 3rd annual Blessing of the Vettes and you will notice that the cost for this show and all future shows put on by CCCC has been discounted for CCCC members only. June 9th will see an All Chevy Show at Bud Kouts Chevrolet.

Keep your eyes on the website for future announcements and for any last minute changes to upcoming events.

Save the wave,

Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting March 7, 2007

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

PRESIDENT: Some members drove their Vettes. Guest tonight are Ty Mason from Alto, and 2 founding members, Don Baron & Bill Thornbury, both of Lansing. New member Bruce Baulch attending his first meeting.

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

<u>COMPETITION:</u> We have chairpersons for all of our events. Spartan Speedway will be the venue for our low-speed event on July 28. The low-speed training is having trouble with the date and venue. Explanation of what our tech nights will entail.

<u>GOVENOR:</u> Regional meeting highlights are in the newsletter. National meeting highlights will be at next months meeting. By-laws are posted on the website. There is also 2 contests, one for the National newsletter and one for the website. There was a heated discussion about pins & calendars as a way to cut costs. Mention of a Spring Get-away at Niagara Falls. Discussion of club events done during the week.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We are willing to take new ads for the newsletter. Ads will be pro-rated.

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

SOCIAL: March 17 is Drive N Dine by Rich & Brenda Shatkosky. March 29 is ladies night. April 14 is Drive N Dine by Tom & Kathy Stump. April 27 is WKAR Auction Night, and April 28 is Maple Syrup Festival Parade. 1st week in June is available for a Spring Get-Away.

MEMBERSHIP: Margie Hebden has become a new member. We have 133 members & + 1 honorary member & 66 FCOA

POINTS: Currently on the website.

EDITOR: Deadline is March 23.

<u>OLD BUSINESS</u>: We have discovered our club status is 501 (c) (7). Dave explained what that status means as a non-profit organization who donates to multiple charities. The club must go by certain rules & laws of the state & federal. It was decided that club members will be given a discount at all car shows and meals furnished by the club to event workers after an event.

NEWBUSINESS: Carrie Hutton is involved in a group study on CSR's and Corvettes. Anyone who has a suggestion for improvements on Vettes, please tell Carrie. Joe Thomas, with the CCM club is going to Rosie's Diner in Rockford and might pass thru our "Blessing" show. Larry Wight brought up the idea of a club flag for each car to identify us on a Drive'N Dine. Dave will check with Flagcaddie.com. New appointed positions are Jeff Mitzel as National Corvette Museum Ambassador, Shalimar Maynard as Hearts & Flowers.

50 – 50 Raffle was won by Gary Wyma

Don Johnston made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Lansing Cruise the Gut dates are: June 9, July 21, & Sept. 22. Jackson Cruise-ins are 4 Friday of the month starting in June. July 14 Siren/EATON Shelter car show.

CCCC Board Meeting March 21, 2007

Meeting at the Ecosynthetix Board room located at 3900 Collins Rd. Meeting called to order at 7:08 p.m. Absent: Angie Kranz, Jeff Mitzel, and Shalimar Maynard

PRESIDENT: Dave suggested maybe club members would like to make a club event of the American LeMans racing on Belle Isle on Labor Day weekend. The Wisconsin Mad City Corvette club asked if we would be interested in joining them for this event.

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

<u>WEBMASTER:</u> Gloria demonstrated Calendarix, a calendar program. Discussion of the program. Rich Shatkosky made a motion to purchase the program. Motion seconded and passed. Gloria will purchase the program.

EDITOR: Discussion on newsletter. Craig Iansiti made a motion to put calendar of 2 months back to back and a list of future events. Motion seconded and passed. We publish 80-85 newsletters per month. Discussion of newsletter costs. Colleen Bratschi made a motion to put newsletters on the website and bring some to the meeting. Stapler broke and Chris says the Post Office objects to the use of staples on them. The Board decided to have Chris have ASAP put the newsletters together & saddle stitch them and get the cost of it. Colleen withdrew her motion. We will make a decision later. Deadline is March 23rd.

POINTS: New points program discussed. Change "full day of events" for members to work. Program is retroactive to January 1, 2007. The new program will be put on the website. Also make members aware at general membership meeting. Carrie made a motion to accept the program with a couple of small changes. Motion seconded and passed.

COMPETITION: Events: May 19th show is sanctioned, June 9 All Chevy & July 7 All Corvette are non-sanctioned. July 28 Low-speed is 6 sanctioned events. Horsepower at the Zoo is August 12th. Craig has not received any communications from René. Craig needs flyer information from all the car shows. Have to have flyers in 50 days before event. April 28th is definitely the date for the low-speed training in Marshall. There was a discussion of the club purchasing our own DJ equipment to save the club some money. This year's shows will pay for the equipment. Dave Kuempel will store the equipment. Craig Iansiti made a motion to purchase the equipment. Motion seconded and passed. At members requests, tech night will be changed from Tuesday to Thursday April 21st. If it rains, tech night will be cancelled. Dave talked with Dick Iding. The All Chevy show will be June 9th.

GOVENOR: Rich handed out highlights of the NCCC Governors meeting. Spring Get-away has been cancelled because of a lack of participation.

<u>PUBLIC RELATIONS:</u> We have one new advertiser. We will be pro-rating any new ads we get the rest of the year. Craig spoke with Steve Hanks and it was suggested we (our club) have some interaction with him.

TREASURER: Report given. Carrie Hutton made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed. Colleen has paid \$12 for postage which she has donated to the club. Rich Shatkosky paid \$526.31 for his trip to the National Governors meeting. He was reimbursed \$250 by the club. The rest of the money came from his own pocket.

SOCIAL: No one had any suggestions for a Spring Get-away in Michigan. Maybe we will have an annual get-away at another time of year. Jackson club has asked our club to a bowling competition. Possible dates are April 15 or 22.

MEMBERSHIP: 135 members, 1 Honorary member, 66 F.C.O.A. Membership cards are supposedly done by Evelyn. We need to buy new brochures. There is a discrepancy in the brochures wording and NCCC. NCCC refers to Primary and Spouse/Companion. Our application refers to Master and Associate. Associate means something different in NCCC. We will adopt "Primary" member and "Spouse/Companion" to make wording clear. Chris will get a price on brochures (1000) from ASAP. Members should throw away all the old brochures.

Craig Iansiti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

GOVERNOR'S MEETING REPORT NCCC GOVERNOR'S MEETING HIGHLIGHTS FEBRUARY 23-24, 2007

BACKGROUND

This was my first meeting as Club Governor. I met a number of other Governors and Committee members. The two days opened my eyes to the range of activities of the NCCC that go beyond racing.

FRIDAY NIGHT MEETINGS

The National and Regional Executive met on Friday evening along with individual committee meetings for each of Competition, Membership, Website, Finance, Convention Steering, and Charity.

I observed a portion of each of the Website, Finance, Convention, and Charity committees. I found them all to be well run with knowledgeable members. The committees ran from about 7pm to midnight.

I sat through Michigan's presentation of their preliminary bid proposal for the 2009 convention. Grand Valley presented an incredibly thorough, very professional pitch, which left the Colorado Springs bid look pale in comparison. (More comments on this can be found in the Governor's Meeting Highlights below)

SATURDAY GOVERNORS MEETING

• Parliamentarian's Report-All standing orders and by-laws have been reviewed. Proposed changes will be finalized in committee during the May meeting, read at the September meeting, and voted on by the Governor's at the November meeting.

It has been decided that the new by-laws will be published on the web and available in hard copy.

There is a newsletter contest underway. Three different copies of the newsletter are required for contest entry. Entry criteria can be found on the NCCC website.

• **VP Competition Report-**Michigan placed two clubs in the Top 15. CCM placed 12th. and MAG placed 6th. Michigan region also placed two ladies in the Top 10, Sharon Schwamberger placed 3rd and Sharon Messeman placed 8th. In the men's category, Michigan placed three in the Top 15. Kurt Schwamberger placed 4th, Ray Messeman 5th, and Barry Leonne 12th.

Like the By-laws, the 2008 Competition rule book is being rewritten and will be published on the internet. NCCC Officers, Governors, new members, and those members mailing in coupons will still get hardcopies. Note: It was recommended that one hard copy of the club newsletter be kept on file to ensure that the club has a hard copy of its non-sanctioned events such as Drive & Dines, Car Shows, etc. in order for K&K Insurance to provide coverage in the event of a claim.

• FCOA-NCCC has crossed the 2500 FCOA Membership number.

- Pins & Calendars-Last February, the Regional Membership Directors met, looking at ways to cut their budget. They knew that not everyone used the pins and calendars. They voted to save \$7300.00 by cutting them to one per family. This decision has caused a lot of complaints. Only 12,000 pins were ordered, there are only 500 left, and re-ordering is not viable. It has been decided that in 2008, pins will be supplied to ALL members. To address the cost, a full review of members "perks" will be undertaken at the May committee session.
- **Treasurers Report-**NCCC ended up with a \$33k positive income versus the budgeted \$1.9k income. Year to date is tracking on budget; this targets a \$5k loss.
- **Public Relations-**The NCCC has two traveling displays available for club use. They can be used to educate club members about NCCC or at major events to educate the visitors of those events.
- **Past President-**Remind clubs of vendor programs. Even if members don't buy, say you are calling and checking because of the NCCC program.
- National Corvette Museum update-The building campaign to add 60,000 square feet to the current 47,000 square feet has been approved. The funds raised to date are \$2.7 million of the estimated \$10 million project. This will require a 25 year mortgage at \$640k per year. The museum currently makes about \$1 million per year.
- Charities-Applications for the NCCC Scholarships for members' children are due May 1, 2007. The application form is on the NCCC website.

Please consider supporting the National Kidney Foundation, the NCCC designated charity. This year the car is a 2007 Monterrey Red Coupe. If you order from the green sheet in your renewal package, be sure to include your phone number. A place for this information was erroneously omitted from the sheet.

- **2007 Convention-**The schedule of events is still being finalized. It will be done for the May Governors meeting. The NCCC may have to request availability of more rooms. The rallye will be limited to 80 cars.
- **Sponsorships-**The Eckler's rebate has ended. It was erroneously included in the latest Blue Bars. The NCCC is in dialogue with them, but Eckler's have advised they do not wish to continue the current program. Whether a revised program is instituted is unknown at this time.
- **Website**-The competition for club websites opens March 1, the application will be on the NCCC website.
- Audit-The motion to pay up to \$12k for the NCCC audit easily passed without the concerns raised at the last session being raised again.



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APRIL 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 April Fool's Day	Coffee @ Beaners 10:30am	3	4 CCCC Membership Meeting 7pm	<u>5</u>	Good Friday	<u>7</u>
<u>8</u> Easter	9 Coffee @ Starbucks 7pm	10 Tech Night	11	12	13	14 Drive N Dine
CCM Low- Speed, Hamtramck	Coffee @ Beaners 10:30am	<u>17</u>	CCCC Board Meeting 7pm	Country Curves @ Culvers 7pm	20 Eat Out Of Town @ Culvers 6pm	21 Low-Speed School
Drive Your Vette To Church	23 Coffee @ Starbucks 7pm	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u>	26 Country Curves @ Culvers 7pm Tech Night	27 WKAR Auction	28 Vermontville Parade 9am Low-Speed Training,Marshall
CCM Rallye, Plymouth	30 Cofee @ Beaners 10:30am					



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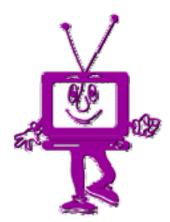
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May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		NCCC Region Meeting	2 CCCC Meeting 7pm	CCM Drags	<u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	Drive & Dine NCCC Governors
<u>6</u> Drive Your Vette	7 Ice Cream @	8 Tech Night	9	<u>10</u>	11 Eat Out Of Town	Meeting 12 Drive & '?'
To Church	Coldstone Creamery 7pm	Tech Night			Lat Out Of Town	Flint Peoples Choice Car Show
Mother's Day Mother's Day CCM Low-Speed	Coffee @ Beaners 10:30am	<u>15</u>	16 CCCC Board Meeting 7pm	Country Curves @ Culvers 7pm	18 Eat Out Of Town	19 Blessing Of The Vettes
20 CCBC Car Show	21 Drive N Show Grand Ledge	22 Tech Night	<u>23</u>	24 Country Curves @ Culvers 7pm	25 Eat Out Of Town	26 CCM Low Speed RCWM Show Fruitport
RCSW Show CCM Low-Speed	28 Memorial Day Marshall Parade	<u>29</u>	30	31		

WKAR Auction Time!

Members of Capital City Corvette Club and the Jackson Corvette Club will man the phone bank at the WKAR Auction on Friday, April 27 from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m.



ALL volunteers need to arrive at the WKAR studios by 5:30 for training. This goes for the old pros too! They want <u>everyone</u> to report for training. A meal will be available at \$4.00 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.

Be sure to wear your blue club t-shirt. They look great on TV. Contact Simon or Gloria Reiffer at 517.646.2180 if you have questions.

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 2:00 P.M. and we <u>MUST</u> be in line by 12:00 P.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@cccorvette.org

Drive & Dines

Join us for a Drive & Dine Hosted by Tom & Kathy Stump Saturday April 14, 2007

We will meet at the DeWitt Outlet Mall at 2:45 p.m. and leave at 3:00 p.m. sharp

Total trip is approximately 160 miles, so make sure your tank is full!

Questions: Call Tom Stump @ 517-886-0625 or email to tstump1487@aol.com



Join us for a Drive & Dine Hosted by Don & Janet Johnston Saturday, May 5, 2007

Gathering Time: 4 p.m.

Gathering Location: I-96 Exit 73

Portland/Grand River Park & Ride on the West Side

Make sure your tank is full! We will be taking the scenic route to our dinner destination. Expect to have a fun filled dinner experience.

Sign up at the next membership meeting or by e-mail to djhomealone@cablespeed.com RSVP by May 1st



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MAY 19, 2007

10:00 AM-4:00 PM

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Event Chairperson:

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Awards presented to the TOP TEN and BEST of SHOW We've added a cruise this year. While we count the votes you'll have an opportunity to go on a 45 - 60 minute cruise and then return in time for the Awards Presentation

Pre-registration Registration (Before May 5, 2007) (After May 5, 2007) Non CCCC Members \$12 \$15 \$5 \$5 Blessing Only CCCC Members \$8 \$11 _____NCCC#____ NAME ADDRESS_____ STATE ZIP____ CITY PHONE #_____E-MAIL____ NCCC Club CAR MAKE/MODEL YEAR

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Upcoming Events

Jackson Cruise-Ins are the 4^{th} . Friday of the month beginning in June June 2007

Wednesday, June 6-CCCC Member Meeting 7:00pm Delhi Café, Holt

Saturday, June 9-All Chevy Show
Bud Kouts Chevolet, Lansing
Chairman-Raoul Eiseman
(Non-Sanctioned Event)
Also on this date: Lansing Cruise The Gut

Thursday June 14-Friday June 22-2007 National Convention Nashville, Tennessee See Website for more information

Wednesday, June 20-CCCC Board Meeting 7:00pm BMI International, Lansing

July 2007

CCCC Memembership & Board Meeting Dates TBA

Saturday, July 7-All Corvette Show Bud Kouts Chevrolet, Lansing Chairman-Bob Maynard (Non-Sanctioned Event)

Saturday, July 14-Siren/EATON Shelter Car Show

Saturday July 21-Lansing Cruise The Gut

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Saturday July 28-CCCC Low Speed Event Spartan Speedway (Sanctioned Event)

August 2007

Sunday, August 12-Horsepower At The Zoo Potter Park Zoo, Lansing Chairman-Terry Burke (Non-Sanctioned Event)

Friday, August 24-26-Corvette Crossroads Mackinaw City See "Capital City Chatter" page for more info

September 2007

September 22-Lansing Cruise The Gut

Please watch your newsletter, or check the CCCC website for date

changes/confirmations.



Capital City Chatter

Please be sure to wish a Happy Birthday to the following CCCC Club Members!

April 1, Randy Putmon

April 2, Nancy Doty

April 3, Nancy Hansen

April 4, Shalimar Maynard

April 5, Jim Bradfield

April 9, Colleen Bratschi

April 11, Brenda Sage

April 13, Mark Lewis & Simon Reiffer

April 18, Sharon Schwamberger

April 20, Milton Price

April 22, Kathy Stump

April 27, Jim Balla

April 28, Jack Burke, Sue Keith, Ken Melaragni

Club Getaways

Unfortunately at this point it looks like the club will not be having a Spring Getaway this year due to lack of interest/participation. If you have <u>any</u> ideas or suggestions, please contact Kathy Wyma, it may not be too late to put something together, even if for only one night!

Corvette Crossroads

Set aside the weekend of August 24-26 for our annual trip to Mackinaw City for Corvette Crossroads.

The weekend features one of the largest Corvette shows in Michigan, followed by a Corvette parade across the Mackinac Bridge. The club stays at the Chippewa Motor Lodge, located on the waterfront with views of the Mackinac Bridge and Mackinac Island. The Chippewa has a variety of reasonably priced rooms available, including cabins. Members spend the evenings by a fire pit on the beach. We hope to have the room rates available by the next membership meeting. Some members will head up on Thursday to make it a 4-day weekend; others will leave Friday morning. We usually stop in Clare or Gaylord for lunch.

Contact Simon or Gloria Reiffer at 517.646.2180 if you have questions. This trip has always provided a great opportunity to get to know each other better.

Corvette Funfest

Mid-America Motorworks is giving you the chance to decide on who will be the entertainment for this years Funfest. Past entertainers have been The Marshall Tucker Band, REO Speedwagon, and the Beach Boys.

Go to http://www.mamotorworks.com/funfest/corvettefunfest.asp by April 15 to place your vote.

Members Classified Ads

Our members have some great stuff! Please check out our website @ <u>www.cccorvette.org</u> if you have anything to buy or sell.

Volunteer Opportunities

The club is always looking for volunteers to help out or organize events such as car shows, community events, and social events. Please be sure to contact any of your club officers if you are willing to volunteer your time, and have some fun in the process!

April Member Profile Introducing: Bruce & Sharon Baulch

Bruce and Sharon Baulch are transplanted "Canuks" from Sarnia, Ontario, who met in High School while Bruce was dating someone else. They've been married for 41 years, and have two sons ages 30 & 35. They also have a Tree Walker Hound; which is a Beagle with long legs, named Ally McBeagle. ☺

Bruce and Sharon have been living in the U.S since 1966, when Bruce joined the Air Force with the promise of a special job. That special job never materialized, and Bruce became a "paid assassin", better known as a cook. They currently live in Lansing.

Bruce has been working in Sales for Capital City Corvette Club sponsor, Bud Kouts Chevrolet, for 39 years. Sharon has been with DeWitt High School for 16 years working in the Library.

It's no surprise that Bruce's hobbies are Chevy's Chevy's, and more Chevy's! Bruce and Sharon have owned 6 Corvettes over the years including a 1965, 1968, 1980, 1959, and 1961. Their current baby is a 1963 Saddle Tan Coupe. Bruce also enjoys car shows and eating; while Sharon's hobbies include crafts and painting. Bruce and Sharon both enjoy golf and reading.

With their interesting background and Bruce's sense of humor, not to mention listing eating as an actual *hobby*, Bruce and Sharon Baulch are certainly a welcome addition to our club!







'Vette Vignettes

Fun Facts, Stories, and Just Plain Stuff!

Corvette History - April

- April 8, 1989: The SCCA Corvette Challenge race series begins its second season, at the Dallas Grand Prix, in Texas.
- April 18, 1958: The Sting Ray makes its debut at the President's Cup Race at Maryland's Marlboro Raceway. The car is Bill Mitchell's personal vehicle for style testing of the Corvette. Richard Thompson races it to fourth place. The car was made from the last Corvette SS mule chassis, and given a new body by Bill Mitchell and Larry Shinoda.



- April 21, 1996: Zora Arkus-Duntov dies at age 86, in Grosse Pointe, Michigan.
- April 25, 1992: Chevrolet General Manager Jim Perkins announces at the Corvette Wind and Thunder meeting that there is a plan for a 1996 Corvette, but with no radical changes.
- April 28, 1995: The last ZR-1 Corvette rolls off the assembly line. During its six year lifetime, 6939 ZR-1 Corvettes were built. Chevrolet general manager Jim Perkins and Chief Corvette Engineer Dave McLellan deliver the car to the National Corvette Museum.
- April 30, 2000: Dave Hill, Chief Engineer of Corvette, unveils the 2001 Z06 model Corvette, with new 385 HP LS6 engine.
- April, 1965: The Mako Shark II (project XP-830), formerly called the Mako Shark, makes its debut appearance at the New York International Auto Show. The non-running full-size model cost nearly US\$3 million to create.
- April, 1970: Chevrolet unveils the experimental mid-engined XP-895 Corvette at the New York Auto Show. The car is the restyled XP-882 prototype.
- April, 1994: General Motors holds a marketing clinic in Los Angeles, to ascertain how well
 the new 1997 model Corvette might sell. 60% of the clinic attendees say they would buy
 the Corvette over the competition.

Corvette history compiled by Ken Pollson of www.corvetteactioncenter.com

Submitted by CCCC Governor, Rich Shatkosky

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



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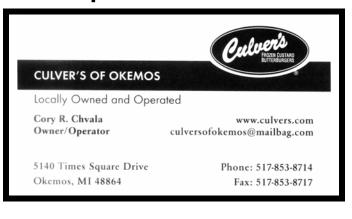
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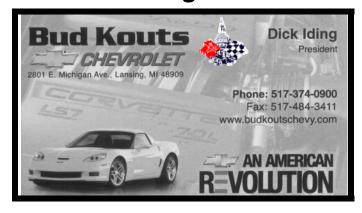
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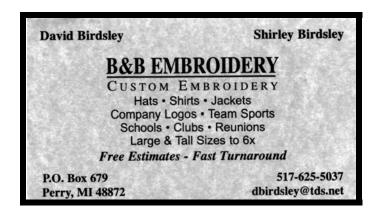
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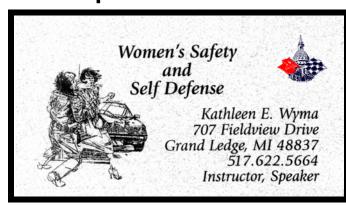




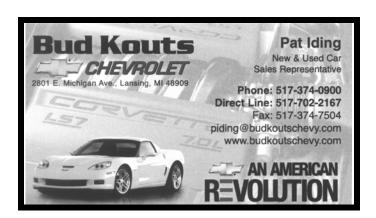




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