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The Newsletter of the
Capital City Corvette Club

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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

May 2, 2007

7:00 pm

Deli Café-Holt

BOARD MEETING

May 16, 2007

Delhi Café-Holt

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

From the President . . .

Greetings!

I would like to welcome back some of our snow birds from the warmer climates that this great country has to offer.

I've been looking over some of the events that are coming up this month and it certainly is looking to be a busy one. We currently have 27 events on our schedule.

The new calendar program that the club purchased is up and running on the website and has all the information you will ever need for upcoming events. Be sure to check it often for any additional information that may become available.

Several years ago I created a chat room for CCCC members only. You can learn more about 4C-Chat from the website and I would like to encourage everyone to use it as it is a very effective tool for fast communications among club members.

If you decide to join 4C-Chat just follow the instructions

and please be sure to include your name especially if you are using an email address other than what you have registered with the club.

The Board has made some changes to the price structuring of CCCC sponsored events so look over the flyers to see what your cost is. The Board also made a recommendation to purchase DJ equipment in an effort to save the club some money and to prevent having to find a DJ who is available to do our events. This equipment will pay for itself after the third event.

Be sure to keep an eye on the club website for Regional events that are taking place around Michigan. There will be plenty of racing, rallies, and car shows to appease everyone's appetite.

Save the wave,

Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting April 4, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m.

PRESIDENT: Visiting guests are Jeff and Joanne Shelters and Craig Parrish who does Lansing's "Cruise the Gut". He came to explain the Old 27 road tour he is planning. It will be August 21-26, 2007 with 10 cities involved. It will be an annual event.

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

COMPETITION: All events have been scheduled. Club low-speed event will be at Spartan Speedway. Low-speed training will be on April 28 at Marshall. Tech night on Tuesday has been cancelled due to weather.

GOVERNOR: A summary of the National meeting is in the newsletter. A new calendar program is on the website for members displaying all events. Niagara Falls has been canceled due to lack of participants. Maybe another time will be better.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: We have one more new advertiser.

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

SOCIAL: April 14 is Drive'N Dine, April 15 Bowling at 1:30 with Jackson club, April 27 is WKAR Auction night, April 28th is Maple Syrup Festival parade, May 5 Drive'N Dine, May 21 Mini-drive & show, and May 28 Memorial Day parade in Marshall.

MEMBERSHIP: Received one new application. We have 137 members & + 1 honorary member & 66 FCOA

POINTS: Currently on the website. New points program was explained. Club banners & decals are for sale.

EDITOR: Deadline is April 23. Chris needs more member profiles.

OLD BUSINESS: Interest in a club flag.

NEWBUSINESS: Mad City Vetter's of Wisconsin asked our club if we would be interested in joining them on Labor Day weekend for the American Lemans series races at Belle Isle. B&B Embroidery will be attending our May meeting with a display of their apparel. Ted Lasher tells us of the Ronald McDonald House raffle of a 1965 Corvette. See Ted if you are interested. Dick Iding let Dave know our club has been supporting him with services. CCM will join us at the Blessing of the Vettes on their way to Rosie's Diner. We will meet at 9:00 at Vermontville for Syrup Festival parade.

50 – 50 Raffle was won by Kathy Wyma, Bracelet donated by Margaret Terwilliger won by Sandy Bechtel.

Carrie Hutton made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded & passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

CCCC Board Meeting April 18, 2007

Meeting at the Ecosynthetix Board room located at 3900 Collins Rd. Meeting called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Absent: Colleen Bratschi

PRESIDENT: We will return to the Delhi Café for next month's Board meeting.

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

COMPETITION: All event flyers are "in" except Horse Power at the Zoo. Low-speed training in Marshall is a go.

GOVENOR: Rich showed a video for Michigan's bid for the 2009 NCCC Convention. Bid will be made at the September National meeting. For the National Convention, Rich will attend the Regional meeting to get some idea of what the jobs specifically entail so we can better decide what our club can do at the Convention. We need to better utilize the 4C Chat room so members can see what immediate events are going on. There was a discussion on the workings of the new calendar program.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: No new advertisers this month for the newsletter. Holt Auto Sales would like to do some activities in conjunction with our club. Dave went to talk with them of the possibility. They are interested in putting an ad in our newsletter. There was a discussion of not sending a newsletter to the advertisers but put them on the website. Their ads would reach more people and our club could save money. This policy could take effect next year.

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

SOCIAL: June 24 Drive'N Dine. There was a discussion on a possible Lugnuts game night for the club. May 21 and June 11 are Mini Drive & Shows. This Thursday is Country Curves and Friday is "Eat out of Town".

MEMBERSHIP: Absent, Dave read Colleen's report. 137 members, 1 Honorary and 67 F.C.O.A.

POINTS: Points are updated on the website.

EDITOR: Deadline is April 23. ASAP lost our sample brochure, so we still need a price on them.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave checked on club flags. We need a cleaner graphic to do the flags, will get a price on club flag and American flag. DJ equipment has been delivered and works really well. Craig has the club banner. He has worked at cleaning it up and will put our new sponsor on it. We'll probably need a new one next year.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a discussion on a complaint about the purchase of the DJ equipment. Expense will be recouped this year.

Diana Kuempel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.



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PO Box 27295 ~ Lansing, MI 48909



May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<u>1</u> NCCC Region Meeting	<u>2</u> <i>CCCC Meeting 7pm</i>	<u>3</u> CCM Drags	<u>4</u> <i>Eat Out Of Town</i>	<u>5</u> <i>Drive & Dine</i> NCCC Governors Meeting
<u>6</u> Drive Your Vette To Church	<u>7</u> <i>Ice Cream @ Coldstone Creamery 7pm</i>	<u>8</u> <i>Tech Night</i>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <i>Eat Out Of Town</i>	<u>12</u> <i>Drive & '?'</i> Flint Peoples Choice Car Show
<u>13</u>  Mother's Day CCM Low-Speed	<u>14</u> <i>Coffee @ Beaners 10:30am</i>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u> <i>CCCC Board Meeting 7pm</i>	<u>17</u> <i>Country Curves @ Culvers 7pm</i>	<u>18</u> <i>Eat Out Of Town</i>	<u>19</u> <i>Blessing Of The Vettes</i>
<u>20</u> CCBC Car Show	<u>21</u> <i>Drive N Show Grand Ledge</i>	<u>22</u> <i>Tech Night</i>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u> <i>Country Curves @ Culvers 7pm</i>	<u>25</u> <i>Eat Out Of Town</i>	<u>26</u> CCM Low Speed RCWM Show Fruitport
<u>27</u> RCSW Show CCM Low-Speed	<u>28</u>  Memorial Day <i>Marshall Parade</i>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>		

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June 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					June 1 Eat Out Of Town	2 SCC Peoples Choice Car Show SCC Rallye
3	4 We Scream For Ice Cream	5 Tech Night	6 CCCC General Membership Meeting	7 Country Curves	8 Eat Out Of Town	9 All Chevy Show GVCA Rallye LCC Corvette Show JCC HVCC MAG High Speed MAG Test & Tune
10 KCC Low Speed Event	11 Mini Drive N Show	12 Regional Meeting	13	14  Flag Day Country Curves Cars For Caring	15 Eat Out Of Town	16 Regional Officers Meeting NCCC Convention
17  Father's Day National Governors Meeting NCCC Convention	18 NCCC Convention	19 Tech Night NCCC Convention	20 CCCC Board Meeting NCCC Convention	21 NCCC Convention	22 NCCC Convention	23
24 Drive N Dine	25 We Scream For Ice Cream	26	27	28 Country Curves	29 Eat Out Of Town	30 Saturday Corvette Cruise

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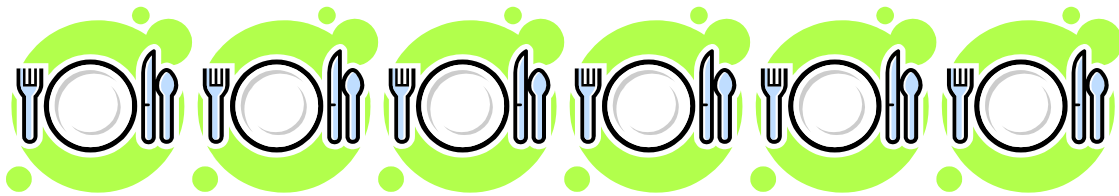
Drive & Dines

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



Join us for a Drive & Brunch
Hosted by Chris & Terry Burke
Sunday June 24, 2007

We will meet at the I-96 Okemos Exit Park & Ride at
9:45 am and will leave promptly at 10:00

Be sure to have a full tank and an empty stomach!

Sign up at the May membership meeting,
or RSVP to Chris & Terry at (517) 655-6770,
or email Chris at editor@ccc Corvette.org

Upcoming Events

Jackson Cruise-Ins are the 4th. Friday of the month beginning in June

July 2007

CCCC Membership & Board Meeting Dates TBA

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

Saturday July 21-Lansing Cruise The Gut

Sunday, July 22-Corvettes Only Autocross
Detroit-Hamtramck GM Cadillac Assembly Plant, Detroit

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)

Sunday, August 19-Corvettes Only Autocross
Detroit-Hamtramck GM Cadillac Assembly Plant, Detroit

Saturday, August 21-26-Old Historic U.S. 27 Motor Tour

Friday, August 24-26-Corvette Crossroads
Mackinaw City

September 2007

September 22-Lansing Cruise The Gut

November 2007

Sunday, November 4-Back From Hell Rallye

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



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THIRD ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE VETTES ALL CORVETTE SHOW



MAY 19, 2007

10:00 AM-4:00 PM

**CULVER'S OF OKEMOS
5140 TIMES SQUARE DR.
OKEMOS, MI 48864**

REGISTRATION 10:00 AM-12:00 PM

AWARDS AT 4:00 PM

**PEOPLES CHOICE
CAR SHOW**

Event Chairperson:

Dave Kuempel

P.O. BOX 745

Nashville, MI 49073

Phone 517.206.4926

Email:

President@cccorvette.org



NCCC SANCTION
NUMBER MI - 051

Governor:

Rich Shatkosky

1494 Dennison Rd.

East Lansing, MI 48823

Phone 517.333.0299

Email:

Governor@cccorvette.org

Come join us and have your Corvette Blessed for the 2007 season



All Corvette Show / Blessing of the Vettes

AT
Culver's of Okemos
(East of Meridian Mall/ Off Marsh Road)

For Directions
www.capitalcitycorvetteclub.org

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 (Before May 5, 2007)	Registration (After May 5, 2007)
Non CCCC Members	\$12	\$15
Blessing Only	\$5	\$5
CCCC Members	\$8	\$11

NAME_____	NCCC#_____
ADDRESS_____	
CITY_____	STATE_____ZIP_____
PHONE #_____	E-MAIL_____
NCCC Club_____	
CAR MAKE/MODEL_____	YEAR_____

Make Check Payable to: Capital City Corvette Club

Mail Check and Registration to: Brenda Shatkosky
Capital City Corvette Club
P.O. Box 27295
Lansing, MI 48909

ALL CHEVY SHOW

**REFRESHMENTS,
MUSIC, 50/50 RAFFLE**
Funds raised in 50/50 raffle
will be used to benefit a local
charity selected by members
of Capital City Corvette Club.



(Proud sponsor of Capital City Corvette Club)
2801 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing , MI

Saturday, June 9, 2007
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Peoples Choice Awards
(Awards to be presented at 3:00 pm)

EVENT CHAIRPERSON:
Raoul Eiseman
Phone: 517.349 0829
Email: Board@cccorvette.org

BEST OF SHOW AND TOP TEN

**AWARDS FOR 10 BEST PEOPLE'S
CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW
(All CHEVROLETS).**

GOVERNOR: Rich Shatkosky
1494 Dennison Road
East Lansing, MI 48823

ALL AMERICAN CHEVY SHOW:

ALL CHEVY CLASSICS+MUSCLE CARS+
SPORTS CARS+ANTIQUES+EXOTICS+
STREET RODS+PICK-UPS+BISCAYNE+CAMARO+
CHEVELLE+CORVETTE+DELRAY+EL CAMINO+
MALIBU+NOVA+FIRST GENERATION IMPALA+ETC.

Phone (517)333-0299 Email: governor@cccorvette.org

NCCC#: MI-003 NS-23

AMERICAN CHEVY SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION:

\$12.00 Postmarked on or before June 1

\$15.00 Postmarked after June 1, or on the day of show

CCCC members \$8 or \$11

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Car Model: _____ Year: _____

Color: _____

Registration from 10-12 on the morning of the show.

Make check payable to:
Capital City Corvette Club

Mail check and registration to:
Shalimar Maynard
Capital City Corvette Club
PO Box 27295
Lansing, MI 48909

Website: www.cccorvette.org



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2801 E. Michigan Ave. Lansing, MI

Saturday, July 7, 2007
10:00 am – 4:00 pm

EVENT CHAIRPERSON:
Robert Maynard
Phone: 517-347-2949
Email: Board @ cccorvette.org

Peoples Choice Awards
(Awards to be presented at 3:00 pm)

BEST OF SHOW AND TOP TEN

6th ANNUAL ALL CORVETTE SHOW

**AWARDS FOR 10 BEST PEOPLE'S
CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW (ALL
CORVETTES).**

**1953-2007 CORVETTES, STOCK, CUSTOM
OR MODIFIED**

GOVERNOR: Rich Shatkosky
1494 Dennison Road
East Lansing, MI 48823
Phone 517-333-0299 Email: governor @ cccorvette.org

NCCC#: MI-003 NS-24

ALL CORVETTE PRE-REGISTRATION:

\$12.00 Postmarked on or before July 1

\$15.00 Postmarked after July 1, or on the day of show

CCCC members \$8 or \$11

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Car Model: _____ Year: _____

Color: _____

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2007 SPARTAN SPEEDWAY SIX LOW SPEED EVENTS

NCCC Sanction #'s MI – 052, 053, 054, 055, 056, 057

Saturday, July 28, 2007

Registration Opens at 7:45 am, Closes 9:00 am

Driver's Meeting 9:45 am

First Car Out at 10:00 am

NCCC members \$12.00 per event or all six for \$60.00

CCCC members \$10.00 per event or all six for \$50

Non-NCCC: \$14 per event or all six for \$70

Metal Cars Welcome!

Helmet = DOT Snell 2000 or newer/Mfr. Date 2000 or newer

Closed Exhaust, Air Available, Restrooms, Food Available

Price reduced in lieu of trophies.

Event Chairperson:

Craig Iansiti

1870 S. College Rd.

Mason, MI 48854

Competition @ cccorvette.org

517-282-0940

Governor:

Rich Shatkosky

1494 Dennison Rd.

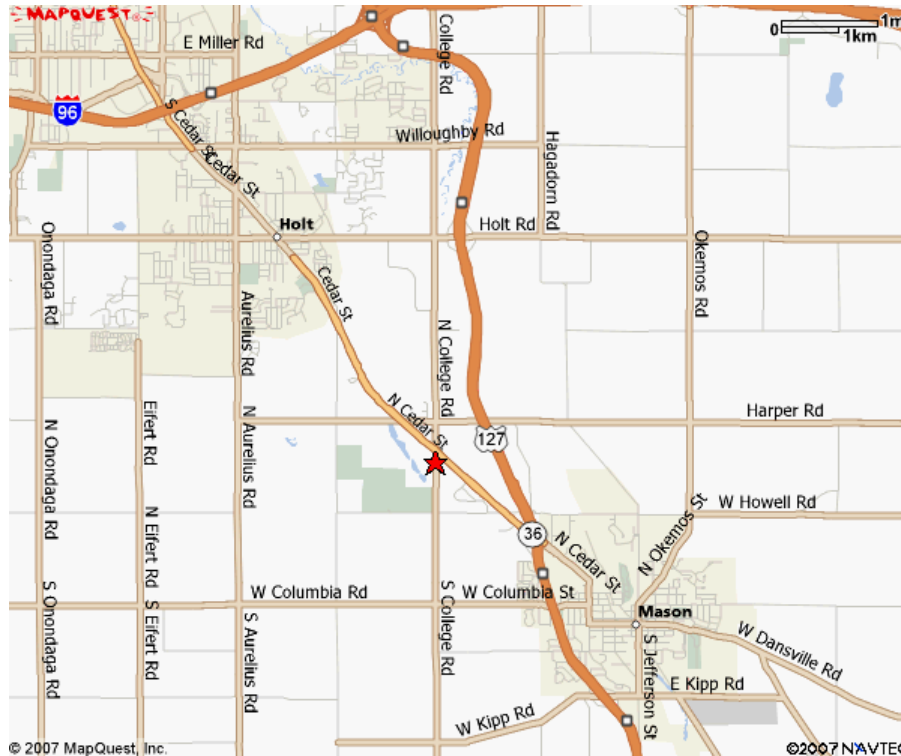
E. Lansing, MI 48823

Governor @ cccorvette.org

517-285-6855



Spartan Speedway 779 N. College Road
Between Holt and Mason at N. Cedar Street



Note that the Jackson Corvette Club will be holding five low speed events the next day, Sunday July 29. Make it an eleven events weekend in mid-Michigan!

Register early to ensure a spot.

Early Registration Cutoff Date is July 14

Name: _____	Make check payable to: Capital City Corvette Club
Address: _____	
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	Mail check and registration to: Shalimar Maynard Capital City Corvette Club PO Box 27295 Lansing, MI 48909
Phone: _____ Email: _____	
Car Make/Model: _____ Year: _____	
Color: _____ NCCC # _____ CAR NO: _____	
NCCC Club: _____ Speed Event Class: _____	Website: www.cccorvette.org

HOW DO I INSURE MY OLDER CORVETTE?

Should I buy a standard, stated value, or agreed value policy?

When any vehicle is relatively new, it's pretty easy for an adjuster to establish what its value is in the event of a loss. As vehicles age, though, it becomes more and more difficult to make sure your classic, collector, antique, or custom vehicle is properly insured.

If you purchase a "Standard" or "Actual Cash Value" policy, the insurance company's limit of liability for a physical damage loss or theft will be the lesser of: The vehicle's actual cash value (depreciated value) at the time of the loss, the amount necessary to repair the vehicle, or any applicable limit of liability shown on the Declarations page of the policy.

If you purchase a "Stated Value" policy, the company's limit of liability is the same as that of a standard policy. The insurer is obligated to pay the lesser of the stated amount, the cost of repairs (not to exceed the stated amount), or the vehicle's actual cash value. There seems to be a common misconception that a person will automatically get the stated value in the event of a loss. That value helps determine your premium costs. When the vehicle is damaged or stolen, though, it does not guarantee you a settlement equal to the stated value.

The only policy that guarantees what amount you will receive if your vehicle is totaled or stolen is an "Agreed Value" policy. Under such a policy, the insurer's liability is the lesser of the agreed amount or the cost to repair the vehicle (not to exceed the agreed amount). The policy does not include an actual cash value clause. You and your agent must agree upon the "agreed amount" of coverage before your policy is issued. That amount should represent the true market value of the car at the time the policy is written. If the market value changes during the policy period, the agreed amount can be changed by endorsement. You should also make any necessary changes at each renewal, so the policy continues to accurately reflect the vehicle's market value.

The bottom line is – purchase the policy that meets your needs, and then keep current on your appraisals. The burden to prove what your Corvette is really worth rests with you.

Submitted by:
Sandy Bechtel

Country Curves-The Drive Season Starts

On Thursday April 19th, 5 Corvettes and one steel body participated in the inaugural "Country Curves". Milton Price was anxious to kick the season off and brought his custom 575 HP '76 coupe out to play. Not wanting Milton's coupe to feel old, Bob Ribar brought out his '73 large block out to play as well. Greg Kapp was all apologetic that his '84 coupe was in fact unwashed and un-Zainoed. No one had ever seen her without her make-up before! Craig and Janet wheeled in Janet's new '04 CE coupe. The surprise was Craig was driving. Janet explained he had been whining quite a lot so she relented. The pleasant surprise was the Bratschi's who made the trek in their SUV complete with mom. Brenda and I had her rain car and as usual we were running topless. Brenda as usual froze while I was enjoying the sunshine.

The ensemble met at Culver's where we filled 3 tables and discussed possible interesting roads for future evenings. There are a number of interesting roads in the area!

Corvettes do attract attention, and while we were eating, a gentleman by the name of Richard Bush approached us and said he had a free gift for us. We were all naturally suspicious, but it turned out he used to own '63,'64 and '68 roadsters. He went on to tell a story that the one he misses was the '68, which he sold to a Corvette know it all from Muskegon. As the man drove away in the '68, Richard realized that he had left the owner's manual behind. Since the transaction had been unpleasant, Richard waited for the new owner to contact him and inquire about the manual; he never did. So our gift; for a club member that needs one, or for us to raffle or auction off with proceeds to charity, is a 1968 Corvette manual.

Our inaugural trip was a drive of just over 1 hour. We left Culver's in Okemos, proceeded North on Marsh Road, circled Lake Lansing, then Park Lake, up to and across the top of Round Lake and then down Chandler Road on our return leg. As we were leaving Richard Bush called me on the cell phone saying he heard us say we were driving around Lake Lansing and asked if I could stop by to pick up the manual. We obliged and learned that he is retiring to South Carolina onto a 36 foot sail boat he owns, and is parting with cherished souvenirs. When he saw our Vettes and club jackets, he decided this was the right moment and right group to give his cherished manual to.

It was a great start to a great drive season!

Submitted by:

Richard and Brenda Shatkosky



Capital City Chatter

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

May 1, Gloria Reiffer

May 7, Gayle Thompson

May 10, Loretta Spinrad

May 13, Craig Iansiti & Barb Musselman

May 15, David Kuempel

May 17, Steve McDonald

May 18, George Nelson

May 19, Jeff Mitzel

May 26, Connie Britz

Welcome to the newest members of CCCC-Raymond Freeze & Gerolyn Batchelder!

Rendezvous with the CCM

The Corvette Club of Michigan will be having their First "Ticket To Ride" event of the year on May 19, which coincides with our clubs "Blessing of The Vettes" at Culver's in Okemos. The CCM is planning on making a stop at The Blessing, and would like to invite any and all interested CCCC Members to join them for the rest of their trip to Rosie's Diner in Grand Rapids. They plan to reach Rosie's at approximately 3:00 pm. Joe Thomas; member of both CCCC and CCM, will be coordinating the two clubs joining for the second leg of the trip. Please contact Joe via email to thomasjoe@michigan.gov if you are interested.

Labor Day Weekend Trip

So far the Kuempel's and Shatkosky's are planning on traveling to Detroit over Labor Day Weekend to join the Mad City Vettters of Madison, WI at the American LeMans racing series on Belle Isle. Contact Dave or Rich if you would like more information or are interested in joining them.

April Drive & Dine

Thanks to Tom & Kathy Stump for a very enjoyable Drive & Dine. Tom & Kathy led us on an interesting trip to Edmore where we had a wonderful dinner at Maxfield's restaurant. Be sure to join us for upcoming Drive & Dines, they are a great way to get out and enjoy the roads, mingle with club members, and sample restaurants all over the area.

Members Classified Ads

Our members have some great stuff! Please check out our website @ www.cccorvette.org 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!

Corvette History - May

- **May 1, 1957:** A fully-synchronized four-speed transmission is first made available on the 1957 model Corvette, as a US\$188.30 option.
- **May 1, 1988:** The first round of the SCCA Corvette Challenge race series is held in Dallas, Texas. Mark Dismore wins the race.
- **May 3, 1993:** Corvette chief engineer Dave Hill unveils the CERV-4 test car at the General Motors Technical Center in Warren. Most of the hundreds of people attending did not even know the test car was being built. It cost Chevrolet about US\$1.2 million to build.
- **May 13, 2000:** The eight-day One Lap of America race finishes. A 600 hp C5 entered by Chuck Mallett finishes Third. Fifth is a Lingenfelter ZR-1, and 7th is a Lingenfelter twin-turbo C5.
- **May 21, 2000:** The Nevada Open Road Challenge is held on a 90 mile stretch of highway S.R. 318 between Lund and Hiko. 78 of over 200 cars are Corvettes. A modified 1992 Corvette takes top speed of 227 MPH. Another Corvette averages 207 MPH, taking first place.
- **May 25, 1986:** In Indianapolis, Indiana, the 70th Indianapolis 500 race is held. A yellow convertible 1986 Corvette is the official pace car.
- **May 28, 1978:** In Indianapolis, Indiana, the 62nd Indianapolis 500 race is held. A 1978 Corvette is the official pace car, driven by Jim Rathmann. This is the first Indianapolis 500 pace car with a stock drivetrain.
- **May 28, 1995:** In Indianapolis, Indiana, the 79th Indianapolis 500 race is held. A 1995 Corvette performs the role of Official Pace Car.
- **May, 1956:** Zora Arkus-Duntov builds the Corvette SR-2 Sebring racer.
- **May, 1975:** A Car and Driver Reader's Choice Poll names the Corvette as "Best All-around Car".
- **May, 1986:** At the first annual vintage races at Riverside Raceway in California, Bob Paterson races his Grand Sport Corvette #003 to first place, among eight powerful Cobras.
- **May, 1994:** General Motors' Strategy Board convenes with Corvette group executives for the Concept Approval phase of the Four-Phase process of building new cars. Conditional approval is given to pass from Phase Zero to Phase One, subject to a review in one month regarding production downtime between the 1996 model and the 1997 model.
- **May, 1994:** A Reeves Callaway Corvette qualifies at Le Mans for the pole position in the GT2 class. At the 6-hour mark, the car is leading in its class, and is 8th overall. But at the 9-hour mark, the car runs out of gas, due to a fuel economy miscalculation.
- **May, 1994:** Both Corvette C5-R race cars run at the Circuit du Mans.



Corvette history compiled by Ken Pollson.

Submitted by CCCC Governor, Rich Shatkosky

‘Vette Vignettes

Fun Facts, Stories, and Just Plain Stuff!

Vintage “Corvette News”
Submitted by: Sue Keith

In a recent email from my cousin in North Carolina, he mentioned that he had 9 issues of the “Corvette News” magazine from the 1968-1975 eras. From 1975-1978, he had owned a Sunflower Yellow ’71 350 automatic coupe with T-tops. Even though he sold his Corvette 29 years ago, he had saved these magazines. He offered to send them to us and faster than a speeding Z06 they had a new home. It’s really incredible to see photos of Corvette events where the newest cars are the early C3’s.

Capital City Corvette Club is listed in the Corvette Club Directory in the Oct/Nov 1968 issue with Bernard A. Favret as president and the Feb/Mar 1971 issue with R. David LeButt as president.

The following is an excerpt from an article in the Aug/Sept 1974 “Corvette News” titled “Corvette Prices vs. Old Man Time” by Tom Swindell. Only in our wildest dreams could we find bargain prices like these today!

Everywhere you look today, there is an unprecedented interest in nostalgia-old movies, comic books, antique furniture and clocks, music and, of course, dearest to our hearts, old cars.

Most of us, being car enthusiasts, are aware of the fantastically high prices that many old cars are bringing at sales and auctions around the country, and both the *Wall Street Journal* and the *New York Times* have carried numerous articles devoted to the good investment possibilities that exist in buying antique cars.

Do older Corvettes relate to these classics of yesteryear? Well-do ducks have webbed feet? Lo and behold, ladies and gentlemen, the demand and prices for older Corvettes are growing faster than the national debt!

Many of the classic cars don’t become valuable until years after they ceased being produced. Not so with Corvettes! Some of our models as young as four and five years old have started zooming up in demand. Have you tried buying a 1970 LT-1 lately? Or can your wildest dreams predict the ultimate price of a 1969 ZL-1? (That’s the aluminum-engined 427, for you uninformed.)

I have read of three auctions in different parts of the country where 1954 Corvettes brought about \$6500 apiece-more than double what good ’57 T-Birds brought. And good ’56s and ’57s are turning in prices that range between \$3000 and \$5000. Furthermore, well-maintained, original ’63s through ’67s-particularly coupes-are worth more now than when they were purchased new!

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

May Member Profile

Introducing Anita & Don Baron

Anita and Don Baron have been members of Capital City Corvette Club on and off since 1959. They own an enviable collection of Corvettes, including a 1959 which they have owned for 47 years, a 1954 they've owned for 30 years, and a 2002 they added 5 years ago.

Anita and Don met through a mutual friend, and have been married 44 years. They have two children, Neil and Hannah.

Don is the owner of Baron's Window Coverings, and Anita works as a Party Planner. Don's favorite hobby is cars and having been in and out of our club for so long, Anita and Don have had many experiences and fond memories from years past.

Hopefully Anita and Don will be with us for a while and create some new memories and experiences! Be sure to check out their picture on our website, it's a classic!

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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 show itself takes place at the Mackinaw Crossings Mall parking lot on Saturday, August 25.

Room Rates	Mon-Thurs	Fri-Sat
Chippewa – lake front	\$69.00	\$99.00
Chippewa – cabin	\$49.00	\$79.00
Chippewa – budget	\$39.00	\$59.00
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The club stays at the Chippewa Motor Lodge/Waterfront Inn. These older-style motels are located side-by-side on the waterfront with views of the Mackinac Bridge and Mackinac Island. Some members will head up on Thursday to make it a 4-day weekend; others will leave Friday morning.

Members spend the evenings by a fire pit on the beach. Call 231.436.8661 to make your reservations by mid-May if you wish to have the same room you had last year. Be sure to let them know that you are with the Capital City Corvette Club.

This year, true car show enthusiasts have the opportunity to begin the week with the Old US-27 Motor Tour 2007. This road tour makes a stop in Lansing on Wednesday on its way from Coldwater to Cheboygan. See the Website below for more information.

Call Simon or Gloria Reiffer at 646.2180 if you have questions. This trip has always provided a great opportunity to get to know each other better.

Web pages to visit for more information:

Chippewa Motor Lodge and Waterfront Inn: www.largestbeach.com

Corvette Crossroads: www.mackinawchamber.com/content/view/88/225/

Old US 27 Motor Tour: www.old27tour.com/itinerary.htm

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