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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

September 5, 2007

7:00 pm

Deli Café-Holt

BOARD MEETING

September 19, 2007

7:00 pm

Delhi Café-Holt

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

From the President . . .

Greetings!

Let me start out by saying thank you to all of the members who came out to support the club in our four car shows and our low speed event this past summer. I know that it took time away from your family and I just wanted you to know how much your help and support meant to the club.

The days have become shorter and the night air is cooler which means that summer is drawing near an end. By the time you read this Mackinaw City will be a memory and I hope it was a pleasant one. But don't even think of putting those cars away yet. We have several events coming up that will allow you to drive them yet a few more times.

September brings us another opportunity to eat as Craig and Janet lead us on an early Drive'N Dine on the 8th and then we'll gather at Putmon's for a hayride and bonfire on the 29th.

This month we begin the process of taking nominations for club officers. This process will take place at both the September and October membership meetings with the elections taking place at the November membership meeting.

Now would be a good time to familiarize yourself with the club by-laws. You will find the duties of each officer there as well as some other items that all of us as members should be aware of.

As my second term as your President draws near an end I would like to say that it has been my pleasure to serve you for the past two years. It has been an exciting two years with many friendships made and I will treasure the many memories of my time in office.

Save the wave,

Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting August 1, 2007

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

PRESIDENT: Absent. Meeting conducted by Carrie Hutton, Points Director. Welcome new member Vic Smith.

SECRETARY: Absent. Motion made to accept the minutes, seconded and passed.

COMPETITION: Absent. Simon Reiffer briefly updated Spartan Speedway low-speed event; expenses were \$450, income unknown as of meeting date.

GOVERNOR: Absent.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Terry Burke recognized for HAZ efforts. Bob met with Dick Iding from Bud Kouts, agreed to sponsor CCCC in 2008 with \$1500. If the club buys a trailer, Bud Kouts will allow us to park it on their property. Bob stated he would wait until the September meeting to make a motion to purchase a trailer and equipment. Our logo and the Bud Kouts logo would be on the trailer, Bob knows a graphic designer who can do the work. Lack of membership participation at events was discussed, it was suggested that members be required to work a minimum of one event per year as a condition of membership. Advertisers have agreed to put their ads on the website and the electronic version of the newsletter, this will save printing and postage costs.

TREASURER: Carrie updated on account balances. Gary made a motion to pay the bills, motion seconded and passed.

SOCIAL: August 4 is Drive & Dine hosted by Lashers. August Birthdays were recognized. Horsepower at the Zoo is August 12; Terry Burke gave a brief update.

MEMBERSHIP: We have 140 members+1 honorary and 73 FCOA. Colleen anticipates more FCOA. Colleen welcomed new member Vic Smith and visitors Patti & Jim DeNike. Colleen believes Karen & Stephen Klein have dropped out of the club, and noted that Musselman's were the first to renew their membership for 2008. Renewal forms are in the newsletter and on the web. Colleen has Red & Black club T-shirts in S, XL & XXL for \$8.00; contact her if you are interested in purchasing. Colleen praised Craig and all of his hard work on the Spartan Speedway low-speed event.

POINTS: Points have been updated on the web; Carrie thanked Gloria for her assistance.

EDITOR: Newsletter deadline is August 17. Chris gave info on Women & Wheels, an online "club" for women who love to cruise. Women & Wheels would like to profile ladies from our club, contact Chris for more info.

OLD BUSINESS: Club flags from BLT. Carrie showed 2 samples, cost is around \$11.00. There is a flag or wind sock. Colleen will get more info from BLT regarding minimum order requirements. Suggestion to use BLT because they do club T-shirts, and did the HAZ shirts at a discount. Flags would be for steel bodies.

NEW BUSINESS: Bob discussed the direction of the club; charitable vs. social. Should we cut back on car shows? Can we come up with ways to get more volunteers? Bob noted that participation in the All Chevy Show is declining. Gloria suggested helping our sponsor with their events in exchange for their support. Colleen suggested we boost our charitable events. The consensus is that we need to keep our events fun and simple. The Nominating Committee was discussed, Gloria asked for interested parties to join the Committee. The Bechtel's, Bratschi's and Reiffer's are currently on the Committee. Discussion about the possibility of a whole new Board for 2008, Bob agreed to stay on for another year.

MEMBER INPUT: Gloria gave updates on Corvette Crossroads. Don gave info on the Grand Rapids 28th Street cruise as well as the Old 27 Tour and car show in Cheboygan. All of these events fall on the same weekend as Crossroads. Greg Kapp discussed Corvette Show & Race at MIS, and Lake Odessa Summer Splash. Nancy Doty informed that a CCM Club Member is fighting leukemia; the CCCC will send a card. Colleen discussed an event at the Grand Ledge Senior Center on September 8. They would like to have a mini-car show, contact Milton Price if you are interested. Jeff McQuade discussed the Gilmore Car Show & Elvis memorial on August 18.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Jeff McQuade. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

CCCC Board Meeting August 15, 2007

Meeting at the Delhi Café. Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Absent: Kathy Wyma

PRESIDENT: Welcome.

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

COMPETITION: Thanks to everyone who worked at Spartan Low speed. Horsepower at the Zoo went well.

GOVERNOR: Rich is going to the next Governor's meeting. Club received money from Battle Creek Club in helping with their low speed training. Rich suggested we plan on helping the new spin off club (CCC) of the B.C. Corvette Club with their low speed training next year.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dick Iding will allow us to park a trailer on his property and will sponsor our club again next year.

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

SOCIAL: Absent

MEMBERSHIP: 141 members, 1 Honorary and 73 F.C.O.A. Discussion on club flags. Colleen will check to see if there is a minimum order and will order 25 flags if possible.

POINTS: Points are up to date on the website.

EDITOR: Deadline is August 17 at 6:00 p. m. Chris took minutes at the August membership meeting.

WEBMASTER: Nominating committee met before this meeting. Committee will take nominations at the September membership meeting. Nominating committee is: Simon & Gloria Reiffer, Rich & Colleen Bratschi, John & Sandy Bechtel, & Craig Iansiti.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of trailer for club. We will possibly use Bud Kouts donation to purchase trailer. Bud Kouts will keep the trailer on their property. We will need insurance & license plate on trailer. Discussion of the club having a quartermaster. He/she will be responsible for the entire club owned equipment. Who ever hauls the trailer should be reimbursed for gas (Requires a by-law change). Discussion on the future of the club, whether we want to be a charity and or social club. Rich Shatkosky made a motion to drop the All Chevy show, All Corvette show, & Horsepower at the Zoo and do only the Blessing and low speed event and add \$25 to membership fees. Further discussion on possibilities. Craig Iansiti mentioned the possibilities of monthly teams to do that months activities. It was mentioned that we would do a tiered membership, those people that don't want to work would pay a little higher membership fee. Rich Shatkosky withdraws his motion. Colleen Bratschi made the motion that someone would keep track of which members work and which don't, pertaining to money making events, then the 2009 membership fees would reflect the activities with those who don't work paying a higher membership fee. Motion seconded and passed. Discussion on necessary changes to the By-laws, such as pertaining to gas, newsletter, etc.

MEMBER INPUT: None

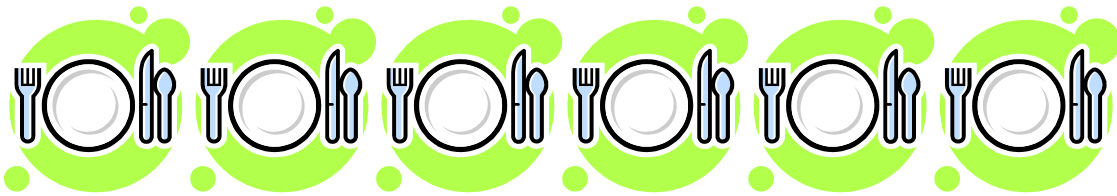
Craig Iansiti made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:34p.m.

Drive & Dines

Join us for a Drive & Dine
Hosted by Craig Iansiti & Janet Hardin
Saturday, September 8, 2007

There will be two meeting locations for this event. The first group will be leaving at 9:30am from the Mason Meijer Parking Lot on Kipp Rd. at US-127. The second group will be leaving at 10:15am from the Eaton Rapids Felpausch parking lot on the south side of town. There will even be a stop for dessert!

For more information call:
Craig at (517) 282-0940
Or contact Craig & Janet via email to
[corvettes @ cablespeed.com](mailto:corvettes@cablespeed.com)



Watch for details on the upcoming Fall
Color Tour/Drive & Dine!

Hosted by Don & Carol Armstrong

Saturday, October 13, 2007





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September 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						<u>1</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> Labor Day Region High Speed Event <u>We Scream For Ice Cream</u>	<u>4</u> Regional Meeting	<u>5</u> <u>CCCC Membership Meeting</u>	<u>6</u> <u>Country Curves</u>	<u>7</u> Regional Officers Meeting <u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	<u>8</u> <u>Drive N Dine</u> National Governors Meeting
<u>9</u> CCM Low Speed	<u>10</u> <u>We Scream For Ice Cream</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u> <u>Country Curves</u>	<u>14</u> <u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	<u>15</u>
<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <u>We Scream For Ice Cream</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>19</u> <u>CCCC Board Meeting</u>	<u>20</u> <u>Country Curves</u>	<u>21</u> <u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	<u>22</u>
<u>23</u> MAG Auto Cross Rallye	<u>24</u> <u>We Scream For Ice Cream</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>26</u>	<u>27</u> <u>Country Curves</u>	<u>28</u> <u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	<u>29</u> <u>BBQ, Hayride & Bonfire</u>
<u>30</u>						

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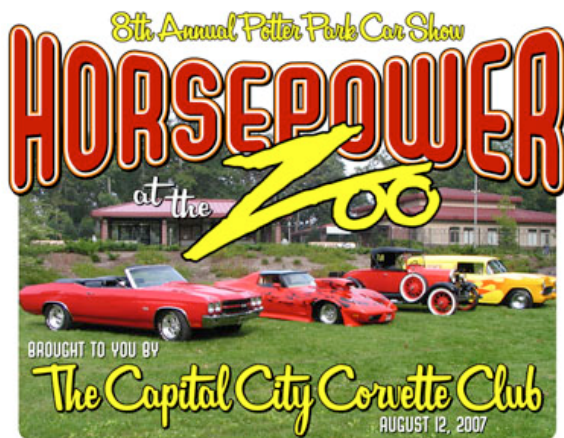
October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> <u>CCCC</u> <u>Membership</u> <u>Meeting</u>	<u>4</u> CCM Drag Races <u>Country Curves</u>	<u>5</u> <u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	<u>6</u> FCC Rallye
<u>7</u> CCM Low Speed KCC Rallye	<u>8</u>  Columbus Day	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> <u>Country Curves</u>	<u>12</u> <u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	<u>13</u> <u>Fall Color Tour</u> LCC Low Speeds LCC MAG High Speeds MAG Test N Tune
<u>14</u> GVCA Low Speeds GVCA Mag High Speeds MAG Test N Tune	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u> <u>CCCC Board</u> <u>Meeting</u>	<u>18</u> <u>Country Curves</u>	<u>19</u> <u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	<u>20</u> GLCC Rallyes
<u>21</u> CCM Low Speed	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> <u>Country Curves</u>	<u>26</u> <u>Eat Out Of Town</u>	<u>27</u>
<u>28</u> CCM Econo Run	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>  Halloween			

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Horsepower at the Zoo was a success this year. The day started out a bit rough, with threatening looking skies, but soon enough, we were able to fill eighty six spots. Preliminary numbers show we raised approximately \$3000 for the Potter Park Zoo. The zoo will be using these funds to help build a new Eagle Habitat. This habitat will display a plaque bearing the name of the Capital City Corvette Club as a contributor.

We were proud to be involved with this event, and would like to sincerely thank the following members who gave so generously of their time:

John & Sandy Bechtel
Rich & Colleen Bratschi
Diana Brown
Dave Cripe
Raoul Eiseman
Janet Hardin & Craig Iansiti
Carrie Hutton
Greg Kapp
Kim & Sue Keith
Dave & Diana Kuempel

Ted & Julie Lasher
Pam Platte
Milton Price
Randy & Carol Putmon
Gloria Reiffer
Robert Ribar
Rich & Brenda Shatkosky
Jan & John Shepler
Lee Webster
Gary & Kathy Wyman

Please be sure to check out the club website; there you will find a list of sponsors, this years winners, and lots of pictures from the show.

In addition, we have a small supply of T-Shirts left over from the show. The front of the shirt has the picture you see posted above, and the back has a list of event sponsors. The shirts are a great value at only \$10.00 each, with proceeds going directly to the zoo. Please contact Chris at [editor @ cccorvette.org](mailto:editor@cccorvette.org) if you are interested.

Sincerely,
Terry & Chris Burke
Chairpersons
2007 Horsepower at the Zoo

Nominations for the 2008 Board of Directors will take place at the September and October membership meetings. In preparation, all members are encouraged to review the CCCC By-Laws for a description of the duties of club officers.

To help the process flow smoothly, a nomination committee was formed and will contact everyone nominated. Members of this committee include Rich & Colleen Bratschi, John & Sandy Bechtel, Simon & Gloria Reiffer and Craig Iansiti.

We ask that you do not turn down nominations at the meeting, but take time to think it over. A member of the committee will call those nominated to ascertain willingness to accept the nomination. Please be assured that your name will not go on the ballot if you inform the committee member that you don't wish to run for a board position. If nominated for more than one position you can let the committee member that contacts you know which position(s) you would be interested in serving. Members may also contact a committee member directly with any questions.

The election of 2008 board members will take place at the November membership meeting. Absentee ballots will be available.

It's DUES Time Again !!! Don't Wait till it's too LATE ...

The deadline for Membership Renewal is November 7th, 2007. If you are interested in running for an elected office and/or voting in the November election, your dues must be paid.

Consider renewing at either the September 5th, October 3rd , or November 7th, General Membership Meetings.

**You may also mail your form and check to: COLLEEN BRATSCHI
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Spouse/Companion:_____

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PRIMARY RENEWAL: \$55.00

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\$10.00 LATE FEE TO NCCC FOR RENEWING AFTER NOVEMBER 7, 2007.

Thanks for your Cooperation.

COLLEEN BRATSCHI
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



Capital City Chatter

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

September 1-Cathy Cooper

September 3-Janet Johnston

Jeff McQuade

September 8-Dave Cripe

September 9-Kim Keith

September 11-Bill Nezamis

September 13-Mark Hansen

September 15-Julie Lasher

Roger Martin

September 16-Dawn Mitzel

September 18-Sheila Day

September 21-Darwin Day

September 26-Angela Kranz

September 29-Shari Carmickle

Welcome!

CCCC is happy to welcome our newest member Victor Smith. Vic joined us in early August, and has a 1973 Bright Yellow Coupe. Welcome Vic!

Corvette Crossroads

Due to early production of this month's newsletter, a recap of Corvette Crossroads will appear in the October issue.

Labor Day Weekend Trip

If you are interested in traveling to Detroit over Labor Day Weekend to join the Mad City Vettlers of Madison, WI at the American LeMans racing series on Belle Isle. Contact Dave Kuempel or Rich Shatkosky.

BBQ, Hayride & Bonfire

Putmon's will be hosting their annual get together for club members and their families. This year, folks will be meeting at the Old Outlet Mall parking lot (corner of Clark Rd. & Business 27) between 5:30-5:45 on Saturday, September 30. From there, follow the leader to the Putmon's. Randy and Carol will be furnishing meats, please bring a dish to pass, your own chairs, and BYOB. If you need more information, contact Randy or Carol at 517-669-8365.

Fall Color Tour

It's almost that time again! Please watch for more details on the web and in the newsletter about the upcoming tour, hosted by Don & Carol Armstrong on October 13, 2007.

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!

Newsletter Articles

The editor is always looking for interesting articles for the newsletter! Be sure to contact editor@ccc Corvette.org with your Membership Profile, or "Vette Vignette. Remember, you can earn participation points for submitting articles!

September Member Profile
Introducing: Ted & Julie Lasher

Ted & Julie Lasher are originally from the Kansas City area, and have been living in Michigan since October 1996. Prior to moving here, Ted & Julie lived in Ft. Gibson, Oklahoma. Ted has lived in central Missouri, Tennessee and Indiana, where he attended Purdue University. After school, Ted moved back to Kansas City, and took a job with a company where Julie became the receptionist. That is where they met, and they have been together ever since.

Ted & Julie have been married for over 28 years, and have two children who both live in the Kansas City area. Their daughter Beverly has two daughters, Gillian who is 6, and Brooklyn who is 2. Their son Scott is married to Lisa. Ted & Julie also have a Mini Schnauzer named Frasier.

Ted works as a Mechanical Engineer/Project Manager for Robert Bosch, and Julie manages the household. Ted is in to cars, photography, art and travel. Julie enjoys her granddaughters, scrap-booking, coping with Ted's cars, Frasier and travel.

Ted and Julie currently own a 1992 Polo Green, 6 speed coupe Corvette. Ted made the deal on the car during halftime for a Chief's game while they were in Kansas City visiting family, they picked the car up over Thanksgiving weekend 2005, and have since put over 41,000 miles on it! Ted says the 'Vette will be getting some relief this year as he's added another foul weather car to his fleet.

Ted & Julie have been with CCCC since 2006, after visiting our website and finding our club the most appealing. They enjoy club events that involve driving their 'Vette, according to Ted, "Driving the Vette is fun. Driving with a group of Vettes is even more fun."

Ted had these interesting tales to tell about his love of cars:

"I have averaged about 1 car a year since I turned 16 (not counting kid's cars or parts cars). I worked my way up to muscle cars (1966 Fairlane GTA) before getting into sports cars (MG Midget, MGA, Fiat 124 Spider, Miata). The Corvette is the best of both worlds. My first experience owning a Corvette was a false start. I bought a basket-case 1969 convertible, added a few more parts to the baskets, but sold it after having the wheels stolen off it in our driveway.

I also tend to like interesting (unusual) cars. I currently have a 1962 Pontiac Tempest LeMans convertible with a front engine slant-4, rear 4spd transaxle, flexible driveshaft and 4-wheel independent suspension. I have owned a 1975 Lancia Beta Coupe, 1973 Renault 17 Gordini and Fiat 128 SL. I have also owned slightly less unusual cars like a 1965 Corvair Corsa, 1947 Ford ½ ton, flat-head V8 pickup, 1962 & 63 Olds Cutlass's with 215 aluminum V8s and a 1986-1/2 Fiero GT.

I am always on the lookout for the next interesting car, but we are currently out of garage or driveway space.

Corvette History - September

- **September 1, 1992:** Corvette chief engineer Dave McLellan formally retires, staying on as a consultant until his replacement is named.
- **September 2, 1994:** The National Corvette Museum opens in Bowling Green, Kentucky. 4000 Corvettes attend. Over the three-day weekend, 118,000 people visit the museum. The gift shop does US\$1 million in business.
- **September 3, 1996:** Workers at the Bowling Green, Kentucky, Corvette plant begin assembling the first production 1997 Corvette.
- **September 4, 1998:** The following people were inducted into The Corvette Hall of Fame at the National Corvette Museum: The Corvette Hall of Fame inducts Ed Cole, General Motors President and Chief Engineer of Chevrolet, Bill Mitchell, head of General Motors Design staff, Joe Pike, Corvette promoter and editor of Corvette News and founder of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), Larry Shinoda, designer and member of the 1963 Sting Ray design team, Zora Arkus-Duntov, first Chief Engineer of Corvette.
- **September 8, 1998:** Baseball team St. Louis Cardinals president Mark Lamping presents team member Mark McGwire with a red 1962 Corvette, after McGwire hits his 62 home-run of the season.
- **September 9, 1955:** Zora Arkus-Duntov races a disguised 1956 model Corvette with a V-8 engine at the Pike's Peak Hill climb, setting the stock car record of with a time of 17:24.05.
- **September 13, 1973:** General Motors show a 266 ci two-rotor Wankel engine test Corvette at the 45th German Motor Show in Frankfurt, Germany. The car is called Corvette 2-Rotor, (code name XP-897GT) with a steel body.
- **September 24, 1974:** General Motors president Ed Cole announces that the company is postponing the introduction of a Wankel-based rotary engine, due to difficulties in meeting proposed emissions standards.
- **September 29, 1953:** The automotive press get their hands on a Corvette for test and review, as the Corvette is officially released. Eight Corvettes are made available to the press at the Milford Proving Grounds.
- **September, 1997:** 9,000 Corvette owners attend a special weekend gathering at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Chevrolet introduces the 1998 convertible Corvette.



Corvette history compiled by Ken Pollson

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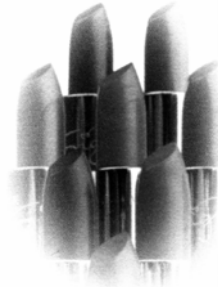
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