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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 3, 2007

7:00 pm

Deli Café-Holt

BOARD MEETING

October 17, 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!

Due to the newsletter deadline being moved up, and the fact that I'm off to Mid America Motorworks Funfest 2007, this will be a short letter.

We have started the process of nominations for next years officers and I hope that everyone looks over the duties of the officers.

Our club has changed over the last several years to one that is more focused on social activities rather than car shows and competitive events. The future activities need to reflect this and should be planned accordingly.

Congratulations to the following people who won awards at Corvette Crossroads: Ron & Kathy Cooper, Bob & Kathy Kroupa, and Simon & Gloria Reiffer.

Some things on the social calendar might be changing so keep an eye on the club website for any last minute changes.

Save the wave,

Dave Kuempel

CCCC General Membership Meeting September 5, 2007

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

PRESIDENT: Welcome. Tonight's visitor is Bob Wheeler. Don Johnston is in Ingham Medical. Everyone wishes him well. Milton Price asked for some cars at a showing in Grand Ledge.

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

COMPETITION: Nothing on competition. Craig and Janet's Drive'N Dine is Saturday September 8. Ralley's are now going on.

GOVERNOR: There is a sign-up sheet for Milan drag raving on October 4. Will be joining up with CCM. Regional meeting was last night. There will be practice runs for high and low speed events at Grattan and Gingerman for the 2009 Convention. Anyone who is interested in working at the Convention in that area is welcome on October 13 & 14. Corvettes are banned from MIS. Flint has volunteered to do the Regional Banquet this year. It will be held at Frankenmuth in March. Jackson club is having a Fun Classic in Horton on September 8. Gloria Reiffer was presented with the plaque for winning 2nd place in NCCC website contest.

TREASURER: Report given. Discussion on donation of 50-50 raffle money. Simon Reiffer made a motion to donate raffle money to the Toys for Tots. Motion seconded and passed. Sue Keith made a motion to pay the bills. Motion seconded and passed. Chris Burke gave a report on the profit from HAZ. Simon Reiffer made a motion to round up the figure to \$3100 to donate to the Zoo. Diane Neal, from the Zoo, will be invited to the next month's meeting to present her with a check

SOCIAL: September 8 is Drive'N Dine, September 29 is Putmon's Bar-B-Q and Hayride, October 13 is color tour, and November 10 is bingo at Tamarack Apts. Reiffer's, Cooper's, and 2 Bubba's won awards at Corvette Crossroads

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Bob thanked advertisers for this year. Discussion on club trailer. Bob Maynard made a motion to increase out allotted money (\$1000) to \$3000 to purchase a new trailer. Motion seconded and passed.

MEMBERSHIP: New members – Jim and Patty DeKnight. WE have 143 members, 1 Honorary, and 73 F.C.O.A. Discussion on club flags. Colleen will order 25 to start with. Approximate cost is \$11.

POINTS: Up to date as of 8-31-07.

EDITOR: Deadline is September 20. Still looking for member profiles.

WEBMASTER: Nominating committee named nominations for officers. **President:** John Bechtel, Rich Bratschi. **VP/Competition Director:** Rich Bratschi, Terry Burke, Mark Hansen, Howard Parks, Craig Iansiti, Gary Wyma. **Governor:** Kim Keith, Steve Musselman, Simon Reiffer, Randy Putmon. **Treasurer:** Mike Britz, Ted Lasher, Carol Putmon, Brenda Shatkosky. **Secretary:** Diana Brown-Mosher, Catherine Eiseman. **Social Director:** Pat Bailey, Julie Lasher, Shalimar Maynard, Kathy Wyma, Janet Hardin. **Public Relations Director:** Greg Kapp, Bob Maynard, Gordon Terwilliger. **Membership Director:** Colleen Bratschi, Angela Hyde. **Points Director:** Carrie Hutton, Greg Kapp, Ron Cooper. **Editor:** Connie Britz, Chris Burke, Kathy Cooper.

OLD BUSINESS: Club parking at Effingham. Members will need a club pass. Diana Brown-Mosher would like to have a tech night. Craig Iansiti said that was a possibility.

CCCC General Membership Meeting September 5, 2007

NEWBUSINESS: Sandy Bechtel gave an update on the Corvette Museum on Labor Day. Joe Thomas and Jennifer Everhart took 2nd place in speed events in the men's and women's divisions. A Corvette club from Belgium attended. Museum is planning an expansion. They plan on breaking ground in the spring and will be done by 2009. Jim Balla has suggested a 10 day trip to take in Corvettes at Carlisle, Tail of the Dragon, and the Blue Ridge Parkway in August of 2008. Thanks to Simon and Gloria for organizing Crossroads trip.

50 – 50 Raffle. Raffle was won by Bob Ribar.

Dave Kuempel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion seconded and passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:37p.m.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES WERE UNAVAILABLE AT PRESS TIME. THE MINUTES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AT THE OCTOBER MEMBERSHIP MEETING, AND/OR PUBLISHED IN THE NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER.

Governor's Report- September 4th Michigan Regional Meeting

Health Issues Within The Region

There were reports that several region members are suffering from recently diagnosed medical issues.

Elaina Siebel has been diagnosed with cancer. Her chemotherapy sessions begin this week.

Bill Siebel has elevated PAS levels, his Doctors fear he has cancer and he awaits test results

Carol Johnson has kidney cancer that has migrated to the lymphatic system. They are removing a kidney and starting both radiation and chemotherapy treatments

Barb Bush has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer .She has not yet decided whether to seek treatment.

On a positive note Kim Fast has completed her chemotherapy and the first set of tests show no signs of cancer. The Doctor's are awaiting the next set of test results before declaring her in remission.

Treasurer's Report

In Elaina's absence Bill circulated the cash flow statement and bank balance.

The Region has a total of \$12,518.71 in its accounts

Competition Report

Jackson and Capital City low speed results have not yet been received.

Technically they have been sent but allegedly not in an NCCC approved format.

Rene asked the clubs to resubmit. [Craig has checked column by column and the data as submitted was in format identical to that identified on the Region website. Rich has resent the file to Rene along with Craig reconciliation and asked that he again identify what is allegedly incorrect]

In anticipation of winning the National convention in 2009, The Region is running simultaneous high speed and low speed events at both Gingerman and Graton on October 13th and 14th. The format used will be identical to that that will be used at Convention.

Anyone interested in volunteering to work at the speed events at Convention is asked to come out both this year and next year to work and learn the actual jobs they will have at Convention.

Corvettes at MIS

The IRL has decided not to return to MIS. MIS rejected the only date offered to them because the time interval between that race and the June NASCAR race did not permit enough time to get the track in condition. MIS hopes in the future to bring ALMS or road course style racing to the track but at this moment there is no venue for the Corvettes at MIS.

Additionally participants in the parade lap disregarded track safety rules, engaged in drag racing, passing and driving 3 abreast through the turns. As a result, Corvettes have been banned from future parade lap activities.

Regional Banquet

The Flint club has offered to host the annual Regional banquet. They are proposing a venue in Frankenmuth. Frankenmuth as a destination was endorsed by the Club Governor's. A date in March will soon be picked.

The likely venue will be Black Forest Restaurant. The meal will likely run in the \$20-25 range. A mandatory beverage selection of \$10.50 is required. With Tax and gratuity the total is expected to be approx \$35/person.

Competition Awards

As a means of reducing National costs, a proposal has been received to increase the minimum competition points level from 200 to 300 points. This means that badges and awards will only be presented to those who now exceeded 300 points.

The Governors present rejected the proposal citing that many clubs' top participant only has 200 points; meaning that many clubs would receive no awards. Non competing members in winning clubs would ALL receive awards. The recommended proposal that the Region will take to National is to leave the 200 point threshold standing, but only provide awards to club participants that had participated in at least 5 events.

As it currently stands, a winning 400 member club with 10 competing members is entitled to championship badges for all 400 members. The counter proposal was seen as a better way to reduce costs while maintaining awards for competitors.

MICHIGAN REGIONAL MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

Regional Executive, Bill Siebel called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM at La Senorita's Lansing, Michigan. Bill asked for a moment of silence to honor the passing of Sue McGee.

Secretary - Angela Hanlin

Angela read a thank you note received from the family of Will Adams who recently passed away. Three corrections were made to the May minutes. Bernie Christian made a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Richard Shatkosky seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer –

Bill passed around the treasurer's report in Elana's absence. She has a serious illness and was unable to attend. There were no additions or corrections to her report.

Points – Sue Sweet

Sue passed out the current point standings report. There are a few events outstanding and not included in this report. Royals Car Show, Grand Valley Rally, Jackson and Capital City Low Speed Events and also Hamtramck Event. Forms must be sent to Rene' on the correct sheet and format. Lansing will need to re-do their low speed event.

Webmaster – Jim Sweet

Jim asked that any new ideas for the web site be sent to him. Flyers need to be provided for club events. If he doesn't see the flyers they won't be on the web site.

Membership – Barb Harris

Barb presented the NCCC award to Capital City Club for taking 2nd place at Convention for their club's web site. This is the second year in a row. Congratulations to Lansing!

Barb announced that we have a new club in the Michigan Region, The Calhoun County Corvettes with 28 members.

Anyone who would like to purchase Michigan Region Shirts please let Barb know. She will have this put on our web site so clubs can order them. Roger from Lakeshore said that they would like shirts but didn't know about them being available.

NCCC is setting up the Sue McGee Memorial Fund. She was Membership Director for over 15 years in her region.

Renewals will be due in November. Barb has brochures and membership applications available for anyone who needs them.

Carlisle show was a problem due to severe weather. 75 mile an hour winds with some people hospitalized.

Mackinaw Show brought in \$2000.00 worth of tickets for the new car, which will be a black coupe. Grand Valley sold over 230 tickets for their cars drawing.

Competition – Rene' Cardenas

Rene' reported that a small meeting was held to discuss the events to be held for 2009 convention. The Low/High Speed events being held in October at Grattan and Gingerman will be the practice format for the 2009 convention. There was some discussion related to roll bars. Rene' told us that they are required on convertibles for high-speed events. Specific size/shape and must be 2 inches above the helmet.

OLD BUSINESS

2009 Convention – Jeff Janus

Jeff reports that the proposal can be seen on our web site. There are still open chairpersons' positions. The presentation was made in July to the Executive Board. Final presentation is being made this weekend at the Governor's Meeting. Ballots will be passed out this weekend and the vote taken. Results will be announced in November.

Concourse will be set up at Meijer Gardens. Pratt Miller Tour being set up but limited spots will be available. Rene' suggested that the form with the jobs openings for convention be posted on the web site so people can know what to sign up for. Danny thanked everyone who had stepped forward and volunteered to take various positions and handed out nice ink pens as his thank you. Sue Sweet reported that Kim Fast is out of quarantine and is at home. She had one bone marrow test and it came back clear. She is still getting treatments.

Ray Meesseman reported that Dave Johnson's wife Carol has Kidney Cancer. The doctor's will be removing 1 kidney and she will be going thru treatments.

It was also reported that Barb Bush from CCM is in stage one of Pancreatic Cancer.

NEW BUSINESS

Charity Update – No Report

MIS Post Report - Steve Massie reported it was a bad weekend weather wise. MIS won't have us back due to some individuals running the parade lap 3 wide and going at a high rate of speed. He has MIS Event shirts still available if anyone would like one. \$10.00 each and the proceeds go to the Corvette Museum. MIS and IRL parting ways. They may bring back the old road course and then possibly the Corvette's can return.

2007 Convention –Post Update - Jim Harris

Great convention and great turn out. The bar has been raised to the type of convention we put on if we get the bid for 2009.

Re-Open Officer Nominations for 2008

Angela read the existing nominees from the June meeting.

Regional Executive – Bill Siebel

Secretary – Angela Hanlin

Treasurer – Elana Siebel

Points – Sue Sweet

Webmaster – Jim Sweet

Regional Membership Director – Barb Harris

Regional Competition Director – Ray Meesseman

Ray Meesseman made a motion to close the nominations for 2008 officers, Jim Sweet Seconded.

Region Banquet -

Bill Siebel asked if anyone was interested in hosting the Spring Banquet. Flint Corvette Club is looking at a couple of places. The Gateway Center in Flint and also the Black Forest in Frankenmuth. The Gateway wanted \$600 to reserve a room and would cost each individual approx. \$35.00. Black Forest would be a buffet and it would cost around \$20.00 per person plus \$10.50 for drinks. Jim Harris volunteered to Chair this event, Mark Hanlin said he would assist Jim if he needed help. There was a show of hands and it was unanimous to go to Frankenmuth. More details will follow at our November meeting.

Midwest Region Point System Proposal for NCCC - Ray Meesseman

Ray reported that there is supposedly a \$19.00 rebate from NCCC for any club over 200 points at the end of the year. No one was aware of this rebate. Ray will find out at the Governor's meeting this weekend. Midwest Region is proposing that the total number of points be raised from 200 per individual to 300. This would help National save money. Jim Sweet asked about the \$10,000 spent last year, what did that include? There was much discussion on this subject. The general consensus of our Region was that we do not want the points to be increased to 300. Ray will take this to the Governor's meeting and see what happens and report back at the November meeting.

Roger Stoel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ray Meesseman seconded.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela Hanlin

Secretary

Clubs in attendance: GVCA, GLCC, SCC, MAG, FCC, LCC, CCCC, RCWM, CCBC, CCC, JCC, KCC

NCCC Governor's Meeting September 6-7 2007

Committee Meeting Highlights

COMPETITION

Clarifications

These clarifications are in place only until the current competition book is valid. It is intended that the new competition manual will be approved by the Governors before the year end.

- Cat back exhaust (Corsa & Others) - Can the C5 H pipe be replaced with an X pipe in Classes 1H and 1HS? – NO.
- Do the H pipe and O2 sensors in the C6 and newer need to be in the exhaust stock location? – Yes
- C4 Hubcaps (Center caps) - Do they need to be removed for speed events? YES
- C6 Z06 Spoilers- Is the Ron Fellows spoiler allowed in Group 1 in all C6 Z06's. – YES

CONVENTIONS

The final hotel bill was \$73,641. Final numbers have not been tabulated as some minor expenses are not yet in. The number currently stands at approximately \$39K profit which, as per NCCC guidelines, once finalized, is to be split between the hosting club and National. Note: This number includes the \$36K NCCC sponsorship of the convention of \$36K. Without this sponsorship the convention profit would have been \$3K.

The committee dealt with 9 requests for refunds. They included, medical, mechanical, family death, subpoena, and staying home to accept the delivery of a new Corvette. Some of the requests were approved some denied. All of the decisions were reasonable.

MEMBERSHIP

Distributions

The committee was focused on ways to reduce the cost of perk distributions. A new calendar source was found=savings \$5K. The calendars and 2 pins will be distributed via RMD's and Governors at the November meeting. This distribution will save \$3K versus a mailing.

Blue Bars upgrade

Discussion ensued about ways to upgrade the look and content of BlueBars to have it compete for advertising with magazines such as Corvette Fever etc. It now costs \$9K to print and it is felt many members do not value it nor read it. It was noted that less than 10% of members are involved in competition events. The newsletter content should reflect the interests of the members at large. The question is what do we want in it?

Redistricting

The committee is looking at ways to combine regions as a means of reducing the number of people attending meetings and the subsidization of those people attending. Currently Regional reps get their hotel and meals covered in full and get the IRS mileage rate of 44.8 cents per mile covered one way. The region or the members club usually covers the balance although this varies by region and club.

Another discussion involved how do we sell the benefits of the NCCC? East region lost 3 clubs last year at renewal time. The concern is that there will be additional loss this year as more and more clubs are social only and do not see the value in NCCC insurance for social events. It was noted that less than 10% of all NCCC insurance claims have been for speed events. The majority are for car shows and social events. What would be of value to members? More member discounts?

Governor's Meeting Sept 8

FINANCIAL

June minutes approved. Tax return filed and accepted. Audit completed. Bill to date \$4K Draft report done. Focus on Bank, convention, scholarship. Income statement, vs. presented financial reports & QuickBooks, dues vs. membership report.

2008 Budget

Budgeting a loss of \$48K (lead to committee discussions of dues increase)

FCOA

Florida region is up 74%. Windy City is #1 with 220, Cedar Rapids is #2 with 146, and CCCC is #3 with 73. # 3600 was assigned to Corvette Cleveland

BUSINESS MANAGER

Term up at end of year, 1 meeting left. No claims since last meeting. K&K will continue as the Agent. The new carrier for '08 will be Scottsdale Insurance.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The display booth was at Carlisle. The next use is at FUNFEST. DOES CCCC WANT THE DISPLAY FOR ONE OF OUR EVENTS TO HELP CELEBRATE OUR 50th?

WEBMASTER

There will be a link to the 2009 Convention proposals. There will be a link to received Governor's ballots. The web site will host pictures and bios of the candidates for officers.

Joan wants volunteers for judges for the 2008 Web contest. The volunteers should not be Governors or Regional Executives. The website committee will start a best practice forum with in a Q&A format along with FAQ's. It will be on the website.

COMPETITION

Sharon Meeseman set the new ladies class 1E drag record. Points are current to the end of August.

Top 5 Clubs:

- #1 – FL Region: North Florida Corvette Association
- #2 – SW Region: Oklahoma City
- #3 - SE Region: Nashville
- #4 – Mid-West Region: Windy city
- #5 – SE Region: Corvette Atlanta

Top 5 Ladies:

- #1 – South East: Betty Parks
- #2 – Carolina: Donna LittleJohn
- #3 – Florida: Mary Tuley
- #4 – W. Ohio: Pat Brown
- #5 – Mid-West: Diana Hack

Top 5 Men:

- #1 – South East: Don Parks
- #2 – Michigan: Ray Meeseman
- #3 – Florida: Joseph Tuley
- #4 – Indiana: Pat Wrigley
- #5 – Mid-West: Paul hack

PARLIAMENTARIAN

Newsletter competition for 2008: Those Clubs with electronic only newsletters can print them and submit them in the contest. By-Law clean-up will be handled later in session. We need to promote the organization and the positive benefits.

CHARITY

2008 Raffle car is a Black Coupe. The Winner of '07 raffle car is from Flushing, Mi. He traded the Coupe in on a Convertible. The cash option in 2008 will be increased from the current \$20K to \$30K. Tickets sales stated at Mackinaw and Carlisle.

Scholarship applications for 2008 are due May 8th 2008. Applications can be found on the website. There is a year to date \$60K cash balance in the Charity account, and the Balance sheet shows \$41K equity.

CONVENTION

2007 Convention

Was successful, everyone had a super time. The committee processed refund requests. Financial reports are in limbo pending settlement of final expenses. Travel and refunds have not yet been factored in. The final results will be presented at the November meeting

2008 Convention

Will be in Tulsa. There will be racing, high speed and low speed events being held at locations up to 50 miles away. There will also be Drag Racing events, Concourse, FunKana and Scenic driving trips along Route 66. There will also be Golf & Rallye events held.

There will be several entertainment events including shopping, museum and Aquarium tours, theme parties, magicians and Youth programs. The awards banquet will be held on Friday, and lots of free food and adult beverages will be available. A Tentative schedule of events will be placed on the National website on the Conventions page.

SPONSORSHIP

Staff was at Carlisle and is attending Funfest. All dollars are in from this years sponsors. Next years program is in the final stages of development. We have offered special pages for "Members Discounts", providers Neon Clocks and CorvetteGearUSA.com are the two latest to take up this offer.

BLUEBARS

The Convention issue is at the printer; it is 84 pages long and will be out by the end of September. Deadline for the fall issue is September 16.

DISTRIBUTIONS

2008 membership cards ordered, 2008 Calendars in, 2008 Pins expected by end of month. There will be two pins per master/spouse member again in '08. To save money (\$3K) pins and calendars will be distributed to the regional Membership Directors and Governors in attendance. The RMD's will ensure the Governors receive the perks. The Governors are responsible for distributing to the renewing members.

At the November meeting there will be 1600 left over 2007 pins available for distribution to members who really want one. PLEASE HAVE THE CLUBS IDENTIFY THEIR NEEDS AND COMMUNICATE IT TO THEIR RMD. It is noted that there is insufficient supply to give one to every member that only received one. Therefore it is requested that the numbers only reflect those that REALLY want a pin.

MEMBERSHIP

Up 418 over '06. Governors please ensure that renewals get back to the RMD early. There was a question as to the actual cost for a new member versus a renewal. The membership VP did not have actual costs with him but will have them for the next meeting. The costs include New members-license frame, rule book, patch, decal, membership card, 2 pins & calendar. Renewals-2 pins and calendar.

PRESIDENT

NCM Board Meeting Labor Day cruise-in 650 Vettes.

Board borrowing \$7.5 M for expansion

Spending \$870K for 55 acres of land for 1.2 mile road course, Auto-x pad and a drag strip.

They expect to rent these new facilities for training, driver's school and events.

To raise funds at the Corvette homecoming they want to sell miniature Corvettes for club and companies to buy, paint, display. The cost to obtain one is \$3K. (Which is a donation to the NCM) and the NCM then get proceeds from the auction of the painted Corvettes.

OLD BUSINESS

Nomination of Officers

4 positions are up for voting. VP Competition, Secretary, Sergeant at Arms are all running unopposed. There are 3 candidates for Business Manager. Biographies and Pictures will be posted on the NCCC website

NEW BUSINESS

Convention presentations

The Business Manager inspected both venues and declared they were both more than adequate to host the 2009 Convention. Both Michigan and Colorado springs made presentations. Michigan's was a very polished audio visual combination that included a representative of the Grand Rapids visitors' bureau.

Colorado's was a casual walk through or a print out. Several times during the presentation the Colorado Springs presenter said their facility is not as good as Michigan's in relation to the Hotel, the Tracks for speed events and social program.

BY-LAW CLEAN-UP

The way NCCC handles changes to the by-laws is an annual verbal presentation of the proposed changes to the Governors in September. This is followed by the written changes in the annual Officer/Convention ballot package. A simple majority of Governors is sufficient for passing the changes. This year there are 3 proposed changes:

- Page 8 NOTICES of Meetings. The NCCC wants to move to the 21st Century. Mailing written notices of meetings and special meetings is no longer expedient. The NCCC wants to use electronic communications for official notices as per the by-laws. The words *written* and *mail* shall be changed to *sent*. This simple change will permit the use of electronic communications to expedite notice and reduce the cost of providing notice.
- Page 14 Convention Reserve Fund. The Convention Reserve Fund was earlier eliminated by vote of governors. However; the by-laws say that any surplus of Convention proceeds (Profit) is split between the host organization and the Corporation (NCCC). And “ the Corporate share shall be place in the Convention Reserve fund” As there is no reserve fund, this will be changed to put the *Corporate share in the General Funds*
- Article 11 Section 3 Line 5. The current by-laws require that proposed changes are to be presented at the first meeting after the Annual meeting. The proposal is to establish a timeline so the Regional Executives have some time to digest the proposal prior to presentation.

Actual wording will be included with the ballots which will be sent to Governors by the end of the month.

RULEBOOK

The Competition VP presented the binder with the proposed new rule book. Ideally this should have been copied and distributed to the Governors for review. The Parliamentarian argued that the by-laws are vague and thought it reasonable to expect them to be gone though or provided in hard copy. The meeting room was required for another function in 15 minutes and it was not practical to review them.

A motion was made to accept them as presented. Debate focused on not approving something unseen. It was agreed that the by-laws required them to be presented at this meeting, in order for them to be voted on and in effect for January 1, 2008. On a point of order, a vote was taken on acceptance of the presented new Rulebook. The motion was defeated.

A motion was then made for the VP Competition to send (electronically) a copy of the proposed new Rule Book to all Governors for review with a vote on acceptance to be held at the November Governor's meeting. The motion was voted on and passed.

The parliamentarian then stated that the by-laws requirements to present and vote on had been met and pending review and approval would permit the new rulebook to be in place for January 1.

BUDGET 2008

It is a realistic forecast but budgets a loss. There was discussion about what could be done and was it realistic, but time was running out on room availability.

2008 CCCC Board Nominations:

The following members have accepted nomination for office:

Editor - Chris Burke; Membership Director - Colleen Bratschi and Angela Hyde (Kranz); Points Director - Carrie Hutton; President - John Bechtel; Public Relations Director - Bob Maynard; Social Director - Kathy Wyma; Treasurer - Mike Britz, Ted Lasher and Carol Putmon; VP/Competition - Rich Bratschi and Gary Wyma.

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

If nominated, 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 contact 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. Members of the Nomination Committee include Rich & Colleen Bratschi, John & Sandy Bechtel, Craig Iansiti & Janet Hardin, and Simon & Gloria Reiffer.

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
4379 ZIMMER RD.
WILLIAMSTON, MICH. 48895**

Make checks payable to: Capital City Corvette Club

Renewal Form-(please update)

Name: (Primary Member): _____
Spouse/Companion: _____
Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____
Zip _____
Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____
Corvette Models owned: Coupe____ Convertible____ Year: _____

PRIMARY RENEWAL: \$55.00

SPOUSE/COMPANION MEMBER RENEWAL/NEW: \$20.00

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

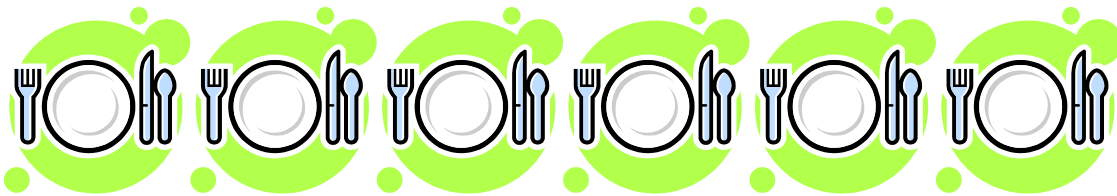
Thanks for your Cooperation.

COLLEEN BRATSCHI
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Drive & Dines



**Please help us organize a Fall Color Tour/Drive & Dine!
If you are willing to host, or work together with other
club members to put together this event, please contact
Kathy Wyma. This event has been scheduled for
Saturday, October 13, 2007**



**Saturday, November 10, 2007
3:30 PM**

Hosted by Steve & Barb Musselman

Come join us for the last Drive & Dine of the season. We will meet at the Quality Dairy, 8512 W. Saginaw St., at 3:30 and depart at 3:45 PM. We have planned a 50 mile country journey to an evening of unique dining at an establishment of renowned reputation and will offer the opportunity to learn about the local history and folk lore. Weather cannot be used as an excuse; "Iron Cars" are welcome.

**For more information call:
Steve at (517) 668-1209
or contact Steve & Barb via email at
dutch6633@aol.com**



Capital City Corvette Club

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October 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
			<u>CCCC Membership Meeting</u>	CCM Drag Races <u>CCCC@Milan Drags</u>		FCC Rallye
<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>13</u>
CCM Low Speed	 Columbus Day					<u>Fall Color Tour</u>
KCC Rallye						LCC Low Speeds
						LCC MAG High Speeds
						MAG Test N Tune
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CCCC MEMBER PROFILE

Introducing Steve & Barb Musselman

Steve and Barb Musselman were both raised in the Lansing area, with Steve graduating from Haslett and Barb from Lansing Eastern High School. Their life paths crossed at Sparrow Hospital when she was a nursing student and he was a Michigan State Pre-Med student working as an orderly. Following Pre-Med, Steve had a “need for speed” and joined the U.S. Air Force and completed a 26 year career as a pilot, instructor, and staff officer. His list of assigned aircraft included T-34, T-37, T-33, B-47, KC-97, KC-135, T-39, and B-52s. He served as a B-52 Squadron Commander and flew 100 combat missions in Viet Nam. Steve’s final military assignment was at the Pentagon, as Director of Forces Planning and Programming Division, with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Following retirement from the Air Force in 1984, Steve joined the staff of SIMTEC, Inc., and served as Vice President of Programs. He spent 17 years with the Washington, DC based training and simulation company, formally retiring in 2001.

With assignments all over the country, Barb was able to pursue her nursing career as a staff nurse in hospitals at each base location. She retired in 1995 and now volunteers her services in the Sparrow Hospital Oncology Radiation Department.

They tried a pre-retirement move to Knoxville, Tennessee, but discovered after giving it a five year try, that they were not cut out for the southern mentality! After a 40 year absence from Michigan, family move #18 brought them back to the Lansing area in 2000. Settling down in DeWitt, Steve stays busy as a Township Trustee, substitute teacher (grades 5-12), and active Rotarian.

Steve and Barb were married in Haslett, Michigan, in 1960 and have two married children and four grand children.

Their first Corvette was a new 1973 metallic blue/green coupe, purchased while stationed in Sacramento, CA. It remained a member of the family for over 12 years, making numerous trips, coast to coast across the country. “When the C6 was born, it seemed to be the perfect time to rekindle our love with Corvettes. CCCC and our 2005 silver coupe have helped us realize that goal!”



Capital City Chatter

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

October 5-Kurt Schwamberger

October 7-Adele Bancroft

Ron Cooper

October 8-Steve Spinrad

October 10-Don Johnston

October 11-Carrie Hutton

October 14-Brenda Shatkosky

October 15-Stephen Klein

October 16-Jennifer Everhart

October 20-Florence Nezamis

Richard Shatkosky

October 23-Tom Stump

October 27-Cindy Hanses

Welcome!

CCCC is happy to welcome our newest members Patti & Jim DeNike. Patti & Jim joined us in September, and own a 2002 Electron Blue Convertible. Watch for an upcoming Member Profile of Patti & Jim!

Corvette Crossroads

Please check out the website for pictures of club members attending this event, as well as some great shots from the car show. Congratulations to Kathy & Ron Cooper and Simon & Gloria Reiffer who took home trophies! It was a beautiful weekend, and a great time was had by all.

Get Well Soon!

Please extend your wishes for a speedy recovery to club member Don Johnston. Don was recently hospitalized for some health issues, and is on the road to recovery. Get well soon Don!

Fall Color Tour

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Fall Color Tour is currently up in the air. There has been a date scheduled for Saturday, October 13, however, we are in need of hosts. This is a great opportunity to get together with club members, enjoy the beautiful mid-Michigan fall color, dine together and socialize. If you are interested in hosting, or even co-hosting with another couple, please contact Kathy Wyma.

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!

Club Trip Report – Carlisle, PA

Carlisle Pennsylvania is the center of attraction for many American car lovers. For over 25 years the fairground has been host to several weekends a year of car lover's "dreams come true". It is near Harrisburg, Gettysburg, and Philadelphia, which makes it a destination where one can enjoy an extended visit.

Corvettes at Carlisle is an annual, Corvette only, event that takes place the last weekend in August, just before the Labor Day weekend. Only Corvettes are allowed on the fair grounds. The event features an NCCC judged car show, daily "FunField" car shows, a weekend long Corvette auction in a brand new air conditioned expo center, a vendor midway, installation alley, historic displays, on-site tuning, Grandstand events (burnout contest, beauty contest, etc), tech seminars, "cars for sale" coral, Corvette artwork, jewelry apparel, a swap meet, and more.

The Capital City Corvette Club 14 member pilgrimage (Jim Balla, Angela Hyde, Craig Iansiti & Janet Hardin, Kim & Sue Keith, Dave & Diana Kuempel, Bob & Shalimar Maynard, Richard & Brenda Shatkosky, Joe Thomas & Jennifer Everhart.) was led by Kim & Sue Keith. They previously made this trek and graciously mapped out the route, providing insight into appropriate rest stops and restaurants along the way. The caravan took a leisurely nine and a half hours to make the journey, observing all posted speed limits - as we flew past by the signs....

Kim & Sue even knew of the secret back streets that permitted the group to essentially bypass the one hour long queue that faced the newbies. Our thanks to Kim & Sue for organizing the trip - and to everyone for their patience putting up with Jim Balla's interesting driving and loud music.

Highlights of the show were the 572 cu in. Chevy engine that was fired up hourly at the GM Performance booth, the burnout contest with Will Cooksey - Bowling Green Plant Manager - not only blowing one of his tires, but taking the rear quarter panel along with it, and the NCCC exhibit of top flite '57 Vettes.

Lowlights were Craig and Janet's '82 getting "T-boned" by a semi while it was stopped at the Carlisle exit toll booths, and the severe thunderstorm on Saturday night that damaged many Corvettes (including the NCCC '57 exhibit) as canopies and tents collapsed from the wind.

Oddities were Craig in the middle of the "Fun Field show" with his foot in the middle of the 82's door skin prying away at the door frame (so we could fit a temporary window) while passersby stood mouth agape trying to figure out what he could be doing with the poor car.

The other oddities were the naked legs and underwear hanging out from Jim Balla's window as he drove down the turnpike.

Hot rumors.... Angie Hyde *allegedly* entered the wet T-shirt contest... but we missed it...

As usual, the group ate well and had a great time. Jim Balla suggests for next year the club start with the trip to Carlisle, continue after by driving the Blue Ridge Parkway, the Tail of the Dragon, and finally ending at the National Corvette Museum Labor Day Cruise-in. Anyone interested????

Corvette History - October

- **October 15, 1954:** Zora Arkus Duntov writes a memo to Ed Cole and Maurice Olley, noting that the Corvette appeared to be a failure. He suggests that to drop the Corvette would be an admission of failure. He urges General Motors not to cancel the car, but to create a separate department within Chevrolet to oversee Corvette Development.
- **October 7, 1960:** The CBS TV show, "Route 66" debuts with two young men driving a 1960 Corvette around the US in search of adventure.
- **October 13, 1962:** 1963 model production Corvettes make their racing debut at the Los Angeles Times Three-Hour Invitational Grand Prix in Riverside, California. The Ford-powered Shelby Cobra also makes its debut. Four Z06-equipped Corvettes enter, but only one finished, driven by Doug Hooper. The lone Cobra breaks its rear axle one hour into the race. Hooper's Corvette wins the race.
- **October 5, 1965:** The second Mako shark II car debuts at the Paris Auto Show in France. This version is fully drivable, with a 427ci engine.
- **October 4, 1973:** General Motors premieres the 390ci mid-engined Corvette Four-Rotor prototype at the Paris Automobile Salon in France. The Corvette Two Rotor is also shown. Both use rotary engines based on Wankel technology.
- **October 26, 1988:** The Callaway Sledgehammer Corvette reaches a top speed of 254.76 mph at the Transportation Research Center in Ohio.
- **October 18, 1989:** The final 1989 SCCA Corvette Challenge race is run, in St. Petersburg, Florida at the St. Petersburg Grand Prix circuit. The Texas American Racing Team, with driver Scott Lagase, wins the race. Overall, Bill Cooper of the Valley Chevrolet team wins the series.
- **October 1992:** General Motors executives approve the design of the next-generation Corvette, with a target release year of 1997.
- **October 19, 1995:** GM names Dave Hill, Corvette's vehicle line executive, a new title in General Motors' ongoing restructuring.
- **October 1, 1996:** The first production 1997 model Corvette is completed.
- **October 19, 1992:** Corvette program manager, Russ McLean informs his staff that the GM Strategy Board has placed all projects after 1996 on hold or canceled, including the 1997 Corvette and later projects.
- **October 1992:** The last (number 10) Callaway Twin Turbo Speedster Corvette is completed.



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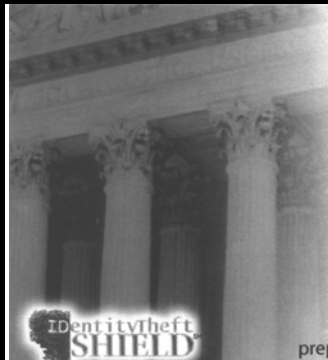
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