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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 7, 2008**

**7:00 pm**

**Deli Café-Holt**

**BOARD MEETING**

**May 21, 2008**

**6:30 pm**

**Delhi Café-Holt**

Please send any articles you would like to have published to: [board @ cccorvette.org](mailto:board@cccorvette.org) Attn: Editor

From the President

Blessed spring has arrived, hallelujah. The sun has actually shone for multiple days in a row. Club activities have begun and will continue pretty much straight through to fall.

As I write this it hasn't happened but by the time you read it hopefully we will have had another great Vermontville Parade and dinner afterward. The Blessing of the Vettes show will return on the 17<sup>th</sup> of May at Culvers. We are again sharing responsibility for the Low Speed Training Course to be held on the 10<sup>th</sup>, Tom and Kathy Stump are having a Drive and Dine on the 31<sup>st</sup>, and there are numerous events sponsored by other clubs in the region. We will be going to the Memorial Day Parade in Marshall on the 26<sup>th</sup> and I have probably overlooked others. In short, it's a busy month. Keep an eye on the club calendar and the Events page of our web site as things will be added and adjusted on a weekly basis from now through first snow.

On a more somber note, the club received a letter and photo from Kurt and Julie Nethaway who are the parents of Colin Nethaway. For those of you who don't know Colin or can't place the name, he is the young man from the Capital Area Career Center who was tragically killed in an auto accident. Colin is the name sake for the Colin J Nethaway Scholarship presented by the Capital City Corvette Club. Mr. and Mrs. Nethaway expressed their appreciation for our honoring of Colin's name with the scholarship program. I will get the letter and photo to Gloria so they can be published on the web site. As members of this club you should be very proud of the scholarship fund you've created and of the lasting tribute you've made to Colin and his family.

On behalf of Sandy and me and the other event chairs this year I want to thank you for the offers of help already expressed and the ones we know will be there as the events come around on the calendar. In addition to all your hard labor, we could sure use door prizes. If anyone has any new items or certificates for goods or services they would like to donate to our car shows this year, they would be greatly appreciated. If you have anything to donate please contact the event chairs and let them know.

Now, let's get out there and have a great month of May and thoroughly enjoy ourselves and our cars. JB

**CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB  
GENERAL MEETING  
APRIL 2, 2008**

**President:** John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Welcome. We have five new members present tonight: Geri & Chuck Jennings, Suzie & Ed Politza, and Harold Leeman.

**Secretary:** Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes for the March 5, 2008 general meeting. Craig Iansiti moved to approve them as written. Rich Shatkosky seconded. Motion passed.

**Ambassador:** Sandy Bechtel noted she and Joe Thomas are still selling tickets for the National Corvette Museum's (NCM) April 26, 2008 Corvette convertible raffle. She also encouraged everyone to visit the museum's website: [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com) In addition, she noted several museum brochures are available.

**Points:** Carrie Hutton advised updated points are on our website.

**Membership:** On behalf of Colleen Bratschi, Rich Bratschi noted we currently have 108 regular, 1 honorary, and 72 Future Corvette Owners of America members.

**Social:** Kathy Wyma advised: 1) Don & Janet Johnston will host a euchre party at their house on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30; 2) the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival parade is Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. 3) Information on the May 17<sup>th</sup> Blessing of the Vettes is available on our website; and 4) Kathy & Tom Stump are hosting a drive and dine on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Also, 5) Gary Wyma noted our spring fling will be the first weekend in June. Sign-up sheets are going around. 6) Rich Bratschi noted a sign-up sheet for our July 30<sup>th</sup> miniature golf outing at Hawk Hollow is on our website. 7) John Bechtel noted there is a Capital Area Muscle Car Club show at Bud Kouts Chevrolet on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurer:** John Bechtel advised we are still operating within our approved budget. See Carol Putmon to review our account information.

**Editor:** On behalf of Chris Burke, John Bechtel noted the deadline for submitting articles for our May newsletter is April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Competition:** Gary Wyma presented Janet Hardin with the NCCC Michigan Regional 2007 Rookie of the Year award. He also noted our club is expected to provide workers for the May 10<sup>th</sup> driver training class being held in Marshall. Spartan Speedway has been secured for the August 16<sup>th</sup> low-speed event.

**Public Relations:** On behalf of Bob Maynard, John Bechtel noted we have one new advertiser: Chuck Jennings, who does auto detailing. The next 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Delhi Café. A special

anniversary club logo has been designed. We are currently considering offering it on a golf shirt instead of a T-shirt. Dave Cripe has samples of golf shirt fabrics.

**Governor/Vice President:** Rich Bratschi advised there was no governors' meeting last month because of the regional banquet. He received the NCCC insurance packet and is currently reviewing it. Emphasis is placed on getting waivers signed for all club events. John Bechtel noted we will have training on waivers.

**President:** John Bechtel advised we are putting together a list of potential club sponsors. Our current advertisers are listed on our website. He noted Gloria Reiffer is currently consolidating some of the club's email addresses. He also reiterated we are expected to conduct ourselves at all times in a manner that will reflect well on the club.

**Old Business:** 1) John Bechtel brought up the subject of allowing a list of our club's membership to be given to vendors who support our club with free merchandise/materials. A show of hands indicated support for such a list. The board will discuss this further, including offering members the choice of opting out of such a list. 2) John Bechtel asked if there was any interest in the club holding a fun-khana. A show of hands indicated interest. 3) Dave Kuempel presented his 2007 President's Award to Rich Shatkosky. 4) Gloria Reiffer asked people to give her their updated car photos. 5) Simon Reiffer reported on the recent NCCC Michigan regional banquet. He encouraged members to attend this annual event. 6) Gloria Reiffer encouraged people to attend the June 21-27, 2008 NCCC national convention being held in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**New Business:** None

**Member Comment:** 1) Janet Johnston stated that during a recent trip to Nevada, people approached Don and commented on the Bud Kouts shirt Don was wearing. The people were from Westphalia, and recognized our sponsor's name. 2) Joe Thomas advised he will be attending the NCM's C5/C6 birthday bash April 24-26, and invited people to join him. 3) Jim Balla noted the Corvette Club of Michigan is also celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> year, and invited us to attend their June 29<sup>th</sup> All Corvette show. He is selling tickets for CCM's raffle of a 2008 C6 Coupe. Ticket price is \$50.00.

**50/50 Drawing:** Roy Bailey won the drawing. In addition, Gary Wyma auctioned a pair of Mickey Mouse hands that were donated to the club. The \$20.00 high bid was donated to the club.

**Adjournment:** Don Johnston moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

# Capital City Corvette Club – Celebrating 50 Years of Corvetting!

## 1958 – 2008

It's true what people say –time flies when you're having fun!  
Capital City Corvette Club is 50 years old this year. Let's celebrate!

In 1958, a group of Lansing-area Corvette enthusiasts joined together to share their love of this American sports car. Although time has dimmed many memories, it is a well know fact that Mr. Steve Spinrad was instrumental in the formation of the club.

Early membership in the club was mostly limited to men. Women weren't encouraged to join, because it was assumed they didn't drive hard enough. Early meetings were involved around working on cars and going out for a bite to eat afterwards. Wives soon tired of their husbands being gone. They began to attend meetings. It wasn't long before the club became more organized and held monthly meetings. Club activities focused on racing, rallies, and concourse shows.

As interest in the Corvette grew nationally, in 1959 our club along with five others (including the Corvette Club of Michigan)formed the National Council of Corvette Clubs. Although the original members of the NCCC were all small clubs east of the Mississippi River, there are now more than 269 clubs nationwide. We're club 003 -- CCM is club 006. Kudos to Steve Spinrad and the original membership for having such vision.

Did you know?

- Prior to forming our club, local Corvette owners raced their cars on Lake Lansing during the frozen winter months.
- MacGillivray Chevrolet was the club's first sponsor.
- Our club members used to race their cars on the docks at Mackinaw City.
- We have a sidewalk brick at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Don't forget to look it up the next time you visit the museum.
- We have a club drink –the Oscar. Here's the recipe:

1 Fifth	Vodka
1 Fifth	Gin
1 Pint	Wild Cherry Brandy
1 Pint	Grenadine
2 Lg. Cans	Sweetened Orange Juice
2 Lg. Cans	Unsweetened Pineapple Juice

Mix ingredients in a large pail. Serve over ice. (Remember –drink responsibly.)

- CCCC helped write the National Council of Corvette Clubs' original by-laws.
- The Corvette Club of Michigan is also celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Congratulations!





## Capital City Chatter

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

Gloria Reiffer-May 1  
Loretta Spinrad-May 10  
Craig Iansiti-May 13

Barb Musselman-May 13  
David Kuempel-May 15  
Connie Britz-May 26

### CCCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee is hard at work on planning the ultimate celebration of this milestone for our club. This event will be held Saturday, July 26<sup>th</sup> at Bud Kouts Chevrolet in Lansing. Lots of fun things are being planned, so be sure to save the date, and tell all your friends and family. The Committee is strongly encouraging public involvement for this event. Be sure to watch the newsletter and website for more details.

### Welcome!

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members Chuck & Geri Jennings, Harold Leeman & Ed & Suzanne Politza. Chuck & Geri live in Lansing, and own a 1994 Torch Red Coupe, Harold also lives in Lansing and owns a 1994 Burgandy Coupe, Ed & Suzanne live in Eaton Rapids and own a 2002 Mag Red Coupe. This is an exciting year for our Club, and we are happy you have joined us!

### 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 [board @ cccorvette.org](mailto:board@cccorvette.org), Attention: Editor with your Membership Profile, or "Vette Vignette. Remember, you can earn participation points for submitting articles!

March 30, 2008

Capital City Corvette Club  
Attn: Dave Kuempel, President  
PO Box 27295  
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Mr. Kuempel:

We would like to express our gratitude to you and all of the members of the Capital City Corvette Club, for naming the CACC scholarship after Colin J. Nethaway. This is an awesome honor. Colin from an early age showed a great interest in cars, and it truly was one of his passions. He was able to get into the automotive program at the Career Center and was doing well. Colin often talked to us about his desire to continue his education in the automotive field, and looked forward to college upon graduation.

During his first year at CACC, he was chosen to be one of the drivers for the drag race team. The car he drove was a corvette. We will always remember his smile and the excitement he exhibited that day. One of his dreams came true that day. We continue to struggle with his loss, but our pain is eased with the outpouring of compassion we have felt from the community. The honor you have bestowed upon Colin's memory helps us to heal, and is greatly appreciated. Words do not express gratitude.

Sincerely,

Kurt & Julie Nethaway





**Mid America Motorworks  
Spring Swapfest & Low Speed  
Autocross Competition!**

Saturday, May 3, 2008 8am-4pm CST  
Effingham, IL, North Rt. 45, off I-57/70, Exit 162

**Now open to all car makes and models!**

- No charge to attend Swapfest
- Used or NOS automotive parts, accessories & memorabilia only
- Car Corral Sale Space \$25/vehicle (non-refundable)
- Swap spaces \$40 – 20' x 20' (non-refundable)
- Discount prices on scratch and dent items
- Low Speed Autocross – \$20 per car to participate –  
**Hurry! Space is limited!**

SF8



Purchase Swap or Car Corral spaces  
or register for Autocross :

**866.279.0407**

[www.mamotorworks.com](http://www.mamotorworks.com)



# CORVETTES ONLY AUTOCROSS

Sanctions MI-006-027, MI-548-035, MI-548-036, MI-548-037, MI-381-032, MI-381-033, MI-381-034

## 7 Low Speed Events

Hosted by Corvette Club of MI, Great Lakes Corvette Club, & Calhoun County Corvettes

**Date:** Sunday, May 11, 2008    **Registration**    Opens: 8:15a    Closes: 9:45a

**Driver's Meeting** 9:45a                      **FCO** 10:00a-- Closed Exhaust

**Location:** Detroit-Hamtramck GM Cadillac Assembly Plant, Detroit, MI

**Entry Fee: Pre-Registered \$30.00 NCCC // \$40:00 Non NCCC**

**(After May 8, 2008 \$35.00 NCCC // \$45:00 Non NCCC)**

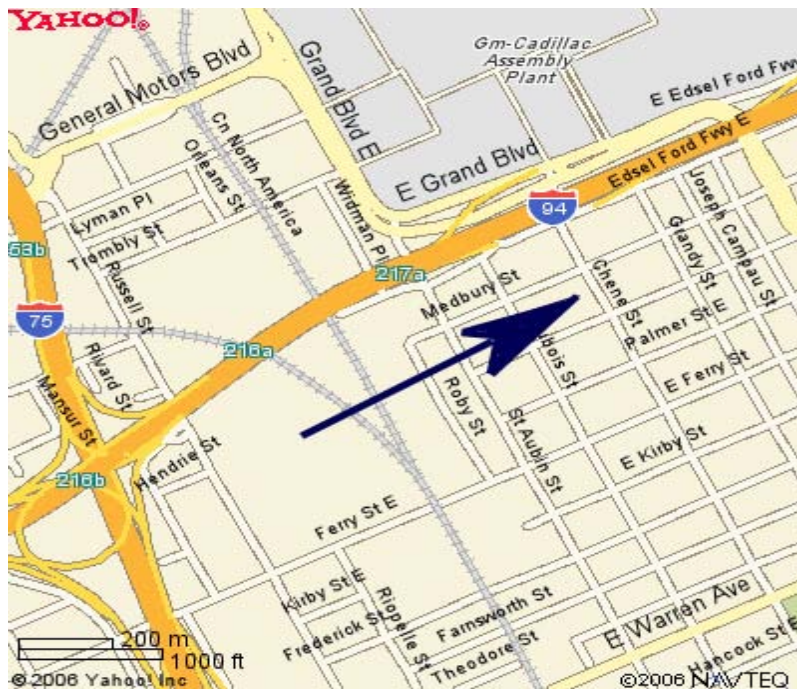
Online pre-registration for these events are at [myautoevents.com](http://myautoevents.com)

←Lunch will be provided in place of trophies→

To make the event enjoyable for everyone, all entrants will be asked to work at the event.

### DIRECTIONS

East on I-94 to Chene exit (Past I-75 downtown Detroit), cross over X-way, left at first light (Chene), right at second light (General Motors Blvd), and first left into Plant. Any questions call 313-515-0734.



#### CCM GOVERNOR

Joe Scafero  
27530 Buckingham.  
Livonia, MI 48154  
313-515-0734

#### CCC GOVERNOR

Mark Hanlin  
127 Squaw Creek Rd.  
Marshall, MI 49068  
269-789-9814

#### GLCC GOVERNOR

Pat Thuemmel  
1604 Barritt St.  
Lansing, MI 48912  
517-372-0057

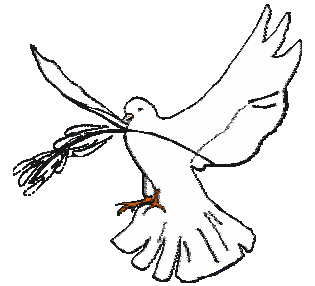


# Capital City Corvette Club

PO Box 27295 ~ Lansing, MI 48909



## FOURTH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE VETTES ALL CORVETTE SHOW



**MAY 17, 2008**

**10:00 AM-2:00 PM**

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

**REGISTRATION 10:00 AM-12:00 PM**

**AWARDS AT 2:00 PM**

**PEOPLES CHOICE  
CAR SHOW**

Event Chairperson:

**John Bechtel**

1612 N. Genesee Dr.

Lansing, MI 48915

Phone 517.482.9584

Email:

[President@cccorvette.org](mailto:President@cccorvette.org)



NCCC SANCTION  
NUMBER MI - 003-067

Governor:

**Rich Bratschi**

4379 Zimmer Rd.

Williamston, MI 48895

Phone 517.655.8487

Email:

[Governor@cccorvette.org](mailto:Governor@cccorvette.org)

*Come join us and have your Corvette Blessed for the 2008 season*



# Capital City Corvette Club

PO Box 27295 ~ Lansing, MI 48909



*All Corvette Show/Blessing of the Vettes*

*Culvers of Okemos*

*(East of Meridian Mall/Off Marsh Road)*

Awards presented to the TOP TEN and BEST of SHOW

\$2.00 from each pre-registration and \$5.00 from each regular registration will be donated to the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids.

For more information visit [www.vfwnationalhome.org](http://www.vfwnationalhome.org)

Pre-Registration-\$12.00  
(Before May 3, 2008)

Regular Registration-\$15.00  
(After May 3, 2008)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NCCC# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

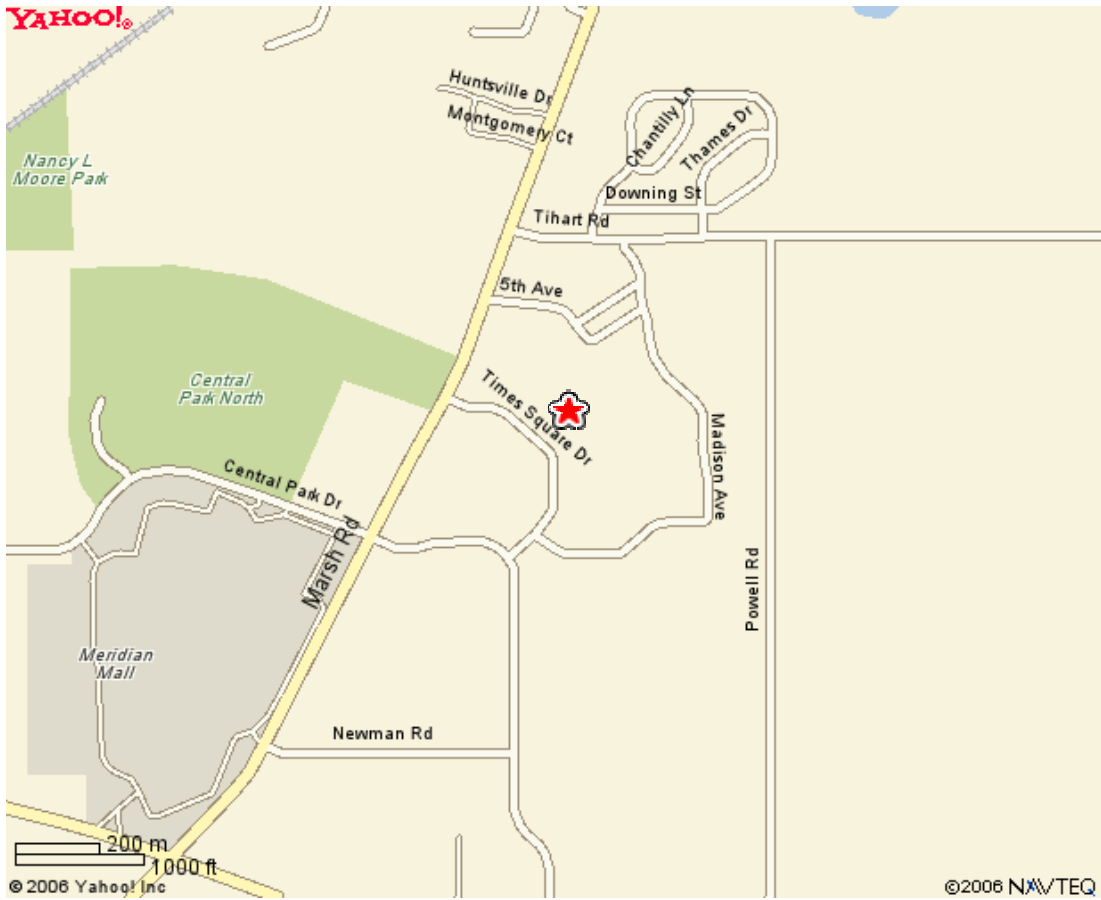
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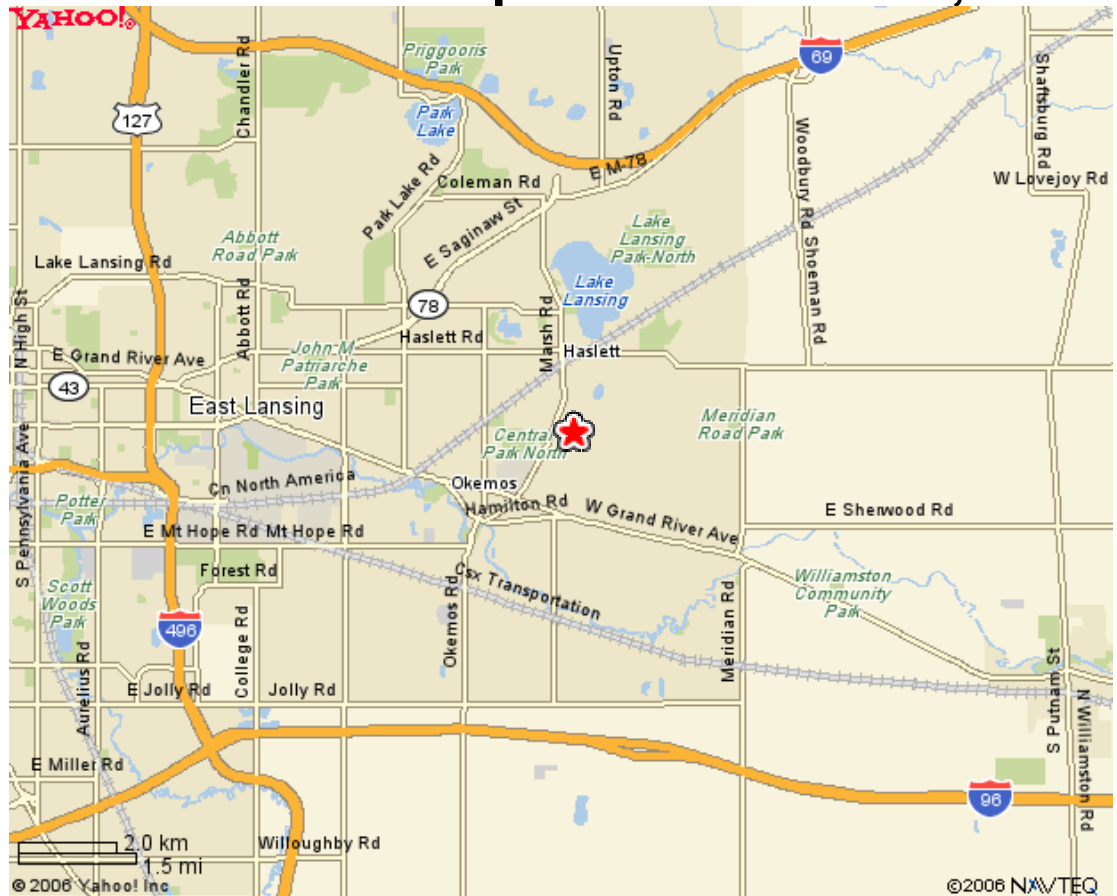
YEAR, MAKE AND MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Capital City Corvette Club

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



## CULVER'S - 5140 Times Square Dr - Okemos, MI





# 20th Anniversary Corvette Celebration

LARGEST 1 DAY CORVETTE SHOW IN MICHIGAN

Sponsored by the **Corvette Club of Battle Creek** with proceeds going to local charities

## Sunday, May 18th, 2008

AT THE BEAUTIFUL CALHOUN COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

720 Fair Street, Marshall, MI 49068

*Sanctioned by the National Council of Corvette Clubs*



**Show Gates open at 8:00am for show cars and vendors**

**Show starts at 10:00AM and ends at 3:00PM**

**Spectator Admissions: Adults & Teens \$5 Children 12 and under FREE**

**Paved roadway in show grounds- stroller and wheelchair friendly**

**CONVENIENTLY LOCATED CLOSE TO INTERSTATES I-69 AND I-94**

**From I-69** -- Exit at Michigan Avenue (Marshall Exit 36). Go East through downtown to South Marshall Avenue. Turn South 1/2 mile to Fair Street. Turn left to fairgrounds.

**From Westbound I-94** - - Exit 112 at Partello Road (business I-94). Go South to Michigan Avenue (to downtown Marshall). Turn left on South Marshall Ave. and go 1/2 mile to Fair Street. Turn left to fairgrounds.

**From Eastbound I-94** - - Exit 108 at I-69 South to Michigan Avenue (marshall Exit 36). Go East through downtown to South Marshall Ave. Turn South 1/2 mile to Fair Street. Turn left to fairgrounds.

- ◆ Dash plaques to the first 300 Vettes registered
- ◆ Goodie Bags and Lots of Door prizes!
- ◆ Best of Show Award
- ◆ People's Choice Award
- ◆ 1st place trophies for stock and modified custom classes
- ◆ 2nd and 3rd place trophies for stock corvettes
- ◆ Lots of parts vendors & some great surprises will be at this show
- ◆ Lots of old and new corvette enthusiasts friends!

**RAIN OR SHINE** (paved flat roads plus lots of shade and shelter for people and cars)

Questions Call: CCBC Show Co-Chairman: Larry Lewis (269) 979-4158  
 CCBC Show Co-Chairman Noel Patenaude (269) 962-8514  
 CCBC Governor: Richard Williams (269) 964-6288

Additional registration forms at [www.corvetteclubbattlecreekmi.com](http://www.corvetteclubbattlecreekmi.com)

**EARLY CAR REGISTRATION (by 4/20/08) \$10.00**  
**REGISTRATION AFTER 4/20/08 .....\$15.00**  
**REGISTRATIONS INCLUDE DRIVER & 1 PASSENGER**

Please Print

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ coupe convertible modified

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ payable to:

**CORVETTE CLUB OF BATTLE CREEK**  
 117 Shadow Bend Lane, Battle Creek, MI 49014

# 6TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

Sponsored by:



## & Fruitport Old Fashioned Days

Date: Sunday, May 25<sup>TH</sup>

Car Show: 10am to 2pm

Location: The Fruitport Middle School

Pre Registration: \$8.00

Registration: 8:30am to 10:00am

Day of Show: \$10.00

Judging: 12:00pm to 1:30pm

### OPEN TO ALL ENTRIES

(Classes on reverse side)

Drivers Choice Trophies, Best Over-All and

Best Interior Trophies

Dash plaques to the 1<sup>st</sup> 100 entries

50/50 DRAWING – DOOR PRIZES

NCCC Sanctioned Event MI062-070



For more information contact Bob O'Connor (231) 578-9433 or Don Monroe (231) 343-0502

Royal Corvettes of Western Michigan's Sixth Annual Car Show

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle (make, model, & year): \_\_\_\_\_

Car Class (classes on reverse side): \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to Royal Corvettes of Western Michigan. Send entry forms and checks to:

Royal Corvettes of Western Michigan to 19344 Rosemary Rd, Spring Lake, MI 49456

**Deadline for early entry is May 1<sup>ST</sup> 2008**

## *Memorial Day Parade in Historic Downtown Marshall*



### *Capital City Corvette Club Details:*

**Monday, May 26, 2008 - Meet at former Coyote Creek Grille - 6951 Lansing Road, Dimondale. We will be leaving from CCG at 8:00 am SHARP!**

**Arrive in Marshall and stop at Burger King for snacks/bathroom break. We will leave Burger King for parade line-up at 9:00 am. The parade begins at 10:00 am.**

**Afterwards we will head over to Pat & Shari's for the 7<sup>th</sup> annual hog roast/potluck. Bring along a dish to pass, \$5.00 per person to help pay for the hog, your beverages, and a lawn chair. We do follow-the-leader to Carmickle's so bring your walkie-talkie.**

### *Questions???*

**Call Simon & Gloria at 646.2180 or email [webmaster@cccorvette.org](mailto:webmaster@cccorvette.org). Watch the club Website for updates. A signup sheet will be available at the club meeting.**



# Join us for a Drive and Dine

Saturday, May 31, 2008

Meet at Quality Dairy, W. Saginaw Hwy. (near I-96) @ 1:15 p.m.

We will leave at 1:30 p.m.

Make sure your tank is full  
Our destination is approximately an hour away

Hosted by Tom and Kathy Stump

Questions:

E-mail: [tstump1487@aol.com](mailto:tstump1487@aol.com)

Or

Call: 886-0625



# SCC People's Choice Car Show

Sanction # MI-145-050

DATE: May 31, 2008

CAR SHOW OPENS: 9:00 A.M.

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION

CLOSES: 11:00 A.M.

CAR SHOW PRE-REGISTRATION:

(Before May 15, 2008): \$10

CAR SHOW REGISTRATION:

(After May 15, 2008): \$15

Awards Presentation: 2:00 p.m.

TYPE OF EVENT:

People's Choice Car Show

HOST CLUB:

Shiawassee Corvette Club

REGION: Michigan

LOCATION:

Graff of Durand

9009 Lansing Rd., Durand, MI

Classes:

STOCK 1953-67, STOCK 1968-82, STOCK 1984-96,  
STOCK 1997-2004, STOCK 2005-2008, MODIFIED/CUSTOM

*Sponsored by:*



CAR SHOW CHAIRPERSON:

Jackie Leone

504 E. Cronk Rd.

Owosso, MI 48867

(989) 723-5955

grandsporter@peoplepc.com

GOVERNOR: Jim Sweet

5167 E. M-21

Corunna, MI 48817

989-743-3159



<http://webpages.charter.net/vette68/scc>

# Shiawassee Corvette Club

Presents For 2008



## ALL CORVETTE SHOW

Graff's Chevrolet 9009 Lansing Rd, Durand Mi.

**Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

Registration 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM Awards at 2:00 PM  
NCCC Sanction MI – 145-050



### CLASSES

Stock '53-'67

Stock '68-'82

Stock '84-'96

Stock '97-'04

Modified / Custom All Years

Stock '05-'08

Awards for: *First Place by Class*

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#### Pre-registration

(Before May 15, 2008)

\$10

#### Registration

(After May 15, 2008)

\$15

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NCCC# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

NCCC Club \_\_\_\_\_

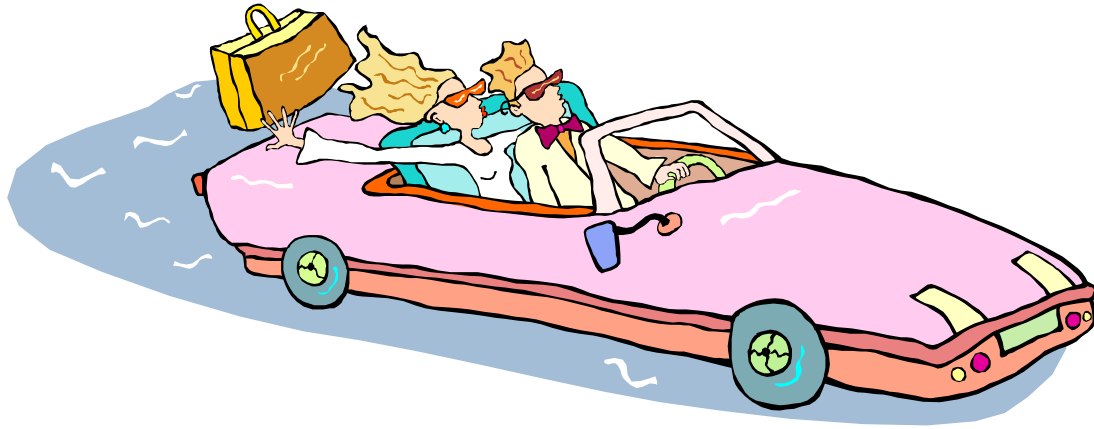
CAR MAKE/MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

EVENT CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ COLOR \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to: Shiawassee Corvette Club

Mail Check & Registration to: Jackie Leone, 504 E. Cronk Owosso Mi. 48867

Home phone: 989-723-5955



# *Up North Getaway*

## *3 Days in Beautiful Traverse City*

*June 6, 7, 8*

*Staying at the lovely AmericInn*

*Winery Tours*

*The Cherry Bowl Drive-In*

*Fantastic Dining*

*Quaint shops on Main Street*

*Bon Fire by the Lake*

*Wonderful Fellowship*

*Dinner Theatre*

*Call to make your reservations at the AmericInn  
231 938-0288. Let them know you are with the  
Capital City Corvette Club. (More details @ May mtg.)*



Presents:

# 8<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL Corvette Car Show

## Saturday June 7<sup>th</sup> 2008

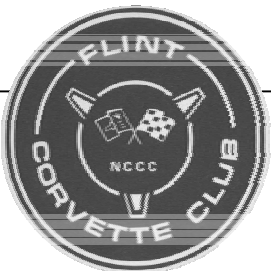
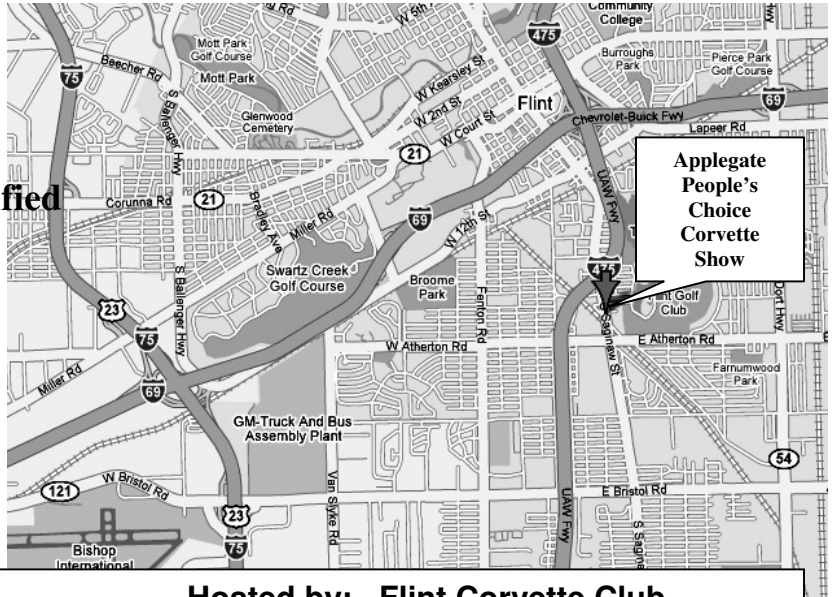
Show Hours: 9am – 3pm

Registration: 8am – 12pm \$15.00 per Corvette

*Free Public Admission*

Come out and have some  
“Corvette Fun”!

- Class Awards by “People’s Choice” Voting
- Classes (1953-2008) & Custom/Modified
- Classes Policed by Entrants (Show committee’s decision will be final)
- Door Prizes (Sorry - Entrants Only)
- T-shirts with Paid Entry (First 50 entrants only & sizes are limited)



Hosted by: **Flint Corvette Club**

For further information: [www.flintcorvetteclub.com](http://www.flintcorvetteclub.com)

or Contact: **Barb Harris (810) 621-3468**  
**Pat Fulks (810) 636-2889**

NCCC Sanction: MI-037-043

Applegate Chevrolet 3736 S. Saginaw St. Flint, Michigan

# 12.2. NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER OUTLINE

SANCTION #:MI047-002 MI047-003 MI047-004 MI047-005 MI047-006 MI047-007...EVENT:LOW SPEED

DATE: JUNE 8<sup>TH</sup> 2008

REGISTRATION: OPENS: 8:00

CLUB: KALAMAZOO

CLOSES: 9:40

REGION: MICHIGAN

DRIVERS MEETING TIME: 9:45

ENTRY FEE: \$10.per event NCCC Members

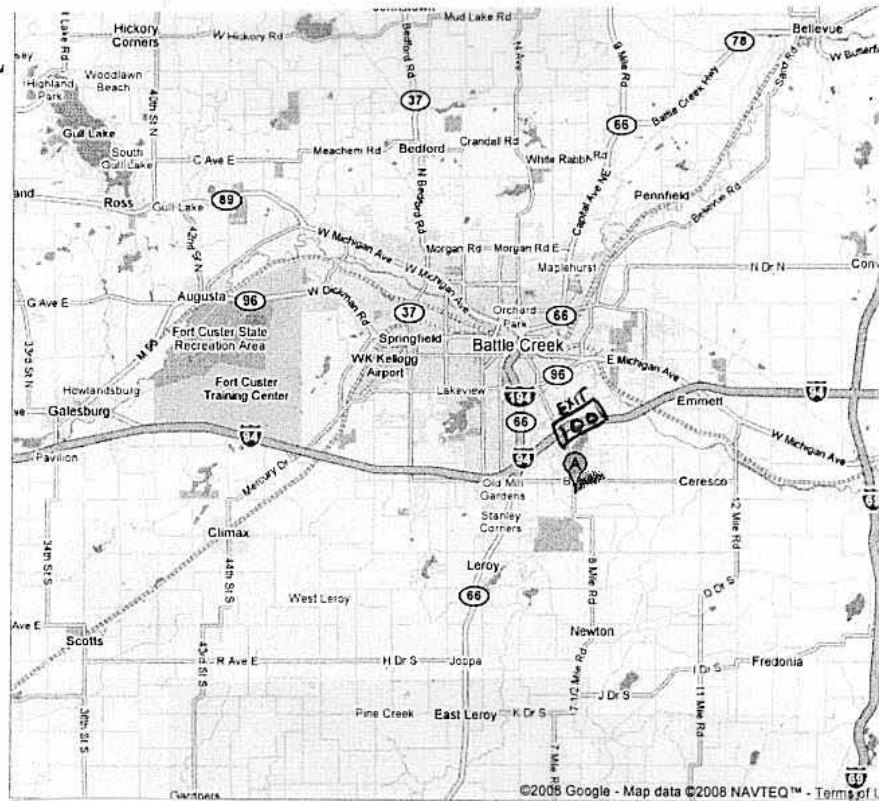
FIRST CAR OUT TIME: 10:00

\$12. per event non NCCC member

SPEEDEVENT: LOW SPEED X EXHAUST CLOSED: X

MAP AND EVENT INFORMATION:.....SANDWICHES AND DRINKS AVAILBLE FOR PURCHASE TRACK SIDE. TAKE I-94 TO EXIT 100. BINDER ZOO EXIT. TURN SOUTH AND DRIVE 1.8 MILES TO SECOND TRAFFIC LIGHT. YOUR AT THE HIGH SCHOOL. FOLLOW THE SIGNS TO THE NEW LARGER PIT AREA. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.....

**HARPER.CREEK.HIGH.SCHOOL**  
**12677 BEADLE LAKE RD.**  
**BATTLE.CREEK.MI 49014**



**EVENT CHAIRPERSON:**

**NAME: Mike Beery**

**ADDRESS: 33492 64<sup>th</sup> ave**

**Lawton Mi. 49065**

**PHONE: (269) 657-9345**



**GOVERNOR:**

**NAME: Elana Siebel**

**ADDRESS: 8916 8<sup>th</sup> st**

**Kalamazoo Mi. 49009**

**PHONE: (269)375-6117**

\*NOTE: In High Speed Events: 1. All roadsters must have roll bars as outlined under Section on Technical Inspection For Speed Events. 2. Fire extinguisher (min. 5 BC) required in All groups and classes. 3. It is highly recommended (required in Group 3) that all competing cars be equipped with roll bars or roll cages. 4. All entrants must be High Speed Certified and fire suits are required for Group 3.

# All Corvette Show



Proud Sponsor of  
Capital City Corvette Club.

People's Choice Awards to be  
presented beginning at 1:45 p.m.



**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.

**Location: Bud Kouts Chevrolet  
2801 E. Michigan – Lansing**

**Saturday, June 14, 2008  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**BEST OF SHOW AND TOP TEN  
AWARDS FOR 10 BEST PEOPLE'S  
CHOICE AND BEST OF SHOW**

**7<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ALL CORVETTE SHOW  
1953-2008 CORVETTES, STOCK, CUSTOM  
OR MODIFIED (ALL CORVETTES)**

**CCCC GOVERNOR:**  
Rich Bratschi  
Phone: 517-484-2300  
Email: Governor@ccc Corvette.org

**NCCC#: NS-003-016**

**EVENT CHAIRPERSON:**  
Robert Maynard  
Phone: 517-347-2949  
Email: Relations@ccc Corvette.org

**ALL CORVETTE  
PRE-REGISTRATION:**

**\$12.00 Postmarked on or before June 7**

**\$15.00 Postmarked after June 7, or on the day of show**

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](http://www.cccorvette.org)**



**Capital City Corvette Club**

**PO Box 27295 ~ Lansing, MI 48909**



# INDIANA / MICHIGAN WEEKEND CHALLENGE

June 14 & 15 2008

14 NCCC events hosted by Elkhart Vette Set , Michigan Auto X Group,  
Corvette Coventry of SW Michigan & Lakeshore corvette Club

Saturday

Low Speed IN-072-001 EVS  
Low Speed MI-362-089 MAG  
Low Speed IN-072-002 EVS  
Low Speed MI-136-093 CCSWM  
Low Speed IN-072-003 EVS  
Low Speed MI-136-094 CCSWM  
Low Speed IN-072-004 EVS

Sunday

Low Speed MI-362-090 MAG  
Low Speed IN-072-005 EVS  
Low Speed MI-443-083 LCC  
Low Speed IN-072-006 EVS  
Low Speed MI-136-095 CCSWM  
Low Speed IN-072-007 EVS  
Low Speed MI-136-096 CCSWM

Registration.....7:00 AM-9:00 AM

TECH.....7:00 AM-9:00 AM

Driver's Meeting.....8:30 AM/ Event Chairpersons TBD at Event

First Car Out.....9:00 AM

LOCATION: THE TIRE RACK / 7101 Vorden Pkwy, South Bend, IN 46628

I-80, Exit 72, South on US 31, Right on Nimitz Pkwy, Right on Olive Rd., End at Tire Rack.

Regional Teams Challenge on Saturday after the sanctioned events. 10 Teams each consisting of a member from Indiana, a member from Michigan and a member of another neighboring region. Names will be drawn from a hat. Each team member gets one run and team member's times get combined. It will be handicapped on your best time of day Team with fastest combined time wins.

In lieu of trophies, Reduced Entry Fee is \$43.00 each day or \$86.00 for entire weekend if pre-registered before 6-2-07. After 6-2-07, Entry Fee is \$50.00 each day or \$100.00 for the entire weekend. Add \$10.00 if an event award is desired.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NCCC# \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE# \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_  
NCCC CLUB \_\_\_\_\_  
CAR MAKE/MODEL \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR \_\_\_\_\_  
SPEED EVENT CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ CAR # \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: ELKHART VETTE SET  
MAIL CHECK AND REGISTRATION TO: SANDY HOOD

56803 CO. RD. 19  
BRISTOL, IN 46507

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# CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN

## JUNE JAM AUTOCROSS

NCCC Sanction #NS-006-007

June 15th, 2008

### DCSCC CHAMP EVENT #6

REGISTRATION: Open 9:00 - 11:00  
Closed 11:00-12:00  
Open 12:00-1:00  
DRIVERS MEETING: 10:45 am  
FIRST CAR OUT: 11:00 am



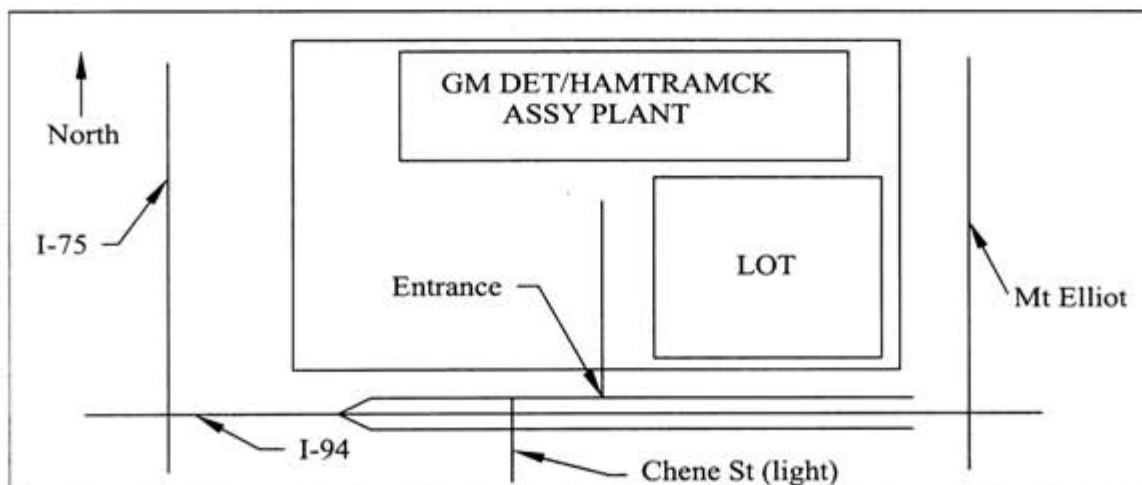
*Tech inspection and minimum of Snell 2000 helmet required  
Each entrant will be required to work one shift*

**PRE-REGISTERED Entry Fees: CCM: \$22\* DCSCC \$26\* OUTSIDE \$30\***  
Day of event registration + \$2 Klara pass users +\$2

Pre-register at [www.myautoevents.com](http://www.myautoevents.com) by June 12th (Pay on day of event)

- **Prices have been raised \$10 to encourage working a shift. If you work a shift you will receive a voucher worth \$10 off your entry at the next CCM Autocross.**

*Note: Food may not be available- bring a sandwich...*



**EVENT CHAIRMEN: Ted Hou & Al Chan**

**CCM EVENT EMERGENCY MOBILE PHONE: (313) 310-6081**

**COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Chris Scafero (734) 748-9948**



# Bloomington Gold - America's Original Corvette Show

**Location:** Pheasant Run Resort (St. Charles, IL)

**Dates:** June 26 - 29



## Show Highlights

- GoldField (GolfCourse Parking for Corvettes)
- GoldSchool (Seminars)
- Special Collection (Museum of rare Corvettes)
- GoldTour (Road Tour for Corvettes)
- Cars & Parts Sales
- Education opportunities
- GoldMarket (Exhibitors & SwapMeet)
- GoldMine (Corvettes for Sale by Owner)
- GoldAuction (Corvette Auction)
- Judging / Certification / Survivor / Benchmark

## Event Costs

### One Day Pass

\$15 per person advance tickets

\$20 per person at the gate

### Gold Pass (4 day Pass)

\$40 per person advance tickets

\$50 per person at the gate

[www.bloomingtongold.com](http://www.bloomingtongold.com)



Contact Simon & Gloria at 517.646.2180 if you'd like more information.

**Hotel suggestion:** Holiday Inn & Suites, 150 So. Gary Ave in Carol Stream, IL. Phone: 630.665.3000.

They still have rooms available and it's about 5 miles from the event. There are many other hotels in the area however.

If 10 or more members attend this would be a club social event. Otherwise, you would receive one point for entering your Corvette in an all Corvette show.

**NOTE:** Friday and Saturday are the best days to attend. Vendors tend to pack up and leave early on Sunday.

# DRIVE & DINE

Sunday, June 29th

Hosted by Mike & Connie Britz

Meet at NW Corner of Meijers parking lot in Okemos  
(Grand River & Okemos Rd.)

Meet at 2:30

**Depart at 2:45 Sharp**

Drink/Eat @ 3:30

# Corvette Encounter 2008



**All Corvette Show & Charity Raffle** Permit #R95843

Proceeds to benefit: **Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan**

Hosted by: *The Corvette Club of Michigan* (NS-006-008)

**Win – 2008 C-6 Corvette coupe** (Provided by: *Les Stanford Chevrolet*)

**Tickets:** \$50.00/each **Drawing:** Sunday June 29, 2008 @ 3:00 p.m.

Total of 1100 tickets to be sold

**Entry Fee:** \$25.00 (includes – dash plaque & event T-shirt)

**When:** Sunday June 29, 2008 9:00 am to 3:00 pm

**Where:** Les Stanford Chevrolet – Cadillac 21730 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI.

Between: Telegraph Rd. & the Southfield Fwy.

**Registration:** 9:00 am – 10:30 am

**Clean & Shine:** 9:00 am – 11:00 am

**Judging:** 11:00 am – 1:00 pm



**Open to:** Stock,

Custom & Modified

Corvettes, C-1 to C-6

**Corvette Judging:** All cars judged for cleanliness and condition, not originality.

Open hood – interior, exterior & under hood will be judged.

Closed hood – interior & exterior only will be judged.

**Prizes & Trophies Awarded:** 2:00 pm Each Generation (bronze, silver & gold).

People's Choice, Chairman's Choice, Best of Show

**For more information & registration forms:** [www.corvetteclubmi.com](http://www.corvetteclubmi.com)

*Jim Rees, Chairman 734-673-4291 Chris Scafero, Competition Director 734-748-9948*



# *Corvette Encounter 2008 – All Corvette Show*

Sunday June 29, 2008 9:00 am to 3:00 pm NS-006-008

*Early registration - \$22.00 after June 14<sup>th</sup> - \$25.00*

Pre-registration Entry deadline: June 14, 2008

One entry form per vehicle

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Year, model & color of Corvette \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

My Corvette is: \_\_\_\_ stock, \_\_\_\_ modified, \_\_\_\_ custom.

I plan to display my Corvette: \_\_\_\_ open hood, \_\_\_\_ closed hood.

I do not plan to display my Corvette : \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* Registration confirmation & show updates will be sent via e-mail \*\***

(if email is not an option, confirmation can be mailed)

Entry fee – Please make checks payable to: *Corvette Club of Michigan* T-shirt size \_\_\_\_\_  
(One t-shirt included with entry)

Additional t-shirt(s): size \_\_\_\_\_ at \$10 ea. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail registration form to: **Corvette Encounter P.O. Box 510330 Livonia, MI. 48151**



Sponsored by: *Les Stanford Chevrolet – Cadillac* Dearborn, Michigan



***Corvette Encounter 2008 –  
All Corvette Show & Charity Raffle***

NS-006-008

All proceeds to benefit:

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan

Raffle Ticket request      State of Michigan Permit #R95843

Please mail me \_\_\_\_\_ raffle tickets @ \$50.00/each

Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to: Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to: *Corvette Club of Michigan*

Mail to: Corvette Encounter, P.O. Box 510330 Livonia, MI. 48151

State of Michigan Permit # R95843

Winner responsible for all taxes

Grand Prize - 2008 Chevrolet Corvette coupe (1LT pkg.)

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – TBA

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize – TBA

Drawing: Sunday June 29, 2008 3:00 pm at

Les Stanford Chevrolet 21730 Michigan Ave. Dearborn, MI.

Need not be present to win. Winner is responsible for all taxes.

Corvette provided by: Les Stanford Chevrolet

## CCCC Mini-Golf Challenge!

Please join us for 18 holes of miniature golf at Hawk Hollow's Little Hawk Course. This is a miniature golf course with real grass, & water hazards, a perfect challenge for the expert mini-golfer. (dinner will follow at the club house).

### WHEN:

Wednesday July 30, 2008  
(first tee times to start at 5:30pm)

### WHERE:

Hawk Hollow Golf Course  
15106 South Chandler Road - Bath, MI  
(north on Abbott Road - see map for detour)

### COST INVOLVED:

\$20.00 per person (\$6.00 Mini-Golf/\$14.00 Dinner)

We have set up a golf/dinner package for this evening. Those unable to golf can reduce the package amount by \$6.00 and just pay for dinner.



Please indicate below your choice of dinner meats to help with the counts. Our meal is to include: choice of meat, baked beans, pasta salad, veggies and dip, chips, cookie, lemonade, and iced tea. Cash bar will be available.

### QUESTIONS OR MORE INFO:

Call Colleen Bratschi at 517.484.2300 (work), or email her at [cbratschi@aol.com](mailto:cbratschi@aol.com).

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Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

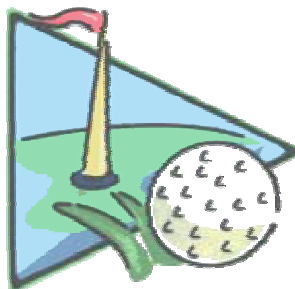
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

# \_\_\_\_\_ ¼ LB HOTDOG

# \_\_\_\_\_ Hamburger

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Enclosed

(Includes tip and taxes)



**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Capital City Corvette Club

**MAIL FORM AND CHECK TO:**

Colleen Bratschi

4379 Zimmer Rd.

Williamston, MI 48895

# Little Hawk - 18 Hole Bentgrass Putting Course



Only a handful of natural grass putting courses exist in the United States. One of only three in Michigan, this par 54 bentgrass putting course features undulating greens winding through picturesque landscaping. Always immaculately groomed, the variety of hole layouts provides a challenge for the beginner or expert. Families, couples, seniors... this unique putting experience provides fun for everyone. Playing time 1 ¼ hours.



## Corvette Crossroads Information

The 19<sup>th</sup> annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show takes place in Mackinaw City on August 22 & 23. The weekend features a Karaoke boat cruise or dock party on Friday night. The show itself is from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday with 250 – 300 Corvettes in attendance. It takes place on a paved parking lot behind the Mackinaw Crossing Mall. Saturday night at 7:00 pm we parade through town and then cross the Mackinac Bridge.

Pre-registration (by August 1) is \$25. After that date the cost goes up to \$35. The cost of the Karaoke Sunset Boat Cruise is \$15 per person. An event shirt is available for those interested. You can find more information and a registration form at:

<http://www.mackinawchamber.com/content/view/88/225/>



Corvette Crossroads is a great time to get better acquainted with other CCCC members. To accommodate member's schedules we usually head up in two groups (plus those who drive up on their own). A stop is made along the way to eat and gas up the older Corvettes (like our gas guzzler). One group will head up Thursday morning and does something fun together on Friday. Another group will head up on Friday.

We've made the Chippewa Motor Lodge and Waterfront Inn our home for many years. As noted below, the Chippewa is no longer in existence. A new all suites hotel, with the same owners, has taken its place. See Sarah's letter for rates and more information. Get your reservation in now to avoid losing out on a room or rates being offered to our members. They have a 72 hour cancellation policy if you should have to change plans.

More details will follow as they become available. In the meantime, you can contact [webmaster@ccc Corvette.org](mailto:webmaster@ccc Corvette.org) if you have any questions about the weekend. Hope you can join us!

Simon & Gloria

## Accommodation Information

Hello Capital City Corvette Club,

We would like to take the time and thank you for your years of patronage! We look forward every year to hosting your club and hope to continue in the future.

We have some exciting changes happening in Mackinaw City! This may come as a shock to some of you who have been coming to the Chippewa Motor Lodge for years, but the Chippewa Motor Lodge is under complete renovation and our new hotel will be opening in July 2008! A lot of the club have stayed in the cabins in the past, however, as part of the renovation the cabins were taken down.

The new place is going to be called the Mackinaw Beach and Bay All Suites Resort. The Mackinaw Beach and Bay Resort will offer all two bedroom suites on the beachfront with a balcony overlooking Mackinac Island and Lake Huron, of course our location hasn't changed. Most suites will have one bedroom with a king bed and the second room with a queen and a sofa sleeper, sleeping two to six comfortably. All suites have 2 flat panel t.v.'s, sink/frig/micro, iron and board, coffee maker, hair dryer, and one bathroom. The hotel is SMOKE FREE. Smoking will be permitted on balconies only and outside the hotel in designated areas. We will have some larger suites for a little extra fee that will have one king in the one room, and 2 queens and a sofa sleeper in the other, sleeping 8 comfortably. This is a four story all interior corridor hotel with elevator.

All rates will include the expanded continental breakfast and all suites will have free wireless internet access. We still have our awesome pool and have plans to possibly add a lazy river ride, how cool would that be!

We are offering a discount to the Capital City Corvette Club Members and ask that when calling you mention that you are part of this club in order to get the Club rate. We also ask all members to call by May 1st to be guaranteed this special rate. After May 1st the rate could increase and there may not be much availability. Please



use the contact information below to reach one of our friendly staff members that will assist you in making your reservation.

For those of you who do not want to pay a little extra to stay at the new place, we still are offering clean, comfortable and very affordable prices at the Waterfront Inn our sister hotel. The Waterfront Inn is an older hotel but very clean and offers an indoor pool and beach and has a small continental breakfast. For liability purposes, those staying at the Waterfront Inn may not use the facilities of the Mackinaw Beach and Bay Resort. I am also listing the prices for the Waterfront Inn below and contact information.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to call with any questions.

### **Mackinaw Beach and Bay All Suites Resort**

929 South Huron Ave

Mackinaw City MI 49701

231.436.8621 / 1.800.468.7736

email: mbbresort@gmail.com

(see artists rendering below)



2 Bedroom Beachfront Suite- King, queen and sofa Thursday August 21 is \$109; and Friday and Saturday the 22, 23 is \$169 per night (prices without the discount start at \$119 for Thursday; and \$189 for Friday and Saturday). Extra Large 2 Bedroom Beachfront Suite-king, 2 queens and sofa – Add \$20 to the above rates.

\*FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ARE GOOD FRIENDS YOU MAY CONSIDER SHARING A SUITE.

### **Waterfront Inn**

1009 South Huron Ave

Mackinaw City MI 49701

231.436.5527 / 1.800.962.9832

email: info@largestbeach.com

(See picture below)

Lakefront – 1 or 2 queens  
\$69 on Thursday  
\$99 on Friday and Saturday

Courtside room – 2 queens  
\$59 on Thursday  
\$89 on Friday and Saturday

Courtside room – 2 doubles or king  
\$49 on Thursday  
\$69 on Friday and Saturday



All rooms at the Waterfront Inn come with TV, telephone, frig and small breakfast. These are not suites, just one bedroom.

For those who want parking close to their Corvette, the Waterfront Inn offers many first floor rooms with parking right up in front (upon request).

Thank you for your time and we hope we will be able to meet all of your clubs needs!

Sincerely,

Sarah Mellish

## May 2008 Member Profile

Welcome to Capital City Corvette Club Jim  
Sutherland!

Jim is from Mason and owns a 1999 Torch Red Corvette Coupe. Jim has owned his Corvette for two years and heard about our club from a friend.

Jim is single, and has three grown children. He is a retired Pipefitter, and in his spare time enjoys golf.

Jim recently joined Capital City Corvette Club and we hope to have him with us for many years to come.

From: Bill Griffith Sent: Friday, March 28, 2008 9:33 PM  
To: editor @ cccorvette.org  
Subject: Corvette Sales

To: Chris Burke  
From: Bill Griffith-Pearl River, LA

Hey! Chris. How have you been?  
I sold my 1994 Corvette yesterday.  
I'd kind of been trying for a while. I was pretty sure it was what I wanted to do.

Damn "Katrina" wiped out an '80, and a '90 Corvette I had stored out at my Brother's "Big Strong Metal Building". (Boy I liked those two cars!) I took them out there for safe keeping...an hour or so before we evacuated for the damn storm. The metal building made it through "Camille", had no flooding, and seemed like the arsenal of choice. (Boy was I wrong!) The '80 ended up at the opposite end of the 150 ft. building in a great big pile of debris, and marsh grass covered by fish, and who knows what? The '90 went the other way, and took a 200 or 300 ft. ride on a 30 ft. (estimated by water marks, and debris in the trees)...wall of water in a westerly direction through the metal walls and toward "Apple Pie Ridge Road" which runs in front of where my Brother's 4 bedroom, 3 bath brick house used to be. It is just a concrete slab now. The house is GONE!

The '90 Corvette was unceremoniously stuck in the mud, filled with mud, and fish, and debris.

Fish were all over the 15 Acres of my Brother's land which he kept up very neatly.

It wasn't neat any more!.....Cars, boats, and all manner of building material, trees, limbs, snakes, coons, and animals of all sorts were all over the place. And it was unbearably HOT, HUMID, and stunk to beat all hell! Rotting fish, animals, and the black silty mud smelled awful! It was on everything about 8 to 10 inches thick.

Flies, gnats, mosquitoes Mamou!!!!!!.....You never saw such bugs! They'd eat you alive! It was so hot and humid I swear every time you took a breath of air you would damn near drown!!!!....Man it was miserable! And we had no electricity, and gasoline was damn scarce to run generators. It was like being in a third world country!

When the "smoke" cleared, and I was able to think again, I rounded up a 1994 Corvette Coupe. It was a nice car, and I checked it out thoroughly before I bought it. The old guy I bought it from took good care of it. His other car went under water, and his house was badly damaged. This car was in an elevated garage.....safe and sound.

It proved to be a sound investment, and the car performed to its best. Great handling, good gas mileage and rode comfortably.

But.....I wanted another '90.

I just wanted a '90. The '90 has a distributor. I like the mechanics of the distributor and don't care for the crankshaft water pump/Omni Spark package outfit. Something about that set up just irks the hell out of me. I don't know why anyone would put the "distributor" and water pump right together like that. They did. I don't like it.

I wanted a '90.

Well.....damn if I didn't find one! I found a '90! With 57,000 miles on it, and I know the guy who owns it. He is a nut head about maintenance, and has a son who is a Master Mechanic. His son is the one who "keeps" the car up.

And I am probably going to go see him tomorrow, and we have already agreed on a price.....I'm not going to "haggle".....I'm going to drive home in the '90.

But I'll have to tell you.....watching the skinny girl from Lakeview (New Orleans, right by the 17th Street Canal...the one that broke in "Katrina B\*\*\*\*")....drive off in my 1994...was kind of sad. I wasn't dancing and howling at the moon like I figured I would.

Be careful what you wish for?

I should have been happy. I got my price, and I kept the ZR-1 rims and 200 mph rated Goodyear Tires. I had put the "stock" tires and rims back on the car.

I should have been happier.

I think when I "fire up" the '90, and get the "Distributor" spinning.....I may be alright, but you know I will always remember the skinny girl from Lakeview driving around the bend in the road as she left in MY 1994 Coupe. Damn that was a good looking car.

I'll send you a picture of the '90 when I've had time to "detail" it. Hope you are all well, and happy. We're doing alright. It's getting kinda hot already. Everything is GREEN though, and the hummingbirds are back! It's all a "trade off" I guess.

Ya ever get down this way, give us a call, or drop by. We'll boil up some crawfish, shrimp crabs, or man I make an Alligator Sauce Picante' that will make you crazy for three days!.....I know that for a fact....I've seen it work!!!

Bill Griffith-Pearl River, LA

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