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The Newsletter of the
Capital City Corvette Club

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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting
April 1 @ 7:00 pm

Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Bowling Challenge with Jackson Corvette Club
April 5 @ 1:30 pm

Mason Bowling Center/City Limits Sports Grill • 801 N. Cedar • Mason

Board Meeting
April 15 @ 6:30 pm

Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum & NATMUS
April 18 @ 9:00 am

Leave from Park-and-Ride (I-96 - Okemos exit) • Okemos

Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade
April 25 @ noon / parade @ 2:00 pm

Parade lineup is on the north side of town • Vermontville

Events Coming Up in May

Blessing of the Vettes / Blessing of the Vets • May 9

Lorraine McLaughlin Memorial Low Speed Driving School • May 16

CAMCC/CCCC Car Show for Hospice at Bud Kouts • May 23

Marshall Memorial Day Parade • May 25

Drive & Dine • May 30

Welcome to New Members

Richard Bowlin of Holt • millennium yellow 2001 convertible

Adam Kaleward of Okemos • red 1999 coupe

Harold Leeman of Lansing (returning) • burgundy 1994 coupe

April Birthdays

Randy Putmon (1) • Nancy Doty (2) • Adam Kaleward (2)
Shalimar Maynard (4) • Mara Boettcher (6) • Colleen Bratschi (10)
Simon Reiffer (13) • Kathy Koupa (20) • Jim Balla (26)

Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all April newsletter articles to
webmaster @ cccorvette.org by April 23.

From the President...

Well, it's April and by the time you read this we'll have been to the NCCC Region Banquet and will be preparing for our first "Outside" car events of 2009.

The NCCC Regional Banquet was a lot of fun. The program included an engineer from Eaton Corp. talking about supercharger technology who was very interesting. The food and door prizes were great. I hope everyone will try to find space in their schedules to attend next year. Being involved with the NCCC region is a great way to meet other like minded people and gain valuable information about the cars we love. I hope you'll check their website for the event schedule and attend as many of their events as you can.

On April 5th we will have a highly competitive (yeah, right) bowling tournament with the Jackson Corvette Club. Sandy and I will be there as cheer leaders. Maybe the luckiest thing that's happened to the club is when I shut my thumb in the car door. Now I can't bowl and embarrassed myself and the club. This is intended as a strictly fun event and I hope you will all come out to bowl and cheer or just drink and laugh.

On April 25th we actually get to bring out the cars as we caravan to the Vermontville Syrup Festival and Parade. For those of you who haven't been to this event before, it starts with a caravan from Lansing to Vermontville where we line up for the parade. We then walk downtown (a distance of about a half mile) and have breakfast at the fire hall or one of the restaurants in town. There are several craft booths set up around town and at the local high school (all within easy walking distance) full of things you really can't live without. The local Community Band will be performing across from the fire hall and will be featuring our own Diana Kuempel. This is a great band and they provide a very enjoyable concert that should not be missed. We usually get twenty plus cars out for this and I hope you all will plan on attending.

I'm pleased to announce that details have been worked out on a joint car show between CCCC and CAMCC (Capital Area Muscle Car Club) to be held at Bud Kouts Chevrolet on May 23rd. Details will follow, please keep that date open if possible.

I recently received a "Question and Answer Sheet" that was provided by K&K Insurance to explain some of the issues that arise around the insurance program provided through the NCCC. We have a few clarifications to make and I will be publishing a copy of it for your edification. I bring this up because one of the items discussed is something that has come up with our club in the last few years. It has to do with "Spouse" or "Associate" membership. Some of our primary members are electing to not include their spouses/better halves as associate members. I understand that some of the spouses are not involved very much and that the twenty dollars saved is twenty dollars saved. However, I want to make sure that everyone is aware that there is a question of insurance protection for anyone who is not a member of the NCCC. I'm not an attorney and I don't even play one on TV but I want everyone to understand that there maybe potential risks and that twenty dollar savings may not be as attractive as it seems. I will discuss this in more detail as I become better informed on the topic but I would suggest that if your spouse is going to be attending meetings and even a few events that you maybe money ahead to add them to your membership. If saving twenty dollars allows someone to sue you through your spouse, bypassing the indemnity protection provided through NCCC it could be very expensive. Please understand that I offer this as information and not any kind of threat or intimidation. If you have questions on this please contact me and we'll discuss it in detail. As I said, as I get more information I will provide it to you.

If you have any questions on the events I've listed here please consult our web site and look at event fliers. We look forward to seeing you all at an event this month.

JB

Getting to Know You...

In an effort to get to know each other, this month we will focus on Bill "Griff" Griffith, Capital City Corvette Club's member from Pearl River, Louisiana.

I met Susan while I was teaching Medical Microbiology, and Pathogenic Bacteriology at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, LA. in 1976. (She was never a student of mine. She was a Student Worker, and happened to help with my labs.)

I was living on a 40 ft. cypress lugger boat at the time. I asked her to come fishing one Saturday in December. She hasn't left yet! We married August 6, 1977 (same day old Col. Tibbet dropped the bomb on Hiroshima....as a matter of coincidence). We got married on the bow of a 54 ft. boat I was living on at the time. I had sold the 40 ft. boat and Susan and I brought the 54 ft. boat down from Monroe, LA. Quite a trip. Over 500 miles. She'd never done anything like that. It was nice.



The day we got married was a kick! We had a party FIRST under the trees near the Marina. BBQ with all the "fixin's." Boiled crabs, shrimp, keg of beer, booze, and all kinds of pies, etc. After a while we went over to the boat, dressed, and got married. Then we got in comfortable clothes and partied a little more. Around 3:00 we cranked up the boat (Detroit Diesel) and towing a 16 ft. "Lake Skiff" with a 35 Evinrude I'd given Susan for a wedding present, we swung the boat out and headed off for our "Honey Moon." We've been married 31 years!



I have one daughter, Stacy, by my first wife. She's a PH.D tenured professor and lives in South Bend, Indiana. Sweet person. Don't get to see her enough. (Griff & Stacy pictured.)

We have two dogs. "Jr. Walker" is a Coyote/Chow mix...I didn't do it. He was a "rescue dog"...we've had him 12 or 13 years; and "Belle" a Lab Cocker Spaniel mix....I didn't do that either. She is a "rescue dog"....and "defies" some basic Laws of Physics! You put 5 lbs. of food in the front end....and 10 lbs. comes out the back end. I SWEAR it's true!!!

I'm a retired college professor and Susan has a B.S. in Zoology/Merchandiser for Auto Parts Chain....And we both went shrimping for 12 years or so, maybe more. I "hit the wall" with academe, bought a 65ft. Cypress trawl boat, and went into commercial fishing for some time. Ruined my back....3 discs....worked my butt off and by the time I "came to my senses"....I was worn out, beat up, and hardly worth a damn! I went back into the private sector. I worked as quality control officer for the largest drug testing laboratory in the New Orleans area. You talk about "confining"....I was like a caged animal. I stayed as long as I could....and "busted" out! I just had to quit!....I went into marine surveying at the insistence of a friend in insurance. That wasn't bad, but my back finally put me out of the game there too! So now I work on stuff around here, weld, repair old tractors, and sell equipment now and then. Not getting rich, but at least I'm OUTSIDE!....We have a nice garden, and just

cutting 5 acres of grass, and keeping it looking "near 'bout" nice is a full time job. I let the back 5 acres "go"...it is WILD back there....but there's something I like about that too.

I've got several hobbies to occupy myself - Boat building, rebuilding/ maintaining old tractors including a 1946 Ford 2-N that I rebuilt (pictured on the right), and my Corvette.... and I'm pretty good at "doin' a little drinkin' and standin' around"...We have BBQ, or seafood boils a lot. Friends don't hesitate when I call 'em and say "Crawfish boil, or ribs are going on at 11:00...be here at 1:00."



I'm not much of a "joiner"....got interested in CCCClub by talking to Sandy Bechtel after "Katrina". Nice person seems like. I enjoyed talking to her, and she sent me some information. I'm glad we had the opportunity to "meet." I had my two Corvettes insured with Hagerty's up in Traverse City, Michigan. I've been a member since November of 2005.

Everybody has been so nice. I've talked to a few folks, emailed some, and Don and Carol Armstrong met us in Mobile, Alabama. We had a nice time on the Battleship Alabama, the Submarine "Drum", and went to a seafood place. I had a nice time with them. I talked to Don Saturday I think. I told him that he and Carol need to come down here for a few days. They'd have a ball! Nice people. Old Don is a kick. He'd never be the same if he spent a few days down here. HA!

Right now I have an '89 Coupe – White with 60,000 miles on it, certified. (See "Members Vettes" on the CCC Website.) I've been "messing" with it and have gotten 31mpg @ 71 mph....that's pretty good. And that's with the A/C blowing wide open! I "looked" for this car for a while. I wanted a '90 like I lost in "Katrina," but found this one. A friend owned it. Before this I had an '80 that was a Fire Breathing Dragon....and a '90 (lost both to "Katrina").....Then I bought a '94 (pictured). Nice car, but I DON'T like that crankshaft triggered spark mechanism!!! I like the distributor to point UP!....so I sold it and went on the look for my '89. Actually I'd like a solid axle, distributor, and carburetor if I could swing it. We'll see....maybe one day.



I'm not all that interesting but I "did" write a novel. "Spud's Experimental Year"....available at Amazon.com. I hold a Captain's License USCG....worked my way through college pushing barges, and running crew boats....or welding pipe. I welded down on the River in New Orleans. I don't know how I did that. I'm claustrophobic, and all the pipe on these ships seems to be DOWN in the engine room at the BOTTOM of the damn ship.

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
General Membership Meeting -- March 4, 2009

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Welcome to all members and guests. As we begin planning for this year's activities, he encouraged people to consider chairing events. He also noted that it appears it will not be necessary to increase our budget to cover the cost of printing newsletters for the few members who have requested paper copies.

Reports:

Competition: Ed Politza noted that Ram Racing in Saranac is offering a dyno-testing tech day for approximately \$60.00 per car. We will need a commitment of 13-15 cars. No date has been set. As an alternative, for a price of \$175.00 DJ Racing may offer a one-day classroom and shop experience (alignment, training, and handling). Ed also noted a car show will be held on ~~June 14th~~ [May 17] at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds.

Secretary/Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel presented Shalimar Maynard's minutes of the February 4, 2009 general membership meeting. Carol Putmon moved to approve them as written. Craig Iansiti seconded. Motion passed. Sandy noted she is selling \$10.00 raffle tickets for a 2009 red Corvette convertible. The drawing will be held at the museum on April 25, 2009. She stated Michigan has the eighth largest museum membership. 6,600 people became new members in 2008. Total membership is over 32,000. She and Joe Thomas will repeat the 2009 Caravan presentation at the April general membership meeting for those who missed it last spring.

Points: Ted Lasher stated current points are posted on our website. He also noted he has cling-style window banners for sale: \$3.00 for ovals, \$5.00 for larger, windshield style. He reminded members that if you enter your Corvette in a non-sanctioned Corvette event, let him know so he can give you a point.

Membership: Angie Hyde reported we currently have 97 regular, 1 honorary, and 70 FCOA members.

Social: In Sue Politza's absence, John Bechtel referred members to the sign-up sheet for our April 5th bowling outing with the Jackson club. Bob Maynard noted that our Spring Fling will be held June 5-7 in Traverse City. AmericInn has offered us rooms at last year's prices. Randy & Carol Putmon are chairing our participation in the April 25th Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival parade. A sign-up sheet is on the sign-in table. Rich and Colleen Bratschi will host a Drive and Dine on Saturday, May 30th. We will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Okemos Park and Drive.

Treasurer: Carol Putmon stated all bills have been paid under the current budget. See her if you would like to review our account balances.

Editor/Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer stated 19 members currently want paper copies of our newsletter. She noted March 23rd is the deadline for submitting articles for the April newsletter. If you have not already done so, please provide her with a picture of your Corvette.

Public Relations: Simon Reiffer encouraged members to attend the upcoming March 21st NCCC regional banquet in Marshall. He also encouraged attendance at the August 8-14 NCCC national convention in Colorado Springs, CO. Simon noted Holt Auto Sales has moved, and may host an open house later this year.

Governor/Vice President: Terry Burke stated he attended the recent regional meeting. He turned in our proxy votes. Ray Meesseman, Regional Competition Director, noted some changes in their point system are coming. Terry stated the low-speed training class will be held in Marshall on Saturday, May 16th. It has been renamed the Lorraine McLaughlin Low-Speed Driving School. Please consider attending as a driver and/or worker. You are not obligated to work the entire day. Terry noted the venue for the regional banquet has been changed to the Cedar Crest Banquet Center in Marshall. The cost will be \$3.00 more than first quoted. We have a club member receiving an award. NCCC 50th anniversary pins will be handed out at the banquet.

President: John Bechtel extended thanks to Chappy (Gary Wyma) for agreeing to officiate at this year's Blessing of the Vettes. He also stated we may have a conflict, because it is also tentatively scheduled for May 16th. We don't have a chair yet, however. That person can decide to hold the blessing on another day. Colleen Bratschi advised she is storing door prizes that can be used for the event. If you wish to chair this car show, please see John. [Carrie Hutton has agreed to chair the Blessing of the Vettes. It will be held on Saturday, May 9th at Culver's Ice Cream Parlor in Okemos.] Regarding the low-speed training, John explained this training isn't just for racers. It's a defensive-driving primer, and teaches car control and handling.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Simon Reiffer encouraged members to attend the Bloomington Gold car show in St. Charles, IL on June 25-28th. He noted some people pay to have their car certified at this event. He explained that a Bloomington Gold certification increases the value of a car. Dave Cripe stated large-vendor registration for the show is up this year. He also explained area hotel prices don't increase for this car show.

Member Comment: Dave Kuempel advised that Jim Balla is still at a rehab center, and is gradually regaining his strength. Cards for Jim can be sent to Joe Thomas. Diana Kuempel stated she is playing in the community band at the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival this year. Their concert is at 11:30 a.m.

50/50 Drawing: Congratulations to Kady Gisse.

Adjournment: Craig Iansiti moved to adjourn. Gary Wyma seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

We're going **BOWLING** and you are invited!!



Who: Capital City Corvette Club vs. Jackson Corvette Club

Where: Mason Bowling Center - 801 N. Cedar - Mason

Price: \$9.00 for 3 games; includes shoes

When: Sunday, April 5 at 1:30 pm

After bowling we'll step into the newly remodeled City Limits Sports Grill to eat. You can see their **HUGE** menu at www.citylimitssportsgrill.com.

Please sign up at the club meeting or contact your social director to let us know if you would like to join in on the fun.



You don't have to be a bowler to have a good time!



Saturday, April 18 Day trip to:



With a second stop at NATMUS
(National Automobile and Truck Museum of the United States)

For more information: Ted or Julie Lasher
810-360-7433 or 7434 / lashers @ chartermi.net



9:00am departure from the Park-and-Ride
at Okemos Road & I-96 (exit 110)
(Behind the Cracker Barrel)

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Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of March 22, 2009

0	Jim Balla*	1	Raoul Eiseman	2	Ellie Lickfeldt	0	Dan Stremler
2	Scott Bauries	0	Jennifer Everhart*	2	Pat Lickfeldt	0	Nancy Stremler
9	John Bechtel	0	Randy Gisse	0	Carlo Litrenta	2	Gordon Terwilliger
11	Sandy Bechtel	0	Bill Griffith	4	Bob Maynard	4	Joseph Thomas*
5	James Boettcher	5	Janet Hardin	4	Shalimar Maynard	1	Sue VanAtta
5	Mara Boettcher	4	Carrie Hutton	1	Jeff McQuade	0	Larry Warren
0	Angela Boldrey	10	Angela Hyde	0	George Nelson	0	Linda Warren
0	Lance Boldrey	5	Craig Iansiti	2	Diana Parks	0	Lee Webster
0	Richard Bowlin	1	Arthur Ickes	2	Howard Parks	5	Larry Wight
3	Colleen Bratschi	1	Marilyn Ickes	2	Joe Platte	3	Gary Wyma
3	Rich Bratschi	1	Dick Iding	1	Pam Platte	3	Kathy Wyma
3	Connie Britz	2	Don Johnston	9	Ed Politza		
3	Mike Britz	2	Adam Kaleward	7	Suzanne Politza		
0	David Brown	1	Greg Kapp	0	David Pursel		
1	Diana Brown-Mosher	4	Kim Keith	0	Kathryn Pursel		
6	Chris Burke	4	Sue Keith	8	Carol Putmon		
11	Terry Burke	0	Frank Kessler	2	Randy Putmon		
0	Cindy Carr	0	Judy Kessler	16	Gloria Reiffer		
0	David Carr	0	Fred Koos	11	Simon Reiffer		
2	Kathy Cooper	0	Judy Koos	6	Robert Ribar		
2	Ronald Cooper	0	Bob Kroupa	2	Eddie Root		
5	Dave Cripe*	0	Kathy Kroupa	0	Brenda Shatkosky		
5	Pat Cripe	4	Dave Kuempel*	0	Richard Shatkosky		
0	Joel Crutcher	4	Diana Kuempel*	1	Janyce Shepler		
2	Darwin Day	0	Lewis Kuempel	1	John Shepler		
4	Jim DeNike	7	Julie Lasher	5	Victor Smith		
4	Patti DeNike	9	Ted Lasher	0	Loretta Spinrad		
2	Art Doty*	1	Harold Leeman	0	Steve Spinrad		
2	Nancy Doty*	0	Mark Lewis	1	Janet Sprague		
1	Catherine Eiseman	0	Patty Lewis	1	Michael Sprague		

Current 2009 Top Ten

16	Gloria Reiffer	11	Simon Reiffer	9	Ed Politza	7	Julie Lasher
11	Sandy Bechtel	10	Angela Hyde	9	John Bechtel	7	Suzanne Politza
11	Terry Burke	9	Ted Lasher	8	Carol Putmon		



Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Grand Parade

Once again the Capital City Corvette Club will participate in the Vermontville parade on Saturday, April 25. This is a club tradition started a few years ago by Dave and Diana Kuempel and it is really a lot of fun. Diana plays in the community band concert at 11:30.

The Parade starts at 2:00 pm but we must have the cars in line by noon. We will be leading a caravan of cars from the Quality Dairy on west Saginaw just west of the I-96 overpass leaving about 8:30 am. If you can't make it at 8:30, meet us there.

The parade will be forming on Ionia Rd (N Main St) north of Gresham St and the caravan will be taking M-43 (W Saginaw Hwy) west to Ionia Rd and south (left) to the parade staging area. One of the highlights of this festival is a pancake breakfast at the Vermontville fire house so we try to get in line early for that. For those of you who haven't been before, there are craft shows, carnival rides and just about anything else you can associate with a small town rural festival.

We will also be caravanning from Vermontville to Hastings after the parade to eat dinner at The Mexican Connexion restaurant. We will be arriving at the restaurant sometime between 3:30 and 4:00 pm if you can't make the parade but want to join us for dinner.

If you're interested and available for this opportunity to exercise your car and of course eat, please let Randy & Carol Putmon know at 517.281.6421 or email rputmon@hotmail.com (not necessary if you signed up at the March or April meeting).

We hope to see you all there.



Date: April 25, 2009

Meeting Times & Locations:

8:30 Quality Dairy
8512 W. Saginaw, Lansing

12:00 Vermontville Line-up
Ionia Road / N. Main Street
Parade begins at 2:00 pm

3:30 Mexican Connexion
131 S. Jefferson, Hastings



Capital City Corvette Club

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MAY 9, 2009

10:00 AM–2:00 PM

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Come join us for a blessing of our Vets and our Vettes



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All Corvette Show / Blessing of the Vettes

Culver's of Okemos

(East of Meridian Mall/ Off Marsh Road)

For Directions

www.capitalcitycorvetteclub.org

Awards presented to the TOP TEN and BEST of SHOW

**All profits from this show will be donated to the VFW National
Children's Home in Eaton Rapids**

	Pre-registration (Before May 1, 2009)	Registration (After May 1, 2009)
	\$12	\$15
Blessing Only	\$5	\$5

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE# _____ EMAIL _____

CAR MAKE/MODEL _____ YEAR _____

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Mail Check and Registration to: Carol Putmon

Capital City Corvette Club

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\$30.00 EARLY ENTRY (BY 5-9)
\$40.00 AFTER 5-9 or DAY OF

LOCATION:

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*** DRIVERS WITH 20 OR FEWER LOW SPEED SANCTIONED
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***FIRST 30 DRIVERS TO SUBMIT ENTRY FORMS, POSTMARKED BY 5-9**
*(ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE FIELD IS FULL AND BEFORE THE
EVENT WILL BE RETURNED).*

***MUST HAVE A HELMUT (SNELL ONLY w/MFR. DATE 1999 OR NEWER)**
HELMUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE

REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM Sign up & Tech Inspection (Coffee & Donuts included)
CLASSES BEGIN: 9:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM (APPROXIMATELY)

- CLASS SIZES WILL CONSIST OF 5 TO 8 DRIVERS EACH GROUP.
- LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND WORKERS

THE DRIVER'S COURSE WILL INCLUDE:

- REVIEW OF N.C.C.C. RULES AND APPLICATIONS
- WALK AROUND THE TRACK
- TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS (Prior to the beginning of the runs)
- DRIVING TECHNIQUES (With an Instructor in your Corvette)
- TRIAL RUNS/TIMED RUNS (Morning & Afternoon)
- WORKING THE COURSE (While other drivers are on their runs)
- INSTRUCTOR REVIEWS (After each run)
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE DAY

*****SEND ENTRY FORM & CHECK

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CALHOUN COUNTY CORVETTES
11852 VERONE RD.
BATTLE CREEK, MI 49014

ENTRY FORM

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CORVETTE YEAR/BODY STYLE: _____

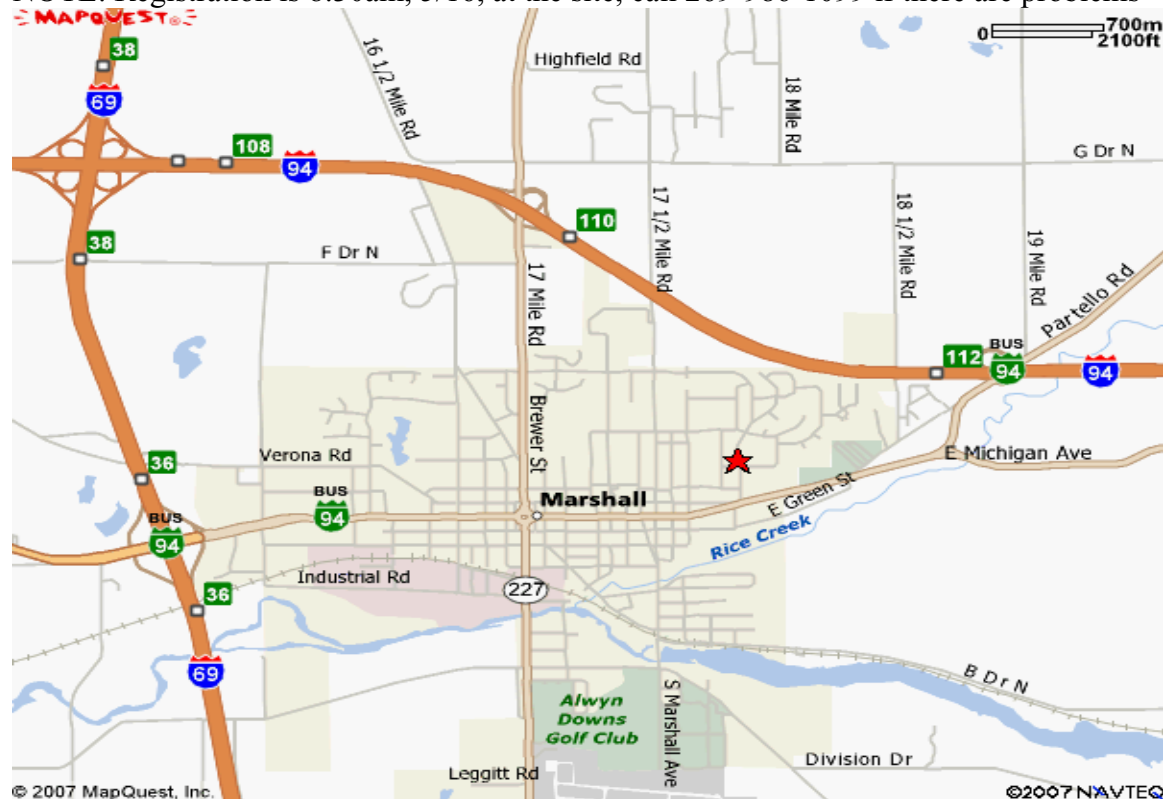
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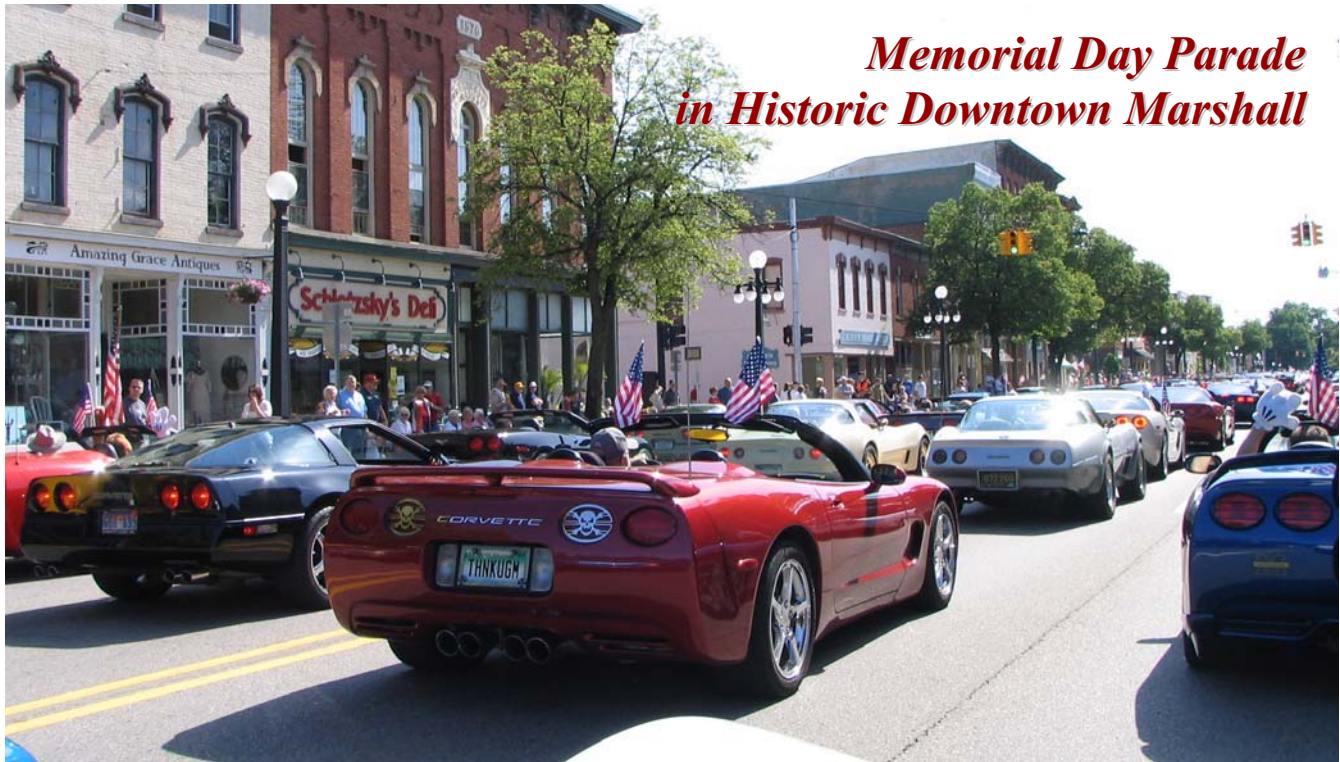
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Detach and mail the above portion with your check

NOTE: Registration is 8:30am, 5/16, at the site, call 269-986-1099 if there are problems





Capital City Corvette Club Details:

Monday, May 25, 2009 - 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.

Questions???

Call Simon & Gloria at 646.2180 or email webmaster@cccorvette.org. Watch the club Website for updates. A sign up sheet will be available at the May club meeting.



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Board Meeting – March 18, 2009

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. Absent: Terry Burke and Sue Politza.

Reports:

Secretary/Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the February 18, 2009 board meeting. Ed Politza moved to approve them as written. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Sandy advised she is currently selling \$10.00 raffle tickets for the museum's April 25, 2009 drawing of a 2009 red Corvette convertible.

Points: Ted Lasher stated points are up-to-date on our website. He also noted confusing paragraphs in our written points program have been clarified.

Membership: Angie Hyde noted we have two new members and one returning member, making our current totals: 100 regular, 1 honorary, and 70 FCOA members. We discussed our club's bylaws regarding late membership renewals. NCCC imposes a \$10.00 fee if a member renews his/her membership late. [Our bylaws state our club dues shall be consistent with NCCC's January 1 through December 31 membership year.] We collect that amount and forward it to NCCC, per their rules. We discussed the matter of members who have not renewed their memberships but continue to participate in our meetings, events, etc. John will address that issue in our newsletter. We also revisited the issue of whether or not we should develop a short survey for people who do not renew their memberships. Angie will draft possible questions. She also indicated she will bring club T-shirts to sell at the next general membership meeting.

Social: In Sue Politza's absence, Ed Politza reported we currently have eight club members signed up for our April 5th bowling outing with the Jackson club. Jackson has ten people signed up. Our sign-up sheet will still be available at our April general membership meeting. John Bechtel noted Carrie Hutton has agreed to chair our 2009 Blessing of the Vettes. It will be held on Saturday, May 9th.

Treasurer: Carol Putmon reported all bills have been paid in accordance with our current budget.

Editor/Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer indicated it was necessary to mail seven March newsletters. We are staying within budget.

Competition: Ed Politza is still working on scheduling a dyno tech day. He will have a sign-up sheet available at our April general membership meeting. He will also ask the facility to donate one of their services to auction off at Horsepower at the Zoo.

Public Relations: No report.

Governor/Vice President: In Terry Burke's absence, John Bechtel reported we received liability insurance information from K and K. It will be distributed to all club members.

President: John Bechtel reported that he recently met with representatives of the Capital Area Muscle Car Club. A joint car show at Bud Kouts Chevrolet is scheduled for Saturday, May 23rd.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Member Comment: Ted Lasher noted he would like to put together a club road trip to Auburn, Indiana over spring break. He will contact the Auburn-area museums, etc., regarding availability, and report his findings at our April general membership meeting.

Adjournment: Ted Lasher moved to adjourn. Ed Politza seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

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HOPE YOU CAN ALL ATTEND.

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Bob and Shalimar are heading up CCCC's annual Spring Fling Getaway to Traverse City on the weekend of June 5-7!

Meet at Clark Corners Mall (1161 E. Clark Road, DeWitt) at 8:45 am on Friday, June 5. We will be leaving at 9:00 sharp so don't be late! We will take a lunch break at Da Dawg House in Cadillac and then head on into Traverse City.

Call the AmericInn in Traverse City to make your motel reservations now! Call 1.800.441.1903 or 231.938.0288 and be sure to mention that you are with Capital City Corvette Club. Bob has negotiated a room rate of \$69 for us.

Bob and Shalimar are still working out details but have lots of fun things in the works. You can call Bob and Shalimar at 347.2949 if you have any questions.



**MEET AT CLARK CORNERS ON FRIDAY,
JUNE 5 AT 8:45 AM.**



Join us for a Drive N Dine!

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Hosted by Chris & Terry Burke

*We will start lining up at 4:30 at the Okemos Park N Ride
which is just off I-96 behind Cracker Barrel*

*We will leave promptly at 5:00 for an approximate
90 minute drive to food, fun and friends!*

*Signup sheets will be available at the April & May
General Membership meetings or RSVP by
June 1 to redvettegirl98@verizon.net*

Hope to see you there!

MICHIGAN REGION MINUTES

Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Executive Director Bill Siebel called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. at LaSenorita's in Lansing, Michigan.

Bill asked for a moment of silence for Loraine McLaughlin from MAG who passed away last November and Ralph DeWitt in December from GVCC. Bill shared that Lorraine had always been a great support to he and Elana. These individuals will be greatly missed.

Secretary Report – Angela asked if everyone had received the November 4, 2008 minutes and if there were any corrections. Bernie Christian motioned to approve the minutes as written, Roger Stoel seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer Report – Elana went over the report. She reported that she is still looking for 2008 entrant fees from a couple of clubs. The \$1.00 per member assessment fee is due to the Region as soon as possible. The State of Michigan Non Profit Status problems have been corrected and caught up and the Region is now in good standing. It cost \$150.00 to get us caught up to cover the last six years.

Points – Sue reported that all the awards for the banquet have been ordered, paid for and have been received.

Webmaster – Jim reported we picked up a new sponsor for our Website. Bloomington Gold paying us \$50.00. He is also working on some changes with our web page. Any input is always welcome. Be sure to get your flyers to Jim and he will make sure they get posted on the site.

Regional Executive – No Report.

Regional Membership – Jim reported in Barb's absence. He has applications with him if anyone needs any. He needs three (3) copies sent to him. Some clubs are still sending just two (2). Please correct. Has copies of control sheets, they are also on the Michigan Region web page. Send e-mails to Barb prior to mailing your applications. Pins will be picked up at the Governor's Meeting this weekend and will be brought to the Region Awards Banquet. RMD's are looking at NCCC membership bylaws.

Regional Competition – Ray reported that there has been some discussion related to the insurance policy with K & K and that the form may be required for every event (not just day). K & K is trying to solve the problem. New form is Acrobat Reader only.

Check list for flyers and results to come on event results.

Rulebook change on groups, sub groups for racers. More than 7 points now in single car groups. New spread sheet is being changed. Adding 2nd place (10 points) and 3rd place (9 points). Overall FTD is still 11 points.

Group 1 Bias Ply Belted Tires for Drags. Trying to get voted out.

Modified Rule to drop Roll Bar except Race Prepared. *Low speed only.

OLD BUSINESS:

Elana reported that we have 42 people signed up so far for the banquet. Angela went over the details on why the change in location. Need approximately 80 people to break even. Extra flyers available for those who needed them. The speaker will be from Eaton Marshall and will be speaking on Super Chargers.

Charity Report – Elana reported that from the Green Sheets 5 for \$25.00 that \$1500.00 had been deposited from January.

Angela reported that a corrected and updated roster will be sent out in the next couple of weeks. Please get your changes to her.

NEW BUSINESS:

Health updates were given on Kim Fast, Barb Bush and Austin Sweet.

Trail Committee Elections for 2009 – Bill handed out the ballots.

Driving School – Mark Hanlin passed out flyers and registration forms. The school is for rookies and low speed. The past years have been very successful and we are looking forward to another good school. He reported that he had talked to Rene' and he agreed to the idea of naming the School "The Lorraine McLaughlin Drivers School" in her memory. Mark encouraged the governors to talk up this event at their club meetings.

Audit of Books – Bill proposed that we waive the audit since they were just finished last fall. Jim Harris mentioned that since it is in the bylaws that they be done every year we should follow them. Steve Massie will check with Chris and see if she is willing to do them again.

Mid-America Registrations – Jim Harris reminded the Governor's about the registrations that came in the packets. We will receive a 10% discount, need to participate. There was no GM materials at convention. Convention booklet- buy and ad for the 50th anniversary.

Trail Committee Vote Results – James Sweet, Jim Sweet, Chris Scafero, Gordon McCann, Dave Johnson, Kurt Schwamberger, Bob Hall and Alan Johnson.

It was confirmed that Corvette Coventry decided not to renew with NCCC, they have opted out.

Respectfully Submitted,

Angela Hanlin
Secretary

Clubs in Attendance:

KCC,LCC,ACC,CCBC,FCC,HVCC,RCWM,GVCA,CCCC,CCC,MAG,SCC,GLCC,JCC

Capital City Corvette Club Activities - April 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 General Membership Meeting Delhi Café @ 7:00 pm	2	3	4
5 Bowling Challenge CCCC vs JCC Mason Bowling Center @ 1:30 pm	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 Board Meeting Delhi Café @ 6:30 pm	16	17	18 Auburn, IN Day Trip Leave from Okemos Park and Ride @ 9:00 am
19	20	21	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24	25 Vermontville MSF Parade - Leave from QD on W. Saginaw @ 8:30 am
26	27 Michigan Regional Meeting LaSenorita's @ 7:00	28	29	30		

Visit our online calendar to view Michigan Region Events.

NCCC Convention ~ August 8-14, 2009

For those planning to attend the NCCC Convention in Colorado Springs this summer, be sure to go online and register BEFORE April 15. After that the rate increases from \$160 to \$185 per person. You can find links to convention information on the home page of the NCCC Website and on our link page.

Be sure to look over the large selection of items available with the NCCC 50th anniversary logo while on the convention Webpage. It is best to order in advance so that you can get the items you want. There is usually a very limited supply available when you get there.



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