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Upcoming Events

Holiday Christmas Party

December 1 • 7:00 p.m. • Coral Gables • 2838 E. Grand River • East Lansing

Meet for Breakfast

Saturday, December 11 • **9:00am** • Spud's Family Restaurant
611 S. Waverly • Lansing

RSVP to Angela so that she can reserve the right number of tables.

Board Meeting Meeting

December 15 • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

WinterFest

January 8, 2011 • 2:00 - 5:00p.m.

City Limits Bowling Center • 801 N. Cedar St. • Mason

December Birthdays

Patti DeNike (4) • Lee Webster (14) • Larry Warren (18)
Greg Kapp (19) • Raoul Eiseman (30)

Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all January 2011 newsletter articles to
rnbuck1220@hotmail.com by December 23.



From the President...

*Janet, Toby, and
I wish you all a
safe and glorious
holiday season.*



December already! At least it is now closer to Spring than it was in October. Most of our cars are all tucked away, safe and sound. Now we can concentrate on family and friends, and preparations for the new year. Drive and Dines, Car Shows, Racing, and hopefully some new and exciting events are in store for 2011. It's time to put on your thinking caps and come up with some fun stuff to do.

Speaking of something fun to do, don't forget about Wonderland of Lights at the Potter Park Zoo. This holiday presentation runs from November 26th through December 26th, Thursday through Sunday, 5 – 8 pm. This would be a great time to get away from the shopping crowds.

A hearty welcome to the new Board of Directors. New Board members this year are Sandy Bechtel, Randy Buck, Kim Keith, and Dave Pursel. Also welcome Sue Keith, newly appointed as our club Historian. Thank you to the continuing Board members, and to our retiring Board members Scott Bauries, Angela Hyde, Ted Lasher, and Terry Burke for jobs well done.

It's not too late to sign up for our Winterfest party at the City Limits in Mason (Saturday, Jan 8). See you there!

Craig



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HAZ Presentation



“Janet Iansiti, Chairperson of the 2010 Horsepower at the Zoo Benefit Car Show is shown presenting a \$4,500 check from the Capital City Corvette Club to Sherrie Graham, Executive Director of the Potter Park Zoological Society, and Jennifer Horvatin, Special Events Coordinator for the Zoo Society. This was the twelfth year the club has held a benefit car show with all proceeds going to the Zoological Society”.



Let's Meet for Breakfast

Final Breakfast of the Year!

December 11th • 9:00 a.m.

Spud's Family Restaurant

611 S. Waverly

RSVP:

**Angela Hyde 517-896-9103 Or
Vettechic@Hotmail.Com**



Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of November 14, 2010

32	Scott Bauries	5	Catherine Eiseman	39	Carlo Litrenta	23	Victor Smith
66	Sandy Bechtel	9	Raoul Eiseman	26	Janet Litrenta	1	Loretta Spinrad
28	James Boettcher	4	Jennifer Everhart*	12	Bob Maynard	9	Steve Spinrad
25	Mara Boettcher	8	Randy Gisse	7	Shalimar Maynard	7	Janet Sprague
0	Dick Bowlin	24	Vidal Gonzalez	9	Linda McMillan	9	Michael Sprague
46	Colleen Bratschi	8	Betty Guyot	45	Dominique Palacio	3	Dan Stremmer
60	Rich Bratschi	8	Lloyd Guyot	43	Jerry Palacio	3	Nancy Stremmer
35	Connie Britz	14	Howard Hein	10	Diana Parks	4	Ralph Swan
36	Mike Britz	82	Angela Hyde	22	Howard Parks	4	Susan Swan
12	David Brown	92	Craig Iansiti	12	Joe Platte	16	Joseph Thomas*
28	Diana Brown-Mosher	77	Janet Iansiti	74	Ed Politza	2	Robert Tuttle
74	NancyLee Buck	0	Dick Iding	65	Suzanne Politza	0	Harold Twining
75	Randy Buck	25	Greg Kapp	31	David Pursel	0	Katherine Twining
41	Chris Burke	89	Kim Keith	14	Kathryn Pursel	16	Sue VanAtta
71	Terry Burke	99	Sue Keith	75	Carol Putmon	0	Ann Ward
3	Kathy Cooper	2	Frank Kessler	63	Randy Putmon	2	Bill Ward
3	Ronald Cooper	2	Judy Kessler	86	Gloria Reiffer	20	Larry Warren*
30	Dave Cripe*	5	Fred Koos	86	Simon Reiffer	20	Linda Warren*
15	Pat Cripe	4	Judy Koos	66	Robert Ribar	5	Audrey Weber
3	Darwin Day	13	Sheila Lansing	21	Eddie Root	2	Lee Webster
13	Jim DeNike	70	Julie Lasher	12	Brenda Shatkosky*	28	Larry Wight
11	Patti DeNike	82	Ted Lasher	14	Richard Shatkosky*	20	Gary Wyma
13	Art Doty*	2	Ellie Lickfeldt	13	Bill Simons	15	Kathy Wyma
13	Nancy Doty*	13	Patrick Lickfeldt	6	Thomas Sipka		

Current 2010 Top Ten

99	Sue Keith	86	Simon Reiffer	82	Ted Lasher	75	Randy Buck
92	Craig Iansiti	86	Gloria Reiffer	77	Janet Iansiti		
89	Kim Keith	82	Angela Hyde	75	Carol Putmon		



*NCCC number is with another Michigan Region club.

Holiday Christmas Party!

**December 1st, 2010
Coral Gables, 2838 E. Grand River Ave.
East Lansing, MI**

**This is a pre-paid event. Cost is \$25 per person.
Please make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club.
RSVP by payment no later than November 20th to:
Carol Putmon, 4900 W. Pratt Rd., DeWitt, MI 48820**

Cash Bar opens at 5:45 p.m.

Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

*Tossed salad with assorted dressings, rolls, beef sirloin tips
in mushroom gravy, baked ham, penne pasta with white
cheese vegetable sauce, whipped potato, house vegetable
and dessert*

**Gift Exchange. Women bring a gift tagged "for woman,"
Men bring a gift tagged "for man."**

Let's keep the cost down to around \$10.

WINTERFEST

Please join us for Food, Fun & Door Prizes
Saturday, January 8th, 2011 • 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
City Limits Bowling Center • 801 N. Cedar St., Mason, MI



Cash Bar

Buffet Dinner

Salad, Roll, Prime Rib, Chicken, Vegetable, Potato

This is a pre-paid event. Cost is \$25 per person.

Please make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club.

RSVP and payment must be received no later than the January 5th club meeting.

Please give to Carol Putmon

DECEMBER SPECIALS

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STAR ENTERPRISES

Capital City Corvette Club

General Membership Meeting – November 3, 2010

Social Time & Dining started around 5:30 P.M.

President: Craig Iansiti called the general membership meeting to order at 6:59 P.M. Craig commented on the good turnout that night.

Craig gave personal congratulations to Pat & Dave Cripe on their 26-year anniversary and forwarded an invitation to members who wanted to attend a retirement/birthday celebration for Joe Platte.

Craig proceeded with the introduction of **Sherri Graham**, *Executive Director* and **Jennifer Hovartin**, *Special Events Coordinator* of the **Potter Park Zoo**. A presentation of Horsepower at the Zoo or 'HAZ' proceeds was given to them.

Ms. Graham thanked members and explained that the zoo depends on private donations. She was thrilled to announce that the millage had passed the previous night. She went on to explain the Zoological Society's function. She spoke of current improvements to the zoo such as the rhino exhibit and the North American part of the zoo. She also commented on the improvement of the veterinarian hospital.

Ms. Hovartin the Special Events Coordinator, told of the Wonderland of Lights exhibit running Thursdays 5 P.M.-8 P.M. November 26-December 26. She told of other news such as the Snow Leopard flown in to the zoo for breeding purposes. She went on to say there is also a rhino to mate. The winter hours for the zoo are 10 A.M. until 4:00 P.M. with the exception of the Wonderland of Lights extended time.

Craig spoke of the holiday gifts to be given to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Bob Maynard volunteered to spearhead that drive and told members of the tax incentives available to donors. There were discussions on individual donations as well. Ed Politza suggested increasing the club donation to the Greater Lansing Food Bank to \$1,000 at Christmas time. Membership approved. The other charities, VFW National Home for Children and St. Vincent Home for Children, will remain at \$250 each.

Secretary: Connie Britz asked for approval of the previous month's minutes as printed in the newsletter. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer: Mike Britz discussed increasing postage budget. He was going to present a revised budget at the next Board Meeting in two weeks.

Points: Ted Lasher informed members that totals were up to date but asked for further updates.

Membership: Angela Hyde gave current totals as 96 members, 1 honorary, and 67 FCOA's.. She said she currently had 65 renewals. The club leads the Michigan region with number of FCOA's. She suggested members enroll FCOA's for the upcoming year because the fee will increase from \$5 to \$10.

Editor: Scott Bauries had nothing new to report.

Competition: Rich Bratschi reported that the Jackson Corvette Club had expressed interest in MIS Corvette Infield event but that it might conflict with the Spartan Speedway low-speed event. They would have to look into this further.

Public Relations: Simon Reiffer would send out letters to advertisers and also meet with Bud Kouts along with Sandy Bechtel, as she will be the Public Relations Director for next year.

Social: Carol Putmon had to excuse herself as she had to get to hospital to help welcome a new grandson! Janet Iansiti reminded members of the Bingo party at the Tamarack Apartments. She reminded people who were coming to bring deserts and prizes. She also reminded members of the upcoming (November 13) breakfast at Zues'.

She also reminded people to get reservations and money in by November 20 for the upcoming Holiday party at Coral Gables. She reminded people about the 'Dirty Santa' gift exchange.

Members were reminded of Winterfest to be held at City Limits Bowling Center in Mason on Saturday, January 8. Money needs to be in by January 5.

November birthdays were acknowledged.

Governor: Terry Burke informed group of the upcoming meeting he would attend regarding rule changes.

NCM Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel was not present.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer discussed changing to ATT. She suggested members would not see any difference in quality.

Hearts & Flowers: Julie Lasher was not present but had sent a card to Mike Sprague for his accident.

Historian: Angela Hyde will update in December or January.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon was not present.

Member Comments and Discussion: Members recognized Veterans.

Voting for 2011 Board of Directors: closed nominations and voted on slate as presented. Slate was approved.

50/50 Drawing: was won by Diana Parks.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted for approval - Mike Britz - acting secretary



Capital City Corvette Club

Board Meeting – November 17, 2010

Social Time and Dining began around 5:30 P.M.

President: Craig Iansiti called meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Craig welcomed new Board Members and Appointees as well as returning members.

Craig introduced the “**Conquerors**” 3 of the 5 members of the oldest and smallest car club in Michigan. These men, Ray DeBar, Jim Gates, and Bill Pierce, have been responsible for very successful indoor car shows during the past 50 years. They took turns explaining the differences between indoor and outdoor car shows. They emphasized that their shows have not been open but by invitation only with cars essentially having to try out for the opportunity to be included in the show.

They essentially are looking for clubs interested in helping put on a show in the near future. They answered Board Member’s questions about what it is they are looking for in a club’s participation. They said that the show included a variety of cars ranging from classic, show, and antique to hot rods. Although the show is invitation only with very strict criteria, there is an entry fee charged to all participants.

Board members wanted to know what all would be expected from our club and wanted to know how the show is advertised, what venue would be used, what time of year would the show be held, etc, etc.

It was decided that the board needed to think about the involvement and discuss with general membership before they would commit to be a part of the car show.

Secretary: Connie Britz asked for additions and/or corrections to the October meeting minutes. The minutes were approved as the draft appeared in the last newsletter.

Treasurer: Mike Britz presented new budget. After some revisions, the board voted to accept proposed budget. Mike will send the approved budget to board members before the January meeting where it will be presented.

Points: Ted Lasher indicated points are updated on website. Ted also commented on his investigation as to whether information articles in the newsletter were in violation of any copy write laws. It was determined that no copy write laws have been violated. Scott has followed guidelines and credited all sources.

Membershhip: Angela Hyde updated roster includes 98 members, 1 honorary, and 69 FCOA’s. However, currently the renewals number 81 members, 1 honorary, and 69 FCOA’s. It was determined that for this time of year it was a good number. Angela would send a membership roster electronically to all members twice a year --once in January another in June. A discussion followed as to whether it ought to be sent electronically. Rich Bratschi suggested she send an email blast asking permission to send individual’s information over email.

Editor: Scott Bauries had no update.

Competition: Rich Bratschi picked the weekend of July 30 and 31 for low-speed event at Spartan Speedway to be run with Jackson Corvette Club. The cost of the Speedway has risen \$25 from last year’s price. The Region Banquet will be held on April 9th.

The region decided not to act on any rule book changes for the time being.

The Jackson Corvette Club will set up an infield car show on or around July 17 and would like for our club to help.

Public Relations: Simon Reiffer has sent letters to current newsletter advertisers. Thus far he has 4 responses. Bud Kouts has agreed to sponsor the club again for the 2011 year.

Social: Carol Putmon reported that 33 people had already signed up for the Holiday Party to be held Saturday, December 1 at Coral Gables Restaurant. Refer to memo sheet or flyers for activities such as breakfast at Spud’s on Saturday, December 11 and Winterfest at City Limits in Mason on Saturday, January 8.

Governor/VP: Terry Burke not in attendance

NCM: Gloria Reiffer received approval to register the domain for the website for the next 5 years. She said the price for ATT will be the same price as we have paid in the past.

Hearts & Flowers: Julie Lasher was not in attendance however, she did send a card to Vic Smith as he is experiencing some health problems.

Historian: Angela Hyde indicated her annual report will be in the January newsletter.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon told members the trailer is put to bed for the season. Randy did inquire what to do with the CD player which is not performing well. Craig said he has a friend who will look at it and evaluate it.

Colleen Bratschi told members she and Rich would donate 5 pumper coffee pots which can be kept by the quartermaster.

Kim Keith, who will be director of Points for the 2011 season, suggested revisions to points system to encourage new members. Kim suggested points be given to those who actively promote club and actively try to gain new members. The goal is to bring more visibility to the club and to promote new involvement. The new point system will be directed to entire membership in January for approval.

2011 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: Craig Iansiti
VP/Governor: Simon Reiffer
Secretary: Connie Britz
Treasurer: Mike Britz
Competition: Rich Bratschi
Editor: Randy Buck
P.R. Sandy Bechtel
Social: Carol Putmon
Membership: David Pursel
Points: Kim Keith

APPOINTEES

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer
Hearts & Flowers: Julie Lasher
Historian: Sue Keith
Quartermaster: Randy Putmon
NCM Ambassador: TBD

The meeting was officially adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Connie Britz (Secretary)

Happy New Year





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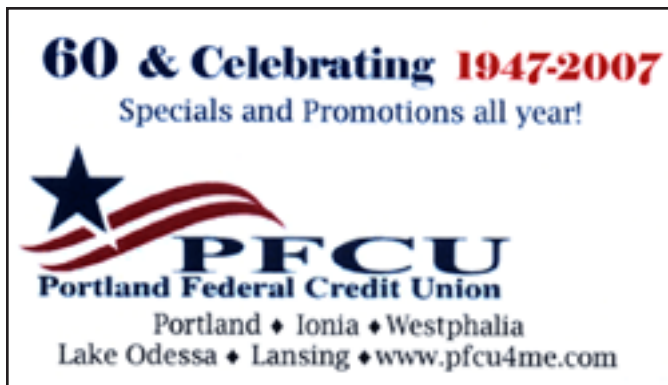
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