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The Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club







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#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **General Membership Meeting**

January 5 • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

#### WINTER FEST

January 8 • 2p.m.-5pm.

City Limits Bowling Center • 801 N. Cedar • Mason

#### Let's Meet For Breakfast!!

January 22 \* 9 am

Frandor Flap Jack • 3000 E. Grand River, • Lansing Sign up at the January 5 Meeting • RSVP to Gloria at 646.2180

#### **January Birthdays**

Janet Litrenta (2) • Mike Britz (4)

Suzanne Politza (6) • Larry Wight(6)

Fred Koos (19) • Howard Parks (21)

Carol Putmon (21) • Ellie Lickfeldt (24)

Randy Giesse (31) • Pat Lickfeldt (31)

Scott Bauries (29)

#### **Board Meeting**

January 19 • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby

#### **Newsletter Article Deadline**

Send all February newsletter articles to



## From the President

Here we go again. Another cold and snowy winter is getting a solid start on us. We really can't complain, though, with pretty decent fall weather lasting right up through the latter part of November. No suffering through those inbetween temperatures for us Michiganders. Now if summer



pops up just as fast (in about April) we won't have long to wait before bringing out our babies.

I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season. Now we can sit back a bit and rest our weary bones, and prepare for a great year ahead. I see we have most of the gang back for 2011, and hopefully will see most of those who haven't "reenlisted" doing so sooner or later. Nonetheless, once friends and Vette lovers, always friends and Vette lovers. The many roads in life take us in many different directions, but it is always a joy to run into old members along the highways and byways. Cheers to all our members — past and present. We have some new Board members and appointees this year, and some of the old ones are still around in either their old positions or new ones. Here is a hearty "Thank You" to them for helping make this the wonderful club it has become. And here is a hearty "Thank You" to all the members who contribute so much all year long. Never forget that this is your club, so make it the best it can be, for you and for those who follow. And never forget that "It's just a car club", so let's not get too serious, and let's have some fun!

Happy New Year, Craig



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## 2010 Historian Recap

January, we started out slow with just 82 members. Winter Fest was the only event scheduled for the month.

February, we had a drive and dine that started out at the Lansing City Market with Lunch at Deluca's Restaurant and ending with a tour of the Oldsmobile Museum in downtown Lansing hosted by Craig and Janet lansiti.



March, the Michigan Regional Annual Awards Banquet hosted by the Jackson Corvette Club was the big event. Still had snow on the ground so our cars were still in hibernation.

April begins to pick up a little with the annual bowling challenge against the Jackson Corvette Club, followed by the Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade.

May, events really take off with the Blessing of the Vette's at Culver's of Okemos, the low speed driving school that many of us attend each year, the annual Sparrow Hospice Car Show at Bud Kouts, we co-hosted with the Capital Area Muscle Car Club. Among many other car shows and rally's that were put on by other clubs were also attended by many to get the year finally off to a



running start for those of us that dig our vettes out of storage early because the spring bug is in the air.



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## 2010 Historian Recap

**B**y the time June came around most of us have our vette's out of storage and attending many events such as autocross's, more car shows and Bloomington Gold. As for the club we had something new I started monthly this year and that was a Saturday morning breakfast. We also had another drive and dine hosted by Kim and Sue Keith that was well attended.



July we are up to 93 members and things are in full swing for the summer with another Saturday morning breakfast and another drive and dine hosted by Terry and Chris Burke that followed on the same day. Our annual Spartan Speedway weekend event took place. We also hosted another Sparrow Hospice Car Show with The Capital Area Muscle Car Club that took place at Logan's Roadhouse. NCCC convention was also in July along with many other events such as car shows, cruise-ins and low speed events being hosted by other corvette clubs. August was just as busy with a Cones and Bones event hosted by Randy and Nancy Buck. Cones and Bones is always a big hit with club member's and their pets. The club put on a successful gar-



age sale with all proceeds going to the John Bechtel Scholarship Fund. Thank you Steve Spinrad for the use of his property for the garage sale! The club greatly appreciated it. There was another Saturday morning breakfast. Corvette Crossroads also took place this month and Corvette's @ Carlisle the same weekend.

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### 2010 Historian Recap

**S**eptember there was another Saturday breakfast, our annual Horsepower @ the Zoo car show and the annual BBQ, bon-fire, hayride hosted by Randy and Carol Putmon. A good time is always had by all at their BBQ.

October, things start to wind down for the year with a fall get-a-way to the Portage Point Inn hosted by



Greg Kapp. A good time was had by all that attended. Maybe the fall get-a-way will become an annual event in the future. HINT, HINT!!! Another Saturday morning breakfast followed by the annual Fall Color Tour hosted by Ted and Julie Lasher. Usually the color tour signals the end of the year for a lot of us to start thinking about putting away our vette's for the year.

November we had our annual BINGO! at Tamarack Apartments in Holt. Bingo is always a big hit with the residents that live at Tamarack Apartments. Another Saturday breakfast. We also had something new this year, Ted and Julie Lasher took us to The Purple Rose Theater to see Best of Friends, a world premier by Jeff Daniels.

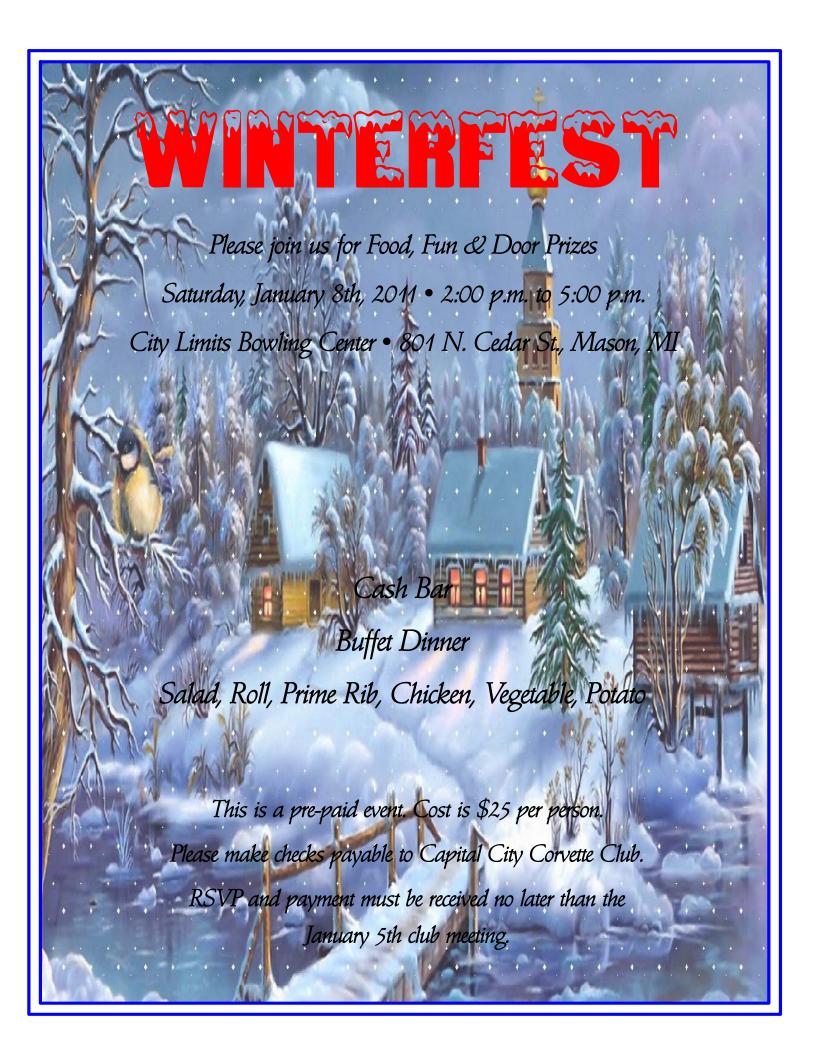
December, we had our annual club Christmas Party and one last Saturday morning breakfast for the year. I hope that everyone enjoyed the activities put on by many of our club members and hopefully 2011 will be full of just as many activities and functions to attend with our corvettes as we had in 2010. We end the year with 98 members. I would like to say thank you to all that hosted a club event or function!

Hope that you all have a Happy New Year!!

Angela Hyde

Membership Director









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## Capital City Corvette Club



#### Participation Points as of December 11, 2010

44	Scott Bauries	5	Catherine Eiseman	40	Carlo Litrenta	23	Victor Smith
68	Sandy Bechtel	9	Raoul Eiseman	27	Janet Litrenta	1	Loretta Spinrad
31	James Boettcher	4	Jennifer Everhart*	13	Bob Maynard	9	Steve Spinrad
28	Mara Boettcher	9	Randy Gisse	8	Shalimar Maynard	7	Janet Sprague
0	Dick Bowlin	24	Vidal Gonzalez	9	Linda McMillan	21	Michael Sprague
47	Colleen Bratschi	8	Betty Guyot	46	Dominique Palacio	3	Dan Stremler
61	Rich Bratschi	8	Lloyd Guyot	44	Jerry Palacio	3	Nancy Stremler
35	Connie Britz	14	Howard Hein	15	Diana Parks	4	Ralph Swan
36	Mike Britz	92	Angela Hyde	27	Howard Parks	4	Susan Swan
12	David Brown	93	Craig lansiti	13	Joe Platte	16	Joseph Thomas*
28	Diana Brown-Mosher	78	Janet lansiti	76	Ed Politza	2	Robert Tuttle
78	NancyLee Buck	0	Dick Iding	67	Suzanne Politza	1	Harold Twining
79	Randy Buck	25	Greg Kapp	32	David Pursel	1	Katherine Twining
41	Chris Burke	89	Kim Keith	15	Kathryn Pursel	17	Sue VanAtta
71	Terry Burke	99	Sue Keith	76	Carol Putmon	0	Ann Ward
3	Kathy Cooper	2	Frank Kessler	64	Randy Putmon	2	Bill Ward
3	Ronald Cooper	2	Judy Kessler	90	Gloria Reiffer	20	Larry Warren*
30	Dave Cripe*	5	Fred Koos	90	Simon Reiffer	20	Linda Warren*
15	Pat Cripe	4	Judy Koos	69	Robert Ribar	5	Audrey Weber
3	Darwin Day	13	Sheila Lansing	21	Eddie Root	2	Lee Webster
13	Jim DeNike	71	Julie Lasher	12	Brenda Shatkosky*	29	Larry Wight
11	Patti DeNike	83	Ted Lasher	28	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	90	Simon Reiffer	83	Ted Lasher	78	NancyLee Buck
93	Craig lansiti	90	Gloria Reiffer	79	Randy Buck		
92	Angela Hyde	89	Kim Keith	78	Janet lansiti		



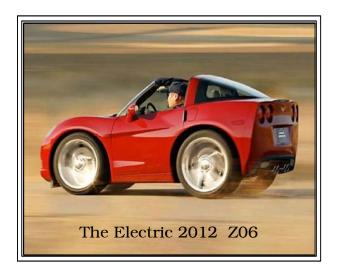
## **CORVETTE HUMOR**

#### **Fast Moped**

Two men leave a store. One man walks to his Corvette, the other walks out to his moped. The guy with the moped admires the Corvette and the owner lets him take a look at it. Then he gets on his moped, the other guy gets into his 'Vette, and they both leave the parking lot. The guy in the Corvette decides to show off and race out of the parking lot. He stops at a stop light. Enjoying his music he looks out the window and sees the guy on the moped flying by at about 80 mph! He can't believe a moped can go that fast! So he races up to the guy on the moped and passes him again to show how fast he can go. At the next stop light, the guy on the moped speeds by once more. Finally the Corvette and moped stop at the same stop light.

"How the heck did you go past me so fast like that!?" the guy in the Corvette asks.

The guy on the moped, all flushed and pale, looks at the man and says, "MY SUSPENDERS ARE CAUGHT IN YOUR CAR DOOR!!!"





#### **Pulled Over**

A senior citizen in Florida bought a brand new Corvette convertible. He took off down the road, flooring it to 80 mph and enjoying the wind blowing through what little hair he had left on his head. "This is great," he thought as he roared up I-75. He pushed the pedal to the metal even more. Then he looked in his rear view mirror and saw a highway patrol trooper behind him, blue lights flashing and siren blaring. "I can get away from him with no problem" thought the man and he tromped it some more and flew down the road at over 100 mph. Then 110, 120 mph.

Then he thought, "What am I doing? I'm too old for this kind of thing." He pulled over to the side of the road and waited for the trooper to catch up with him. The trooper pulled in behind the Corvette and walked up to the man. "Sir," he said, looking at his watch. "My shift ends in 10 minutes and today is Friday. If you can give me a reason why you were speeding that I've never heard before, I'll let you go." The man looked at the trooper and said, "Years ago my wife ran off with a Florida State Trooper, and I thought you were bringing her back"

## Let's Meet for Breakfast!!

Date: January 22, 2011 (Saturday)

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Frandor Flap Jack

3000 E. Grand River, Lansing

**RSVP:** Sign up at the January 5 General Membership Meeting or contact Gloria at 646.2180.

## Start planning ahead!

The 2011 NCCC Convention will take place in Tinley Park, IL during the week of June 18-24.

On-line registration opens on February 1. You will want to get your reservations in early to get into the convention hotel. Check out the NCCC Website for detailed information. www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2011.html

The convention is being planned so that members can continue on to the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in St. Charles, IL.

Bloomington Gold runs from June 23-26. www.bloomingtongold.com/



## **2011 Points Program**

#### Update Approved Effective Jan 01, 2011

**LEADERSHIP POINTS:** (For definition purposes only. See the Social or Competition Points sections below for Leadership Points distribution rules)

Leadership points will be defined as points awarded for Chairing, Hosting, or Organizing CCCC events. In order to earn leadership points for social events, the event must be designated as a Club Event with a minimum of 10 days prior notification and include the participation of not less than 10 CCCC members.

- **Ten** points for **Chairing/Co-Chairing** a major competition event such as Blessing, Sponsor Car Show, Spartan Speedway, HAZ, etc. These events usually involve acquiring trophies, fund solicitation, prize acquisition, sponsors, long term planning and coordination of more than a few weeks. See the Competition Points section below for distribution rules for these types of points.
- **Five** points for **Hosting/Co-Hosting** a large social event such as a drive & dine, bingo, bonfire-hayride, Crossroads, other overnight trips, etc. These events usually involve short term planning and organization beyond simply meeting at a predetermined location, but don't require prizes, funds, or sponsors. See the Social Points section below for distribution rules for these types of points.
- One point for Organizing a small social event or get-together such as breakfasts, ice cream cruises, tech nights, shopping trips, etc. These events usually only require scheduling and communicating a place. There will be no point awarded for Co-Organizing a small social event. See the Social Points section below for distribution rules for these types of points.

On a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the board, leadership points may be awarded even when fewer than 10 members participate in the event.

#### **SOCIAL POINTS:**

Social points will be defined as points awarded for events where no competition is involved. Examples of these are: parades, general membership meetings, awards banquets, drive & dines, bingo etc. In order to earn points for social events, the social event must be designated as a Club Event with a minimum of 10 days prior notification (event flyer recommended). A Club Event is a gathering that includes not less than 10 members with or without a chairperson.

To be eligible for social points you must be in attendance at the event for greater than 50% of the event's duration. Points for social events will be as follows:

**One** point for attending a CCCC membership meeting or awards banquet.

CCCC Large Social Events (drive & dine, bingo, bonfire-hayride, Crossroads, other overnight trips, etc.)

**Five** leadership points for hosting/co-hosting a large social event; or

**Three** points for working a full large social event; or

**One** point for participation in a large social event.

CCCC Small Social Events (breakfasts, ice cream cruises, tech nights, shopping trips, etc.)

One leadership point for organizing a small social event and

**One** point for participation in a small social event.

One bonus point for having your Corvette at any of the above events. The points will be awarded to member couples even if one of them arrives in a vehicle other than the Corvette, or for any CCCC member riding along in another CCCC member's Corvette.

#### **COMPETITION POINTS:**

Competition points will be defined as points awarded for events where competition is involved. Examples of these are: racing events, rallyes, training schools, concours or car shows, etc. In order to earn points for competition events, the competition event must be designated as a CCCC event, NCCC or Michigan Region event. The NCCC or Michigan Region event can be sanctioned or non-sanctioned. Entry is defined as registration in the event.

To be eligible for competition points you must be in attendance at the event for greater than 50% of the event's duration. Per the CCCC By-Laws, the 10 CCCC member minimum requirement applies only to social events (described above) not competition events. Points for competition events will be as follows:

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### **2011 Points Program**

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CCCC Major Competition Events (Blessing, Sponsor Car Show, Spartan Speedway, HAZ, etc.)

**Ten** leadership points for chairing or co-chairing a CCCC sponsored (or CCCC co-hosted with another club) race, rallye, training school, concours or car show (major competition) event. The chair or co-chair must be instrumental in organizing and running the event. "Signature Only" chairpersons will not be awarded points; or

Five points for working a CCCC (or CCCC co-hosted with another club) full competition event; or

**Three** points for entry and participation in a CCCC sanctioned or non-sanctioned (or CCCC co-hosted with another club) competition event.

**Two** points for entry and participation in another NCCC club's sanctioned competition event, regardless of the quantity of NCCC sanction numbers assigned to that event.

One point for entry and participation in another NCCC or Michigan Region club's non-sanctioned competition event.

One bonus point for each Corvette you enter in any of the above events. The points will be awarded to member couples even if one of them arrives in a vehicle other than the Corvette, or for any CCCC member riding in a Corvette to the event (or riding in a Corvette at a rally, high or low speed event)

**One** bonus point for transporting the club trailer to any of the above events.

#### **OTHER POINTS:**

Other points will be defined as points for items not covered in the Social or Competition Points categories above. The 10 CCCC member minimum requirement does not apply to these points. Entry is defined as registration in the event.

**Two** points for visiting the National Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green Kentucky. Limited to one award per year. Does not apply to multiple day NCM Bashes, Reunions, Caravans, etc. (see below)

**One** point for writing an article for the CCCC Newsletter. The article must be at least ½ page in length. Articles are published at the discretion of the CCCC Editor. Articles or reports required by an elected officer are not eligible. Up to 12 points per year.

**One** point for each full day in attendance at the annual NCCC Convention.

One point for attending the NCCC Michigan Region Banquet.

**One** point for each full day in attendance at all Corvette events such as NCM Bashes, Bloomington Gold, Black Hills Corvette Classic, Carlisle, etc.

**One** point for each Corvette you enter in any non-sanctioned all Corvette show.

**One** point for each Corvette you enter in any open class or non-Corvette only car show or competition, provided a CCCC static cling is prominently displayed in your Corvette's window or you are wearing CCCC attire. Does not apply to informal gatherings such as cruise-ins or meet-ups.

Five points for each CCCC elected office held or for serving as the Webmaster of the Club Website.

**Three** points for each appointed position held, such as NCM Ambassador, Historian, Hearts & Flowers Coordinator, Quartermaster, et



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CCCC Newsletters for Jan \* Mar 2007, all of 2005 & 2006, Feb-Dec 2004, Jan 2001, July 2000 and any before 1991.

News articles, awards or memorabilia pertaining to the club.

Please contact any former club members that may have any of these items.



Please give anything you discover to.

Sue Keith, CCCC Historian.

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