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The Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club

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## Upcoming Events

### General Membership Meeting

May 4 • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### Blessing of the Vettes

May 14th • See Flyer

### Let's Meet for Breakfast

May 21 • 9 am • **Blondie's Barn**

5640 Marsh Rd • Haslett



### May Birthdays

Gloria Reiffer (1) • Randy Buck (6) • Loretta Spinrad (10)  
Craig Iansiti (13) • Judy Koos (15) • Connie Britz (26)

### Sparrow Hospice Car Show

May 28th • See Flyer

### Marshall Memorial Day Parade / Cornwell's Turkeyville

May 30th • See Flyer

### GM Heritage Center Tour

June 4th • See Flyer

### Board Meeting

May 18 • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all June newsletter articles to  
rnbuck1220 @ hotmail.com by May 23





## From The President...



So much for April and high hopes of getting a lot of spring use out of the Vettes. As I write this, I still haven't pulled ours out of storage. Rain, cold, rain, cold, rain, rain. We are only a couple of weeks away from our first car show. But, I GUARANTEE that this year it will be a warm and sunny day for this Blessing. No repeats of the snow showers and hurricane winds of last year. I think all the bad weather has been used up for this year. In fact, I think I just saw the sun pop out – and it scared the dog.

We have some more new members this year. I am excited about the interest everyone has shown in our club. Maybe that's because most of us manage to remember that it is just a car club, where friends with similar interests can join together for some fun and food and support. It is such a pleasure to see so many people from all walks of life come together with smiles and laughter. All those good times, and at the same time we manage to share our good fortune within our community. How perfect!

Most of us not only love our Corvettes, but many have a keen interest in other cool cars, airplanes or boats. I find it interesting how many people in the club have other hot rods or classic cars, are pilots, or skipper their own watercraft. Maybe we should plan a day trip to an air show (Mason, Kalamazoo), balloon launch (Howell, Battle Creek), or a bit longer trip to the Wooden Boat Show (Cedarville) in the U.P. Michigan has no shortage of car shows or other outdoor events. Now if we can just afford to buy the fuel to get there and back.

A reminder: If you have unscreened, direct ports to your engine air intake, don't forget to check the air box and air filter after bringing your car out of storage. Last year I found that after I failed to plug the C4's air inlets during storage, Mr. & Mrs. Mouse and crew took up residence in there for the winter. They chewed up a perfectly good thirty dollar air filter and left a big ball of twine and fuzz and junk in the air box. At least they were warm and happy in there, so they didn't get into any other trouble under the hood. I never know whether to feed them so they get full and happy and go to sleep until spring, or put out the little green pellets, so they can carry them away and store them in their favorite spots.



*Craig*



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**Saturday April 30th**

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Departure time is 8:45 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. arrival.

Upon arrival we will walk into town for breakfast and then  
have time to see the crafts before heading back to our cars  
for the 2:00 p.m. start of the parade.

After the parade we will travel to

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# Let's Meet for Breakfast 9:00a.m.

May 21st

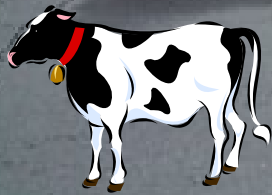
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RSVP: Sign up Sheet at May 4 Membership Meeting

Randy & Nancy Buck 517-937-8642

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## *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](http://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/](http://www.bloomingtongold.com/)







# Capital City Corvette Club

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## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

### April 6, 2011 Membership Meeting



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

**President Craig Iansiti** Called meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Craig informed members of the 'executive decision' made concerning increasing the amount from \$250. to \$500 for 2011 for the John Bechtel Fund scholarship for the Career Center. He informed members the club could well afford the increase and asked the general membership for approve of the increase. A motion was made, seconded, and approved. A lot of the additional money will be raised at the Garage Sale this summer. A discussion followed on having a Garage Sale each year and continuing the new scholarship amount.

It was announced that Grand Ledge would be sponsoring a Yankee Doodle celebration on Saturday, June 28. If members are interested in participating, they can contact Karen Chamberland at the Grand Ledge Chamber of Commerce.

Craig announced that he received an email from Pro Team Corvettes who would like information/history regarding an older Corvette.

Show Car Nationals Car Show will be held July 16 at MIS. Jackson Corvette Club is promoting this. \$45. per will provide entrance as well as a track experience.

It was reported that 18 CCCC members bowled with the Jackson Club.

**Governor/VP - Simon Reiffer** reported that he had ordered about a dozen NCCC lapel pins and he would bring them to the next general meeting.

**Secretary -Connie Britz** March's meeting minutes were approved.

**Treasurer - Mike Britz** reported that all checks have cleared and the new banking system is in place and in working order.

**Points - Kim Keith** reported all points are updated. Rules are on website and members can report to Kim what points they have earned. Points are posted on the website by Gloria.

**Membership- Dave Pursel** Membership stands at 87 members with 3 new members.

**Editor - Randy Buck** had nothing to report

**Competition - Rich Bratschi** reported that the Jackson Club will join us again at Spartan Speedway.

**Public Relations - Sandy Bechtel** had nothing to report.

**Social - Carol Putmon** awarded candy for April birthdays.

**Hearts and Flowers - Julie Lasher** reported that Angie's mom had been ill and that she had sent a card to Angie.

**Historian - Sue Keith** reported on completing history of club through past reams of historical information.

**NCM Ambassador - Joe** reminded everyone about the Birthday Bash at the museum. He will be going and would be happy to lead a caravan for those who would like to attend.

**Photographer - Ted Lasher** noted that the bowling pictures were posted so Gloria could add a link to the website. He also discussed the possibility of organizing a trip to tour the GM Heritage center. A show of hands determined we could get the 30 -person requirement. He will confirm a date with the center and get a flier prepared for the membership and also share with other regional clubs.

**Quartermaster - Randy Putmon** had nothing to report

**Sergeant-at-Arms -Pat Lickfeldt** was not in attendance.

**Webmaster - Gloria Reiffer** had nothing to report.

At approximately 7:30 P.M. members of the Motor City Corvette Club gave a presentation about their upcoming second annual Motor City Corvette Concours to be held at Les Stanford Chevrolet-Cadillac in Dearborn, Michigan. "Best of the Best" Corvettes in the area will be featured again. The event will be held Saturday, September 24, 2011. This event continues to be organized by several local Michigan Corvette Clubs which include The Corvette Club of Michigan, Corvette Legends Club, Flint Corvette Club, GMC Corvette Set, Rainbow Corvette Club, Team Corvette, Trend Settas Corvette Club, and the V-8 Corvette Club. It was stressed that this will actually be three car shows in one. The Arkus-Duntov Trophy was on display. It will be awarded to the overall winner and will be displayed in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Scott Bauries.

The meeting was adjourned at exactly 8:00 P.M.

**Member Input -**

**50/50 Drawing -** Scott Bauries won \$46 and donated the \$46 to the John Bechtel Fund.

**Adjourn -** Request to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 8:14 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Connie Britz - Secretary**





***Memorial Day Parade  
Historic Downtown Marshall  
May 30, 2011***

***Capital City Corvette Club Parade Details:***

Monday, May 30, 2011 - 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 the parade line-up at 9:00 am. The parade begins at 10:00 am. We will meet at the K-Mart parking lot immediately after the parade.

***Cornwell's Turkeyville:***

For those interested, after the parade we will head over to Cornwell's Turkeyville USA for lunch and a visit to the Memorial Day Flea Market and Antique Show. Visit Cornwell's Website at [www.turkeyville.com](http://www.turkeyville.com).

***Questions???***

Call Simon and Gloria at 646.2180. Watch the club Website for updates. A signup sheet will be available at the May club meeting.







## NCM Hendrick Tour in the Works

The National Corvette Museum has added yet another Museum in Motion tour to our events line-up for 2011.

Mark your calendars for August 16-18 (tentative) when we will head east for a fun NASCAR-themed trip!

The plans currently include:

- Full day visit with lunch to the Hendrick Motorsports complex
- Lunch speakers will include a Hendrick driver and crew chief
- Tour of the Hendrick collection
- Tour of all the race shops on the site
- Visit to Lowes Motor Speedway, including lunch
- Tour of the NASCAR Hall of Fame Museum

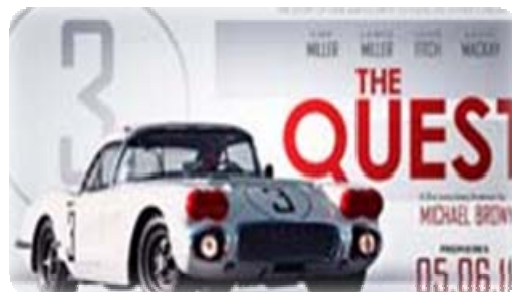
Keep your eyes and ears open for more details on this exciting adventure, and as always - additional announcements will be posted in eNews.



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## 50th Year of Le Mans Film Premiere Raises Funds for Chip Miller Foundation

With all the makings of a Hollywood drama, love story and action film, “The Quest” documents the incredible story of the first Corvette to win its class at the famous track in Le Mans France in 1960. Of course the car couldn’t have done it alone – “The Quest” tells the untold tale of the driver and the man who dreamed to take the car back to France for the 50th anniversary of the win but who lost his life early to a rare disease called Amyloidosis.



For one night only, the Chip Miller Charitable Foundation (CMCF) is premiering the heartwarming documentary created by the award-winning filmmaker Michael Brown. The movie will show on Friday, May 6th at 7:30 p.m. at the Carlisle Theatre, 44 West High Street in downtown Carlisle, Pennsylvania. All proceeds from the tickets will benefit the Foundation. Visit [www.QuestDocumentary.com](http://www.QuestDocumentary.com) for tickets.

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# Sparrow Hospice Benefit Car Show

**Saturday, May 28, 2011**

**10:00 am – 4:00 pm**

at

**Bud Kouts Chevrolet**

2801 E Michigan Avenue

Lansing, Michigan 48912

**Registration - \$15.00 (begins @ 8:30 am)**

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## Another Great NCM Cruise!



Thanks to everyone who participated in our Annual NCM Cruise! This year's trip took Museum Enthusiasts to beautiful Hawaii. If you

didn't get the chance to participate, we've already made plans for the 2012 Cruise!

February 12, 2012 our 14 night cruise kicks off on the Celebrity Infinity "around the horn" of South America, promising lots of fun and fellowship. Stops include Chile, Argentina and Uruguay with fascinating views of mountain peaks, fjords and rainforests.

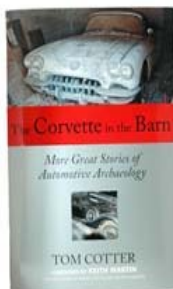
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## "Build Your Own" Grand Sport Winner Drawn!

Friday, April 29 is your chance to win a 2011 Supersonic Blue Coupe, VIN 03! The car features titanium leather interior and an automatic transmission... it also has the 4LT package with navigation! Only 500 tickets are available at \$300 each. Learn more and buy tickets online at: [corvettemuseum.org/raffle](http://corvettemuseum.org/raffle) or call 800-538-3883.

Congratulations to Mark Welker of Fairport, NY! He held winning ticket #1386 in our April 14 drawing for a "Build Your Own" Grand Sport! We sold 1492 of the 1994 tickets available.

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Submitted by : Joe Thomas



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

Meeting called to order at 6:30 PM by President Craig Iansiti.

**President - Craig Iansiti** opened the meeting with a synopsis of current things going on with club members. A discussion followed by the group as to what to do to help members who are afflicted with an incapacitating illness.

He also informed board members of a Corvette which is for sale and passed around a flyer he had received for this car.

Craig reported the addition of 2 new members, Dennis & Sandy Burt.

Craig reported on emails he has received from different clubs. One of the more interesting events to take place June 3rd thru the 5th was received from Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce. The chamber is inviting some decision makers from different car clubs to come discover Kalamazoo with the hopes that they will frequent Kalamazoo for possible future car shows, etc. They plan to give a lot of 'free' accommodations, entrance fees, etc. to stir up interest.

Craig passed around an application for our two Career Center Scholarships just to let Board Members know what all is involved in getting a scholarship since our club funds two such scholarships.

Craig also showed a sign-up sheet for volunteers for the Bud Kout's Car Show. The emphasis will be to get volunteers early! He will have this sign-up sheet prominently displayed at future meetings.

Craig showed a Draft Ballot for the Horsepower at the Zoo. He said he will send it out for review and suggestions in an email to Board members.

A discussion followed on how to treat notices of other club's events. He is continually sent notices about events occurring in the area and wanted to have suggestions as to how to present them to membership. Gloria volunteered information on how she displayed these events on the website. She lists our club's events, other local club's events, state events, and a few national events. Out of state events are not as widely advertised.

Craig said he would follow up with Scott Bauries about club business cards which the club had previously discussed.

**Secretary - Connie Britz** asked for approval of March board meeting minutes. These were approved.

**Treasurer - Mike Britz** reported balance in current account since opening new account with MSU Credit Union. It was noted that there was a mistake in the printing of the checks. He said after checking with the bank, they did not see any problem with the minor mistake made in the club name by the printing company.

**Governor - Simon Reiffer** reported he will attend the regional meeting to be held in Lansing on April 26th and the National governors meeting to be held in St. Louis on April 30th. It will be announced at that meeting whether future meetings will be held in Indianapolis instead of St. Louis. Simon also stated he had lapel pins and could probably still get more if warranted.

**Points - Kim Keith** reported that points were current but still needed to be sent to webmaster, Gloria. He would get the updates to Gloria as soon as possible.

**Membership - Dave Pursel** said membership totals 89 with the addition of two new members mentioned by Craig. There is still 1 honorary member and the FCOA's stand at 68. Dave said there had been some confusion with the FCOA's receiving packets and promised to rectify the situation.

**Editor - Randy Buck** had nothing to report.

**Competition - Rich Bratschi** led discussion about a donation to be made in the name of Ray Meesseman Scholarship Fund that the Michigan Region sponsors. It was decided this topic would be brought up at the general meeting.

**Public Relations - Sandy Bechtel** had nothing to report.

**Social - Carol Putmon** reported she had 12 cars for the Vermontville Parade. She also said Ted Lasher had gotten a flyer together to be included in the newsletter about the upcoming Heritage Tour. She asked for suggestions and volunteers for future breakfast get-togethers.

**Hearts and Flowers - Julie Lasher** was not in attendance but **Sue Keith** had spoken with her and agreed to lead a discussion about the Hearts & Flowers Budget. Sue told members that upon investigating old records, there were a lot of things previously mentioned that we are not currently doing. It was decided to revise procedures and there was discussion about the possibility of increasing the amount in the 2012 budget from the current \$100.00 to \$300.00. This will again be discussed at next month's general membership meeting.

**Historian - Sue Keith** told board members about the wealth of 'goodies' found in the box of archives. She is currently composing lists of club officers which date back to 1973!

**Sue** also asked Board Members to write a job description for Executive and Appointed offices to be included in a Procedure Manual. This request is to be completed as soon as possible so that the Procedure Manual will be ready for the upcoming Board Nominations. Board members may email or get the information to **Sue** any way which they feel is the easiest for them.

**NCM Ambassador - Joe Thomas** was not present

**Photographer - Ted Lasher** was not in attendance

**Quartermaster - Randy Putmon** did not have anything new to report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms - Patrick Lickfeldt** shared a complementary article about Simon Reiffer from Vicki Dozier's column in the Lansing State Journal which appeared Tuesday, April 12.

**Webmaster - Gloria Reiffer** discussed the website.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by **Connie Britz, Secretary**





## Sparrow Hospital Volunteer of the Month

Written by: Vickki Dozier at LSJ.COM



**T**he Sparrow Women's Board of Managers and Sparrow Volunteer Services Department have selected Simon Reiffer of Dimondale as the April volunteer of the month.

Reiffer began volunteering at Sparrow in 2004 after a fall from a ladder left him with both legs paralyzed. His two-month stay in the hospital gave him a lengthy and up-close opportunity to get to know the staff who cared for him and the many volunteers who took care of his special needs in so many ways. He learned about volunteering from watching and interacting with the many volunteers who played a significant role in his hospital stay. He decided when he was released and able to do so, he too, would become a volunteer.

Seven years later, Reiffer continues to volunteer and presently serves as president of the Patient Ambassadors. He volunteers twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday. His infectious smile emits a positive energy that is felt by all.

Those who know Reiffer feel that despite his handicap, or because of it, he is a dedicated and dependable volunteer who is unfailingly upbeat about Sparrow's evolving practices and place in the community. He is always a welcome familiar figure to patients and associates. He brings the best to the bedside in order to enhance the patient's experience and demonstrate Sparrow's ICARE values - "Every patient, every time, no excuses!"

Reiffer grew up in Grand Rapids and upon graduating from high school went to work at a Meijer warehouse. In 1977, he transferred to a Lansing warehouse where he worked until he retired with disability in 2003.

He and his wife, Gloria, have three grown children - two live in Grand Rapids and one lives in Lansing. They have six grandchildren.

Reiffer enjoys his membership in the Capital City Corvette Club and is able to drive his beloved car with hand gears. He and his wife have enjoyed trips to Colorado, Tennessee, Toronto and the Upper Peninsula.

Submitted by: Randy Buck





# HORSEPOWER AT THE ZOO 2011

Sunday, September 18 at the Potter Park Zoo  
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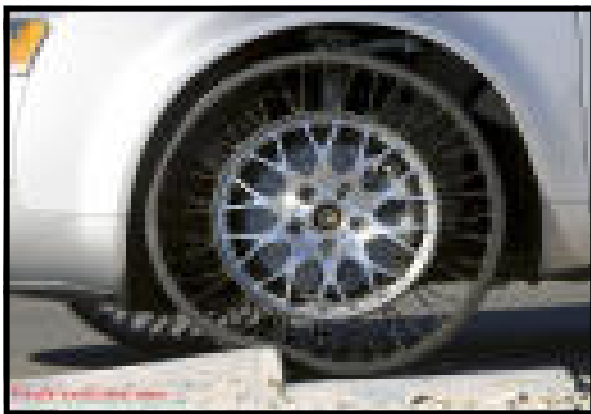
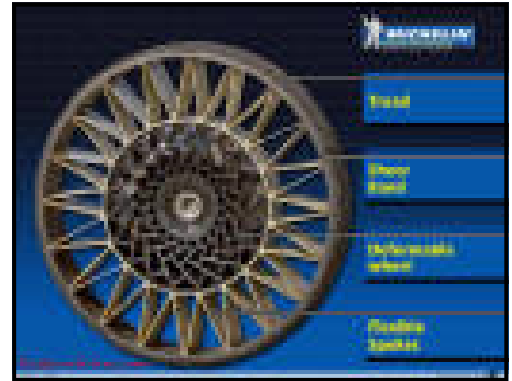
# Tweel New Airless Tire From Michelin

Article from [www.fastcoolcars.com](http://www.fastcoolcars.com)

**T**he all new airless tire from Michelin recently came out into the public's eye early in , 2005. Although it appears to be a pretty good idea and concept, they probably will not be available to the general public soon. I have looked at the idea and think it is cool, although I don't know what to think of the center rim selection that you haven't got a choice with. I'm sure that the police will probably not like the idea because the spike strips will definitely be ineffective with a set of these on your ride. The ride and handling seem to be very effective.

The first automobile to use air-filled tires was a race car built by André and Edouard Michelin in the early 1890s. More than a century later, the French company founded by the Michelin brothers is so identified with pneumatic tires that its mascot, Bibendum, is a man made of little else.

The tire maker has high expectations for the Tweel. The concept of a single-piece tire and wheel assembly is one that the company expects to spread to passenger cars and construction equipment and aircraft. The Tweel offers a number of benefits beyond being impervious to nails in the road. The tread will last two to three times as long as current radial tires, Michelin says, and when it does wear thin, it can be retreaded. For manufacturers, the Tweel offers an opportunity to reduce the number of parts, eliminating most of the 23 components of a typical new tire as well as the costly air-pressure monitors that will soon be required on new vehicles in the United States. Manufacturers have devoted an increasing amount of attention to tires that allow motorists to continue driving, at a reduced speed, for at least 100 miles, or 160 kilometers after a puncture. Several such designs are available, providing peace of mind for travelers and cutting the need for spare tires. Michelin sells them under the Pax name.



The Tweel, mounted on a car, is a single unit, though it actually begins as an assembly of four pieces bonded together: the hub, a polyurethane spoke section, a "shear band" surrounding the spokes and the tread band - the rubber layer that wraps around the circumference and touches the pavement. While the Tweel's hub functions as it would in a normal wheel - a rigid piece that attaches to the axle - the polyurethane spokes are flexible, to help absorb road impacts. The shear band surrounding the spokes effectively takes the place of the air pressure, distributing the load. The tread is similar in appearance to a conventional tire. While the Tweel's hub functions as it would in a normal wheel - a rigid piece that attaches to the axle - the polyurethane spokes are flexible, to help absorb road impacts. The

shear band surrounding the spokes effectively takes the place of the air pressure, distributing the load. The tread is similar in appearance to a conventional tire.

One shortcoming of a tire filled with air is that the pressure is distributed equally around the tire, both up and down as well as side to side. That property keeps the tire round, but it also means that raising the pressure to improve cornering - increasing lateral stiffness - also adds up-down stiffness, making the ride harsher. The Tweel is in its infancy - "version 1.0," Thompson said, and only one set of car Tweels exists. A test drive in a Tweel-equipped Audi A4 sedan on roads around Michelin's research center proved to be far less exotic than the construction method or appearance would suggest. The prototype Tweels are noisy, as Thompson warned they would be, because the spokes vibrate. Other uses - military vehicles, for example - would come before automobiles, but Michelin's business projections accommodate the possibility that the Tweel may not be an overnight success. This would be nothing new for Michelin: The radial tire it invented in 1946 was not widely accepted in the United States until the 1970s. Other uses - military vehicles, for example - would come before automobiles, but Michelin's business projections accommodate the possibility that the Tweel may not be an overnight success. This would be nothing new for Michelin: The radial tire it invented in 1946 was not widely accepted in the United States until the 1970s.

**Submitted by: Janet Iansiti**





## 9 TH ANNUAL CAR SHOW

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Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>

Sanction#MI-062-075 - Fun Rally Sanction#MI-062-077 - Poker Rally

Sanction#MI-062-076 - Game Rally Sanction#MI-062-078 - Game Rally

Registration Opens 10:00 am Drivers meeting: 11:00 am

Registration Closes 10:45 am First Car Out 11:15 am

Entry Fee: All events for \$25.00 per vehicle

Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

Sanction#MI-062-079 - Car Show Pre Registration \$10.00 (Bag/Plaque)

Car Show: 10:00 am to 2:00pm Day of Show \$10.00

Registration: 8:30 to 10:00 am

Judging: 10:00am to 12:30pm



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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> 2011

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Saturday, June 11, 2011

Please join us as the Kalamazoo Corvette Club celebrates our 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary and the Vicksburg Old Car Festival celebrates 31 years.



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## *CCCC Summer Getaway to Mackinaw City ~ August 25 – 28*



This is a fun time to get to know everyone. We do lots of socializing between eating, daily ice cream runs and our bonfires on the beach every night.

With all of the Corvettes arriving, downtown Mackinaw City is the place to be Friday night. We usually eat at the Pancake Chef because they can accommodate our large group and they have a very nice buffet dinner.

### *Caravan Details*

**Thursday:** We will caravan from Clark Corners (Clark Road and Old US 27) at 10:00 am. We plan to stop at the Houghton Lake Big Boy for lunch along the way. We are open to suggestions on where to plan a day trip for Friday.

**Friday:** Another group will head up on Friday morning. Please contact Simon or Gloria if you would be interested in leading the Friday group.

### *Lodging Details*

The Waterfront Inn is an older motel and offers many first floor rooms with parking in front of your room. Mackinaw Beach & Bay All Suites Resort is right next door. Capital City Corvette Club member rates are below. Get your reservations in early to get the room style you want.

**Waterfront Inn**  
1009 South Huron Ave  
Mackinaw City MI 49701  
231.436.5527 or  
1.800.962.9832  
[www.largestbeach.com](http://www.largestbeach.com)

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

**Courtside –**  
2 queens  
\$59 on Thursday  
\$79 on Friday & Saturday

**Courtside –**  
2 doubles, or 1 king,  
or 1 queen  
\$49 on Thursday  
\$69 on Friday & Saturday

for room details.

**Mackinaw Beach & Bay All Suites Resort**  
929 South Huron Avenue  
Mackinaw City, MI 49701  
1.800.468.7736  
Visit [www.mbbresort.com](http://www.mbbresort.com) for room amenity details.

**Suite A (2 rooms) –**  
1 king, 1 queen, 1 queen  
sofa sleeper (room for 6)  
\$99 on Thursday  
\$159 on Friday & Saturday

**Suite B (2 rooms) –**  
1 king, 2 queens, 1 queen  
sofa sleeper (room for 8)  
\$119 on Thursday  
\$179 on Friday & Saturday

*All rates are for two adults. Add \$5 additional per night per additional adult. Cancellation time expires at 6 p.m. 3 days prior to arrival day, not including the day of arrival. Failure to comply with cancellation requirement will allow hotel to charge for one nights stay.*

Contact Simon or Gloria with any questions about the weekend. We hope you can join us!

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## *Corvette Crossroads ~ August 27*

The show takes place on a paved parking lot behind Mackinaw Crossing Mall from 10:00 – 2:00 Saturday, August 27, with the awards presentation at 3:00. Cost to enter the show is \$25 if pre-registered by August 5; \$35 thereafter. The registration form is available on our Website. Pre-registration packets can be picked up at the Chamber Office in the Mackinaw Crossings Mall between 10:00 – 6:00 Friday, or at the show Saturday. Saturday evening the Corvettes parade through the downtown district and then cross the Mackinac Bridge. Parade participation is free to registered Corvettes; \$5 if taking part in the parade only.

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# Capital City Corvette Club



## Participation Points as of April 16, 2011

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12	Sandy Bechtel	1	Catherine Eiseman	1	Carlo Litrenta	0	Richard Shatkosky*
5	James Boettcher	1	Raoul Eiseman	1	Janet Litrenta	0	Bill Simons
5	Mara Boettcher	0	Jennifer Everhart*	5	Bob Maynard	2	Thomas Sipka
5	Colleen Bratschi	0	Randy Gisse	3	Shalimar Maynard	0	Victor Smith
10	Rich Bratschi	1	Vidal Gonzalez	0	Linda McMillan	0	Loretta Spinrad
8	Connie Britz	3	Howard Hein	0	Barb Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
9	Mike Britz	2	Angela Hyde	0	Steve Musselman	1	Janet Sprague
0	David Brown	14	Craig Iansiti	2	Dominique Palacios	1	Michael Sprague
2	Diana Brown-Mosher	8	Janet Iansiti	2	Jerry Palacios	1	Ralph Swan
10	NancyLee Buck	1	Dick Iding	6	Diana Parks	1	Susan Swan
14	Randy Buck	2	Greg Kapp	8	Howard Parks	8	Connie Taylor
4	Chris Burke	10	Kim Keith	0	Joe Platte	8	Tom Taylor
4	Terry Burke	9	Sue Keith	2	Ed Politza	8	Joseph Thomas*
0	Dennis Burt	0	Frank Kessler	2	Suzanne Politza	4	Harold Twining
0	Sandy Burt	0	Judy Kessler	9	David Pursel	4	Katherine Twining
2	Dana Conley	0	Fred Koos	2	Kathryn Pursel	2	Sue VanAtta
2	Darrell Conley	0	Judy Koos	11	Carol Putmon	0	Larry Warren*
4	Dave Cripe*	5	Sheila Lansing	8	Randy Putmon	0	Linda Warren*
2	Pat Cripe	10	Julie Lasher	15	Gloria Reiffer	0	Lee Webster
1	Darwin Day	10	Ted Lasher	14	Simon Reiffer	4	Larry Wight
2	Art Doty*	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	12	Robert Ribar	2	Gary Wyma
2	Nancy Doty*	4	Patrick Lickfeldt	0	Brenda Shatkosky*	2	Kathy Wyma

## Current 2011 Top Ten

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15	Gloria Reiffer	14	Simon Reiffer	11	Carol Putmon	10	Rich Bratschi
14	Randy Buck	12	Sandy Bechtel	10	Kim Keith	10	NancyLee Buck
14	Craig Iansiti	12	Robert Ribar	10	Julie Lasher	10	Ted Lasher



\*NCCC number is with another Michigan Region club.



# May 2011



## Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 7:00-8:30pm General Membership Meeting	5	6	7 10:00 am Rallye - LCC (S)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 8:30 am Driving School - CCC, KCC, MAG (NS)  10:00 am - 2:00 pm Blessing of the Vettes - CCCC (NS)
15 8:00 am Car Show - CCBC (S)	16	17	18 6:30 - 8:30 pm Board Meeting	19	20	21 9:00 - 10:30 am Let's Meet for Breakfast!
22	23	24	25	26	27 5:00 pm Jackson Cruise In	28 10:00 am - 4:00 pm Sparrow Hospice Car Show - CCCC
29 9:00 am Low Speed - CCM (NS)	30 8:00 am Marshall Memorial Day Parade / Cornwall's Turkeyville	31				



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