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## Upcoming Events

### General Membership Meeting

September 7th • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### Board Meeting

September 21st • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### CAPITAL CITY CRUISE IN

September 13th • See Flyer

### Lets Meet For Breakfast

September 17th , 9:00 a.m.

Sophia's House of Pancakes

### HORSEPOWER AT THE ZOO

September 18th • See Flyer

### FALL GETAWAY

September 30th • See Flyer

### BACKYARD BBQ AND HAYRIDE

September 24th • See Flyer

### FALL COLOR TOUR

October 8th • See Flyer

### BINGO AT TAMARACK

November 5th

### September Birthdays

Linda McMillan (01) • Thomas Taylor (01) • Dave Cripe (08) • Judy Kessler (09)

Kim Keith (09) • Frank Kessler (14) • Julie Lasher (15) • Jerry Palacio (16)

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Send all September newsletter articles to  
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## From The President...



**W**e're packing up again for another out of town event. Off to Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City, then a short jaunt for a few more days in the U.P. along the Lake Superior shoreline. We are trying to squeeze as much summer out of what is left, and so far the weather has cooperated. By the time you read this, we will have had either a nice sunny trip, or experienced the rain we have come to expect up that-a-way. Janet and I managed to get in a little time sailing this summer, and had a great weekend at Whitehall with the old marina gang. Something

out that way, along the coast, would make a perfect Drive 'n Dine. Maybe next year!

Elections are coming up, so put on your thinking caps for nominations to the Board. Anyone is eligible for a Board position, except you must have previously served on the Board to run for President. It's a fun job, if you could call it that, so consider running if you like to get involved in club functions.

As much as I hate to say it, we should be looking into storage options for this winter. If you prefer not to take up home garage space with the Vette over the winter, it's probably not too soon to be looking into someplace to put the baby. A couple club members do have some space available for storage at a reasonable cost, but don't wait until the last minute. You could be left out in the snow. Next month I'll put together some storage hints – if I don't forget.

Coming up: Horsepower at the Zoo, September 18<sup>th</sup>. A fun time for all, so be sure to set aside the day. Also check the club calendar for a number of other events over the next couple of months, like the fall getaway, and the annual color tour. Like they say, "It ain't over 'till it's over". Lots of good summer and fall left to play with our cars and friends.

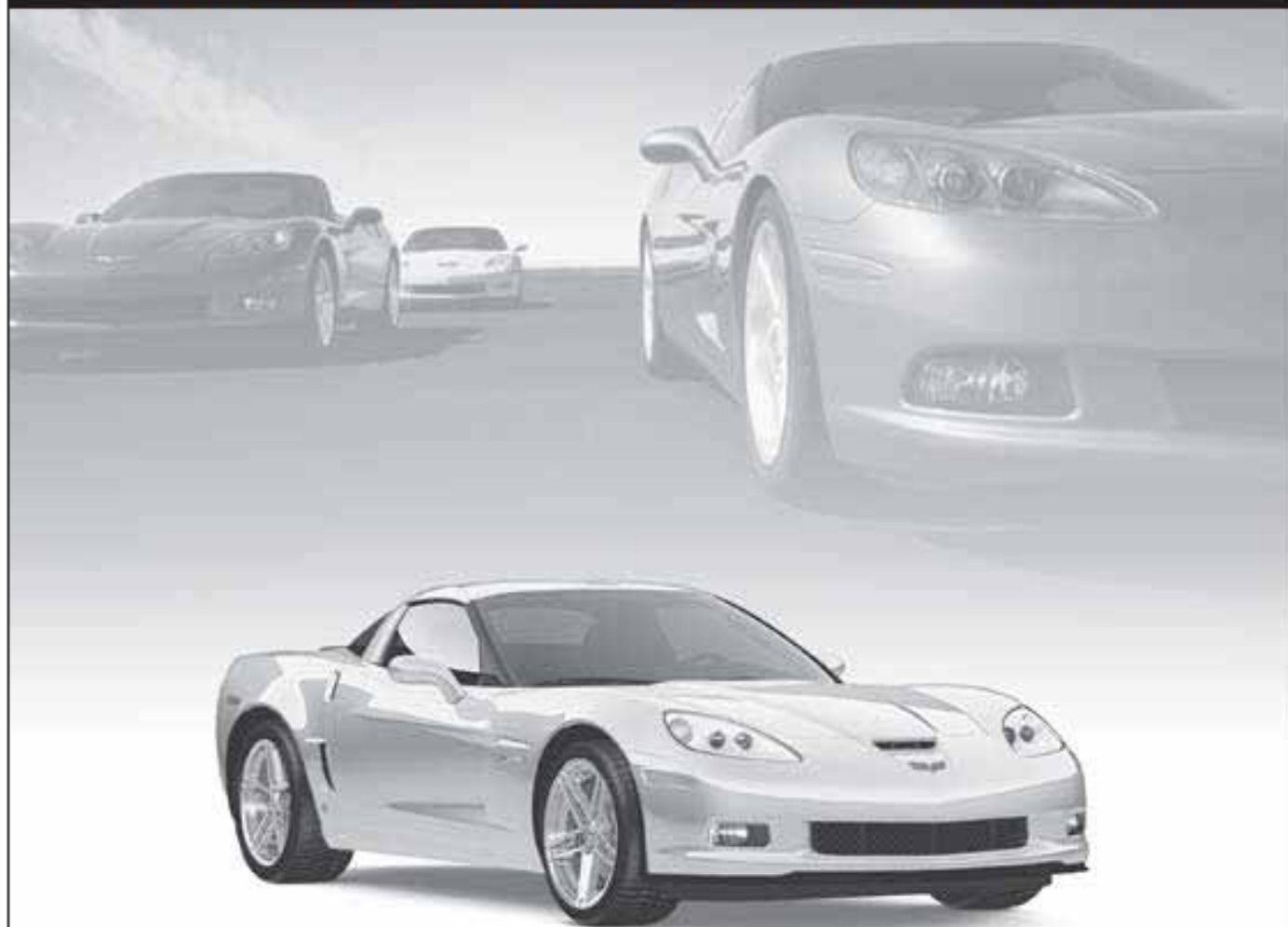
I guess it's time to slather up with mosquito dope, and go mow the lawn. Almost makes me wish for winter.....Almost!

*Craig*





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# CORVETTES AT MIS - WHAT AN EXPERIENCE!



by Scott Bauries

Sunday, August 21, 8:30 a.m., VFW Hall, Onsted, Michigan — 50 Corvettes are sitting in the rain awaiting the signal to line up behind a Michigan State Trooper to be escorted to Michigan International Speedway. Everyone milling about waiting for the rain to stop to dry off our cars. Although most cars are from the Jackson Corvette Club, three are member cars from the Capital City Corvette Club. Bill Bratschi, son of Rich & Colleen, in a 1999 white convertible, Terry and Chris Burke in their 2000 red convertible and Scott and his father Fred in Scott's 1998 white convertible. At one time or another all three of us had a chance to chat among ourselves and also with our fellow Corvetters from Jackson as we eagerly awaited our next move. Around 9:00 the sun finally makes an appearance and we all scramble to dry and tidy up our cars!

Around 10:00 we line up and follow the state trooper up to the track where we are first staged behind the entertainment building outside of turn 2. We have a second opportunity to chat, touch up the cars and meet with track officials and receive our first set of instructions for the day. At the appointed time we are led from the staging area to

the "skid pad" on the inside of the back stretch of the track where we are staged once again for our final instructions. What a site to behold! Although I've been attending races and MIS since 1972 the magnitude of the facility really hits home when your walking around ON the track instead of watching from the stands or on TV, even onboard cameras in the race cars don't do it justice. Now for the final drivers meeting. We're told we'll roll out after the Clydesdales come by, we're given a program and a souvenir matchbox car and a bottle of water for the race driver we'll be picking up. Cool! Souvenirs and a chance to see the Clydesdales up close, this day is getting better all the time! The atmosphere is overwhelming, fans in the infield are shouting how great the cars look! Here come the horses, WOW what a site, never in my life have I seen the Budweiser cart and Clydesdales up close, what a beautiful site. Oops, forgot we roll after the horses, quickly we have to jump in the car and get rolling.

It's about noon now. We're now driving up on the high banks of the track, way up next to the wall coming from turn 1 driving toward turn 4 and the start-finish line where we stop and wait for driver

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## Corvettes At MIS

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introductions to begin. Driving up on the banks and sitting on the front stretch is another eye opening experience. The sensation is indescribable as you feel like the car should slide down, or worse, roll over down the banking, but of course we don't. Again we get to listen as the fans ooh and aah about the cars on the track, gotta love our 'vettes.



The time has come, driver introductions have started and we're slowly moving closer to the start finish line to pick up our driver. One more turn, oh my god that's a BIG DOWNHILL- I sure hope the brakes hold, and I see **Juan Pablo Montoya** approaching our car. In

his career Montoya has won the 1999 CART IndyCar Series Championship, the 2000 Indianapolis 500 and the 2003 Monaco Formula 1 Grand Prix, to list a few. This is SO COOL! Being an IndyCar and Formula 1 fan for many years I had watched Montoya come up through both series before he switched to NASCAR, I couldn't have been more thrilled. And then the experience got BETTER. As he climbs up on the car between us I hear "How are you guys doing today?" How COOL, turns out he's a talker, very friendly and funny. He asked lots of questions, "how did we get to drive in the parade?" "was the car new?" "did I get a good deal?" "what did I pay for the car?" "WOW that WAS a good deal!", all this before even getting to turn one. He was also more than happy to autograph my owners manual. As we continued along the low side of the track it was fun to not only listen to Juan's questions and conversation, but also to hear the fan reaction as we drove by. As we went down the back stretch we heard one lady shout out how much she loved him. He just chuckled and hoped that she hadn't "been up all night drinking and shouting

like that." That comment had all three of us laughing. As we entered turn 4 the parade once again climbed the banks up close to the wall and as we approached the start finish line again we made that BIG downhill turn, this time to the left, and headed back to the pit entrance and our point of exit for Juan. As he hopped out he thanked us for the ride and wished us a good day. And off we went to the garage area. As quickly as it started the thrill was over, but the memory will be with me and my dad forever. Especially with the video my dad shot as we were driving around the track.

As for the rest of the Capital City group, sadly Terry & Chris ended up as an alternate car so they didn't have a driver ride with them but they were part of the parade around the track and in talking with Terry on Monday he said "it was a very good day all around!" Bill Bratschi and his guest were the luckiest of the bunch of us. They ended up with the days eventual race winner, Kyle Busch! According to Bill they had quite the good time as well. When they arrived at the drop off point Kyle asked them to keep going. He had them drive him most of the way back to his transporter. Cool, a little extra time with the driver. All in all I'd say everyone had a great day!

That was our day at MIS! Started out wet, dried off in time for the event, and was sadly over way too soon! What a great way to be able to represent the Capital City Corvette Club.



## *Capital City Cruise In*

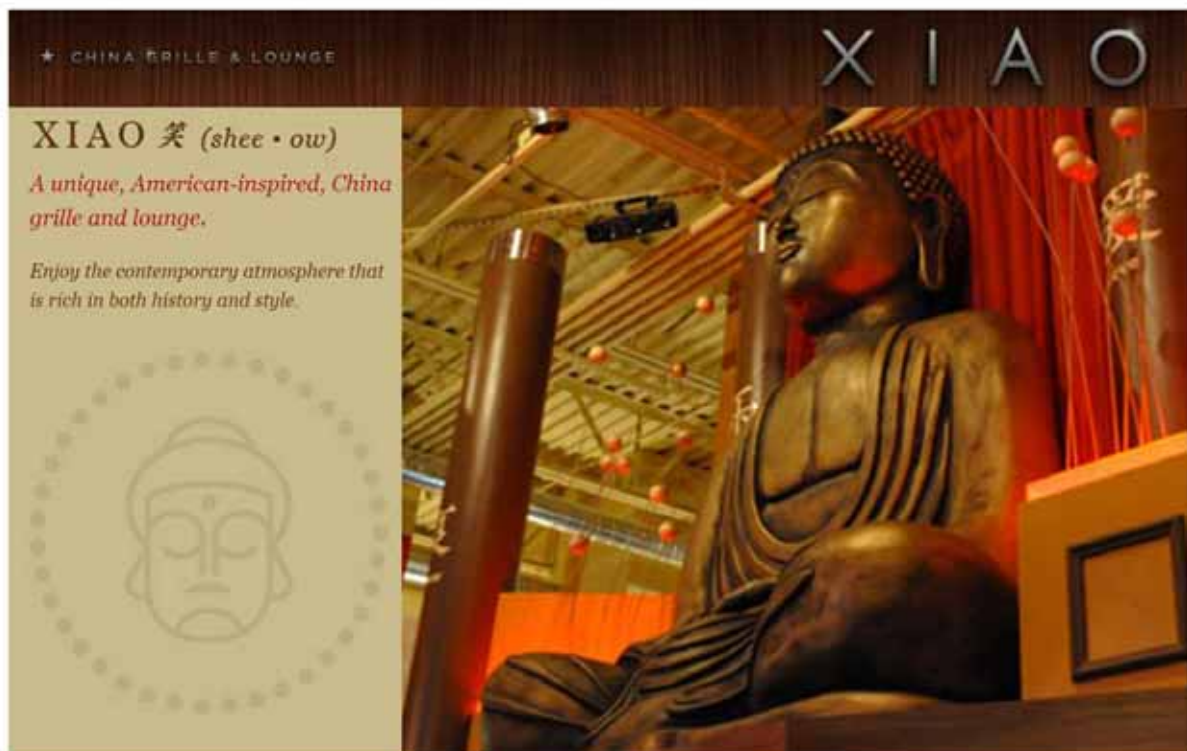
**Location:** XIAO China Grille & Lounge  
3415 East Saginaw, Lansing, MI  
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**Date:** Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Dining Cost:** \$15 - \$20, yet there will be a 25% discount

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## **It's DUES Time Again !!! Please Don't Wait till it's too LATE ...**

The deadline for Membership Renewal is November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. If you are interested in running for an elected office and/or voting in the November election, your dues must be paid.

**Please consider renewing at either the September 7<sup>th</sup> or October 5<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meetings.**

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Thanks for your Cooperation.

David Pursel

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

# Capital City Corvette Club

2012 Board of Directors

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According to the Capital City Corvette Club By-Laws (2008), Article IV, Section B, 1a,  
the President must have held a prior office in the club.

**The following current members have held an elected office in the club.**

Scott Bauries	Ted Iasher
Sandy Bechtel	Shalimar Maynard
Rich Bratschi	Bob Maynard
Colleen Bratschi	Joe Platte
Mike Britz	Ed Politza
Connie Britz	Suzanne Politza
Randy Buck	Dave Pursel
Terry Burke	Carol Putmon
Chris Burke	Simon Reiffer
Pat Cripe	Gloria Reiffer
Angela Hyde	Steve Spinrad
Craig Iansiti	Loretta Spinrad
Greg Kapp	Gary Wyma
Kim Keith	Kathy Wyma





# Capital City Award Winners

## *Corvettes America Award(s)*

Dominique & Jerry Palacios won top prize at Corvettes America with over three hundred and fifty corvettes from as far as California, Texas, Florida, and Canada. They won best of show for C6 corvettes and 2<sup>nd</sup> place for show and shine. (Jerry said that Dominique left a speck on one of the wheels or they would have taken 1<sup>st</sup> place.) Dominique was asked by one of the GM engineers of the ZR1 to do graphics for his own personal Corvette but she declined the offer. (Nice trophy!)

Watch [www.CorvettesAmerica.org](http://www.CorvettesAmerica.org) for additional pictures of this national event, which took place on August 13, 2011 in White Lake, Michigan.



## *NCRS Duntov Mark of Excellence Award*



Harold Twining won the NCRS Duntov award with his 1959 Crown Sapphire Coupe at the 2011 NCRS convention! This award was created by the National Corvette Restorers Society in 1985, in honor of Mr. Zora Arkus-Duntov, long-time Chief Engineer for the Chevrolet Corvette, who retired from General Motors in 1975. The Duntov Award recognizes individuals for the restoration and preservation of 1953 -1974 Corvettes.

To achieve this coveted award, an owner must attain a judging score of at least 97% out of 100% based on an original "as manufactured" standard at a National or Regional NCRS event; as well as present the car for a rigorous performance test of all vehicle mechanical components and functions, all of which must operate as those of a new car, without a single failure. Finally, the car must again score at least 97%, at a National NCRS Convention, to receive the Duntov Award. The process of achieving the Duntov Award requires attendance at a minimum of three events, and must be completed within a three year period. Only 1,525 Corvettes have achieved the NCRS Duntov Mark of Excellence Award.

## *Back to the Bricks Award(s)*

Dominique gets Bricked at Back to the Bricks Corvette Reunion in Flint, MI on August 20. She won two Back to the Bricks trophies with real bricks. She took a Trophy for top fifty Corvettes at the show, with over 300 Corvettes in attendance and was also was presented with a trophy and certificate for top 30 Corvettes for nomination for selection for the Motor City Corvette Concours, Metro Detroit's Premier Corvette Event, which will be held September 24.



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## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

### August 3rd , 2011 Membership Meeting



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

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by President Craig Iansiti.

**President - Craig Iansiti** introduced guests Alex and Joan Spitzley from DeWitt and their son-in-law Robert Wheeler from Brighton (all three joined CCCC this evening). He then announced that two of our members had new vehicles. Scott Bauries now has a 1998 white C5 convertible and the Palacios now have a 2009 ZR-1. He also announced that Harold Twining's 1959 Crown Sapphire Coupe recently won the NCRS 2011 Duntov Award.

Craig then talked about the July events that had taken place. The Onsted Show Car Nationals was attended by Iansiti's and Bratschi's. The Sparrow Hospice show at Logan Steak House raised \$2,100 for Hospice. There was a good turnout for the drive and dine to the Air Zoo in Kalamazoo and everyone seemed to have a good time.

Craig thanked everyone who helped out at the Spartan Speedway event the past weekend. Final proceeds to our club were \$837.91. Colleen and Rich Bratschi did a wonderful job of organizing the event.

There was discussion of upcoming non-club events and it was noted that flyers and catalogs were available on the table.

Janet Iansiti gave an update on the Horsepower at the Zoo car show coming up September 18<sup>th</sup>. She explained the show for guests and new members, and requested assistance with donations of cash and door prizes from businesses. She also reminded members they could purchase a mini sponsorship for \$50. Workers will be needed and a sign-up sheet will be available next meeting.

Craig announced there are plans for a U.P. side-trip to Grand Marais and Munising following Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw later this month. Anyone wishing information on what is planned can contact Craig or Colleen Bratschi for details.

Everyone was reminded that nominations for the 2012 Board of Directors will be taken at the September and October membership meetings. Craig asked for volunteers for a nomination committee. Colleen Bratschi volunteered, but no one else did, so appointments may be made. It was noted that in order to run for president a member must have previously served on the board of directors. Sue Keith has a list of those members who have served on the board, and this will be published in the newsletter for the next two months.

**Governor/VP - Simon Reiffer** stated there is a regional NCCC meeting coming up the end of August and a national meeting in September. He reminded everyone that on August 13<sup>th</sup> the America's Corvette Club will host a sanctioned car show at the Alpine Ski Resort, and our club will get points if any members attend.

**Secretary - Connie Britz** was not present. Craig requested and received approval of the July membership meeting minutes.

**Treasurer - Mike Britz** was not present.

**Points - Kim Keith** stated the points were up to date on the website with the exception of the Sunday portion of Spartan Speedway. He reminded everyone to make sure they sign in at meetings and events to receive their points. Also, if anyone attends a non-club event they should email him so he will know to give them points. He again offered static clings for sale with the club name and logo.

**Membership - Dave Pursel** stated our membership total stands unchanged at 92 members. Our FCOA total is down to 62 due to a couple of youngsters having their 16<sup>th</sup> birthday. (Membership ended up at 95, with three new members joining at the end of the meeting).

**Editor - Randy Buck** asked for articles for the newsletter. If you have something to submit you can mail or email it to him. Points are given for newsletter contributions.

**Competition - Rich Bratschi** stated the recent Spartan Speedway autocross event was a success. He thanked everyone again for their help, with special thanks to Colleen Bratschi who coordinated all the great food. He again stated proceeds were down due to fewer drivers this year. The weather may have also been a factor, but next year we need to really promote the event. This is the only event our club does that the proceeds go to us, not to a charity.

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## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB August 3rd , 2011 Membership Meeting



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**Public Relations - Sandy Bechtel** reported she had talked to Dick Iding, our sponsor, to see if he had any comments or concerns. He said just tell everyone to be sure and bring their cars to Bud Kouts for service and get their 10% discount. He also said they need to sell cars. Sandy is working on an article for the newsletter about the Bud Kouts dealership and their sponsorship of our club.

**Social - Carol Putmon** awarded candy bars for the members with birthdays in August. She also reviewed the upcoming social events: Cones & Bones on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>; Meet for Breakfast on Saturday, August 20<sup>th</sup>; Corvette Crossroads, August 26-28; Putmon Bonfire & Hayride, September 24<sup>th</sup>; Fall Color Tour, October 8<sup>th</sup>; Bingo at Tamarack in November.

Carol asked Greg Kapp to give details on his upcoming plans for a Fall Get-Away to Portage Point Inn on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Greg said they had a good time last year and hope to do the same this year. Besides driving and eating, there is golf, casinos and shopping opportunities. Anyone interested in going should call or email Greg.

Craig reminded everyone that the Jackson Corvette Club is having their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary car show and celebration on September 24<sup>th</sup>, the same day as the Putmon bonfire. Their club is looking for cars that represent all 50 years to be displayed at the show. They will be sending a list of years they need, in case any members want to volunteer to attend with their car. Craig encouraged everyone to attend the Jackson celebration, and then go to Putmon's afterwards.

**Hearts and Flowers - Julie Lasher** was not present but Ted Lasher noted that in Julie's absence he would send a sympathy card to Tom Taylor whose mother recently passed away

**Historian - Sue Keith** displayed a plaque that was awarded to our club by Mid-America Motorworks at their 2009 Funfest in honor of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. She also displayed a photo album of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary car show and celebration put together by Gloria Reiffer. Gloria said she also has the photos on DVD. Sue said she is still looking for newsletters from 2004 if anyone knows the whereabouts of any.

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

**Photographer - Ted Lasher** reported he had taken over 600 pictures at our Spartan Speedway event and would be posting many of them to the website soon.

**Quartermaster - Randy Putmon** was not present. Craig informed everyone there was a problem with two of the club's easy-up canopies having broken braces. In the future anyone assisting with putting these up or down needs to be careful the braces are moved in before folding the canopy.

**Sergeant-at-Arms - Patrick Lickfeldt** was not present.

**Webmaster - Gloria Reiffer** had nothing new to report. Craig announced for the sake of our guests that Gloria had recently won the 1<sup>st</sup> place award from NCCC for the best club website

**Member Input** - One of our guests asked if it was possible to sign up for a car show on the day of the show and the answer was "yes". There is no pre-registration for HAZ.

Milton Scales stated he knows the owner of the new restaurant called Xiao and our club has been offered a 25% discount if we do an event there. Milton asked what was needed to plan an event. He was directed to Carol Putmon for assistance.

Colleen Bratschi emphasized the need for door prizes for our Horsepower at the Zoo car show. She stated that no gift was too small as we can bundle small items together. If anyone knows a business that would like to contribute we can pick up their donation.

**50/50 Drawing** – Winner received \$63. The winner was one of our guests, Joan Spitzley. Her son-in-law, Robert Wheeler, drew the winning ticket (after he stated that he hoped he would pull his mother-in-law's ticket). What are the odds?

**Adjourn** - Request to adjourn was made, seconded and approved at 7:50 P.M.

**Respectfully submitted by Janet Iansiti - Acting Secretary**



# HORSEPOWER AT THE ZOO 2011

Sunday, September 18 at the Potter Park Zoo  
1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Lansing  
8:30 am – 2:30 pm

*Hosted by the Capital City Corvette Club  
in association with the Capital Area Muscle Car Club*  
Registration 8:30 – 12 Noon • \$15 per Car at the Gate

**New Peoples-Choice Ballots  
Top Ten plus  
Best of Show, Best Paint, Best Engine,  
Best Corvette, Best Pre-1940**

**Dash Plaques for the First 60 Registrants  
Food, Free Passes to the Zoo, 50/50 Drawings  
Door Prizes, Silent Auctions, Music**

**100% of the net proceeds are donated to the  
Potter Park Zoological Society. Thank you for  
your support. See you there – Rain or Shine.**



#### **Contacts:**

**Janet Iansiti, Chairperson • 517-282-3342  
Craig Iansiti, President CCCC • 517-282-0940**

NCCC Sanction NS 003-004 [www.cccorvette.org](http://www.cccorvette.org)





**Let's Meet for Breakfast**

**9:00am**

**September 17th**

**Sophia's House of Pancakes**

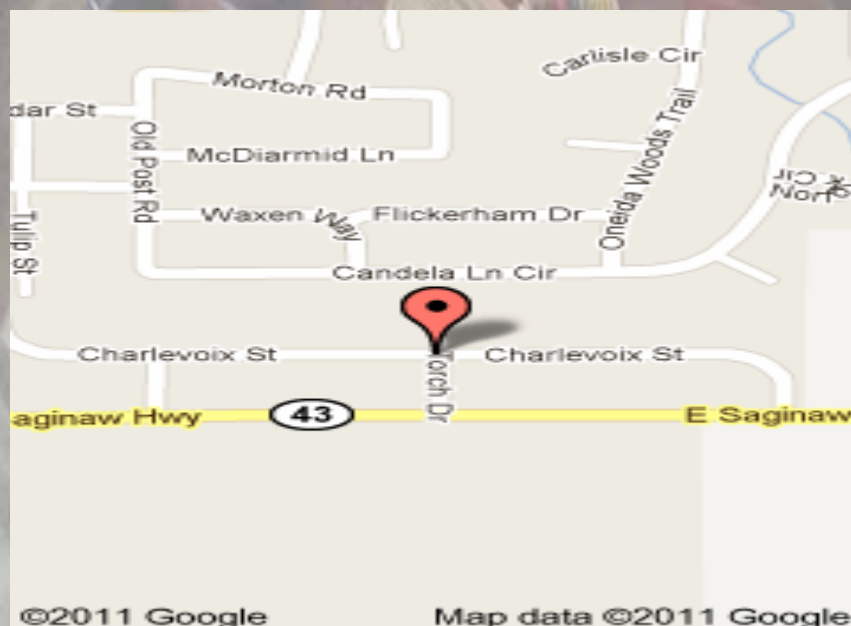
**1010 Charlevoix St • Grand Ledge**

**Corner of W Saginaw & Charlevoix St**

**RSVP: Sign up Sheet at September 7th Membership Meeting**

**Angela Hyde**

**Vettechic @ hotmail.com**





## Capital City Corvette Club



### Participation Points as of Aug 20th, 2011

49	Sandy Bechtel	1	Raoul Eiseman	13	Janet Litrenta	2	Bill Simons
19	James Boettcher	10	Jennifer Everhart*	8	Bob Maynard	22	Thomas Sipka
19	Mara Boettcher	1	Randy Gisse	3	Shalimar Maynard	0	Victor Smith
36	Colleen Bratschi	21	Vidal Gonzalez	2	Linda McMillan	0	Loretta Spinrad
45	Rich Bratschi	11	Howard Hein	10	Barb Musselman	4	Steve Spinrad
12	Connie Britz	20	Angela Hyde	10	Steve Musselman	0	Alex Spitzley
22	Mike Britz	61	Craig Iansiti	1	George Nelson	0	Joan Spitzley
0	David Brown	46	Janet Iansiti	33	Dominique Palacios	3	Janet Sprague
10	Diana Brown-Mosher	1	Dick Iding	31	Jerry Palacios	8	Michael Sprague
65	NancyLee Buck	13	Greg Kapp	6	Diana Parks	8	Ralph Swan
70	Randy Buck	56	Kim Keith	8	Howard Parks	8	Susan Swan
24	Chris Burke	57	Sue Keith	12	Joe Platte	13	Connie Taylor
32	Terry Burke	2	Frank Kessler	9	Ed Politza	13	Tom Taylor
10	Dennis Burt	2	Judy Kessler	9	Suzanne Politza	21	Joseph Thomas*
8	Sandy Burt	1	Laurie Ketcik	29	David Pursel	25	Harold Twining
8	Dana Conley	0	Fred Koos	8	Kathryn Pursel	23	Katherine Twining
8	Darrell Conley	0	Judy Koos	50	Carol Putmon	28	Sue VanAtta
15	Dave Cripe*	14	Sheila Lansing	47	Randy Putmon	0	Larry Warren*
2	Pat Cripe	32	Julie Lasher	73	Gloria Reiffer	0	Linda Warren*
1	Darwin Day	42	Ted Lasher	64	Simon Reiffer	2	Lee Webster
30	Art Doty*	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	44	Robert Ribar	0	Robert Wheeler
26	Nancy Doty*	19	Patrick Lickfeldt	19	Milton Scales	30	Larry Wight
1	Catherine Eiseman	15	Carlo Litrenta	9	Brenda Shatkosky*	12	Gary Wyma
				12	Richard Shatkosky*	12	Kathy Wyma

### Current 2011 Top Ten

73	Gloria Reiffer	64	Simon Reiffer	56	Kim Keith	47	Randy Putmon
70	Randy Buck	61	Craig Iansiti	50	Carol Putmon		
65	NancyLee Buck	57	Sue Keith	49	Sandy Bechtel		



\*NCCC number is with another Michigan Region club.



# SIXTH ANNUAL BACKYARD BBQ • HAYRIDE • BONFIRE

**When:** Saturday, September the 24th 2011

**Meeting Time:** 5:00-5:15p.m.

**Meeting Place:** Clark Corners  
(former DeWitt Outlet Mall)

Corner of Clark Road and Business 27

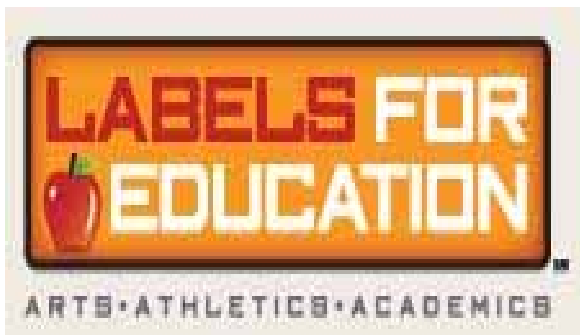
We will "follow the leader" to Randy & Carol Putmon's  
home 4900 West Pratt Road. DeWitt, MI

Please bring your own chairs and drinks as well as a dish to  
pass. Randy and Carol will supply the meat for all

Contact Randy & Carol if you need any additional infor-  
mation or directions to their home.

Randy cell: 281-6421 Carol cell: 331-4629

## "Free Ways to Give"



Many of us support the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky with our donations, memberships and attendance at their events. Did you know there are numerous other ways to support the museum without opening your wallet or signing a check?

My favorite is saving and sending Labels for Education which are found on many popular products. Look for these labels, which are approximately 1 ½ inches square, on Campbell's soups, Pepperidge Farm, Swanson, Spaghetti's, V8, Prego and BIC pen products. The only label you need to save and send is the small Label for Education with the picture of one of the Campbell soup kids and the UPC bar code. Send them to the National Corvette Museum, Attn: Labels for Education, 350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green KY 42101-9134. Ask your friends, family and neighbors to save them too.

A complete list of the products that support the Labels for Education program can be found on the museum's website: [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com). From the menu box on the left side of the home page, select "Ways to Support". At the bottom of the next page under "Other Ways to Offer Your Support", select "Support the Museum through rental car bookings, airfare and more". On the page titled "Free Ways to Give", scroll down to the Labels for Education icon and follow the instructions. If you see an error message that the page is unavailable, ignore it and at the top of the page select "How to Earn" and then "Participating Products" from the drop down menu. Labels for Education is a separate Program from Box Tops for Education which many schools participate in.

The "Free Ways to Give" page also includes details on numerous other programs with national companies that can benefit the National Corvette Museum. These programs include affiliations with Avis, American Airlines, NW Air, eBay and Good Search. The National Corvette Museum is a wonderful facility and participating in the free ways to support it is something we can all do.

**Submitted by Sue Keith**



# FALL GETAWAY TO PORTAGE POINT INN

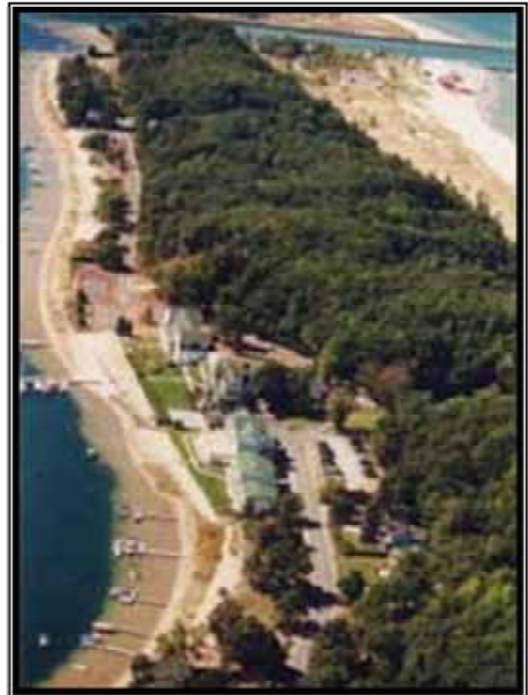
ENJOY THE CHARM OF YESTERYEAR...WITH THE AMENITIES OF TODAY.

We will leave the Flying J, 7800 W. Grand River (Grand Ledge), at 9:00 am Friday, September 30. The drive to Portage Point Inn will take about 3 hours (longer if we stop for lunch).

The Portage Point Inn is located on a peninsula of land between Lake Michigan and Portage Lake, just north of Manistee. Current plans are to dine at the Inn on Friday evening and then relax with a few games of dominoes or cards.

On Saturday we will take a scenic drive on beautiful M22, leaving enough time to rent one of the Inns boats, golf, go to the casino, or just enjoy the Inn and beach.

Saturday evening we will dine at a local restaurant recommended by the Inn.



## RESERVATIONS:

Call 800.878.7248 or 231.889.4222 to reserve the accommodation that best suits you. Visit their Website at [www.portagepointinn.com](http://www.portagepointinn.com) for more information. When reserving, be sure to mention that you are with Capital City Corvette Club.

## QUESTIONS:

Contact Greg Kapp if you have any questions.

## SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 2, 2011

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• READ THE CANCELLATION NOTICE PRIOR TO MAKING RESERVATIONS •



# National Corvette Museum

## Tom & Karen Fuller Join One Acre Club

Tom Fuller has always been a "wrench twister" according to wife, Karen. He has rebuilt several Corvettes, and the couple enjoy collecting military vehicles, motorcycles, street rods, tractors and vintage cars in addition to running their farm in Suwanee, GA.

Karen said that Nancy and the late Al Jones (also One Acre Club members) were their inspiration for joining the Museum as Lifetime Members and that was the best thing they have done when it comes to Corvette ownership.



"We joined the One Acre Club because we felt it was a way to give back to Corvette and the next generation. Our grandson, Thomas V, loves driving the Corvette his Dad got in high school - so the Corvette 'heart throb' lives on in our family."

Thanks to the Fullers for their continuous support of the Museum. To learn more about the Motorsports Park project, go to [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)

## Z06 Fest in Less than a Month!

The Z06 Fest – September 15-17 is the premier performance oriented event at the Museum, an event where you can enjoy everything you want and need to focus on speed and performance! Co-hosted by Z06VETTE.com, this exciting event offers drag racing, auto cross, tech sessions, seminars, road tours, a poker run, banquet and much more!



On-line registration closes at 5pm CT on Tuesday, September 6th. All activities are open to Event Registrants only. On-line registrants will receive a hardcard credential, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque. Lifetime registration is \$10pp, member registration is \$15pp and non-member registration is \$25pp. See the full agenda and register online.

## Corvette Store Feature

C6 Corvette Customized Shape Change Steering Wheel. Customize your steering wheel to your personality. Choose your colors and textures to design your custom steering wheel that works perfectly with your airbag and steering wheel switches.

Improve the style, comfort and performance of the part you touch AND see the most in your car. All parts are hand-crafted in the USA. Corvette C6 2006-2011. Please note: Airbag, Bezel, and Steering Wheel controls shown for display only and are not included. \$699.00



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## Pre-Order Your Copy of The Quest



You can own a copy of the story of a uniquely American ideal... and an emotional search for closure. This is the story of son Lance Miller doing what he had to do to fulfill his father's lost dream.

Producer of this 84-minute documentary, Michael Brown, will be at our 17th Anniversary Celebration on Friday, September 2 to autograph "The Quest." Pre-order your copy today at the Corvette Store online for only \$20.00.

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## Corvette Bridge Returns to Road America –

### Words of thanks, from NCM Executive Director, Wendell Strode

Team NCM - the Corvette Museum's participation was a huge success.

A big thanks to Randy and Charla Pierce for transporting the vintage race car that had been donated to the NCM by Leon Hurd; for safeguarding the car during the three days; for bringing NCM merchandise and for helping staff the NCM booth on Sunday. They just do an awesome job representing the NCM and Randy does an awesome job securing and transporting the car and other NCM stuff.

To Ivan and Mary Schrodtt who introduced us to many of their friends and club members, and then spent all day Sunday staffing the NCM booth! Sales were outstanding and Tammy/Marla will provide an update on that at one of our managers meetings.

To Richard and Jon Anderson who participated in most of the vintage races while promoting the NCM.

To Nick and Janet Polasek who were here from Canada and were busy all three days talking up the NCM and spent Sunday working the NCM booth.

To Jan Hyde and Jim Gessner for an outstanding Corvette World Tribute event on Sunday. It appeared to me there were close to 100 Corvette race cars there. Lance Miller brought 6 or 7 and Mike Yager brought 3-4. What an awesome collection! We encouraged Jan to do this type event at other tracks and pledged our support in helping make it a success. I believe if I was a track owner, I would be approaching Jan and Jim and asking them to put together a similar type event for the day after a Saturday race for all the Corvette owners that are there and the new ones it will bring to them.

To Barb Armbruster with Corvette Engineering who talked about the NCM as part of her presentation at the Corvette Corral.

To the local host club, they have done an outstanding job with their own Corvette Corral before they were popular at other tracks.

To Amy Manardo for handling our credentials for us.

**Submitted by Joe Thomas**





**BROOKS FIELD'S  
80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

# **HISTORIC FLY and DRIVE-IN**

**Marshall Airport / Brooks Field (KRMV)**

1243 S Kalamazoo Ave Marshall MI 49068  
(1.5 miles south of the fountain on the left)

**Saturday Sept 10, 2011 7am-1pm**

## **Pancake Breakfast**

**Pancakes/Eggs/Sausage - \$6 Person / \$4 Kids under 5**

**\*Fly-in is an enhancement of Marshall's Home Tour weekend**  
**[www.marshallhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.marshallhistoricalsociety.org)**



**Avon Park Air Force**

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1st 10 planes**

**Corvettes**

Pancake Breakfast - <b>7am</b>	Aviation Colleges
Hot Air Balloon Demo - <b>8am</b>	Vintage Planes
Avon Park AF Speaker - <b>9am</b>	Remote Control Planes
Hooligans Formation Team - <b>10am</b>	Skydiving Info
Michigan Air Tour - <b>11am</b>	Ultralights / LSAs
Car Show Awards - <b>12pm</b>	\$25 Plane Rides
Civil Air Patrol	\$35 Helicopter Rides
WM Air Care Helicopter	\$60-70 Glider Rides

*\* Cars Hosted by the Corvette Club of Battle Creek*

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**Car Awards: Pilot's Choice & People's Choice**  
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**Free Admission / Free Parking**

**Picnic Area / Restroom Facilities on Site**

**Pilot Shuttle to downtown Home Tour 1:00pm**

Sponsored by Brooks Field Aviation Association, Contact: [airport.bfaa@gmail.com](mailto:airport.bfaa@gmail.com)



## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

### August 17th , 2011 Board Meeting



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

**President: Craig Iansiti** opened the board meeting a few minutes early. He opened with items for discussion, reminders, and general information. He explained about damage to the club's EZ-Up Awning that **Randy Putmon** was going to repair. There was a discussion about purchasing a new awning after **Rich Bratschi** said they were on sale at Dick's Sporting Goods. It was decided it would be beneficial to get one for a backup.

**Craig** then told board members about Holden Turner, an antique car collector from Monroe, Michigan, who is corresponding with the state legislature to change the current law for registering and insuring cars. As the law stands now one has to pay for each car owned for catastrophic coverage. He is trying to get the law changed so that the car enthusiast would only pay a fee attached to their driver's license and not each car.

**Craig** suggested we give our annual (holiday) Food Bank donation early this year to help with the food bank's recent vandalism and losses. The Board members thought this would be a good idea and would also bring it up to the entire membership although not actually needed since we have the money allotted for this purpose anyway.

**Janet Iansiti** reported on HAZ sponsors and prize status. She concluded that all is going well.

**Secretary: Connie Britz** asked that minutes from the July general membership meeting be approved. There were no additions or amendments so the minutes stand approved.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** gave the treasury report. He passed the bank statement around for board members to peruse.

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** had no new updates. He has not received the region's treasury report as yet.

**Points: Kim Keith** told members he was up to date on points. He asked that members tell him of events they attend if he is not present at that event.

**Membership: Dave Pursel** reported that we had two new members with the addition of Alex & Joan Spitzley who own '90 white convertible. The club's membership stands at 94 members, 61 FCOA's and 1 Honorary Member.

**Editor: Randy Buck** had nothing new to report.

**Competition: Rich Bratschi** reported on the details of the recent Spartan Speedway low speed event. The drop in attendance (about 8 cars) was attributed to the wealth of events occurring nearby at the same time. He concluded it was still a worthwhile event and said the help received from the Jackson club was very welcome and appreciated.

**Public Relations: Sandy Bechtel** has written the article to be included in a future newsletter about the history and sponsorship of Bud Kouts. She still has a few more items to include which she will probably do tomorrow while she is in the dealership for an oil change. She has already done the press releases for HAZ which include the Lansing State Journal.

**Social: Carol Putmon** reminded board members of the September 13th Cruise In at XAIO China Grille & Lounge on E. Saginaw as well as the Bingo for the residents of Tamarack Apartments on November 5th. She reminded those in attendance to bring desserts and prizes. She has scheduled the Christmas Party for Wednesday, December 7 which is a regular meeting night. The event will be held at Coral Gables Restaurant on Grand River in East Lansing.

A discussion followed on where and when to hold the Awards Banquet in January. There were various suggestions but in the end it was decided to combine the awards and the regular meeting in January. It was suggested we start a little earlier so that we would not detain the Delhi Café's staff from their regular closing time.

**Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher** was not present.

**Historian: Sue Keith** has added the April 2005 and the July 2007 newsletters to her archives of the club's newsletters. She has included the 2005 system of awarding points. She said it was quite different from the way we are doing it at present.

She has been able to add an award given in September 2008 for the club's 50th anniversary by Mid America Motorworks at the Funfest. She added a binder put together by **Gloria Reiffer** for the 50th anniversary commemoration in June 2008.

She added information about the Spartan Speedway Event and expenses from **Rich Bratschi**.

She showed Board Members an Auto Events Summary from Jackson, MI and asked who has been giving these facts and dates. A discussion followed as to who did in the past and who should in the future. It was decided it should be the responsibility of the Public Relations person who at this time is **Sandy Bechtel**. It was discussed that the deadline included in this publication is before the dates for the events listed actually have been selected and approved. It was concluded that the date would be an educated guess based on the previous year's date for the event.

**Sue** found after researching historical records that there has been a pretty significant turnover in membership within the last 6 or so years.

Sue has compiled a list of 28 people eligible to be nominated for President this coming year. **Colleen Bratschi** has accepted the duty to call each of those people who are nominated to ask if they will accept the nomination.

**NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas** was not present.

**Photographer: Ted Lasher** was not present

**Quartermaster: Randy Putmon** was not present

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Lickfeldt** was not present.

**Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer** did not have anything new to report.

**Discussion: Colleen Bratschi** told board members about one of her HAZ sponsors, The Ultimate Image, who sponsor a Breast Cancer fund raiser held in October which is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. They sponsor a contest to construct a brassiere according to a pre-selected theme. These brassieres are judged and auctioned off to raise money for Breast Cancer Awareness. She told the Ultimate Image owners, we would not be able to enter the contest this year as we have not had the information in time to meet the deadline but would definitely be interested in entering next year. She will present this information to the general membership at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32.

Respectfully submitted by **Connie Britz - Secretary**



## CCCC Color Tour Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011



**Where:** Meet at the Charlotte Meijers at 10:45 am (NE corner of M-50 & I-69)

1167 E Clinton Trail, Charlotte, MI

**Drive Time:** Approx. 2 Hours including a 30 minute break mid-route.

**Heading:** Mostly West.

**Highlights:** Photo opportunity for you and your car during the break.

Route is mostly country roads.

Exact colors cannot be guaranteed.

**Lunch:** Reservations are for 1pm. Cost is \$8.00 to \$15.00 per person.

**Other Info:** Bring your walkie-talkie & your camera.

*Hosted by Kim & Sue Keith*

*Phone 616-308-4313*

# September 2011



## Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	
4	5	6 7:30 - 9:30 pm MI Region Meeting	7 7:00 - 8:30 pm General Member- ship Meeting	8	9	10
11	12	13 6:00 pm Capital City Cruise In	14	15	16	17
18 8:30 am - 2:30 pm Horsepower at the Zoo (NS)	19	20	21	22	23 5:00 pm Jackson Cruise In	24 5:00 pm BBQ - Hayride - Bonfire
25 10:00 am Rallye - KCC (S)	26	27	28	29	30	
Hosted by: Kalamazoo Corvette Club Location: Meijer - Gull Lake, MI					Fall Getaway	



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