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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting & Awards Presentation

January 4th • 6:30 p.m. • Dinner & Social Hour – 5:30 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Board Meeting

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

Lets Meet For Breakfast

January 21st • 9:00 a.m.
Cracker Barrel Old Country Store • 2285 Woodlake Drive • Okemos

Lunch - Inspired by the Letter "A"

January 28th • 12:00 p.m.
Applebees • 2450 Coolidge Rd. • East Lansing

January Birthdays

Janet Litrenta (2) • Mike Britz (4)
Suzanna Politza (6) • Larry Wright (6)
Fred Koos (19) • Howard Parks (21)
Carol Putmon (21) • Ellie Lickfeldt (24)
Randy Giesse (31) • Pat Lickfeldt (31)



Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all February newsletter articles to scott@keyprintgroup.com by January 23rd.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A hhhh. Winter. Don't you just love it? No problem. The days are already getting longer (Winter Solstice, 5:30 UTC, December 22nd), and spring is just months and months away. That gives us some time to prepare for a busy and fun summer.

The club had a real nice Holiday Party at Coral Gables. About half the club membership attended, which is really good considering the busy the season. Carol and Randy did a lot of work putting it together and decorating the dining room. The food was great and plentiful, like usual. The company was fantastic.

January 4th will be our Awards evening. This year it will be held during the regular, Wednesday Membership Meeting at the Delhi Restaurant. Remember, the meeting itself will start a half hour early (6:30), with early diners still arriving about 5:30 to chew and chat. I'm sure our Points Director, Kim, has an interesting evening planned.

So far, our next big club event will be the Blessing of the Vettes in May. Prior to that date, I'm sure there will be a breakfast or two. Keep an eye on the club calendar. If you enjoy cool cars, don't forget about the North American International Auto Show at Cobo Hall in Detroit January 9th-22nd. Also at Cobo February 24th-26th is the Mequiar's Autorama. Both are a great way to spend a winter day.

The new Board of Directors is now officially in place. I want to thank departing members Carol Putmon and Connie Britz for all their excellent work in 2011. We have a few shifts in duties for the New Year, but our mission remains the same. We want to preserve the culture of the club, ensuring any changes move it in the direction that membership wants. No agendas. No politics. Just fun with our cars and our friends. Have a safe and Happy New Year.

Craig





Capital City Corvette Club

Participation Points as of December 11, 2011



74	Sandy Bechtel	10	Randy Gisse	13	Shalimar Maynard	0	Victor Smith
25	James Boettcher	24	Vidal Gonzalez	2	Linda McMillan	6	David Sowders
25	Mara Boettcher	6	Ward Harris	13	Barb Musselman	1	Fran Sowders
63	Colleen Bratschi	29	Howard Hein	13	Steve Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
72	Rich Bratschi	51	Angela Hyde	1	George Nelson	4	Steve Spinrad
23	Connie Britz	109	Craig Iansiti	51	Dominique Palacios	5	Alex Spitzley
39	Mike Britz	93	Janet Iansiti	49	Jerry Palacios	5	Joan Spitzley
0	David Brown	1	Dick Iding	9	Diana Parks	3	Janet Sprague
24	Diana Brown-Mosher	31	Greg Kapp	11	Howard Parks	8	Michael Sprague
97	NancyLee Buck	101	Kim Keith	18	Joe Platte	11	Ralph Swan
104	Randy Buck	104	Sue Keith	13	Ed Politza	11	Susan Swan
40	Chris Burke	2	Frank Kessler	13	Suzanne Politza	28	Connie Taylor
52	Terry Burke	2	Judy Kessler	54	David Pursel	30	Tom Taylor
20	Dennis Burt	1	Laurie Ketcik	24	Kathryn Pursel	33	Joseph Thomas*
12	Sandy Burt	2	Fred Koos	76	Carol Putmon	43	Harold Twining
15	Dana Conley	0	Judy Koos	74	Randy Putmon	41	Katherine Twining
15	Darrell Conley	28	Sheila Lansing	122	Gloria Reiffer	36	Sue VanAtta
26	Dave Cripe*	63	Julie Lasher	111	Simon Reiffer	0	Larry Warren*
11	Pat Cripe	73	Ted Lasher	83	Robert Ribar	0	Linda Warren*
7	Darwin Day	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	36	Milton Scales	4	Lee Webster
48	Art Doty*	19	Patrick Lickfeldt	9	Brenda Shatkosky*	1	Robert Wheeler
44	Nancy Doty*	28	Carlo Litrenta	12	Richard Shatkosky*	38	Larry Wight
1	Catherine Eiseman	26	Janet Litrenta	2	Bill Simons	12	Gary Wyma
1	Raoul Eiseman	22	Bob Maynard	23	Thomas Sipka	16	Kathy Wyma
15	Jennifer Everhart*						

Current 2011 Top Ten

122	Gloria Reiffer	104	Randy Buck	97	NancyLee Buck	76	Carol Putmon
111	Simon Reiffer	104	Sue Keith	93	Janet Iansiti		
109	Craig Iansiti	101	Kim Keith	83	Robert Ribar		



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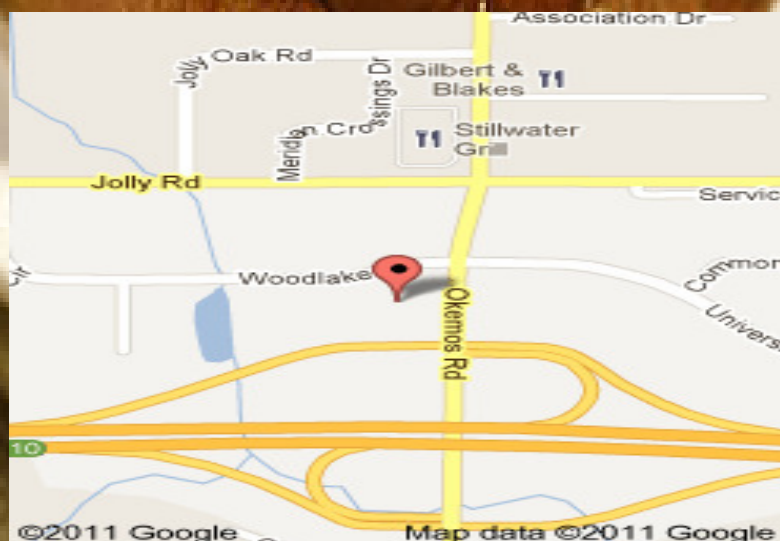
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RSVPS: Sign Up Sheet At January 4th

Membership Meeting

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Bloomington Gold To Relocate In 2013

America's Premiere Corvette Show will move from Pheasant Run in St. Charles, IL to Champaign, IL.



Champaign, IL, December 20, 2011 — Event officials announced today that they will hold their last event at Pheasant Run in 2012 and introduce an updated event in Champaign County in 2013—Bloomington Gold's 40th Anniversary.

"Although it will be hard to beat the beautiful fairways of Pheasant Run, input from Corvette owning customers wanted more opportunity for socializing and driving events as part of the entire Corvette show experience. It needed to become more dynamic", said Bloomington Gold CEO, David Burroughs.

He continued, "Our customers own Corvettes because they are fun to drive. So, we needed a venue that not only served our exhibitors and customers who buy/sell and certify Corvettes, but also a venue that makes it easy and fun to navigate to/from and around the community before, during, and after the show. Therefore, we needed a small town atmosphere with big town hotels, great facilities, and quick escape routes to miles of country roads. Champaign, IL has the smaller town atmosphere and the University of Illinois Assembly Hall grounds have everything else."

"This multi-day event creates millions in economic impact and showcases Champaign County on a national and international level," said Jayne DeLuce President & CEO of the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau. "We are excited to bring an event of this magnitude here."

Begun in 1973, in Bloomington (50 miles northwest of Champaign), Bloomington Gold is not only the longest running national Corvette event but also is noted for innovations that have been commonly copied by many other automotive events. Corvette auctions, swap meets, Certification, SURVIVOR®, educational seminars, and special museum-type displays all began at Bloomington Gold. But what "lit the tires" for most Corvette enthusiasts were the awesome road tours when Bloomington Gold was located in Central Illinois. One of those tours is recorded in the Guinness Book of Records as the longest continual road tour of 2,223 Corvettes. That record still stands. A feat simply not practical in the Chicagoland area.

"Even Corvette owners know we don't always do things by the books in Champaign, but for Guinness we'll make an exception," noted Champaign Mayor Don Gerard in regard to an impending World Record. "Downtown Champaign will be the final destination for the Bloomington Gold Road Tour and we'll have food, entertainment and a whole lot of fun waiting for the Cavalcade of Corvettes."

The event will begin with educational seminars on Thursday, June 27 and the Corvette show will run Friday and Saturday. The SURVIVOR® Collector Car event will follow on Sunday, June 30. It is America's only car event devoted exclusively to un-restored original collector cars of all makes and models. 2013 will mark the sixth year for the SURVIVOR Collector Car event.

Source: Bloomington Gold

A Look Back at 2011!



GM Produces 100-Millionth Small Block Engine

Source: www.corvettenewsblog.com/



In the past 56 years, since Chevrolet began producing small block engines, the bowtie emblazoned automotive company and the small block engine has been synonymous with one another. In that time, every iconic car produced by Chevrolet has been known and linked to their famous small-block engine design in some manner. Most recently, the fifth generation Camaro has become a small block powered icon on both road and track, much like it's LS small block powered big brother, the Corvette.

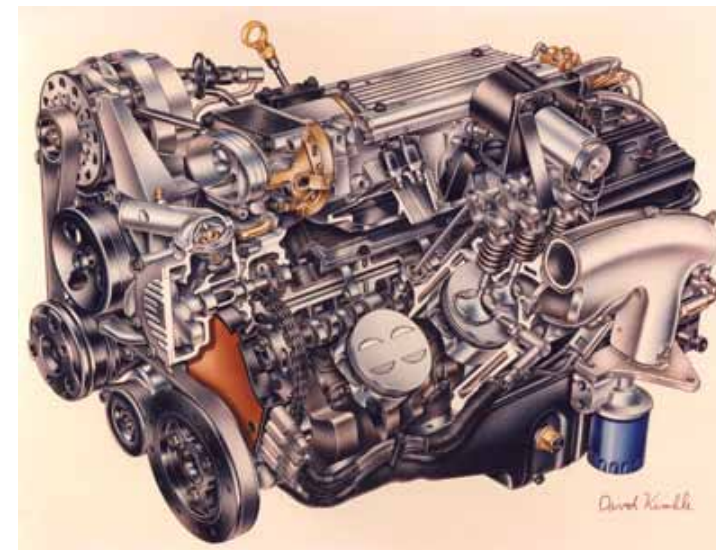
The sheer number there--100,000,000 for those who like lots of zeroes--really highlights the durability, reputation, and potential of the small block and speaks to the iconic nature of the GM engine. It is fitting then to also consider that the first small block, introduced in 1955, was built for the first generation Corvette and the 100-millionth produced was a hand-crafted work of art LS9 made specifically for the sixth generation Corvette's special edition ZR1--the fastest Corvette ever produced.

Of course, the transition from the first small block to the modern pinnacle LS9 is a long one, filled with numerous

exciting and memorable engines. In 1992 Chevrolet first introduced its second-generation Small Block, known as the LT1, in to its Corvette. This engine became an absolute staple on tracks across the globe, and adorned various vehicles from that Corvette, to the F-Body Camaro and Firebird, and the B-Body Impala SS and Caprice Police car. The LT1, which featured a newly developed reverse cooling, is still being used in races all across the globe today.

Following the second generation, Chevrolet then introduced their first LS Engine in 1997. This third generation small block, which was first placed in the C5 Corvette, was an even greater step forward. The LS engines are all-aluminum small blocks, and the first of them, the LS1, was rated a naturally aspirated 350HP and 365 lb ft of torque--numbers that, today, are still incredibly impressive for a naturally aspirated 5.7L engine. The LS engine was then featured, in some form, in numerous different vehicles and even had a more powerful, LS6 version introduced in the C5 Z06 Corvette in 2001. This LS6 featured the same 5.7L displacement as its LS1 brethren, but put out a stomach churning 405HP and 400 lb ft of torque.

Those numbers were fairly mind-shattering for a naturally aspirated engine of the LS6's size and weight, at least, until 2005 when the first of the fourth generation small block was released. In 2005 the Corvette went from its fifth generation vehicle to the now current sixth generation, and with the change in body also came the biggest change: the introduction of the Chevrolet LS2. The LS2 was almost identical to the LS6 engine in performance and displacement, but also featured a much more even Torque curve through-out the RPM range, and had the potential to be modified for incredible gains. It was from this base LS2 that the LS7--the now revered 505HP and 470 lb ft torque monster--was produced and introduced to the 2006 Corvette. Just one year after the update of the small block, this engine seemed to be where everything was building, and the Z06 became the undeniable greatest performance bang for the buck on the globe. Within the year, there were Z06's running against quarter-million dollar European exotics on racetracks all across the globe, and each one came with the distinctive sound and tone that only a Chevrolet small block V8 can deliver through the exhaust.



Of course, Chevrolet wasn't finished there (thankfully, they're dedicated to the production of envelope-pushing performance machines) and we saw such engines as the 430HP LS3 (now outfitting the base-level C6 Corvette and the Chevrolet Camaro SS), the LSA (a 556HP Supercharged monster that can be found in the world's fastest production sedan, the Cadillac CTS-V and will also hit the streets in the body of the new super-Camaro ZL1 this year), and the engine that would be made as number 100,000,000--the LS9.

The LS9 is an absolute marvel worth talking about as well, especially considering that everything before it brought us to this point. The LS9, which can only be found in the top of the line Corvette ZR1, produces an amazing super-



charged 6.2L engine based on the LS3 block and putting out a ferocious 638bhp and 604 lb ft of torque. Those numbers, in combination with the Corvette's lightweight body and wide, aggressive stance, have produced a vehicle that runs track times that best it's \$250,000+ competitors. Today, the ZR1 is the undeniable greatest bargain on wheels that exists for the performance minded consumer, and, as such, is the only engine fitting to be given the designation as number 100,000,000 of its kind.

Of course, Chevrolet's not stopping at 100,000,000 and the future of the small block engine holds a great deal of excitement. Already, official reports have come out that Chevrolet is updating their engine for the seventh-generation of their Corvette, and we may see the introduction of such features as direct injection and an upgraded combustion chamber design, as well as the improved performance and efficiency numbers to match. GM enthusiasts should expect to see the next small block engine first hit the streets in the C7 Corvette, scheduled for release some time in 2014.



RM Auctions to offer 1953 Corvette Chassis #5

Fifth Corvette Ever Produced Expected to Fetch as Much as \$650,000 at Auction

Source: www.corvettenewsblog.com/



In 1953 one very lucky American consumer was able to get his hands on a brand new Corvette. Over the 58+ years since that day that same Corvette has changed hands a few times until, in 1997, the current owners got a hold of it. Those owners then set to funding the undertaking of a five-year long restoration project which brought that beautiful Corvette back to showroom condition. Well, that very same Corvette is now being offered for sale through RM Auctions. Oh yeah, the kicker that makes this particular 1953 Corvette extra-special: it's chassis number 5.



That's right, this gorgeous vehicle was the fifth Corvette ever built. In the time since its release the Corvette has become the most iconic American vehicle on the roads, and has come to define everything great about the American sport car market. Of course, things weren't only this way. When it was first produced the Corvette was a questionable vehicle, and only 300 were produced and sold in the first year.

The first Corvette was produced by hand in Flint, Michigan, and was a rather crude form of sports car. The vehicle lacked side view mirrors, side windows, and even exterior door handles, and was powered by a very weak (and very old) 150HP in-line six engine whose original design dated

back to the 1930's. The crudeness of the vehicle, and its impractical structure and design, led one Chevrolet engineer to write, very famously, that the vehicle's quality was "objectionable, and in the writer's opinion not commercially acceptable."

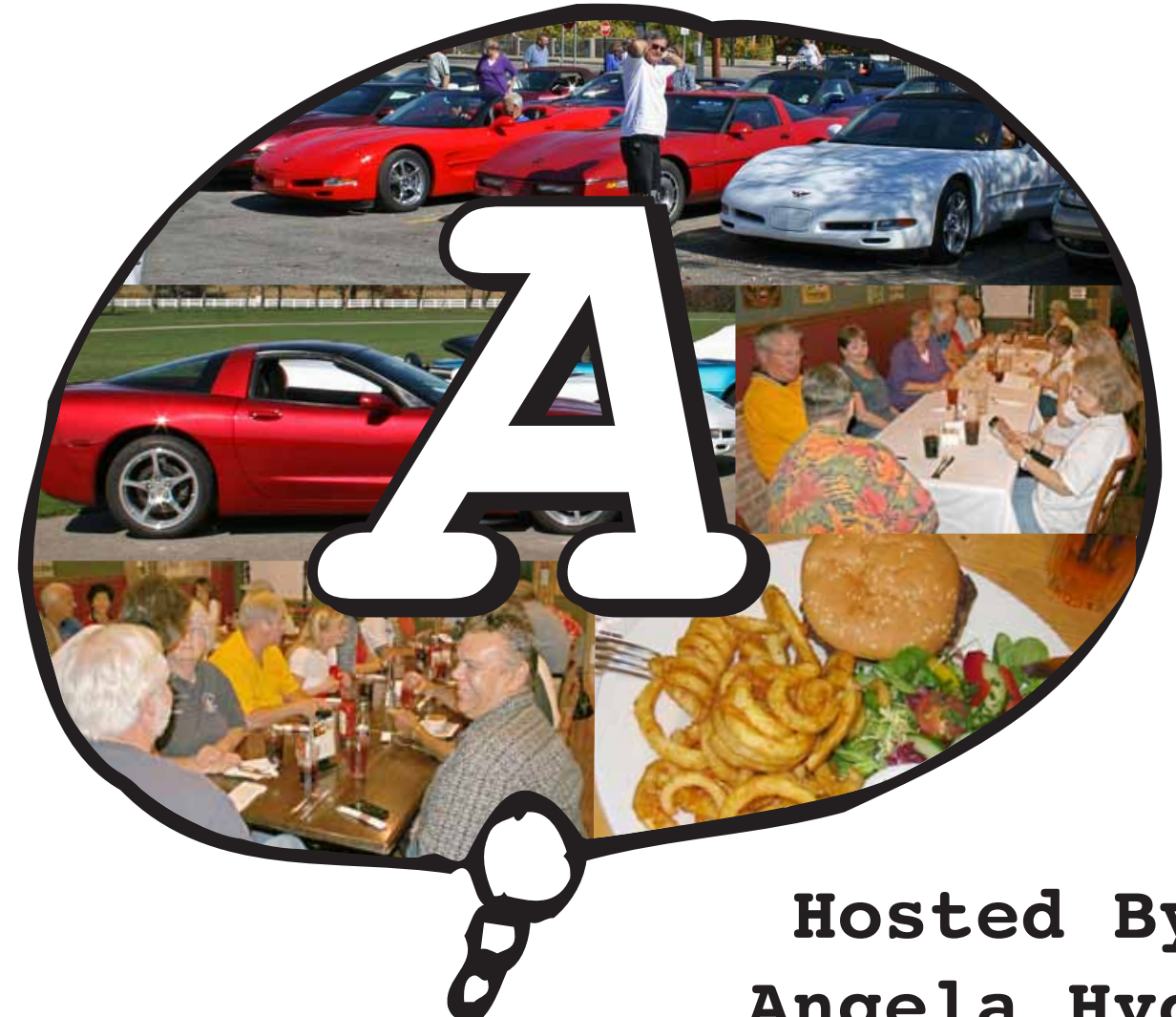
This same crudeness made for sluggish sales in 1953, and saw many dealers marking down the vehicle's price substantially just to move it. Well, hindsight is 20/20, and the Corvette went on to become the vehicle that would be Chevrolet's flagship, small-block V8 powered, monster of a machine, and those very same 1953 Corvettes that few people wanted to buy have become incredible collector vehicles, as evidenced by the assumed auction value of this one.

The RM Auction for this ultra-rare Corvette will be held on January 20th, 2012. Pre-auction estimates have the vehicle selling for a price that is expected to be between \$450,000 and \$650,000--numbers that are largely inflated because of the chassis 5 significance. The earlier the build for the Corvette, the more desirable it becomes to automotive collectors, and #5 is about as early as you can find. This once in a lifetime Corvette will certainly make some buyer very happy.



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