

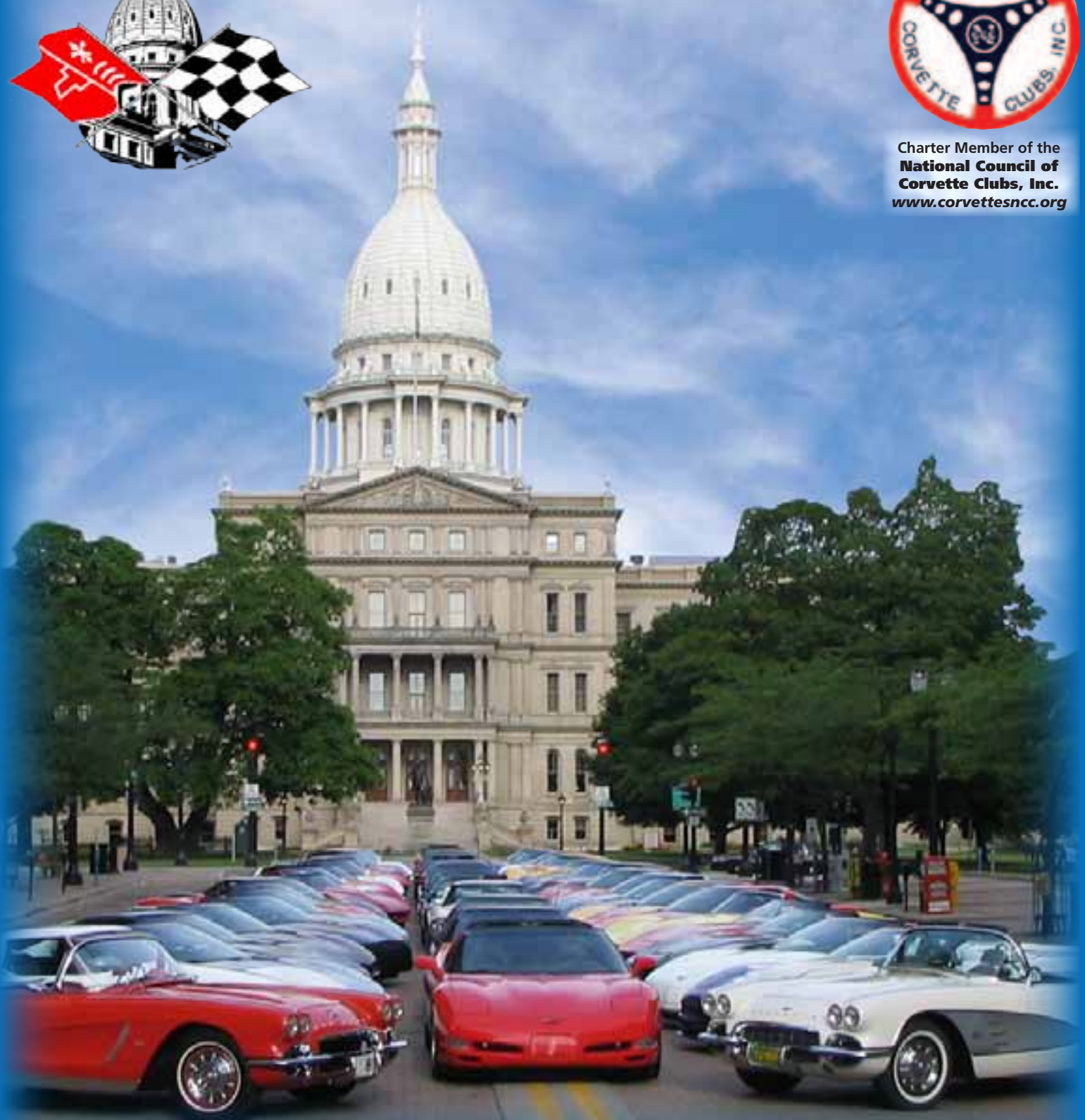
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## ***Upcoming Events***

### **General Membership Meeting**

May 2nd • 7:00 p.m. • Dinner & Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.  
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### **Lunch - Inspired by the Letter "R"**

Saturday • May 5th • 12:00 p.m.  
Rookies • 16460 South US 27 • Lansing

### **Chat 'N' Choo Chew!**

Saturday • May 12th • 9:00 am  
Leslie Depot Diner • 107 Covert Street, Leslie

### **Board Meeting**

May 16th • 6:30 p.m.  
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### **Marshall Memorial Day Parade**

Monday • May 28th • 8:00 a.m.  
Meet at the former Coyote Creek Grille • 6951 Lansing Road  
Lunch at Cornwell's Turkeyville USA after Parade

## ***May Birthdays***

Connie Taylor (1) • Gloria Reiffer (1) • Randy Buck (6)  
Thomas Sipka (7) • Loretta Spinrad (10)  
Barb Musselman (13) • Craig Iansiti (13)  
Dennis Burt (26) • Connie Britz (26)



### **Newsletter Article Deadline**

Send all newsletter articles to [scott@keyprintgroup.com](mailto:scott@keyprintgroup.com) by the 23rd of the month.



**S**pring, although teasing us quite early this year, is officially here. With some luck, we will be finished with the cold and snow, and be able to drive our cars daily for the next six or seven months. About time!

Our annual participation in the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade acts as the kickoff of the season. I'm writing this a few days before this event, so it remains to be seen if the weather reflects the warmth and sunshine of spring.



Janet and I have one less Vette in the garage. I had a fellow from Indian River stop over and buy my Aqua C4 on the spot. He got a great car, and I'll miss it. But you have to use them to enjoy them. Too many toys - too little time. A little more room in the garage doesn't hurt, though. Maybe I'll have more time to keep the others shined up a little better. Sometimes change is good.

A while back I said I was going to develop a survey to help everyone better understand where membership interests are headed. I'm still fiddling with it, and may decide it's not necessary. It's pretty easy to get a general idea just by observation of participation and reviewing the Points totals.

Most large clubs have about forty percent of the members who are active. This club generally has that kind of representation at the monthly membership meetings, and that is great. Participation at other events falls off to half of that or less. There is a lot of interest in Drive & Dines, breakfast and lunch get-togethers, and other things where friends can eat and socialize. I think many of us are burning out on car shows. Both our Blessing of the Vettes and Corvette Crossroads have been exceptions, but still involve only a small percentage of the club. With most of the members driving newer models, not many seem to want to put them in a show with a lot of classic cars. There have been a few shows where only ten or fifteen percent of the club

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participated. Not saying this is bad. It just says our interests seem to lie elsewhere. Our social events are a lot more popular, and that is probably where we should concentrate our efforts. CCCC used to be almost exclusively race/competition oriented. That has changed. We only have a handful of members who auto-cross and a few more who like to watch. We continue to sponsor our race weekend at Spartan Speedway, since that is where we make some operating funds, but few members actually race. Membership changes and many other factors created this evolution.

My concern is that some of you might be getting bored, and may like to try some different activities within the club. All options are always open. As new members come aboard, and long term member's interests change, we just have to adapt and adjust. Most important, we have to stay aware of every members interests and needs within the club.

Remember – This is your club. The Board doesn't really "run" the club. The membership does. The Board takes care of official business as required, and works hard to keep the club headed in the direction membership desires

If you want to try something new, try it. There are no fixed rules. You can organize any kind of event you think would interest some or all of the other mem-

bers. You can do it individually, or put together a group. We are always looking for someone to chair or co-chair some of our traditional events, like the Horsepower at the Zoo (HAZ) car show, or the Blessing of the Vettes. Lately, these events have been kind of left for board members to pick up and organize year after year. Anyone can do it. Organizing events can be a bit of work, but can also be a lot of fun. Someone who has previously done it is always available to help out or give advice. Our directors are here to help you coordinate and schedule things. Some traditional events, like HAZ, have procedures all written up. All you have to do is ask.

Ballgames, trips to the beach, camping, picnics, tech events, spring cleanups (cars), garage sales, movie trips, cook-outs. I bet you can come up with a dozen more. Let's make the summer of 2012 one to remember.

*Save the Wave,  
Craig*



# LUNCH

*Inspired by the letter...*

**Stay and Enjoy  
a Car Show  
and Capitol  
Quarter Midget  
Association  
Racing  
Following  
Lunch!**

**R**

Hosted By  
Angela Hyde



**May 5th • 12:00 p.m.**

**Rookies • 16460 S US Highway 27 • Lansing, MI**

**RSVP: vettechic@hotmail.com**

**Sign Up Sheets at the March 7th Meeting**



# ***Multiple Engine Fires Have Been Linked to Improper Battery Charging in Recent Months***

Source: [corvettenewsblog.com](http://corvettenewsblog.com)



The images are gruesome for any automotive enthusiast: a show quality C6 Z06 Corvette with the engine bay engulfed in flames, the body panels of a Porsche 911 melting under the heat of a battery fire, people's automobiles destroyed in their driveways and garages. Recently the internet has been buzzing with people reporting battery fires causing costly damage to their car or home. The issue was so large that CTEK, one of the world's leading battery charger manufacturers, felt the need to warn motorists of the dangers of using a battery charger that lacked what they call "smart functionality".

Older or lower cost automotive battery chargers, the sort that many people have purchased from places like Wal-Mart and EBay, have begun to be clearly a dangerous investment. Battery chargers are meant to help maintain the life of a vehicle's battery, but, those lacking "smart functionality" will continue pumping voltage in to the battery after it has reached maximum charge. This can result in shorts to the vehicle's electrical systems, battery overheating, complete destruction of the battery's ability to hold a charge, and in a few extreme cases recently reported even a battery fire.

One easy way to avoid this sort of damage is to invest in a smart battery charger. CTEK has become the world's leading producer of these, although companies such as GENIUS have begun manufacturing comparable smart chargers as well. A "smart" charger functions in much the same way as a classic or standard battery charger, but with one large change: smart chargers are able to sense the level of charge that a battery has and, once it reaches full charge, they shut off the flow of voltage in to the battery. These smart chargers then go in to what is referred to as "trickle charging" mode, wherein they allow the battery to self drain down to 90 or 95% capacity before giving it another surge. This keeps the battery at full or near full charge without risk of ever overcharging it, and as result, the dangers that are associated with overcharging. Trickle charging works to keep the vehicle safe, and also to extend the life of the battery well beyond standard expectations.

If you're still concerned with directly connecting to the battery as well, another solution exists—specifically for Corvette vehicles. Companies like SouthernCarParts.com sell both the CTEK and GENIUS battery chargers, as well

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# Chat 'N' Choo Chew!

**Leslie Depot Diner  
107 Covert Street, Leslie  
Saturday, May 12 • 9:00 am**

***US-127 south to Leslie Exit, Left (east) over bridge and through light to four-way stop at Main. Straight through, then two blocks east to Covert Street, then left.***

**Call Craig (282-0940) or Janet (282-3342)  
or sign up at May Membership Meeting.**







as aviation style push-pull adapters for Corvettes. These push-pull Corvette charger adapters, deemed StealthLink, utilize smart charger connections and communicate the same information that the smart charger would see, but they go a step further. The StealthLink push-pull adapter uses a single pin plug—similar to a standard television cable wire—that connects the battery charger to the vehicle through a different port. This provides a buffer point between the voltage of the charger and the battery itself. Another benefit of these StealthLink aviation style charger adapters is the ease of use. Once installed, plugging the battery charger in no longer requires opening the hood or trunk to access the battery. This helps prevent sparking in the engine bay, where fires can easily be started.

For this reason, airplane manufacturers have been utilizing this form of battery maintenance connection point long before smart chargers were even available. The chargers themselves still function perfectly well, and should be invested in and used whenever possible, but now they have an easier and safer connection point than directly to the battery's terminal points.

Jan-ulf Soderberg, the Head of Brand at CTEK said in his safety release, of the use of smart chargers, "With proper battery maintenance and care, motorists can ensure that their vehicles start first time as well as extending the lives of their batteries quite dramatically. CTEK smart chargers are particularly useful for cars that are used infrequently or left standing for long periods of time (i.e. over the winter), although everyday maintenance is advisable."

It's a shame to see beautiful vehicles destroyed by owners actively trying to take care of and maintain their vehicles. For this reason, CTEK and other companies have begun attempts to raise awareness of the dangers of bargain battery chargers, and applications such as the Corvette StealthLink have been developed. Use of these forms of battery charging is especially important for vehicles that are not driven every day. Cars which are stored, or which sit in garages for multiple weeks between drives, require smart charging to keep their vehicle functional and to extend the life of their automobile's electrical components, as well as for the safety of them and their property.



# Recovered Quadriplegic Spends Day Living Out His Dream At Corvette Plant

by MITCH TALLEY • [www.corvetteblogger.com](http://www.corvetteblogger.com)



**A**dd another chapter to the amazing life story of Patrick Rummerfield. Rummerfield is known around the world as the only fully recovered quadriplegic in history, having come back from a 1970's car wreck that had left him paralyzed from the neck down.

Last Wednesday, April 18th, the long-time Corvette fan spent a day installing hoods at the Corvette Assembly Plant in Bowling Green, Ky.

Ironically, his inspirational story began while he was daydreaming about racing Corvettes and playing basketball, "when my left big toe moved," he said.

That little breakthrough began 17 years of physical therapy that has brought him back to a fully functional person who has inspired countless others with his recovery.

"You never know what tomorrow is going to bring but if you don't try, and if you don't stay strong, and try to keep your body as physically fit and keep pushing it to move, you know, you'll never achieve your goal," Rummerfield said.

His story impressed the workers at the Corvette facility, including Plant Manager Dave Tatman. "Patrick's awesome," he said. "I'd hire him in a minute. He has actually been doing a very, very good job."

Ironically, Rummerfield's accident occurred while he was behind the wheel of a Corvette.

"In 1974 I was involved in a high speed car accident," he recalls. "We hit the ditch at 130 miles per hour and I broke my neck in four places."

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Doctors said he wouldn't survive the crash, much less walk again, but he's overcome those tremendous odds to live a full life. Among his accomplishments are running a marathon, driving a race car, and carrying the torch for the Olympics.

A highly sought after motivational speaker, Rummerfield was asked to speak to workers at the Corvette plant.

"His story is such that there was no room in his life for anything less than success," Tatman said.

After his speech, he insisted that he couldn't leave without helping build his favorite car.

"I love sports cars, but not just any sports cars," he said. "I love the U.S.-made Corvette and to me, it doesn't get any better than this."

Rummerfield works at the International Center for Spinal Cord Injury, and you can find out more about his life at rummerfield.com.



## 2012 National Corvette Museum Schedule

*Clicking on a blue heading will take you to the Corvette Museums website for more information on that event!*

### [Corvette Racing](#)

#### [Banquet](#)

May 11, 2012

### [C4/ZR-1 Gathering](#)

May 17 - 19

### [Barn Raising II – Vette Barn](#)

May 24 – 26

### [Z06 Fest](#)

May 30

### [ZspeedFest](#)

May 31 – June 2

### [VIR HPDE](#)

June 25 - 26

### [Performance Tour III](#)

July 20 - 21

### [Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#)

August 30 – September 1

### [NCM Benefit at HOD Thunderhill](#)

September 5 - 6

### [Historic Motorama Reunion](#)

September 26 – 29\*

### [NCM Benefit at HOD Autobahn](#)

October 1\*

### [R8C Reunion](#)

October 4 - 6

### [1-Lap of Kentucky – Artisans & Musicians](#)

October 16 – 20\*

### [American Warrior Recognition](#)

October 31

### [Vets 'n Vettes](#)

November 1 – 3

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## *Marshall Memorial Day Parade*



### *Caravan to Marshall – May 28:*

We will leave from the former Coyote Creek Grille, 6951 Lansing Road, at 8:00 a.m. SHARP! Arriving in Marshall we will make a 10-15 minute stop at Burger King for snacks and a bathroom break. Parade line-up begins at 9:00 with the parade at 10:00.

### *Lunch at Cornwell's Turkeyville USA:*

Following the parade we will meet back in the K-Mart parking lot and then cruise 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) for more info.

### *Questions???*

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



# 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention

Submitted by Gloria Reiffer



## Corvette Family Members.....

West Region is looking forward to hosting you at the 53<sup>rd</sup> NCCC Convention. Yes, we are talking about the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual, and yes, 1953 was when the first Corvette was assembled and started a “Love Story” between sports car enthusiasts and the Corvette.

We in NCCC really have a “thing” for our cars, and like being with others who enjoy their Corvette and/or Corvettes. It’s for this reason that NCCC has an annual Convention – a time to get together for fun! Come to Topeka, Kansas, June 23-29 and have fun with your Corvette family.

Do you like autocross? Competition events will be held at Heartland Park Topeka. The low-speed autocross will take place on a 23-acre pad with a course designed to challenge your driving skills. If it’s high speed autocross you prefer – sign up now and look forward to a well-designed 2.3 mile course. Oh, you say you prefer drags, bring your best car because you’re going to have a great time on Heartland’s first-class drag strip. This NHRA track has seen some of American’s best drag racers blast down this strip and now it’s your turn to enjoy the thrill. If you love drag racing then Heartland Park has your Christmas tree in June!

Maybe racing isn’t your choice; don’t worry, we have a lot of things planned for our non-racing family. The Concours and People’s Choice Car shows will be held on Sunday. It will be a time to show off the best you’ve got...wax her up and show her off! Enter your tow rig into the Concours judging.

How about a parade! There will be one *huge* parade on Wednesday evening. We will travel south approximately 5 miles down Topeka Blvd to Heartland Park, drive around the track and make our way back to the State Capitol grounds for a summer picnic. Close your eyes and imagine up to 250 gorgeous Corvettes all in a row – now that’s a parade! You’ll want to be a part of this!

You want more....how about the Rallye that will introduce you to some historic information about Topeka. The fun doesn’t stop there; enjoy a Wizard of Oz themed Funkhana! Have you started working on your

Valve Cover Racer? Not only will you go for speed and distance, but your car will be entered in the Valve Cover People’s Choice Car Show!

West Region is offering four exciting guided day-trips. One will introduce you to some of what Topeka has to offer including a delicious lunch at the Top of the Tower restaurant, one of Topeka’s finest and the one with the best 16<sup>th</sup> floor view in town. How about bus trips? West Region will have two for you to pick from on Wednesday. One will take you to the Harley-Davidson Plant near Kansas City where you’ll go to the factory floor and witness all kinds of assembly excitement - frame-bending, robotic welding technology, laser-cutting.....and more. Then on to view the “Steamboat Arabia,” a boat that spent

132 years buried in the earth of Missouri. The other will give you a narrated historical tour of Independence, Mo., the site of the beginning of the Santa Fe, Oregon and California trails. Hear about the bloody Kansas Border Wars and the outlaws who rode the area. Tour the Harry Truman Presidential Library and have lunch at the world famous Country Club Plaza.

With so much to do it will hard to choose?

Want more...West Region will give you an opportunity to view first-hand the beautiful Flint Hills of Kansas. Spring will be an awesome time for you to drive the winding roads, view the rock fences and enjoy the beauty. You will make your way to Manhattan’s Colbert Hills Golf Course for lunch in their club house decorated with Kansas limestone. From there you will see the Blast of the Past Museum, a private collection of band organs, juke boxes, carousel horses, restored gas pumps and more. You’ll even have a chance to purchase wine with a Wizard of Oz label and tour a city of antique stores before returning to Topeka in time to take part in the parade.

This is just a sample of what West Region has to offer at the, NCCC’s 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention....it’s all about fun with the family. Remember registration opens February 1, 2012!

*See you there,*

LARRY BEEBE, CONVENTION DIRECTOR  
LINDA SIECGRIST, CO-DIRECTOR



# Capital City Corvette Club

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## RALLYE

**Sanction # MI-003-070**

**Date:** 06/09/12

**Registration Opens:** 1:00 p.m. EDT

**Closes:** 2:00 p.m. EDT

**Drivers Meeting Time:** 2:15 p.m. EDT

**First car Out Time:** 2:30 p.m. EDT

**Type of Event:** Rallye

**Rally Type:** Fun Rally

**Club:** Capital City Corvette Club

**Region:** Michigan Region

**Entry Fee:** \$10.00 Pre-Registration \$8.00

**Location:** Culver's of Okemos

5140 Times Square Dr. • Okemos MI



### EVENT CHAIRPERSONS:

Rich & Colleen Bratschi

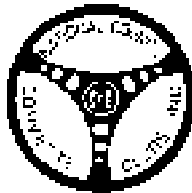
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### GOVERNOR:

Simon Reiffer

832 Creyts Rd

Dimondale MI 48821

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Pre-

Registration End 6/02/12

Pre-Registration \$8.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NCCC# \_\_\_\_\_

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NCCC CLUB \_\_\_\_\_ YEAR AND MODEL \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to : Capital City Corvette Club

Mail check and Registration to : Rich Bratschi

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**BLESSING OF THE VETTES**

**ALL CORVETTE SHOW**

**JUNE 9TH**

**CULVER'S OF OKEMOS**

5140 Times Square Dr. • Okemos MI

**PEOPLES CHOICE AWARDS**

Classes Include C1-C6, Best of Show

**REGISTRATION : 9:00 a.m.– 11:00 a.m.EDT**

**AWARDS: 1:30 P.M. EDT**

**ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 PER VEHICLE • PRE-REGISTRATION \$12.00 PER VEHICLE**

## **EVENT CHAIRPERSONS:**

Randy & Nancy Buck

Randy & Carol Putmon

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**All profits from this show and will be donated to VFW National Home For Children**



**Rallye To Follow Blessing**

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## BLESSING OF THE VETTES

Pre-Registration \$12.00

Pre-Registration Ends 6/2/12

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ NCCC# \_\_\_\_\_

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Please make checks payable to : Capital City Corvette Club

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# Capital City Corvette Club



## Participation Points as of April 20, 2012

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1	Austin Arunasalam	0	Randy Gisse	3	Bob Maynard	4	Thomas Sipka
2	Jim Balla*	2	Vidal Gonzalez	1	Shalimar Maynard	2	David Sowders
8	James Boettcher	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	1	Diana Mosher	0	Fran Sowders
8	Mara Boettcher	4	Ward Harris	3	Barb Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
5	Colleen Bratschi	5	Howard Hein	3	Steve Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
9	Rich Bratschi	0	Jim Hoppin	2	Dominique Palacios	1	Alex Spitzley
5	Connie Britz	17	Angela Hyde	2	Jerry Palacios	1	Joan Spitzley
11	Mike Britz	11	Craig Iansiti	12	Diana Parks	0	Janet Sprague
19	NancyLee Buck	10	Janet Iansiti	12	Howard Parks	0	Michael Sprague
22	Randy Buck	0	Dick Iding	1	Joe Platte	1	Ralph Swan
8	Chris Burke	1	Greg Kapp	9	Ed Politza	1	Susan Swan
9	Terry Burke	15	Kim Keith	9	Suzanne Politza	9	Connie Taylor
2	Dennis Burt	13	Sue Keith	7	David Pursel	9	Tom Taylor
2	Sandy Burt	0	Fred Koos	0	Kathryn Pursel	5	Joseph Thomas*
0	Dana Conley	4	Sheila Lansing	7	Carol Putmon	14	Harold Twining
0	Darrell Conley	18	Julie Lasher	12	Randy Putmon	12	Katherine Twining
4	Dave Cripe*	18	Ted Lasher	22	Gloria Reiffer	4	Sue VanAtta-Wight
2	Pat Cripe	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	22	Simon Reiffer	0	Lee Webster
0	Darwin Day	0	Patrick Lickfeldt	17	Robert Ribar	0	Robert Wheeler
3	Art Doty*	1	Carlo Litrenta	8	Milton Scales	5	Larry Wight
3	Nancy Doty*	1	Janet Litrenta	0	Brenda Shatkosky*	0	Gary Wyma
0	Jennifer Everhart*	0	Lee MacGillivray	0	Richard Shatkosky*	1	Kathy Wyma

## Current 2012 Top Ten

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22	Randy Buck	19	NancyLee Buck	17	Angela Hyde	14	Harold Twining
22	Gloria Reiffer	18	Julie Lasher	17	Robert Ribar		
22	Simon Reiffer	18	Ted Lasher	15	Kim Keith		



\* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.



# *Capital City Corvette Club* ***Progressive Dinner***

*June 23rd starting at 3:00 p.m.*

Organized by: Angela Hyde and generously hosted by:



**Sandy Bechtel**  
Appetizers



**Carol & Randy Putmon**  
Soup, Salad & Main Course



**Mike and Connie Britz**  
Dessert



***Bring Your Own Beverage***

## WEEKEND EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!

### Friday, August 24

10:00 AM-6:00 PM - Registration/Package Pickup -  
Chamber Office - New Location - 226 E. Central Ave.  
(next to Scalawags).

6:00 - 9:00 PM - Free Live Entertainment - Mackinaw  
Crossings Mall entertainment stage. Drink specials at the  
"Caboose" at the dusk laser light show.



**\*\*CHECKERED FLAG SAVINGS\*\***  
*all weekend at  
participating businesses*

### Saturday, August 25

9:00 AM - Registration/Package Pickup -  
Mackinaw Crossings Mall Parking Lot

10:00 AM-2:00 PM Corvette Crossroads Auto Show -  
Mackinaw Crossings Mall Parking Lot. All  
registered Corvettes on display. People's Choice Judging.

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM - Poker Walk - Free to all registered  
Corvette owners and family. Prizes awarded at 2:15 PM.

3:00 PM - Show Awards Presentation -  
Mackinaw Crossings Mall Parking Lot

4:00-6:00 PM - Enjoy a dinner at one of many fine restaurants.

6:00 PM - Mackinac Bridge Parade LINE-UP - Facing West  
Mackinaw Crossings Mall Parking Lot

7:00 PM - Mackinac Bridge Parade -  
*FREE TO ALL REGISTERED CORVETTES, otherwise \$5.00  
per Vette. Return on your own.*

10:00 AM - 7:00 PM - Mackinaw City Fine Arts & Crafts  
Show - Conkling Heritage Park, S. Huron Ave.

6:00 PM - 9:00 PM - Free Live Entertainment - at the  
Mackinaw Crossings Mall entertainment stage.

### Sunday, August 26

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM - Mackinaw City Fine Arts & Crafts  
Show - Conkling Heritage Park, S. Huron Ave.

8:00 PM - Vesper Cruise

One hour cruise on the Straits of Mackinac. Free, first come,  
first serve.

Standard  
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August 25

**Mackinaw Crossings Mall  
Parking Lot  
248 S. Huron Avenue  
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### Caravan Details

We will caravan from Clark Corners (Clark Road and Old US 27) at 10:00 am. on Thursday. We will 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.

No caravan is planned for Friday at this time.

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

## Corvette Crossroads ~ August 25

The show takes place on a paved parking lot behind Mackinaw Crossings Mall from 10:00 – 2:00 Saturday, August 25, with the awards presentation at 3:00. Cost to enter the show is \$25 if pre-registered by August 3; \$35 thereafter. The registration form is available on our Website. Pre-registration packets can be picked up at the Chamber Office at 226 E. Central (by Scalawags) 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.

# Capital City Corvette Club

## April 4, 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

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

**President: Craig Iansiti** – called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. Craig introduced visitors **L.T. and Terry Harper** from Holt who have a 1998 Sebring Silver coupe. He also welcomed new member **Austin Arunsalam**. Austin and his wife Abby have a 2005 Magnetic Red coupe.

Craig reminded everyone that the July membership meeting scheduled for the **4th has been changed to the 11th** due to the holiday. He noted that the July board meeting would remain on the 18th.

Craig noted that club business cards, car show notices, window stickers, applications and other materials were on the table and available to everyone.

He reminded everyone that if they are planning to attend **Corvette Crossroads** in Mackinaw City they should be getting their hotel reservations in. The event is August 25th.

Craig asked for an update on **Kurt Schwamberger** and Bob Maynard reported Kurt was home and in stable condition.

### Board of Director Reports:

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** stated the regional meeting at the end of the month held at **La Seniorita Restaurant** was moved to one week earlier due to **Cinco de Mayo**. The NCCC pins ordered by club members are in, but he would have to deliver them next month as he forgot to bring them. He reminded everyone that when they participate in other club's events, our club earns points towards next year.

Simon had an email from the owner of **Horizon Hydroponics**. They are a garden store that is having a car show as part of their anniversary celebration on May 19th from noon to 5 P.M. Entry fees are \$10 per car and they would be very happy if our club took part.

Simon also encouraged everyone to come out for **CQMA May Madness** at the track behind **Rookies** on U.S. 27 on the north side of Lansing. The event is May 5th and it is \$10 for 10 laps in a quarter midget go-kart. There is also a car show and **Angie** has planned a **Meet for Lunch at Rookies** for the same day. Both flyers are on the website.

Also on May 5th is a **Food Drive and Car Show** being held in Greenville. Flyer also on the website.

Simon received an email from a man in Flint looking for anyone who remembered a specific 1966 Corvette Convertible that was sold at **Summerfield Chevrolet**. No one had any recollection of the car.

He also was contacted by someone from Kalkaska looking to sell a 1971 big block 454 Coupe. Anyone interested can contact Simon. The price will be \$25,000-\$30,000.

**Secretary: Janet Iansiti** asked that minutes from the March 2012 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved. Janet extended a thank you to **Colleen Bratschi** for filling in as Secretary and doing the minutes in her absence.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** gave details of our current finances and stated that all bills were paid through the end of March.

**Competition Director: Rich Bratschi** stated the flyer for our low speed event has been turned in and everything is set for **Spartan Speedway**. He stills needs a flyer for **Blessing of the Vettes** and **Randy Buck** is working on that. Rich reminded everyone to check the regional calendar as this year's events are underway. The driver's school is also coming up soon.

**Newsletter Editor:** nothing to report.

**Membership Director: Dave Pursel** reported we currently have 88 members (3 are honorary) and 58 FCOA members. If you are waiting for a new membership card and haven't yet received it, see him as he has them available.

Dave also announced that **Chuck Miller**, a second time visitor, will also be a new member.

**Points Director: Kim Keith** reminded everyone to let him know if they attend events with other clubs so he can assign the appropriate points. He also reminded new members about the sign-in sheet and that he had **Capital City Corvette Club** static clings available for sale.

**Public Relations Director: Randy Buck** announced that **Bud Kouts Chevrolet** will be holding an open house, due to their remodeling, and that it would be nice if our club could participate and help them out since they are our number one sponsor. Randy will let us know when the date is set for that event.

**Social Director: Sandy Bechtel** reviewed the upcoming events listed on the agenda. Anyone with questions regarding the **Bowling** event should contact **Angela Hyde**. Questions regarding **Vermontville Parade** should be directed to **Carol Putmon** and questions regarding the **Marshall Parade** should be directed to **Gloria or Simon Reiffer**.

Sandy asked Angela to talk about the **Progressive Dinner** planned for June 23rd. Angela explained to the new members how a progressive dinner works.

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Sandy then gave out treats to recognize members with April birthdays.

### **Appointee Reports:**

**Hearts and Flowers:** Julie Lasher stated she had mailed a sympathy card to **Tom and Connie Taylor** on the death of Tom's father. She sent a get well card to **Kurt Schwamberger**. A card was sent to **Kim and Sue Keith** on the birth of their first grandchild and a sympathy card went to **Kathy Wyma** on the loss of her brother.

**Historian:** Sue Keith showed everyone a club newsletter from April 1986, 26 years ago. Only a few of our members attending tonight actually owned Corvettes back in 1986. Sue read some details about the price of the car back then and the options available. The rarest color was Copper Metallic and only 4 cars were made in that color. Back in 1986 the club had two meetings per month. Sue read the list of events from their calendar and noted how the newsletter was done with stencils, hand typed and hand written. We've come a long ways since then.

**NCM Ambassador:** Joe Thomas was not present, but someone noted that Joe has a new car – a 1995 ZR1.

**Photographer:** Ted Lasher recounted a "small world" story about **Jim Driscoll**, a local business owner, who was directed to our club calendar by member **Milton Scales**. Jim knew several people in our club, back in the day.

Ted stated that pictures from the **Heritage Center** trip will be posted soon.

**Quartermaster:** Randy Putmon had nothing new to report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms:** Robert Ribar had nothing to report.

**Webmaster:** Gloria Reiffer gave some statistics from reports off our website:

Since 1-1-2011 we have had 82,686 hits or sessions with an average of 179 hits per day. Viewers go to an average of 3 pages and spend an average of 3 minutes and 10 seconds on the site. The reports show that one way people find the website is by searching for a members name.

Ted Lasher noted that the most viewed photograph on our website is the 1975 Ford 4 Door Sedan LTD taken at our **Horsepower at the Zoo** car show.

**Steve Musselman** asked Gloria about the deal to purchase the book **100 Years of Chevrolet**. Gloria said she could not remember the details but that there was a special discount to the club if we purchased as a group and got a certain number of orders. She asked for a volunteer to take the lead and Janet Iansiti volunteered. Janet will get details and notify the members.

Gloria also noted that while looking up information for the Marshall Memorial Day parade she found a video of the 2010 parade on YouTube.com. She added the link under the flyer posted on our website and it has had some hits.

### **Member Comments:**

**Bob Maynard** asked Sandy how many members had signed up for **Bowling with the Jackson Club** at **City Limits** on April 15th. So far we only have 9 members signed up and the Jackson Club has 25.

Bob also commented that his 1964 Chevelle Convertible was for sale.

**Howard Parks** told everyone there has been a change in GM warranty policy. If you have had any changes done on your car computer (they call this being flashed) the warranty is void.

**Chuck Miller** told everyone that **Michigan International Speedway** is offering four dates this summer when you can pay \$25 to drive 3 laps on the track. A reservation is required and they also have track tours available. Chuck said the information was in the Sports Section of the paper last Sunday.

**The 50/50** raffle was won by **Videl Gonzalez**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**





# Capital City Corvette Club

## April 18, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**President: Craig Iansiti** called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. Craig said the only item in the mail was business advertising information and a check from Steve Spinrad.

**Secretary: Janet Iansiti** asked for any changes or corrections to the March board minutes. There were no corrections and the minutes were approved.

Craig expressed concern that the board minutes show up in the newsletter as DRAFT and that never gets changed even though the minutes are approved the following month. He suggested we attempt to get the minutes approved electronically by email using the procedure previously submitted by Kim Keith. Discussion followed and everyone agreed to try this system for two months and see how it works. Craig will ask Gloria to correct any approved board minutes for 2012 that still show up as DRAFT in the newsletter on the website.

### Board of Director Reports:

**Competition Director: Rich Bratschi** reported he had two email requests from **Mark Hanlin** of **Calhoun County Corvettes**. The first request was for a head count on members participating or helping out with the driver's school to be held on May 19th. He needs the count by May 7th. Craig said he would email the membership and ask them to respond directly to Rich, and also bring it up at the May 2 membership meeting.

Mark's second email included details of the **Marshal Memorial Day Parade** on May 28th. Details on where to meet are in the flyer posted on the website. There will be a meet for lunch at **Turkeyville** following the parade.

Plans for our first sanctioned events, the **Blessing and Rally** on June 9th, are in place and the flyer went to the region today. **Mike and Connie Britz** along with **Rich and Colleen Bratschi** are planning the rally. Two sanction numbers were used for these events and that leaves one for either our low speed event or a car show like Horsepower at the Zoo. There was discussion as to how awards and ballots work for sanctioned events.

**Newsletter Editor:** absent.

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** reminded everyone the **Regional Meeting** is coming up on Tuesday, April 24th at

**La Senorita Restaurant**. He said he had the flyers for the Blessing/Rally, Jackson's low speed event and the Shiawassee Club's car show and rally in Durand. He noted that all flyers now show the time zone.

Simon also said there were some proposed changes to competition rules that would be voted on at the national convention this year.

**Membership Director: Dave Pursel** reported he had sent an email to the board with our newest member's names, **Austin Arunsalam** and his wife **Abhi**, and their email information. He had not yet received applications from anyone else that had indicated they were interested in joining at the last membership meeting. The current member count is now 90, with 58 FCOAs.

Craig reminded everyone to send board member emails to the correct group. Recently a couple of emails for the board have included appointees by mistake and left out some board members. He urged Dave to be prompt in sharing new member contact information with the group so they can be included in club emails right away.

**Points Director: Kim Keith** reported he had received a couple of requests regarding points. There are two members that do not wish to participate in the points program. He has been leaving their names off the points update. He has been asked if their names could be included and just marked with an NP for non-participating. Reason being that the points list is a great quick reference for names of club members. Discussion followed and it was decided all member names should be included on the points list and those not participating would just be shown as having zero points.

The second request regarding points was to award points to someone who steps up to do something above and beyond their normal participation. For example, **Colleen Bratschi** filled in as secretary at four meetings in Janet's absence. Craig suggested this deserved extra points. Discussion followed. It was decided this would require a change to the points program and that it was not a good idea to make any changes at this time. Kim suggested members who do something extra special could be singled out at the annual awards banquet and that he would take note of that for this year.

**President: Craig Iansiti** said **Al Wilson** of **CAMCC** called to confirm that our club would sponsor the dash plaques for the **Hospice Shows** again this year. Craig confirmed that we would and said he would request a check. As an FYI, Al wanted us to know they purchased green vests for use by volunteers doing the parking at the car shows. Everyone agreed this was a good idea.

Craig questioned how much the club is paying for insurance on our trailer. Simon said there was \$550 in the budget. Craig suggested it might be time to shop for insurance as this seems like a lot for a 20 foot cargo trailer. Discussion followed. Contents do not need to be insured. Liability is covered by the car insurance of the puller. Anything that happens at an event is covered by our NCCC insurance. Maybe the Quartermaster could add coverage for the trailer to his insurance and be reimbursed by the club. Board members will get quotes from their agents and bring to next meeting.

Craig noted there is no date yet for the **Bud Kouts** open house, but club members will be encouraged to attend since they are our sponsor. Also, if no one volunteers to chair the **Horsepower at the Zoo** event by the next club meeting, we will cancel for this year as it is getting too late to get sponsors.

**Public Relations Director: Randy Buck** reported plans for the Blessing of the Vettes are set and the flyer is done. He still needs to order the awards. There will be 13 trophies – 2 each for classes C1 – C6 plus Best of Show.

**Social Director: Sandy Bechtel** was absent.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** was absent.

### **Appointee Reports:**

**Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher** was absent.

**Historian: Sue Keith** announced she had set up the display case at **Bud Kouts** that afternoon. The case contains club information, photos, plaques and awards. Craig said he would stop in and get a picture for the website. Sue said she would update the information in the case once or twice a year and add instructions to the Historian SOP indicating such.

Sue also announced she had added several items to our archives: 2011 points list, top ten and board member list; 2011 and 2012 club calendars by **Ted Lasher**; 2012 membership list; food bank thank you letter.

Sue recently corresponded with **Jim Hoppin** to confirm he had received the membership package and invited him to drop in on a meeting some time. Jim was thrilled with the membership package and said he would be sure to come to a meeting some time.

**NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas** was absent.

**Photographer: Ted Lasher** was absent.

**Quartermaster: Randy Putmon** was absent.

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Ribar** was absent.

**Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer** was absent.

The only club member in attendance was **Nancy Buck**.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary***





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