

# THE CONNECTION

JUNE 2012

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## ***Upcoming Events***

### **General Membership Meeting**

June 6th • 7:00 p.m. • Dinner & Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.  
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### **Blessing of the Vettes**

Saturday • June 9th • Registration: 9:00 a.m.  
Culver's of Okemos • 5140 Times Square Dr. • Okemos

### **Fun Rallye**

Saturday • June 9th • Registration: 1:00-2:00 p.m.  
Culver's of Okemos • 5140 Times Square Dr. • Okemos

### **Let's Meet for Breakfast**

Saturday • June 16th • 9:00 a.m.  
IHOP • 2771 E. Grand River • East Lansing

### **Board Meeting**

June 20th • 6:30 p.m.  
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### **Progressive Dinner**

Saturday • June 23rd • 3:00 a.m.  
Begins at the Home of Sandy Bechtel

## ***June Birthdays***

Darrell Conley (14) • Kathryn Pursel (15) Ralph Swan (15)  
James Boettcher (21) • Gary Wyma (30)



### **Newsletter Article Deadline**

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



# FROM THE PRESIDENT



The lazy days of summer are here, and the calendar is filling with activities. Some of us are keeping our schedule almost exclusively Vette related, while others are taking in a few car events while not neglecting the cottage, RV, home, or boat - or family. There are no excuses for being bored, and certainly non for keeping the Vette in the garage. With all the beautiful weather we have been enjoying, some of us have put on more miles already this year than we drove all last summer. Let's hope the sunshine and pleasant temperatures continue to hold - right on through December!

The Blessing of the Vettes is right around the corner (June 9), and this year we are having a fun rally following the show. We moved this event from May to June to lock in better weather and it looks like it may work. Speaking of work - A lot of work goes into these events, so please try to set aside the day, and have some fun with your fellow members. A sign-up sheet will be on the table at the next membership meeting, or contact the chairpersons shown on the flyers found on our website. Volunteers to help a bit will be needed. This is the only "Corvette Only" show hosted exclusively by our club.

Keep your eye on the calendar and event flyers on the website. New things to do are added all the time. Don't be left out of the fun and feasts.

The CCCC scholarships for Auto Tech students at the Capital Area Career Center were presented on May 18th. Winner of the CCCC Collin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000 was awarded to Adam Zink from Holt High School. The John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship for \$500 was awarded to John Pizzo of Haslett High School. Both scholarships were matched so ended up to

be double the amount we contributed. Sandy Bechtel and I were present at the award ceremony. It is so nice to see excellent students receive help to continue in this important field. We only want the best of the best to work on our prized cars.

Here is something to think about. Our Board of Directors is trying to come up with some way to help members feel more comfortable about running for future vacant positions. We seem to be in a loop, where the same members are reelected year after year. That is a wonderful vote of confidence, and much appreciated. Board members really do enjoy the involvement in guiding the club, but we do need a break now and then. Any member can run for a board position, but only prior board members can run for president. You will find information about each position published on the website, and I will try to include information about a few positions on each meeting agenda over the summer months. This will serve as a reminder that nominations will be coming up in late fall, as well as give everyone a general idea of what the responsibilities are for each position. One plan is to have interested members "shadow" a position for a month or so to determine if they are really interested. A new board member will have the benefit of the previous board members assistance for the first couple months of tenure. No one would be expected to go in "cold". Remember that general membership is very welcome and encouraged to attend board meetings, both to provide input, and to see what it's all about.

This is your club. Stay involved. Help it evolve. Enjoy!



*Save the Wave,  
Craig*

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# 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

P.O. Box 27295 • Lansing MI 48909

## 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

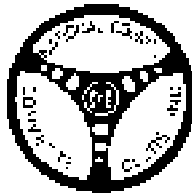
Mike & Connie Britz

4973 Zimmer Rd

Williamston MI 48895

517-712-8968

Email: 4c.board@ccc Corvette.org



### GOVERNOR:

Simon Reiffer

832 Creyts Rd

Dimondale MI 48821

517-646-2180

Pre-

Registration End 6/02/12

Pre-Registration \$8.00

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

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to : Capital City Corvette Club

Mail check and Registration to : Rich Bratschi

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EIGHTH ANNUAL

**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

1220 lamb Rd

Mason MI 48854

517-937-8642

Email: vetteman40th@hotmail.com



NCCC SANCTION

NUMBER MI-003-069

## **GOVERNOR:**

Simon Reiffer

832 Creyts Rd

Dimondale MI 48821

517-646-2180

**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# \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

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

PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to : Capital City Corvette Club

Mail check and Registration to : Randy Buck

Capital City Corvette Club

P.O. Box 27295

Lansing MI 48909



# Capital Area Career Center Awards Presentation



**Craig and Adam Zink:**

Adam received the Collin Nethaway Memorial Scholarship for \$1,000. He is a 2012 graduate of Mason High School, and plans to attend LCC to finish basics and start their Auto Tech program. They offer a four year business course plan with Ferris State, which he will coordinate with his automotive technologies.



**Sandy and John Pizzo:**

John received the John Bechtel Memorial Scholarship for \$500. He is a 2012 graduate of Haslett High School. He is working this summer after graduation, and is exploring various options he has for attending a technical school this coming fall.

***Let's Meet For Breakfast***

# **IHOP RESTAURANT**

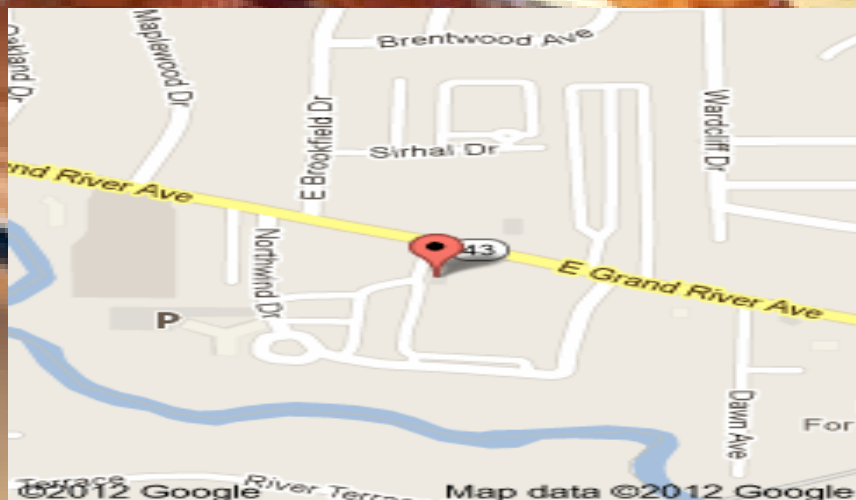
**2771 E Grand River Ave • East Lansing**

**June 16th 9:00 a.m.**

**RSVPS: Sign Up Sheet At June 6th  
Membership Meeting**

**Randy Buck 517-937-8642**

**Vetteman40th@hotmail.com**







*The Capital City Corvette Club had 11 members at the Corvette Club of Battle Creek show at Turkeyville on May 20. Jerry and Dominique got a 3rd place trophy for C6 modified and Kim and Sue got a 3rd place trophy for C5 stock. They had about 135 cars there and Jackson CC took the club award for most participants.*

*The Capital City Corvette Club representation:*

*11 members, 6 cars*

*Robert Ribar & Stephanie, Harold & Katherine Twining, Dennis and Sandy Burt, Simon & Gloria Reiffer, Jerry & Dominique Palacios, Kim & Sue Keith.*



# *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***

# National Corvette Museum News & Events

Submitted by Joe Thomas, NCM Ambassador

## NCM Accepting Corvette Hall of Fame Nominations

The Corvette Hall of Fame was created by the National Corvette Museum Board of Directors to confer the highest honor and recognition upon the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette. The award recognizes those people who have made significant contributions to their respective fields, each having reached the highest level of accomplishment. Nominations for the 2012 Hall of Fame will be accepted through August 31, 2012. Any NCM member can make nominations. Current Board members and NCM employees are not eligible to be nominated. Qualified nominations are good for three years.

Nomination forms may be downloaded at [corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org). For more info contact Connie Russell at 270-467-8815 or [connie@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:connie@corvettemuseum.org).

## Freshen Up Your Brick

Would you like to freshen up your current brick space while helping the NCM with walkway beautification?

Now through May 31, 2012, have your original brick shipped FREE when ordering a small replacement brick. Small standard replacements are \$75 and small logo replacements are \$100 and this price includes the shipment of your original brick (\*additional fees apply for international addresses.)

Your current brick location is required with each order, along with the code SHPFREEBRK in the special instructions box on the shipping summary page. Order yours today!

## Help Pick Bowling Green's Song

We love our hometown of Bowling Green, KY... It is, of course, the only place in the world Corvettes are made! Now Bowling Green is seeking your help in picking their "song." A contest has been held, and the list is narrowed down to 5 choices.



All but one song mention Corvette! Listen to the songs, and email your vote for your favorite to [bgsongcontest@gmail.com](mailto:bgsongcontest@gmail.com).

## Steve Parrish Joins One Acre Club

When it comes to being a Corvette Enthusiast, it's hard to get more enthusiastic than Steve Parrish. He attends events, he has taken Museum deliveries on two Corvettes, purchased raffle tickets, and promotes the Corvette lifestyle to anyone who will listen. After winning a Z06 in one of our raffles, he made the pledge to join the One Acre Club using the installment plan. True to his word, he did.

"I want to purchase this acre as a tribute to the workers who do such an outstanding job building this car at the plant." Steve says. "I also want to dedicate it to the members of the Corvette Racing Team. It is because of all of them that we have this amazing car to enjoy. The Motorsports Park will be the ultimate tribute to them, giving us and generations to come, a place to experience what this car can do."



## Corvette Store Featured Item & Complimentary Shipping

**1953-55 Corvette Emblem Desk Stand.** Perfect for home or office, this desk stand features the 1953-55 Corvette emblem on a virtually indestructible 20 gauge PhotoSTEEL! 14" x 11" x 2". \$34.95



**COMPLIMENTARY SHIPPING** on Corvette Store orders\* placed by **June 17, 2012** on purchases of \$75 or more.

Charges apply for Overnight, Second/Third Day and International shipping. Build sheet, window sticker, and brick orders excluded. Not valid on previous purchases. Free shipping on orders totaling \$75 after discounts and does not include special shipping costs. \*Some exclusions apply. Continental U.S. only.





# Capital City Corvette Club



## Participation Points as of May 28, 2012

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3	Austin Arunasalam	3	Jennifer Everhart*	3	Bob Maynard	10	Thomas Sipka
5	Jim Balla*	0	Randy Gisse	1	Shalimar Maynard	8	David Sowders
0	Scott Bauries	2	Vidal Gonzalez	3	Diana Mosher	4	Fran Sowders
0	Sandy Bechtel	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	5	Barb Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
10	James Boettcher	6	Ward Harris	9	Steve Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
10	Mara Boettcher	7	Howard Hein	14	Dominique Palacios	2	Alex Spitzley
6	Colleen Bratschi	0	Jim Hoppin	14	Jerry Palacios	2	Joan Spitzley
10	Rich Bratschi	33	Angela Hyde	22	Diana Parks	1	Janet Sprague
5	Connie Britz	18	Craig Iansiti	22	Howard Parks	1	Michael Sprague
12	Mike Britz	14	Janet Iansiti	3	Joe Platte	3	Ralph Swan
24	NancyLee Buck	0	Dick Iding	15	Ed Politza	3	Susan Swan
28	Randy Buck	5	Greg Kapp	15	Suzanne Politza	15	Connie Taylor
8	Chris Burke	34	Kim Keith	8	David Pursel	15	Tom Taylor
9	Terry Burke	32	Sue Keith	0	Kathryn Pursel	11	Joseph Thomas*
7	Dennis Burt	0	Fred Koos	14	Carol Putmon	23	Harold Twining
7	Sandy Burt	6	Sheila Lansing	19	Randy Putmon	21	Katherine Twining
0	Dana Conley	26	Julie Lasher	37	Gloria Reiffer	6	Sue VanAtta-Wight
0	Darrell Conley	26	Ted Lasher	37	Simon Reiffer	0	Lee Webster
5	Dave Cripe*	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	33	Robert Ribar	2	Robert Wheeler
3	Pat Cripe	0	Patrick Lickfeldt	24	Milton Scales	7	Larry Wight
0	Darwin Day	6	Carlo Litrenta	0	Brenda Shatkosky*	0	Gary Wyma
8	Art Doty*	2	Janet Litrenta	0	Richard Shatkosky*	3	Kathy Wyma
8	Nancy Doty*	0	Lee MacGillivray				

## Current 2012 Top Ten

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37	Gloria Reiffer	33	Angela Hyde	28	Randy Buck	24	NancyLee Buck
37	Simon Reiffer	33	Robert Ribar	26	Julie Lasher	24	Milton Scales
34	Kim Keith	32	Sue Keith	26	Ted Lasher		



\* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.



## 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  
Mackinaw City, Michigan 49701**

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**JOIN US FOR A WEEKEND OF FAMILY FUN!**

# 23rd ANNUAL CORVETTE CROSSROADS AUTO SHOW

MACKINAW CITY, MICHIGAN - AUGUST 25, 2012

Registration Form



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Club Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

RELEASE: I accept and assume full liability for any injury to me or my property, agents or employees at anytime, from any cause in connection with this event. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages/injury and to indemnify and hold harmless Village of Mackinaw, Mackinac Bridge Authority, Arnold Transit Co., Mackinac Island State Parks Commission, Mackinaw Crossings Mall and the Mackinaw Area Chamber of Commerce, its officers, directors, agents, employees and chapters for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or to others during the show. I agree to provide and pay for my own insurance. NO REFUNDS; RAIN OR SHINE.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

How Many?

Total

Auto Pre-Registration by 8/3/12	_____	\$25.00 each auto	\$ _____
After 8/3/12	_____	\$35.00 each auto	\$ _____
Poker Walk	_____	Registered Auto	\$ <b>FREE</b>
Parade - Saturday 7:00 p.m.	_____	Registered Auto	\$ <b>FREE</b>

Exclusive Event Pique Polo Shirt — Pick Up With Registration Packet

W/Embroidered Logo & Date S \_\_\_ M \_\_\_ L \_\_\_ XL \_\_\_ \$39.00 each / XXL \_\_\_ \$44.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## CREDIT CARD AUTHORIZATION

CHARGE MY: VISA MASTERCARD | |  
 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

If shirts are ordered after 8/3/12  
 add \$6.00 each for shipping  
 and handling.

\$ 6.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

EXP. DATE: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRAND TOTAL \$** \_\_\_\_\_

*Make checks payable to "MCCofC" and mail or fax to: P.O. Box 856, Mackinaw City, MI 49701, or Fax: (231) 436-7989*

## DASH PLATES GUARANTEED ONLY TO PRE-REGISTERED AUTOS

### Automobile Information:

Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Body Style: \_\_\_\_\_ HP: \_\_\_\_\_ Color: \_\_\_\_\_ License #: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Class: Stock: \_\_\_\_\_ Modified: \_\_\_\_\_ Full Modified: \_\_\_\_\_

Class distinction will be at the discretion of officials. Please register in appropriate class. We ask participants to monitor each other and report to officials.

**STOCK:** Original, delivered factory appearance and condition.

**MODIFIED:** (*Modifications that change the outward appearance of the vehicle.*)

Examples may include: custom paint, flared wheel wells or custom hoods.

**FULL MODIFIED:** Anything goes!!

Club with most registered auto wins award. Registered auto that travels the farthest wins award. All judging is people's choice only! If you have knowledge of non-compliance, please notify event staff.

**NOTICE!!!! Event Registered cars only on event property! Please cooperate!**

## AWARD CLASSES

1953 - 1962  
 1963 - 1967  
 1968 - 1973  
 1974 - 1977  
 1978 - 1982  
 1984 - 1996  
 1997 - 2004  
 2005 - 2013  
 1953 - 1973 Modified  
 1974 - 1982 Modified  
 1984 - 1996 Modified  
 1997 - 2004 Modified  
 2005 - 2013 Modified  
 1953 - 2013 Full Modified  
 Distance & Club Awards

## CCCC Summer Getaway to Mackinaw City ~ August 23 – 26



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

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

### Caravan Details

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.

### Lodging Details

The Waterfront Inn is an older motel and offers many first floor rooms. The Mackinaw Beach & Bay All Suites Resort is next door. For members traveling with pets, the Beachcomber Motel is next door to the Waterfront. *(Call them directly for room rates/availability.)*

#### Waterfront Inn

1009 South Huron Ave  
Mackinaw City MI 49701  
231.436.5527 or  
1.800.962.9832

[www.largestbeach.com](http://www.largestbeach.com)

#### Lakefront –

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

for room details.

#### Courtside –

2 queens  
\$59 on Thursday  
\$79 on Friday & Saturday

#### Courtside –

2 doubles, or 1 king,  
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## 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

## May 2, 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

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

**President: Craig Iansiti** – called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. and announced that we had a total of 53 members present at the meeting. Since total membership is around 90, that was an excellent turn out. Craig then introduced a guest, **Tom Rhodes**, President of the **Great Lakes Corvette Club**. Tom owns a 1971 maroon coupe.

Craig asked for input on what to do about distributing emails from outside groups inviting our club to participate in car shows and other events. By a show of hands, most members do not wish to receive a copy of every car show invitation the club receives. Craig said in the future he would print out the emails and bring them to the monthly meetings for anyone interested to view. He noted that Gloria posts flyers and links to information for all major events on our website.

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 the **Rookie Low Speed Driving School** is coming up on May 19th and this is the 7th year of the event. The **Calhoun County Corvettes** head the event and can always use help if anyone is interested. The sign-up sheet for anyone wanting to drive or help out is on the region's website and there is a link from the club website.

Craig urged everyone to stop at **Bud Kouts Chevrolet** and see the display case **Sue Keith** set up with historical items from the club.

Craig asked for volunteers to chair the **Horsepower at the Zoo** show, but there was no response. Since no one has come forward to chair that show, it will be cancelled for this year, but we will try to start planning early for next year's show. We will try to use the sanction number from that show for another event.

Craig shared a story about having a flat tire at the **Vermontville Maple Syrup Parade** and reminded everyone to always check your valve stems after adding or checking pressure to be sure they are not leaking. A little spit on your finger will work.

### Board of Director Reports:

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** congratulated our members on the great turn out. He said he had talked with governors of much larger clubs that only get about the same number at their meetings.

Simon attended the regional meeting last week. He let everyone know that there will now be a place on the national website where you can update information about FCOA members. It is important to keep that information up to date.

**Blue Bars** magazine is looking for articles and photos, tech articles especially.

He and Gloria attended the regional awards banquet hosted by the **Battle Creek** club. It was at a nice golf course overlooking the city.

Simon reminded everyone the entry forms for the driving school were on line and also that it is not too late to sign up for the national convention. There are still rooms available and he has a list of events.

There will be a **Motor City Corvette Concourse** series of car shows again this year. People's choice winners of these shows may be invited to attend the **Les Stanford** final concourse show in September.

Simon reminded everyone to fill out the card with your NCCC # when you attend outside events. The member and the club both get points for attendance and those points help us get a better chance at reserving dates for our next year's sanctioned events.

He also mentioned there would be quite a few rally's coming up and that they are fun events, although sometimes challenging for couples. Simon encouraged everyone to attend shows and events at other clubs.

**Secretary: Janet Iansiti** asked for any additions or corrections to the April meeting minutes and there were none. The minutes were then approved.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** gave details of our current finances and stated he had just given Craig a check for \$750 for our two scholarships for the **Capital Area Career Center**. Those scholarships will be awarded later this month.

**Competition Director: Rich Bratschi** stated everything is set for the June 9th **Blessing of the Vettes** and the **Rally** to follow. The event is at **Culver's in Okemos** and he asked everyone to please attend. The rally will not be too difficult and it ends at a really great restaurant. Both the show and the rally are sanctioned and if possible there will be another sanctioned event added to the rally, like a poker run, to use the sanction number which would have been for Horsepower at the Zoo. This will require approval since the flyer has already been published, but he will check into it.

**Membership Director: Dave Pursel** reported we currently have 90 members (3 are honorary) and 61 FCOA members. If you are waiting for a new membership card and haven't yet received it, see him as he has them available.

**Points Director: Kim Keith** reminded everyone to sign in and also to let him know if they attend events with other clubs so he can assign the appropriate points. He also mentioned he had CCCC static clings for sale.

Kim presented member **Mike Sprague** with his **Regional Autocross Awards** for finishing 6th place in speed and 8th place in overall points. Mike also finished 62nd in points at

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the national level. Everyone applauded Mike for his accomplishments.

**Public Relations Director: Randy Buck** stated he would have the flyer and the sign-up sheet for the **Blessing of the Vettes/Rally** available at the June monthly meeting.

**Social Director: Sandy Bechtel** reviewed the upcoming events listed on the agenda and mentioned there were many more fun events listed on the website.

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

### Appointee Reports:

**Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher** stated she had mailed out two get well cards in the past month. One to **Frank Kessler**, a former member who had recently suffered a stroke, and one to **Janet Iansiti** recovering from knee surgery.

**Historian: Sue Keith** said she talked with **Dick Iding** when she set up the display at **Bud Kouts** and he was very pleased with it. Sue thanked **Kim Keith** for his assistance with the set up and **Ted Lasher** for providing photographs.

Sue had spoken with **Jim Hoppin** (*the first club president*) and he is delighted with his honorary membership. Sue told him he was welcome to join us at any of our club events and he indicated an interest in doing so.

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

**Photographer: Ted Lasher** said he was working on getting pictures posted up to date on the website. He said if anyone was interested there is going to be an open house at the **Lingenfelder Collection** in Brighton on May 31st, sponsored by the **Brighton Boy Scouts**. The price is \$25 per ticket.

Ted also mentioned he came across a parts source in Roseville, Michigan, called **Tracy Performance**. They specialize in parts for older model corvettes and used to do a swap meet with our club in times past. See Ted for information.

**Quartermaster: Randy Putmon** was absent.

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

**Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer** said to pay attention to the Event Flyers page on the website for information about local, regional and national events. Anyone who wants something posted should give her a flyer or a link.

### Member Comments:

**Simon Reiffer** reminded everyone there would be Go Kart racing on the track behind **Rookie's** restaurant where the **Meet for Lunch** was planned for this coming Saturday. The racing is to raise funds for a children's charity. Check the website for information. He also said to check the flyer on the table for the Battle Creek club show which is now held at **Turkeyville** on May 20th. He reminded everyone about the

**Hospice Car Show** in conjunction with the **CAMCC** which will be on Sunday of Memorial Day weekend at **Bud Kouts**.

**Ted Lasher** asked if there was any news yet on a date for the **Bud Kouts Open House**, but no one had heard anything yet.

**Craig Iansiti** reiterated that there are two **Hospice Shows** this year with the CAMCC. The first one is on Memorial Weekend and the second is on Labor Day weekend. Our club helps out with these shows but CAMCC takes the lead. The clubs used to do separate shows, but this makes it easier for the car dealer as they only have to clear cars off their lots twice for the whole summer.

Craig also reminded everyone the **Jackson Cruise-Ins** are coming up and that they were lots of fun to attend.

**Colleen Bratschi** told everyone she had recently seen **Lee McGillivray** (*first club sponsor*) and his wife. Lee received his honorary membership package and they would love to attend a meeting. Colleen said she and Rich will try to bring them sometime soon.

Colleen also stated there would be a sign-up sheet for **Spartan Speedway** workers at the next meeting. Food this year will be a free lunch for drivers that participate in four or more events. Lunch at cost will be available to everyone else. She will have a sign-up sheet for people to bring desserts.

**Mike Sprague** put a plug in for auto-cross racing. He said both the male and female national champions will be at our **Spartan Speedway** event this summer. He said it is fun to drive and it is also fun to watch.

**Gloria Reiffer** said she forgot to bring a sign-up sheet for the **Marshal Memorial Day Parade** but everyone should meet at 8:00 at **Coyote Creek**. Directions and a map are on the website. She will send out an email to remind everyone and they can respond back if they plan to attend.

Gloria reminded everyone to get their hotel reservations in for **Mackinaw Crossroads**. The **Mackinaw Beach** and **Bay Resort** hotel has dropped their rates for that weekend. The other hotels nearby are the Waterfront Inn and the Beachcomber, which accepts pets.

**Robert Wheeler**, a new member, asked for a brief explanation of the events at Crossroads. Gloria explained how everything works and what we do and several others commented about what a fun weekend it is and encouraged him to attend.

**The 50/50 raffle** was won by **Dave Pursel**.

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

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**



# Capital City Corvette Club

## May 15, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**President: Craig Iansiti** called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. He said there were several ads for out-of-state car shows in the mail, along with a couple of pre-registrations for **The Blessing Car Show and Rally**.

There is still no date for the **Bud Kouts** Open House.

The **Bud Kouts Hospice Show** is coming up on the 27th and our club needs to provide some volunteers. There was no sign-up sheet at the last meeting, so workers will have to be recruited by email. Craig will send something out as soon as he hears from Al Wilson as to what kind of help he needs. Gloria asked Craig to try and get a flyer by email so she can post it on the website.

The two scholarships provided by the club will be presented to the winners at the **Capital Area Career Center** on May 18th. Craig and Sandy Bechtel will attend.

**Sherry Graham**, the director of the **Potter Park Zoo**, has been notified that our **Horsepower at the Zoo Show** is cancelled for this year. Sherry said she hopes to see us back next year. Rich Bratschi suggested we give the Zoo a donation from the club even though we are not having a car show. Everyone agreed that was a good idea and Craig said he would put it on the agenda for the June membership meeting.

**Secretary: Janet Iansiti** stated that the April minutes had been approved by email. Since the process seems to work effectively, she will continue to use the electronic approval method and will update the Secretary S.O.P. to reflect the change.

### Board of Director Reports:

**Competition Director: Rich Bratschi** reported he had not been able to transfer the sanction number from the H.A.Z. show to add to the Rally on June 9th since it was too late. We can use it for another event later in the year if we can find a date that is open. We might be able to use it for some event associated with the **Labor Day Hospice Show** or plan another event and use it on the day that H.A.Z. would have been scheduled, September 16th. Rich said he will check into the possibility and reminded everyone that if we plan something, the flyer with the sanction number has to be out at least 6 weeks in advance. Gloria said we might also offer the number to another club that is planning a rally, help them out with games or something

and still get the points.

Rich reminded everyone the **Driving School** is this coming weekend. No one from our club signed up through Rich. If anyone is planning to attend, be aware there will be security this year due to the event being at the **Eaton Proving Grounds** in Marshall.

Rich circulated a sign-up sheet for our **Spartan Speedway low-speed event**. Our club needs to help out on Saturday. He will also have the sign-up sheet at the next membership meeting. Colleen Bratschi also circulated a sign-up sheet for people to make and bring desserts for the lunch on Saturday.

Two volunteers are needed to assist with starting cars at the rally on June 9th. It should preferably be someone who is coming to the car show but not planning to do the rally. One board member offered to help that is not driving the rally. Craig and Janet Iansiti also offered to help, but they are doing the rally, so they would just have to be the last car out.

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** said he had not yet received an update about the national meeting held earlier this month. Those minutes will be available on the National site later this year.

**Membership Director: Dave Pursel** reported he had not received any applications from the guests who recently attended our membership meeting. At this time we still have 90 members and 61 FCOAs. Dave said he recently placed an order with Star Enterprises for more member T-shirts since he is running low.

**Points Director: Kim Keith** had nothing to report.

**Public Relations Director: Randy Buck** was absent.

**Social Director: Sandy Bechtel** discussed the upcoming club events for May and June. She said the month of July was open.

Janet Iansiti stated that she and Craig were planning a club trip to the **Gilmore Car Museum** in August and were considering inviting the **Jackson Club** to join us. Everyone agreed that was a good idea.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** was absent. Craig said anyone with checks should hold onto them for now.



**Appointee Reports:**

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

**Historian: Sue Keith** reported that she has been keeping track of all club events for each year with details of what the event was, when it happened and where it happened. She also said she has already made up the list of members eligible for election to the board of directors and suggested we start recruiting as soon as possible.

Craig asked if she kept track of attendance for events and Sue does not, but Kim Keith can pull that information from his point spreadsheets. Discussion followed regarding how the club is changing and which events seem to bring people out. Craig would like to see a report of trends in attendance so he can give out some numbers at the membership meeting. Kim said he could pull the numbers for as far back as 2007 and Craig should email him to let him know exactly what he wants to see.

**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** reported there was nothing new with the website. It is working great since we switched to AT&T. She gets many requests for link-backs from around the country and some are offering to pay us for them. She deletes anything that does not relate to Corvettes. Gloria said she is thinking of using Google Analytics reports instead of the current Urchin method. Google gives much better information and is more interesting.

Rich Bratschi asked if there was any issue with other clubs having the same name. Gloria said "no". She also said she only posts out of state car show events on our website if they are "national" events.

**Member Input:**

Simon Reiffer reminded everyone that this coming Sunday, May 20th, is the **People's Choice Car Show** in Turkeyville. This is the same show that used to be at Charlton Park in Hastings.

The only club member in attendance was **Colleen Bratschi**. Colleen questioned how the Treasurer's report was being presented at membership meetings and discussion

followed. Craig said he would share the concerns with our Treasurer, Mike Britz, when he returns.

Colleen said that as our club grows and gains new members, it seems we still have the same 12 or 15 people who are willing to be involved and serve on the board. She suggested we consider shared board positions or half-year positions, since the older our members get, the more of them will be spending the winter in warmer climates. She thought perhaps this would encourage more people to run for the board if they didn't have to do it the full year or if they knew it was "ok" to be gone for a few months.

Discussion followed regarding how best to get people interested and willing to take a board position.

Suggestions included ways to get the S.O.P. in front of the membership so they can see what is required of each position, making sure members know who all of the past board members are so they know who could be of help to them, putting out a sign-up sheet now for anyone who thinks they might be interested, doing an email to all the club every month leading up to the election with a request for new faces and information about what the board does. There was discussion on alternating two year positions, on the board only meeting half the year, and also on having the past directors shadow the new board members to help them through the first few months, or having members volunteer to be an apprentice to the current board members. Everyone agreed we need to start now to get people interested in being on next year's board.

Colleen also asked whether it was OK to accept cash donations from vendors for Potter Park Zoo, even though we are not having a car show there this year. She said it seemed like several of her business contacts were disappointed when they heard we had cancelled the show. She would like to be able to tell them we will take their donations and give them the credit due. The board agreed this was acceptable for any vendors that asked.

Gloria Reiffer pointed out that we need a notice on our website regarding the cancellation of the Horsepower at the Zoo show since there is a whole page dedicated to that show and the date is already being given out by other groups. Craig said he would write something up for Gloria to post.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**



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