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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

August 1st • 7:00 p.m. • Dinner & Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Gilmore Car Museum

August 11th • 9:00 a.m. • Tentative Date & Time

Board Meeting

August 15th • 6:30 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Lets Meet For Breakfast

Saturday • August 18th • 9:00 a.m.
Flap Jack Shack • 6927 South Cedar Street • Lansing

Summer Getaway to Mackinaw City

August 23rd - 26th • Depart 10:00 a.m. • Clark Corners
Corner of Clark Road and Old U.S. 27

Corvette Crossroads Show

August 24th • 9:00 a.m. • Mackinaw Crossing Mall
Mackinaw City, MI

Sparrow Hospice Car Show

September 2nd • 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. • Bud Kouts Chevrolet

August Birthdays

Christopher Dana (3) • Harold Twining (6) • Ted Lasher (13)
Frances Sowders (20) • Dominique Palacio (21) • Howard Hein (22)
Chris Burke (24)



Newsletter Article Deadline
Send all newsletter articles to
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23rd of the month.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

7 en things to do with your Corvette on a hot summer week.

Join up with eight other friends from the CCCC (**Randy and Nancy Buck, Randy and Carol Putmon, Kim and Sue Keith, Ted and Julie Lasher**) and head out to South Dakota for the **41st Annual Black Hills Corvette Classic**.

Pay \$15.10 in tolls for the privilege of dodging trucks and crazy drivers to get around Chicago (never again).

Stay one night at a real cool motel in La Crosse, WI that was built like a huge lodge. Nice!

Stay two nights in Sioux Falls, SD and meet up with many other Veters from all over the country at one of the biggest sponsoring dealerships I have ever seen (Billions is the name).

Race out ahead of and away from the crowd to spend three days in Sturgis, SD and attend the Classic's events down the road in Spearfish, SD.



Along the way watch a big grass fire rage while touring the **Badlands National Park** in 114 degree heat. Whew!

Tour the Black Hills, national monuments, scenic roads and western towns; attend car shows, poker runs, a BBQ and a banquet; lots more.

Head back for a two day return trip that includes an overnight stop in Joliet, IL at **Harrah's Casino**. Win some – lose some. Oh yeah – also a stop to

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see what's up the skirt of the **Jolly Green Giant** (that's Carol and Janet, by the way).

Never see a day it didn't hit at least 100 degrees.

After nine days, all get home safe and sound with memories to last a lifetime.

Wash the car after 2,805 miles of really fun cruising.

Much thanks to **Kim and Sue**, our experienced guides, for making the trip so organized and stress free ('cept that Chicago loop thing).

So, grab a few friends and just head on out to one of the many Corvette events around the country. It's always fun to take a road trip, and it doesn't have to be an official club event. Then come back and tell us all about it.

By the time you are reading this, our **Spartan Speedway** event will be just beginning – or completed. It looks like good weather is in store, and we are looking forward to a great race weekend, jointly sponsored by the **Jackson Corvette Club**. Come on out and have some fun with your car, watch it all from the bleachers, or jump in and provide some much needed help around the course.

Don't forget to sign up for our Drive and Dine to the **Gilmore Car Museum** in **Hickory Corners** on August 11th. It is always a great time and not too long of a drive for those from the Lansing area. We hope to have some of our friends from the Jackson club join us for this trip.



There is still time to get a room and register for the **Summer Getaway at Corvette Crossroads**. Check our website for details. This is a fantastic trip to one of the more interesting places in the state. We always have fun – rain or shine.

Save the Wave! Craig





Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of August 2, 2012

8	Austin Arunasalam	0	Darwin Day	14	Carlo Litrenta	8	Brenda Shatkosky*
7	Jim Balla*	15	Art Doty*	10	Janet Litrenta	11	Richard Shatkosky*
		15	Nancy Doty*	0	Lee MacGillivray	14	Thomas Sipka
0	Dana Beaman	3	Jennifer Everhart*	5	Bob Maynard	14	David Sowders
0	Kim Beaman	0	Randy Gisse	1	Shalimar Maynard	4	Fran Sowders
0	Sandy Bechtel	4	Vidal Gonzalez	15	Diana Mosher	0	Loretta Spinrad
16	James Boettcher	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	7	Barb Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
16	Mara Boettcher	12	Ward Harris	11	Steve Musselman	6	Alex Spitzley
34	Colleen Bratschi	11	Howard Hein	31	Dominique Palacio	6	Joan Spitzley
36	Rich Bratschi	0	Jim Hoppin	31	Jerry Palacio	1	Janet Sprague
9	Connie Britz	61	Angela Hyde	32	Diana Parks	1	Michael Sprague
23	Mike Britz	54	Craig Iansiti	35	Howard Parks	19	Ralph Swan
46	NancyLee Buck	50	Janet Iansiti	13	Joe Platte	13	Susan Swan
52	Randy Buck	0	Dick Iding	29	Ed Politza	27	Connie Taylor
12	Chris Burke	7	Greg Kapp	29	Suzanne Politza	27	Tom Taylor
15	Terry Burke	74	Kim Keith	24	David Pursel	19	Joseph Thomas*
9	Dennis Burt	72	Sue Keith	8	Kathryn Pursel	31	Harold Twining
9	Sandy Burt	0	Fred Koos	31	Carol Putmon	29	Katherine Twining
0	Dana Conley	10	Sheila Lansing	34	Randy Putmon	12	Sue VanAtta-Wight
0	Darrell Conley	58	Julie Lasher	77	Gloria Reiffer	0	Lee Webster
6	Dave Cripe*	60	Ted Lasher	73	Simon Reiffer	4	Robert Wheeler
3	Pat Cripe	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	47	Robert Ribar	19	Larry Wight
7	Christopher Dana	2	Patrick Lickfeldt	28	Milton Scales	6	Gary Wyma
						9	Kathy Wyma

Current 2012 Top Ten

77	Gloria Reiffer	72	Sue Keith	58	Julie Lasher	50	Janet Iansiti
74	Kim Keith	61	Angela Hyde	54	Craig Iansiti		
73	Simon Reiffer	60	Ted Lasher	52	Randy Buck		



* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.

"It's All Above the Collar"

By: Sue Keith



A crowd of curious spectators, photographers and journalists gathered in the pouring rain in New York City on June 9, 1909 to watch a 22 year old woman turn the crank on a 1909 Maxwell DA touring car and begin her historical journey. **Alice Ramsey** would be the first woman to attempt a trans-continental drive from New York City to San Francisco. Her companions were her two sister-in-laws, **Nettie Powell** and **Margaret Atwood**, and a young friend, 16 year old **Hermine Jahns**. *None of her passengers knew how to drive.*

Alice Huyler was born in 1886, attended Vassar College and in 1906 at age 20, married 43 year old



John Ramsey, a prosperous businessman in Hackensack, New Jersey. Alice's father had encouraged her mechanical talents and she was eager to learn to drive. John Ramsey bought his wife a 1908 red Maxwell runabout and arranged for driving lessons. It had a two cylinder, 14 horsepower engine and a base price of \$825. Alice loved driving and decided to enter the Montauk Point Run, a 150 mile endurance run that started outside New York City and went to the lighthouse at the eastern tip of Long Island. Her driving skills at the Montauk Point Run caught the attention of the sales man-



ager from the **Maxwell-Briscoe Company** which was located in Tarrytown, NY. He saw the opportunity for a promotional advertising stunt and suggested to Alice Ramsey that she was going to be the first woman to drive an automobile across the United States of America.

For her trip the company loaned her a new dark green 1909 Maxwell. It had a four cylinder, 30 horsepower engine and a sticker price of \$1500. The auto was right-hand drive and had four gears, reverse and three forward gears. The 30 gallon gas tank was located under the front seat and the gas was measured by inserting a ruled stick. Top speed was around 40 mph. The Maxwell weighed 2100

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pounds but with passengers, spare tires, parts, tools and one suitcase per person, it weighed 3500 pounds.

In 1909, only 155,000 Americans owned automobiles, out of a population of 80 million people. The **Maxwell-Briscoe Company** was the third largest automobile manufacturer at the time and they were eager for the publicity this trip would generate. Long distance motorists depended on the **"Blue Book"** which by 1909 had driving directions for most areas east of the Missouri River. The Wild West was exactly that – wild, and included an encounter with an Indian hunting party on horseback!

The route the four women took brought them through Albany and Buffalo, NY, Cleveland and Toledo, OH, Goshen, IN and on to Chicago. While in Chicago they were invited to attend the **Cobe Cup**



Race at Crown Point. The race was won by **Louis Chevrolet** driving a Buick. They continued across Iowa and crossed the Mississippi River on a wooden bridge at Clinton, Iowa. That summer Iowa had been deluged with heavy rain which turned the roads into what Alice described as **"gumbo mud"**. The tires on the Maxwell auto were built on a canvas foundation, were only four inches wide and had no tread. It took them 13 days to get across Iowa using low gear and chains on the tires.



The women motored on through Grand Island, NE, Cheyenne and Laramie, WY, Salt Lake City, UT and Reno, NV. The roads in this part of the United States were nothing more than wagon trails and the Maxwell took a beating. Alice Ramsey was also her own mechanic. She dealt with a dozen flat tires, two broken axles, reworked the cylinders and repaired springs and shock absorbers. The Maxwell motor performed wonderfully despite the steep grades and elevations of the Sierra Nevada Mountains which the ladies found breathtakingly beautiful. They entered California and were met by a cheering parade of cars in Stockton. At last they boarded a ferry at Oakland and arrived in San Francisco on August 7, 1909. They were escorted by dignitaries in other Maxwells to a reception complete with photographers, press men and bouquets of flowers.

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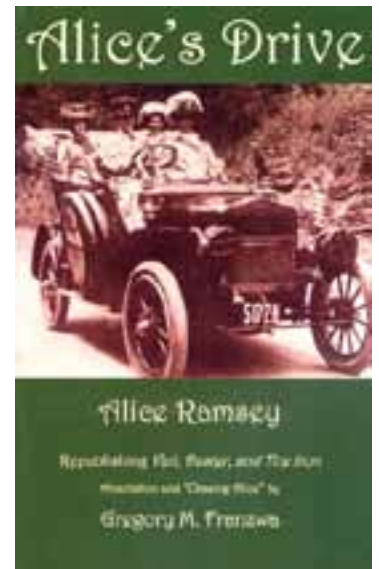


The four women had traveled for nearly two months and had covered 3800 miles; **only 152 of those miles were paved!** After this triumphant trip the ads for the Maxwell automobile stated that it was ***"The car for a lady to drive. It is simply perfect and perfectly simple. Get a demonstration in the same model as driven by Mrs. Ramsey."*** A few days later Alice Ramsey boarded a train and returned to her family in New Jersey. However, she did not stop driving. Between 1909 and 1975 she drove across the United States over

thirty times! In 1960 the Automobile Manufacturers Association named her ***"Woman Motorist of the Century"***.

I discovered Alice Ramsey through a display at the **Gilmore Museum**. In 1961, she published a book detailing her trip titled, ***"Veil, Duster, and Tire Iron"***.

I was able to obtain the book from our library and enjoyed her narrative of their challenging experiences. In her later years Alice Ramsey lived in California where she died in 1983 at age 96. She was the first woman to drive across the United States and in 2000 she became the first woman to be inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame. In a 1975 magazine article she was quoted with these words – ***"Good driving has nothing to do with sex. It's all above the collar."***



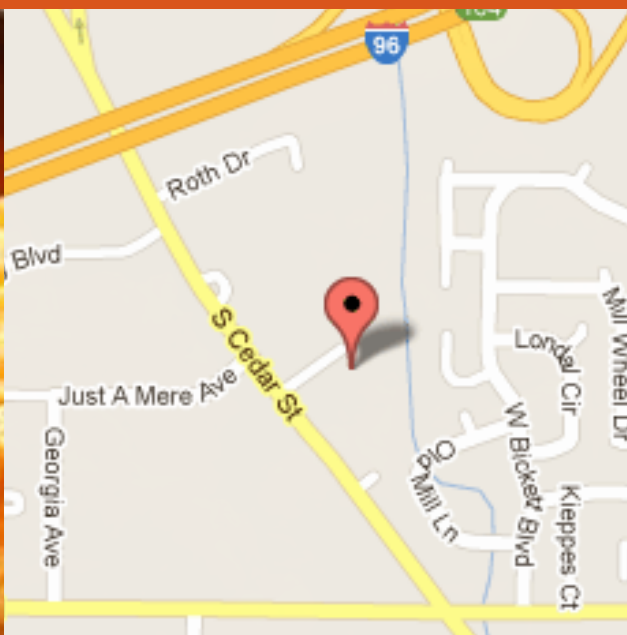
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RSVP: Sign up Sheet at August 1st Membership Meeting
Hosted by: Angela Hyde • Vettechic@hotmail.com



Steel-bodied 1963 Corvette Rondine Still Amazing Fans After 49 Years

by MITCH TALLEY, www.corvetteblogger.com • Source: *The Province*



Here's a trivia question for you: Has there ever been a Corvette made of anything but fiberglass?

If you knew the answer is yes, then you probably know the story behind the 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Rondine, a rare prototype that was commissioned by the Italian coachbuilder Pininfarina – and was made of steel!

The unique Corvette Rondine set a record at the Barrett-Jackson Auction in 2008 when it sold for a

cool \$1.6 million to a Connecticut collector. Pininfarina had held onto the car in its museum for some 40 years and also displayed the Rondine at various events, including the 2005 Concorso d'Eleganza Villa d'Este as part of the coachbuilder's 75th anniversary, before finally deciding to auction it off.

Interestingly, Zora Arkus-Duntov, the first Corvette chief engineer, was a fan of the car and was once quoted as saying: "For the first time I now have a Corvette I can be proud to drive in Europe."



While crafted in Italy, the Rondine still had its American roots since U.S.-born design legend Tom Tjaarda penned its sleek lines while working in Italy for Pininfarina. Tjaarda also designed the Ferrari 330 GT 2+2, Fiat 124 (which arrived in 1966 and featured many styling cues from the Rondine), and DeTomaso Pantera.

Since it was made of metal, the

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**CCCC “Drive and Dine”
Robin’s Nest Restaurant
And
The Gilmore Car Museum**



We will be meeting at Darb’s Restaurant, 148 South Main Street, Eaton Rapids at 10:00 a.m. for a late breakfast or early lunch.

We will leave at approximately 11:45 for a leisurely cruise along rural roads to arrive at the *Gilmore Car Museum* at approximately 1:00 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 11

Gilmore Car Museum is in Hickory Corners. Tickets for a group of 12 or more are \$9 for adults, and \$8 for age 62+. The museum is open until 6:00 PM. The trip home is at your leisure.

The museum has a new addition, so if you have been there previously, you will have new things to see and do.

Please sign up at the July or August Membership Meeting, or contact Craig or Janet Iansiti by phone or email.

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Rondine was much heavier than the stock Corvette. The front end slopes forward along a smooth curve that ends with a thin, horizontal chrome grille that provides air to the engine. This was an attractive yet practical design element to keep the engine cool. The side panel is accented by a sharp line originating from the grille. The angle runs along the front fender, through the side of the car and ends at the crest of the rear fender, giving the "Rondine" a slender, European look. The rear end features the celebrated "swallow tail" arrangement, which minimizes the visibility of the car's tail due to projecting rear fenders. Under the hood of the mesmerizing teal sports car lies a 327ci, 4-speed manual, fuel-injected V8 that pumps out 360 horsepower. The interior design remained pretty much like the GM version, though the stock seats were re-covered in sumptuous Italian leather and the floor covered with rich black carpet. The door jams were also chromed and decorated panels were fitted.

If you're wondering the reasoning behind making the Rondine in the first place, it was built for the 1963 Paris Auto Show, the result of a long-running relationship between GM and Pininfarina. Corvette enthusiast and historian Tony Thacker once told Corvette Fever magazine: "It was perhaps as a result of the friendship between (Corvette designer Bill) Mitchell and Pinin Farina,

the founder of the Italian design house, that a '63 Sting Ray found its way to Turin's Valley di Susa for Pininfarina to re-body in any way they wished."

As a styling exercise, the car has its good points. But based on the lukewarm reception from the public, the Rondine just never caught on as a possible Italian-American collaboration similar to the DeTomaso and was quietly retired to the company's museum. We'll stick with Larry Shinoda's original Sting Ray design, thank you.



National Corvette Museum News & Events

Submitted by Joe Thomas, NCM Ambassador

2013 427 Convertible Corvette Winner Drawn

Congratulations to **Brian Granger** of Queensbury, NY with winning ticket #581 in our July 19 drawing for a **2013 427 Convertible Corvette!**



Your next chance to win a Corvette is Thursday, August 2 when we raffle the chance to **"Build Your Own" Z06 or Grand Sport Corvette!** Tickets are \$150 and the raffle is limited to 1,500 tickets!

Learn more about upcoming raffles and buy tickets online at: corvettemuseum.org/raffle or call **800-538-3883**.

*Note: If you'd like to be automatically notified of our raffle winners, please sign up for our **eNews** communication. The winner's information appears in that newsletter.

Parking Lot Banners Available

The National Corvette Museum offers parking lot banner sponsorships. For \$350 your Corvette Club or other Corvette-related business can have your logo and message on display in the Museum's parking lot for one year (and you get to keep the banner!). To learn more and reserve your spot, contact the museum.



September 11, 2001: A Global Moment Exhibit Opening August 4



This exhibit explores the global, personal, and historical significance of September 11, 2001. This major exhibition includes rare and important artifacts from the **World Trade Center** after its destruction, a timeline that traces the events of the

day, and personal stories about everyday life and the aftermath. Visitors will gain a clearer understanding about the events of September 11, 2001 and use the exhibition as a platform to share their experiences about September 11. The exhibition includes over 150 artifacts, images, and films.

2nd Kentucky 1-Lap Trip Added!

Our Museum in Motion 1-Lap of Kentucky trip was so popular we've added a **SECOND** trip!

This excursion is exactly the same as the first, but will be October 9-13, 2012.



The tour moves eastward through Kentucky, visiting Berea, a center of Kentucky Artisan and Craft skills then travel will east and south along the Country Music Highway and include a visit to Trooper Island; Chevrolet, Kentucky; Big South Fork Scenic Railway; Cumberland Falls; and several scenic state parks. As always the tour will be led by a Kentucky State Trooper, now using a marked red Corvette which is sure to attract attention as the caravan travels through an area of real Americana.

Trip registration is \$875 for the primary registrant and \$400 for the passenger. Learn more about the event and register online.



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.



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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.

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August 25

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Registration Form



Name: _____

Address: _____

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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	\$	FREE
Parade - Saturday 7:00 p.m.	_____	Registered Auto	\$	FREE
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	\$ _____
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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 for Thursday & Friday

Simon and Gloria 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. Rich and Colleen have offered to lead a caravan from Clark Corners at 10:00 am on Friday.

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	Lakefront – 1 or 2 queens \$69 on Thursday \$99 on Friday & Saturday for room amenity details.	Courtside – 2 queens \$59 on Thursday \$79 on Friday & Saturday	Courtside – 2 doubles, or 1 king, or 1 queen \$49 on Thursday \$69 on Friday & Saturday
Mackinaw Beach & Bay All Suites Resort 929 South Huron Avenue Mackinaw City, MI 49701 1.800.468.7736 Visit www.mbbresort.com for room amenity details.	Suite A (2 rooms) – 1 king, 1 queen, 1 queen sofa sleeper (room for 6) \$99 on Thursday \$139 on Friday & Saturday	Suite B (2 rooms) – 1 king, 2 queens, 1 queen sofa sleeper (room for 8) \$119 on Thursday \$159 on Friday & Saturday	
<i>Above rates are for two adults. Add \$5 additional per night per additional adult. Cancellation time expires at 6 p.m. 3 days prior to arrival day, not including the day of arrival. Failure to comply with cancellation requirement will allow hotel to charge for one night's stay. All three hotels allow car washing and will provide hose, towels, etc.)</i>			
Beachcomber Motel <i>(Call for rates)</i> 1011 South Huron 231.436.8451 or 1.800.967.1383	For members traveling with the beloved animal. Pet Friendly. Very reasonable rates. www.beachcomberonthewater.com for room details.		

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

July 11, 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. He announced that **Gary Wyma** is now the official club chaplain. Gary has filled that position for some time now, so the board decided to make it official. He did an excellent job at our recent *Blessing of the Vettes*.

Craig read statistics from the last two Blessing events. In 2011 there were 25 cars and the club made \$285.00 to give to the **VFW Children's Home**. This year, there were 38 cars in the show and 20 participated in the rally afterwards. The club made \$547.00 to donate to the Home. Craig stated that the difference was specifically because this year's events were sanctioned and those members chasing points came because of that.

Craig reminded everyone there are open board positions for 2013 and the information about each position is available on the table. There is also a sign-up sheet for anyone interested.

Craig went over the details for the **Gilmore Museum Drive and Dine** in August.

There were several thank you letters for the Career Center Scholarships – one from the Superintendent, Ingham Intermediate School District; one from Associate Principle, Capital Area Career Center; and from both of the recipients. Craig made these available for anyone that wanted to read them.

Our club had a request from the **Australian National Corvette Convention** for a club sign or logo to put on display at their convention. There are only 10 Corvette clubs in all of Australia and they wanted to have a display showing clubs from around the world. Craig passed this request on to Kim Keith.

Michigan International Speedway is requesting volunteers for the **Sparrow Health Systems** fundraiser for the **Children's Miracle Network**. Information is on the table.

Larry Warren, a past member, recently sold a Corvette and donated miscellaneous Corvette related items to the club for use as prizes. Some of the items were used for the Blessing, but the remainder will be given out as door prizes after the 50/50 drawing this evening. Be sure to buy a 50/50 ticket so you will be in the drawing.

Board of Director Reports:

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer talked about his recent trip to the **National NCCC Convention** in Topeka, Kansas. He and Gloria had a great time. He has three convention lapel pins available if anyone wants one. He attended the governor's meeting at convention and then the regional meeting on June 19th. NCCC is discussing raising renewal dues and late fees. Late fees would go from \$35 to \$45 and dues for new members would

go from \$35 to \$45 for the first year. This would cost a new couple \$100. Simon plans to vote "no" on this proposal.

The date for next year's driving school will be May 18th and it will be in the same location as this year.

Plans for the 2013 regional banquet are tentative, but the **Battle Creek** club will be hosting again with the location being the **Gilmore Car Museum**. It will be held on a Sunday afternoon and tickets will include admission to the museum. More details to follow as they become available.

There was a clarification at the meeting that steel body cars do not get points for participating in rallies.

Simon also reported that some clubs are putting 3 and 4 sanction numbers on one car show in an effort to attract participants who want points.

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

Craig reminded everyone that the **Horse Power at the Zoo** instruction binder is on the table in case anyone wants to read up on how to chair a show.

Treasurer: Mike Britz was absent.

Competition Director: Rich Bratschi was asked whether one person can race two different cars at the low speed event. Rich said "yes", it can be done but it can get difficult for the driver. Also, he reminded everyone that one member can only do 7 events in one day. For example, one car could do 3 races and the other could do 4 at the most.

Rich said sign-up sheets for **Spartan Speedway low speed event** are on the table and workers are still needed. Even if you are racing, you can help out. If you want to race you can sign up for one event or all seven. There are 7 drivers pre-registered at this time and he hopes to get 35-40 in total.

Rich had a call from **George Duncan** of the **Jackson Club**. They would like to do a rally in the fall and use our remaining sanction number. The plan is to have the rally in the Irish Hills with a possible lap around the track at MIS. George will do the flyer and his club will do all the planning. Our club will be there to participate and support them and will get points. The **Jackson Club** will pay the fee for the sanction number. The date is sometime around the end of October. No one had any objections to this plan.

Editorial Director: mentioned that if anyone had read the July newsletter they may have noticed an error in the President's

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column. Part of the column was repeated. He has corrected the newsletter and Gloria will be reposting it.

Membership Director: Dave Pursel reported he had an update from the FCOA director and we now have 59 FCOAs. We have 93 members total – 90 regular members, 1 sponsor and 2 honorary members.

Dave displayed a new, more feminine T-shirt that will be ordered as the official club t-shirt for women going forward. Any existing members who would like one of the shirts can order them from Dave with his initial club order. They will be about \$9 each and will be offered in red or blue. See Dave if you want to order.

Points Director: Kim Keith reminded everyone to be sure and sign-in and that he had static clings for sale. He also said be sure to let him know if you attend any non-club events so he can give you the appropriate points.

Public Relations Director: Randy Buck had nothing new to report.

Social Director: Sandy Bechtel commented on how much fun the Blessing car show and Rally were. She announced that she and **Angela Hyde** had come in second in the Rally. She also thanked Angela for a good job on planning the **progressive dinner** which everyone really enjoyed.

She discussed the social events upcoming and said if anyone had questions regarding **Corvette Crossroads** please check with **Simon or Gloria Reiffer**. If you haven't signed up yet and want to go, there should still be rooms available.

Sandy made a suggestion that the club make a \$100.00 donation to the **Jordyn Wieber Olympic Fund**. The club voted and it was approved. Sandy said if anyone was interested in making a personal donation, the checks should be made out to **"Going for the Gold"**.

Sandy then recognized those members with July birthdays.

Appointee Reports:

Chaplain: Gary Wyma was absent.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher said she had nothing to report.

Historian: Sue Keith stated that the club has data on the **Spartan Speedway** low speed event from as far back as 1994. This is a long standing tradition with our club. It is a lot of fun and everyone should come out and enjoy it.

Simon Reiffer told Sue he had met a guy named Ray who had belonged to our club back in the 1960's and had been a racer. He says he has 8 millimeter film of the club racing on the ice on Lake Lansing. Simon will try to get a copy of the film for the club archives.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not present.

Photographer: Ted Lasher said the pictures from the Blessing and the Rally are available on the website. If you see any mistakes with names, please report them to Ted so he can fix them.

Ted commented that he has an 8 millimeter projector if we can get a copy of the ice racing film.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon was absent but **Carol** said he had nothing new to report.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Ribar reported that he had spoken with a past member, **Vic Smith**, and that Vic is doing fine. He still lives in DeWitt.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer had nothing to report as far as the website, but stated that she had enjoyed the awards portion of the national convention because the 1st place man had proposed to the 1st place woman.

Member Comments:

Simon Reiffer said he and **Gloria** had stopped in Bowling Green on their way home from convention and saw that GM is producing a 60th Anniversary Commemorative C6. It is a 427 convertible, white with a blue interior. Production of the 2013 model will end in January of 2013 so the plant can be shut down for changeover. They are no longer going to make the ZR1 and there is no set date yet for the C7 to come out, although it will be in 2013.

Colleen Bratschi thanked everyone who helped with the Rally. She said it was a challenge not having done one before. There was a good turnout and almost everyone finished including one person that missed a whole page of questions, but still managed to find the restaurant. Colleen suggested this person might be a candidate for the Turkey Award.

Ted Lasher asked if anyone had attended the driving school this year. He was curious how it had gone at the test track location. No one was aware if anyone from our club had attended.

Janet Iansiti mentioned that a past member, **Lisa McDonald**, wife of **Steve McDonald**, was not doing well health wise and anyone who remembers them should keep them in their thoughts and prayers.

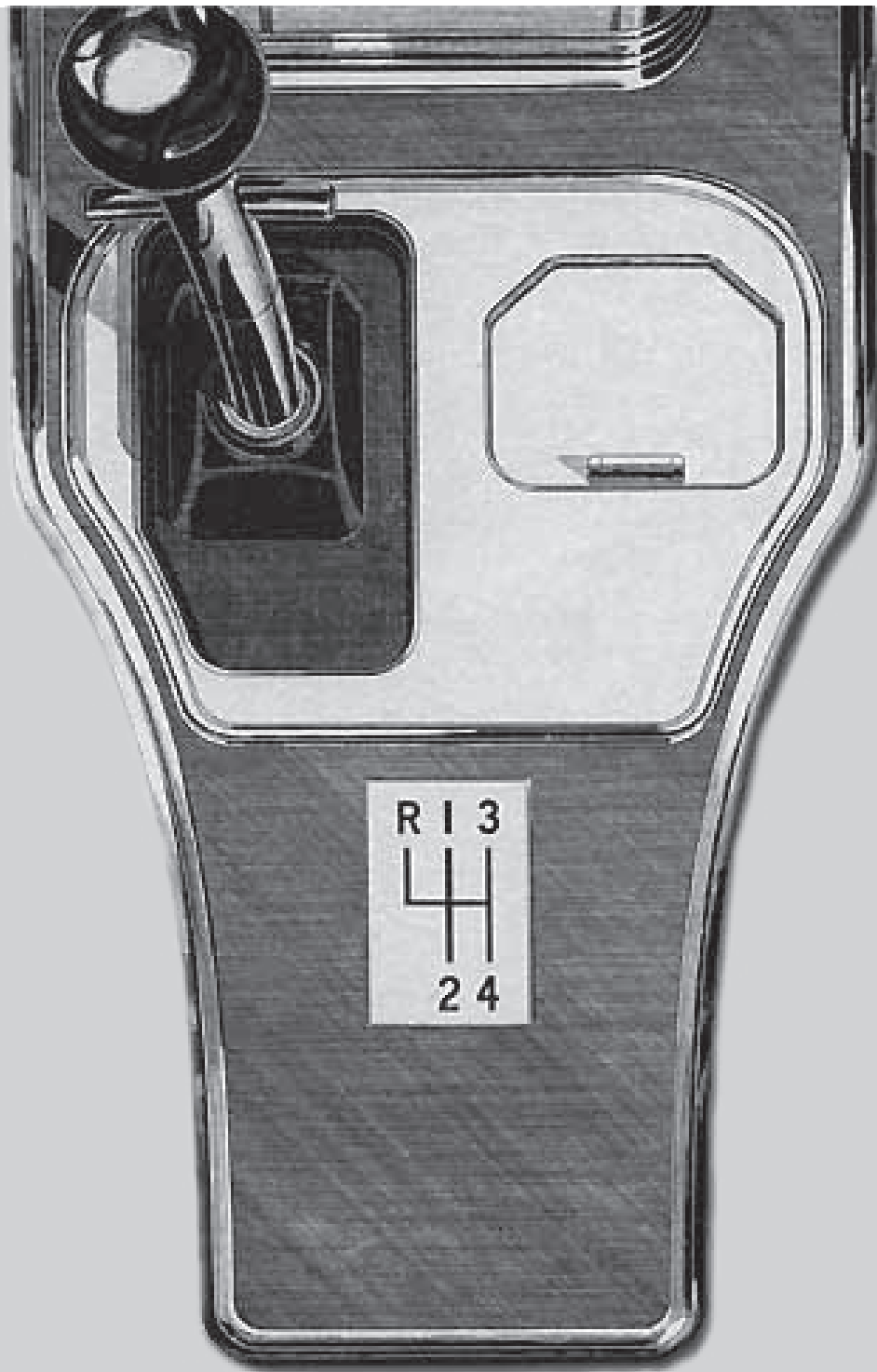
The 50/50 raffle was won by **Sue Keith**.

The following people won prizes from the items donated by **Larry Warren: Sue Keith, Joan Spitzley, Colleen Bratschi, Randy Buck, Jerry Palacio, Carol Putmon**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**





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July 18, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Vice President Simon Reiffer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Reports:

President: No report. **Craig Iansiti** absent.

Secretary: No report. **Janet Iansiti** absent.

Treasurer: No report. **Mike Britz** absent.

Points: No report. **Kim Keith** absent.

Membership: No report. **Dave Pursel** absent.

Editor: No report, absent.

Public Relations: **Randy Buck** absent.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer stated there is nothing new to report beyond information given at the general membership meeting.

Competition: Rich Bratschi reported that everything is in line for the *Spartan Speedway* event. We may be shy a few workers; but, the Jackson club will assist, if necessary. We discussed problems with non-club members not providing their NCCC numbers to us at the **Blessing of the Vettes**. It is an individual's

responsibility to provide the registration staff with this information.

Social Director: Sandy Bechtel advised she is following up with **Greg Kapp** regarding whether or not he wishes to chair a fall outing. Also, she is beginning work on our *bingo event* and *holiday party*.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher absent

Historian: Sue Keith absent

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas absent

Photographer: Ted Lasher absent

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon absent

Sergeant at Arms: Robert Ribar absent

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer stated there is nothing to report.

Sandy Bechtel moved to adjourn the meeting. **Rich Bratschi** seconded. Meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**

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