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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

September 5th • 7:00 p.m. • Dinner & Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Sparrow Hospice Car Show

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

Board Meeting

September 19th • 6:30 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

7th Annual Backyard BBQ-Hayride-Bonfire

September 29th • Meet at Clark Corners at 5:00 p.m.
Caravan to Carol and Randy Putmons
4900 West Pratt Road, DeWitt

Bingo at Tamarack

Location: Tamarack in Holt • 2:00 p.m.
Hold the date - details to follow.
Setup is usually at 1:30 with bingo from 2:00 - 4:00.

September Birthdays

Thomas Tayler (1) • Joan Spitzley (2) • Dave Cripe (8) • Kim Keith (9)
Julie Lasher (15) • Jerry Palacios (16) • Shelia Lansing (18)
Darwin Day (21) • Angela Hyde (26) • Carlo Litrenta (27)
David Sowders (28) • Dick Iding (30)



Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all newsletter articles to
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23rd of the month.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Drive, drive, drive. That's what we have been doing, and enjoying every mile of it – 'cept for the gas stops. What a car summer it turned out to be – even with all the remodeling I have been doing. We took time for a Vette trip to South Dakota, a Drive & Dine to Hickory Corners and the **Gilmore Car Museum**, our annual trip to Mackinaw City for **Corvette Crossroads** and our **Summer Getaway**, and a run with **Art and Nancy Doty, Rich and Colleen Bratschi,** and **Dave and Kathryn Pursel** to Grand Marais and Munising for a couple days after leaving Mackinaw. Dave and Kathryn decided to continue on to Copper Country for a few more days, while the rest of us returned to civilization. No more big trips planned for us for a while, but there are a few more fun things on the club calendar that we'll do later this summer and fall.

By the time you read this our final **Sparrow Hospice Benefit Car Show** at Bud Kouts will be over. I hope everyone had a chance to drop by and give some support to our sponsor. Our co-hosts, the **Capital Area Muscle Car Club**, does the brunt of the work for these twice-a-year events, but they always appreciate our members stepping up and volunteering to help out when and where needed.

Remember, we are still looking for nominations (self or otherwise) for 2013 Board of Directors. We really need to get more members involved in guiding the club. None of the open positions are difficult or too time consuming, and prior office holders will be available to *"break-in"* new officers. We are looking at some new and innovative ways to encourage members to step up, and have thrown around some ideas about new office-holder terms and rotations. There will likely be some changes in the works, but they will come before membership for review and approval before any implementation or change in By-Laws.



We are also looking for chairpersons for events next year. One in particular is the **Blessing of the Vettes** in June. There are no fixed rules about new events you may want to set up. Someone is always available to provide guidance and answer questions you may have about chairing an event. If you think of an idea for something new that members would enjoy, feel free to run with it. Just check with our Social Director, **Sandy Bechtel**, to make sure there are no scheduling conflicts. There are lots of open weekends and weekday evenings yet this year, so let's fill them up. It's your club, so make things happen, enjoy your Vette with your friends in the club, and

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Craig



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Capital City Corvette Club Potential Nominees for the Elected Office of President 2013

"According to the Capital City Corvette Club By-Laws (2008), Article IV, Section B, 1a," the President must have held a prior office in the Club. The following current members have previously held an elected office in the Club:

Scott Bauries

Sandy Bechtel

Colleen Bratschi

Rich Bratschi

Connie Britz

Mike Br itz

Randy Buck

Chris Burke

Terry Burke

Pat Cripe

Angela Hyde

Craig Iansiti

Janet Iansiti

Greg Kapp

Kim Keith

Ted Lasher

Bob Maynard

Shalimar

Maynard

Joe Platte

Ed Politza

Suzanne Politza

Dave Pursel

Carol Putmon

Gloria Reiffer

Simon Reiffer

Loretta Spinrad

Steve Spinrad

Gary Wyma

Kathy Wyma

Nominations for the board will be taken at the September and October meetings and the election will be held in November.





Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of August 26, 2012

8	Austin Arunasalam	3	Darwin Day	19	Carlo Litrenta	8	Brenda Shatkosky*
9	Jim Balla*	24	Art Doty*	15	Janet Litrenta	11	Richard Shatkosky*
		24	Nancy Doty*	0	Lee MacGillivray	19	Thomas Sipka
0	Dana Beaman	3	Jennifer Everhart*	8	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
18	James Boettcher	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	9	Barb Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
18	Mara Boettcher	14	Ward Harris	13	Steve Musselman	10	Alex Spitzley
40	Colleen Bratschi	19	Howard Hein	37	Dominique Palacio	10	Joan Spitzley
42	Rich Bratschi	0	Jim Hoppin	37	Jerry Palacio	1	Janet Sprague
12	Connie Britz	69	Angela Hyde	34	Diana Parks	1	Michael Sprague
26	Mike Britz	65	Craig Iansiti	37	Howard Parks	19	Ralph Swan
48	NancyLee Buck	61	Janet Iansiti	13	Joe Platte	13	Susan Swan
54	Randy Buck	0	Dick Iding	31	Ed Politza	31	Connie Taylor
12	Chris Burke	8	Greg Kapp	31	Suzanne Politza	31	Tom Taylor
15	Terry Burke	87	Kim Keith	31	David Pursel	19	Joseph Thomas*
11	Dennis Burt	85	Sue Keith	15	Kathryn Pursel	34	Harold Twining
11	Sandy Burt	0	Fred Koos	32	Carol Putmon	32	Katherine Twining
0	Dana Conley	18	Sheila Lansing	35	Randy Putmon	14	Sue VanAtta-Wight
0	Darrell Conley	63	Julie Lasher	92	Gloria Reiffer	0	Lee Webster
6	Dave Cripe*	65	Ted Lasher	87	Simon Reiffer	4	Robert Wheeler
3	Pat Cripe	1	Ellie Lickfeldt	55	Robert Ribar	21	Larry Wight
7	Christopher Dana	3	Patrick Lickfeldt	28	Milton Scales	6	Gary Wyma
						9	Kathy Wyma

Current 2012 Top Ten

92	Gloria Reiffer	85	Sue Keith	65	Ted Lasher	55	Robert Ribar
87	Kim Keith	69	Angela Hyde	63	Julie Lasher		
87	Simon Reiffer	65	Craig Iansiti	61	Janet Iansiti		



* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.

The Legend Continues!

By: Sue Keith

The Legend Continues was the theme for the **41st annual Black Hills Corvette Classic** which was held July 17 – 21, 2012. This action packed event is hosted by the **Sioux Falls Corvette Club** which is a NCCC club that is part of the West Region. They have about 200 members and all of them that we spoke with were very helpful and friendly. The **Black Hills Corvette Classic** attracts hundreds of Corvettes from across the United States and Canada. Participants can register for **Vettes at the Falls** which is held on Tuesday and Wednesday in Sioux Falls, **The Black Hills Corvette Classic** which is held on Thursday, Friday and Saturday in Spearfish or they can register for a package that includes all events on all five days. Pre-registration can be done on-line or by mail or you can register when you arrive in Sioux Falls or Spearfish, SD.

The selection of activities that is offered is truly amazing. Tuesday, **Vettes at the Falls** included a Casino Day or Spa Day at **Grand Falls Casino Resort** and an evening of wine tasting, food and music at the **Strawbale Winery**. On both Tuesday and Wednesday attendees could participate in a charity poker run and GPS Navigational Challenge. Wednesday's activities were an autocross event, a



Sioux Falls, SD

BBQ lunch at **Billion Chevrolet**, the club's sponsor, which featured a DJ and door prizes and the **Hot Summer Nites Corvette** show in downtown Sioux Falls in the evening. This is a very popular local event with vendors, several bands and streets filled with people admiring all the Corvettes.

Thursday begins with a Corvette caravan which officially covers the first 140 miles of the 400 mile trip to Spearfish. There are numerous stops that can be made along the way such as breakfast at **Al's Oasis**, the **Corn Palace** in Mitchell, **Badlands National Park** and **Wall Drug**. Thursday evening



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Hospice Benefit Car Shows

Sunday, May 27, 2012

Sunday, September 2, 2012

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

(registration begins at 8:30 am)

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2810 E Michigan Avenue - Lansing MI 48912

Registration - \$15.00

(Net Proceeds Benefit Sparrow Hospice Services (a Non-Profit Hospice))

- Trophies for Top 30 Cars + 5 sponsor trophies & Best of Show
- Goody Bags, Dash Plaques, T-Shirts to first 125 Entries
- Door Prizes, Music & Food (food courtesy of Olympic Broil)
- \$100 Drawing
- Silent Auctions

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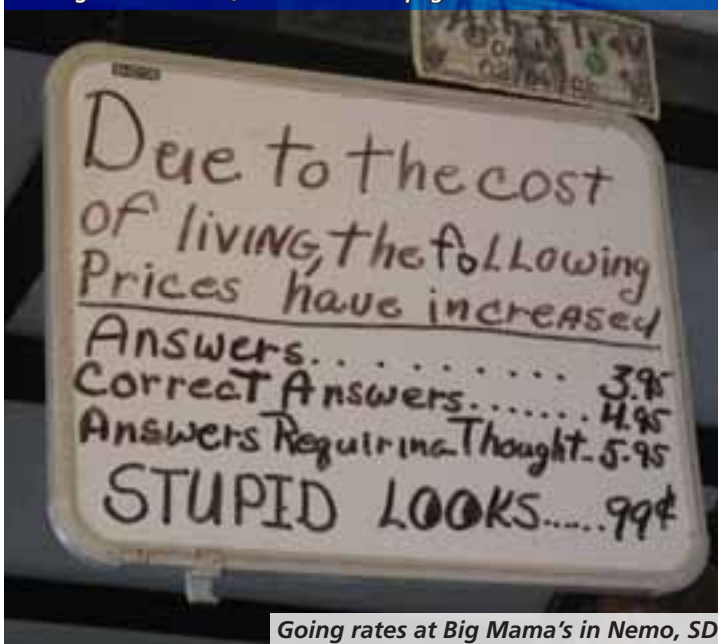
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Email: Al.Wilson@CapitalAreaMuscleCarClub.org Call: (517) 819-1155

Visit: www.CapitalAreaMuscleCarClub.org



Going rates at Big Mama's in Nemo, SD

featured a BBQ dinner, mixer and DJ at the **Holiday Inn Convention Center**.

The Black Hills area offers spectacular scenery and many of those great winding roads that we love to drive our Corvettes on. There are several guided tours that are led by **Sioux Falls Corvette Club** members that last a full day and visit attractions such as **Jewel Cave, Mount Rushmore National Memorial, Needles Highway, Custer State Park, Devils Tower National Monument** and the **Crazy Horse Memorial**. The booklet you receive at registration has five self-guided tours with turn by turn directions that take you to many of the well-known attractions as well as places like **Spearfish Canyon, Deadwood, Hill City, Pactola Lake** and **Vanocker Canyon**.

If you weren't gawking at the scenery on Friday, you had the option of participating in a **poker**

run, autocross, a Ladies Spa day, car detailing seminar with C-Magic, an Edelbrock seminar, Callaway Corvettes seminar and GM Factory Direct seminar with quality assurance representatives from the assembly plant in Bowling Green, KY. There were also numerous vendors, including the **National Corvette Museum**, at the convention center in Spearfish all three days. **Vette Street USA Corvette Show** was held in downtown Spearfish Friday evening followed by a **Rock N' Roll Party** at the convention center.

Saturday provided more time for guided and self-guided tours, drag races and a **Casino Crawl** in Deadwood. The event wrapped up with a banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday evening. The speakers at the banquet were **Steve Grilli** and **Steve Horne** from the assembly plant in Bowling Green. They were extremely careful not to make any remarks that would reveal any information about the new C7.

Kim and I attended the **Black Hills Corvette Classic** in 2008 and went again this year for all five days of events. It is a very well-run event, offers something for everyone and the freedom to participate in as much or as little as you choose. We came home with a wealth of shared experiences and marvelous memories. We covered 2,600 miles in our Corvette, discovered we could survive eight straight days of triple digit temperatures, ate regularly and enjoyed some ice cream along the way. It doesn't get any better than that!



Vette Street USA in Spearfish, SD

Membership Application



Primary Member Information:

Name: _____
Street Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Birthday: _____
T-Shirt Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2X ☐ 3X

Spouse/Companion Information:

Name: _____
E-Mail Address: _____
Phone Number: _____ Birthday: _____
T-Shirt Size: ☐ S ☐ M ☐ L ☐ XL ☐ 2X ☐ 3X

Corvettes You Currently Own:

Year: _____	Color: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Coupe	<input type="checkbox"/> Convertible	<input type="checkbox"/> Hardtop
Year: _____	Color: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Coupe	<input type="checkbox"/> Convertible	<input type="checkbox"/> Hardtop
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Year: _____	Color: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Coupe	<input type="checkbox"/> Convertible	<input type="checkbox"/> Hardtop

How did you hear about Capital City Corvette Club? _____

Initial Application / Late Renewals *

_____ Primary Member CCCC/NCCC (\$65)
_____ Spouse/Companion (\$20)
_____ Dependent (\$10)
_____ Total Enclosed

Annual Dues *

_____ Primary Member CCCC/NCCC (\$55)
_____ Spouse/Companion (\$20)
_____ Dependent (\$10)
_____ Total Enclosed

NCCC/CCCC dues are renewed each fall for the upcoming year. Renew your membership prior to the end of the November general membership meeting to avoid a \$10 late fee, imposed by NCCC. Spouse/Companion membership is restricted to husband, wife, or significant other of the Primary member. Dependent membership is defined as the child of any Primary or Spouse member who is between the ages of 16 and 21, or between the ages of 16 and 25 and also a full time student. See the NCCC Website for additional clarification on dependent members.

To Join Capital City Corvette Club:

Complete the entire application and mail it, along with a check made out to *Capital City Corvette Club*, to the following address:

Attn: Membership Director
Capital City Corvette Club
PO Box 27295
Lansing, MI 48909

Contact our Membership Director if you have any questions about Capital City Corvette Club.

** The initial application fee includes a \$10 fee that is forwarded to the National Council of Corvette Clubs.*

Membership is renewed each fall for the following year. NCCC imposes a \$10 late fee when renewing after the November deadline. NCCC Lifetime Members and members belonging to an affiliated NCCC club pay \$30 annual dues for a social membership with CCCC; \$10 for spouse with same affiliation. Proof of current NCCC membership must be provided (list numbers below). Lifetime membership in NCCC has a one time fee of \$335. It is worthwhile to consider a lifetime membership if you believe you will be involved in NCCC for 11 or more years. NCCC Lifetime membership can be transferred to another NCCC affiliated club if you move from our area.

CCCC provides new members with a club tee shirt, membership card, and name badge. As a member you will be able to participate in all of the CCCC activities. In addition, membership entitles you to everything on the Membership Benefits page of our Website.

NCCC: Master Member Number: ____-____-____ **Spouse/Companion Member Number:** ____-____-____

Fiberglass to Carbon Fiber: Corvette's Lightweight Legacy

Submitted by: Carrie Hutton



DETROIT – It's a scientific fact: Low weight plus high horsepower equal exhilarating performance. That combination has defined the Corvette for six decades, as increasing power output matches the use of advanced materials to minimize curb weight.

The 2013 Corvette Z06 exemplifies that philosophy. With a curb weight of only 3,199 pounds (1,451 kg) and 505-horsepower (377 kW), it is not only one of the lightest sports cars available in America, it has one of the best power-to-weight ratios of 6.33:1. That's better than the Aston Martin DBS (7.5:1 – 510 horsepower/3,836 pounds), Porsche 911 Turbo S (6.7:1 – 530 horsepower/3,561 pounds) and Nissan GT-R (7.1:1 – 545 horsepower/3,887 pounds).

"Horsepower isn't the only measure of performance," said **Harlan Charles**, Corvette's marketing manager. *"Balance and low weight are just as important and that's where the Corvette excels. It has a heritage of employing cutting-edge technologies and materials to help optimize performance."*

Corvette's use of advance materials began in 1953, when the first Corvettes were produced with all-fiberglass bodies. Every Corvette since has featured a composite-material body.

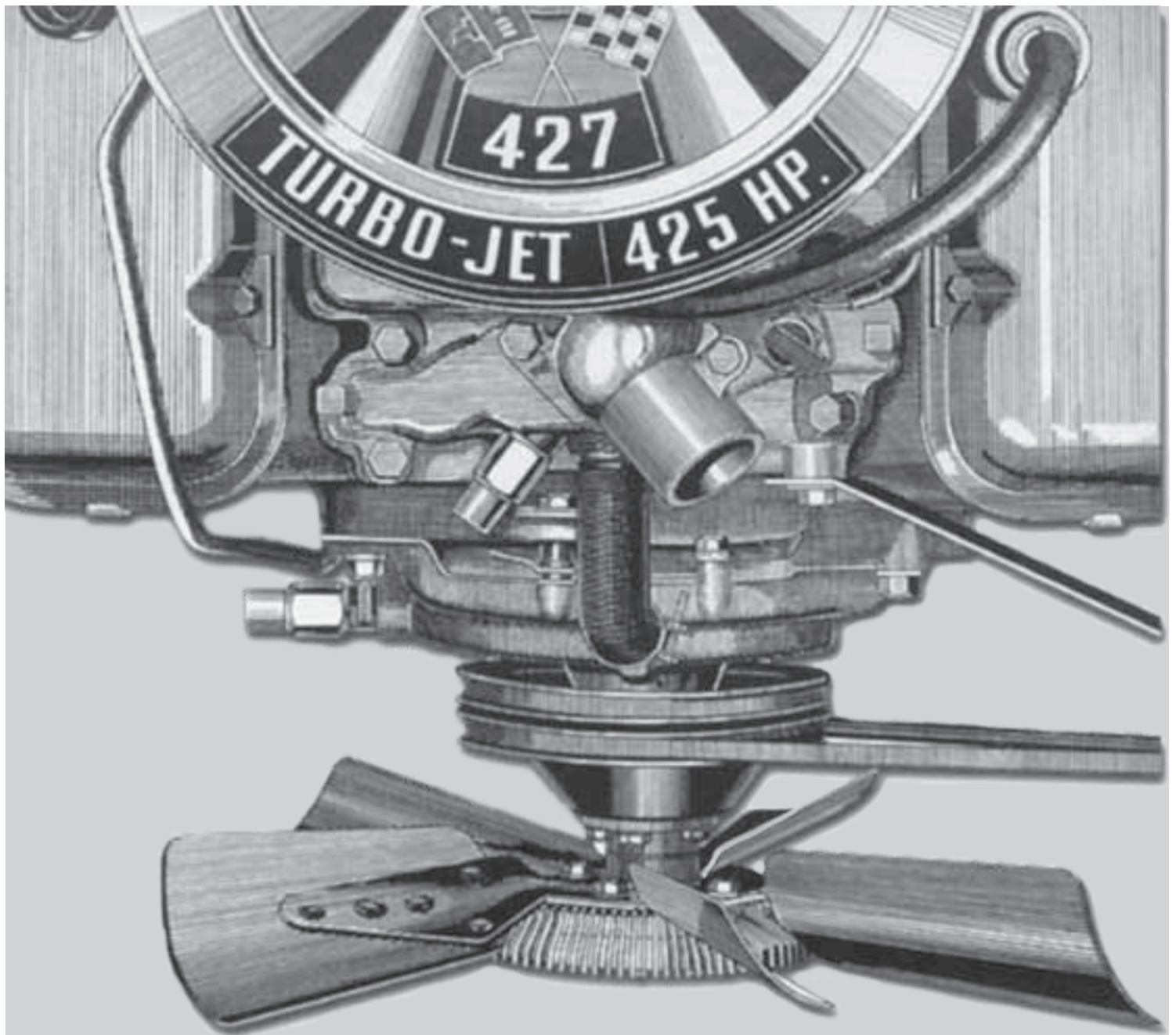
Fiberglass, the lightweight, rust-proof composite material, was first considered for use on a GM ve-

hicle by legendary designer **Harley Earl**. Besides being an exotic choice for the early Fifties and having an undeniable weight advantage, fiberglass offered an economical way to create the low-volume Corvette without the expense of large sheet metal stamping dies.



Starting with the third generation in 1968, the body parts were manufactured with a press mold process, whereby the fiberglass material and resin were shaped in a die-like tool that produced smoother parts more quickly. It was a significant advancement in forming technology and laid the ground-

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work for a change in the body panels' material in 1973. That year, the composition changed from conventional fiberglass to sheet-molded composite, or SMC, which was composed of fiberglass, resin and a catalyst formed under high heat and pressure. The ratio of resin to fiberglass was reduced with SMC, while the fiberglass itself was a bit coarser. The new material helped produce panels that were smoother right out of the mold, resulting in higher-quality paint finishes.



All Corvettes since 1973 have used SMC body panels, but the material composition has changed dramatically, featuring less traditional fiberglass and more lightweight plastic. The early SMC material created parts that were stronger and more rigid, but more brittle. As SMC technology and production experience evolved, Corvette engineers were able to alter the material composition and the body parts' specifications to trim the Corvette's curb weight. Mostly, that happened through making thinner body panels, because SMC was denser and stronger than conventional fiberglass.

It's rare that a next-generation model of any vehicle is lighter than its predecessor, but that was the case with the fifth-generation (C5) Corvette in 1997. In fact, the 1997 Corvette was larger overall

– longer and wider – than the 1996 model, but it weighed nearly 100 pounds less. A greater emphasis on advanced materials was the reason.

The contributors that helped drive down the C5's curb weight included the use of SMC body panels with more plastic than ever before. The material, basically the same used in the current sixth-generation (C6) Corvette, was composed of about 40 percent resin – polyester, vinyl ester, styrene or a blend of all three – 33 percent calcium-carbonate filler, 20 percent chopped fiberglass. The remaining 7 percent is resin and hardeners that improve the out-of-mold surface finish.

The C5's panels were exceptionally light, but so was the Corvette's all-new chassis, which used beefy rails and hydroformed sections to provide strength with less complexity and weight. The floor sections used a sandwich of materials including featherweight balsa wood – a renewable material – to minimize mass. That continues with the C6 cars.



Even the C5's Gen III small-block V-8 contributed to weight savings and overall greater balance. Compared to the Gen II small-block it replaced, it delivered

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A photograph of four people outdoors at night. From left to right: a man sitting in a chair, a woman sitting in a chair, a man standing with hands on hips, and a man sitting in a chair with legs crossed. They are in a backyard setting with a fence and trees in the background.

7th Annual Backyard BBQ • Hayride • Bonfire

When: Saturday, September 29th

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

Meeting Place: Clark Corners
(former DeWitt Outlet Mall)

Corner of Clark Road and Business 27

We will “follow the leader” to Randy & Carol Putmon’s
home, 4900 West Pratt Road, DeWitt, MI



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

Contact Randy & Carol if you need any additional
information or directions to their home.

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



a lightweight aluminum cylinder block, aluminum heads and a composite intake manifold that weighed less than 10 pounds. The Gen II engine used a heavier iron cylinder block and aluminum intake manifold. A lighter engine improved the front-to-rear weight balance.

The C5 also introduced titanium and carbon fiber to the Corvette. The 2001-04 high-performance Z06 model used a 26-pound titanium exhaust system that was 70 percent lighter than the conventional muffler/tailpipe assembly of other models. A lightweight carbon fiber hood was used on a special-edition 2004 Z06 model and it was nearly 11 pounds lighter than the already lightweight standard SMC hood.

The introduction of the C6 Z06 in 2006 brought an aluminum-based chassis structure and a greater percentage of carbon fiber body panels, representing the most significant advanced materials initiative in Corvette history. Despite

looking like the steel chassis of the base Corvette, the C6 Z06's aluminum frame weighs nearly one-third less. Magnesium is used for the roof structure, engine cradle and some of the other suspension attachment points for greater mass reduction. On the outside, the Z06 uses carbon fiber panels for the front fenders, front wheel houses and rear fenders.

The Corvette ZR1 uses the same aluminum chassis structure as the Z06 and incorporates even more carbon fiber body parts, including the roof panel, rocker panels and more. The new 2013 427 Convertible model also uses lightweight carbon fiber in the hood, fenders and floor panels.

Another advanced material found on today's Corvette is the carbon ceramic brake rotors that are standard on the ZR1 and available on the Z06. These space-age composite components deliver a significant weight savings over conventional iron brake rotors, while offering exceptional wear resistance.

"Corvette has never been focused on an exclusive material – be it aluminum, carbon fiber, or fiberglass," said Corvette Executive Chief Engineer **Tadge Juechter**. *"Instead, we are constantly looking for the best materials structure, powertrain, and chassis to improve the performance of Corvette."*



National Corvette Museum News & Events

Submitted by Joe Thomas, NCM Ambassador

"Build Your Own" 2013 Grand Sport Winner Drawn

Congratulations to **Robert Lewicki** of Northville, MI with winning ticket #522 in our drawing for a **"Build Your Own" Grand Sport!** We sold 1431 out of the 1994 tickets.



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

One Acre Club Spotlight: Ed and Dee Snell



Known for their good nature, volunteering spirit, and generosity with both their time and resources, you can easily spot this couple in a crowd by finding Ed's trademark

welder's hat.

Their love for the **National Corvette Museum** makes them as much a part of it as the bricks and mortar that it is made of so it was no surprise when they joined the **One Acre Club**. What is a surprise though, is that they really don't have any intention of using the track themselves when it is built!

"I've been to Spring Mountain and enjoyed it, but I don't really have any desire to do it again at this point. Still, we jumped in to help because this needs to get done. It is a good thing for the Museum. It will bring people in from all over the country and get them connected with the Museum too. There are a lot of people who enjoy this type of driving, and others in the future who will get introduced to high performance driving because of it. When you add in what it can do for teen driver safety, this is a project that is worth supporting whether you plan to use it or not."

Top 10 Reasons to be a Member

Are you a member of the **National Corvette Museum**? Is your membership up to date? If not, we'd love to have you become a part of our family.



Top 10 Reasons to Be A Member (or Renew!)

It's **tax deductible**! Wouldn't you rather give us the money?

Brick and bench purchases are not only donations, but also **discounted for members**.

You get a **free subscription** to our awesome magazine, **America's Sports Car**, so you can stay up to date on the latest news from the Museum.

Discount registration on Museum events, road tours and other functions. We also offer special road tours for our **Lifetime Members**.

Free Museum admission – and you're going to want to come back over and over again to see our awesome changing exhibits.

Save on build sheets, window stickers, research on your Corvette and more from the Library and Archives.

Your car could be on display here! Corvettes on exhibit at the Museum must be owned by Museum members. You'll definitely get bragging rights for that!

Milestone membership anniversaries are recognized – more bragging rights!

That **Corvette Store discount** will more than make up for your annual dues!

By supporting the Museum you are supporting the **Corvette hobby and history!**

September 11, 2001: A Global Moment Exhibit Now Open

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.

R8C Reunites!



When you order a new Corvette, you have the option of picking it up at the **National Corvette Museum** for a red-carpet delivery experience.

Over the years the Museum has welcomed over 7,000 delivery customers from all over the country - and this October they will re-unite for a close-knit event in Bowling Green.

October 4-6 those who have participated in an R8C Delivery or Xperience are invited to join us for seminars, road tours, a dinner cruise, luncheon and more. Learn more about the event and register online at <http://clients.criticalimpact.com/go>.

National Corvette Museum Welcomes Temporary Display from the New York State Museum in Conjunction with the 11th Anniversary of the September 11 Terrorist Attacks

September 11, 2001 was an attack on the world. Within a few hours 2,974 people from 80 countries were killed in New York, Washington DC, and Shanksville, Pennsylvania.

In the years since, many people have had a powerful need to know what happened, and reflect about how that day changed us.

While these horrific events hurt us deeply, they also served to remind us of the way that we come together in times of tragedy and adversity as a nation. In the wake of this evil, we were reminded of the willpower, strength and resolve that continue to define us as a country.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001: A GLOBAL MOMENT

Now through October 28, 2012, the **National Corvette Museum** is hosting a traveling exhibit based on the permanent exhibition ***The World Trade Center: Rescue, Recovery, Response*** housed at the State Museum in Albany, New York. Incorporating World Trade Center artifacts, personal objects from victims and survivors, pieces of aircraft and items documenting the international response, visitors will have an opportunity to see for themselves the reminders of the event that connects us all.

This exhibition begins with a look back at the world before 9/11 and then takes guests through the moments that none of us can forget. Through photographs and artifacts we remember and honor those we lost. The exhibit then covers the response and recovery efforts that would mark this pivotal moment in history.

SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION

There will be a special guest presentation on Friday, August 31, at 10:00 a.m. and on Saturday, September 1, at 9:00 a.m. featuring **Wesley Wong**. Mr. Wong served as Special Agent of the FBI since 1976 and was the senior FBI on-scene commander at Ground Zero. In his 1-hour, 15-minute presentation, Mr. Wong shares personal accounts of that day, iconic imagery and stories from the aftermath. His moving presentation honors the memory of the many lives lost.



The presentation is free and open to the public.



Capital City Corvette Club

August 1, 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

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

President: Craig Iansiti called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. He welcomed everyone and expressed thanks to past member **Larry Warren** for the items he donated to the club that were raffled off at the July meeting. There are still a couple of items left that will be used for a future silent auction or raffle.

Craig welcomed a guest, **Jerry Wardell** from Perry. Jerry and his wife **Sally** have a 2001 red and tan convertible that they have had for one week. Craig also announced that the **Spitzleys, Alex and Joan**, have a new 1997 black C5 coupe. Congratulations were extended from everyone.

He reminded everyone that board positions are open for the 2013 elections and details of the positions are available on the information table. He displayed a flyer for a **"topless" car show** at **Bonnie View Golf Course** and invited everyone to review the flyers for other local and state events on the table.

Craig also reminded everyone that if they need more club business cards they are also available.

Board of Director Reports:

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer commented about the NCCC plans to increase dues for new members and increase the penalty fee for late renewals. The vote comes up at the September meeting and he plans to vote "no" on both raises. Simon feels they should be able to make cuts in their budget to save money rather than make these increases. Craig gave an explanation to the group about what part of the dues go to the NCCC and what goes to our club.

Secretary: Janet Iansiti asked for any additions or corrections to the July meeting minutes and there were none. The minutes were then approved. She reminded everyone that the **"HAZ How To"** notebook was still available for anyone interested in seeing what is required to chair a show.

Treasurer: Mike Britz stated that all bills were paid as of the meeting and that anyone interested in details of our financial status should see him.

Competition Director: Rich Bratschi thanked everyone who showed up to help out at the **Spartan Speedway auto cross** event last weekend. He also thanked the several members who raced their cars. Both the Saturday event and the Sunday event with the **Jackson Club** went well. The total profits for each club will be about \$630. This is down from last year due to less drivers and higher ex-

penses. There was a non-sanctioned event at **Waterford** that drew some of the drivers we might normally have had attend. The cost of the track and the timing services was \$1800 this year. Even with cutting back on costs by not doing trophies and offering free lunches to the driver instead, we still didn't make much money for the amount of effort each club has to put forth. We may need to consider whether this is worth continuing. Rich suggested we may need a new marketing plan and that next year he would like to be able to email all racers in the region with the event flyer and the registration form in hope of attracting more drivers.

Rich also commented on the NCCC plans to increase dues and fees. He said since most clubs are now becoming more social as opposed to racing, the NCCC should not have to be as concerned about liability. From what he has heard, all the clubs in the region plan to vote "no" on the increases. Simon reminded him that the insurance coverage from NCCC also covers events like parades and car shows.

Editorial Director: was absent.

Membership Director: Dave Pursel said we now have only 58 FCOA members and may no longer have the largest FCOA count as we did before. Regular members are at 93 with 3 honorary members.

Dave said if anyone was interested in club apparel he had a copy of **Dominique's** catalogue available.

Points Director: Kim Keith said points were up to date as of the Saturday portion of **Spartan Speedway**. He reminded everyone he had static clings for sale. He also mentioned he had sent a static cling to a club in Australia who is putting together a display of clubs around the globe. He asked that they send us a picture of their display when they get it done. Kim also reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet.

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

Social Director: Sandy Bechtel reviewed the list of social events coming up for the next few months.

Greg Kapp gave details about a **Fall Getaway to Portage Point Inn**. This will be the 3rd year in a row that Greg has planned this event. Besides a stay at a rustic inn, the trip will include lunch in Leland, wine tasting and a color tour.

Sandy then recognized those members with August birthdays. **Julie Lasher** brought cake for everyone to celebrate that **Ted Lasher** turns 60 this month.

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August 1, 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes, Continued

Craig asked **Rich Bratschi** to give details about an upcoming rally being planned by the **Jackson Club**. Rich said the four event rally will be on October 27th and that we have given Jackson our extra sanction number to use for one of the games. We will need volunteers as our club will be assisting with the games. The rally will include a lap around **MIS** and a drive through the **Irish Hills**. Craig commented that the **Jackson Club** was a really great group to do things with.

Appointee Reports:

Chaplain: Gary Wyma was absent. **Gloria Reiffer** let everyone know that Gary is recovering from recent ankle surgery.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher said she had sent a card to **Gary Wyma** and one to **Ed and Suzie Politza** just to let them know we are thinking of them.

Historian: Sue Keith said she keeps track of members who have served on the board and in order to be President a member has to have previously served on the board. She will be posting a list of members who are eligible to be President next month in the newsletter. Nominations for the board will be taken at the September and October meetings and the election will be held in November.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas said everything was going well at the museum and that he is entering our club's newsletter and website in the annual competition. He will be traveling to the museum for Labor Day weekend. He also stated that the CCM club would like to invite everyone to join them for the **Woodward Dream Cruise** and that they have a spot reserved at Woodward and 13th for both Friday and Saturday, August 17th and 18th.

Photographer: Ted Lasher said he was available to take pictures of any new cars or if anyone wanted a new picture of their existing car, let him know. He is working on getting the pictures from **Spartan Speedway** posted and he will have extras for any drivers that are interested.

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

Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Ribar was absent.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer had nothing to report.

Member Comments:

Kim Keith gave the details of a recent trip to South Dakota that he and **Sue** had taken with 4 other couples from the club. **Craig and Janet Iansiti, Carol and Randy Putmon, Julie and Ted Lasher and Randy and Nancy Buck** had all accompanied the Keiths to the **Black Hills Corvette Classic** in Spearfish, SD. A good time was had by all.

Harold and Katherine Twining recently returned from a 22 day trip to California and back for the **National Corvette Restorers Society annual convention** in San Diego. They spent 5 days in San Diego and 17 days on the road, taking the old **Route 66** on the way home.

Bob Maynard let everyone know that our past member, **Kurt Schwamberger**, has been taken off the liver transplant list and his prospects are not good. We should all keep him and his family in our thoughts and prayers.

Steve Musselman reminded everyone that the **Old US 27 Tour** is coming up August 21nd – 26th. The tour starts in Indiana and ends up in Cheboygan, MI. Information is available on their website, www.old27tour.com.

Gloria Reiffer said the sign-up sheets for **Corvette Crossroads** were on the table and that anyone wishing to caravan up on Friday could see **Rich and Colleen Bratschi. Gloria and Simon** will lead a group leaving on Thursday from **Clark Corners in DeWitt**. A collection will be taken up for firewood.

Pat Lickfeldt said he and his wife **Ellie** had just completed their annual Great Lakes tour around the state of Michigan. He said they leave from Grand Haven and go 850 miles around the coast. A highlight of the trip is the **Tunnel of Trees** near Harbor Springs. Pat said they stopped overnight in Mackinaw City and he stopped at the **Chamber of Commerce** where they had Crossroads shirts for sale. This year they have switched from the normal yellow shirts to green with a red corvette on them.

Colleen Bratschi commented on how much the **Jackson Club** functions like a family. She offered ideas on how our club might try some of the same events that Jackson does. They have one meeting a year that is a picnic and they also do a color tour where they rent an entire lodge so everyone can stay together.

Ted Lasher asked if **Bud Kouts** had ever done their open house but no one had any news on that. He also wanted to know if **Lee MacGillivray** was still planning to attend one of our meetings as he thought we might want to invite **Jim Hoppin** to attend the same meeting. Colleen said she would contact Lee and try for the September or October meeting. Ted then displayed a picture taken at the **BHCC Car Show** in Spearfish, SD. The photographer had captured a lightning bolt in the background.

The **50/50** raffle was won by **Janet Iansiti**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**



Capital City Corvette Club

August 15, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

President Craig Iansiti called the meeting to order at 6:28 p.m.

Craig reported that an application for membership had been received from **George** and **Laurie Nelson**. George had previously been a member and everyone was glad to hear he was rejoining.

Board of Director Reports:

Competition Director: Rich Bratschi reported on the results from the **Spartan Speedway** low speed event. The total expenses were \$2,600 which was split with Jackson, so \$1,300 per club. Final profits were \$633 for each club. This is down \$200 from last year and \$300 from the previous year. The cost of the track went from \$900 in 2010 to \$1,200 this year. Enrollment was down by at least 8 drivers and we did not break even on the lunches as we had expected, but ended up spending \$140. Rich said one reason we have less drivers is that those who race are getting older and four have died in the past couple of years.

There was discussion as to how to attract more drivers, whether other tracks are available and if we should continue the event. Rich said we have to pick the date for next year in November so we have two months to decide whether to continue and what to do with our sanction #s if we don't have the low speed.

Rich also passed out the race results that will be posted on the region website.

Editorial Director: nothing new to report.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer stated that the regional meeting was coming up in early September and that he and Gloria may attend the national governors meeting later in September.

Membership Director: Dave Pursel was absent but Simon reported that per Dave, all memberships totals were the same.

Points Director: Kim Keith had nothing new to report.

Secretary: Janet Iansiti stated the July board minutes had been approved by email and had nothing else to report.

Social Director: Sandy Bechtel had nothing new to report.

Treasurer: Mike Britz made available an up-to-date account statement and stated that all bills were paid as of prior to the meeting.

Public Relations Director: Randy Buck was absent.

Appointee Reports:

Chaplain: Gary Wyma was absent.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher was absent.

Historian: Sue Keith stated she had received a copy of the low speed results for the archives. She has sent the newsletter editor a list of those members eligible to run for President to be published in the September issue. She also mentioned as a reminder that **Dave Pursel** needs to send the membership renewal information to the editor for the September and October newsletters.

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.

Craig Iansiti noted that we need to correct our by-laws so that appointed positions are not referred to as appointed officers. The position of **President** requires serving in a previous **elected officer** position and the appointee positions do not qualify for this. The newsletter editor questioned whether we need to change the by-laws or allow the appointed positions to run for President and thus open up the field to more people.

Discussion followed on how to get members interested in board positions. **Rich Bratschi** suggested we adopt a **"step up"** board where each position moves up to a different position after one year ending up with President. He also stated he firmly believed the board members should not have to chair any events

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as he thinks that is one reason members do not want to run for the board. **Craig Iansiti** suggested we split the board so only half the positions are elected each year, thus making each one a two year commitment. It was noted that the by-laws would have to be changed to do this. It was suggested we could only elect President, VP and Governor and leave the rest of the positions as elected board members who then fill the other positions. **Colleen Bratschi** suggested board positions could be shared between two people so each one only served 6 months at a time, but two years in a row. **Mike Britz** stated it is important that we go after the members we want to run for the board and convince them to serve. **Rich Bratschi** proposed that the board serve as the election committee and each of us pick two potential board members between now and the September meeting. It was agreed that each of us would email two names to Craig within the next week. If everyone agrees on the choices once we get the names, we can then approach those people before the September meeting to convince them to run. The **Corvette Crossroads** event next week will be a good place to network and talk up the election.

Craig Iansiti asked for approval to pay **C.C.M.C.C.** for the dash plaques they will be ordering for the **Labor Day Hospice Show at Bud Kouts**. The cost is approximately \$150 and it was approved.

Janet Iansiti asked if we had any vendors who were making donations to **Potter Park Zoo**. The answer

was "no". The club will send a check to the zoo in September.

Craig Iansiti asked for clarification on the date of the JCC Rally. The date is October 27th, the weekend before Halloween. Everyone agreed this would be a good time for our club to turn out and support the Jackson club.

The newsletter editor questioned why the by-laws refer to the **Past President** position as "appointed" instead of this automatically being the previous President. The answer was that the position is optional and up to the current President to determine if he wants to fill it or not.

Kim Keith volunteered to draft an update to the by-laws regarding members eligible to run for President. He will bring the draft to the September board meeting so that it can be published and voted on at the November meeting. It was noted that any changes to the by-laws in regards to length or rotation of board positions, etc. would be the responsibility of the next elected board.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**



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