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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

October 3rd • 7:00 p.m. • Dinner & Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Fall Getaway to Portage Point Inn

October 5th - 7th • Departing 9:00 a.m.
from Flying J, 7800 W. Grand River
Contact Greg Kapp with Questions

Color Tour

Saturday, October 6th • 10:00 a.m.
Meet at Rayner County Park in Mason
Contact Ted or Julie Lasher for details

Board Meeting

October 17th • 6:30 p.m.
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Bingo at Tamarack

Location: Tamarack in Holt • 2:00 p.m.
November 3rd • Hold the date - details to follow.
Setup is usually at 1:30 with bingo from 2:00 - 4:00.

October Birthdays

Katherine Twining (5) • Steve Spinrad (8)
Brenda Shatkosky (14) • Jennifer Everhart (16)
Richard Shatkosky (20) • Milton Scales (21)
Dana Beaman (31)



Newsletter Article Deadline
Send all newsletter articles to
scott@keyprintgroup.com by the
23rd of the month.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

I t sure is a good thing I have a wonderful Board of Directors to remind me of all the things I forget. Like this month's column for the newsletter. I guess my old mind just wouldn't let me realize it was October already. Where did summer go? Ninety degrees one day, and frost on the windshield the next. Go figure Michigan.

I just realized we haven't taken the C-3 out for a drive since the **Westphalia cruise-in**. I better dig it out and take it to the **Jackson Corvette Club Rally** on October 27th. We'll likely have the C-5 tucked away by then. That will be a good final run for a lot of us, so do try to sign up. That Jackson group is a lot of fun.

Carol and Randy's Bonfire & Hayride is this coming weekend (*as I write this*). It looks like it is going to be fantastic weather again this year. Since it's likely been over when you read this, I hope you all showed up and had a wonderful time. We always do.

Also coming up on October 6 is a **Drive & Dine/Color Tour** hosted by **Ted and Julie Lasher** - Always a blast. And that same weekend is **Greg Kapp's Fall Getaway**, for those who can get away for a few days. We had a terrific time last year. Check out the calendar for other upcoming activities.

I have made up my checklist for storing the cars for a few months. Oil and filters changed, lube, tires up to pressure, stabilizer in the gas tank, treatment of all rubber around the doors, windows, hood, etc., battery "maintainer" ready to hook up, wash and wax, everything removed from the interior that could attract rodents. I plug the exhaust pipes and any engine air intakes that are not screened with bronze wool. Some cover their cars, but I have found I have fewer little visitors sleeping in the dark confines of the engine compartment (and chewing wires), if I leave it



uncovered and the hood open. I don't have to worry about too much dust or birds in the pole building, so have had good luck leaving them that way. Maybe toss in a dryer sheet or two – everyone has a different trick or two to keep odors and mice out. Maybe we'll have a short winter like last year and only have them put away for a few months. Maybe.

Only one more month until **Board elections**. Please consider running, or nominating a willing member, for any of the positions. **Colleen Bratschi** is doing a great job getting a list together. Give her a call or email if you care to run or have any nominations. It's just a car club – albeit a great and historic one – so serving on the Board of Directors is more fun than work. And you get another night out to dinner each month. Can't beat that!

The **Potter Park Zoo, Zoological Society** has received our club donation of five hundred dollars. It will be put to good use helping the animals and funding their programs. Thanks to all of you from all of them.

See you down the road. Save the Wave.

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.



Fall Getaway to Portage Point Inn

Enjoy the Charm of Yesteryear...with the Amenities of Today.

We will leave the Flying J, 7800 W. Grand River (Grand Ledge), at 9:00 am Friday, October 5. The drive to Portage Point Inn will take about 4 hours with lunch and stops.

The Portage Point Inn is located on a peninsula of land between Lake Michigan and Portage Lake, just north of Manistee. Current plans are to dine at the Inn on Friday evening and then relax with a few games of dominoes or cards.

On Saturday we will take a scenic drive on beautiful M22, leaving enough time to rent one of the Inns boats, golf, go to the casino, or just enjoy the Inn and beach.

Saturday evening we will dine at a local restaurant recommended by the Inn.



Reservations:

Call 231.889.4222 to reserve the accommodation that best suits you. Room rates range from \$89 - \$110. Visit Portage Point Inn's website at www.portagepointinn.com for more information. When reserving, be sure to mention that you are with Capital City Corvette Club.

Questions:

Contact Greg Kapp at 517.655.3992 if you have any questions.



October 5-7, 2012

8513 Portage Point Drive, Onkama, MI 49675

indoor pool • fitness room • shuffleboard • boat rentals

• read the cancellation notice prior to making reservations •

What's in a Number?

By: Sue Keith

Capital City Corvette Club is a member of the **National Council of Corvette Clubs** (NCCC) and our club memberships include membership in NCCC. Members receive a membership card with a number on it. It begins with MI which indicates that we are in the Michigan Region. There are 16 regions and there are region meetings which the governors attend and regional competition events such as car shows, rallies and racing. The last four numbers, plus an L for the ladies, are the individual's number.



Spencer Lee MacGillivray honored with plaque at club meeting. Left to right are: Donald Scott, VP; Lee MacGillivray, Sponsor; Jim Hoppin, Pres; Bill Thornberry, Corp-Treas; Darwin Thomas (kneeling) VF.

But what about those three numbers in the middle – 003? **Capital City Corvette Club** was formed in 1958 and NCCC was organized in 1959 by six clubs. They were **Corvette Club of America** (East Region), **Chicago Corvette Club** (Midwest Region), **Capital City Corvette Club** (Michigan Region), **Corvette Cleveland** (East Ohio Region), **Corvette Club of Michigan** (Michigan Region) and a sixth club that no longer exists. Our club is

a charter member of NCCC and was assigned club number 003.

Capital City's first president, **Jim Hoppin**, became NCCC's first secretary in 1959. The first NCCC convention was held in **Detroit** in 1960. In 1961 the convention was held in **St Louis** at the assembly plant and 33 Capital City members made the trip in 23 Corvettes.



Jim Hoppin's 1961

In 1962 the NCCC convention was hosted by the **Capital City Corvette Club** and held in **Lansing**. Chairpersons were **Bill Thornberry** and **Darwin Thomas**. The three day event was held at the **Capital Park Motor Hotel** and the **Civic Center**. Social events included a poolside cocktail party, a dance at **Lee MacGillivray Chevrolet** and an evening at the **Lansing Country Club**. The participants caravanned to **Flint** to visit the **GM Assembly Plant** where the speaker at the luncheon was none other than **Zora Duntov**!

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Color Tour!



Saturday October 6th

Meet at 10:00am at Rayner County Park in Mason.

We will have 1 or 2 stops plus lunch during a drive through the Michigan countryside (hopefully with some color) covering between 80 to 100 miles total.

For more information call:
Ted or Julie Lasher
810-360-7433 or 7434



Art Miller



MacGillivray Chevrolet - Haslett MI 1961

Capital City Corvette Club members played a key role in the early years of NCCC. For five years in a row a **Capital City Corvette Club** member was president of NCCC. **Jim Hoppin** in 1962 and 1963, **Art Miller** in 1964 and 1965 and **Gary Cross** in 1966. In 1964, NCCC established the **President's Award**. It is stated on the trophy that *"The President's Award is presented annually to the member who has made the most outstanding contribution to NCCC for service to all our club members."* The **President's Award** was given to Capital City members **Darwin Thomas** in 1964 and **Gary Cross** in 1965.

The Picture Pages on our club's website has many great photos of the early club members under **The Early Years** section. The **National Council of Corvette Clubs** now has about 270 clubs across the United States with approximately 17,500 members. When we look at the 003 on our membership cards, we can be proud of our club's early involvement in this organization that has grown to include so many Corvett enthusiasts over the years.



1962 CONVENTION, LANSING, MICHIGAN

by Bill Thornbury Co-Chairman

National Council of Corvette Club's 1962 Convention will be hosted by the Capital City Corvette Club in Lansing, Michigan, at the Capitol Park Motor Hotel. Registration Fee will be \$9.00 per person.

Convention activities will start Thursday, July 12, at 6:00 P.M. with registration followed by a cocktail party. Your host for the party will be Les MacGillivray Chevrolet, sponsor of Capital City Corvette Club.

At registration each delegate will be given a form on which he will be able to ask any questions pertaining to the National Council. These questions will form a basis for discussion at Saturday's forum.

The following is a resume of the tentative schedule for the remainder of the convention.

Friday, July 13:

10:00 A.M. Introductory meeting to explain time schedules for the following two days.

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|-------------------|--|
| 11:30 A.M. | Free Luncheon at the Capitol Park Motor Hotel. |
| 12:30 P.M. | Caravan will form for trip to Chevrolet Motor Division Assembly Plant in Flint, approximately 30 miles from Lansing. |
| 7:00 P.M. | Party at Les MacGillivray Chevrolet's new dealership building in Haslett, Michigan. |
| Saturday July 14: | |
| 10:00 A.M. | Meeting-officers report to membership at the Civic Center |
| 12:00 Noon | Main luncheon (free) with nationally famous speaker. |
| 1:30 P.M. | Question and answer forum to cover questions previously submitted by delegates. |
| 8:00 P.M. | Chevrolet Motor Division hosted cocktail party and dance. |
| Sunday July 15: | |
| 11:30 A.M. | Brunch-be your own host. Summary meeting to follow. |
| 3:00 P.M. | Convention adjourned. |

Photo from "Blue Bars" July 1962



Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of September 24, 2012

8	Austin Arunasalam	29	Nancy Doty*	0	Lee MacGillivray	19	Thomas Sipka
9	Jim Balla*	3	Jennifer Everhart*	10	Bob Maynard	14	David Sowders
		0	Randy Gisse	1	Shalimar Maynard	4	Fran Sowders
1	Dana Beaman	4	Vidal Gonzalez	0	Chuck Miller	0	Loretta Spinrad
0	Kim Beaman	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	15	Diana Mosher	0	Steve Spinrad
0	Sandy Bechtel	0	Jeanne Harris	9	Barb Musselman	11	Alex Spitzley
19	James Boettcher	16	Ward Harris	13	Steve Musselman	11	Joan Spitzley
19	Mara Boettcher	19	Howard Hein	3	George Nelson	1	Janet Sprague
41	Colleen Bratschi	0	Jim Hoppin	44	Dominique Palacio	1	Michael Sprague
43	Rich Bratschi	75	Angela Hyde	44	Jerry Palacio	19	Ralph Swan
14	Connie Britz	72	Craig Iansiti	34	Diana Parks	13	Susan Swan
28	Mike Britz	68	Janet Iansiti	39	Howard Parks	31	Connie Taylor
48	NancyLee Buck	0	Dick Iding	13	Joe Platte	31	Tom Taylor
56	Randy Buck	8	Greg Kapp	34	Ed Politza	21	Joseph Thomas*
12	Chris Burke	101	Kim Keith	34	Suzanne Politza	36	Harold Twining
15	Terry Burke	100	Sue Keith	32	David Pursel	34	Katherine Twining
11	Dennis Burt	3	Laurie Ketcik	15	Kathryn Pursel	14	Sue VanAtta-Wight
11	Sandy Burt	0	Fred Koos	33	Carol Putmon	0	Jerry Wardell
0	Dana Conley	19	Sheila Lansing	35	Randy Putmon	0	Sally Wardell
0	Darrell Conley	72	Julie Lasher	104	Gloria Reiffer	0	Lee Webster
7	Dave Cripe*	74	Ted Lasher	99	Simon Reiffer	4	Robert Wheeler
4	Pat Cripe	1	Ellie Lickfeldt	59	Robert Ribar	21	Larry Wight
7	Christopher Dana	3	Patrick Lickfeldt	37	Milton Scales	6	Gary Wyma
5	Darwin Day	24	Carlo Litrenta	8	Brenda Shatkosky*	9	Kathy Wyma
29	Art Doty*	20	Janet Litrenta	11	Richard Shatkosky*		

Current 2012 Top Ten

104	Gloria Reiffer	99	Simon Reiffer	72	Craig Iansiti	59	Robert Ribar
101	Kim Keith	75	Angela Hyde	72	Julie Lasher		
100	Sue Keith	74	Ted Lasher	68	Janet Iansiti		



* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.

New CAFE Standards and How They'll Change the Auto Industry

Source: www.corvettenewsblog.com/

7his past week, following an uncertain and unprecedented delay, the Obama administration signed an updated **Corporate Average Fuel Economy**, known as **CAFE**, standard agreed upon by the American Congress. These new standards will move the requirements for an automotive company to a fleet-wide average of 54.5mpg. This 54.5mpg benchmark number – which will not affect work related vehicles – will result in the average miles per gallon of all passenger and light truck vehicles being more than double the current rating by 2025. This is the largest overall jump in CAFE numbers since the guidelines were first put into effect in 1978.

In his speech concerning these changes, **President Obama** stated that *"These fuel standards represent the single most important step we've ever taken to reduce our dependence on foreign oil"*. Environmental scientists have also pointed out the fact that these changes will result in an almost 50% reduction in release of greenhouse gases resulting from American automotive use. Other aspects of this change pointed out by Government officials and Economists highlight an average of almost \$8,000 in savings for the average American family on fuel costs over the life of their vehicle, and



others have pointed to possible creation of close to 570,000 jobs within the Green Energy sector and Automotive R&D areas as result of these changes.

Of course, not everybody has as rosy an outlook on the new guidelines, and the actual impact the new CAFE standards will have on the automotive industry are uncertain. Some automakers, including **Ford** and **GM**, seem ready to embrace the new standards. In anticipation of these changes – which were at one point expected to be 56.2mpg, and had even had a 62mpg number floated by White House officials – these two automakers have diversified their corporate portfolios. **Ford** has added investment stake in the all-electric automakers **Tesla**, and begun expanding their line-up of Natural Gas burning vehicles in to their F-Series truck market as well. **Chevrolet** recently invested heavily in the Electric-vehicle group **Proterra**, as well as the creation of their own electric vehicle plant in Maryland to support the sales of their **Volt** automobile, and their expansion back in to clean diesel engines, similar to those used by automakers like **Volkswagen** in Europe where 50-60+mpg ratings are regularly attainable at fuel conscious driving conditions.

However, others aren't reacting as happily to this news. Many naysayers in the automotive industry



GM's Detroit Plant where the Chevy Volt is Currently Produced in Mass Numbers

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have pointed to the fact that these standards will result in future automobiles being much smaller, resulting in both decreased passenger space as well as decreased vehicle safety. These same individuals are also claiming that the largely battery-based automobile will actually be more harmful for the environment as a result of the chemical processes used both to create these enhanced cell batteries, as well as the waste they leave behind once they've stopped functioning. Finally, they point to increased vehicle costs to the consumer as another potential downfall of the problem.

Of the program itself, Obama's Presidential challenger, Republican politician and former **Bain** CEO and Massachusetts Governor **Mitt Romney** branded the CAFE standards as "extreme" and claimed that they "hurt domestic automakers and provide a benefit to some of the foreign automakers". Of the diversification by automakers in to the Electric market and the development of the electric vehicle as a viable alternative, Romney says that the electric vehicle is "a technology that people aren't interested in" and that if elected he would work to repeal the CAFE standards. His side also argues that repealing of CAFE, when coupled with the removal of oil drilling regulations, would result in the creation of "millions of jobs", but have not provided any evidence to support the claim of millions or to provide a hard number, outside of the some 14,000 lost in that industry since 2008 being rehired.



Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne speaking at an American plant concerning the new CAFE regulations

Chiming in on the change, also, was the **Chrysler** CEO **Sergio Marchionne** who seems to be falling directly in between both the Obama and Romney camps. Marchionne himself seems entirely confident that **Chrysler** will be able to meet the 54.5mpg standard without issue come 2025, and even mentioned at one point being excited about embracing the change and the movement towards developing new technology that it will allow, but also warned of some side effects.

The most negative side effect of the CAFE changes that Marchionne pointed to was that they "will change the way this industry operates" and effectively make the development and building of large, V8 powered performance vehicles like the **HEMI** powered 392 **Challenger SRT-8** that he himself drives daily, as "rare as white flies". Ultimately, Marchionne and other analysts



CAFE Standards Information Released by the White House website



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who agree with him, feel that the CAFE changes will bring about the death of the incredibly popular American muscle car segment – one of the market share areas that foreign automakers have never been able to compete with American corporations at.

Some analysts point to the industry's same worries over CAFE regulations in the late 70's and early 80's as proof of exactly why this won't come to fruition. During that time period, following the first CAFE implementation, automakers were opining the event as the death of the V8 engine, yet today more, and far more powerful, V8 performance cars are available than ever before, thanks in part to large technological advances. Today, vehicle's

like the 600-plus horsepower **Chevrolet Corvette ZR1** and Chrysler/Dodge's own 640hp **SRT Viper** are readily available, and were the sort of thing nobody could have even imagined in the late 70's, much less predicted would ever be available directly off of a dealer lot or showroom.

In all, the CAFE regulations will certainly change the way the industry functions, but how much and in what ways are currently uncertain. Experienced automotive industry analysts predict that by 2025 the industry itself, and the vehicles which they put on the road, *"will change less than anybody imagines – but more than anyone wants,"* a sentiment which puts them directly in line with Marchionne. So, whether the future is in electric, hybrid, diesel, natural gas, or another newly developed alternative energy technology, only one thing is for certain: that is the future, and we're headed quickly in that direction. In fact, with the rise of the four cylinder in America, an engine configuration which now powers 43% of all new vehicles sold, we're closer than we thought. Here's to hoping, no matter what this future holds, that it doesn't kill off those vehicles we all love like the **Challenger, Viper, Mustang, Camaro** or the **Corvette**.





Once again, the residents of the Tamarack Apartments are looking forward to our lively group coming over to “play” with them: anticipating fun, laughter, great Bingo prizes, and wonderful desserts!

DATE: Saturday, November 3, 2012

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 pm (set up at 1:30)

LOCATION: Tamarack Apartments

4400 Holt Road – Holt, MI

Keep gathering your “fab” Bingo prizes. Hand made items are always a plus, but if you’re not “crafty”, stop into Meijer or the dollar store and pick up some bric-a-brac. Being so close to Christmas, think of items they can use (gift wrap, Christmas cards, decorations); and items they can keep or regift (stuffed animals, decorative towels, pot holders, etc.). What would you like?

Please bring your favorite dessert to share!

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
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

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:** ____-____-____



PHANTOM OF THE OPERA COUPÉ

Ever think of Corvette's gentler side? All it takes is a change of mood. Suddenly the Corvette Sting Ray Sport Coupe is an up-to-date image of yesterday's opera coupé.

Gone the mohair, the sidemounts, the running boards. In their place, American Contemporary. All the soft comfort and genteel manners of the noble old opera coupé, but wrapped in a two-place projectile about as nostalgic as a space shot.

Go ahead. Pamper it once in a while with a night at the

opera. But docile as it can be, the real Corvette spirit lurks below the surface. No opera coupé ever had a V8 like this or a ride like this or a rage to punch holes in the humdrum like this.

Any pleasure a car can give, Corvette gives you—sedate to snarly. What could be more versatile? Yet even we can think of one situation where Corvette is totally out of place: standing still.

Chevrolet Division of General Motors, Detroit, Michigan.

'64 CORVETTE STING RAY BY CHEVROLET

Capital City Corvette Club

September 5, 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. with a discussion of the latest club news. **Mackinaw Crossroads** was attended by 35 club members (1/3 of the club) and everyone had a great time. He was notified by **Al Wilson** of the **CAMCC** that the **Hospice Show at Bud Kouts** this past weekend raised an additional \$2,700 making the total raised for Hospice this year around \$5,700. 13 club members attended or helped out with that show.

Craig congratulated newlyweds **Tom and Barb Sipka** who we saw at dinner in St. Ignace on Saturday of Crossroads. They were on their way back from their honeymoon in Canada.

He welcomed new members **Dana Beaman** and his wife **Kim** from St. Johns and **Chuck Miller** from Okemos. Dana and Kim have a 2001 black hardtop and Chuck has a 1988 blue C4 convertible. Craig also welcomed **Jerry and Sally Wardell** from Perry. Jerry was a visitor at our last meeting and they just decided to join this evening. They have a 2001 red and tan convertible.

Craig noted the **Calhoun County Corvette Club** is hosting a rally, cruise-in and pit crew funcana on Sunday, September 23rd and the information is already on our website.

He reminded everyone to pick up club brochures to keep on hand in case they meet a potential new club member. LCC car show information, copies of **Blue Bars** magazines and other information is also available on the table as usual.

Dave Pursel let Craig know that **Ward Harris** had just signed his wife **Jean** up as a member too.

Board of Director Reports:

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer had attended the regional meeting the previous evening and had news on the awards banquet for 2013. It will be hosted by the **Battle Creek Club** and will take place at the **Gilmore Car Museum** on Sunday, May 5th. There will be a tour, a picnic, speakers and awards all for the price of \$33 per person. Payment must be received by April 5th in order to avoid an additional \$7 late fee.

The region has eliminated paper membership forms. More details on the use of the new electronic forms will be available after the governor's meeting this weekend.

Simon also said that due to the 10 sanctioned events in the region this year and the scheduling issues they caused, by-laws will be changed regarding piggy-backing of sanc-

tioned events. The change may involve how points are earned for these events.

He also said there may be a change in the deadline for bidding on dates for next year's events. The deadline used to be the November meeting but this was too soon as the racetracks used for some events did not have their schedules ready that early.

Simon also reported that regional voting is now all electronic and that the region has positions open for *Treasurer*, *Secretary* and *Points Director*.

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

Janet announced that **Sandy Bechtel** had agreed to chair the **Horsepower at the Zoo Show** for 2013 and that she and **Rich Bratschi** had agreed to be on her committee. Sandy then stated she would need additional committee members but did not plan to start work on the show until January 2013. Everyone applauded Sandy's decision and several members reported having had questions, emails or phone calls about the **HAZ** show for this year.

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 as he had a current bank statement available.

Competition Director: Rich Bratschi told everyone to keep an eye on the National website for changes to the competition rules for next year. Several changes are coming up involving class sizes and tires, all aimed at keeping things more equitable. **Howard Parks** asked Rich if there were any changes on the rules regarding blood type being displayed on helmets and Rich said that rule only applied to high speed events.

Editorial Director: was absent.

Membership Director: Dave Pursel said we are now in the "century" club with 100 members as of this meeting. He announced that **George Nelson** and his fiancée **Laurie Ketcik** had rejoined this past month. Our **FCOA** members are currently at 58. Dave told the new members they could sign their grandchildren up as **Future Corvette Owners** for a one-time fee of \$10 and they will then receive a membership packet.

He reminded everyone that dues are due for 2013 and that they must be paid by the end of the November membership meeting or be considered late. Also, dues must be paid before you can vote for the 2013 board members.

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Points Director: Kim Keith said points were up to date as of the Hospice car show. He told the new members he had static clings for sale - \$3 for the small and \$5 for the large.

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. Sandy has heard nothing further about the previously planned **Fall Getaway** for October 6th and is assuming it is off. The Lashers have scheduled a **color tour** for that same date which is OK as not everyone would participate in either event. Craig reminded everyone to contact Sandy before scheduling any event in order to avoid conflicts in scheduling. Sandy also announced that a previously scheduled cook-out at **Angela Hyde's** on September 8th had been cancelled.

Sandy explained the **Tamarack Bingo** event for the new members and asked that anyone who can't attend but wants to donate prizes can bring them to her at the November meeting. She encouraged everyone to sign up for the **Putmon bonfire and hayride** on September 29th.

She also questioned whether the club would like to exchange gifts at the holiday party in December or bring food and donations for the **Lansing Food Bank** or **Toys for Tots** as we had done last year. Everyone agreed bringing donations was the way to go. The party is scheduled for December 5th.

Sandy had several flyers for events from other clubs if anyone was interested. Sandy then recognized those members with September birthdays.

Appointee Reports:

Chaplain: Gary Wyma was absent. Craig let everyone know that Gary is recovering from recent ankle surgery and is having issues with vertigo also.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher said she had sent a card to **Larry Wight, Gary Wyma, Steve Spinrad** and **Kurt Schwamberger**, all of whom are dealing with some type of illness or injury. She also sent a card of congratulations to the newly wed **Sipka's**.

Historian: Sue Keith read an article from the **Lansing State Journal** dated 1994. The article was about the **NCCC 35th Annual Convention** being held in Lansing. The conventioners were staying at the **Holiday Inn South** and they had scheduled a parade, car show, rally, and racing events. About 300 cars were in attendance.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas commented on how great this year's **Woodward Cruise** had gone and what a fun event it was to attend. Joe took part in the Labor Day

events at the museum in Bowling Green and attended lots of meeting. His son accompanied him on the trip and they stopped at the **Louisville Slugger Museum** on the way home. He highly recommended that stop for anyone with a young son or grandson.

Joe entered CCCC's website and newsletter in the **National Corvette Museum** competition this year. The judging was done by students from **Western Kentucky University**. Our club's newsletter won second place and Joe presented the plaque to Craig.

Photographer: Ted Lasher said he was getting caught up on pictures and would have the **Mackinaw Crossroads** shots posted soon. He asked how many people were interested in a club calendar for 2013 and many people raised their hands.

Ted noted that the **color tour** for October 6th is not yet finalized, but he explained how it works for the new members. He said the meeting place would be **Rayner Park** in Mason and that he should have the flyer posted on the website by this coming weekend.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon was absent.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Ribar was absent.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer had nothing to report. Craig commented on what a great job Gloria does with the website and mentioned that Jackson club members told him they use our website when they want to know what's going on. Gloria has been our webmaster for 10 years.

Member Comments:

Dave Cripe told everyone that **Gilmore Car Museum** was having their last show of the season this weekend and it is a Muscle Car Show.

Rich Bratschi talked about the October 27th rally with the Jackson club. He said our club needs to help out as we provided one of the sanction numbers. He and **Colleen** plan to help with a game and they will need a couple more people to sign up.

Sue Keith stated that the membership renewal form is in the September newsletter in case anyone wants to print it off.

Milton Scales announced he had won the recent primary election for **Meridian Township Trustee** and hopes to win again in November. He thanked everyone who supported him.

Simon Reiffer said **Paragon Reproductions** is having an open house on September 22nd and that there is a fly-in at the Marshal airport this weekend.

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Craig then turned the meeting over to **Colleen Bratschi** to take nominations for the 2013 board of directors. Colleen said she would take nominations and then contact those people to see if they would run or not without disclosing how other nominees had responded.

Following are those nominated at this meeting:

President: Ted Lasher, Kim Keith, Rich Bratschi

Vice President: Simon Reiffer

Treasurer: Mike Britz, Bob Maynard

Secretary: Sue Keith, Katherine Twining

Competition: Rich Bratschi, Kim Keith, Mike Sprague, Craig Iansiti

Editor: Scott Bauries

Membership: Dave Pursel, Angela Hyde

Public Relations: Bob Maynard, Tom Taylor, Randy Buck, Milton Scales

Points Director: Angela Hyde, Howard Hein

Social Director: Sandy Bechtel, Julie Lasher, Carol Putmon, Katherine Twining

Colleen told everyone to contact her if they wanted to add to the nominations. Nominations are open until after the October membership meeting.

Dominique Palacio announced she was having a special on shirts like she and **Jerry** were wearing. Anyone interested should see her after the meeting.

Craig reminded everyone that club business cards were available, so be sure to pick some up and pass them out.

The 50/50 raffle was won by **Ted Lasher**.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**



Capital City Corvette Club

September 19, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

President Craig Iansiti called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Craig reported that an invoice had been received from **CAMCC** for \$172.50 for 150 dash plaques for the second Hospice car show. He turned the invoice over to the Treasurer.

CCCC has been invited to join **CAMCC** for the **Michigan Mega Meet** at Milford on September 29th. Anyone planning to attend should contact **Al Wilson** for details on where to meet. They are planning to leave for Milford at 8:00 A.M. and will have reserved parking at the show.

Craig stated he had received many calls regarding the **Horsepower at the Zoo** car show which was cancelled. The date showed up on the **Auto Event** calendar and there was no way to get it removed. **Simon Reiffer** said the date was also on the **Old US 27 Tour** website.

Craig also said that **Al Wilson** from **CAMCC** is going to contact whoever is in charge of the **Uncle John's Cider Mill car show** to see if they would like to combine their show with the Hospice show next year. Both shows were on Sunday of Labor Day weekend and thus had to compete for cars. Al will let us know what the decision is.

Craig asked **Colleen Bratschi** to discuss the status of the board nominations for 2013. Colleen received numerous additional nominations by phone and email following the September membership meeting. She contacted each nominee. More nominations are still needed to fill the ballot. Nominations will remain open until the end of the October membership meeting. Colleen stated she would have the absentee ballots ready and available to be emailed following the October membership meeting.

Craig then added that the Labor Day weekend car show at **Bud Kouts** had 119 cars and raised about \$3,000 for Hospice. That makes \$6,000 this year from the two Hospice shows. There was discussion as to whether the funds all go to Hospice or whether they are funneled through **The Sparrow Foundation**. Craig said he would check with Al, but he was certain they were designated for Hospice.

Board of Director Reports:

Competition Director: Rich Bratschi reminded

everyone about the upcoming rally with the Jackson club on October 27th. He may need some volunteers to help, but mostly will need our club to come and participate. **Gloria Reiffer** asked if our club gets any proceeds from the rally since we gave them a sanction number, but the answer was "no".

Editorial Director was absent.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer reported he saw **Connie Taylor** at the hospital and that she had recently fallen and broken both ankles. She had surgery on one and will be recuperating for some time. Craig said he would notify **Julie Lasher** so the club could send a card.

Simon then passed on information he got at the recent Governor's meeting in St. Louis, Missouri:

- So far this year, there have been no claims on the national insurance policy.
- The competition database will now automatically figure points for travel.
- **Blue Bars** magazine is looking for tech articles and the deadline to submit is the 30th of the month.
- The raffle car for this year is a 2013 Coupe 3LT 6 speed.
- All scholastic scholarships must now be sent direct to the school not the person.

Simon also said he has a folder of information about the **2014 National Convention** which will be in **Savannah, GA** and he will bring it to the membership meeting for anyone interested.

Simon said the biggest issue at the Governor's meeting was the budget. He also said the proposal to raise the dues failed.

Mike Britz encouraged Simon and Gloria to include the cost of food when they turn in their travel expense for the trip to the Governor's meeting, not just gas and lodging.

Membership Director: Dave Pursel stated he had just emailed an updated membership list to everyone. We are still at 100 members and 58 FCOAs. There was

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discussion about problems with the national database and what electronic forms were available. Dave said he was trying to have renewal forms printed and already filled in for the existing membership and available at the October membership meeting. Members would then just need to sign the form and write a check for their 2013 renewal.

Points Director: Kim Keith had nothing new to report.

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

Secretary: Janet Iansiti had nothing to report as minutes were approved by email.

Social Director: Sandy Bechtel stated that last year for the Christmas party the cost of the dinner had been \$20.24 with the members paying \$20 and the club covering the .24. She asked if she could plan on the same for this year's party and it was approved. The board also gave approval for expenses of up to \$100 for decorations, etc.

Sandy also stated she wanted to get a date set with the **Potter Park Zoo** for the **Horsepower at the Zoo** show for 2013. She asked if the third Sunday in September was acceptable as that's when the previous shows had been. This date was approved. Sandy will contact the Zoo to put it on their calendar.

Treasurer: Mike Britz went over all account balances as of September 1, 2012. He passed around a hard copy of the treasurer's report and said he had emailed the report to everyone just prior to the meeting.

Janet Iansiti asked if the club had sent a donation to the **Zoological Society** yet. A \$500 donation had been approved earlier in the year. Craig asked Mike to write the check and he would mail it.

Appointee Reports:

Chaplain: Gary Wyma was absent.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher was absent.

Historian: Sue Keith reminded the current board members that if they are not running for the 2013 board they should be prepared to pass on their **SOP CD** to whoever takes their place on the board.

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 had nothing new to report.

Member Input:

Colleen Bratschi had two items to add regarding board nominations:

Sue Keith has asked to be reappointed as **Historian**. **Milton Scales** has stated he would like to assist **Ted Lasher** with photography if he is not elected to **Public Relations Director**. Everyone thought that was a great idea and Craig said he would speak with Ted.

Craig asked **Kim Keith** to review the changes to the club by-laws which all board members were copied on prior to the meeting.

Kim asked if anyone had additions, objections or corrections to the changes already made. Several items were brought up and discussed and additional changes were made.

There was also discussion on what is covered in the by-laws regarding board nominations and how additional nominations need to be handled at the next membership meeting in October.

There was discussion on how to present the by-law changes to the membership and it was determined that email would be best. The membership must have the changes at least 7 days prior to the meeting in which they will be voted on, however, it was agreed the more time they have to review them, the better. Kim will send the revised by-laws out to all members right away and we will plan to vote on them at the November membership meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by **Janet Iansiti, Secretary**



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