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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**General Membership Meeting**

February 6 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm  
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Rd. • Holt

**Cruise In for Dinner**

February 16 • 5:00 pm  
R-Club • 6409 Centurion Drive • Lansing

**Board Meeting**

February 20 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm  
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Rd. • Holt

**Michigan Region Awards Banquet**

May 5 • Tour - 9:00 am • Meal - 1:30 pm • Speaker/Awards - 2:30 pm  
Gilmore Car Museum • 6865 Hickory Rd. • Hickory Corners



**February Birthdays**

Sandy Burt (3) • Austin Arunsalam (13) • Ed Politza (22)  
Diana Mosher (24) • Diana Parks (24)

**Newsletter Article Deadline:**

Newsletter articles are due to the editor by the 23<sup>rd</sup> of each month.  
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## From Our President...

I'd like to start my year as president by first recognizing the major contributions the past presidents have made to this club. That fact this club runs so smoothly is a testament to their efforts along with their respective boards. I have some very large footsteps to follow. Therefore, I am very appreciative of the trust you have placed in me to lead this club.

While the task seems daunting, I realize that I won't be going it alone. With the excellent Board we have assembled this year, I anticipate some challenges, along with plenty of rewards.

The groundwork is already being laid with upcoming events in the planning stages. However, I feel we need to seek out other opportunities to further strengthen the camaraderie of our membership as well as experiencing new ways to enjoy our favorite toys! Interaction is the key to the success of any group, and it's no different with ours. I urge you to join events, suggest events and by all means sign up to help out at events. You will find that it can be fun and rewarding!

On a personal note, as is my tradition, I started the year out on the right foot, by driving our Vette on New Years day! I was even able to convince my long suffering wife, Chris, to accompany me. Not an easy task on a cold January 1<sup>st</sup>!

Now that February is closely approaching, I can almost start thinking about top down weather! However, I've been advised that unless I want to go it alone, the temp better be above 74 degrees.

With that in mind, I suggest shaking off the chill of winter and start embracing the coming thaw that signals clear roads and warm days.

I remember when I became a Corvette person. It was long ago, watching a television program involving two young guys traversing the country in a small sports car. I never missed an episode. I wanted to see the real star of the show, that little Corvette.



So I ask the question, when did you realize you were a Corvette person? Share your experiences, you might learn something new about your fellow members, or maybe even create a warm welcome to a new member.

In closing, I thank you for the trust and faith you have put in me, and I hope to be a part of another successful year.

Save the wave!

Terry



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## National Corvette Museum Updates

### Chuck and Sharon Fast Join One Acre Club

Chuck and Sharon Fast of Northville, Mich. have been immersed in the world of Corvettes, Corvette clubs and Autocrossing since 1964. In 1998 their daughter Kim Fast joined her father Chuck in Autocrossing until her battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia began in 2007. When Kim passed away in 2010, Chuck & Sharon decided to increase their participation with the Museum and became Lifetime Members. In addition to their memberships, the couple purchased several commemorative bricks placed both inside and outside of the Museum, as well as a bench dedicated to their daughter.

“We know that Kim would have wanted to participate at the NCM Motorsports Park, and that's why we decided to donate to the One Acre Club. I look forward to the Park opening as I

currently own a 2011 ZR1 that I took Museum Delivery on, a 1967 Corvette that I bought new and a 2004 Coupe that belonged to our daughter, Kim.”

Chuck and Sharon have also been active members of several Corvette clubs over the years including the Corvette Club of Michigan, Flint Corvette Club, Corvette Legends Club and the Ponce Inlet Corvette Club.





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1962 National Council of Corvette Clubs convention near Lansing, Michigan

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**Social Time & Dining** around 5:30

**Vice President:** Simon Reiffer called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He welcomed the group and wished all a Happy New Year. Simon shared a thank you letter from the VFW Home acknowledging the club's \$704 contribution. Also received was a thank you letter from St Vincent's for the club's \$250 gift.

Simon reported two items that needed attention. There are two open Board of Director positions: President and Newsletter Editor. If no editor is elected, information previously printed in the newsletter could be included on the website. Terry Burke was contacted regarding the president board position and accepted the nomination for the position. A unanimous vote was cast for Terry Burke for president.

Terry accepted the position and expressed he was looking forward to working with the Board. He requested a short meeting following the evening's membership meeting to speak with the Board of Directors and those in Appointee Positions.

**Secretary:** Katherine Twining asked for any additions or corrections to the November 7, 2012 meeting minutes. There being none, the minutes were approved.

**Membership:** Dave Pursel reported Tim and Mary Blackwell recently joined the Club; they drive a 2011 Jet Stream Blue Coupe. Dave reports membership of 100 and a loss of 5 FCOA members in 2012. He emailed a current membership list today and has received 4 checks for advertisements.

**Governor/VP:** Simon Reiffer reports a Regional Board Meeting in February. There is a new procedure for event chairpersons and governors allowing them to go on line to submit requests for sanctioned and non-sanctioned numbers.

**Treasurer:** Mike Britz was not in attendance, but reported all is within budget.

**Competition Director:** Howard Parks reported on a Rookie Driving School scheduled for May 18, 2013.

**Editorial Director:** Position vacant.

**Points Director:** Howard Hein requested all attendance in competition and social events be forwarded to him. Howard's corrected email address is hrhinhome@aol.com.

**Public Relations Director:** Bob Maynard reported on his recent visit to the VFW National Home for Children where he met with their Public Relations Director. He spoke with her regarding hosting the spring Blessing of the Vettes at their location.

**Social Director:** Janet Litrenta encouraged those in attendance to sign up for the CCCC breakfast on January 19. She encouraged everyone to get any planned event information to her so she can get the information on the calendar and so Gloria can put the information on the website, as well.

**Appointee Reports:**

**Club Chaplain:** Gary Wyma not in attendance.

**Hearts and Flowers:** Julie Lasher reported sending out cards during the months of October, November and December.

**Historian:** Sue Keith came into possession of an old CCCC business card; the club met two times a month at that time.

**NCM Ambassador:** Joe Thomas reported on the Detroit Auto Show, as well as other events. He suggested members go to the website to get more information on upcoming events, which includes the 2014 Labor Day Caravan.

**Photographer:** Ted Lasher needs pictures of cars of all new members. He still has 2013 calendars for sale at \$20, \$5 of which goes toward the John Bechtel Scholarship Fund. To date, \$80 has been forwarded to the fund. Ted also suggested an updated photo be taken at the Capitol.

**Quartermaster:** Randy Putmon reports everything is ok.

**Sergeant at Arms:** Robert Ribar has no report.

**Webmaster:** Gloria Reiffer reports all is good.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Milton Scales.

**Member Comments:**

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

Sandy Bechtel gave an update on the Horsepower at the Zoo event on September 22. Door prizes and Silent Auction items are needed, as the proceeds are donated to Potter Park Zoological Society.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining  
Secretary

## NCCC Family Helping Family Program

This is an explanation for use of the NCCC Family Helping Family program with some guidelines to use.

We would like for this program to be available for use by all NCCC members. If you are traveling and something would happen to you or your car, wouldn't it be better to have a fellow NCCC member to help you out instead of a stranger?

To make this program successful, we will need to enlist your Club and Region's assistance. Each Region Executive is asked to forward this information to each of the Governors in their region to sign up at least two or more club members from each individual club to be on the contact list. We hope out of each club member that signs up, we would have someone that has mechanical knowledge, someone with a trailer, someone with a spare bed and if someone wanted to stop and have a cup of coffee and conversation that we have someone sign up for just that.

If you decide to sign up, then you have agreed to provide assistance for free, to help out a fellow NCCC member. You have made a commitment to respond as soon as you can or to find someone else who can. We don't want someone to wait for hours just because it may be in the middle of the night. If it was you that was needing help, you would want someone to respond as quickly as possible. We would hope that the person receiving assistance would offer some type of appreciation, maybe help with gas money or even lunch.

This list will not be used for outside Solicitations or Distribution. It is intended to be used for

NCCC member assistance. Please do not use this list to ask about what tires to buy or if you are looking for a particular part unless you have broken down and this is the kind of assistance you need. Do not make a mailing list for solicitations or jokes from this list.

Use the list for the purpose it was created for.

Each member of NCCC will be informed on how to access this list by information provided by their club's governor. A separate form will be used for you to volunteer and that will also be placed on the NCCC web site. The information you provide will be in a secure non-publicly linked area. We ask that the form or information on the form be sent to 3 individuals who have volunteered to help get this program started. Each of the 3 individuals will have certain Regions assigned to them and we ask that you submit your information to that individual.

Hal Tumbleson can be reached at e-mail address [BusinessManager@corvettesnccc.org](mailto:BusinessManager@corvettesnccc.org) or fax number 719.667.7266 or phone number 719.641.7275. Hal will have the Michigan, Northwest, Rocky Mountain, Roadrunner, West and West Coast Regions assigned to him.

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## National Corvette Museum Updates

### C7 Unveiled

01.13.13 was an exciting day in Corvette history. The next generation Corvette was revealed to the world, broadcast live via the Internet and marking the rebirth of the Stingray.

The days since the reveal have yielded a flurry of social media buzz, media coverage and excitement. We have launched a page on our website with all the information, pictures (including high res downloads), videos and more here.

Did you know... that exactly 60 years ago today the 1953 Corvette was revealed at the Waldorf Astoria hotel in NYC? What you may not know is that there was a last minute emblem change on the car! Read the rest of that story on our blog here.



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## National Corvette Museum Updates

### Be the First to See the C7 Produced

June 27-28 enthusiasts have the opportunity to celebrate Corvette's history, look at its future, see how the future gets built and kick off the NCM Motorsports Park with a groundbreaking ceremony.

Although the plant has been closed for public tours and will remain closed until this Fall, special arrangements have been made to allow 200 Corvette enthusiasts to enter and tour the Bowling Green Assembly Plant during the event. This very special opportunity includes the plant tour and dinner on Thursday evening. NCM members can enjoy priority sign-up for \$250 until March 1st when it will become available to non-members as well. Be among the very first to see the new C7 up close and see how it's built.

A 60 Years of Corvette Evolution display along with seminars will delve into Corvette's storied history. Some of the first C7s will be on display for a real tire-kicking walk around unveiling the latest and greatest Corvettes and all of the new equipment and performance. The GM Corvette teams from Detroit and Bowling Green will be on hand to demonstrate and explain.



The two-day event is free and open to members and non-members alike, although non-members will have to pay for admission to enter the Museum display areas. [Click here](#) for more details and to register.

## An Invitation Letter from the NCCC Convention Directors

So what are your vacation plans for 2013? The National Council of Corvette Clubs has planned for the last week of June, the 25th through the 29th to give you an opportunity to meet with several of your Council friends in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Along with being a scenic section of the country, this area offers a lot of historical places to visit, great places to shop, parties and entertainment along with the chance to compete if you so desire.

This will be the second time that Council has held the National Convention in Bowling Green. Our host hotel is the University Plaza Holiday. It is the only full service hotel in the area so you would never have to leave if you so choose. There is a variety of fine restaurants within walking distance of the hotel and you are an hour's drive from Nashville's country glamour and scenery. There will be bus tours available to Nashville, one will be a guided tour featuring the highlights of downtown Nashville, admission to the Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame, The Hermitage and lunch at Two Twenty Two Grill. Other tours will include self-guided tours of downtown Nashville, Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Opry Mills Outlets and the famous "Nash Trash" tour. Bus tours are scheduled for Mammoth Cave which will include a walking visit to one of the world's largest caves, a Bourbon Country tour that will include stops at Makers Mark and the Buffalo Trace distilleries and the National Corvette Museum are just minutes away from the Hotel. Monday night we will have the Competitors Award Dinner, Friday will have the Convention Awards Breakfast and the National Awards Dinners and Corvette Raffle on Friday evening.

There will be the usual competitive events including the cars shows, funkhana, rallies and the drag events at the NHRS sanctioned Beech Bend Drag Strip. The low and high speed events will take place at the Nashville Fairgrounds. There will be a party in Lost River Cave on Tuesday night, a Sock Hop on Wednesday night and Game Night on Thursday which will include the now famous Valve Cover Challenge. We are working with the hotel to see that we have a smooth check in and that there is plenty of parking for all those at the Holiday Inn with golf carts to get your luggage from your trailers to the hotel lobby. The Crosswinds Golf Course will be the site of the Golf Outing, the course is next door to the hotel if you want to get in a round or two during the week. We hope that when you go home you will take memories that will last a life time of the fun and good times you had on this vacation.

As in past the room reservations will be handled by the Convention Treasurer as you register for Convention. When the Holiday Inn fills we have limited commitments from the Marriott and Hilton Garden Inn to honor the room rate of the Holiday. They are located across the street from the Holiday Inn.

See you in Bowling Green in 2013.

Richard Yanko 2013 NCCC Convention Director  
Betty Parks 2013 NCCC Convention Director



## National Council of Corvette Clubs ~ Convention 2013

We would like to encourage members to consider taking a week's vacation to attend the NCCC Convention being held in Bowling Green, KY on June 24 – 28, 2013. You will want to arrive on Sunday, June 23 for registration so that you can enjoy events beginning at 8:00 Monday morning.

We have attended several NCCC Conventions since Capital City Corvette Club hosted the event in 2000 at Shanty Creek. Some of our favorites included 2002 when we got to do a lap on the Indianapolis Motor Speedway; 2009 when we rode the cog railway to the top of Pikes Peak; and spending hours on the 3.5 mile track at Autobahn Country Club in 2011. Ahhh, the memories...



As you can see, conventions aren't just for competition. Bus tours are available, usually with an added charge. The hospitality room is open every afternoon if you want to kick back and visit with a few people, or play a game of cards. There is a party every night, usually with music and chances to win great door prizes (including tires). The parties often have a theme and a competition



held for the best costume, as shown above during gangster night in 2011. You don't have to dress up to have fun. It's also fun to see the creativity of those who do.



Convention registration opens at midnight on February 1. Early registration gives you a better chance of staying at the hotel attached to the convention center. It isn't very large so many of us that attended the 2001 convention were at hotels down the strip – which was actually fine. Bowling Green isn't that big and it gave us plenty of chances to cruise up and down Scottsville Road.

Keep a close eye on the [convention schedule](#) to get an idea of what is in store for attendees.

### Bloomington Gold

If you can extend your vacation by a couple of days, consider attending [Bloomington Gold](#) on your way home. This event has been moved to the University of Illinois, Champaign, IL for 2013.

This is a fun event with a Corvette auction, judging, exhibitors, vendors, and the ever popular Gold Tour. You won't want to miss this event.



Imagine thousands of Corvettes passing each other in opposite directions. Now that's what "save the wave" is all about!

There are a lot of hotels in the area, but they will fill quickly so get your room booked now!

# 2013 NCCC Convention – Bowling Green, KY

1/18/13 Schedule – Subject to Revisions

## Sunday – June 23

Registration / Tech	10am - 6pm	Hotel
Mall / Hospitality	12pm – 6pm	Hotel
Informal Gathering	7pm – 11pm	Ballroom

## Monday – June 24

Registration / Tech	8am - 2pm	Hotel
Concours Wash & Shine	8am – 11:30am	Hotel
Peoples Choice		
Guided Bus Tour , Nashville	Leave Hotel 8 to 9 am	
Golf	8 am	Crosswinds Golf
Mall / Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
National Governors Meeting	5pm – 6pm	Ballroom
2012 Awards Dinner	6pm – 7:30pm	Ballroom
Party – Derby Hats	7:30pm – 11:30pm	Ballroom

## Tuesday - June 25

Rallye	7am – 5pm	start place TBD
Mall / Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Bus Tours, Nash Trash,	11:00 am	depart from Hotel
Bus Tour, Mammoth Cave	11:00 am	depart from Hotel
Funkhana	1pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party	7:00pm – 11:00pm	Lost River Cave

## Wednesday – June 26

Drags	8am – 5pm	Beech Bend
Bus Tour, Bourbon Country	8am – 5:30pm	depart from Hotel
Bus Tour, Nashville, ( self guided )	9am – 4:30	depart from Hotel
Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Funkhana	1pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party, 50's/60's Sock Hop	7:30 – 11:30	Ballroom

## Thursday – June 27

High & Low Speeds	7:00 am -- ??	Nashville Fairgrounds
Bus Tours, Nashville, ( Opryland Hotel & Opry Mills,self guided)	9am –4:30pm	depart from Hotel
Hospitality	12pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party Theme, Game Night	7:30pm – 11:30pm	Ballroom

## Friday – June 28

Convention Breakfast	8am – 10am	Ballroom
Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Banquet – Dinner / Party	6:00pm – 10pm	Ballroom

## Cruise in for Dinner

**Date:** February 16 (Saturday)

**Time:** 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** R-Club  
6409 Centurion Drive  
Lansing, MI



**Hosted By:** Terry Burke – 517.231.3372

R-Club is located one block southwest of the corner of St. Joe Highway and Creyts Road. Turn west on Century Boulevard to Centurion Drive to enter the parking lot.

Please sign up at the February 6 General Membership Meeting, or contact Terry to let him know you will be attending.



*R-Club Drive & Dine  
July 10, 2010*

*Please contact Janet Litrenta if you would like to host a breakfast, lunch, dinner, getaway, or other social event. Scott and Gloria have offered their assistance with flyers if needed. You would need to choose a location, contact the restaurant to make reservations, put out a signup sheet at a meeting, and collect signatures of attendees on a NCCC waiver for our Points Director. It's easy and fun!*



*Michigan Region  
National Council of Corvette Clubs  
2012 Awards Banquet  
Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013*



# **2012 Michigan Region Award Banquet**

## **Hosted by the Corvette Club of Battle Creek**



**Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**9 am – 6 pm**  
**Gilmore Car Museum**  
**Hickory Corners, Michigan**

### **Cost:**

- \$33.00 Per Person, (\$40.00 Per Person After April 5<sup>th</sup>).
- Price Includes:
  - Admission to Gilmore Car Museum & All Car Barns
  - Picnic Style Meal
  - A Door Prize for Everyone

### **Banquet Agenda:**

- 9:00am – 1:30pm: Tour the Grounds & Car Barns at your Leisure
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm: Picnic Style Meal (Banquet Hall)
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm: Guest Speaker
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm: 2012 Michigan Region Awards & Door Prizes
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm: Continue to Tour the Car Barns for those interested

### **Menu: (Picnic Style Lunch served in the Banquet Hall)**

- Cracker/Cheese Tray and Vegetable Tray with Dip
- Two Entrée(s), Burgers and Hot Dogs
- Potato Salad, Coleslaw, & Chips
- Assorted Bottled Drinks
- Desserts available at extra cost (They have a Yogurt/ Custard Vendor)
- Gilmore's does not have a liquor license, but will allow persons to bring their own. The "strict" rule is to only consume alcohol in the Banquet Room.

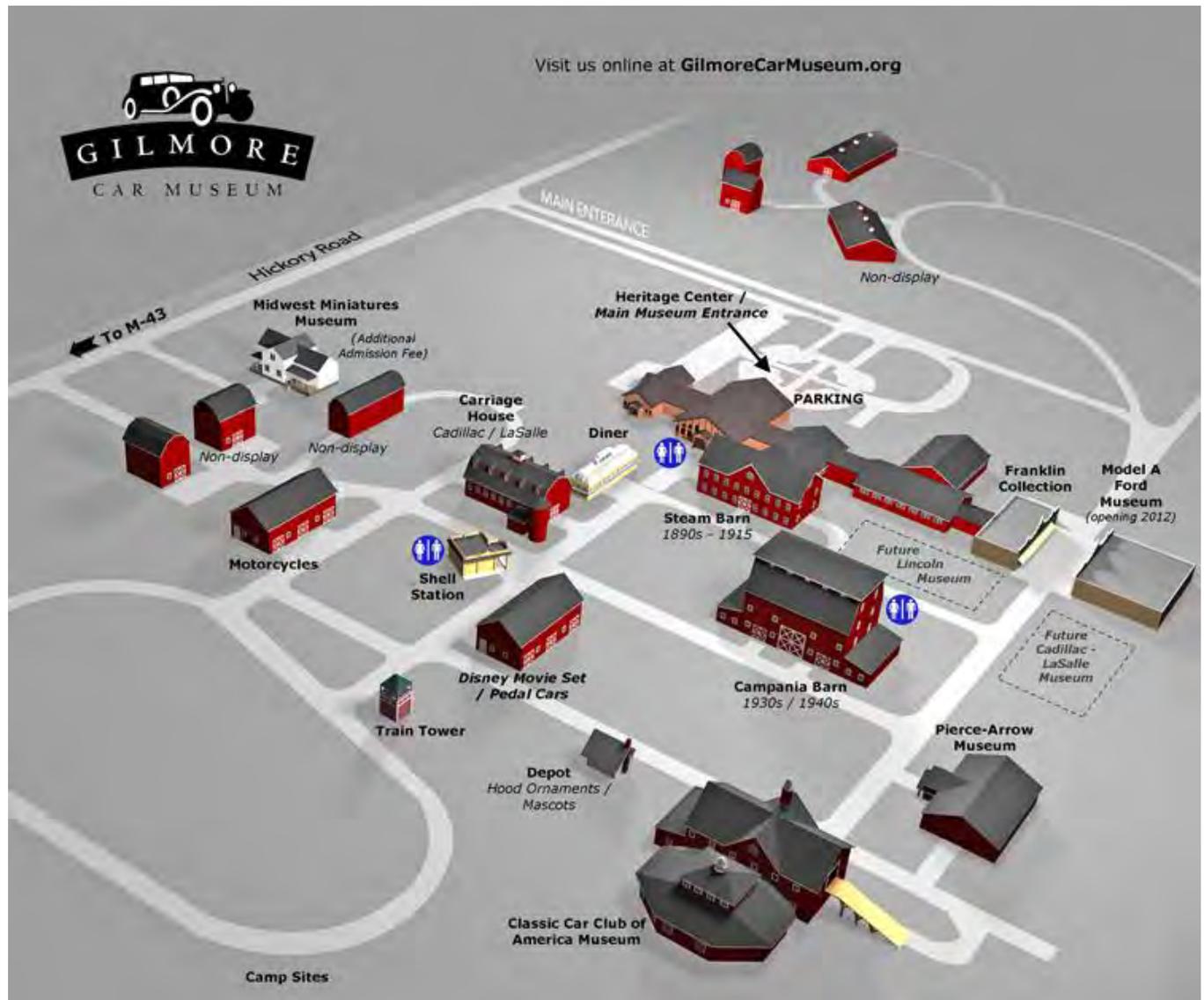


Michigan Region  
National Council of Corvette Clubs  
2012 Awards Banquet  
Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013



## Gilmore's Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi.

The Gilmore Car Museum is hailed as one of the Top Five car museums in the nation, featuring over 250 extraordinary cars and motorcycles from all eras. Open daily year-round, exhibits range from cars of the 1890s to the classic Duesenberg, the elusive 1948 Tucker, to the muscle cars of the '60s and '70s. Visit a restored 1941 Silk City Diner, George & Sally's Blue Moon Diner for something to eat. During the summer months guests can also explore the Museum's 90-acre park-like campus of historic buildings and take part in one of its many popular car shows. Located just off M-43 at Hickory Road near Hickory Corners (20 minutes northeast of Kalamazoo, MI)



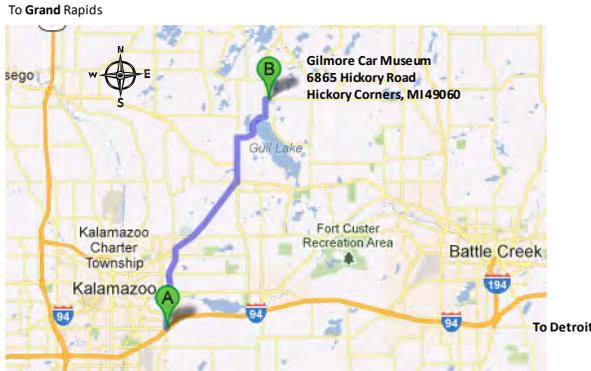


**Michigan Region  
National Council of Corvette Clubs  
2012 Awards Banquet  
Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**



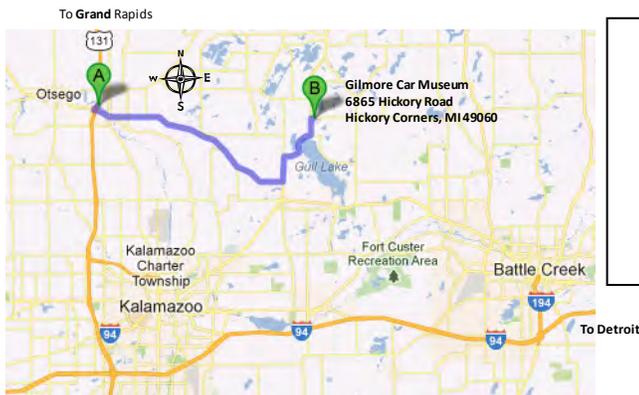
**Directions: Gilmore's Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi.**

**From I94: (Total Driving Time: 19.3 Miles, 32 Minutes)**



1. **I94 Take exit 80**
2. **Head north on S Sprinkle Rd toward East Cork Street, go 4.5 Miles, 9 Minutes**
3. **Turn right onto M-43 E/Gull Rd, go 5 Miles, 7 Minutes**
4. **Slight right onto D Ave E, go 374 Feet**
5. **Turn left onto M-43 E/N 32nd St**
6. **Continue to follow M-43 E, go 5.7 Miles, 9 Minutes**
7. **Turn right onto W Hickory Rd**
8. **Gilmore Car Museum is on your right, 0.1 Miles**

**From US-131: (Total Driving Time: 17 Miles, 23 Minutes)**



1. **US131 Take exit 49A to merge onto M-89 E/Allegan St toward Plainwell**
2. **Continue to follow M-89 E 12 Miles, About 16 minutes**
3. **Turn left onto M-43 E/N 32nd St**
4. **Continue to follow M-43 E 4.7 Miles, About 7 minutes**
5. **Turn right onto W Hickory Rd**
6. **Gilmore Car Museum is on your right, 0.1 Miles**

----- **Detach & Mail** -----

**Cost: \$33.00 Per Person, (\$40.00 Per Person After April 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Club: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

**Make Check payable to: Michigan Region Treasurer  
Mail to: Corvette Club of Battle Creek, 117 Shadow Bend Ln. Battle Creek Mi 49014  
RSVP Deadline - Friday April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**

## 10 Most Common Causes of Poor Gas Mileage

**1. Tires:** Under-inflated tires are a common cause of poor gas mileage. Pull out your owner's manual and note the recommended tire inflation for your vehicle. Gas mileage drops by one percent for every 2 lbs the tires are under-inflated. Properly inflated tires increase gas mileage by up to 3 percent.

**2. Speed:** The U.S. Department of Energy indicates that gas mileage rates begin to decrease at speeds over 60 mph. Maintaining a slower speed can result in a 7 to 23 percent savings in fuel economy.

**3. Heavy Trunk:** Extra weight in your car causes the engine to work harder and lowers gas mileage. Remove excess items from your trunk and any car carriers. A reduction of 100 lbs in excess weight can save 1 to 2 percent in fuel economy.

**4. Inconsistent Driving:** Cars perform best when driven consistently. Sudden acceleration, or braking, can decrease gas mileage. The U.S. Department of Energy indicates that erratic driving can decrease gas mileage by as much as 5 to 33 percent. The use of cruise control on the highway can help you maintain a constant driving speed and improve gas mileage.

**5. Tune-Ups:** Not following the recommended schedule for your car's tune-ups can increase your gas consumption. Regular tune-ups will increase gas mileage by up to 4 percent. Refer to your owner's manual for the correct tune-up schedule for your car.

**6. Roof Rack:** A roof rack may help you load extra items onto your car, but it will also decrease your gas mileage. A roof rack changes the aerodynamics of your car and increases the air resistance, resulting in poor gas mileage. Extra items carried on the rack add weight to the car and contribute to poor mileage. Remove the rack if it is not needed. A loaded roof rack may decrease your gas mileage by 5 percent.

**7 Errands:** The amount of gas your car consumes is greatly increased by the number of trips you make trying to finish your daily errands. Combine trips to cut down on gas expense. Review your errands for the week and plan to take

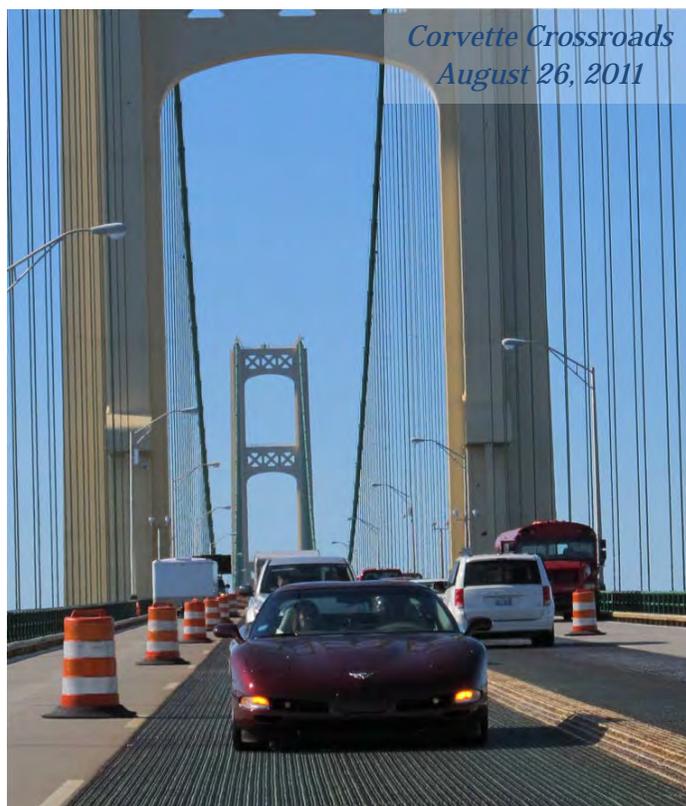
care of errands in the same general location on one trip.

**8. Idling:** Keeping your car running, while not going anywhere, is a waste of gasoline. Idling contributes to gas consumption and contributes nothing to gas mileage. It also contributes to pollution. Turn off your car when waiting.

**9. Oil Choice:** It is important to use the proper oil for your automobile. The incorrect choice can result in poor gas mileage. Use the type of oil recommended by your car's manufacturer. Look for the American Petroleum Institute symbol on the motor oil container. If the symbol indicates "Energy Conserving" the oil has been designed to improve fuel economy.

**10 Oxygen Sensor:** An oxygen sensor interprets the amount of oxygen in your car's exhaust and uses that information to adjust the car's fuel consumption. An improperly functioning oxygen sensor can lead to poor gas mileage. Fixing an oxygen sensor may improve your car's gas consumption by as much as 40 percent.

*Contributed by: Bridie Cavanaugh  
Source: eHow.com*



## Board Minutes – January 16, 2013

**President:** Terry Burke called the meeting to order at 6:42 P.M.

Terry feels 2013 will be a strong year for CCCC. His plans are to build on events occurring last year, such as the Blessing of the Vettes and Horsepower at the Zoo. Horsepower at the Zoo is conducted in cooperation with the Capital Area Muscle Car Club.

He reminded those in attendance to let Janet Litrenta know about any events that are being planned, such as social gatherings, drive and dines, etc. She will see that the events are sent to Gloria for insertion on the web site.

Terry received a request from Randy Putmon regarding transporting the CCCC trailer to events. Randy is willing to store the trailer, but would appreciate someone doing the transportation. This requires a truck. The club reimburses the cost of fuel. Suggestion was made to poll the membership for volunteers.

**Secretary:** Katherine Twining requested acceptance of the minutes of the January membership meeting for inclusion in the newsletter for membership approval.

**Competition Director:** Howard Parks asked for guidance with scheduling auto cross events. He will check with MIS and Spartan Speedway for the best deal. Following discussion, it was decided to reserve Spartan Speedway for the auto cross event.

Howard reminded of the Banquet at Gilmore on May 5. A low speed event is being planned with Jackson July 27 - 28. If these dates are available, sanction numbers will be requested.

**Governor/VP:** Simon Reiffer suggested a reminder of the February 1 opening of registration for the National Convention being held in Bowling Green on June 24 - 28.

Simon also explained the new process for event chairpersons to go to the national website to submit requests for sanction and non-sanction numbers. The requests will be forwarded to Simon for approval.

**Public Relations Director:** Bob Maynard was absent. He has volunteered to work with the Blessing of the Vettes event. The targeted date is June 8, 2013. We are looking at the possibility of having the event at the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids. Chuck Miller has offered to assist with the event. It will qualify as a sanctioned event. We will also look into doing two rallies, using one sanction number for the car show and two sanction numbers for the rallies.

**Points Director:** Howard Hein was absent.

**Treasurer:** Mike Britz was absent but reports budget is good.

**Membership Director:** Dave Pursel reports Fred and Judy Koos have renewed and Ray Bailey rejoined. He also received an application from out of state for CCCC membership; he will follow up to determine if it is actually intended for Michigan. To date, there are 103 members and 55 FCOA members.

**Social Director:** Janet Litrenta was absent but reports she emailed Jeff Beers about the bowling challenge in April for the 14 or 21. They have to vote at their board meeting, and Janet should have a date by Friday. Gloria has updated the calendar. Simon and Gloria Reiffer will host club participation in the Marshall Parade and the summer getaway to Corvette Crossroads. A Meet for Dinner or Lunch is being planned for February 16.

**Newsletter Editor:** Position vacant.

### **Appointee Reports:**

**Club Chaplin:** Gary Wyma was absent.

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

**Historian:** Sue Keith was absent.

**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 asked for a volunteer to plan a club outing on February 16. Janet has approved this date already. This task would include contacting a restaurant for reservations. Terry Burke said he would pursue.

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She reported that the AT&T website will renew on January 27 for the year 2013. A new external hard drive was recently purchased. Simon reported that the club printer should be replaced this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Twining  
Secretary

## The Miracle League of Mid-Michigan

Howard Parks, our competition director, recently became a Miracle Brick Sponsor, in the name of Capital City Corvette Club, at the CASE Cares Miracle Field. Howard would like to put out a challenge to other members to do the same.

The cost of being a Miracle Brick Sponsor is \$100 - \$499. To move it up to All Star Sponsor, which also includes a dugout pennant for a year, would be \$500. Other sponsorship levels are also available.

The Miracle League of Mid-Michigan is a local non-profit organization dedicated to providing the opportunity for children and young adults with physical and/or cognitive challenges in the mid-Michigan area to play baseball.



A specially designed rubber surface field makes dreams come true for these children and young adults with special needs.

The CASE Cares Miracle Field is a barrier free ballpark, with a specially designed rubber field surface, which will make dreams come true for children and young adults with physical and/or cognitive challenges. The dream for this field began in the fall of 2007 when the CASE Credit

Union Board of Directors established CASE Cares, a separate 501(c) 3 all-volunteer non-profit organization.

The cooperative effort of the CASE Cares Board of Directors and the DeWitt Charter Township Board resulted in the build of this “field of dreams”. The land for the field was donated by DeWitt Charter Township. With generous donations from the Greater Lansing community and a Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund grant, ground was broken for this project in August of 2011, which includes barrier free restroom facilities and a concession stand.



The CASE Cares Miracle Field is located in Valley Farms Park in DeWitt Charter Township. The address is:

1080 E. Wieland Road  
Lansing, MI 48906



Visit [www.miracleleagueofmidmichigan.org](http://www.miracleleagueofmidmichigan.org) for more information on this opportunity to support local youth.

# National Corvette Museum Updates

## Welcome New Board Members

This month two Museum supporters and Corvette enthusiasts officially joined the NCM Board of Directors. Taking the seats previously filled by Len Tucker and Ivan Schrodtr are Paul Herzing of Gibsonia, PA and Lon Helton of Nashville, TN.

Paul's background is in the oil and gas industry and his community service includes involvement with the Boy Scouts. His first experience with the Museum was in 2008 when he purchased a Z06 and received a free trial membership with the car. His wife surprised him for his birthday with a trip to the Museum. Later when they ordered a new ZR1 they participated in an R8C Delivery, upgrading their Family Membership to a Lifetime Membership. More recently they joined the Motorsports Park One Acre Club. Paul's challenge to other members is that everyone recruit at least one new member for 2013.



Lon's career has been centered around country music, serving as a DJ in several communities before moving to Nashville in 1983. In 2006 he launched "Country Aircheck", a radio and music industry trade publication and

currently hosts Country Countdown USA. He has been named CMA's National Personality of the Year five times, the Academy of Country Music National Personality for 2009 and 2012, and was inducted into the Country Music DJ Hall of Fame in 2006. He has served on a number of boards including for the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, and Country Music Association. He owns several Corvettes and comes to several NCM events each year. Lon served as co-

organizer of our Country Music Stars and Cars exhibit as well.

Welcome new Board Members!

## Corvette Store Featured Item

**"60 Years of Spark" Giclee Print by Dana Forrester.** "60 Years of Spark" celebrates Corvette's 60th Anniversary by displaying a 2013 60th Anniversary Edition 427 Convertible. I saw this a very popular model in my last tour of the Corvette Assembly Plant and their production numbers prove that about 20% of production this model year are 427 Convertibles. I chose to place this car before a wall advertising an early designed ad for Champion Spark Plugs, as the colors work well together and this car is a real Champion." - Dana Forrester Prices starting at \$100.



## \$10 Can Win You A Corvette!

The National Corvette Museum conducts a series of raffles each year as a way to raise funding for the day to day operations of the Museum.

"Our raffle fundraisers are a tremendous help to the Museum and a large part of our planning and daily operation funds," states NCM Executive Director, Wendell Strode. "We appreciate the help of everyone who helps us by purchasing and selling tickets."

Learn more about our raffles, including exclusions and restrictions and purchase tickets online at [www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle](http://www.corvettemuseum.org/raffle). See Joe Thomas, our NCM Ambassador, for raffle ticket information.

## Participation Points as of January 19, 2013

0 Austin Arunasalam	0 Nancy Doty*	0 Lee MacGillivray	0 Richard Shatkosky*
0 Roy Bailey	1 Jennifer Everhart*	6 Bob Maynard	0 Thomas Sipka
0 Jim Balla*	0 Randy Gisse	0 Shalimar Maynard	0 David Sowders
Scott Bauries	0 Vidal Gonzalez	1 Chuck Miller	0 Fran Sowders
0 Dana Beaman	0 Abhi Gunasaingam	0 Diana Mosher	0 Loretta Spinrad
0 Kim Beaman	1 Jeanne Harris	0 Barb Musselman	0 Steve Spinrad
0 Sandy Bechtel	1 Ward Harris	0 Steve Musselman	0 Alex Spitzley
0 Mary Blackwood	6 Howard Hein	0 George Nelson	0 Joan Spitzley
1 Tim Blackwood	0 Jim Hoppin	0 Dominique Palacio	0 Janet Sprague
2 James Boettcher	2 Angela Hyde	0 Jerry Palacio	0 Michael Sprague
0 Mara Boettcher	2 Craig Iansiti	3 Diana Parks	0 Ralph Swan
1 Colleen Bratschi	2 Janet Iansiti	8 Howard Parks	0 Susan Swan
1 Rich Bratschi	0 Dick Iding	0 Joe Platte	2 Connie Taylor
0 Connie Britz	1 Laura Kazmer	0 Ed Politza	2 Tom Taylor
5 Mike Britz	1 Wayne Kazmer	0 Suzanne Politza	1 Joseph Thomas*
2 NancyLee Buck	1 Kim Keith	6 David Pursel	1 Harold Twining
2 Randy Buck	4 Sue Keith	0 Kathryn Pursel	1 Katherine Twining
0 Chris Burke	0 Laurie Ketcik	2 Carol Putmon	0 Sue VanAtta-Wight
8 Terry Burke	1 Fred Koos	5 Randy Putmon	2 Jerry Wardell
0 Dennis Burt	1 Sheila Lansing	7 Gloria Reiffer	2 Sally Wardell
0 Sandy Burt	4 Julie Lasher	8 Simon Reiffer	1 Larry Wight
0 Dave Cripe*	4 Ted Lasher	5 Robert Ribar	1 Gary Wyma
0 Pat Cripe	1 Ellie Lickfeldt	1 Milton Scales	1 Kathy Wyma
0 Darwin Day	2 Patrick Lickfeldt	0 Herb Schultz	
0 Sheila Day	2 Carlo Litrenta	0 Kathleen Schultz	
0 Art Doty*	7 Janet Litrenta	0 Brenda Shatkosky*	

## Current 2013 Top Ten Participants

8 Terry Burke	7 Janet Litrenta	6 Robert Maynard	5 Robert Ribar
8 Howard Parks	7 Gloria Reiffer	6 David Pursel	
8 Simon Reiffer	6 Howard Hein	5 Randy Putmon	



\* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.

**Save the Date !!!**

**Saturday, May 18, 2013**

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**Your Hosts:  
Craig & Janet  
Jerry & Dominique**



**More information to follow.  
Sign up at the April Membership Meeting.**



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