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*Reminder, there are no regular meetings in December.
Due to the first Wednesday in January falling on New Year's Day,
our next general membership meeting will take place on January 8, 2014.*

Annual Holiday Party

December 7 • 1:00 pm • R-Club • 6409 Centurian Dr. (faces Creyts) • Lansing

This is a pre-paid event. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for details.

Let's Meet For Breakfast!

December 28 • 9:30 am • Spud's • 611 S. Waverly Rd. • Lansing

General Membership Meeting

January 8 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm

Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Board Meeting (2014 officers)

January 15 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm

Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Contact Janet Litrenta if you would like to organize a social event.

December Birthdays

Barbara Ann Sipka (7) • Lee Webster (14) • Steve Musselman (24)

Please accept my apology if your birthday was missed this year.

Submit newsletter articles to 4c . board @ cccorvette . org by the 24th of each month.



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Capital City Corvette Club

Participation Points as of November 27, 2013

(Note: our newest members have not been added yet.)



2	Austin Arunasalam	4	Sheila Day	36	Carlo Litrenta	11	Kathleen Schultz
11	David Averill	46	Art Doty*	48	Janet Litrenta	8	Brenda Shatkosky*
8	Ursula Averill	46	Nancy Doty*		Lee MacGillivray	6	Richard Shatkosky*
4	Roy Bailey	1	Jennifer Everhart*	44	Bob Maynard	33	Barbara Sipka
2	Jim Balla*	0	Randy Gisse	10	Shalimar Maynard	33	Thomas Sipka
	Scott Bauries	2	Vidal Gonzalez	16	Chuck Miller	0	David Sowders
0	Dana Beaman	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	20	Diana Mosher	0	Fran Sowders
0	Kim Beaman	12	Jeanne Harris	18	Barb Musselman	3	Loretta Spinrad
79	Sandy Bechtel	16	Ward Harris	22	Steve Musselman	4	Steve Spinrad
10	Mary Blackwood	35	Howard Hein	4	George Nelson	4	Alex Spitzley
12	Tim Blackwood		Jim Hoppin	32	Dominique Palacio	4	Joan Spitzley
16	James Boettcher	42	Angela Hyde	32	Jerry Palacio	1	Janet Sprague
12	Mara Boettcher	64	Craig Iansiti	39	Diana Parks	6	Michael Sprague
29	Colleen Bratschi	60	Janet Iansiti	79	Howard Parks	33	Ralph Swan
33	Rich Bratschi		Dick Iding	18	Joe Platte	33	Susan Swan
8	Connie Britz	27	Laura Kazmer	30	Ed Politza	16	Connie Taylor
41	Mike Britz	36	Wayne Kazmer	31	Suzanne Politza	18	Tom Taylor
33	NancyLee Buck	72	Kim Keith	41	David Pursel	8	Joseph Thomas*
35	Randy Buck	78	Sue Keith	17	Kathryn Pursel	41	Harold Twining
23	Chris Burke	4	Laurie Ketcik	41	Carol Putmon	43	Katherine Twining
78	Terry Burke	2	Fred Koos	38	Randy Putmon	21	Sue VanAtta-Wight
13	Dennis Burt	32	Sheila Lansing	118	Gloria Reiffer	46	Jerry Wardell
5	Sandy Burt	63	Julie Lasher	113	Simon Reiffer	32	Sally Wardell
15	Dave Cripe*	67	Ted Lasher	90	Robert Ribar	29	Larry Wight
10	Pat Cripe	12	Ellie Lickfeldt	39	Milton Scales	11	Gary Wyma
7	Darwin Day	29	Patrick Lickfeldt	17	Herb Schultz	8	Kathy Wyma

Current 2013 Top Ten

118	Gloria Reiffer	79	Sandy Bechtel	78	Sue Keith	64	Craig Iansiti
113	Simon Reiffer	79	Howard Parks	72	Kim Keith		
90	Robert Ribar	78	Terry Burke	67	Ted Lasher		104 Members



* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.

Christmas Lunch/Dinner Party!

Date: Saturday, December 7, 2013

Place: R-Club

Address: 6409 Centurion Dr. Lansing, MI 48917

Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. • Buffet at 2 p.m.

Cash Bar

Door prizes and games.

(Holiday Costume Contest) Wear something festive.

**This is a pre-paid event. Cost is \$25.00 per person
(including soft drinks, coffee & tea)**

Make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club

RSVP by payment by Wednesday, November 20th

Mail to: Janet Litrenta, 2411 Rockdale Ave, Lansing, MI 48917



**Bob Maynard will be collecting for
The Greater Lansing Food Bank.**

**Please bring a donation of
non-perishable items, or monetary.**

Hosted By:

**Janet Litrenta and Julie Lasher
Email: janetmae45@comcast.net**

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**CAPITAL CITYCORVETTE CLUB
General Membership Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2013
Delhi Café, Holt, MI
DRAFT**

Social Time and Dining: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the absence of President Terry Burke. He recognized Sandy Bechtel for the great job she did in organizing the recent Horsepower at the Zoo event. Simon mentioned awards had been presented by NCCC to Mike Sprague and Sue Keith. NCCC will soon be voting on Regional Officers and By-Law changes were approved. The data base automatically assigns numbers to members. The 2014 Regional Banquet is scheduled for April 13 and will be held either at the Firekeepers Casino or the Holiday Inn in Battle Creek. Discussion took place regarding Blue Bars and whether it should be delivered via email or hard copy. Simon reminded those in attendance to make sure to turn in their completed ballots to Colleen Bratschi.

Secretary: Katherine Twining requested approval of the October 2, 2013 General Membership Meeting Minutes.

MOTION was made by Craig Iansiti and SUPPORTED by Mike Britz to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

Treasurer: Mike Britz reports all bills are paid and funds on hand are greater than the same time period last year.

Points: Howard Hein shared that point records are up to date with the exception of those for the fall color tour which he just received.

Horsepower at the Zoo: Sandy Bechtel introduced Sherri Graham, Executive Director of the Potter Park Zoo, and presented her with a \$5,000 check. Sherri expressed her appreciation for the donation and shared that she was glad to have the event back on site. Sherri invited anyone interested to take advantage of a behind the scenes tour at the Zoo.

Membership: Dave Pursel reports a total of 108 CCCC members. New members include Dick Rosendal and Codi and Kiesha Plaskett. Codi is the grandson of Harold and Katherine Twining. According to Dave, 90+% of renewals have been received and FCOA numbers stand at 52. The Board discussed eliminating renewal forms as information is already stored in CCCC and NCCC systems. New members will need to complete a membership form, but current members should contact Dave with any changes.

Editor: Gloria Reiffer had no report.

Competition: Howard Parks had no report.

Public Relations: Bob Maynard has received 10 sponsorship renewals for 2014, with four more yet to come in.

Social: Janet Litrenta reminded those in attendance of Bingo at Tamarack on November 9 and dinner at Buddy's following bingo. A trip is planned to Canterbury Village on November 16 and the Club's Holiday Party is scheduled for December 7 at the R Club. If anyone is interested in hosting a gathering, let Janet know so that it can be placed on the Club's calendar. Janet recognized members with November and December birthdays: Art Doty, David Pursel, Joe Platte, Barbara Sipka, Lee Webster and David Averill.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher sent get well cards to Kurt Schwamberger and Sheila Day.

Historian: As Sue Keith was busy counting ballots, Kim Keith reported that the CCCC display at Bud Kouts has been updated.

Photographer: Ted Lasher has available pictures of award winners at Horsepower at the Zoo and asked for assistance with matching names with a few of the pictures.

Quartermaster: Position Open

Sergeant at Arms: Robert Ribar had no report.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer had no report.

Member Input:

50/50 Drawing was won by Janet Litrenta.

Election Results for 2014 CCCC Board:

President: Sandy Bechtel
Secretary: Katherine Twining
Treasurer: Mike Britz
Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer
Points: Sally Wardell

Membership: Dave Pursel
Newsletter Editor: Jerry Wardell
Competition: Mike Sprague
Public Relations: David Averill
Social: Janet Litrenta

Adjourn:

MOTION was made by Craig Iansiti and SUPPORTED by Dave Pursel to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining
Secretary

C5 – 1997 to 2004

The first 200 production C5 Corvettes were painted Red, not the traditional color for the first production run.

The 1997 Corvette C5 is the first Corvette designed from the ground up to be a Corvette. Not borrowing parts from other cars. One of the few "Off the Shelf" parts - the exterior door handles, same ones used on the Oldsmobile Aurora.



The first use of a transaxle in a production Corvette occurred in the '97. However, the first plans for one were in the Q-Corvette in 1958, planned for the 1960 model. Transaxles showed up in Corvette prototypes in the mid '60s in running models.

The first 4 speed in a Corvette was built by Borg Warner in 1957. The first transaxle in a production Corvette was also built by Borg Warner, forty years later in 1997. Both were introduced late in the model year.

Borg Warner has produced a transmission for each generation of Corvette: C1 - 1957 to 1962, C2 - 1963, C3 - 1980 to 1981, C4 - 1984 to 1988, and C5 - 1997 to 1998.

The 1997 Corvette is the first Corvette to have windshield wipers that sweep in the same direction instead of opposing directions.



November 4, 1997 - The 9752nd 1998 Corvette rolled down the assembly matching the total 1997 Model production run.

The last "Fairway Green" C5 a 1998 Model came down the assembly line November 10, 1997. The color was discontinued.

It takes 55 hours to build the new C5 Corvette, down from 70 hours for the previous C4 model.



Corvettes pictured include Dennis & Sandy Burt's silver 1997 coupe, Rich & Colleen Bratschi's white 1999 convertible, and Tom & Connie Taylor's yellow 2000 coupe.

C6 – 2005 to 2013

The C6 Corvette received a larger passenger compartment, all new bodywork with exposed headlamps (for the first time since 1962), reworked suspension geometry, and in 2008, a larger 6.2 L (380 cu in) engine.



Overall, it is shorter and narrower than the C5 to gain wider appeal to the European market. The 6.0 L (370 cu in) LS2 V8 produces 400 bhp (300 kW) at 6000 rpm and 424 lb ft (575 Nm) at 4400 rpm, giving the vehicle a 0-60 time of under 4.2 seconds.

The C6 generation comes close to retaining the relatively good fuel economy of the C5, due in part to its relatively low .28 drag coefficient and low curb weight, achieving 16/26 mpg (city/highway) equipped with automatic or manual transmissions; like all

manual transmission Corvettes since 1989, it is fitted with Computer Aided Gear Selection (CAGS) to improve fuel economy by requiring drivers to shift from 1st gear directly to 4th in low-speed/low-throttle conditions. This feature helps the C6 avoid the gas guzzler tax while achieving better fuel economy.

The new Z06 arrived as a 2006 model in the third quarter of 2005. It has a 7.0 L version of the small block engine codenamed LS7. At 427.6 cubic inches, the Z06 was the largest small block ever offered from General Motors.



Because of the Corvette's former use of 427 cubic-inch big blocks in the late '60s and early '70s, the LS7's size was rounded down to 427 cubic inches. Officially certified output is 505 bhp (377 kW) and has a 0-60 mph (97 km/h) time of 3.8 seconds and a top speed of 198 mph (319 km/h).

For 2008, the Corvette received a mild freshening: a new LS3 engine with displacement increased to 6.2 L (380 cu in), resulting in 430 bhp (321 kW) and 424 lb ft (575 Nm) (436 bhp (325 kW) and 428 lb ft (580 Nm) if ordered with the optional performance exhaust).

The 6-speed manual transmission also has improved shift linkage and a 0-60 time of 4.0 seconds, while the automatic is set up for quicker shifts giving the C6 automatic a 0-60 time of 4.3 seconds, faster than any other production automatic Corvette.



The interior was slightly updated and a new 4LT leather-wrap interior package was added.

The wheels were also updated to a new five-spoke design.

The ZR1 was formally announced in a December 2007 press statement by General Motors, where it was revealed that their target of 100 bhp (75 kW) per 1 L (61 cu in) has been reached by a new "LS9" engine with an Eaton-supercharged 6.2-liter engine producing a confirmed 638 bhp (476 kW) and 604 lb ft (819 Nm).

It would have a sticker price of about US\$105,000 with the standard interior or US\$115,000 with the leather-wrapped interior. The engine is the most powerful engine to be put into a GM production sports car. Top speed is 205 mph (330 km/h).

In 2010, the historical Grand Sport name returned to the Corvette lineup as an entirely new model series. It combines the wide body from the Z06 with the standard C6 powertrain in coupe and convertible models. With suspension and brake upgrades, the Grand Sport replaced the Z51 option.

A new launch control system was introduced for all models that allows for more optimal launch. The Grand Sport with manual transmission and launch control is capable of a 0-60 time in four seconds.

Starting in the 2011 model year, buyers of the Corvette Z06 and ZR1 are offered the opportunity to assist in the build of their engine. Titled the "Corvette Engine Build Experience," buyers can pay an extra \$5,800 to be flown to the Wixom, Michigan Performance Build Center.



Participants will help the assembly line workers build the V8 engine, then can accept delivery of the car at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY, near the Corvette final assembly point.

Corvettes pictured include Mike & Connie Britz's silver 2005 convertible, Joe Thomas & Jennifer Everhart's black 2007 Z-06 coupe, Ted & Julie Lasher's blue 2008 convertible, Harold & Katherine Twining's red 2013 Grand Sport coupe.

C7 – 2014 >>> Next Generation Development

According to Motor Trend magazine, GM executives have been planning the next-generation (C7) Corvette since 2007. Though originally planned to be unveiled in 2011 (to coincide with the Chevrolet's 100th anniversary), the car is set to come out for 2014.



The 6.2 liter pushrod V-8 is estimated to be the most powerful corvette to date, with a 0-60 time of less than four seconds! Though smaller in size, the engine also features many other advancements,

such as an aluminum block and heads, and a revised combustion system.

Mid-engine and rear-engine layouts had been considered, but the front-engine, rear-wheel drive (RWD) platform will continue to keep costs lower and the engine compact. Transmission options include a six-speed automatic or a seven (yes, seven!) speed manual unit featuring rev-matching on both down- and upshifts from patented GM technology. It seems that the reduction in engine size has only allowed for the new Stingray to pack a bigger punch with smaller fuel economy.

The interior of the C7 has been upgraded for comfort. With driver and passenger seats allowing equal space, there is now an option for seats that make long-range driving more comfortable. Car and Driver states that the release date of the new Corvette Stingray (along with the Z51 option) will be in late 2013.

Corvette pictured is Ted & Chris Wieczorek's blue 2014 coupe.



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Our passion for our sport is best captured in Claudio Giovenzana's acclaimed short film, shot at the 2013 Runoffs. Enjoy: <http://vimeo.com/77072338>

Verne Wandell
Regional Executive, Western Michigan Region SCCA
<http://wmr-scca.org>

Let's meet for breakfast!



When: Saturday, December 28, 2013 @ 9:30 a.m.

Where: Spud's Family Restaurant
611 S. Waverly Rd., Lansing



**Contact Gloria Reiffer by
Thursday, December 26 if
you are interested in
coming.**

**E-mail [mrsnomis1 @att.net](mailto:mrsnomis1@att.net)
or call 517.646.2180.**

**Capital City Corvette Club
Board Meeting Minutes – November 20, 2013
Draft**

Those In Attendance:

Terry Burke	President
Simon Reiffer	Governor
Katherine Twining	Secretary
Mike Britz	Treasurer
Howard Hein	Points
Dave Pursel	Membership
Gloria Reiffer	Editor
Howard Parks	Competition
Bob Maynard	Public Relations
Janet Litrenta	Social

Also in attendance were newly elected 2014 Board Members Sandy Bechtel, President; Sally Wardell, Points Director; Jerry Wardell, Editor; and Mike Sprague, Competition.

President: Terry Burke called the CCCC Board Meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. and welcomed the 2014 Board Members that were present. During the transition, outgoing 2013 Board Members will assist and mentor their replacements. Terry stated he enjoyed his position as President, and expressed his appreciation to all for the support and for everyone stepping up to the plate to assist with different projects/events. .

Governor: Simon Reiffer reported on the National Meeting which was held early November. The By-Law changes passed; however, there still seems to be some conflict with the competition rules; there have been no changes to date. Competition dates will need to be turned in by the end of the year. Simon reports that the Jackson Club will be splitting into two different clubs next year. Any date for sanctioned events will need to be finalized by January for the February Regional Meeting. He asked that the Board consider dates for upcoming events.

Secretary: Katherine Twining requested approval of the October 16, 2013 Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes. In addition, there was discussion as to whether draft copy of the minutes should be emailed to the Board following each meeting. Twining will continue to do so in order for the Board to have opportunity to review the minutes and have make any additions or corrections. Gloria Reiffer reminded that the minutes of the Board Meeting appear as Draft in the following month's newsletter.

MOTION was made by Dave Pursel and SUPPORTED by Bob Maynard to approve the October 16, 2013 Board minutes. MOTION PASSED.

Treasurer: Mike Britz reported that the books were up to date and all bills were paid. He mentioned that, previously, the decision was made to not share account balances at the regular Membership Meetings. Following discussion, suggestion was made that, if anyone had questions regarding the finances, they should address their concerns with Mike Britz. Mike reminded that there was \$500 budgeted for donations for 2013.

MOTION was made by Gloria Reiffer and SUPPORTED by Mike Britz that the CCCC donate \$500 to the Greater Lansing Food Bank. MOTION PASSED.

MOTION was made by Simon Reiffer and SUPPORTED by Gloria Reiffer that the donation figure for 2014 be increased to \$1,000. MOTION PASSED.

Points: Howard Hein brought the 2013 information for Sally Wardell, reminding her that waivers need to be kept on file. He will turn over final records to Sally at the January meeting after all points are updated. Sally Wardell shared that she and Jerry had been working on a program to enter and calculate points.

Membership: Dave Pursel reports 52 FCOA members to date. The current renewal rate for 2014 as of today is 99%. CCCC membership totals 106 as of the end of the year. He has not heard from several and has sent emails as reminders.

Editor: Gloria Reiffer shared that she had received a request from the West Michigan Sports Car Club to place a thank you in the newsletter to those who had participated in their events. The thank you will appear in the December newsletter. Gloria requested a final article from President Burke for the December newsletter and reminded everyone of the November 24 deadline for submitting articles.

Competition: Howard Parks expressed his thanks to everyone for their help during 2103. He feels the increased membership has helped the bottom line. Howard reminded everyone that Mike Sprague will need assistance with any new events. Mike indicated that he was looking forward to the new learning process.

Public Relations: Bob Maynard has received 11 out of 13 sponsorships for the 2014 CCCC year and will he continue to contact those he has not yet received a response from.

Social: Janet Litrenta shared information about the recent Bingo at Tamarack Apartments in Holt. The January membership meeting will be held on the 8th, as the first Wednesday of the month is New Year's Day. The board meeting is still scheduled for January 15. She has 53 individuals signed up for the December 7 Holiday Party. Entertainment is planned along with prizes, etc.

Additional Information:

Horsepower at the Zoo: Sandy Bechtel shared that September 21, 2014 has been set as the date for the Muscle Car Club and Capital City Corvette Club's Horsepower at the Zoo. She will be in touch with Zoo.

Appointee Reports:

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher was not in attendance.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not in attendance.

Photographer: Ted Lasher was not in attendance.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon was not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms: Robert Ribar was not in attendance.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer stated she had received information regarding renewing the 2014 contract with AT&T.

MOTION was made by Dave Pursel and SUPPORTED by Simon Reiffer to authorize renewing the AT&T contract. MOTION PASSED.

Historian: Sue Keith was not in attendance.

ADJOURN:

MOTION was made Dave Pursel and SUPPORTED by Howard Hein to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. MOTION PASSED.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining
Secretary

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Reminder!

There will not be a general membership or board meeting in December. The next membership meeting will be held on January 8 due to the New Year's holiday.

2014 Board of Directors:

The following members were elected at the November 6 General Membership meeting:

- President: Sandy Bechtel
- Competition: Mike Sprague
- Editor: Jerry Wardell
- Governor: Simon Reiffer
- Membership: David Pursel
- Points: Sally Wardell
- Public Relations: Dave Averill
- Secretary: Katherine Twining
- Social: Janet Litrenta
- Treasurer: Mike Britz

Thank you to the outgoing Board members.

- President: Terry Burke
- Competition: Howard Parks
- Editor: Gloria Reiffer
- Points: Howard Hein
- Public Relations: Bob Maynard

CCCC Sponsor:

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And don't forget, Bud Kouts offers CCCC members a 10% discount on parts and labor for all Corvette repairs. Be sure to show your club membership ID when arranging for service.

Sue Keith, our historian, recently updated the Capital City Corvette Club display case at Bud Kouts. Be sure to stop in and check it out!

Upcoming Events:

We have a few club events coming up! Be sure to get them on your calendar so that you don't miss any of the fun! Complete details are on the club calendar on the Website.

Holiday Party – hosted by Janet Litrenta on Saturday, December 7 @ 1:00 pm. This event will be held at R-Club, located at 6409 Centurion Dr., Lansing. This is a pre-registered event. See flyer in newsletter.

If you would like to help out the Greater Lansing Food Bank during the holidays, please be sure to bring a check made out to them. Member's personal donations will be added to the \$500 that CCCC is donating.

Let's Meet for Breakfast! – hosted by Gloria Reiffer on Saturday, December 28 @ 9:30 am. This event will be held at Spud's Family Restaurant, located at 611 S. Waverly Rd., Lansing. Please contact Gloria at 517.646.2180 or mrsnomis1 @ att.net by December 26 if you would like to join us. See flyer in newsletter.

YOU Could Host a Club Social Event!!!

Do you have a favorite restaurant you would like share with other members? Why not host a cruise in for breakfast, lunch or dinner; or a destination drive. Our many social events are what makes this club so much fun, but we need help from members to help plan them. (You even get an extra point for being the host!)

Contact Janet Litrenta to set up a date. You can get help with a flyer from Janet, Scott or Gloria. All that's left to do is take RSVP's and make the reservations!



*A stop at MOO-ville
during the 2013 fall color tour.*

Be sure to check out the Picture Pages on the club Website. Several events have been posted recently.



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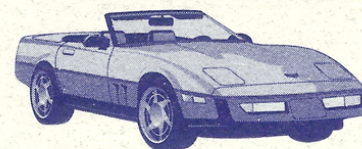
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Richard Anderson's Race Car Joins NCM Fleet

Richard Anderson's #33 race car started life as a 1972 Corvette frame and took to the track in 1973. Its accolades include once holding the track record at Palm Beach International Raceway, a 1978 SCCA Southeast Regional Champion and more recently placed 3rd at Road America's Vintage Car Race in celebration of Chevrolet's 100th Anniversary in 2011.

Anderson wanted to give the car a good home where it would be respected and people would be wowed. "You think about things as you move on in life... how you're not going to be here forever. The more I thought about selling it - I asked myself, 'what's that going to do for me?' Sharing it with people and letting them see what it was like made more sense... there's so much history."

Another factor for Anderson was the construction of the NCM Motorsports Park and that this car is very drivable for parade laps, rides around the track, etc. "I gave Harlan Charles a ride at the NCM HPDE at Autobahn and he was like, 'Wow, how did you guys ever race these things?'" Anderson added that this is an ideal vehicle for the track and the timing was just right, "You should have some of these types of things around."

Anderson's #33 Corvette racer can be seen at the National Corvette Museum, open daily from 8am-5pm CT. Additionally, the Museum's Motorsports Park is slated to open late August 2014 with visitors being given the opportunity to ride in the vintage racer around the track during special events.



Chevrolet Announces Corvette Stingray Premiere Edition Convertible

Chevrolet announced on Tuesday the 2014 Corvette Stingray Edition Convertible - a limited production model limited to 550 units. The top-of-the-line 3LT models will all feature Lime Rock Green exterior and Brownstone suede interior. The vehicle also includes suede-wrapped interior trim, carbon fiber accents, variable tuned performance exhaust system, Z51 Performance Package and Magnetic Selective Ride Control.

The Premiere Edition also features unique wheels with "Stingray"-logo center caps, "Stingray"-logo interior sill plates and a five-piece set of Corvette-

branded luggage from Thule - all from the Corvette Accessories catalog.

These collectible cars will have a unique VIN sequence and unique dash plaques commemorating their limited-edition status.



The Premiere Edition Convertible will cost \$77,450, including destination and delivery fees, and will arrive in dealerships in early 2014.

Paving the Way of the Motorsports Park!

While work on the Motorsports Park will stand idle during the winter months, staff at the Museum continue to work hard behind the scenes to keep the project moving along. Thanks to several of you, we have 1,470 tons of asphalt for our carousel funded! You can help sponsor a ton for only \$100 when you visit www.motorsportspark.org. Remember: we need a total of 6,822 tons to construct the carousel!

We also would like to thank NCM Fighter Squadron for contributing \$1160 towards our MSP web cams, and Randall Shinn for contributing \$1000. We're just \$3,840 away from installing them!

Corvette Named 2013 Performance Car of the Year

Road & Track magazine took 13 performance cars - including the Mercedes-Benz SLS AMG Black Series, Ferrari F12berlinetta and



Audi R8 V10 Plus for a test drive to determine which one takes the cake... and to no one's surprise it was our trusty 2014 Corvette Stingray earning top honors.

"It sounds melodramatic, but virtually all of our drivers agree: The C7 isn't just a Corvette. Since the early days of the Cross-Fire C4, 30 years ago, the plastic Chevy's been a racetrack wonder and a twisty-road chore. It's been a numbers car, beloved of the stopwatch but frequently consigned to the garage when it's time to focus on enjoyment. This new one? It's something else. The seats, finally, are good enough for long trips. The roof is easy to remove and store. It's become a brilliant everyday car."

Motorsports Park General Manager Hired

In case you missed our big announcement this week, we are excited to share that Mitch Wright has joined us as General Manager of the NCM Motorsports Park.



With over 35 years of experience in the automotive industry, some of Wright's previous positions include Director of Racing/Facility Operations at Miller Motorsports Park in Utah, General Manager at NOLA Motorsports Park in New Orleans, President/General Manager at Pittsburgh International Race Complex and Vice-President of Sports Car Club of America Pro-Racing. He has been involved in developing programs and overseeing operations and events at all of these tracks.

Support the Park!

Thanks to everyone who has supported the Motorsports Park project through our "Buy An Acre" campaign! While that program has ended, we still need your help.

Our successful fundraising efforts have allowed us to commit to building an Autocross/Skid Pad area, West Road Course and a portion of the East Road Course. Now we are challenging supporters to complete the paving of the planned East Course.



Please help us 'pave the way' to add a carousel!

This section includes a fun and challenging carousel that is .35 miles in length. To complete it we will need 6,822 tons of asphalt which costs \$100 a ton. With a goal of \$682,200, we need your help.



The "carousel" is the portion in yellow with the red outline.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Tons of asphalt are available for sponsorship at \$100 a ton.

Those sponsoring \$15,000 worth (150 tons) will be listed on our donor wall at the Motorsports Park under the "Paving the Way" section. Those sponsoring 250 tons or more (\$25,000) will be listed under the "Major Donor" section of the wall.

All donors will receive a certificate acknowledging their donation.

More than Just an Insurance Agency!

The NCM Insurance Agency is more than an insurance agency...as part of the National Corvette Museum, we are pleased to offer Corvette insurance, collector car insurance and car club insurance. Our programs are not just limited to Corvettes – we will accept just about any make and model of collector vehicle! The NCM Insurance Agency has been writing business in almost every state since April of 2009.



Review of 2014 in Pictures



Dinner at City Limits after bowling with the Jackson Corvette Club.



Blessing of the Vettes at Culvers in Okemos.



Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade lineup.



CCCC won the award for the most Corvettes entered at Corvette Crossroads.



Marshall Memorial Day Parade lineup.



Horsepower at the Zoo.



Lineup of Howard and Diana Parks Corvettes following the Capital photo shoot.



Annual BBQ and Hayride at the Putmon's.

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