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The Newsletter of Capital City Corvette Club

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October & November Activities

General Membership Meeting

October 1 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Board Meeting

October 15 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Color Tour

October 18 • Fall Color Tour – meet at 10:00 AM
The Country Mill • 4648 Otto Road • Charlotte

Bingo

November 1 • Seniors Bingo Party – 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM
Delta River Senior Village • 6090 W. Michigan Ave • Lansing

Cruise-n

November 1 • Dinner after Bingo - 5:00 pm • Fireside Grill
6951 Lansing Road • Dimondale

Please check the CCCC Web Site for additional information.

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

October Birthdays

Katherine Twining	Oct-05
Steve Spinrad	Oct-08
Brenda Shatkosky	Oct-14
Jennifer A Everhart	Oct-16
Richard Shatkosky	Oct-20
Milton Scales	Oct-21
Fred Cowper	Oct-14
Dana Beaman	Oct-31

Please accept my apology if your birthday was missed.

Please send newsletter articles to 4c.editor @ cccorvette.org by the 24th of each month.



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Fall Color Tour

Saturday, October 18

10:00 am Meet at The Country Mill
4648 Otto Road, Charlotte
www.countrymill.com

11:00 am We will leave the orchard and drive for about 1 1/2 hours before stopping for a 30 minute coffee/tea break. We will then continue the 2nd half of our drive which will take us to our eatery.

Please join us for our drive on some of Michigan's beautiful back roads to enjoy the fall color.

RSVP to Rich & Colleen at 517.712.8968.

From Our President

I'm from Dowagiac, Michigan – that's “doe-wah-JACK”. It's a small town in Southwestern Michigan. (The closest big city is South Bend, Indiana – about a 40-minute drive.) That area of our beautiful state has a love affair with cars just like the Lansing area does. Each August, Dowagiac hosts its “Rod & Roll” car show. It's always fun to see the vehicles that are displayed. Of course, my brother-in-law Skip and nephew Skip enter their Corvettes. Most cars, though, are ones we never see in the Lansing area or at Corvette Crossroads. By the time I drive the almost two hours to get there, the show is in full swing. Cars flank both sides of Front Street from one end of downtown to the other. It's a great day, rain or shine!

When my sister Peggy and I went to our 50th class reunion a few weeks ago, we were greeted by a beautiful sight – a 1932 Auburn Boattail Speedster. Black with an orange pinstripe. (Yep, our school colors.) One of the local car buffs is Don Lyons – current mayor of Dowagiac, also our classmate. Since Don was pretty young, he and his late father Dale (mayor when we were in high school) had the greatest father and son activity -- restoring cars from the chassis up – doing all the work themselves. Don has never lost that passion. He also currently has a 1932 Packard 7-passenger sedan, a 1925 Dodge panel truck, and a 2001 Lamborghini. He owned a Corvette and a Mustang at one time. I have no idea how many other cars he's owned or restored over the years. I'm sure they were beautiful, though. His wife Joan is a gracious first lady of Dowagiac. She supports his hobby, but said she's retired from sanding. By the way, they're both Spartans and met on campus. I almost forgot – Don's daily driver is a Bentley. He's sort of a one-man car show, isn't he!

Many notable people have called Dowagiac home: David Cargo (Governor of New Mexico – I've met him), James Heddon (Inventor of the artificial fishing lure), Judith Ivey (Tony Award winning actress), Chris Taylor (Olympic medalist), and Dickinson Bishop (Titanic survivor), just to name a few.

I love my hometown – well, I actually grew up at Indian Lake just west of Dowagiac. I try to get back there as much as possible. Just writing about it makes me a little homesick. Go Chieftains!

Until next time – save the wave,

Sandy Bechtel

News for Members

Editor's Notes:

My wife and I visited the National Corvette Museum last week. We wanted to see the sink hole before it is filled in. What a sight to see. I've included some of the pictures we took of the hole and vettes. It's difficult to get a good shot of the sink hole due to the safety railing. But the cars are close enough to touch.

We also took the Corvette factory tour. If you've never seen an automotive factory assembly plant in operation this is an excellent experience. It takes about an hour.

The tour starts about mid-way through the assembly process and ends with the startup of the ready to roll vettes. If you're lucky and standing in the right spot, you'll get picked to start a vette for its first time as a finished product.

Our CCCC Sponsor:

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Please welcome the Feldman Automotive Group. They are the new majority share owners of Bud Kouts Chevrolet.



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Christmas

Lunch / Dinner Party!

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2014
Place: R-Club
Address: 6409 Centurion Dr., Lansing, MI 48917
Time: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Buffet luncheon at 2 p.m.
Cash Bar

Door prizes and games
Ugly Sweater Contest ~ wear something REALLY tacky!

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

RSVP with payment by Wednesday, November 19th
Make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club
Mail to: Janet Litrenta, 2411 Rockdale Ave., Lansing MI 48917



Bob Maynard will be collecting
monetary donations for the
Greater Lansing Food Bank.

Hosted by: Janet Litrenta
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Planning Ahead...

Election of Officers:

It's that time of year where we begin planning for the fall election of our 2015 club officers. The Capital City Corvette Club By-Laws (2012) state, Article IV, Section A1, Officers - Must be Members in good standing and hold their NCCC number with CCCC. Article IV, Section B, 2a, requires that the President must have held a prior elected office in the Club and Article VIII, Section A requires that club officers have their CCCC membership dues renewed for the coming year.

Those eligible to hold the position of president in 2015 include:

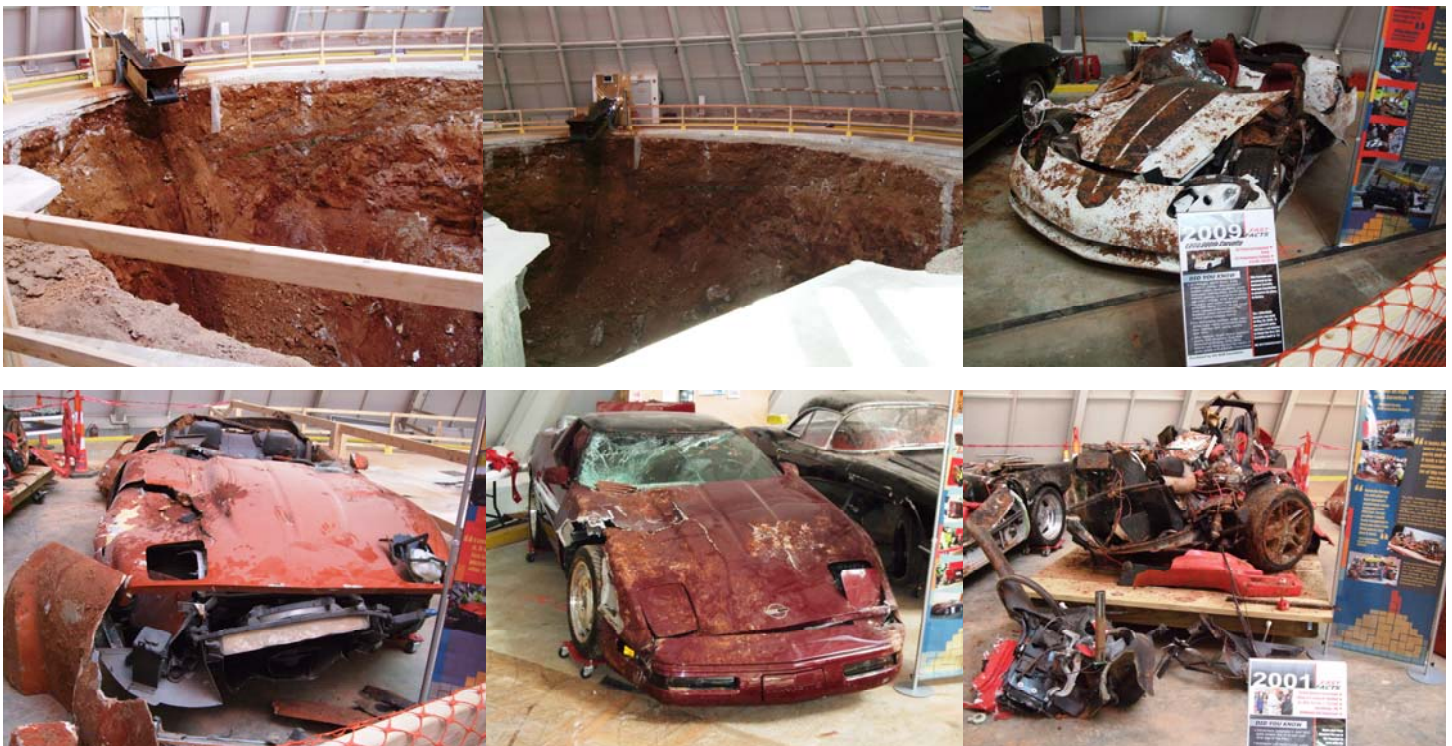
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Colleen Bratschi	Janet Iansiti	Dave Pursel	Sally Wardell
Mike Britz	Kim Keith	Carol Putmon	Gary Wyma
Connie Britz	Janet Litrenta	Simon Reiffer	Kathy Wyma
Randy Buck	Shalimar Maynard	Gloria Reiffer	
Terry Burke	Bob Maynard	Steve Spinrad	

Membership Renewals:

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.

Sink Hole: Here's a few recent pictures of the sink hole and vettes at the Corvette Museum.





Saturday, November 1, 2014

Delta River Senior Village,
a Volunteers of America Community

6090 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48917

2:00-4:00 *(setup at 1pm)*

Keep gathering your “fab” Bingo prizes. Handmade items are always a plus, but if you’re not the “crafty” sort, stop into Meijer or the dollar store and pick up some bric-a-brac and basic household items.

Please bring your favorite snack and/or dessert to share!

Contact Janet Litrenta 517-719-9699 with questions

Cruise-In

***Saturday, November 1st
5:00 p.m.***

Fireside Grill

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with questions.***

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
General Membership Meeting Minutes
September 3, 2014
Delhi Café, Holt, MI
DRAFT

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

President: Sandy Bechtel reminded there were signup sheets available for upcoming fall events.

Board of Director Reports:

Secretary: Katherine Twining requested approval of the August 6 CCCC Membership Minutes; there being no corrections,
MOTION was made by **Craig Iansiti** and SUPPORTED by **Simon Reiffer** to approve the August 6 minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer gave an update on the NCCC Convention and the Mid America Motorworks 40th Anniversary celebration which took place during the Convention. He reported Savannah, Georgia, was a great place to host the event. There were racing events, car shows and a 2014 Black C7 was given away. **Simon** will be attending the next Governors' Meeting.

Treasurer: Mike Britz reports all bills are paid and financials are in good shape. Financial report was sent to the CCCC Board members.

Points: Sally Wardell shared that all points are recorded and up to date. **Gloria Reiffer** has a total of 100 points to date.

Membership: Dave Pursel reports that membership totals 108 and FCOA membership is 48. 2015 dues should be paid by November 1st. Membership must be current for an individual to be eligible to run for office or to vote.

Editor: Jerry Wardell reminded everyone of the 24th of the month deadline for submitting articles for the newsletter.

Competition: Mike Sprague was not in attendance; the reimbursement check for the Spartan Speedway event has been received.

Public Relations: Dave Averill was not in attendance.

Social: Janet Litrenta reports September is a busy month for CCCC social events: Game Night on September 12, Breakfast at Bob Evans on September 13, Drive & Dine on September 14, Cruise & Dine on September 18, BBQ and Hayride on September 27, and a Color Tour on October 18, with the 19th as rain date for the event. September birthdays were recognized: Thomas Taylor, Dave Cripe, Kim Keith, Jerry Wardell, Julie Lasher, Jerry Palacio, Ursella Averill, Sheila Hein, Darwin Day, Janet Gunthorpe, Angela Hyde, Carlo Litrenta, David Sowders, and Dick Iding. **Janet** reminded everyone to sign up for the upcoming events.

Appointee Reports:

Hearts and Flowers: Angela Hyde sent a get well card to Al Wilson.

Historian: Sue Keith shared a program from the 1994 National Convention held in Lansing at the Holiday Inn Convention Center. The program contained lots of information about the Convention.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas reported he had attended the Woodward Dream Cruise and joined the Michigan NCRS group at their designated parking area at 15 Mile Road in Birmingham. He joined the Woodward Caravan at Marshall, did a lap at Indy and continued on to Bowling Green for the NCM 20th Anniversary. Decision has been made to close up the sink hole at the Museum, with repairs taking place after Labor Day. There are big plans for the Motor Sports Complex in the future, with numerous sponsors stepping forward.

Photographer: Bob Ribar has taken lots of pictures and will get with **Gloria Reiffer** to work on the photos.

Quartermaster: Craig Iansiti reports the CCCC trailer was borrowed by the Muscle Car Club for use at the Hospice Car Show. Cables have been labeled for the DJ unit, and a new First Aid Kit was donated by **Gloria** and **Simon**. **Simon Reiffer** mentioned Mike Hanlin suggested the possibility of doing one Hospice Show rather than two and continuing to host the event at Hawk Island Park. **Sandy Bechtel** shared that net proceeds of close to \$2,400 were netted as a result of the recent Hospice Car Show.

Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Ribar had no report.

Chaplain: Gary Wyma was not in attendance.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer stated the website is up to date.

Old Business:

Corvette Crossroads: Was a successful event, with four trophies being awarded; CCCC received a trophy for largest club numbers in attendance and individual trophies awarded to Art & Nancy Doty, Tim and Mary Blackwood and Chris and Tom Wieczorek. A large article about the Crossroads was printed in the St. Ignace News. **Chris** and **Tom Wieczorek** were commended for their efforts in organizing road tour, lodging, etc. **Chris** thanked everyone for their help and attendance.

New Business: Nominations for 2015 CCCC Board of Directors. Current nominees include:

President:	Sandy Bechtel	Rich Bratschi
Vice President:	Simon Reiffer	
Secretary:	Katherine Twining	Connie Taylor
Treasurer:	Mike Britz	
Membership:	Dave Pursel	Angela Hyde
Public Relations:	Dave Averill	Chuck Miller
Competition Director:	Mike Sprague	
Social:	Janet Litrenta	Chris Wieczorek Sally Wardell
Newsletter:	Jerry Wardell	
Points:	Sally Wardell	

Nominations will remain open; **Colleen Bratschi** will contact all nominees to determine their willingness to allow their name to be placed on the ballot.

Member Comments: Award prizes were presented to **Carlo Litrenta** and **Harold Twining** at the Hospice Car Show at Hawk Island.

Sally Wardell expressed thanks to **Chris** and **Tom Wieczorek** for all the work they did organizing road trip and lodging for Corvette Crossroads.

Adjourn:

MOTION was made by **Craig Iansiti** and SUPPORTED by **Simon Reiffer** to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining
Secretary

Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2014

Board Members In Attendance:

Sandy Bechtel.....	President
Katherine Twining.....	Secretary
Simon Reiffer.....	Governor/VP
Mike Britz.....	Treasurer
Sally Wardell.....	Points
Dave Pursel.....	Membership
Jerry Wardell.....	Editor
Dave Averill.....	Public Relations
Janet Litrenta.....	Social
Sue Keith.....	Historian
Kim Keith.....	Guest

Those Note In Attendance:

Mike Sprague.....	Competition
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President: Sandy Bechtel called the CCCC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 P.M.

Secretary: Katherine Twining reported the August 20 Board Meeting Minutes were approved via email.

Vice President: Simon Reiffer reports on-line voting will be done for NCCC By Law Changes. Discussion followed regarding term limits; any changes were voted down. Suggestion was made to utilize MIS for low speed events. Location could draw participants from OH who are interested in a 14 event weekend.

Treasurer: Mike Britz reports all bills are paid and the books are in balance.

Points: Sally Wardell shared that points are up date. Following discussion, MOTION was made by **Sally Wardell** and SECONDED by **Jerry Wardell** that two points be assigned for visiting the National Corvette Museum, and that it could be awarded 2 times a year, which would result in 4 possible points for visiting the museum twice in a year. In addition 2 points will be awarded for touring the plant, limited to two times a year. MOTION CARRIED.

Membership: Dave Pursel states CCCC membership stands at 108 and FCOA at 47. Reminder was made to renew 2015 memberships.

Editor: Jerry Wardell had no report but reminded of the newsletter deadline being the 24th of September for the October newsletter.

Competition: Mike Sprague was not in attendance.

Public Relations: Dave Averill will be sending out letters to advertisers and following up with Bud Kouts regarding 2015 sponsorship of CCCC.

Social: Janet Litrenta has been in touch with Joy at Delta River Drive Senior Village regarding Bingo on November 1. The club will have access to the kitchen and tables and chairs are available, along with bingo equipment. Tim Blackwood has made a financial donation to be used for the event. Dinner for Club members participating will be at the Fireside Restaurant at 5:00. A flyer for the Color Tour is available. **Janet** is working on details for the Christmas gathering on December 6, and is considering an Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest for the party.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Hearts & Flowers: **Angela Hyde** sent a Thinking of You card to Sheila Day.

Historian: **Sue Keith** gave an update on the history of the CCCC. The Club was formed in 1958; however no historical records were recorded until 2005. In 2011, **Sue** began keeping records of annual reports and Board items were added. A binder which includes By-Laws and General Information has been compiled. It includes historical information on NCCC and a list of all club events; what the event was, where and when it took place, and a list of members who chaired or hosted. The binder includes members and their points received each year. The top 10 are recorded from 1984 to present. Officers and Appointed Positions are recorded from 1973 to present. Presidents' Awards from 2006 to date are included in the binder, along with Turkey Awards from 2005 to present.

Sue has numerous items such as old newsletters, pictures, job descriptions, and step by step instructions for a new person taking position on the Board. Discussion followed regarding the Crystal Bowl awarded in 1962 as to where it should be placed/housed. Currently it is stored at the Keith residence. Consensus of the Board was that the bowl was best kept where it is; if it were donated to a museum, etc., it would no longer be a Club item.

NCM Ambassador: **Joe Thomas** was not in attendance.

Photographer: **Bob Ribar** had no report.

Quartermaster: **Craig Iansiti** was not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms: **Bob Ribar** had no report

Webmaster: **Gloria Reiffer** was not in attendance, but **Simon** shared the website was up to date and asked that **Gloria** be notified if anything appeared to be out of order.

NEW BUSINESS:

Membership Renewals: **Dave Pursel** is unable to attend the October Membership Meeting; **Angela Hyde** offered to work with the renewals collected at that meeting.

Club Brochures: **Sandy Bechtel** pointed out numerous items on the current brochure that need to be updated and reprinted.

2015 Board Nominations: **Sandy Bechtel** spoke with **Colleen Bratschi** and **Colleen** reports all is ok with nominations.

Board Members and Appointed Positions: Discussion took place regarding presenting something as special recognition to those who have served on the Board or as an Appointed Position. Presenting a specially designed pin was discussed as an option. **Dave Pursel** will check into cost, etc. **Katherine Twining** suggested checking with A. Dean Watkins.

Adjourn:

MOTION was made by **Simon Reiffer** and SUPPORTED by **Dave Averill** to adjourn.
MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining
Secretary

The Dream of a Few

Article by Sue Keith

The Keiths headed for Kentucky on August 27 to participate in the National Corvette Museum's 20th Anniversary celebration. We stayed about 25 miles north of Bowling Green and there were Corvettes everywhere. At our motel we spoke with a couple from Virginia who were also driving a 2003 50th Anniversary Edition Corvette. They had spent four days caravanning with about 400 Corvettes to attend the museum event. We got an early start on Thursday morning, saw the Corvettes displayed in Corvette Alley and picked up our credentials at registration before the crowds arrived.



Next on our agenda was the Grand Opening Ceremony at the Motorsports Park. Following the ceremony, we watched the One Acre Club take their touring laps. The Motorsports Park is a great facility and two more phases of construction are planned for the future. The Budweiser Clydesdale horses were a part of the ceremony and we were able to see them up close. They are amazing even if the team is only eight horsepower! While watching the laps, four men sat next to us and were conversing in a foreign language we didn't recognize. I inquired and they were from Norway. They had flown to Boston and rented C7s to come to the museum and tour part of the eastern United States.

Back at the museum, we crossed paths with Joe Thomas and several friends from the Calhoun Corvette Club. It was in the 90's again, so the indoor events were popular and we elected to attend two seminars. The first seminar was "Getting to Know Zora Duntov". The speaker was Jerry Burton who had authored a biography of Zora Duntov. Also on stage were GM engineers Dave McLellan and Gib Hufstader who related numerous stories about working with Zora. The second seminar was a "Betty Skelton Tribute". Betty Skelton is in the NCM Hall of Fame.



On Friday we drove across southern Indiana. Highway 62, also called the Lincoln Heritage Trail, offered a great drive that wound through the Hoosier National Forest. Our first stop was the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. While there we met a couple had been part of a six day Corvette caravan from California. In Evansville, Indiana we toured the Reitz Home Museum which was built in 1871.

The next day we went to the George Rogers Clark National Historical Park in Vincennes and toured Grouseland which was built in 1804 by William Henry Harrison.

Kim and I had made prior plans to meet Ted and Julie Lasher in Terre Haute, Indiana. They were driving a rented moving truck and on their way to their new beginnings in Arkansas.

"The dream of a few that became the passion for many" was the phrase that was on the dash plaque that each participant in the NCM 20th Anniversary celebration received. The large enthusiastic group of Corvette owners who drove in caravans, attended the events at the National Corvette Museum and witnessed the grand opening of the Motorsports Park were a testament to the passion that so many Corvette owners embrace.





Capital City Corvette Club

Participation Points for Year 2014



As Of: Friday, September 26, 2014

Member 108

33 David Averill	8 Ursula Averill	Jim Balla	Dana Beaman
Kim Beaman	67 Sandy Bechtel	4 Mary Blackwood	6 Tim Blackwood
7 James Boettcher	6 Mara Boettcher	36 Colleen Bratschi	35 Rich Bratschi
13 Connie Britz	46 Mike Britz	13 NancyLee Buck	12 Randy Buck
7 Terry Burke	6 Dana Conley	9 Darrell Conley	2 Fred Cowper
2 Sioux Cowper	10 Dave Cripe	3 Pat Cripe	Darwin Day
Sheila Day	21 Art Doty	22 Nancy Doty	Jennifer A Everhart
Paul Flynn	Janet Gunthorpe	Larry Gunthorpe	23 Jeanne Harris
25 Ward Harris	23 Howard Hein	18 Sheila Hein	Cindy Hollenbeck
Jim Hoppin	67 Angela Hyde	62 Craig Iansiti	51 Janet Iansiti
Dick Iding	1 Laura Kazmer	1 Wayne Kazmer	73 Kim Keith
77 Sue Keith	Fred Koos	18 Julie Lasher	19 Ted Lasher
Ellie Lickfeldt	6 Patrick Lickfeldt	29 Carlo Litrenta	37 Janet Litrenta
Lee MacGillvray	24 Bob Maynard	5 Shalimar Maynard	30 Chuck Miller
30 Diana Mosher	13 Barb Musselman	13 Steve Musselman	George Nelson
Laurie Nelson	35 Dominique Palacio	37 Jerry Palacio	2 Diana Parks
7 Howard Parks	Codi Plaskett	Kiesha Plaskett	10 Joe Platte
6 Ed Politza	8 Suzanne Politza	41 David Pursel	10 Kathryn Pursel
19 Carol Putmon	18 Randy Putmon	101 Gloria Reiffer	98 Simon Reiffer
77 Robert Ribar	8 Connie Rosendall	11 Dick Rosendall	34 Milton Scales
Herb Schultz	Kathleen Schultz	4 Brenda Shatkosky	8 Richard Shatkosky
13 Barbara Ann Sipka	13 Thomas Sipka	4 David Sowders	Frances Sowders
1 Loretta Spinrad	1 Steve Spinrad	1 Janet Sprague	25 Michael Sprague
25 Ralph Swan	25 Susan Swan	23 Connie Taylor	23 Thomas Taylor
6 Joseph Thomas	48 Harold Twining	55 Katherine Twining	12 Sue VanAtta-Wight
73 Jerry Wardell	69 Sally Wardell	48 Christine Wiczorek	42 Thomas Wiczorek
29 Larry Wight	10 Gary Wyma	8 Kathy Wyma	

Current Points Leaders

101 Gloria Reiffer
73 Kim Keith
67 Angela Hyde

98 Simon Reiffer
73 Jerry Wardell
62 Craig Iansiti

77 Sue Keith
69 Sally Wardell

77 Robert Ribar
67 Sandy Bechtel



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