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The Monthly Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club

Activities For February

General Membership Meeting

February 4 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Breakfast at Spuds Family Resturant

February 14 • 9:30 am • 611 S. Waverly Rd., Lansing

Lunch at Spag's Bar & Grill

February 28 • Noon • 1268 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston

Board Meeting

February 18 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

February Birthdays

Diana Parks Feb-07 Ed Politza Feb-22 Diana Mosher Feb-24

Please accept my apology if your birthday was missed.

Contact Chris Wieczorek if you would like to organize a social event

Drive Safely

Please check the CCCC web site for additional information



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

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From Our President

Before I get too involved with things, I want to say hi to all of our members who are currently enjoying warmer climates. You are envied and missed. We hope you think of us just a little while you're working on your tans, or golf games, or happy hours by the pool. (Okay, that last one hurt to even type.) Here in Lansing, we have been visited by wintry weather. Not necessarily a lot of snow, but certainly plenty of bitter-cold temperatures. It's crazy! When your car needs washing the most, you have to think about frozen locks. Plus, you have to map out the cleanest/driest route home from the car wash. Otherwise, the only thing you accomplish is, well, nothing.

I'm someone who has a tendency to hunker down and stay indoors. Staying "indoors" is fine, as long as it doesn't mean never leaving the house. There are certainly a lot of great indoor activities. My favorites -- movies and live performances. It doesn't matter if it's karaoke, a high-school play, Wharton and Riverwalk Theatres, or a local oldies band, I love watching people perform. I come from a family of musicians, dancers, and singers. Our many get-togethers were magical to me as a child. They formed my love of the performing arts.

I am not a performer, but I was always in high school musicals. I even played Mrs. Paroo (grey hair and all) in "The Music Man". The funniest production I was ever in, though, was a talent show put on at my children's elementary school. (I don't mean to brag, but my daughter Julie was by far the most talented person in the show. She flawlessly played Beethoven's "Fur Elise" on the piano. I think she was 10 years old at the time.) I was the main character of the show – a mime who was sad. The different acts were there to cheer me up and change my frown into a smile. Acts were not limited to students. One group of parents was going to lip sync to "YMCA". Most of us organizers didn't know them, because their children were younger than ours. The night of the show came. Everything was going well as we sat in our makeshift "green room" waiting to go on. These parents, though, kept to themselves in another room back stage. It was finally their turn to go on. The music began, and the group started singing and dancing. That's when we realized our Village People were drunk. That's drunk, on stage, in a room full of young children and their parents. It's not like they were falling down, or anything. But, they were definitely way beyond feeling pain. We all froze and held our collective breath. When the music stopped, they took a bow, walked off stage, and quickly disappeared. The show finished without a hitch, and with a big smile on my happy face.

On that note, I'll say so long for now. Remember to save the wave.

Sandy Bechtel

News for Members

Editor's Notes:

The 2015 Z06 made the January 19th issue of *Autoweek*. They called it "the block's new bully". They commented that the new 1.7L Eaton supercharger spins up to 20,000RPM. Wow!

This 7 speed manual gearbox Vette did the quarter in 11.5 seconds at 123.8 MPH. I remember when breaking into the thirteen's with a street machine was top dog.

And if you like steel bodies for your <u>other</u> car, the 2015 Cadillac CTS-V has the same Z06 engine. Not quite as fast though, only 12.0 seconds in the quarter. It's a little paunchier at 4500 lbs curb weight.

Drive safely .. Editor

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Shake off the winter doldrums! Spake off the winter doldrums!

Cruise in for lunch at Spag's Bar & Grill, Saturday, February 28 at noon. Spag's is located at 1268 E. Grand River Ave., Williamston, MI. (corner of Grand River Ave. and Zimmer Rd.)

Sign up at the February membership meeting, or RSVP to Chris Wieczorek at 313.590.9795 or prz922@aol.com by Wednesday, February 25 if you plan to attend.





Wide variety of menu items to choose from! Prices range from \$4.00 for a bowl of chili up to \$16.00 for smokehouse ribs, or try a pizza or calzone. (spagsinfo.com/spags/our-menu)

Keep the salt and slush off your Corvette!

Metal bodies are welcome and expected.

Activities coming up in 2015

NCCC Michigan Region Annual Awards

Banquet - Cascade Manor House in Jackson on March 29 2015 at 12:30 pm with the meal served around 1:30 pm. The cost will be \$35.00 per person.

GM Heritage Tour

Saturday April 18th. 10:00 a.m. (GM Heritage Center, 6400 Center Drive in Sterling Heights). CARAVAN: 8:45 a.m. (meet at 8:45 at the east-bound I-96 rest area, located halfway between exits 133 (M-59) and 137 (D-19). \$20 per person.

MIS Track Tours

Follow a pace car around the MIS track for \$10. April 23rd, May 21st, Sept 17th and Oct 15th 1:30 PM 1.5 hours. Call MIS at 517-592-6666 or 800-354-1010 for more information.

Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade

Saturday April 25. Meet at 8:30 at the Quality Dairy 8512 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI. Looking for a sponsor – contact Chris.

Marshall Memorial Day Parade

The annual Marshall Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 25 in Marshall, MI. Looking for a sponsor – contact Chris.

MIS Track Laps

Take lap(s) around the MIS track for \$25. June 30th, July 7th and July 14th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Call MIS at 517-592-6666 or 800-354-1010 for more information.

Bloomington Gold

The 3 day Bloomington Gold NCCC car judging and cruise in Indianapolis, IN at the Indy 500 raceway is scheduled for June $25^{th} - 27^{th}$. Contact Gloria for details on lodging and the flyer from the January newsletter.

More info at http://www.bloomingtongold.com/

Back to the Bricks

The Back to the Bricks week long event in Flint is scheduled for August 11th – August 15th. The

Corvette reunion car show is Saturday August 15th.

Dream Cruise

The annual Woodward avenue car cruise is scheduled for Saturday August 15th.

Corvettes at Carlisle

The 3 day Corvettes at Carlisle NCCC judged car show and swap meet is scheduled for August 28th – 30th.

More information at www.corvettesnccc.org

NCCC Convention

It's time to start your plans for the 2015 NCCC convention. Registration begins on February 1st. The convention will be on August 22nd trough August 27th in Lake Harmony, PA.

More information at www.corvettesnccc.org

Corvette Museum

Always open.

More information at http://corvettemuseum.org/

Summer Getaway & Corvette Crossroads

The summer getaway to Mackinaw City, MI and 26^{th} annual Corvette Crossroads car show is scheduled for August 21 - 23. The car show is on August 22 from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM.



Crossroads car show

Fun Fest

The 4 day event sponsored by Mid America Motor works and located at there Effingham, IL facility is scheduled for September 17th – 20th.

More information at http://www.corvettefunfest.com/



Sunday March 29th 2015

Cascade Manor House 1970 Kibby Rd Jackson, MI 49203

Starting at 12:30 with cash bar cocktails and appetizers.

Door prizes, lunch and awards to follow.

PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS YEARS AWARDS BANQUET
NO LATER THAN FRIDAY MARCH 6, 2015
Send payment of \$35/per person to
Irish Hills Corvette Club P.O. Box 67
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Capital City Corvette Club members have been invited to join the Huron Valley and Irish Hills Corvette Clubs for a joint tour of the GM Heritage Center.

DATE: April 18, 2015 (Saturday)

CARAVAN: 8:45 a.m. (meet at 8:45 at the east-bound I-96 rest area, located halfway

between exits 133 (M-59) and 137 (D-19)

TOUR TIME: 10:00 a.m. (GM Heritage Center, 6400 Center Drive in Sterling Heights)

COST: \$20.00 per person (due by March 16 to Chris Wieczorek – cash or check

payable to Capital City Corvette Club)

RSVP: Sign up at a club meeting or email Chris Wieczorek (prz922 AT aol DOT com)

Chris needs to know if you plan to do just the tour or if you will also have lunch with everyone at an area restaurant after the tour. (We did Rosie O'Grady's last time.)



MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 7, 2015 CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB DRAFT

SOCIAL TIME & DINING: 5:30-7:00PM

PRESIDENT:

SANDY BECHTEL CALLED MEETING TO ORDER@ 7PM.

A BIG WELCOME WAS MADE TO VISITOR DAVE FEDEWA, AND THANK YOU TO THE 2014 & 2015 BOARD MEMBERS FOR TAKING TIME TO BE PART OF OUR CLUB'S BOARD.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR REPORTS:

SECRETARY: COLLEEN BRATSCHI REQUESTED APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP

MINUTES. MIKE BRITZ MOVED TO APPROVE MINUTES & SIMON REIFFER

SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED

VP/GOV: SIMON REIFFER REMINDED MEMBERS THAT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

WILL BE HELD IN PENNSYLVANIA THIS YEAR AND ENCOURAGED MEMBERS TO

CHECK WEBSITE FOR ALL INFORMATION NEEDED.

TREASURER: MIKE BRITZ REPORTED THAT THE 2015 BUDGET IS BEING PREPARED. SIMON

REIFFER MOTIONED THAT AN EXTENTION OF THE 2014 BUDGET BE MADE SO

THAT JANUARY 2015 BILLS COULD BE PAID. MOTION PASSED.

POINTS: SALLY WARDELL SAID ALL POINTS WERE UP TO DATE AS OF THE END OF

DECEMBER 2014, AND GAVE THE LIST OF THE 2014 TOP TEN WINNERS:

1ST PLACE: GLORIA REIFFER

2ND PLACE: SIMON REIFFER

3RD PLACE: SUE KEITH

4TH PLACE: BOB RIBAR

5TH PLACE: KIM KEITH

6TH PLACE: JERRY WARDELL

7TH PLACE: SANDY BECHTEL

/ FLACE. SANDI BECITLE

8TH PLACE: SALLY WARDELL

9TH PLACE: ANGIE HYDE

10TH PLACE: CRAIG IANSITI

SALLY ALSO NOTED THAT AS OF 2015 ANY MEMBERS VISITING THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM OR THE CORVETTE ASSEMBLY PLANT WILL RECEIVE CLUB

POINTS FOR THE FIRST TWO VISITS (ANNUALLY) TO EACH LOCATION.

MEMBERSHIP: ANGELA HYDE REPORTED THAT WE HAVE 86 MEMBERS, 2 HONORARY

MEMBERS, 46 FCOA MEMBERS. MEMBERSHIP CARDS FOR 2015 HAVE BEEN

PREPARED, PLEASE SEE HER TO PICK YOURS UP.

EDITOR: JERRY WARDELL GAVE THE DATE OF JANAURY 24, 2015 AS THE DEADLINE

FOR GETTING HIM INFORMATION FOR THE FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR: MIKE SPRAGUE WAS ABSENT. IT WAS REPORTED BY SANDY

THAT MIKE IS WORKING ON THE SPARTAN SPEEDWAY EVENT.

DATE FOR THIS EVENT WILL BE POSTED SOMETIME IN FEBRUARY

AFTER THE REGIONAL MEETING IS HELD.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: DAVE AVERILL WAS ABSENT

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: CHRIS WIECZOREK REPORTED ON THE GM HERITAGE CENTER

EVENT TO BE HELD APRIL 18TH. SEE OUR WEBSITE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, AS MONEY WILL NEED TO BE COLLECTED BY

MARCH MEMBERSHIP MEETING.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS:

HEARTS & FLOWERS: ANGELA HYDE REPORTED THAT SHE SENT 2 CARDS IN DECEMBER.

HISTORIAN: SUE KEITH WAS ABSENT

NCM AMBASSADOR: ABSENT

PHOTOGRAPHER: BOB RIBAR HAD NO REPORT SERGEANT AT ARMS: BOB RIBAR HAD NO REPORT QUARTERMASTER: CRAIG IANSITI WAS ABSENT

CHAPLAIN: HAD NO REPORT

WEBMASTER: GLORIA REIFFER REPORTED THAT WEBSITE WAS UP TO DATE, AND

THAT OUR AT&T CONTRACT IS UP FOR RENEWAL.

PAST PRESIDENT: TERRY BURKE WAS ABSENT

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS: CHUCK MILLER VOLUNTEERED TO CHAIR THE VERMONTVILLE

MAPLE SYRUP FESTIVAL EVENT THIS YEAR.

CHRIS WIECZOREK WOULD LIKE TO HOLD AN ADDITIONAL

BINGO FOR THE DELTA RIVER SENIOR VILLAGE RESIDENTS. NO DATE

HAS BEEN PICKED YET.

BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE VOTING ON THE APPOINTED OFFICERS AT THE JANUARY MEETING. NEW MEMBERS TO THIS LIST ARE:

KIM KEITH AS NCM AMBASSADOR, AND WARD HARRIS AS CHAPLAIN.

MEMBER COMMENT: CHUCK MILLER LEFT CORVETTE MAGAZINES FOR ANYONE WHO

WOULD LIKE.

SANDY BECHTEL REMINDED MEMBERS TO READ THANK YOU CARDS SENT TO CLUB BY DELTA RIVER SENIOR VILLAGE, AND VFW

HOME.

50/50: BOB RIBAR WAS THE WINNER ☺

ADJOURNMENT: SANDY BECHTEL CALLED FOR ADJOURNMENT @ 7:44PM, DAVE

PURSEL MOVED TO ADJOURN & MIKE BRITZ SECONDED.

PREPARED BY YOUR SECRETARY:

COLLEEN BRATSCHI ©

CCCC – BOARD MEETING MINUTES January 21, 2015

Board Members Attending: Dave Averill, Colleen Bratschi, Angela Hyde, Simon Reiffer, Chris Wieczorek

Board Members Absent: Sandy Bechtel, Mike Britz, Mike Sprague, Jerry Wardell, Sally Wardell

Appointed Officers Attending: Angela Hyde, Gloria Reiffer

Guests: Rich Bratschi, Tom Wieczorek

Meeting was called to order @ 6:39pm by Simon Reiffer.

President: Sandy Bechtel was not in attendance

Secretary: Colleen Bratschi requested approval of November board minutes. Chris Wieczorek made motion to approve, and Angela Hyde seconded. Motion carried.

VP/Governor: Simon Reiffer reported that the National Governors meeting will be held in St. Louis on February 28, and that the Michigan Region meeting will be held locally on February 24, where we will choose our club event dates for Spartan Speedway, Blessing of the Vettes, etc.

Treasurer: Mike Britz was not in attendance. The Board went over 2015 budget it was approved with edits. Will be brought before membership for approval at the February meeting.

Points: Sally Wardell was not in attendance.

Membership: Angela Hyde reported that we have 86 members, 2 honorary members, and 46 FCOA members. Angela requested approval to sell off the overstock of membership shirts the club has at a discounted amount. It was approved.

To save on postage of new member packets, Angela will e-mail the new member that they can pick up their packet at a membership meeting.

Editor: Jerry Wardell was not in attendance. It was noted that information for newsletter be sent in by January 27.

Competition: Mike Sprague was not in attendance.

Public Relations: Dave Averill reported that he has kept media up to date, and all ads for newsletter are paid for. He will continue to search for new advertisers.

Social Director: Chris Wieczorek reminded all of the GM Heritage Center trip on April 18.

VP/Governor: Simon Reiffer reminded that a motion was needed to approve the Appointed Officers selected by our President for 2015. Chris Wieczorek made motion, and Colleen Bratschi seconded. Motion carried. A listing of our 2015 Appointed Officers follows, along with their reports.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Hearts & Flowers: Angela Hyde was asked to send a card to the Powell family for the death of George Powell from the Muskegon club.

Historian: Sue Keith was not in attendance.

NCM Ambassador: Kim Keith was not in attendance.

Photographer: Robert Ribar was not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms: Robert Ribar was not in attendance.

Quartermaster: Craig lansiti was not in attendance.

Chaplain: Ward Harris was not in attendance.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer reported that she had renewed our CapitalCityCorvetteClub.org address thru January 2024.

Past president: Terry Burke was not in attendance.

Old business: Tom Wieczorek accepted chair position for the Sponsorship Committee. He will talk with members about becoming part of that committee.

New business: Chris and Tom Wieczorek will be hosting a lunch cruise in at Spag's in Williamston on February 28, time to be announced.

Member Comment: None.

Adjournment: Dave Averill made motion to adjourn, and Angela Hyde seconded. Motion carried at 7:52pm

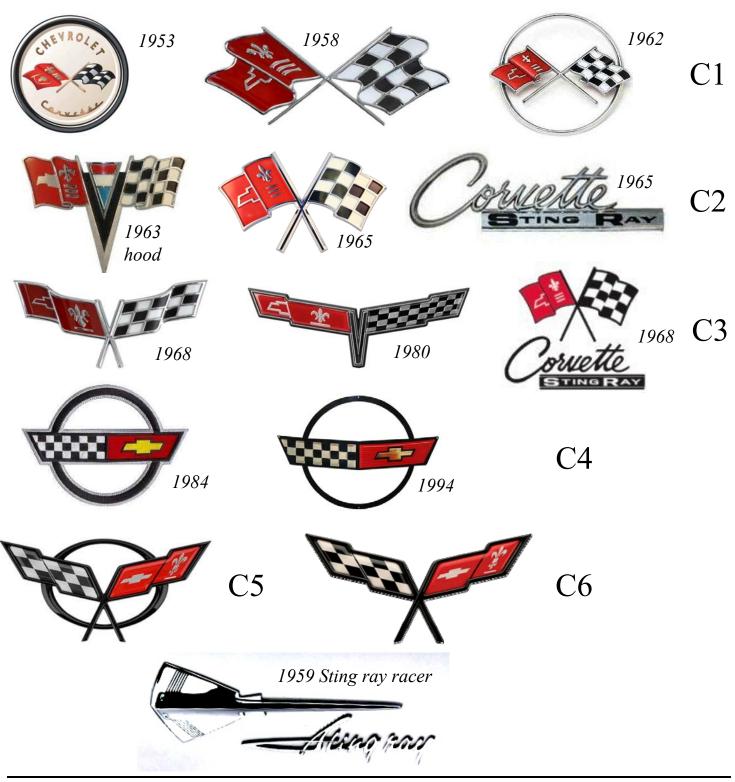
Thank you, your Secretary, Colleen Bratschi ☺

Tech Tips and Mods

Corvette logos

The corvette emblem has changed over the years with each new generation. Some generations had several iterations. The original 1953 emblem had a US flag, but was replaced before introduction with the red bow tie flag you see here (GM exec decision).

I attempted to make these images as accurate as possible – there may be discrepancies – only as correct as I could find on the internet. Here's pics of each;





Capital City Corvette Club

Participation Points for Year 2014



As Of: Saturday, January 31, 2015

Members 89

- 5 David Averill Dana Beaman Tim Blackwood
- 1 Rich Bratschi Randy Buck Darwin Day Janet Gunthorpe Howard Hein
- 3 Craig Iansiti Wayne Kazmer David Kuempel Carlo Litrenta
- 1 Shalimar Maynard Steve Musselman Howard Parks
- 1 David Pursel
- 6 Gloria Reiffer Brenda Shatkosky Loretta Spinrad Ralph Swan
- 1 Harold Twining
- 6 Sally Wardell

- Ursula Averill Kim Beaman
- 1 James Boettcher Connie Britz Terry Burke Sheila Day Larry Gunthorpe Sheila Hein Janet lansiti
- 3 Kim Keith Diane Kuempel Janet Litrenta
- Chuck Miller
 Dominique Palacio
- Joe Platte
 Kathryn Pursel
- 6 Simon Reiffer Richard Shatkosky Steve Spinrad Susan Swan
- 1 Katherine Twining
- 6 Christine Wieczorek

- Roy Bailey
- 6 Sandy Bechtel Mara Boettcher
- 6 Mike Britz
- 1 Dave Cripe
- 1 Art Doty
- 1 Jeanne Harris Jim Hoppin Dick Iding
- 3 Sue Keith
- 1 Ellie Lickfeldt Lee MacGillvray Diana Mosher Jerry Palacio Ed Politza Carol Putmon
- 7 Robert Ribar Barbara Ann Sipka Janet Sprague Connie Taylor
- 1 Sue VanAtta-Wight
- 1 Thomas Wieczorek

- Jim Balla Mary Blackwood
- 6 Colleen Bratschi NancyLee Buck Pat Cripe
- 1 Nancy Doty
- 4 Ward Harris
- 9 Angela Hyde Laura Kazmer
- 1 Fred Koos
- 1 Patrick Lickfeldt
- 1 Bob Maynard
 Barb Musselman
 Diana Parks
 Suzanne Politza
 Randy Putmon
 Milton Scales
 Thomas Sipka
- 5 Michael Sprague Thomas Taylor
- 6 Jerry Wardell
- 1 Larry Wight

Points Leaders

- 9 Angela Hyde
- 6 Mike Britz
- 6 Sally Wardell
- 7 Robert Ribar6 Gloria Reiffer
- 6 Christine Wieczorek
- 6 Sandy Bechtel
- 6 Simon Reiffer
- 6 Colleen Bratschi
- 6 Jerry Wardell



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