

# THE CONNECTION



The Newsletter of the  
**Capital City Corvette Club**

Lansing, Michigan

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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**September 3, 2008**

**7:00 pm**

**Deli Café-Holt**

**BOARD MEETING**

**September 17, 2008**

**7:00 pm**

**Delhi Café-Holt**

Please send any articles you would like to have published to: editor @ cccorvette.org

## From the President

As I write this I've just gotten home from our low speed event at Spartan Speedway. We had over forty cars, plenty of volunteers and a great time. I want to say thanks to everyone who worked and or participated, it all came together to make a great event. The only unusual part of the day was that Randy Putman brought his dune buggy and competed. That in itself isn't so odd but the fact that every year he brings a Corvette he winds up in the dirt. This year he brings a dune buggy and never leaves the pavement once, go figure. Very special thanks to Rich and Colleen Bratschi for their hard work in chairing the event.

With the successful completion of the low speed event we're left with only one major item on our calendar. Horsepower at the Zoo is scheduled for September 14<sup>th</sup> at Potter Park Zoo. This is one of our signature events and I hope you all can find the time to attend and bring your cars. For those of you who haven't attended this show before let me assure you it's great. We have arranged with the Capital Area Muscle Car Club to provide a couple of dozen cars. I would encourage you all to go to our web site, print off some HAZ fliers and if you're driving around and see a cool car, hand them a flier or put it under their windshield wiper. The more cars we get the more fun we have and the more money we raise for the zoo. If you know of a business that might like to help with sponsorship or provide door prizes, talk to them or get me their name and number and I'll contact them. This is a great cause and all of the money goes to the care of the animal's medical needs or for children's educational efforts regarding the zoo.

As I'm sure you're all aware, September is the beginning of our board election process. We will open nominations at the Sept. meeting and continue them in Oct. with the election being held at the Nov. meeting. You should all be receiving an e-mail blast from me shortly about the election and other club considerations. I hope you'll take the time to read it and consider the information provided. Please also remember that it's membership renewal time and if your membership isn't current then you can't vote or hold office.

By the time you read this we will have been to Corvette Crossroads or Corvettes at Carlisle, both fantastic shows and I'm sure fun for all.

As the song from our youth says "see you in September"

**CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB**  
**General Membership Meeting – August 6, 2008**

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m. He gave a special welcome to our visitors.

**Secretary:** Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the July 3, 2006 general meeting. Craig Iansiti moved to approve them as written. Rich Bratschi seconded. Motion passed.

**Ambassador:** Sandy Bechtel reminded members she is still selling tickets for the museum's August 30, 2008 raffle of a 2009 Red Corvette Coupe. She also showed everyone the plaque the museum presented to our club in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Points:** No report. John Bechtel advised everyone to refer to our website for current standings. Also, please remember to sign in on the sheet provided.

**Membership:** Colleen Bratschi advised we currently have 115 regular, 1 honorary, and 73 F.C.O.A. members. She noted she is now accepting renewals for 2009.

**Social:** Kathy Wyma thanked Pat and Ellie Lickfeldt for organizing the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Turkeyville Drive & Dine. She also referred members to the calendar of events on the back of the meeting agenda and our website. Upcoming events include: August 14<sup>th</sup> Cones & Bones; August 16<sup>th</sup> Spartan Speedway low speed event; August 21-24 Corvette Crossroads; September 6<sup>th</sup> Drive & Dine hosted by Ted & Julie Lasher; September 13<sup>th</sup> chassis dyno testing at Ram Racing, Saranac, MI, hosted by Gary Wyma; and the third-annual hayride and barbeque hosted by Randy & Carol Putmon on September 27<sup>th</sup>. Gloria Reiffer noted a sign-up sheet is circulating for people wishing to attend the September 20<sup>th</sup> open house at Paragon, Swartz Creek, MI.

**Treasurer:** Carol Putmon advised all bills are paid under the current approved budget. See her for specific account balances.

**Editor:** Chris Burke advised August 23<sup>rd</sup> is the deadline for submitting September newsletter information to her. John Bechtel explained that for the duration of 2008, hard copies of our newsletters will be provided free-of-charge to members unable to access them electronically. Effective January 1, 2009, an annual fee of \$24.00 will be charged for such copies. Colleen Bratschi noted our renewal application includes a section for enrolling in this option.

**Competition:** On Gary Wyma's behalf, Kathy advised us to call or email him if we're interested in attending the September 13<sup>th</sup> chassis dyno testing event.

**Public Relations:** Bob Maynard advised we currently have 19 advertisers. He extended his appreciation for everyone who attended and/or worked at our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary party.

Please see Bob or John Bechtel if you can help solicit sponsors for our September 14<sup>th</sup> Horsepower at the Zoo.

**Governor/Vice President:** Rich Bratschi advised we are coming up on our last two major events (August 16<sup>th</sup> low-speed event and September 14<sup>th</sup> zoo car show). He reminded everyone the low-speed event is our big fundraiser for the club's operating budget. A worker sign-up sheet is circulating. Rich also asked people to present him with any items he can pass along at the September 9<sup>th</sup> regional meeting.

**President:** John Bechtel reiterated thanks to everyone who helped make our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration a success. He noted a trophy was presented to Lee MacGillivray (his Chevrolet dealership was our club's original sponsor). John noted he would like a committee formed to make recommendations by the November general meeting on what charitable contributions our club will make during the holiday season. Bob Maynard noted he will again collect contributions for the food bank.

John asked members to consider running for 2009 board positions. If people are concerned about the number of events we had this year, he reminded us that the 2009 board will decide on what events the club will host. Nominations will begin in September. Colleen Bratschi is chairing the nominating committee. Please see her if you wish to help in this process.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** 1) Shalimar Maynard asked if we wanted B & B Embroidery to attend our September general meeting and display available club apparel. The general consensus was yes. She will make arrangements. Rich Bratschi indicated it might also be nice if B & B set up a booth at Horsepower at the Zoo. John Bechtel will contact the zoo director and inquire about whether or not the county will allow this. 2) Dan Stremler noted he met a man who has offered to attend a club meeting and do a presentation on motor vehicle oil research. John Bechtel will call this person after Dan gets his contact information. 3) Please see Angie Hyde if you have not already gotten your 2008 membership cards. Also, Angie would like to start an album of old cards.

**Member Comment:** Dave Cripe encouraged everyone to attend the Car Capital Celebration on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Olds Museum on Marshall Street. There is a \$10.00 donation. Jeff McQuade noted there is also a car show on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the Warren Tech Center. John Bechtel advised there is a Fly-In/Cruise-In on that same day at the Brighton Airport.

John Bechtel received a letter from a Corvette owner who is selling a set of new wheels and tires. See John if you're interested.

**50/50 Drawing:** Congratulations go out to Angie Hyde. Bob Ribar won a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary DVD donated by Jim DeNike.

**Adjournment:** Jeff McQuade moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

**CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB**  
**Board Meeting – August 20, 2008**

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m. Absent: Bob Maynard, Shalimar Maynard, Angie Hyde, Gary Wyma, Kathy Wyma, and Gloria Reiffer.

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the July 16, 2008 board meeting. Carol Putmon moved to approved them as written. Carrie Hutton seconded. Motion passed.

**Ambassador:** Sandy Bechtel advised she mailed all sold raffle tickets, money, and unsold tickets to the museum. She also noted she will be attending the annual ambassador's meeting over the Labor Day weekend.

**Points:** Carrie Hutton stated everyone's points have been updated for all recent events, and she is in the process of submitting them to Gloria for posting on our website.

**Membership:** Colleen Bratschi reported we have 119 regular, 1 honorary, and 73 FCOA members. She also noted she is starting to receive membership renewals for 2009. Colleen is chairing the 2009 nominating committee. Chris Burke and Carrie Hutton have volunteered to assist her.

**Social:** No report.

**Treasurer:** Carol Putmon provided balances for all accounts. We are still operating within our approved budget.

**Editor:** No report.

**Competition:** No report.

**Public Relations:** No report. John Bechtel stated that in addition to Bob Maynard, several other people are working on obtaining sponsors for Horsepower at the Zoo. He will also do an email blast and ask members to donate door prizes.

**Governor/Vice President:** Rich Bratschi reported that our August 16<sup>th</sup> low-speed event at Spartan Speedway was a great success. He also stated he was recently advised we are required to submit our signed waivers and an event flyer to NCCC for all club functions.

**President:** John Bechtel indicated he would like current board members to each speak briefly at the September general membership meeting and explain the duties of their board positions.

**Old Business:** Colleen Bratschi noted we are awaiting final numbers from Bob Maynard so we can close the books on our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

**New Business:** Carol Putmon noted Chris Burke is hosting a shopping spree at the Frandor Dress Barn on September 21, 2008. We will meet for dinner afterwards at Trippers. The event is posted on our calendar, but no flyer has been created. The board decided this will be a social event only, with no points earned.

**Member Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Carrie Hutton moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Nominations for the 2009 Board of Directors will take place at the September and October membership meetings. In preparation, all members are encouraged to review the CCCC By-Laws for a description of the duties of club officers.

To help the process flow smoothly, a nomination committee will be formed. This committee will contact everyone nominated. At this time, we are looking for 3 or 4 members to serve on the Nomination Committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact any one of the current Board Members. In addition, all members are encouraged to attend the remaining Board Meetings. This is a great way to learn more about the Board positions, and ask questions of the outgoing Board Members regarding their duties.

We ask that you do not turn down nominations at the meeting, but take time to think it over. A member of the committee will call those nominated to ascertain willingness to accept the nomination. Please be assured that your name will not go on the ballot if you inform the committee member that you don't wish to run for a board position. If nominated for more than one position you can let the committee member that contacts you know which position(s) you would be interested in serving. Members may also contact a committee member directly with any questions.

The election of 2009 board members will take place at the November membership meeting. Absentee ballots will be available.

## **It's DUES Time Again !!! Don't Wait till it's too LATE ...**

The deadline for Membership Renewal is November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2008. If you are interested in running for an elected office and/or voting in the November election, your dues must be paid.

**Consider renewing at either the September 3rd, October 1st, or November 5th, General Membership Meetings.**

**You may also mail your form and check to: COLLEEN BRATSCHI  
4379 ZIMMER RD.  
WILLIAMSTON, MICH. 48895**

**Make checks payable to: Capital City Corvette Club**

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### **Renewal Form-(please update)**

Name: (Primary Member): \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouse/Companion: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Corvette Models owned: Coupe \_\_\_ Convertible \_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

PRIMARY RENEWAL: \$55.00

SPOUSE/COMPANION MEMBER RENEWAL/NEW: \$20.00

\$10.00 LATE FEE TO NCCC FOR RENEWING AFTER NOVEMBER 5, 2008.

Please note that beginning with the January 2009 edition, the CCCC Connections Newsletter will only be available via the website, or at the General Membership Meeting. If you prefer a hard copy of the Newsletter mailed to you, please add \$24 for postage and handling to your renewal dues. Thank you.

Thanks for your Cooperation.  
COLLEEN BRATSCHI  
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR





## Capital City Chatter

Please be sure to wish a **Happy Birthday** to the following CCCC Club Members!

Cathy Cooper-September 1  
Janet Johnston & Jeff McQuade-September 3  
Patty Lewis-September 6  
Dave Cripe-September 8  
Dick Iding, Judy Kessler & Kim Keith-September 9

Mark Hansen-September 13  
Frank Kessler-September 14  
Julie Lasher-September 15  
Sheila Day-September 18  
Darwin Day-September 21  
Angie Hyde & Don Reed-September 26

### Welcome New Members!

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest members! Jim and Mara Boettcher from East Lansing. Jim and Mara own a 1987 Silver/Grey Hardtop. Mark and Patty Lewis from Grand Ledge. Mark and Patty own a 2005 Red Coupe. Ed Root from Bath. Ed owns a 2008 Red Coupe. Larry and Linda Warren from Lansing. Larry and Linda own a 2004 LeMans Blue Convertible. We would also like to welcome returning members George Nelson from Grand Ledge and David & Kathryn Pursel from Laingsburg. The Pursel's own a 1984 Red Coupe and George is the owner of a 2000 Mag Red Coupe. Welcome back!

### Let's Go Shopping!

On Sunday, September 21, 2008 from 3:00pm-6:00pm, Diana & David Brown will be sponsoring a Dress Barn party for all the ladies in our club. Everyone will get 15% off their entire purchase that day. Please bring friends, family members, co-workers, or anyone else you would like to invite. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to the party Hostess, Chris Burke, by September 14. You can reach Chris via email to editor @ cccorvette.org.

### Upcoming Events

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following upcoming events for October. On the 11<sup>th</sup>, Jim Balla will be hosting a Drive N Dine. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, Don & Janet Johnston along with Ron & Kathy Cooper, will be hosting our annual Fall Color Tour. We will update you as more details become available. Remember to check the website frequently, as updates are always being posted!

### Volunteer Opportunities

The club is always looking for volunteers to help out or organize events such as car shows, community events, and social events. Please be sure to contact any of your club officers if you are willing to volunteer your time, and have some fun in the process!

### Event Flyers

In order to save space, The Connection newsletter will no longer feature flyers for events other than those being held by CCCC. Be sure to check the website for a full list of NCCC Michigan Region Events, as well as other local events of interest to Corvette enthusiasts.

### Member Profiles

The editor is looking for Member Profiles for upcoming newsletters. If you have not been featured, or would like to update your profile, please contact Chris Burke at editor @ cccorvette.org.

# Let's go for a Drive!



## ... and get something good to eat!

### Saturday September 6<sup>th</sup>

Meet us in the parking lot at  
Culver's of Okemos

(sorry: not where we're eating)

(5410 Times Square Pl. - off Marsh Rd.)

Meet at 2:45 and leave at 3:00 sharp (sorta)

For more information call:

Ted or Julie Lasher

810-360-7433 or 7434

lashers@chartermi.net

*Beekman's 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Car/Bike show*

***“Special Cars & Bikes for Special Kids”***

September 7, 2008 (Sunday after Labor Day)

9 am - 4 pm

**Events all day:**

Show held rain or shine

Cost to show vehicle \$10 (each)

Over 200 Door prizes (1 free ticket for each paid car/bike)  
Raffle donation baskets (tickets for sale \$1 ea or 6 for \$5)  
Entertainment by the “Seacruiser’s Band”  
50/25/25 raffle (\$1 each or 6 for \$5)  
(50% for school/ 2 winners 25 % each)  
Food by “Magic Kettle” available for purchase  
Lots of shade / Inside bathrooms  
Swap meet and Crafts booths  
Bake sale  
Bike/Car/Family Photos by Margaret Hehr  
Music by: Dr. Oldies DJ 50’s 60’s 70’s playing the “Hits”

Contact person:

Jill Gilbert @  
Beekman Center  
2901 Wabash Rd.  
Lansing MI 48910  
517-755-5720  
e-mail: [jkggilbert@yahoo.com](mailto:jkggilbert@yahoo.com)

Directions: Follow “Yellow” signs

Jolly Rd. to Aurelius Road  
→Turn North on Aurelius Road  
→Turn East on Provincial House Dr  
→Turn East on Wabash Road

**Trophies awarded at 4 pm**

**Bike Awards**

Best of Show

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, trophies for:

Custom Bike  
Chopper  
Paint

Mark “Sarge” Hopkins Motorcycle Memorial

Principal’s Choice

Student’s Choice

Committee’s Choice Bike Display

**Trophies awarded at 4 pm**

**Car Awards**

Best of Show

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, trophies for:

Custom  
Original  
Street Rod

Felske Flame Memorial (paint)

Horton Chevelle Memorial

Principal’s Choice

Student’s Choice

Committee’s Choice Car Display

**Bikes / Cars judged by:**

Double Deuce Saloon

Hooter’s

Principal Sherry Bacon

Dean Transportation Kellie Dean

Artrageous Studios Gary Glenn

Todd-T Fabrication

Committee members

BTRC employees

Prosecuting Attorney:

Stuart Dunnings III

**Thank you for your support!**

***All proceeds to benefit Beekman’s Pet Education Center and Beekman Therapeutic Riding Center***



# HORSEPOWER AT THE ZOO



## 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL POTTER PARK ZOO CAR SHOW

**Location: 1301 S. Pennsylvania Ave., Lansing, MI**  
**Sunday, September 14, 2008 10:00 am – 2:30 pm**

**Awards: Best of Show, Top Ten, Best Engine, Best Paint,  
Best Pre-1940, Best Corvette, and More**

**Registration: 10:00-12:00    Ballots in by: 1:15    Awards: 2:15    Enjoy the Zoo: 2:30-6:00**

This is a participant's choice car show, open to all makes and models.  
Zoo passes and dash plaques provided for registered vehicles.  
Music and great door prizes (must be present to win).

### Questions...

Call John or Sandy Bechtel at 517.482.9584 or email [board@ccc Corvette.org](mailto:board@ccc Corvette.org)  
if you have questions or would be interested in helping sponsor this event.



**Pre-Registration by September 7: \$12.00    Day of Show: \$15.00**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Car: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
Capital City Corvette Club

Mail to: HAZ Car Show  
Capital City Corvette Club  
PO Box 27295  
Lansing, MI 48909

[www.cccorvette.org](http://www.cccorvette.org)



NO ALCOHOL ON GROUNDS. Please use one registration form per car. All cars in the display area must register for the show. The City of Lansing may charge an additional \$3.00 parking fee. In an effort to raise more funds for the zoo, an event t-shirt will not be available. Pictures from this event will appear on the CCCC Website. CCCC and its members are not responsible for accidents or injury.

**All proceeds (after expenses) will be donated to Potter Park Zoo.**

**Hosted by Capital City Corvette Club, celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2008! NCCC: NS-003-017**

## Directions to the Zoo:

The Potter Park Zoo is located within Potter Park along the Red Cedar River in Lansing, Michigan.

The entrance is just south of the I-496 Freeway. Take the Pennsylvania Ave. exit and go south to 1301 South Pennsylvania Avenue. The entrance is on the east side of the road.

- From Flint (east)—69W to 127S to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Detroit (S.E.)—696W to I96W to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From North (Mackinac)—75S to 127S to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Mt. Pleasant—127S to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Coldwater (south)—69N to 496E to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Grand Rapids(west)—I196 to I96 to I496E to Pennsylvania exit 7
- From Traverse City (west)—U.S.10E to 127S to 496W to Pennsylvania exit 7



## *Open House at Paragon!*

*Saturday, September 20  
10:00 am – 2:00 pm*

*Meet at Clark Corners at 9:00 am  
Questions??? Call Simon or Gloria*



Paragon Corvette Reproductions is a parts and accessories supplier in Swartz Creek, MI. Their open house features a big Corvette show on their grounds. While at Paragon you can view some of the restoration projects they are currently working on. Last year we were treated to a free BBQ lunch, t-shirt, and free shipping on the car parts we ordered.

The folks at Paragon have asked that we let them know how many are coming from our club and what year of Corvette they will be driving. Please contact Simon & Gloria at 646.2180 ASAP with this info if you plan to attend. Watch our club Website for more information as it becomes available.



## **Third Annual Backyard BBQ~Hayride~Bonfire!**

**When: Saturday, September 27, 2008**

**Meeting Time: 5:00-5:15**

**Meeting Place: Old Outlet Mall (At the corner of Clark Rd. and Business 27) then we'll "Follow the Leader" to.....**

**Randy & Carol Putmon's**

**4900 W. Pratt Rd.**

**DeWitt, MI**

**Please bring your own chairs and drinks, as well as a dish to pass. Randy & Carol will supply Sloppy Joes and Brats.**

**Hope to see y'all there!**

Black Hills Corvette Classic (or how to drive 4,000 miles in 11 days)

**Executive summary**

Day 1 drive Lansing to Madison WI

Day 2 drive Madison WI to Sioux Falls (ride in the Rocking chair behind 5 Maryland Vettes .

Day 3 Sioux Falls Morning shopping, Afternoon BBQ party at Billion Chevrolet, evening party “Hot City nights” Car show (take over the town)

Day 4 Drive rally to Spearfish from Sioux Falls ( 375 Vettes 6 hours) evening party at host hotel

Day 5 Spear Fish Drive & Drive & Drive& Party to your heart’s content ... Breakfast with the Presidents Rally (Mount Rushmore), Drag racing, Auto-X, Black Tills tour evening car show “Vette Street” (take over the town)

Day 6 Drive Spear Fish area (poker Rally)

Day 7 Spear Fish to Cody Wyoming

Day 7 Cody to Yellowstone (Old Faithful, Mammoth hot springs)

Day 8 Cody to Yellowstone ( Rest of Yellowstone )

Day 9 Cody Museums, shopping

Day 10 Cody to Sioux Falls

Day 11 Sioux Falls to Lansing

Brenda and I certainly broke in the new Z, both in terms of miles and exploring the limits of the speedometer. We had never before visited Mount Rushmore nor Yellowstone and decided it was time to “See the U.S.A. in our Chevrolet” We had the pleasure of participating in the Black Hills Corvette Classic with Kim & Sue Keith. If it had not been for Sue we would have experienced sleeping in our Corvette in Wyoming. A note to the wise, if you plan this trip book ahead at least 6 months or more as Yellowstone park accommodations and those in the gateway cities fill up early.

If you have not seen Mount Rushmore nor visited Yellowstone this trip is a must.

Adding the Black Hills Corvette Classic makes it a “no brainer”

375 -700 Corvettes, 2 meals included in the entry fee, your choice of rallies and competition events, great camaraderie, spectacular scenery and a well run event.

GM Corvette Platform Manager Brad Thacher was the key note speaker at the banquet and brought two Zr-1’s with him. This event truly has something for everyone.

Submitted by: Rich Shatkosky



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