

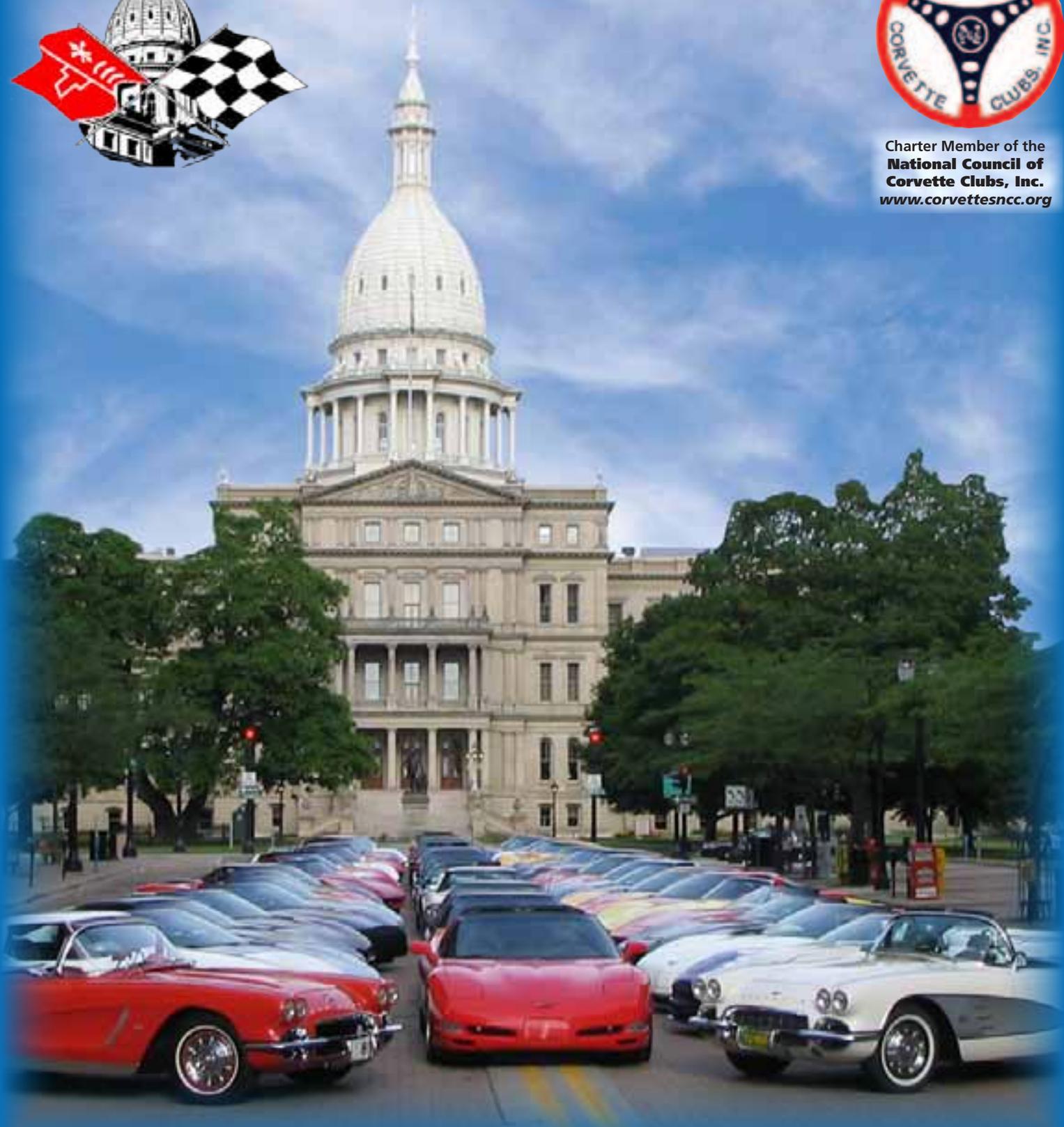
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# ***THE CONNECTION***

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## ***Upcoming Events***

### **General Membership Meeting**

March 7th • 7:00 p.m. • Dinner & Social Hour – 6:00 p.m.  
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### **Lets Meet For Breakfast**

Saturday • March 17th • 9:00 a.m.  
Blondie's Barn • 5640 Marsh Road • Haslett

### **Board Meeting**

March 21st • 6:30 p.m.  
Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### **GM Heritage Center Tour**

Saturday • March 24th • 10:00 a.m.  
See Flyer for Details on page 12

### **Lunch - Inspired by the Letter "M"**

Saturday • March 31st • 12:00 p.m.  
Max & Erma's • 2515 Lake Lansing Road • Eastwood Towne Center • Lansing

### **Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival**

Saturday • April 28th • 8:30 a.m.  
Meet at the Quality Dairy on W. Saginaw by Art Van leaving by 8:45 a.m.

## ***March Birthdays***

Joe Thomas (4th) • Rich Bratschi (5th) • Pat Cripe (5th)  
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Janet Iansiti (20th) • Sandy Bechtel (24th)



### **Newsletter Article Deadline**

Send all newsletter articles to [scott@keyprintgroup.com](mailto:scott@keyprintgroup.com) by the 23rd of the month.

# FROM THE PRESIDENT

Oh, how I envy people who live where they can drive their Vettes all year around. I write this in view of the ocean, and also in view of those lucky enough to be driving their Corvettes along this scenic route in eastern Florida. Janet and I are wishing there was a way we could have driven, dragged, pushed, or transported our car here, but I think we had enough load pulling our RV along at 8.5 mpg. Maybe next year I can figure out a way to make it happen without breaking the bank. For now, we can dream about spring in Michigan, while watching the flowers and trees bloom in Florida. If we could only get clear of these new allergies we have somehow grown into.



*(Photo: Old me in an Old Oak tree, St. Simon Island, GA)*

We are just down the road from Eckler's headquarters. But, due to space limitations and lack of willpower, decided not to stop and shop around. It would be too easy to pick up all those accessories that I think I need, and avoid the shipping charges. So much stuff; so little room.

I have been out of the loop, so to speak. It looks like things have been running along smoothly under the guiding hand of Simon and crew. There was never a doubt in my mind. I do, however, miss all of you, and look forward to getting back home soon, if for no other reason than to join everyone for breakfast, lunch, or dinner. Did someone say food? Maybe I'll go out on the dock and catch dinner.

Stay warm and safe. See you all soon!

*Craig*



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# 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention

Submitted by Gloria Reiffer



## Corvette Family Members.....

West Region is looking forward to hosting you at the 53<sup>rd</sup> NCCC Convention. Yes, we are talking about the 53<sup>rd</sup> annual, and yes, 1953 was when the first Corvette was assembled and started a "Love Story" between sports car enthusiasts and the Corvette.

We in NCCC really have a "thing" for our cars, and like being with others who enjoy their Corvette and/or Corvettes. It's for this reason that NCCC has an annual Convention – a time to get together for fun! Come to Topeka, Kansas, June 23-29 and have fun with your Corvette family.

Do you like autocross? Competition events will be held at Heartland Park Topeka. The low-speed autocross will take place on a 23-acre pad with a course designed to challenge your driving skills. If it's high speed autocross you prefer – sign up now and look forward to a well-designed 2.3 mile course. Oh, you say you prefer drags, bring your best car because you're going to have a great time on Heartland's first-class drag strip. This NHRA track has seen some of American's best drag racers blast down this strip and now it's your turn to enjoy the thrill. If you love drag racing then Heartland Park has your Christmas tree in June!



Maybe racing isn't your choice; don't worry, we have a lot of things planned for our non-racing family. The Concours and People's Choice Car shows will be held on Sunday. It will be a time to show off the best you've got...wax her up and show her off! Enter your tow rig into the Concours judging.

How about a parade! There will be one *huge* parade on Wednesday evening. We will travel south approximately 5 miles down Topeka Blvd to Heartland Park, drive around the track and make our way back to the State Capitol grounds for a summer picnic. Close your eyes and imagine up to 250 gorgeous Corvettes all in a row – now that's a parade! You'll want to be a part of this!

You want more...how about the Rallye that will introduce you to some historic information about Topeka. The fun doesn't stop there; enjoy a Wizard of Oz themed Funkhana! Have you started working on your

Valve Cover Racer? Not only will you go for speed and distance, but your car will be entered in the Valve Cover People's Choice Car Show!

West Region is offering four exciting guided day-trips. One will introduce you to some of what Topeka has to offer including a delicious lunch at the Top of the Tower restaurant, one of Topeka's finest and the one with the best 16<sup>th</sup> floor view in town. How about bus trips? West Region will have two for you to pick from on Wednesday. One will take you to the Harley-Davidson Plant near Kansas City where you'll go to the factory floor and witness all kinds of assembly excitement - frame-bending, robotic welding technology, laser-cutting.....and more. Then on to view the "Steamboat Arabia," a boat that spent

132 years buried in the earth of Missouri. The other will give you a narrated historical tour of Independence, Mo., the site of the beginning of the Santa Fe, Oregon and California trails. Hear about the bloody Kansas Border Wars and the outlaws who rode the area. Tour the Harry Truman Presidential Library and have lunch at the world famous Country Club Plaza.

With so much to do it will hard to choose?

Want more...West Region will give you an opportunity to view first-hand the beautiful Flint Hills of Kansas. Spring will be an awesome time for you to drive the winding roads, view the rock fences and enjoy the beauty. You will make your way to Manhattan's Colbert Hills Golf Course for lunch in their club house decorated with Kansas limestone. From there you will see the Blast of the Past Museum, a private collection of band organs, juke boxes, carousel horses, restored gas pumps and more. You'll even have a chance to purchase wine with a Wizard of Oz label and tour a city of antique stores before returning to Topeka in time to take part in the parade.

This is just a sample of what West Region has to offer at the, NCCC's 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention...it's all about fun with the family. Remember registration opens February 1, 2012!

*See you there,*

LARRY BEEBE, CONVENTION DIRECTOR  
LINDA SIECRIST, CO-DIRECTOR

*Let's Meet For Breakfast*

**Blondie's Barn**

**5640 Marsh Rd • Haslett**

**9:00 a.m.**

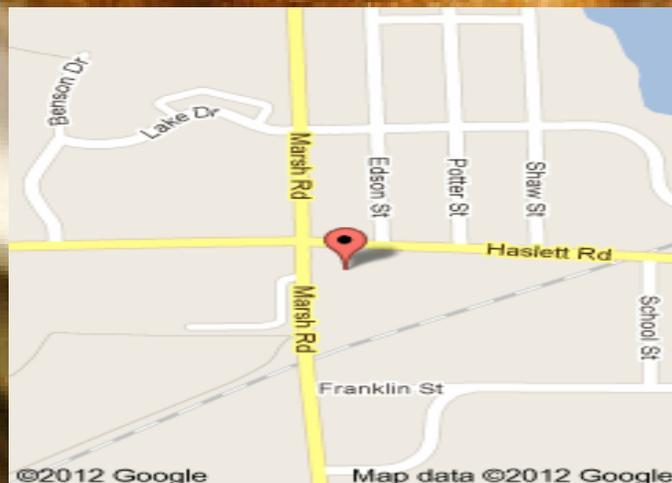
**Saturday • March 17th , 2012**

**RSVPS: Sign Up Sheet At March 7th**

**Membership Meeting**

**Randy Buck 517-937-8642**

**Rnbuck1220@hotmail.com**



# 2014 Chevrolet Corvette: First Prototype Caught Testing in Canada

Source: [www.autoblog.com](http://www.autoblog.com) & [www.insideline.com](http://www.insideline.com) • Images: KGP Photography



The Corvette is the very definition of a halo car, and the fact that 2013 marks its sixtieth year in production is nothing short of a miracle. The seventh-generation Corvette is still a model year away, during which time Chevy plans to send off the C6 with a special edition 60th Anniversary 427 Convertible.

Spy photographers have caught a glimpse of the 2014 Corvette undergoing cold-weather testing in Canada. It's the first time that the seventh-generation Corvette has been spotted in public.

The heavily camouflaged prototype reveals a few minor details about the upcoming sports car. It will clearly retain the classic long-nose, short-deck configuration of its predecessors, but the profile of the car will feature a more distinct wedge shape. Comparing profile shots of this prototype with the C6, it's apparent that the front wheels have moved farther forward, increasing the dash-to-axle ratio and likely the wheelbase. The rear end also appears to be larger, with a higher deck lid and slightly longer overhang. It also ap-

pears that this prototype's side mirrors are a different shape than the C6's, and its dual tailpipes are positioned closer together to form a perfectly spaced line of four pipes.

There's no evidence of a split rear window and a mid-engine layout is clearly not in the cards. These photos should put those wild rumors to rest, but what's under the hood and how the interior has been improved are still unknowns.

Shooters on the scene described an exhaust note that was most definitely of the V8 variety. Although an earlier report suggested that a small-displacement turbocharged V8 might be used, the sound of this prototype was more in line with a more typical normally aspirated, large-displacement V8. Most speculation suggests that this Corvette will get a roughly 5.5-liter V8 that uses direct injection and variable valve timing to develop around 500 horsepower. There are also reports that the C7 Corvette will feature a seven-speed manual transmission.

The official unveil of the 2014 Chevrolet Corvette is expected at next year's North American International Auto Show in Detroit in January 2013.



*Saturday March 24th*



*Our friends from Huron Valley Corvette Club have invited us to join them for a tour of the GM Heritage Center*

*Meet at 8:30 at the east-bound I-96 Rest Area  
halfway between exits 133 (M-59) and 137 (D-19)*

*Or at 9:45 at the  
GM Heritage Center  
6400 Center Drive  
Sterling Heights, MI 48312*

*RSVP by Feb 26 to Ted or Julie Lasher 810-360-7433 or 7434  
([lashers@chartermi.net](mailto:lashers@chartermi.net))*

*\$20 / person by check at the door*

# Retro Futuristic 1959 Corvette

Source: [www.digitaltrends.com](http://www.digitaltrends.com)



How often do we get the opportunity to have help in imagining a Corvette of the future? Well, certainly, we have reported much speculation on the C7, and we are still hungry for pictures of the real deal. But what if we specifically took a Corvette of the past, and imagined it into the future?

Former design studio manager at General Motors Brasil, Nelson Barros, who has had more than 30 years of experience in the auto industry, recently sent CarBodyDesign some very interesting design sketches. Barros, who worked for GM from 1969 to 2006 created a series of futuristic concept interpretations based on classic cars from the 20th century.



Using his talent and experience, Barros has given us a glimpse into the future with his concept drawings. The cars Barros chose to revisit were the Jaguar XK 120, 1950 Studebaker Commander, 1973 Ford Maverick, and 1959 Corvette.

Rarely is the future left untouched by the past. This is especially so when it comes to automobiles where brands,

makes, and models often carry with them strong former influences and features. It would appear Barros echoes this sentiment. Each design's for his future concepts rely heavily on the original models while injecting a futuristic twist. The Studebaker retains the iconic bullet nose grille it is known for, the Jaguar features the originals classic slim grille and stacked "V" shaped lights, the Ford Maverick's muscular front end and imposing yellow and black paint job have made the modern jump, and of course there's the 1959 Corvette with its red-white livery and tapered chassis.



We have to admit we are impressed with Barros' work. The only model we are admittedly not crazy about is the Ford Maverick (it resembles too closely a modern Chevy Camaro). With the one exception, it's nice to see retirement hasn't diminished Barro's talent one bit. While it would be nice to hold out for a real modern recreation of the classic Studebaker, the odds are that it'll probably never happen.



# LUNCH

*Inspired by the letter...*



Hosted By  
Angela Hyde



**March 31st • 12:00 p.m.**  
**Max & Erma's • 2515 Lake Lansing Road • Lansing, MI**  
**RSVP: vettechic@hotmail.com**  
**Sign Up Sheets at the March 7th Meeting**

# 1960 JRG Special Corvette Racer Sells for \$88,878 at Bonhams Paris

by Steve Burns, [www.corvetteblogger.com](http://www.corvetteblogger.com) • Source: [Bonhams.com](http://Bonhams.com)



This classic 1960 Corvette racer was sold February 2nd at the Bonhams Paris sale. It is a sister car to the cars that ran Le Mans in 1960. The gold-with-red-stripes racer owned by Corvette author and enthusiast Tom Falconer changed hands for €67,850 with all fees. That's \$88,878 to you and me.

Falconer wrote 'Original Corvette 1953-1962' and is Judging Chairman of the UK Chapter of the NCRS.

The JRG Special began its career in the 1960s with an owner from Long Island, New York. The hard top-only Corvette represents SCCA B-Production cars of that time. Modifications were minimal with just the bumpers and hubcaps removed. After its road racing career ended it was converted over for drag racing duty.



Bernie Chodosh found the car in 1989 laying in a back yard in Long Island. The rear fenders had been cut to make way for some sticky drag slicks. Only the roll-bar remained to hint at this car's racing past. The hard top was long gone.

Bernie and Tom planned the restoration during a conversation about a hardtop Falconer had recently purchased. Tom

generated a rendering of the finished car in felt-tip pen and crayon. From there plans were set forth to transport the JRG racer from New York across the Atlantic Ocean to Kent, England. The 12-month restoration yielded a period-correct race car. They added reinforcing gussets to the chassis as were recommended in GM's performance leaflets. Speculation is that one Zora Arkus-Duntov created these documents. The suspension is stock but now also sports some period gusseting and racing caster settings. The brakes are period heavy-duty drums, with vents drilled for cooling. The original steel wheels are finished in Roman Red, in lieu of the pricier Halibrand wheels found on the Le Mans cars. The 370hp cast iron 283ci was tuned by race engine specialist Gary Steffens.

The JRG special made its debut at Goodwood on March 3rd 2007 where it gained its FIA papers. It has since been campaigned by Chodosh and John Young in various historic and endurance events at Le Mans, Spa, Silverstone, Brands Hatch, and Snetterton.

In 2011 it was brought up to UK road specifications including legal lighting and a second race seat. The co-pilot's chair allows it to qualify for international road endurance events. It also passed the UK's roadworthiness test in December. In addition, the drivetrain has been refreshed with a new clutch and flywheel and a slightly quieter road exhaust.

The pre-auction estimate was €55,000 to €65,000 and the final bid fell right inside that range. The total price including commission was €67,850 which converts to just under \$89,000. We don't know where the JRG Special's new home is located, but we hope the new owner will continue to drive and race this unique piece of Corvette history.



# National Corvette Museum News & Events

Submitted by Joe Thomas, NCM Ambassador

## 2012 National Corvette Museum Schedule

Clicking on a blue heading will take you to the Corvette Museums website for more information on that event!

### [MiM Sebring Tour](#)

March 12 - 17

### [Long Beach Benefit](#)

April 12

### [NCM Bash](#)

April 26 - 28

### [Corvette Racing Banquet](#)

May 11, 2012

### [C4/ZR-1 Gathering](#)

May 17 - 19

### [Barn Raising II – Vette Barn](#)

May 24 – 26

### [Z06 Fest](#)

May 30

### [ZspeedFest](#)

May 31 – June 2

### [VIR HPDE](#)

June 25 - 26

### [Performance Tour III](#)

July 20 - 21

### [Anniversary Celebration & Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony](#)

August 30 – September 1

### [NCM Benefit at HOD Thunderhill](#)

September 5 - 6

### [Historic Motorama Reunion](#)

September 26 – 29\*

### [NCM Benefit at HOD Autobahn](#)

October 1\*

### [R8C Reunion](#)

October 4 - 6

### [1-Lap of Kentucky – Artisans & Musicians](#)

October 16 – 20\*

### [American Warrior Recognition](#)

October 31

### [Vets 'n Vettes](#)

November 1 – 3

\*Stay informed of event news by subscribing to [E-NEWS](#)

## Club and Museum Buy One Acre

For years, the Corvettes of Charlotte County (a club based in Punta Gorda, FL) have held their meetings and shows at Rick Treworgy's Muscle Car City Museum. After discussing the One Acre campaign for many months, a member suggested the club go for it and they brought it to a vote - unanimously deciding to support the Motorsports Park Project by committing to a half acre.



Many members of the club volunteer at Rick's museum, and in speaking with him about their recent commitment to NCM, Rick decided he'd go in with them, bringing the commitment to a full acre.

Rick has been collecting cars for 40 years, purchasing an empty former Wal-Mart building and converting it into a Museum which now houses 220 cars. He has displayed a car at NCM, and holds many car shows, raising funds for charity. In fact, the club is having a show there this Sunday, February 26.

Thanks to the club and Rick for their support!

## Race Ramps Partners with NCM

Race Ramps has partnered with the Museum to provide two sets of Portable

Pit Stop (PPS) ramps to be used for displays in the museum, lifts at our HPD events and for demos during our basic mechanics classes. The Portable Pit Stops allow a car to be driven up and placed on raised platforms with bridge sections between the wheels able to be removed leaving the car sitting on four corner blocks.

"For educational purposes, we will be able to place a lighted display mirror under the vehicle to provide a much better view of what's going on under the car," said Roc Linkov, Events Manager.

"This will be a great asset not only for displays, but also for working on cars at our High Performance Driving Schools."



In addition to the two PPS, Race Ramps has supplied a trailer side kick, the show mirror and two sets of Trailer Mates Fronts & Rears.

## Don and Allan Barker to be Inducted

The Kentucky Motorsports Hall of Fame has announced that its 2012 induction ceremony will take place on Saturday, August 11, at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green.

This year's class includes Corvette Hall of Fame Inductees and Sports Car Club of America road racing champions



Don and Allan Barker of Louisville, KY!

### Other inductees include:

- Collings Downes Sr. and Jr. of Louisville, APBA and NHRA champions
- Butch Krieger of Louisville, drag racing and tractor pull announcer
- Joseph Reynolds (Joie) Ray Jr. of Louisville, groundbreaking oval track sprint car racer
- John Potts of London, long-time track and sanctioning body official
- Tommy Thompson of Louisville, NASCAR pioneer driver and oval track owner
- Darrell Waltrip of Owensboro, three-time NASCAR champion
- Wayne and Jim Williams of Valley Station, drag strip builders and operators
- Woosley, Sharp and Reynolds of Winchester, NHRA championship dragster team

**Congratulations to Don and Allan, and to the class of 2012!**





# ***Bowling with Jackson Corvette Club***

**Sunday, April 15, 2012  
1:30 P.M.**

**Cost: \$15.00 per hour/per lane  
(4 people per lane, shoes included)**

**Location: City Limits  
801 N. Cedar St., Mason, MI**

***We will be staying after bowling  
for a bite to eat!***

# Lansing Area Quarter Midget Racing

by Capitol Quarter Midget Club



**W**elcome to CQMA – the capitol quarter midget club located in Lansing Michigan.

Quarter Midget racing is a form of automobile racing for kids. The cars are approximately one quarter (1/4) the size of a full size midget car. A quarter midget track is typically 1/20th of a mile in length, and has a surface of dirt, concrete, or asphalt. Current upper class quarter midgets can exceed 50 miles per hour, but remain safe due to the limited size of the track and strong roll cage designs. Unlike Go-Karts, Quarter Midgets feature full four wheel independent suspension and full roll cages. All specifications are closely set by the national governing board and enforced at each local club race by officials. The drivers are typically are of age 5 to 16. However, the entire family is involved in putting on the race day activities. The race events are put on by the membership within the club. All positions are voluntary. Flagging, corner workers, race scorers, pit stewarding, and even the concession stands are all run by the membership. Sponsorship is always welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Quarter Midgets have been around in one form or another since before World War II. Quarter Midget

racing is now held in virtually all 50 continental United States and in Canada. There were over 4,000 drivers in the United States in 2007. Quarter Midget racing is a family oriented sport that involves racing in specially prepared cars. The cars, rules and safety procedures are designed specifically for kids. The cars, full roll cages, racing clothing, helmets, gloves, neck braces, safety belts, arm restraints, mechanical components, etc. are covered by National safety rules. There are many brands of cars as well as custom cars made by individuals. Many second-hand cars in good condition can be found and are perfect for starter cars. The costs can run from \$1500 for an older used car, to nearly \$6000 for a brand new car set up for the upper, faster classes. Stock motors range in price from below \$500 to well over \$3000 for a motor depending on class and preparation. Tires start at \$50 a tire.

The CAPITOL QUARTER MIDGET ASSOCIATION has existed in Lansing, Michigan since 1959 and has provided many decades of family fun. The Track is located behind Rookies Restaurant and Bar at 16460 S Hwy 27, Lansing, Mi 48906. ( It is about 3 miles south of

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# Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Grand Parade Saturday, April 28th

**Will meet at 8:30am at the Quality Dairy on W. Saginaw  
(by the Art Van). Leaving by 8:45 to arrive by 9:30.**

**We will walk into town for breakfast and then  
have time to see the crafts before heading back to our cars for the  
parade which starts at 2:00 p.m.**

**After the parade we will travel to The Mexican Connexion  
in Hastings for a bite to eat.**

**For more information or to RSVP contact  
Carol Putmon (517) 331-4629 or Randy Putmon (517) 281-6421  
or by email at [rputmon@hotmail.com](mailto:rputmon@hotmail.com)**

***Since the weather in Michigan can be so unpredictable in  
early spring be prepared for anything.***





- It's a family sport - all races are staffed and run by family volunteers from local tracks.
- Drivers develop physical skills such as coordination, timing, alertness, basic mechanical theory.
- Internal strength is developed through sportsmanship, self-reliance, accomplishment and recognition.
- It can be as big or as small as desired (i.e. just local racing or National touring)
- It's just plain fun!

You are welcome to visit their track, meet the members and racers, and watch a race. Our track has a detailed website with a lot of good information. Also, our club has a training program where your child can actually learn the rules and how to drive the car before ever being placed in a competitive situation. These

the I-69 and Old US-27 interchange. From Downtown Lansing, it is approximately 3 to 3 1/2 miles north on Larch Street ). The whole family is invited to get very involved with dad as Crew Chief and Mechanic, mom working in the Tower helping score races, and big brothers and sisters working in the snack bar. Lots of little brothers, sisters and racers can be found playing all day around the track, in the race-car trailers and motorhomes. We typically race on Saturdays and some Friday Nights. There is also a National series taking place all over the country if so desired.

Even though it is competitive, families have become involved for the following reasons:



programs are HIGHLY recommended - for your child's safety and the safety of other drivers on race day. We can even rent/provide all equipment needed for training, so you can check out the sport without investing a lot of your own money. Many of today's most recognizable names in racing got their start in quarter midgets including; A.J. Foyt, Jeff Gordon, Sarah Fisher, Jimmy Vasser, Joey Logano, Brad Keselowski, Terry Labonte, and Bobby Labonte to name a few.

If you have any questions about our Club or about Quarter Midget Racing, please contact Jason Smith at 517-526-0680. He would be more than happy to assist you.

**ADMISSION TO THE RACES IS ALWAYS FREE!!!**





**Michigan Region  
National Council of Corvette Clubs  
2011 Awards Banquet  
April 14th, 2012**



What: **2011 Michigan Region Awards Banquet**  
 Host: **Corvette Club of Battle Creek**  
 Date: **Saturday April 14th, 2012**  
 Location: **Riverside Country Club**  
           **245 Columbia Avenue, Battle Creek, MI 49014**  
 Cost: **\$27.50 per Person**  
 Time: **Social 6:30 - 7:30pm (Appetizers & Cash Bar)**  
       **Dinner: 7:30pm**  
       **Guest Speaker: Gilmore Car Museum**  
       **Awards & Door Prizes Following Dinner**  
       **50/50 Drawings**

**Note: All Region Clubs are asked to donate a door prize in the amount of \$30**

\*\*\*\*\* MENU \*\*\*\*\*

**Social Hour : Appetizers & Cash Bar**  
**Buffet Dinner: Two meats (beef and chicken ) , hot vegetables, salads, potatoes, rolls, coffee & tea , & dessert .**



\*\*\*\*\* Directions \*\*\*\*\*

**From the East :** Take I-94 West  
 Take exit **98B** to merge onto **I-194 N/M-66 N** toward **Downtown/Battle Creek** 1.8 mi  
 Take exit **2** for **M-96/Columbia Ave** 0.3 mi  
 Turn left onto **M-96 W/E Columbia Ave** Riverside Country Club will be on the right

**From the West :** Take I-94 East  
 Take exit **98B** to merge onto **I-194 N/M-66 N** toward **Downtown/Battle Creek** 1.8 mi  
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\*\*\*\*\* Accommodations - I94 Exit 97 & Exit 98 \*\*\*\*\*

1. Holiday Inn , 12812 Harper Village Dr, Battle Creek, MI 49014 , (269) 979-0500
2. Hampton Inn, 1150 Riverside Dr, Battle Creek, MI 49015, (269) 979-5577
3. Best Western Executive Inn , 5090 Beckley Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49015, (269) 979-8506
4. Howard Johnson , 5050 Beckley Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49015, (269) 979-1100
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7. Comfort Inn, 2590 Capital Ave SW, Battle Creek, MI 49015, (269) 965-3201

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Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$\_\_\_\_\_

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**Make Check payable to: Michigan Region Treasurer**

**Mail to: Corvette Club of Battle Creek , 117 Shadow Bend Ln. Battle Creek Mi 49014**

**RSVP Deadline - Saturday March 31st.**

# New Ownership at Bloomington Gold

by STEVE BURNS • [www.corvetteblokker.com](http://www.corvetteblokker.com) • Source: Bloomington Gold



**B**loomington Gold announced last week that Corvette aficionado Guy Larsen has purchased the show from the Mecum Family. According to the release, Larsen has already been involved with both the 2013 move to Champaign and the newly released judging criteria for engine stamps.

Larsen's original philosophy is that "Corvettes are meant to be driven", which was one of the motivating factors behind the site move for next year's show. Read any of the major Corvette message boards and you can see that many attendees want more opportunities to drive their cars rather than show them or just look at other Corvettes. Hopefully this is another clue that more driving-type events are in our future.

Larsen acquired his first Corvette at age 22 and hasn't looked back since. He continuously improves his assortment with better and more desirable cars. According to Bloomington CEO David Burroughs "Guy is uniquely suited

for this leadership role"...He can relate to all our customer segments because he has first hand experience with so many aspects of the Corvette hobby/industry. He's personally done frame off restorations, had Corvettes Gold Certified, served as Director of all Bloomington Gold judges, owns a (non-automotive) national trade show business serving exhibitors and vendors, and drives a C6 ZR1 for the fun of it with his wife Beverly. Guy, not only has a great business mind, he also has good common sense, even temperament, and is a true reflection of the customers and enthusiasts Bloomington Gold has served for 40 years. He's a true "Corvette Guy".

Registration for the 2012 Bloomington Gold extravaganza is now open. If you're looking to pursue Survivor, Gold, or Benchmark awards, follow the link to sign up.

The show takes place June 21-24, 2012 at the Pheasant Run Resort in St. Charles, Illinois.



# Capital City Corvette Club

## February 1, 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

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

**President: Craig Iansiti** called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. Craig gave a few details about his recent trip to Arizona.

A question came up about how many years the club had been meeting at the Delhi Café and it was determined to be 8 or 9 years.

Craig also announced that Dave and Pat Cripe are closing their shop on South Washington Avenue. Betty's Buttons will have an auction on February 11th at 10:00 AM. Dave had flyers available for anyone who is interested.

The club received a thank you letter from the Greater Lansing Food Bank for their donation of food at Christmas time. The letter stated that the club had given them 170 lbs. of food.

### Board of Director Reports:

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** said he had received and delivered the 2012 NCCC lapel pins that had been ordered by club members. He said if he had any extras they would be for sale at \$3.00 each.

On line registration is now available for the 2012 convention. NCCC is asking club members to save the corks from wine bottles as they are using them for some kind of decoration. Simon will collect any you would like to donate.

Legacy is the new insurance agent for the NCCC. Contact information and waiver forms are available on the NCCC website. Simon will confirm whether the old forms are still valid or if we need to use new ones.

The annual website contest is currently open but CCCC will not be eligible to enter this year since we won first place last year. The newsletter contest is also in progress with the first issue period, January through May, due to be sent for judging.

Simon reminded everyone that NCCC has a promotional display available to be used at shows and it can be reserved on their website. Also, NCCC scholarship information and forms are on line and the deadline for applications is May 12, 2012.

He reminded everyone that all the latest news and the regional calendar are all available on the NCCC website.

Simon also announced that he had his newly painted car back from the shop.

**Points Director: Kim Keith** awarded Simon his set of Corvette glasses he earned as one of the 2011 Top Ten. He

also reminded everyone to sign in, announced he had static clings for sale and that the points were up to date with the exception of the Meet for Lunch attendees from the previous Saturday.

**Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer** said she finally got the invoice from ATT for the website and the annual cost is now down to \$195.48 per year. She said the website is much more stable since the switch.

**Secretary: Janet Iansiti** asked that minutes from the January 2012 meeting be approved. The minutes were approved. Janet extended a thank you to Colleen Bratschi for filling in as Secretary and doing the minutes in her absence.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** discussed the past and current budgets and explained some differences between the two. The different was due to a donation for 2010 that did not get written until 2011, rounding the HAZ proceeds up by almost \$500, and a loan of \$250 to the scholarship fund. A detailed budget report was made available to any member wishing to peruse it. Mike also discussed the current checking account balance, and the CD balances. The John Bechtel Scholarship CD was renewed and he took \$250 from that and paid back the checking account. President Craig Iansiti asked for an approval of the 2012 budget and it was approved.

**Competition Director: Rich Bratschi** stated that he and the Jackson club had decided to go ahead with the low speed event at Spartan Speedway again this year because there isn't any other available site that is better. He is waiting to hear back on a question regarding sanction numbers before he makes the deposit and gives insurance information to Jim at Spartan.

Rich commented that Steve Massey from the Jackson club is doing well after the loss of his wife thanks to tremendous support from his club members. He even took a trip to Florida recently. Everyone was glad to hear the news.

**Editorial Director: Scott Bauries** had nothing to report.

**Membership Director: Dave Pursel** reported we currently have 88 members (3 are honorary) and 58 FCOA members. He is still having problems with his printer and therefore did not have new membership cards for those who are waiting. They should be available at the March meeting.

**Public Relations Director: Randy Buck** had nothing to report.

**Social Director: Sandy Bechtel** was absent but Carol Putmon passed out candy bars to those members who have

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## February 1, 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes, Continued

January birthdays. All upcoming events were listed on the meeting agenda.

**Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher** was not present.

**Historian: Sue Keith** showed everyone a club newsletter from February 1992, 20 years ago. She read highlights from the newsletter and recounted events and Corvette statistics from that year.

**NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas** was not present.

**Photographer: Ted Lasher** said he had one 2012 calendar that was not picked up and that he would sell it at a discount if anyone wanted it. Ted said the proceeds from the calendars produced \$103 for the John Bechtel Scholarship fund.

Ted also mentioned that according to the latest membership list, there is only one member car that is not pictured on our website. Of course that is with the exception of Howard Parks who has multiple cars. Howard was again the only person who drove a Corvette to the meeting. Ted said it was his "February car".

Ted reminded everyone that if they are going to attend the GM Heritage Center tour in March he needs the money by the end of January at the latest. The trip is being planned by the Huron Valley Club that joined us on our trip last year. He said the Center regularly swaps out cars so even if you have been there before, you will see something different this time.

**Quartermaster: Randy Putmon** was not present and Carol said he had nothing to report.

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Ribar** had nothing to report.

The only member comment was from Greg Kapp who noted that the new Corvette prototype ran at Daytona last weekend and it was so popular that the infield was sold out. He said the Rolex Series will run at Belle Isle this year and that he will get information on tickets. They normally have a Corvette corral at the race.

The 50/50 raffle was won by Sue Politza.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted by Janet Iansiti, Secretary*





# Capital City Corvette Club



## Participation Points as of February 18, 2012

0	Jim Balla*	0	Randy Gisse	0	Shalimar Maynard	2	David Sowders
9	Sandy Bechtel	0	Vidal Gonzalez	0	Diana Mosher	0	Fran Sowders
3	James Boettcher	2	Ward Harris	0	Barb Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
3	Mara Boettcher	2	Howard Hein	0	Steve Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
1	Colleen Bratschi	0	Jim Hoppin**	0	Dominique Palacios	1	Alex Spitzley
6	Rich Bratschi	6	Angela Hyde	0	Jerry Palacios	1	Joan Spitzley
4	Connie Britz	8	Craig Iansiti	8	Diana Parks	0	Janet Sprague
9	Mike Britz	8	Janet Iansiti	8	Howard Parks	0	Michael Sprague
5	NancyLee Buck	0	Dick Iding**	0	Joe Platte	0	Ralph Swan
10	Randy Buck	1	Greg Kapp	2	Ed Politza	0	Susan Swan
0	Chris Burke	7	Kim Keith	2	Suzanne Politza	2	Connie Taylor
1	Terry Burke	5	Sue Keith	6	David Pursel	2	Tom Taylor
1	Dennis Burt	0	Fred Koos	0	Kathryn Pursel	3	Joseph Thomas*
1	Sandy Burt	1	Sheila Lansing	4	Carol Putmon	5	Harold Twining
0	Dana Conley	6	Julie Lasher	5	Randy Putmon	4	Katherine Twining
0	Darrell Conley	6	Ted Lasher	9	Gloria Reiffer	1	Sue VanAtta-Wight
2	Dave Cripe*	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	9	Simon Reiffer	0	Lee Webster
1	Pat Cripe	0	Patrick Lickfeldt	6	Robert Ribar	0	Robert Wheeler
0	Darwin Day	1	Carlo Litrenta	3	Milton Scales	2	Larry Wight
1	Art Doty*	1	Janet Litrenta	0	Brenda Shatkosky*	0	Gary Wyma
1	Nancy Doty*	0	Lee MacGillivray**	0	Richard Shatkosky*	1	Kathy Wyma
0	Jennifer Everhart*	1	Bob Maynard	0	Thomas Sipka		

### Current 2012 Top Ten

10	Randy Buck	9	Gloria Reiffer	8	Janet Iansiti	7	Kim Keith
9	Sandy Bechtel	9	Simon Reiffer	8	Diana Parks		
9	Mike Britz	8	Craig Iansiti	8	Howard Parks		



\* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.

\*\* Honorary member of CCCC.

# Capital City Corvette Club

February 15, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** called the meeting to order at 6:26 P.M. Since there was not a quorum present this meeting could be used to discuss issues but no approvals could be made.

Club mail was addressed. Greenville Corvette Club sent information about their club. There was a thank you note to the club from Angela Hyde. St. Vincent's Home sent a request for charitable donations.

## Board of Director Reports:

**President: Craig Iansiti** – absent.

**Secretary: Janet Iansiti** – absent. January board minutes could not be approved due to not having a quorum. Minutes for this meeting were taken by **Colleen Bratschi**.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** – absent. Current financial statement was emailed to all board members before the meeting.

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** said the regional meeting is to be held on February 21st at La Seniorita Restaurant. The Governor's meeting will be at the end of February but Simon will not be attending.

He noted that software is being worked on at the NCCC level to make it possible for governors to vote electronically. Simon will report on that as needed. He noted that the Michigan Region is looking for a club to host the 2013 regional banquet.

**Points Director: Kim Keith** – absent. It was reported through Simon that all points are up to date.

**Membership Director: Dave Pursel** – absent.

**Editorial Director: Scott Bauries** had nothing to report.

**Competition Director: Rich Bratschi** reported he will be turning in 13 events at the regional meeting on February 21st to obtain sanction numbers for each. There was discussion about removing the sanction number from the Horsepower at the Zoo car show and moving it to the rally that will be held in June. This will be discussed further at the March board meeting.

Rich said the Spartan Speedway track is reserved for the club autocross event and a check will be needed for the deposit in March.

**Public Relations Director: Randy Buck** – absent.

**Social Director: Sandy Bechtel** reported on upcoming events. On March 31st there will be a Meet for Lunch at Max and Erma's. The time to meet is Noon. On April 15th there will be bowling with the Jackson Club at 1:30 P.M. She still needs to confirm the lanes with City Limits Bowling Center. On May 5th the CQMA Car Show/Fundraiser will be held at Rookies with midget racing. Sandy noted that all events are listed on the club calendar.

## Appointed Position Reports:

**Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer** had nothing to report.

**Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher** - absent.

**Historian: Sue Keith** – absent.

**NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas** – absent.

**Photographer: Ted Lasher** – absent.

**Quartermaster: Randy Putmon** – absent.

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Robert Ribar** – absent.

No club members other than those listed above were present for the meeting.

There was a discussion of the proposal to electronically approve board minutes. The conclusion was to continue the current process of posting the minutes but be sure to state they are a DRAFT until final approval has been obtained. No vote could be taken as a quorum was not present.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:08 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted by Janet Iansiti, Secretary*



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