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Capital City Corvette Club
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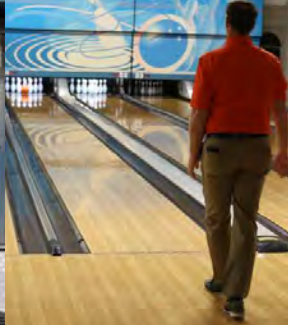
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97 Members
2 Honorary Members
30 FCOA



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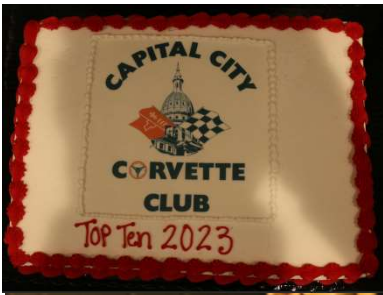
Capital City Corvette Club vs Jackson Corvette Club Sunday April 7, 2024





Bingo at Tamarack
Apartments
April 13, 2024





2023 Top Ten Awards Banquet

April 20, 2024





Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade

April 27, 2024



What you see here
What you hear here
What you say here
Stays here!

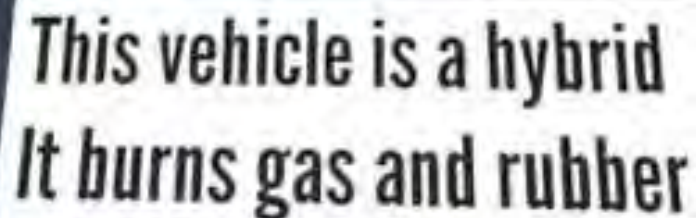




3 in 1 Mock / Instructional Rallye
April 28, 2024

ACTIVITIES FOR APRIL & BEYOND

- General Membership Meeting May 1
 - 7:00 PM @ Delhi Cafe
- Caravan to the Spring Cruise May 4
- Rookie Driving School May 5
- NCCC Convention – Joplin, MO May 13-19
- Board Meeting May 15
- Marshall Memorial Day Parade May 27
- Upcoming Events
 - Fill the Pantry June 9
 - Blessing of the Vettes June 15
 - National Corvette Day June 30
 - Birch Run Low Speed Auto Cross Aug 10 & 11
 - Corvette Crossroads Aug 24



*This vehicle is a hybrid
It burns gas and rubber*

Check out the Events Page on the CCCC Website for more information on upcoming NCCC, Local, Regional, and National Events.

[Event Flyers \(cccorvette.org\)](http://cccorvette.org)



Caravan To The Spring Cruise

Depart 7:00 AM 5/4 Okemos Exit 110 Tailgaters Parking Lot

Arrive at Matick: 8:15AM

Depart from Lingenfelter: Your Choice

Dinner on Return Trip TBD based on Participation

Sign up at a Membership Meeting or email

4c.President@ccc Corvette.org

*Must sign insurance Waiver



LINGENFELTER
COLLECTION

START POINT:

George Matick Chevrolet
14001 Telegraph Road
Redford, MI 48239

7:30AM - Registration Opens

9:00AM - Program

10:00 - Formation

10:30 AM - Departure

DESTINATION:

The Lingenfelter Collection
7812 Lochlin Drive

SPECIAL FEATURES:

Continental Breakfast
Matick & Lingenfelter Swag Giveaways
Special Police Escort During Cruise
Signed Posters By Ken Lingenfelter
Photo Ops At The Lingenfelter Collection

TO REGISTER:

<http://www.cccom2024springcruisetickets.eventbrite.com>

COST: \$50 Solo Driver
\$60 Driver & Guest

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: May 3, 2024

ALAN JOHNSON

ajohnson@matickchevy.com
734.365.3651

Matick Chevrolet

All Corvettes are welcome to participate! You can join the group from any exit East of I96 Exit 110 (Okemos Rd) or depart with us.

THE 2024 Mc LAUGHLIN/SIEBEL/MEESEMAN/CLEVELAND
MEMORIAL LOW SPEED DRIVING SCHOOL #14
SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 7:30 AM to approximately 4:00 PM
Rain or Shine, the event will take place.
Non-Sanction Event MI-548-NO1

PRESENTED BY:

CALHOUN COUNTY CORVETTES
KALAMAZOO CORVETTE CLUB

FEE:

\$70.00 per driver until 4/30
\$85.00 after 5/1 or DAY OF

LOCATION:

EATON PROVING GROUNDS, 19218 B DRIVE SOUTH, MARSHALL MI 49068

FROM THE EAST: Exit I-94 at Portello Rd. (Exit 112); then proceed west towards Marshall,
1.2 mi. to S. Marshall Ave.; turn LEFT (South) to Homer Rd. about .8 mi (light)
LEFT on Hughes St./Homer Rd (East) for 2.8 mi. (bear Right at “Y”) to B Drive South
RIGHT on B Dr. South to the Eaton Gate on the LEFT

FROM THE NORTH, SOUTH, or WEST: Exit I-69 at Michigan Ave. (Exit 36), go east towards town.
RIGHT (South) at the first light, on West Ave. and follow around to the LEFT
and becomes Industrial Dr. for 1 mi. to S. Kalamazoo Ave; RIGHT (South) for .5 mi. LEFT (East) on
Hughes St. (flashing light) which turns into Homer Rd. at the LIGHT, Proceed East on Homer Rd and
follow the directions as listed above.

ELIGIBILITY:

* DRIVERS WITH LIMITED OR NO LOW SPEED SANCTIONED RUNS IN THE MOST RECENT
YEAR (2023=14 Sanctioned events or less)

*FIRST 25 DRIVERS TO SUBMIT ENTRY FORMS, MINIMUM OF 10 STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED
FOR THE SCHOOL TO PROCEED (*Entries received after the school is full or the event is cancelled will
be returned*) Steel Bodies will be allowed IF there is space.

*MUST HAVE A HELMUT (SNELL Rated w/MFR. DATE 2014 OR NEWER)
HELMUTS MAY BE AVAILABLE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE

**REGISTRATION: 7:30 to 8:30 AM Sign up & Tech Inspection (Coffee & Donuts
included)**

CLASSES BEGIN: 9:30 AM WITH FIRST CAR OUT

-CLASS SIZES WILL CONSIST OF 4 TO 8 DRIVERS, EACH GROUP.

-A RUN WILL CONSIST OF 7 LAPS; W/INSTRUCTOR DRIVING LAP #4 (if you so choose)

THE DRIVER’S COURSE WILL INCLUDE:

- REVIEW OF N.C.C.C. RULES AND APPLICATIONS
- WALK AROUND THE TRACK W/AN INSTRUCTOR EXPLAINING VARIOUS TECHNIQUES
- TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS (Prior to the beginning of the runs)
=**PLEASE NOTE: ALL lose objects must be removed from your Corvette during the event**
- DRIVING TECHNIQUES (With an Instructor in your Corvette)
- TRIAL RUNS/TIMED RUNS (Morning & Afternoon)
- WORKING THE COURSE (While other drivers are on their runs)
- INSTRUCTOR REVIEWS (After each run)
- CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION AT THE END OF THE DAY

*******SEND ENTRY FORM & CHECK TO*******

PAYABLE TO: “CALHOUN COUNTY CORVETTES”

MAIL TO: Mark Hanlin, Event Chair
C/O CALHOUN COUNTY CORVETTES
127 Squaw Creek Rd.
Marshall, MI 49068 - 9520

ENTRY FORM

DRIVER'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

DAY TIME PHONE: _____ EVENING: _____

EMAIL: _____

CORVETTE YEAR/BODY STYLE: _____

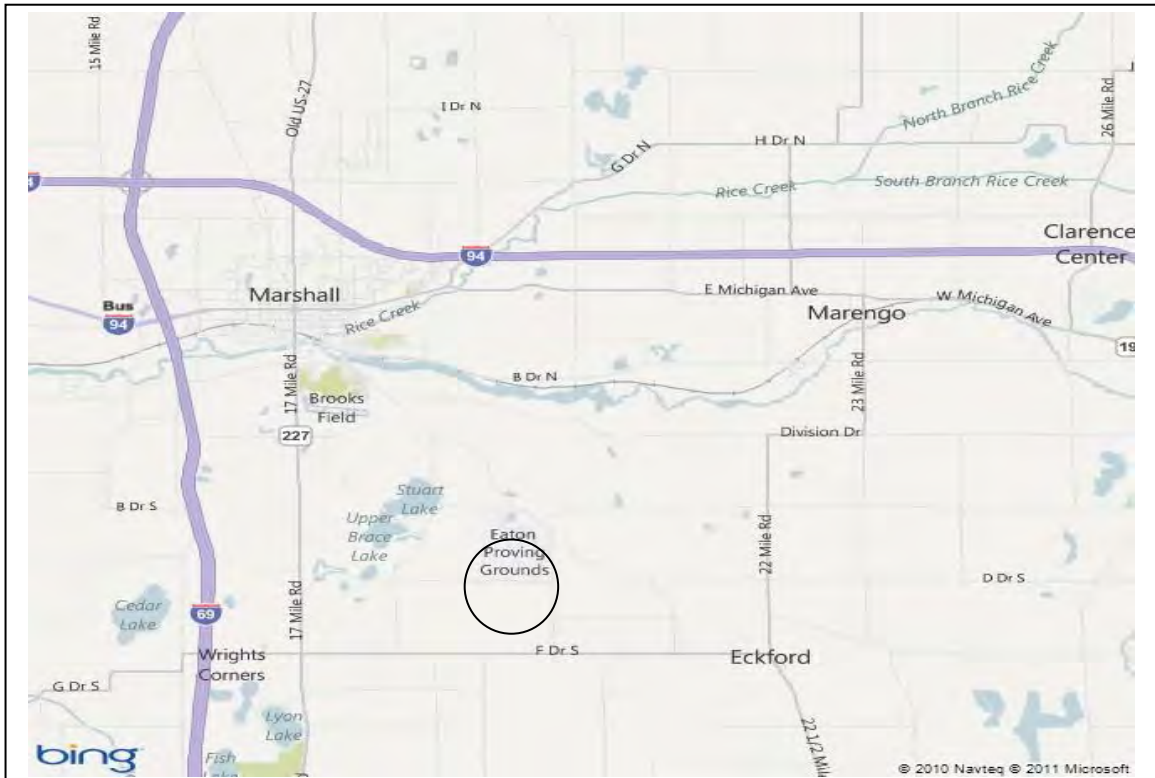
HELMUT NEEDED: Y N

Entries received before the cancelation of the event will be refunded in full.

All the above information is for the exclusive use of the sponsoring clubs and will not be made public or used for solicitation unless otherwise indicated by the giver of this information.

Detach and mail the above portion with your check

NOTE: Registration opens at 7:30 AM, 5/5, at the site, call **269-986-1099** if there are any issues.



Marshall Memorial Day Parade



Caravan to Marshall (Monday) May 27, 2024:

Leaving from the Fireside Grill, 6951 Lansing Road, at 8:00 a.m. SHARP! We will ask those who travel with CCCC to sign a waiver of liability form for insurance purposes. Upon arrival in Marshall, we will make a 10–15-minute stop at the Shell station (corner of Michigan Ave & Winston Dr) for snacks and a break.

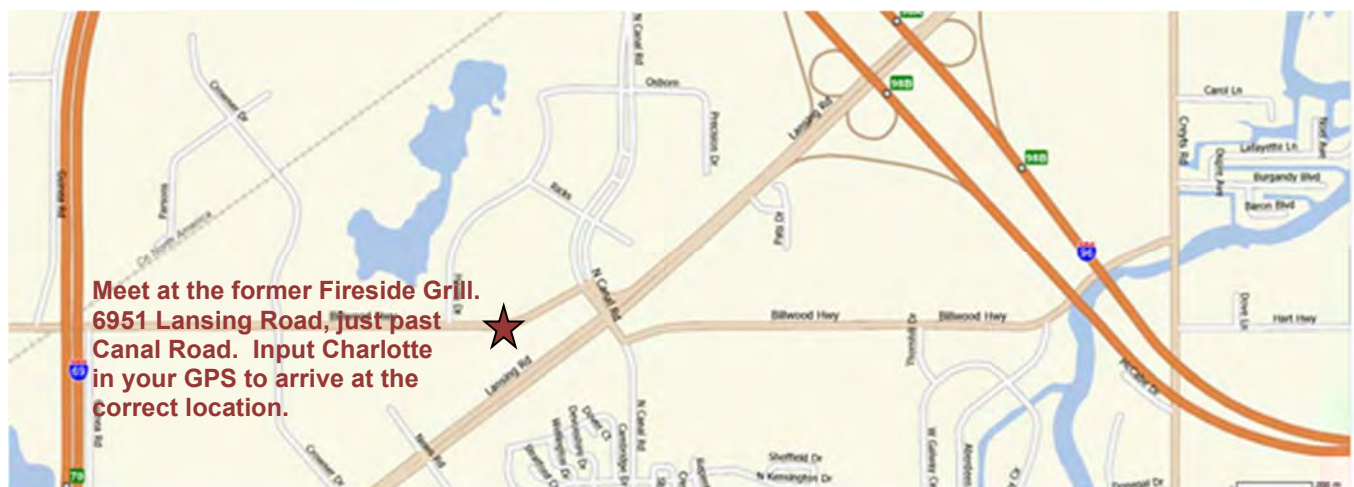
The Marshall VFW and American Legion organize this event to honor our Veterans. Parade line-up begins at 9:00. We will be directed on how to line up. Please follow directions as the two outer lanes must be kept open for those who live on Michigan Avenue. The parade begins at 10:00. NO BURNOUTS, per the City of Marshall Police Department.

After the Parade:

Meet other participants at the former K-Mart parking lot with for a brief “Unofficial Corvette Show.” We will then head to Applebee’s (1642 Packard Hwy, Charlotte) for lunch.

Questions???

Contact Simon Reiffer. Sign up at the May 1st Club meeting or email [grr51 @att .net](mailto:grr51@att.net).
(NOTE: This email address is being used for this event only. It isn’t monitored on a regular basis.)





*Corvettes filling the
Charles Terry Food Pantry
At*

ANTIOCH CHURCH

5430 S. Washington
Lansing MI 48911

Join us 6/9/24

You are welcome and encouraged to attend
but services are Optional
10:00AM Sunday School
11AM Sunday Service
Appx. Noon: Fellowship and
Thanks in Parking Area



Pastor Edward A and Lady Crystal



@antiochchurchoflansing



@Antioch Church Edward Thomas

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**CORVETTE
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Donations:



Cash App

\$Antioch5430



Arranged by Capital City Corvette Club
Find out more at CCCORVETTE.ORG

Connect with Antioch Church

*Non-NCCC Members will not be covered by NCCC Insurance



Blessing of the Vettes



Saturday, June 15th, 2024

Registration: 9:00AM - 10:00AM

Awards 12:45PM

Location: City Limits Sports Grill
801 N. Cedar Street
Mason, MI 48854



Blessing of the Vettes ~ Sponsored By:

Registration Fee: \$20.00

People's Choice Classes:

C1/C2 (53-67), C3 (68-82), C4 (84-96),
C5 (97-04), C6 (05-13), C7 (14-19),
C8 (20-24), Best of Show

Sponsor's Choice:

City Limits: Sponsor's Choice (53-24)

For more information visit:

www.cccorvette.org

NCCC Sanction #: MI-003-008/009



People's Choice Class Trophies ~ Sponsored By:



*All profits will be donated to the
VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids*

Two Funkhanas and two Rallyes will follow the Corvette show.
Driver and navigator are required. Registration closes at 12:45,
drivers meeting at 1:00, first car out at 1:15.

Cost: \$30 for all 4 OR \$15 Rallyes (MI-003-010/011) / \$15 Funkhanas MI-003-12,13).
Non-NCCC member participants, workers and spectators are not covered by NCCC insurance

Blessing of the Vettes Registration Form

Car # _____

Car number provided during registration.

Rallye/Funkhana:

Driver Navigator

Driver Navigator

Name: _____ NCCC #: _____

Name: _____ NCCC #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

NCCC Club Affiliation: _____

Car Show Entry by Class:

C1/C2 (53-67) C3 (68-82) C4 (84-96) C5 (97-04) C6 (05-13) C7 (14-19) C8 (20-24)

I wish to participate in the following events:

\$20.00 Car Shows/Blessing

\$15.00 Rallyes (Gimmick– Driver and Navigator 9yo+ required.)

\$15.00 Funkhanas (Driver and Navigator 9yo+ required.)

\$50.00 Car Shows, 2 Rallyes, 2 Funkhanas (Entering all events, not a mini-sponsor.)

\$70.00 Mini-Sponsor (Entering all events as a mini-sponsor.)

(Mini-sponsorships include an additional donation for the VFW National Home for Children. If not entering all three events, please indicate which events you will be participating in.)*

Total Paid:

\$

Disclaimer: I agree to release the Capital City Corvette Club and its affiliates or any other organizations of affiliated with this event from any liability for damages to my person or property. I accept sole responsibility for any damages that may be inflicted by me, my vehicle, or any other item belonging to me, to my property or other person who is participating in any manner in this event. I also am aware that no alcoholic beverages or narcotics are allowed in any area of this event prior to the end of the rallyes. I am aware that conduct at this event must be maintained in respectful fashion, as determined by the organizers of this event. I am aware that a driver and a navigator are required in order to participate in the rallyes.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Mail pre-paid mini-sponsorship to: Blessing of the Vettes, Capital City Corvette Club, PO Box 27295, Lansing MI 48909. Mini-sponsorships include a tax-deductible donation of \$20 or more, depending on the number of events you participate in. Mini-sponsors will be announced at the event and will be listed on the Blessing of the Vettes page of the Capital City Corvette Club Website. Tax receipt available upon request.*

Note: Non-NCCC member participants are not covered by NCCC Insurance.

Come Celebrate National Corvette Day



June 30, 2024

Join Capital City Corvette Club for a cruise across Lansing,
followed by a self-pay dinner with fellow Corvette enthusiasts!

Depart: 5:00 pm

From: Meijer South Lansing
6200 S Pennsylvania Ave



Hosted by:



Everyone Welcome!!!

Dinner: 6:00 pm

Location: Smokey Bones Lansing
2401 Lake Lansing Rd



Questions? Contact Kyle Felts
865.924.5685 or 4c.president@cccorvette.org

Insurance waiver must be signed. NCCC Insurance will not apply to non-NCCC Members.

2.2 NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER

SANCTION #: MI-003-001/002/003/004/005/006/007
CLUB: Capital City Corvette Club
DATE: August 10, 2024 (Saturday)

TYPE OF EVENT: Low Speed Autocross
 14 Event Weekend (7 Saturday / 7 Sunday)
REGION: Michigan Region



SANCTION #: MI-046-001/002/003/004/005/006/007
CLUB: Jackson Corvette Club
DATE: August 11, 2024 (Sunday)

ENTRY FEES:

NCCC Members	Non-NCCC
\$60 for 4 events (Sat or Sun)	\$68 4 events (Sat or Sun)
\$105 per day (7 events); or	\$119 per day (7 events); or
\$210 for all 14 events	\$238 for all 14 events

REGISTRATION OPENS: 7:45 am EDT
CLOSES: 9:00 am EDT
DRIVERS MEETING TIME: 9:45 am EDT
FIRST CAR OUT TIME: 10:00 am EDT

LOCATION: Birch Run Speedway
 10945 Dixie Hwy – Birch Run, MI 48415

SPEED EVENTS: HIGH SPEED* LOW SPEED
EXHAUST: OPEN CLOSED

REGISTRATION FORM, LOCATION MAP, AND HOTEL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE OF FLYER.

FOURTEEN EVENT LOW SPEED WEEKEND
Aug 10-11, 2024 (Saturday & Sunday) Rain or Shine
Birch Run Speedway ~ Closed Exhaust

In lieu of awards, a free lunch will be provided for all racers that have registered and paid for four or more events. Air and restrooms are available at track.

***** LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR WORKERS. *****

YOU MUST ORDER AND PRE-PAY AT REGISTRATION, BY 10:00 AM, TO BE INCLUDED.

Helmet Required – SNELL certified SA, SAH, M, or EA only – Less than 10-yr old and in good condition.

Non-NCCC Members are not covered by NCCC Insurance.

<p>CCCC COMPETITION DIRECTOR/CHAIR: NAME: <u>Kevin Mead</u> PHONE: <u>(517) 285-7814</u> EMAIL: <u>kmead8668@gmail.com</u></p>		<p>CCCC GOVERNOR: NAME: <u>Simon Reiffer</u> EMAIL: <u>imnomis@yahoo.com</u></p>
<p>JCC COMPETITION DIRECTOR/CHAIR: NAME: <u>Deb Corbin</u> PHONE: <u>Contact Kevin Mead</u></p>		<p>JCC GOVERNOR: NAME: <u>Stephen Massie</u> PHONE: <u>Contact Kevin Mead</u></p>

Non-NCCC member participants, workers and spectators are not covered by NCCC insurance.

For the safety of participants and workers, Capital City and Jackson Corvette Clubs will follow all local Health Board recommendations in effect at time of the event. Please be prepared to wear a face covering, social distance, and use sanitizer if the CDC requires it.





Frankenmuth is a Michigan tourist attraction close to Birch Run Premium Outlet Mall.

There are many lodging choices near the Speedway and in Frankenmuth.

America's Best Value Phone: 989.624.4440 (1.4m) * Fairfield Inn & Suites Phone: 989.652.5000 (6.5m)
 Best Western Plus Phone: 989.624.9395 (1.4m) * Holiday Inn Express Phone: 989.624.9300 (1.4m)

*Self Contained Camping outside of the Speedway Gates is allowed. The Speedway Gates will be locked at night.
 Walmart Supercenter (11493 N. Linden Road, Clio) offers free overnight parking for self-contained RVs. (7.3 miles)*

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Car Make/Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____ NCCC #: _____ Car #: _____ NCCC Club: _____ Speed Event Class: _____	<p>Make check payable to: Capital City Corvette Club</p> <p>Mail check and registration to: Kevin Mead Capital City Corvette Club PO Box 27295 Lansing, MI 48909</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
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NCCC Members	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Both Days	Amount Enclosed
\$60 (4 events)	\$105 (7 events)	\$105 (7 events)	\$210 (all 14 events)	\$
Non-NCCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Both Days	Amount Enclosed
\$68 (4 events)	\$119 (7 events)	\$119 (7 events)	\$238 (all 14 events)	\$

MAY BIRTHDAYS



Gloria Reiffer
May 1



Carolyn Polomski
May 22



Bob Adado
May 3



Connie Britz
May 26



Connie Taylor
May 8



Joyce Cradit
May 27



Craig Iansiti
May 13



Mary Wells
May 27



Barb Musselman
May 13



Shelby Schittenhelm
May 28



George Nelson
May 18



Kyle Schittenhelm
May 30



Jeff Mitzel
May 19

President's Page



Members,

The competition season just recently got started with 7 rallyes in Holland. This gave my daughter her first chance to compete in an NCCC sanctioned event. She got in knee deep too; 7 sanctions, 100 miles, and 4 hours later she still wants to do it again. This year, my daughter is 9 and eligible by the rulebook to compete. Many of you know my son has been attending competitions with me since we joined the club. He has had a chance to ride along in an autocross, participate in rallyes, compete in funkhanas, and help out at events. Some of you may even remember him playing the National Anthem on his guitar at some of our shows. These have been amazing memory building times for my family. Still working on getting the wife to want to compete, but that is another topic for a different month!

While my wife, Melissa, might not enjoy competing like I do, she does see how much the kids enjoy it. We have never forgotten the day my daughter met Bob and Shalimar's grandson at the track and they were so happy to be in a club together, they were giving each other a hug. Cool stuff! As I have mentioned before, she accepted the position as FCOA (Future Corvette Owners Association) Director because she believes in the positive impact this can have on kids and families. Some NCCC members still tell stories about attending events with their parents 30 or 40 years ago.

There are some grassroots efforts across a few regions to get the youth more involved. As we are finding out about each other's efforts, we are working together on some new event classifications for the rulebook so we can have FCOA points as well to encourage participation. If you have kids, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or other children in your immediate family; please register them with the FCOA and bring them to events. I could never replace the quality time I have gotten with my kids. The 'Vette only having two seats' ensures some 1 on 1 time with no distractions from electronic devices or other people for a few hours as we participate in NCCC events.

This spirit doesn't have to end with just immediate family. If you see kids checking out your car in a parking lot, tell them about it, open it up, let them look around it, and let them sit in the driver's seat and feel the steering wheel. Start it up and throw a few revs for them. I still remember my first ride in a Corvette, don't you?

Save the Wave,

Kyle Felts
President
Capital City Corvette Club





Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of March 06 2024

0	Beverly Adado	0	Skip Herold, Jr.	4	Suzanne Politza	2	Robert Watson
0	Robert Adado	0	Skip Herold, III	2	Carl Polomski *	3	Mary Wells
2	Roy Bailey	0	Sue Hoover	2	Carolyn Polomski *	7	Timothy Wells
2	Pat Bailey	10	Angela Hyde	5	Carol Putmon	0	Christine Wieczorek
0	Dana Beaman	0	Craig Iansiti	11	Randy Putmon	0	Thomas Wieczorek
3	Sandy Bechtel	0	Daniel Kane	11	Gloria Reiffer	2	Stella Wood
0	Ben Behnke **	4	Kim Keith	10	Simon Reiffer		
0	Colleen Bratschi	7	Sue Keith	2	Robert Ribar		
0	Rich Bratschi	4	Michael Lewis	0	Mike Saxton		
1	Connie Britz	0	Janet Litrenta	0	Heather Saxton		
1	Mike Britz	0	Jean Luttig	0	Kyle Schittenhelm		
10	Daniel Burk	5	Bob Maynard	0	Shelby Schittenhelm		
1	Laura Burk	1	Shalimar Maynard	2	Kim Schramm		
7	Geoffrey CREDIT	1	Brian McKeveitt	0	Ralph Shaheen **		
4	Joyce CREDIT	12	Kevin Mead	0	James Spalding		
1	Art Doty *	2	Patricia Mead	0	Robert Spehar		
1	Nancy Doty *	0	Linda Michael	0	Janet Sprague		
0	George Duncan *	8	Chuck Miller	0	Michael Sprague		
0	Kathy Duncan *	2	Jeffrey Mitzel	11	James Sutherland		
4	Michelle Faupel	6	Casey Mulvany	0	Ralph Swan		
12	Tom Faupel	3	Kim Mulvany	0	Susan Swan		
12	Kyle Felts	0	Diane Munshaw	0	Connie Taylor		
1	Melissa Felts	0	Tom Munshaw	0	Thomas Taylor		
1	Cindy Gozalka	2	Steve Musselman	4	Harold Twining		
3	Norman Gozalka	2	Barb Musselman	4	Katherine Twining		
0	Jeanne Harris	0	George Nelson	4	Ann Voss		
4	Ward Harris	0	Stanley Olson	4	David Voss		
3	Bill Hass	0	Zola Olson	0	Chris Waltz		
8	Melissa Hass	2	Eric Pardo	0	Mike Waltz		

2024 Top Ten

12	Kyle Felts	11	James Sutherland	10	Daniel Burk	8	Melissa Hass
12	Tom Faupel	11	Randy Putmon	10	Simon Reiffer	8	Chuck Miller
12	Kevin Mead	11	Gloria Reiffer	10	Angela Hyde	7	Sue Keith



* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region Club. ** Honorary Member / Club Liaison.

2024 CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Kyle
Felts



GOVERNOR/VP

Simon
Reiffer



SECRETARY

Tim
Wells



TREASURER

James
Sutherland



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

?
?

COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Kevin
Mead



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Angela
Hyde



POINTS DIRECTOR

Dan
Burk



NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Tom
Faupel



PR DIRECTOR

Chuck
Miller



2024 APPOINTED OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN

Ward
Harris



HEARTS & FLOWERS

Ann
Voss



HISTORIAN

Sue
Keith



NCM AMBASSADOR

Casey
Mulvany



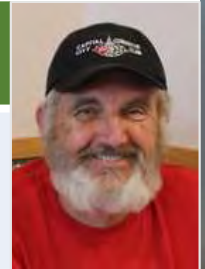
PHOTOGRAPHER

Tom
Faupel



QUARTERMASTER

Randy
Putmon



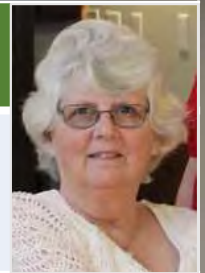
SERGEANT AT ARMS

Geofrey
Cradit



WEBMASTER

Gloria
Reiffer



PAST PRESIDENT

Bob
Maynard



FACEBOOK MODERATOR

Dave
Voss



Membership Meeting Minutes

Capital City Corvette Club
Membership Meeting
April 3, 2024 @ 7:00 PM: Delhi Cafe & Zoom

7:00 Call to Order: Kyle Felts

- Review mail received: None.
- Annual Awards from the Club President: Randy and Carol Putmon were the recipients of the Turkey Award for heading up to Corvette Crossroads with their top down when all signs called for impending rain. The President's Award went to Angela Hyde as she spent time performing the duties of the Social Director in addition to her duties as Membership Director. She also filled in and led the Corvette Crossroads trip, and was recognized in the Region for the number of NCCC sanctioned competitions she attended.



2023 President's Award



2023 Turkey Award

7:05 Board Reports:

Secretary: Tim Wells

- No additions or corrections were made to the February minutes. Motion to approve: Tom Faupel, seconded by Kevin Mead, and approved by the majority of the membership in attendance.

Treasurer: James Sutherland

- All bills are paid and the books are balanced.

V/P Governor: Simon Reiffer

- You can continue to sign-up for the NCCC Convention until sometime this month.
- Simon can pickup lapel pins at the Regional Governor's meeting if you want one. They are \$3.00 each.
- The Regional Governor's meeting will be the last week in April, and the National Governor's meeting will be the week afterwards.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Points Director: Dan Burk

- Points are not up to date at this time.
- The Awards Banquet is scheduled for Apr 20th at Henry's Place in Okemos from 2-5. Sign-up sheet available at the meeting. We will be choosing from a couple of menu items. The cost will be \$30 per person, unless you want salmon or prime rib for an additional \$5.00.

Competition Director: Kevin Mead

- Kevin will begin circulating a sign-up sheet for workers for the low-speed event in August.

Editor: Tom Faupel

- February's Newsletter has been published. He sent out an email with both a link to the newsletter and a pdf of the newsletter for those who have trouble accessing it through the link.
- There is a sign-up sheet for the Bowling Event, to be held at City Limits in Mason on Apr 7th. About 20 club members have signed up.

Membership Director: Angela Hyde

- The club currently has 97 members, 2 honorary members, and 30 FCOA. Welcome back Stephen Toth. Also, we have new members, Bob and Elizabeth Hedlund who have a 2010 Grand Sport.

Public Relations Director: Chuck Miller

- Chuck was not present, but there was a sign-up sheet for the Vermontville Parade.

Social Director:

- Angela reported that the Tamarak Bingo is quickly approaching. She needs either more prizes or money to purchase them.
- The Mock Rallye will be held at the fenced in area of Shaheen's.
- Bob Maynard reported that the area behind City Limits has a fresh coat of pavement that we might be able to use during the Blessings Car Show.

7:30 Appointed Officer Report:

Past President: Bob Maynard

- Bob will provide appetizers for the Bowling Event.
- He will begin signing up workers for the Blessings Car Show in the near future.

Photographer: Tom Faupel

- Present/No report

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer

- Present/No report

Zoom Facilitator: Kyle Felts

- Zoom was not working well due to a problem with the HDMI interface between the laptop and television. Kyle will work on this.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Facebook Moderator: Dave Voss

- Dave asked if he should list both public (such as Blessings Car Show) and private (such as let's meet for breakfast) events on Facebook? The members felt that he should only list the public events.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon

- Trailer is good.

Sergeant at Arms: Geoffrey Cradit

- Present/No report

NCM Ambassador: Casey Mulvany

- Factory tours will be available for the NCM Bash and Corvette Caravan.

Historian: Sue Keith

- Present/No report

Hearts & Flowers: Ann Voss

- Ann sent cards to several club members who had medical procedures. She needed to re-stock supplies.

Chaplain: Ward Harris

- Present/No report

7:45 New Business:

- Spring Cruise to Lingenfelter: There's a sign-up sheet for those interested in attending.
- NCM passes: The club's six NCM passes have been awarded to: George & Laurie Nelson, Tom & Diane Munshaw, and Kyle & Shelby Schittenhelm.
- Blessings – Review Flyer/Price/Sanctions: Flyers haven't been finalized.
- Shaheen Car Show: This year's car show at Shaheen's will benefit Ele's Place and be held on September 8th. Christine will not be able to chair this event, so the club will need someone else to take this on.

7:55 Other Business:

- Status of Pictures for Delhi and Shaheen: The Shaheen photo is currently at Fedex and should be finished this week. Cost will be a little over \$66.00. A draft of the Delhi photo has been circulated among the Board and will be printed in the near future if no changes.
- 2024 National Convention – Registration is Open: Discussed above. Day passes are also available for those who don't want to attend all week.
- 50/50

8:00 Adjournment at 7:45. Motion by Kevin Mead, seconded by Casey Mulvany.

Board Meeting Minutes

Capital City Corvette Club

Board Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2024 @ 6:30 PM: Delhi Cafe & Zoom

6:30 Call to Order: Kyle Felts

- No mail to discuss.

6:35 Board Reports:

Secretary: Tim Wells

- February minutes previously approved by email.
- The Shaheen 24 x 36 photo and Delhi 19 x 13 photo were finished and brought to the meeting. The Board decided to use a new frame for the Delhi photo. Tom Faupel volunteered to make one. The presentation of the Shaheen photo will be coordinated with Ben.

Treasurer: James Sutherland

- All bills are paid, and the books are balanced.
- There was a discussion about the liability insurance policy for the trailer, as it is not covered by our NCCC insurance.
- The Zoom bill was paid this month.

V/P Governor: Simon Reiffer

- Nothing new to report other than the Regional Governor's Meeting will be at Delhi Cafe on April 30th, and the National Governor's meeting will be on May 3rd-4th.

Points Director: Daniel Burk

- The 2023 Awards Banquet is pretty much finalized.
- Points are not up to date given the most recent activities.

Competition Director: Kevin Mead

- Birch Run will have their grill open on Saturday. The event flyer is now available as well as the worker sign-up sheets.
- Owosso Speedway is being updated.

Editor: Tom Faupel

- Please get items for the April Newsletter to Tom within the next week or so.

Social Director: Position Vacant

Membership Director: Angela Hyde

- Although Angela was not present, she reported to Kyle that the club currently has 97 members, 2 honorary members, 30 FCOA and 4 lifetime members.
- There was a discussion about updating the club's pamphlet. This will be explored further and discussed at the membership meeting.

Public Relations Director: Chuck Miller

- Although Chuck was not at the meeting, he reported through Bob that there are 11 cars signed up for the Vermontville Parade.

Board Meeting Minutes

7:00 Appointed Officer Report:

Past President: Bob Maynard

- Bob has sign-up sheets for the Blessings car show. He is also working on the trophies.

Photographer: Tom Faupel

- The photos from the most recent events need to be uploaded to the website.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer

- The Shaheen car show information needs to be updated, including who will be the chairperson.

Facebook Moderator: Dave Voss

- Not Present/No Report.

Zoom Facilitator: Kyle Felts

- Nothing new to report, other than the bill has been paid.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon

- Not Present/No Report.

Sergeant at Arms: Geoffrey Cradit

- Not Present/No Report.

NCM Ambassador: Casey Mulvany

- Not Present/No Report.

Historian: Sue Keith

- Not Present/No Report.

Hearts & Flowers: Ann Voss

- Not Present/No Report.

Chaplain: Ward Harris

- Not Present/No Report.

7:10 New Business:

- Awards Banquet – Final Items: Discussed above.
- Blessings Flyers and Updates: Discussed having two funkhanas on the back lot of City Limits.
- Sanction Number – Donate to MI Fundraiser? Yes, it was agreed to donate a sanction number to this cause.
- History of Membership with Purchase: Previously, Shaheen's had offered to provide a one-year membership to NCCC to those who purchased a Corvette from them, although the Board was uncertain to what extent this occurred. There was a discussion regarding how we can make the club more visible to those who purchase a Corvette from Shaheen's. Thoughts included offering a free one-year membership to the club, and having pamphlets present at Shaheen's.

Board Meeting Minutes

7:20 Other Business:

- Kyle is working on a date for the "Fill the Pantry" event.
- Gloria will take on the task of developing the free quarter page ad for the *America's Sports Car* magazine ad.

7:30 Adjournment at 7:30. Motion by Simon Reiffer, seconded by Kevin Mead.

Welcome Our New Members

Bob and Elizabeth Hedlund from Grand Ledge
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They drive a 2021 Red Coupe

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"He wants to get in shape before he drives his new Corvette. By that time, cars will be flying."

The Road Trip That Changed Everything

In the United States, and especially in Michigan, we associate Henry Ford and the Model T with automotive history. But earlier pioneers and persistent inventors led the way and influenced the technology we enjoy today. Bertha Ringer was born into a wealthy family in Pforzheim Germany in 1849. She was curious about mechanical and technological topics, well educated and learned from her father who was a master builder. She was unimpressed with her parent's attempts at matchmaking and was not willing to accept the traditional role of women in that era.

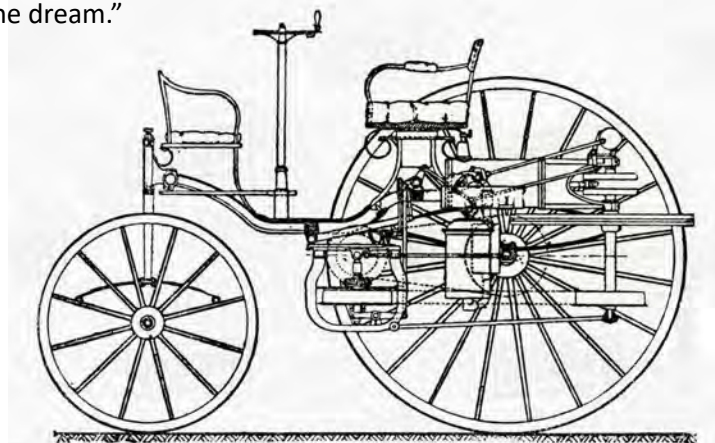
By chance, she met a mechanical engineer at a local picnic in 1869 who had the unusual dream of inventing a horseless carriage. Bertha was intrigued by Karl Benz's ideas and using her dowry and inheritance, she became his investor and business partner in 1870 which she was able to do as a single woman. Karl and Bertha married in 1872. While Karl worked for various companies as a mechanical engineer, he and Bertha spent their evenings experimenting with designing an engine. They triumphed on New Year's Eve 1878. After implementing Bertha's suggestion for a modification to the carburetor, the two stroke engine ran continuously for the first time.

Karl used a 3 wheel chassis based on his familiarity with velocipedes and designed a lighter single cylinder .75 HP engine. He received a patent in 1886 and the Benz Patent Motorwagen is recognized as the world's first automobile. It had a crankshaft, electric ignition, was water cooled and had a top speed of about 10 mph. Karl had an inventive mind but lacked business and marketing skills. The horseless carriage was viewed with skepticism and fear. Bertha was convinced that someone needed to "go the distance" with the Motorwagen to prove that it was a viable means of transportation.

Early in the morning of August 5, 1888, Bertha left Karl a note saying that she was going to visit her mother in Pforzheim, about 66 miles away. She and her two sons, ages 13 and 15, rolled the vehicle out of the shop and pushed it down the road so Karl would not hear the engine start. With no paved roads or clear driving directions, they were on their way. The Motorwagen had no fuel tank, so they stopped at apothecary shops to buy ligroin, a petrol solvent. Bertha cleared the clogged fuel line with her hat pin, repaired the ignition, had a blacksmith fix a chain and a cobbler make leather covers for the worn wooden brakes that were failing. The threesome arrived in Pforzheim about 12 hours later and Bertha sent Karl a telegram informing him of their safe arrival. A few days later, she made the return trip to Mannheim and based on her experiences, suggested a third gear for climbing the hills and leather brake linings. Her journey was a marketing sensation and achieved the acceptance of a new means of individual transportation.

The Bertha Benz Memorial Route was established in 2008 as a route of the industrial heritage of mankind. Karl Benz was inducted into the Automotive Hall of Fame in 1984. When Bertha was inducted in 2016, they became the first married couple ever inducted. In his memoirs, Karl wrote about Bertha's unfailing support of his inventions and endeavors. "Only one person stayed next to me in the little ship of life in the days when the sinking was approaching. That was my wife. She did not tremble before the onslaught of life. Brave and courageous, she hoisted new sails of hope and support at a time when no one else believed in the dream."

Contributed by Sue Keith



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