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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

### **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**November 5, 2008**

**7:00 pm**

**Deli Café-Holt**

### **BOARD MEETING**

**November 19, 2008**

**7:00 pm**

**Delhi Café-Holt**

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

## *From the President...*

Hey, it's November. The club may actually survive my first year as president after all. It has been my honor to serve as your president this year and I hope I've learned enough to help make next year even better. I'm excited about the elections this month, the club elections not the national ones, they scare me. We have some very good candidates running for the 2009 board and I look forward to next year and working with the new board members.

November is kind of the wind down month. We have some events planned at the regional level and a Drive N' Dine scheduled for the club. After that it's "Storage time" for most of our cars. Some of the lucky ones go south and some of the brave ones keep their cars handy and bring them out when the weather permits but most of us put them away. On a positive note, after November 4<sup>th</sup> we don't have to listen to anymore political ads.

I think this has been a great year and overall a fitting celebration of our fiftieth anniversary as a club. Next month I plan to do a little "Backward glance" at this year and its events.

This month I want to take some time to thank the 2008 board for all their efforts this year. I will be thanking each of you personally but I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude for all your hard work and dedication to the club. Your individual abilities are only overshadowed by you collective ability to come together to anticipate and resolve issues before they become problems. Every discussion began and ended with what is best for the club and its members and every decision was made based on that criteria. I am very proud and grateful to have had the chance to work with this talented group of people. I know that the membership shares my pride and gratitude for all of your hard work and caring, thank you all very much.

JB



**CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB**  
**General Membership Meeting – October 1, 2008**

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He extended a welcome to visitors and members. He noted that although Horsepower at the Zoo was cancelled because of bad weather, all pre-registrants and sponsors donated their money to the zoo.

**Secretary:** Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the September 3, 2008 general meeting. Carol Putmon moved to approve them as written. Craig Iansiti seconded. Motion passed.

**Ambassador:** Sandy Bechtel reminded members to consider purchasing bricks at the museum. She also encouraged everyone to visit the museum, noting that a club member earns points for doing so. Remember to advise our point's director of your visit.

Joe Thomas, Michigan's captain for the museum's 2009 caravan, reported we will depart on September 2, stay in Indianapolis that evening, and continue to the museum on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be in Bowling Green September 3 – September 5. He stated we will need identification to be a part of the caravan. Be sure to register through the museum. Joe also advised he has caravan flags (\$15.00) and window clings (\$10.00) for sale. You can check the museum's website or contact the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce regarding available hotel/motel rooms.

**Points:** Carrie Hutton advised points are updated on our website. She presented the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque she accepted on behalf of our club at Effingham. Carrie also noted that during the festivities, Pam Thompson's car was one of those honored by Pro Team.

**Membership:** Colleen Bratschi reported we have 121 regular, 1 honorary, and 73 F.C.O.A. members. She is currently processing 2009 membership renewals.

**Social:** On behalf of Kathy Wyma, John Bechtel extended thanks to Lashers and Putmons for the events they recently hosted. Don't forget to sign up for the October 11<sup>th</sup> Fall Color Tour hosted by Jim Balla and the November 8<sup>th</sup> Drive & Dine hosted by Terry and Chris Burke. We will also hold our annual bingo event at Tamarack on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Prizes and baked good are needed.

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

**Editor:** Chris Burke noted the deadline for articles for the November newsletter is October 23<sup>rd</sup>. She also reminded people that they earn points for submitting articles.

**Competition:** No report.

**Public Relations:** Bob Maynard noted that he is sending out letters to our advertisers for 2009. He also explained that Bud Kouts Chevrolet has agreed to be our club sponsor for 2009.

**Governor/Vice President:** Rich Bratschi reminded people to go on line and complete the NCCC survey as soon as possible. He also noted elections are being held for regional and national offices. Our club will vote by proxy.

**President:** No report.

**Old Business:**

\*Colleen Bratschi opened the floor to additional nominations for 2009 club officers. Final nominees are:

President: John Bechtel

Secretary: Sandy Bechtel and Connie Britz

Points: Ted Lasher

Membership: Angela Hyde and Julie Lasher

Social: Angela Hyde and Sue Politza

Treasurer: Carol Putmon

Editor: Gloria Reiffer

Competition: None (If not filled, this position will piggyback with the Governor/Vice President position.)

Governor/Vice President: Ed Politza and Terry Burke

Jan Shepler moved to close nominations. Sandy Bechtel seconded. Motion passed.

Colleen reminded us that a membership must be renewed for 2009 before a person can vote in this election. Also, NCCC imposes at \$10.00 late fee. Contact Shalimar Maynard (517.347.2949 or shalmayn@aol.com) by October 20<sup>th</sup> if you need an absentee ballot.

\*Auction. Because HAZ was cancelled, the larger door prizes we had obtained were auctioned off. Proceeds of \$440.00 will be donated to the zoo.

**New Business:** None

**Member Comment:** Ted & Julie Lasher noted they were going on a picnic to the Pinckney area on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, and invited everyone to join them. Meet at the Williamston expressway parking area at 11:00 a.m. Dave Kuempel indicated Maple Valley High School will celebrate its homecoming on Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, and is looking for Corvettes to use in their parade. Contact Dave for more details.

**50/50 Drawing:** The big winner is Jim Balla. Pat Cripe and Janet Hardin won gift certificates to Grand Ledge Country Club. Carol Putmon and Bob Maynard won gift certificates for Hawk Hollow Miniature Golf Course. Rich Bratschi moved to donate the club's portion of the 50/50 drawing to the zoo. Craig Iansiti seconded. Motion passed.

**Adjournment:** Craig Iansiti moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

**CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB**  
**Board Meeting – October 15, 2008**

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. Absent: Shalimar Maynard, Carrie Hutton, Kathy Wyma, and Gary Wyma.

**Reports:**

**Secretary:** \*Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the September 17, 2008 board meeting. Rich Bratschi moved to approve them as written. Bob Maynard seconded. Motion passed. \*Based on a recent trend in some organizations, Sandy brought up the issue of whether or not we should continue to record and/or publish the names of people who present and second motions. Bob Maynard moved not to include the names of people who make and second motions in our published minutes. Carol Putmon seconded. After discussion, the motion did not pass.

**Ambassador:** Sandy Bechtel advised that Governor Rich Bratschi recently received information that indicates NCCC and the museum have negotiated an agreement that will allow NCCC to have a stand-alone display in the new addition of the museum.

**Points:** No report.

**Membership:** Colleen Bratschi reported we currently have 123 regular, 1 honorary, and 73 FCOA members. She also noted she is preparing a list of our annual charitable contributions (which we are required to report to NCCC).

**Social:** No report.

**Treasury:** \*Carol Putmon provided balances for all accounts. \*She noted we collected \$1,905.50 for Horsepower at the Zoo. Colleen Bratschi moved that we recommend to the general membership that the club increase the amount to \$2,000.00. Sandy Bechtel seconded. Motion passed. \*John Bechtel recommended that we form a budget committee to begin work on a 2009 budget that can be reviewed at the November joint meeting of the 2008 and 2009 boards. Rich Bratschi, Carol Putmon, and Sandy Bechtel volunteered to be on that committee.

**Editor:** Chris Burke noted the deadline for submitting articles for the November newsletter is October 23, 2008.

**Competition:** No report.

**Public Relations:** Bob Maynard noted 2009 renewal letters were mailed to our current advertisers. Seven have renewed so far. Two have advised they are not renewing. Our goal is to raise \$700.00 (20 advertisers @ \$35.00 per year). We will be searching for 2-4 new advertisers to reach that goal. Bob also confirmed that Bud Kouts Chevrolet will continue to sponsor our club in 2009.

**Governor/Vice President:** \*Rich Bratschi noted he received the ballots for the 2009 NCCC election. The ballots have been completed and will be timely mailed. \*Rich noted that 2009 is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of NCCC. 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary pins will cost members \$3.00. John Bechtel will send an email blast to our membership to see how many wish to purchase pins, as an order must be placed before our November general membership meeting. \*Rich also advised that NCCC recently confirmed it is no

longer giving email addresses of members to sponsors. \*It was agreed we will hold our 2009 low-speed event on August 15 or August 22, 2009, and apply all seven NCCC sanction points to this event. Rich will contact Spartan Speedway to reserve one of those dates.

**President:** John Bechtel indicated he will call for ballots to be turned in by 7:05 p.m. at the November general membership meeting. Kudos to the 2008 board for its hard work and its great spirit in serving our club.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Member Comment:** None

**Adjournment:** Sandy Bechtel moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

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### It's DUES time again!!! Don't wait till it's too LATE...

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

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PRIMARY RENEWAL: \$55.00

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\$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 be available at no cost via the website only. If you wish to receive a hard copy you will need to add \$24 to your membership dues to assist in the cost of printing and mailing. Thank you.*

# Capital City Chatter

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



James Sutherland, November 2  
Art Doty, November 4  
Mark Lewis, November 4  
Joel Crutcher, November 12  
David Pursel, November 12  
Nancy Stremmer, November 16  
Joe Platte, November 21  
Harold Leeman, November 23

## 2009 Board Member Election

Please note that we will hold our annual Election for the 2009 Board of Directors at the November General Membership meeting on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Be sure your membership dues are paid for the upcoming year, or you will not be eligible to cast your vote. Please contact Colleen Bratschi if you have any questions.

## Fall Color Tour

The Fall Color Tour was a success thanks to all the hard work of Jim Balla and those who participated. A number of CCM members joined us for a beautiful drive, a good meal, and a fun day.

## Hagerty Newsletter

Be sure to check out [www.hagerty.com](http://www.hagerty.com) for their most recent newsletter which featured an article that was recently published which profiling the FCOA program sponsored by NCCC.

## 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!

## Advertisers

CCCC is seeking advertisers for 2009. If you or anyone you know would like a Business Card style ad featured on our web-site, please contact Bob Maynard. Ads are only \$35 per year.

## 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@ccc Corvette.org](mailto:editor@ccc Corvette.org).





Join us for a Drive N Dine!

Hosted by Terry & Chris Burke

Saturday, November 8, 2008

We will meet at the Okemos Park & Ride off of I-96  
behind Cracker Barrel.

Please arrive no later than 3:15, we will be departing  
promptly at 3:30.

Weather permitting we will drive our Corvettes! Steel  
bodies welcome. Please RSVP to Terry or Chris by  
November 1.

Terry: tb721 @ Verizon.net

Chris: redvettegirl98 @ Verizon. net

# BINGO!

Once again the  
residents of the Tamarack Apartments are  
looking forward to our lively group  
coming over to 'play' with them; anticipating  
fun, laughter, great Bingo prizes, and  
scrumptious desserts!

Plan on Saturday, Nov.15, 2008  
2:00-4:00 pm (Set up 1:30)

Keep gathering your 'fab' Bingo prizes and  
bring your favorite dessert to share!

## November 2008 Member Profile

### Frederick & Judy Koos

Welcome to CCCC Frederick & Judy Koos!

Frederick & Judy recently joined our club, which they learned about from member Steve Spinrad.

They have owned a 1991 Dark Red Convertible for the past year. Frederick & Judy met at church and have been married for one year. They have 1 daughter and no pets.

Frederick works as a fire chief, Judy is a homemaker. In addition to CCCC, Frederick belongs to the Kiwanis as well as fire related organizations.

They enjoy chess, woodworking, riding motorcycles and of course, driving their Corvette!

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