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Membership Director

Carrie Hutton
Points Director

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Editor

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~Quick Hits from The Editor ~

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING & HOLIDAY PARTY

December 3, 2008

5:45 PM

Brookshire Inn-Williamston

BOARD MEETING

December 17, 2008

6:30 PM

Delhi Café-Holt

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

From the President

Happy December, everyone. Hopefully, you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with family and friends. We had our usual house full of people and I still managed to eat way too much.

Because we will start out in January approving a budget for the club I want to discuss some of the questions we hear from membership about financial aspects of our club.

Q; My primary renewal costs \$55 each year. Where does that money go?

A; Out of that \$55 we send \$25 to the National Council of Corvette Clubs. The remaining \$30 stays with our club

Q; We also pay \$20 for my spouse to renew their membership each year.

A; Our club keeps \$10 of that money and sends the other \$10 to the NCCC.

So as you can see, for every primary member we keep \$30 and for every couple we get \$40. This is the money that covers the general operating costs of the club. This includes Postage, Printing, Insurance, Internet Fees, etc. Another question we get from time to time is;

Q; Why are we spending so much money with the NCCC, we're? not a racing club?

A; Aside from the fact that our club is one of the founding members of the NCCC, we receive many benefits from our affiliation with them. The NCCC is largely focused on the competition aspect of the Corvette hobby, including various types of racing, car shows rallies and others. Our club has many members who participate in the points and awards programs they offer. One of the most important incentives offered is their "umbrella" liability insurance coverage that extends to all of the club events. In addition to providing financial protection to the club and our membership, it also provides an insurance credential that is required by venues like Spartan Speedway, Potter Park Zoo and others. In short, our club probably could not exist in it's current form without our NCCC affiliation.

I know this doesn't come close to answering all your questions but I hope it provides some information that will help you as we work toward an approved "09" budget.

Because this is the last newsletter of the year, I want to again mention what a great year Sandy and I have had with you all. You are a very special group of friends and we very much enjoy the time that we spend with you. We have a great new board for 2009 and I hope you all are looking forward as I am to another fun year.

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
General Membership Meeting – November 5, 2008

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. He extended a welcome to all members and visitors.

Secretary: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the October 1, 2008 general membership meeting. Harold Leeman moved to approve them as written. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed.

Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel advised that Elfie Arkus-Duntov (Zora's wife) passed away at age 93 on October 23, 2008 at St. John's Hospital in Detroit. Her remains will be placed near her husband's at the museum.

Points: Carrie Hutton advised the points are on our website. She will update them as soon as she receives the sign-up sheets from some recent events.

Membership: Colleen Bratschi stated we currently have 123 regular, 1 honorary, and 73 F.C.O.A. members. Please see her if you wish to pay \$24.00 to receive a hard copy of the 2009 monthly newsletters.

Social: Kathy Wyma advised that Terry & Chris Burke are hosting a Drive & Dine on Saturday, November 8th. Also, the club will be hosting our annual bingo party at Tamarac Apartments in Holt on Saturday, November 15th. Kathy also explained our Christmas party will be held on Wednesday, December 3rd, at Brookshire Inn in Williamston. There will be a cash bar. The price is \$25.00 per person. Carol Putmon is collecting money. Don't forget to bring a gift for our white elephant exchange. Wrapped items should be valued for at least \$10.00 and marked "man" or "woman". Bob Maynard will be collecting donations for the Lansing Food Bank. Kathy further advised that our Winterfest will take place at the Wagon Wheel Banquet Room in Portland on Saturday January 10th. Carol Putmon is collecting the \$25.00 per person fee. There will be a cash bar. Please contact Kathy or consult our website if you have questions on any of these events.

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

Editor: **Editor:** Chris Burke noted the deadline for articles for the December newsletter is November 23rd.

Competition: On behalf of Gary Wyma, Kathy Wyma stated the club tech day at Ram Racing in Saranac, MI will be rescheduled for sometime in April, 2009.

Public Relations: No report.

Governor/Vice President: Rich Bratschi reported on the November 4, 2008 NCCC regional meeting. The 2009 NCCC slate of officers remains the same as the 2008 slate. He also advised that dates for 2009 sanctioned events were chosen. Our low-speed event will be held on Saturday,

July 18, 2009. The Jackson club will hold their low-speed event on Sunday, July 19, 2009. Rich also advised that our NCCC 50th anniversary pin order has been placed. Pins cost \$3.00 and will arrive in February, 2009. If you have not already done so, please pay Rich for your order. Rich also noted that Joe Thomas gave a 2009 Caravan presentation at the meeting. If you have any questions regarding the caravan, please contact Joe.

President: John Bechtel thanked all club members for a wonderful year.

Old Business: None.

New Business: John Bechtel noted that Bob Maynard, Rich Bratschi, & Sandy Bechtel previously agreed to be on a charitable committee to determine how our annual holiday donations would be handled. The committee decided to equally divide our donation between three organizations: Red Cross, Lansing Food Bank, and the VFW National Home for Children. In addition, because some budget monies were not spent during the year, the committee recommended that our total donation be increased to \$1,500.00 (\$500.00 per organization). Jeff McQuade moved to increase the donation as recommended. Ed Politza seconded. Motion passed. Any person wishing to give a personal donation to these organizations should bring their check(s) to our December 3rd Christmas party.

Election results for the 2009 board are:

President: John Bechtel
Secretary: Sandy Bechtel
Points: Ted Lasher
Membership: Angie Hyde
Social: Sue Politza
Treasurer: Carol Putmon
Editor: Gloria Reiffer
Public Relations: Simon Reiffer
Governor/Vice President: Terry Burke

Although there was no official candidate for Competition, Randy Putmon received the most write-in votes. He regretfully declined. The board will discuss this board position and make a recommendation at the January general membership meeting.

Member Comment: Kathy Cooper, Don Johnston, and Dan Stremmer expressed displeasure about having to pay a fee to receive a hard copy of our newsletter. After some discussion, the matter was tabled.

50/50 Drawing: Jim Balla was the lucky winner. Jeff McQuade won a T-shirt and doll donated by Bill Griffith. Jim DeNike won some Lake Lansing Mobile car wash tickets donated by Jeff McQuade.

Adjournment: Rich Bratschi moved to adjourn. Terry Burke seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
Board Meeting – November 19, 2008

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Absent: Shalimar Maynard and Gary Wyma. Members of the 2009 board were present at the meeting in a non-voting capacity.

Reports:

Secretary: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the October 15, 2008 board meeting. Rich Bratschi moved to approve them as written. Bob Maynard seconded. Motioned passed.

Ambassador: No report.

Points: Carrie Hutton advised that the points are up-to-date on our website.

Membership: Based on 2009 renewals, Colleen Bratschi advised we have 94 regular, 1 honorary, and 73 F.C.O.A. members. She noted a check is being forwarded to Barb Harris at NCCC for their portion of the renewal monies collected by our club. She also explained that NCCC plans to share our email addresses with their sponsors. This is the first time they have requested this information. A majority of the board members approved releasing our email addresses to NCCC. Colleen also noted that our current membership roster has been given to board members. Per our bylaws, copies of the roster will be distributed to all club members twice next year (in January and July).

Social: Kathy Wyma stated she is currently working on the menus for both the December 3rd Christmas party and the January 10th Winterfest. 2009 board members were each asked to bring a door prize to the Winterfest.

Treasurer: Carol Putmon provided balances for all accounts. All bills have been paid in compliance with our approved budget.

Editor: Chris Burke advised that the deadline for submitting information for the December newsletter is November 23, 2008.

Competition: No report.

Public Relations: Bob Maynard indicated 11 advertisers have already renewed for the 2009 newsletter. We hope to get 9 more.

Governor/Vice President: Rich Bratschi advised that our 2009 low-speed event will be held on Saturday, July 18th. All seven of our sanction points have been applied to this event. Spartan Speedway has been reserved. Jackson will hold their low-speed event the following day. Rich explained it was necessary to schedule these events in July because the national convention is in August next year.

President: John Bechtel presented two possible budgets that were proposed by the budget committee. After lengthy discussion, Colleen Bratschi moved that the 2008 board recommend “proposed budget A” to the 2009 board. Carrie Hutton seconded. Motion passed. The 2009 board will meet in December to review all recommendations and decide on a budget to propose to the general membership in January.

Old Business: None.

New Business: *John Bechtel advised that Ed Politza has agreed to run for Competition Director. John will ask that he be nominated at the December 3rd meeting/party, so a special election can take place at the January general meeting. *Bob Maynard indicated he and Shalimar will host the 2009 spring getaway. They hope to hold the event the first weekend in June, and will contact the AmericInn to see if winter rates will still be available.

Member Comment: Several board members thanked John Bechtel for his leadership this year.

Adjournment: Carrie Hutton moved to adjourn. Kathy Wyma approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Mousetrap Bucket

Since this is the season for storage, and also the season for field mice looking for indoor homes, I thought I'd share something that has worked for me over the years. It seems to eliminate most mice in the garage and buildings (and cars) in short order.

I use a 5 gallon plastic pail with about 3 inches of 50/50 antifreeze mix in the bottom. I drill two small holes across the diameter of the pail, about at the top edge. Insert a stiff wire (like an piece of old stainless steel antenna, in this case) through one side, then through a pop or beer can, and then through the other side of the pail. That's it.



Coat the can with peanut butter and a few bird seeds or whatever and place it next to a shelf or something so the mice can get to it. When the mouse tries to get onto the can for the food, it spins and he falls into the antifreeze. Dead mouse, and well preserved so no smell. You'll collect a half dozen or more in short order. Keep it where pets cannot get into it. Maybe a cover of some sort would suffice, as long as it lets the mice in. Dispose of properly. Disgusting but it works.

I think I got this idea from Randy P. years ago, or my brother, or whoever. I take no credit.

Submitted by Craig Iansiti



Capital City Chatter

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

Gordon Terwilliger-December 2
Patti DeNike-December 4
Lee Webster-December 14
Geri Jennings-December 16
Larry Warren-December 18

Gregg Kapp-December 19
Steve Musselman-December 24
Marilyn Ickes-December 29
Raoul Eiseman-December 30

CCCC 2009 Board of Directors

Please be sure to congratulate and welcome our newest, and some returning, Board Members for 2009! John Bechtel will be returning as our President, as will Sandy Bechtel as Secretary. Our new Governor will be Terry Burke, and Public Relations will be handled by Simon Reiffer. Membership Director for 2009 will be Angela Hyde, and Ted Lasher will be our Points Director. Carol Putmon will be returning as Treasurer, and Suzanne Politza is our new Social Director. Our current Webmaster, Gloria Reiffer, will also hold the position of Newsletter Editor. In addition, a special election will take place at the January General Membership meeting, where Ed Politza will be voted on as our new Competition Director.

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 Gloria Reiffer or Angela Hyde.



Join us for our Holiday Christmas Party!



DECEMBER 3, 2008

Brookshire Inn, Williamston

Cash Bar opens at 5:45 pm

Buffet Dinner at 6:30 pm

Cost is \$25.00 per person.

RSVP to Kathy Wyma by November 26.

The money should be sent to Carol Putmon.

(See the email sent by Gloria for contact info.)

White Elephant Gift Exchange!!

If you are a woman, please bring a gift tagged 'for Woman' or, if you are a man, please tag gift 'for Man'. It can be a funny gift or a nice gift, but please, no trash. Gift value - \$10.00

Once again, Bob Maynard is willing to collect our monetary holiday gift donations for the Greater Lansing Food Bank.

WINTERFEST

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10

WAGON WHEEL
BANQUET ROOM, PORTLAND

5:45 pm Cash Bar
6:30 pm Buffet Dinner
\$25.00 per person

Great Fellowship
Great Raffle Prizes
Great Buffet
Great Evening of Fun

RSVP to Kathy Wyma and give your money to the Carol Putmon
at the December *Christmas Party* or *January Club meeting*.



Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of November 15, 2008

2 Kathleen Andrews*	22 Art Doty*	13 Bob Kroupa	50 Simon Reiffer
12 Roy Bailey	21 Nancy Doty*	13 Kathy Kroupa	43 Robert Ribar
14 Pat Bailey	11 Catherine Eiseman	26 Dave Kuempel	12 Eddie Root
16 Jim Balla*	11 Raoul Eiseman	26 Diana Kuempel	2 Brian Sebolt
5 Bruce Baulch	2 Jennifer Everhart*	23 Lewis Kuempel	25 Brenda Shatkosky*
1 Sharon Baulch	11 Kady Gisse	33 Julie Lasher	35 Richard Shatkosky*
56 John Bechtel	15 Randy Gisse	40 Ted Lasher	9 Janyce Shepler
56 Sandy Bechtel	4 Cynthia Gregor	17 Harold Leeman	9 John Shepler
5 Jim Boettcher	0 Bill Griffith	2 Mark Lewis	20 Victor Smith
1 Mara Boettcher	4 Mark Hansen	2 Patty Lewis	0 Loretta Spinrad
1 Joshua Brahman	0 Nancy Hansen	12 Ellie Lickfeldt	2 Steve Spinrad
34 Colleen Bratschi	1 Cindy Hanses	17 Pat Lickfeldt	2 Janet Sprague
35 Rich Bratschi	1 Phil Hanses	27 Bob Maynard	3 Michael Sprague
18 Connie Britz	28 Janet Hardin	26 Shalimar Maynard	8 Dan Stremler
25 Mike Britz	30 Carrie Hutton	15 Jeff McQuade	8 Nancy Stremler
6 David Brown	15 Angela Hyde	7 Barb Musselman	15 Kathy Stump
15 Diana Brown-Mosher	34 Craig Iansiti	7 Stephen Musselman	17 Tom Stump
42 Chris Burke	18 Arthur Ickes	2 George Nelson	6 James Sutherland
35 Terry Burke	18 Marilyn Ickes	4 Diana Parks	0 Linda Swift
0 Pam Candy	1 Dick Iding	4 Howard Parks	9 Gordon Terwilliger
11 Cindy Carr	3 Chuck Jennings	19 Joe Platte	13 Joseph Thomas*
11 David Carr	3 Geri Jennings	19 Pam Platte	9 Pam Thompson
14 Ronald Cooper	5 Don Johnston	26 Ed Politza	7 Sue VanAtta
14 Kathy Cooper	5 Janet Johnston	22 Suzanne Politza	11 Larry Warren
18 Dave Cripe*	19 Greg Kapp	0 David Pursel	11 Linda Warren
15 Pat Cripe	35 Kim Keith	0 Kathryn Pursel	0 Jan Wasco*
4 Joel Crutcher	35 Sue Keith	49 Carol Putmon	0 Ken Wasco*
3 Darwin Day	3 Frank Kessler	43 Randy Putmon	5 Lee Webster
3 Sheila Day	3 Judy Kessler	11 Don Reed	24 Larry Wight
26 Jim Denike	0 Fred Koos	7 Kathy Reed	28 Gary Wyma
32 Patti Leppanen-Denike	0 Judy Koos	56 Gloria Reiffer	33 Kathy Wyma

Current 2008 Top Ten

56 John Bechtel	49 Carol Putmon	40 Ted Lasher	35 Sue Keith
56 Sandy Bechtel	43 Randy Putmon	35 Rich Bratschi	35 Richard Shatkosky*
56 Gloria Reiffer	43 Robert Ribar	35 Terry Burke	
50 Simon Reiffer	42 Chris Burke	35 Kim Keith	

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