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### Upcoming Events

#### **General Membership Meeting**

February 4 @ 7:00 pm

*Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt  
(come early to eat and socialize)*

#### **Board Meeting**

February 18 @ 6:30 pm

*Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt*

#### **Cruise In to Jon's**

February 21 @ 5:00 pm

*Jon's Country Burger • 3109 S. Cedar • Lansing*

#### **Michigan Region Banquet**

March 21 @ 6:00 pm

*Hampton Inn • 17256 Sam Hill Drive • Marshall*

### Welcome to New CCCC Members

Lance and Angela Boldrey from Okemos.  
Lance and Angela drive a 2000 silver convertible.

### February Birthdays

Bob Kroupa (1) • Cindy Carr (4)  
Diana Parks (7) • Arthur Ickes (9) • David Brown (11)  
Ed Politza (22) • Diana Brown Mosher (24)

### Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all March newsletter articles to  
webmaster@cccorvette.org by February 23.

### *From the President...*

Well, it's February, at least when you read this it will be. I'm actually writing it the morning after our January membership meeting. The reason for that is, as most of you know, by the date of our February meeting Sandy and I will be somewhere in the wilds of Australia on vacation. The other option is that after a sixteen and a half hour flight from Los Angeles I will be in a New Zealand prison having been charged with air piracy or some other deed related to "losing it" on an airplane. Either way, it won't be snowing where we are. I certainly hope the weather will be decent for you all while we're gone. Look at it this way, we've got an approved budget, a really cool new newsletter and your yackety president is gone for a month. It just doesn't get much better than that.

With your election of Ed Politza to the Competition Director position, our 2009 board of directors is complete. As I've stated before, I think you have chosen an excellent board and I am excited about working with them and you this year.

I can't comment on Winterfest because it hasn't happened yet. But, by the time you read this I'm sure it will be another very happy memory of a club event. Winterfest will technically be Kathy Wyma's last official event as Social Director and Suzie Politza's first and I'm sure congratulations and thanks will be in order for both ladies.

As we have alluded to in the past, we're going to try some different things as events this year to try to get more "on point" with the activities that members like to do. I am currently attempting to contact Al Wilson of the Capital Area Muscle Car Club (not the Beach Boy) but he's in Palm Springs or somewhere. Boy, some people and their vacations. We're going to pursue the idea of doing some combined shows with CAMCCA with the thought of reducing our effort while increasing our reward. We're also going to contact CCM and some of the other clubs in the state about meeting half way for some combined activities. I think this would be a great year to plan a trip or two to Gilmore's Car Museum and maybe some of the cruise ins around the state. If you have information about any cruises or want to take a leadership roll in any of these kinds of events, please contact Suzie P or someone on the board and let them know.

Until we meet again, happy trails to you, Vaya con Dios and all that jazz. We'll see the board at the February meeting and the rest of you in March.

JB

## *Getting to Know You...*

In an effort to get to know each other, this month we will focus on Dave and Pat Cripe.

Dave and Pat met through a good friend, Joe Platte. They married 24 years ago and have a son living in Florida and a daughter in Lansing. They also have three beautiful grandchildren and two more on the way.

Dave bought his first Corvette, a red 1963 convertible, while in his late teens. He sold it in 2003. Shortly afterwards they won the NCCC raffle car, a 2004 Corvette. Although currently Vetteless, they do own a few collector cars. They have a beautiful 1956 Olds, a 1965 GTO that is being restored, and a 1956 Chevy wagon that was the original Grand Ledge Fire Department inhalator vehicle. Over the years Dave has won many concourses with his cars.

Dave is the owner of Betty's Buttons & T-Shirts on South Washington in Lansing. He sells a variety of collectables in his store and is frequently on the road selling at swap meets, car shows, model train shows, etc. Dave offers a variety of custom items and can put a picture of your Corvette on many of them. Pat is the manager of the Little Caesars Pizza shop on N. Grand River Avenue in Lansing.

Dave and Pat have an active social life and enjoy going out with friends. You can often catch them out on the dance floor, or listen to Dave as he sings with a variety of bands at local night spots. They also enjoy car shows, model train shows, movies, and collectables. Estate sales are another fun spot for them to visit.

Dave first heard about CCCC from the guy that he bought his 1963 Corvette from. Dave joined CCCC in 1972 and Pat rejoined in 2004. Between them they have held the positions of Social Director and Points Director. They have enjoyed getting to know a lot of nice people through the club and both enjoy the weekend trips, drive and dines, etc. Can you think of a better way to see the beautiful country side and visit new places then with friends? Besides their membership in CCCC, they also belong to Capital City Old Car Club and are founding members of Great Lakes Corvette Club.



# *Cruise In to Jon's*

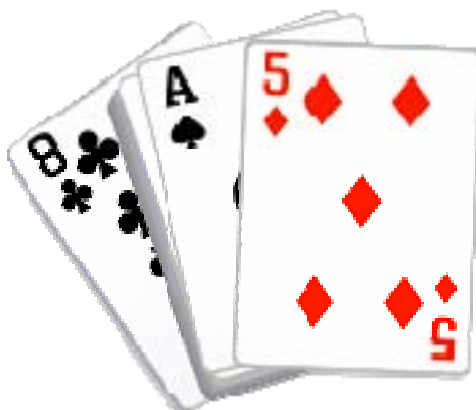
*Saturday • February 21 • 5:00 pm  
Jon's Country Burger, 3109 S. Cedar, Lansing*

*Cruise in to Jon's for dinner at 5:00 pm.  
We are planning some card games for those  
who would like to stay and visit longer.*

*Jon's menu includes a wide variety of foods including the  
famous "Country Burger," steaks, fish, shrimp, soup, etc.  
all at reasonable prices. (Non-smoking restaurant.)*

*Stay a while after dinner for games and dessert!  
Jon's serves a great homemade donut sundae and has a  
wide variety of pies and other desserts available.*

*Please contact Simon or Gloria Reiffer before  
Thursday, February 19 if you plan to attend.*



## *What's Happening Socially? ~ Activities for 2009*

The year of 2009 has activities all ready in the works. If you are interested in sponsoring a drive and dine, please let me know. Some members have asked for a particular month to host an event and these are listed below.

I have e-mailed the Jackson Corvette Club and Betty and I are hoping to have a Bowling Event in March. This event will be at the Mason Bowling Center and for those who are interested please join us for dinner at City Limits Sports Grill. We are planning for a date of March 28, 2009.

<b>February 21 @ 5:00 pm</b> <i>Cruise In to Jon's Country Burger</i> Hosted by Simon & Gloria Reiffer	<b>March 21 @ 6:00 pm</b> <i>Michigan Region Banquet in Marshall</i> <b>March ??</b> <i>Bowling with Jackson Corvette Club</i>
<b>April ??</b> <i>Drive &amp; Dine</i> Hosted by ??? <b>April 25 @ 2:00 pm</b> (must line-up by noon) <i>Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade</i> Hosted by ???	<b>May ??</b> <i>Drive &amp; Dine</i> Hosted by Rich & Colleen Bratschi <b>May 16 @ 11:00 am</b> (possibly participating) <i>Lansing 150 ~ Parade of the Decades</i> <b>May 25 @ 10:00 am</b> (leave Lansing @ 8:00 am) <i>Marshall Memorial Day Parade</i>
<b>June ??</b> <i>Drive &amp; Dine</i> Hosted by Terry & Chris Burke <b>June ??</b> <i>Spring Fling</i> Hosted by Bob & Shalimar Maynard	<b>July ??</b> <i>Drive &amp; Dine</i> Hosted by Mike & Connie Britz
<b>August ??</b> <i>Cones &amp; Bones</i> Hosted by Simon & Gloria Reiffer <b>August 28 &amp; 29</b> <i>Corvette Crossroads</i> Hosted by ???	<b>September ??</b> <i>Drive &amp; Dine</i> Hosted by ??? <b>September 26</b> <i>Hay Ride &amp; Bonfire</i> Hosted by Randy & Carol Putmon
<b>October 10</b> <i>Drive &amp; Dine</i> Hosted by Ted & Julie Lasher <b>October ??</b> <i>Fall Color Tour</i> Hosted by Jim Balla	<b>November ??</b> <i>Bingo - Tamarack Square</i> <b>November ??</b> <i>Drive &amp; Dine <u>OR</u> Cruise In</i> Hosted by ???
<b>December 2</b> <i>Holiday Party</i> Tentative Plan for Coral Gables	<b>January 2010</b> <i>Winter Fest</i>

Please let me know when you have decided to have your Drive & Dine so we can add the dates to the Newsletter and have it listed on the calendar.

If you are interested in sponsoring a Drive & Dine, please let me know. I do not think there is any reason that we cannot have two or more activities per month.

Let me know if you have and questions or concerns. Thanks. Suzanne





**MICHIGAN REGION  
CORVETTE CLUBS  
ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET**  
Saturday, March 21, 2009  
(Hosted by Your Region Officers)

Location: Hampton Inn  
17256 Sam Hill Drive  
Marshall, MI. 49068  
I-94 at Exit 110  
Phone: 269-789-0131

Schedule of Events: 6:00 Happy Hour (B.Y.O.B.)  
(Alcohol must be kept in the banquet room)  
7:00 Buffet Dinner \$25.00 Per person  
8:00 Speaker  
8:30 Awards

Door Prizes will be given out during the course of the evening.

NOTE: It would be appreciated if all clubs can donate a minimum of one door prize valued at \$30.00.

Rooms are available at the Hampton for a cost of \$89.00+tax per night. Please contact the hotel directly and mention Michigan Region Corvette Clubs. Reservations are highly recommended no later than February 15, 2009.



Registrations for the Banquet Due 3/14

Mail to: Elana Siebel  
8916 S. 8<sup>th</sup> St. Kalamazoo, MI. 49009  
Make checks Payable to MRCC

Name (s): \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Attendees \_\_\_\_\_





# Capital City Corvette Club



## Participation Points as of January 10, 2009

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0	Jim Balla*	0	Jennifer Everhart*	2	Bob Maynard	1	Gordon Terwilliger
0	Scott Bauries	0	Randy Gisse	2	Shalimar Maynard	1	Joseph Thomas*
6	John Bechtel	0	Bill Griffith	0	Jeff McQuade	0	Sue VanAtta
8	Sandy Bechtel	2	Janet Hardin	0	George Nelson	0	Larry Warren
2	James Boettcher	2	Carrie Hutton	1	Diana Parks	0	Linda Warren
2	Mara Boettcher	7	Angela Hyde	1	Howard Parks	0	Lee Webster
0	Angela Boldrey	2	Craig Iansiti	0	Joe Platte	1	Larry Wight
0	Lance Boldrey	1	Dick Iding	0	Pam Platte	1	Gerry Wyma
1	Colleen Bratschi	0	Arthur Ickes	6	Ed Politza	1	Kathy Wyma
1	Rich Bratschi	0	Marilyn Ickes	6	Suzanne Politza		
1	Connie Britz	1	Don Johnston	0	David Pursel		
1	Mike Britz	0	Greg Kapp	0	Kathryn Pursel		
0	David Brown	2	Kim Keith	6	Carol Putmon		
0	Diana Brown-Mosher	2	Sue Keith	2	Randy Putmon		
2	Chris Burke	0	Frank Kessler	10	Gloria Reiffer		
6	Terry Burke	0	Judy Kessler	6	Simon Reiffer		
0	David Carr	0	Fred Koos	2	Robert Ribar		
0	Cindy Carr	0	Judy Koos	0	Eddie Root		
2	Kathy Cooper	0	Bob Kroupa	0	Norman Saari		
2	Ronald Cooper	0	Kathy Kroupa	0	Brenda Shatkosky		
2	Dave Cripe*	2	Dave Kuempel*	0	Richard Shatkosky		
2	Pat Cripe	2	Diana Kuempel*	1	Janyce Shepler		
0	Joel Crutcher	0	Lewis Kuempel	1	John Shepler		
1	Darwin Day	4	Julie Lasher	1	Victor Smith		
2	Jim DeNike	6	Ted Lasher	0	Loretta Spinrad		
2	Patty DeNike	0	Carlo Litrenta	0	Steve Spinrad		
1	Art Doty*	0	Mark Lewis	0	Michael Sprague		
1	Nancy Doty*	0	Patty Lewis	0	Janet Sprague		
0	Catherine Eiseman	1	Ellie Lickfeldt	0	Dan Stremler		
0	Raoul Eiseman	1	Pat Lickfeldt	0	Nancy Stremler		

## Current 2009 Top Ten

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10	Gloria Reiffer	6	John Bechtel	6	Ed Politza	6	Simon Reiffer
8	Sandy Bechtel	6	Terry Burke	6	Suzanne Politza		
7	Angela Hyde	6	Ted Lasher	6	Carol Putmon		



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Reaching the end of a job interview, the human resources person asked a young engineer fresh out of MIT, "And what starting salary were you looking for?"

The engineer said, "In the neighborhood of \$125,000 a year, depending on the benefits package."

The interviewer said, "Well, what would you say to a package of 5-weeks vacation, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every 2 years - say, a red Corvette?"

The Engineer sat up straight and said, "Wow! Are you kidding?"

And the interviewer replied, "Yeah, but you started it."


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

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## **CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB**

### **General Membership Meeting – January 7, 2009**

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. A welcome was extended to all members and visitors.

In follow up to the December 3, 2008 nomination of Ed Politza for 2009 Competition Director, he was unanimously elected to the position by verbal vote.

**Secretary:** Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the December 3, 2008 general membership meeting. Craig Iansiti moved to approve them as written. Sue Keith seconded. Motion passed. She noted Shalimar Maynard will be taking the minutes of the February general membership meeting. A board member is still needed to take minutes of their January meeting. [Carol Putmon has agreed to do this.]

**Ambassador:** Sandy Bechtel reminded members of the upcoming caravan to the museum over the 2009 Labor Day weekend. She also encouraged everyone to visit the museum's website to check the progress of the building expansion.

**Points:** Ted Lasher advised Carrie Hutton's final 2008 report is currently on our website. 2009 points will be posted on our website starting with tonight's attendance information.

**Membership:** Angie Hyde stated we currently have 97 regular, 1 honorary, and 72 FCOA (Future Corvette Owners of America) members. She reminded people that profile sheets are available. See her if you wish to purchase a car flag.

**Historian:** No report.

**Social:** Sue Politza reminded us of the upcoming February 21, 2009 cruise in at Jon's Country Burgers. A sign-up sheet is circulating. Sue also encouraged people to sign up to host a Drive and Dine. March, April, and November are still open. She noted we are not limited to having one Drive and Dine a month. See her if you want to host an event.

**Treasurer:** Carol Putmon reported that all bills have been paid under the 2008 budget. See her for specific account balances.

John Bechtel presented the proposed 2009 budget. Janet Harden moved to open the discussion. Carrie Hutton seconded. Motion passed. It was explained that because our actual newsletter expenses are not currently known, it may be necessary to amend the budget in the future. After thorough discussion, Rich Bratschi moved to close the discussion. Craig Iansiti seconded. Motion passed. The proposed 2009 budget was unanimously passed.

**Webmaster:** Gloria Reiffer asked members to look at their vehicle pictures currently on our website. If you have a new or additional Corvette, please send her an electronic picture of it so she can update the website.

**Editor:** Gloria Reiffer advised she has reformatted our monthly newsletter in an attempt to make it small and light enough to be able to mail it to people who want a hard copy. She will bring those copies to general meetings. Copies not picked up will be mailed. The new size

can be mailed for one first-class postage stamp. So far, 12 members have asked for such a copy. She will report in a couple months as to the monthly printing and mailing costs. Because so few copies are needed, it is more cost effective for her to print them on the club's copier. The club will be billed for paper and toner. January's newsletter was printed using the copier's "econo" toner setting. Because some pages/ads are faded, Simon Reiffer explained that setting will not be used in the future.

**Competition:** Ed Politza advised he is following up on scheduling a club tech day. The facility in Saranac may not be feasible. He has located a possible replacement in Jackson. He will update us as information becomes available.

**Public Relations:** 1) Simon Reiffer noted that our general membership meetings are being posted in the Lansing State Journal. 2) Regarding advertisers, he will call those that didn't renew. He mentioned the possibility of having different rates for club member/non-club member advertisers. 3) Simon and John Bechtel recently met with Dick Iding from our sponsor, Bud Kouts Chevrolet. They are discussing the possibility of holding a car show there that will be a joint venture with the Lansing Muscle Car Club. No date has been set for such an event. Simon also reminded us that Bud Kouts gives our club members a 10% discount on service fees for their Corvettes. He encouraged us to support this sponsor with our business. 4) Simon stated the NCCC national convention will be held in Colorado Springs, Colorado August 8-14, 2009. The Black Hills Run will take place July 17-19, 2009. He encouraged all of us to attend these events. 5) He also encouraged us to wear our club apparel when attending other non-club events. 6) Simon noted club member Art Ickes has been named as interim president of Spartan Chassis.

**Governor/Vice President:** Terry Burke noted he attended the November NCCC regional meeting with Rich Bratschi. All competition events for 2009 were approved. The next regional meeting will be held February 24, 2009.

**President:** 1) John Bechtel indicated we have received thank you's for our donations to Potter Park Zoo, American Red Cross, Greater Lansing Food Bank and VFW National Home for Children. Our membership is to be commended for its generosity. 2) John and Dave Cripe noted the City of Lansing is celebrating its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2009. One of the events will be a parade [May 16<sup>th</sup>] that we may want to participate in. More information later.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Rich Bratschi asked if we had a schedule of club shows for 2009 yet. John Bechtel stated we did not, but again expressed an interest in consolidating a show with the Muscle Car Club at Bud Kouts Chevrolet and Logan's Roadhouse. Gloria Reiffer noted that the Muscle Car Club supports Sparrow Hospice.

**Member Comment:** None.

**50/50 Drawing:** Ted Lasher is the winner. Congratulations!

**Adjournment:** Don Johnston moved to adjourn. Sue Keith seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

## **CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB**

### **Board Meeting Minutes – January 21, 2009**

Terry Burke called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. **Absent:** John and Sandy Bechtel.

#### **Reports:**

**Secretary:** Absent but the minutes from the December board meeting were presented. Suzie moved to approve, Ed seconded. Motion passed.

Discussion of sanction and non-sanction events. Gloria to get a copy and put on calendar.

**Ambassador:** Absent.

**Points:** Will be on Website. Discussion of top 10 awards for this coming year.

**Membership:** Angie reported we currently have 97 regular, 1 honorary and 72 FCOA members.

Purchase of a label maker for name badges was presented. Angie to order more shirts for new members. She also has some red and black shirts for sale and will bring these to the next general meeting.

**Social:** Suzie is looking into several different places to possibly have our Winterfest and Christmas party along with the same places that we have had them. Discussion was made for members to sign up and pay before the parties if they are a buffet and not pay at the door.

**Treasury:** Carol provided balances for all accounts.

**Editor:** Gloria presented a new advertiser B&B Embroider. Two items were given to be put into the newsletter at a future date.

**Competition:** Ed brought up 2009 Rookie School. A meeting will be taking place to discuss what it will look like and who will work it. Terry and Ed will attend. The trip to the Dyno is still being worked on. Ed to get in contact with Spartan Speedway about the date for the low speed event.

**Public Relations:** Regional meeting will be in Marshall at the Hampton Inn. A \$30.00 gift is required to be taken. This is in the budget for 2009.

**Governor/Vice President:** Terry discussed the memo from Ray Meesseman about the certificate of Liability Insurance. Ed and Terry to discuss any changes if needed. Waivers need to be signed at all events. Social events must be in newsletter or postcard mailed to the secretary. Proxy for Terry to fill out and events sanction request forms. Governor's meeting in May in St. Louis.

**President:** Terry standing in for John.

**Old Business:** Discussion about guest speakers at the meetings. Needs to be limited to the general membership about the love and care of their Corvettes.

**New Business:** General meeting may have to start earlier because the Delhi Cafe is now closing earlier.

**Member Comment:** None.

**Adjournment:** Suzie moved to adjourn. Simon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



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- If you have more than one car, and the one that is 20 years older than the other runs 10 times better.
- If you know the exact DATE which your car was built (Jan 16, 1974)... but forget your girlfriend/wife's birthday (Uh, I was going to get you something honey but I...)
- If you know the exact day you bought your car (April 3, 1999).... But forget your anniversary.
- If you've ever explained (in detail) to your girlfriend who "Zora" is...

*Source: RRCC Website*



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## Community Involvement

Capital City Corvette Club has a history of becoming involved in our community! Here are some of the things we did in 2008.

- \* \$500, in the form of two \$250 automotive scholarships, was provided to Capital Area Career Center students in May. These scholarships are given in the memory of Colin Nethaway, a former student of CACC. Colin's parents matched the funds donated by CCCC to bring the scholarship total to \$1,000 for 2008.
- \* \$2,000 was raised for the Potter Park Zoo in Lansing. Although Horsepower at the Zoo was cancelled due to extremely heavy rains we were still able to make a sizeable donation through the help of the show sponsors and CCCC members.
- \* Our annual BINGO event with the seniors at Tamarack Apartments was held on November 15 with a variety of prizes, valued at more than \$250, donated by members of CCCC. An ice cream social was held after the game with CCCC members bringing desserts to share.
- \* \$1,825 was donated to the Greater Lansing Food Bank at Christmas time. Club members added \$1,325 to the club's donation of \$500 to raise the total donation to \$1,825 in 2008.
- \* \$700 was donated to the VFW National Home for Children in Eaton Rapids. Of this, \$200 was donated through our annual springtime Blessing of the Vettes/Vets and the club donated \$500 at Christmas time.
- \* \$575 was donated to the American Red Cross, Mid-Michigan Chapter at Christmas time. Club members added \$75 to the club's donation of \$500 to raise the total donation to \$575 in 2008.
- \* \$67.50 was raised through a 50/50 raffle and was donated to the Marines Toys for Tots campaign at Christmas time.
- \* Money was donated in the memory of loved ones through our Hearts and Flowers program. These funds were provided to a number of organizations including Sparrow Hospice Services, Greater Lansing Food Bank, the National Kidney Foundation, and other worthy organizations.

Approximately \$6,000 was donated back to the community in 2008. Way to go CCCC!!!

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