

The Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club

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#### **VOLUME XXXIX • NUMBER 5 • MAY 2009**

#### **Upcoming Events**

#### **General Membership Meeting**

May 6 • 7:00 pm • Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

#### **Blessing of the Vettes / Vets**

*May 9* • 10:00 am • Culver's • 5140 Time Square Drive • Okemos

#### **Lorraine McLaughlin Memorial Low Speed Driving School**

*May 16* • 8:30 am • 410 East Drive (former State Farm) • Marshall

#### **Board Meeting**

May 20 • 6:30 pm • Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

#### Sparrow Hospice Car Show ~ CAMCC / CCCC

May 23 • 10:00 am • Bud Kouts Chevrolet • 2801 E. Michigan • Lansing

#### Marshall Memorial Day Parade & 8th Annual Hog Roast

May 25 • 8:00 am • 6951 Lansing Rd (former Coyote Creek Grill) • Dimondale

#### **Drive & Dine**

May 30 • 12:00 noon • Park & Ride behind the Cracker Barrel • Okemos

#### Events Coming Up in June & July

Spring Fling to Traverse City • June 5-7
Spring Into Summer Picnic • June 6
Drive & Dine • June 13
Low Speeds @ Spartan Speedway • July 18
Drive & Dine • July 26

#### Welcome to New Members

John Manning of Holt • black 2001 Z06 hardtop Roy & Pat Bailey of Lansing (returning) • red 2001 coupe

#### May Birthdays

Gloria Reiffer (1) • Dick Bowlin (8) • Loretta Spinrad (10) Craig Iansiti (13) • Judy Koos (15) • David Kuempel (15) George Nelson (18) • Connie Britz (26)

#### <u>Newsletter Article Deadline</u>

Send all June newsletter articles to webmaster @ cccorvette.org by May 23.

#### From the President...

As I write this, the sun is shining, the birds are singing and they're predicting 80 degree weather for the Vermontville Syrup Festival on Saturday. Now I remember why I love Michigan in the spring time.

May is stacking up to be a busy month. If you check the club calendar you'll see something going on at the regional level every weekend. You'll also notice three events that we're involved in directly on consecutive weekends. Our fifth annual Blessing of the Vettes show is on the 9<sup>th</sup> at Culver's. I know Carrie has a great show planned and I hope you all can make it out to show off your cars and enjoy the great Culver's food.

On Saturday the 16<sup>th</sup> we will be co-hosting the Loraine McLaughlin Memorial Low Speed Training event in Marshall. Whether you're a racer or not, this is an excellent opportunity for us all to learn to be better drivers of our high performance cars. I would suggest that if your spouse is going to take the class, you better think about taking it too. Otherwise, plan on having your every mistake pointed out to you for the rest of the summer.

Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> is our sponsor show at Bud Kouts Chevrolet. This year's show will be a combined effort with the Capital Area Muscle Car Club with the idea of getting car counts up and providing a bigger and more interesting car show for everyone. The judging of this show will be a little different than we're used to. Because we're plugging into an existing show we're also plugging into an existing judging system. As a CCCC member, when you register you will have the option of showing your car as "Display" Only" with no trophies possible or as a "CCCC Club Car" in which case trophies will be awarded to the top five CCCC club cars. The CCCC club cars will not be competing against the CAMCC club cars which will have their own options to display only or compete against other CAMCC club cars. We've all been to shows where "Block Voting" took place. I'm happy to say that our club has pretty much never done that but with this system there's not even the appearance of collusion. The purpose of this show is to raise money for the Sparrow Hospice program which I and several other club members can attest is a wonderful program. It's also an opportunity for us to say thank you to Bud Kouts Chevrolet for all that they do for us. I really hope to see all of you there.

Of course, on Memorial Day we will be caravanning to Marshall for the annual parade. This is a fun event and can last all day if you want or you can be home by noon if you have other plans.

On May 30<sup>th</sup>, Rich and Colleen Bratschi have a Drive n' Dine planned. It just occurred to me that if you're the cook in your house, this club takes care of about half of your meal planning in the warm months. You're welcome.

Get out there and enjoy your car, your friends and another beautiful Michigan spring.

Remember, Wax on, Wax off.

JB

#### Getting to Know You...

In an effort to get to know each other, this month we will focus on Patrick and Ellie Lickfeldt, Capital City Corvette Club members from Lansing, Michigan.

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The first time I saw Ellie was in May of 1973. I thought she had the most beautiful smile that I had ever seen. At the time, we were both working at G.M., here in Lansing. Ellie worked in the Data Processing dept., and I worked in the Hourly Payroll dept. I had always heard it said at work, that if you want to find out anything, just ask the janitor, so I did. It just so happened to my surprise, that this particular janitor, named Jimmy, had a daughter that went to school with, and was friends with another girl named Ellie, what's the odds? Soon after that, one day in June of '73, I drove to Ellie's parents home, for our first date, in my 1962 silver on black, 327 c.i. automatic

Corvette. In September of '73, I asked Ellie to marry me, and on December 22<sup>nd</sup> of '73, we walked down the aisle of St. Marys Cathedral in downtown Lansing, and said to each other, I DO!

Ellie and I have three children. All three of whom went to school at St. Gerard's, and Lansing Catholic. Our first child is Jason, born on 1-13-75. Today, Jason is a Master Plumber who owns his own Plumbing company, which is called Tri County Plumbing and Drain Cleaning. Jason lives in Lansing, Our second child is Tiffany, born on 4-20-76. Today, Tiffany is married to Todd,11 years in May of this year, and they have 4 beautiful children, and they are Mercedes, who is 6 years old, and Isabel, who is almost 5 years old, and Noah, who is 2 and 1/2 years old, and Kaia, who will celebrate her first birthday on July 6th. Tiffany and her family live in Lansing, Tiffany is a graduate of MSU, with a BSN in Nursing, and is currently an RN at Sparrow Hospital, in the Out Patient Surgery dept. As a sidenote, from a very proud Father, Ellie and I just found out that Tiffany has been selected as one of eight Nurses at Sparrow Hospital, to be named as Sparrow Nurse Of The Year for 2009. Our third child is Patrick, born on 3-25-78. Today, Patrick is married to Emily, 6 years this July, and they have a beautiful daughter named Ariel, who will be 3 years old in May of this year. Patrick is a Lansing Community College graduate, and is a Cardio Lab Technician involved on Heart Surgeries. Patrick took his first Hospital assignment in Bulls Head City, AZ., and is on his second assignment in Charlotte, N.C., and this August, Patrick and his family will be moving to Tampa. FL., for his next assignment.

We have had a few dogs as pets at home, when the kids were young and growing up. However, as they grew up and moved away so did the pets, except Jake, a 14 year old Amazon Parrot. Anybody looking for a wonderful pet?

Ellie worked for G.M. for 8 years, and then took a couple of years off to stay home with the children, until they were in school. Ellie then was hired by the State of Michigan, and has worked there ever since, and probably retiring within another year or so. I worked for G.M. for 39 years, on Management, mostly as a Supervisor. I retired on11-1-08.

During the years of raising our family, Ellie and I did all the fun stuff with our kids, like everybody else does. We bought a cottage up north on a lake with lake front footage, with boats, and pontoons, and skis, and all the fun stuff. And while the kids were fishing and or swimming or paddle boating, I was having fun mowing, painting, remodeling, building, and all that fun stuff.

I am currently a Volunteer at Sparrow Hosp. and go to the USA Fitness, I have also been a High School Referee in Basketball, Football and Volleyball for several years, and still continue to do so. Ellie is a wonderful grandmother, and loves to spend time with, and do things for our grandkids.

As far as Corvettes, I bought my first one in 1970, a dark green '64' Coupe, 4 spd., when I was 19 years old. The only time I have not had a Vette since then, was from 1979 to 1989, when we were too busy in life, with family things. Over the years we have owned 7 Corvettes, a '58', two '62's, a '63', two '64's, and a '74. Currently, we have a silver blue '58', and a roman red '62'.

I first heard about the CCCC back in the early 70's, from Steve Spinrad, but I had just gotten out of the Army and wasn't looking to "join" anything else right away. We have belonged to the Club now, going on 5 years. We enjoy the time that we spend with the Club members very much, and plan on continuing with that plan. We have met some of the nicest and most interesting people because of being a Corvette owner and enthusiast.



#### How To Identify A Driver's Home

- One hand on wheel, one hand on horn: New York
- One hand on wheel, one finger out window: Chicago
- One hand on wheel, one hand on newspaper, foot solidly on accelerator: Boston
- One hand on wheel, one hand in pants, cradling cell phone, brick on accelerator: *California;* with gun in lap: *L.A.*
- Both hands on wheel, eyes shut, both feet on brake, quivering in terror: Ohio, but driving in California
- Both hands in air, gesturing, both feet on accelerator, head turned to talk to someone in back seat: *Italy*
- One hand on Latte, one knee on wheel, cradling cell phone, foot on brake, mind on game: Seattle
- One hand on wheel, one hand on hunting rifle, alternating between both feet being on the accelerator and both on the brake, throwing a McDonalds bag out the window: Texas city male
- One hand on wheel, one hand hanging out the window, keeping speed steadily at 70mph, driving down the center of the road unless coming around a blind curve, in which case they are on the left side of the road: Texas country male
- One hand constantly refocusing the rear-view mirror to show different angles of the BIG hair, one hand going between mousse, brush, and rat-tail to keep the helmet hair going, both feet on the accelerator, poodle steering the car, chrome .38 revolver with mother of pearl inlaid handle in the glove compartment: Texas female
- Both hands on steering wheel in a relaxed posture, eyes constantly checking the rear-view mirror to watch for visible emissions from their own or another's car: Colorado
- One hand on steering, yelling obscenities, the other hand a waving gun out the window and firing repeatedly, keeping a careful eye out for landmarks along the way so as to be able to come back and pick up any bullets that didn't hit other motorists so as not to litter: Colorado resident on spotting a car with Texas plates.

Source: MuscleCarClub.com





# FIFTH ANNUAL BLESSING OF THE VETTES ALL CORVETTE SHOW





MAY 9, 2009
10:00 AM-2:00 PM
CULVER'S OF OKEMOS
5140 TIMES SQUARE DR.
OKEMOS, MI 48864

REGISTRATION 10:00 AM-12:00 PM AWARDS AT 2:00 PM

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Event Chairperson:
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Haslett, MI 48840
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#### All Corvette Show / Blessing of the Vettes

Culver's of Okemos (East of Meridian Mall/ Off Marsh Road) For Directions

www.capitalcitycorvetteclub.org

# Awards presented to the TOP TEN and BEST of SHOW All profits from this show will be donated to the VFW National Children's Home in Eaton Rapids

	Pre-registration (Before May 1, 2009) \$12		
Blessing Only	\$5	\$5	
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ADDRESS			_
CITY	STATE	ZIP	_
PHONE#	EMAIL		
CAR MAKE/MOD	DEL	YEAR	_
Make Check Pay	able to: Capital City Corv	ette Club	
Mail Check and	Registration to: Carol Pur	tmon	
	Capital City Co	orvette Club	
	P.O. Box 27	7295	

Lansing, MI 48909

## THE LORRAINE Mc LAUGHLIN MEMORIAL LOW SPEED DRIVING SCHOOL! SATURDAY, MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>

PRESENTED BY: FEES:

CALHOUN COUNTY CORVETTES

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB \$30.00 EARLY ENTRY (BY 5-9) KALAMAZOO CORVETTE CLUB \$40.00 AFTER 5-9 or DAY OF

MICHIGAN AUTOCROSS GROUP

#### **LOCATION**:

FORMER STATE FARM PARKING LOT

410 EAST DR. IN MARSHALL (PARKING LOT ENTRANCE OFF MICHIGAN) JUST EAST OF DOWNTOWN. 2 MILES EAST OF **I-69**, EXIT 36 or 1 MILE WEST OF **I-94** EXIT 112 (SEE MAP ON REVERSE SIDE)

#### **ELIGIBILITY**:

- \* DRIVERS WITH 20 OR FEWER LOW SPEED SANCTIONED RUNS IN THE LAST TWO YEARS (2007 & 2008)
- \*FIRST 30 DRIVERS TO SUBMIT ENTRY FORMS, POSTMARKED BY 5-9

  (ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER THE FIELD IS FULL AND BEFORE THE

  EVENT WILL BE RETURNED).
- \*MUST HAVE A HELMUT (SNELL ONLY w/MFR. DATE 1999 OR NEWER)
  HELMUTS WILL BE AVAILABLE IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ONE

REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM Sign up & Tech Inspection (Coffee & Donuts included) CLASSES BEGIN: 9:30 AM UNTIL 4:00 PM (APPROXIMATELY)

-CLASS SIZES WILL CONSIST OF 5 TO 8 DRIVERS EACH GROUP.
-LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE PARTICIPANTS AND WORKERS

#### THE DRIVER'S COURSE WILL INCLUDE:

- -REVIEW OF N.C.C.C. RULES AND APPLICATIONS
- -WALK AROUND THE TRACK
- -TECHNICAL INSPECTIONS (Prior to the beginning of the runs)
- -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

PAYABLE TO: "CALHOUN COUNTY CORVETTES"

THEN MAIL TO: MICHELLE O'NEIL, TREASURER CALHOUN COUNTY CORVETTES

**11852 VERONE RD.** 

**BATTLE CREEK, MI 49014** 

#### ENTRY FORM

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S Marshall Ave

Division Dr

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Alwyn Downs Golf Club

Leggitt Rd



## Capital City Corvette Club



#### Participation Points as of April 28, 2009

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1	Pat Bailey	2	Catherine Eiseman	4	Ellie Lickfeldt	0	Dan Stremler
1	Roy Bailey	2	Raoul Eiseman	5	Pat Lickfeldt	0	Nancy Stremler
1	Jim Balla*	2	Jennifer Everhart*	2	Carlo Litrenta	3	Gordon Terwilliger
4	Scott Bauries	2	Randy Gisse	0	John Manning	6	Joseph Thomas*
14	John Bechtel	1	Bill Griffith	5	Bob Maynard	1	Sue VanAtta
16	Sandy Bechtel	9	Janet Hardin	5	Shalimar Maynard	0	Larry Warren
6	James Boettcher	5	Carrie Hutton	1	Jeff McQuade	0	Linda Warren
6	Mara Boettcher	12	Angela Hyde	2	George Nelson	0	Lee Webster
0	Angela Boldrey	10	Craig Iansiti	3	Diana Parks	7	Larry Wight
0	Lance Boldrey	2	Arthur Ickes	3	Howard Parks	5	Gary Wyma
3	Richard Bowlin	2	Marilyn Ickes	3	Joe Platte	5	Kathy Wyma
4	Colleen Bratschi	1	Dick Iding	2	Pam Platte		
4	Rich Bratschi	2	Don Johnston	14	Ed Politza		
3	Connie Britz	2	Adam Kaleward	12	Suzanne Politza		
3	Mike Britz	5	Greg Kapp	0	David Pursel		
0	David Brown	5	Kim Keith	0	Kathryn Pursel		
1	Diana Brown-Mosher	5	Sue Keith	13	Carol Putmon		
10	Chris Burke	0	Frank Kessler	7	Randy Putmon		
17	Terry Burke	0	Judy Kessler	21	Gloria Reiffer		
0	Cindy Carr	0	Fred Koos	16	Simon Reiffer		
0	David Carr	0	Judy Koos	12	Robert Ribar		
2	Kathy Cooper	0	Bob Kroupa	7	Eddie Root		
2	Ronald Cooper	0	Kathy Kroupa	0	Brenda Shatkosky*		
6	Dave Cripe*	7	Dave Kuempel*	0	Richard Shatkosky*		
6	Pat Cripe	7	Diana Kuempel*	3	Janyce Shepler		
1	Joel Crutcher	4	Lewis Kuempel	3	John Shepler		
2	Darwin Day	9	Julie Lasher	9	Victor Smith		
4	Jim DeNike	13	Ted Lasher	0	Loretta Spinrad		
4	Patti DeNike	2	Harold Leeman	0	Steve Spinrad		
3	Art Doty*	2	Mark Lewis	1	Janet Sprague		
3	Nancy Doty*	2	Patty Lewis	1	Michael Sprague		

#### **Current 2009 Top Ten**

21	Gloria Reiffer	16	Simon Reiffer	13	Ted Lasher	12	Suzanne Politza
17	Terry Burke	14	John Bechtel	13	Carol Putmon	12	Robert Ribar
16	Sandy Bechtel	14	Ed Politza	12	Angela Hyde		



#### CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

General Membership Meeting – April 1, 2009

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Welcome to all members and guests.

#### **Reports:**

Secretary/Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the March 4, 2009, general membership meeting. Carol Putmon moved to accept them as written. Rich Bratschi seconded. Motion passed. Sandy advised she is still selling \$10.00 tickets for the museum's April 25 raffle of a 2009 red Corvette convertible. She also introduced Joe Thomas, Michigan's captain for the 2009 museum caravan over Labor Day Weekend. Joe advised there are two events taking place: the caravan and the museum celebration. You must register on the museum's website separately for these events. So far, Michigan has 94 people signed up. We will assemble at 8:00 a.m. on September 2 at Pratt & Miller in New Hudson, MI. Departure is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. On day one, we will travel to Indianapolis. On day two, we will tour the track museum and/or take laps on the speedway. We will combine our caravan with the Indiana club and continue to Bowling Green, KY. Expected arrival time is 3:00-4:00 p.m. Joe and Sandy presented a caravan video.

**Points:** Ted Lasher advised that current points are posted on our website. He also noted he has window banners for sale: \$3.00 for ovals, \$5.00 for the larger windshield style.

**Membership/Historian:** Angie Hyde stated we have 102 regular, 1 honorary, and 70 F.C.O.A. members. Jeff McQuade noted he just added one F.C.O.A. member. Angie noted she has club T-shirts (\$10.00) and car flags (\$15.00) for sale. Please also see her for membership cards.

**Social:** Sue Politza noted the following upcoming events: April 5, Bowling; April 18, trip to Auburn, IN; April 25, Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival parade; May 23, car show at Bud Kouts Chevrolet; May 25, Marshall Memorial Day parade; and May 30, drive and dine. Check our website for more information.

**Treasurer:** Carol Putmon reported all bills have been paid under the current budget. See her if you want to review our account balances.

**Editor/Webmaster:** Gloria Reiffer encouraged members to make early room reservations for Corvette Crossroads. See her after the meeting regarding car pictures.

**Competition:** Ed Politza indicated he is working on finalizing arrangements with Ram Racing in Saranac, MI.

**Public Relations:** Simon Reiffer stated he delivered fliers for our May 9 Blessing of the Vettes to Bud Kouts Chevrolet and Holt Auto. He noted information is on the table for

Bloomington Gold's June 25-28 swap meet in St. Charles, IL. He also encouraged members to attend the August 8-14 NCCC national convention in Colorado Springs, CO.

**Vice President/Governor:** Terry Burke stated Ray Meesseman, NCCC Regional Competition Director, advised him our July 18 low-speed event at Spartan Speedway will be included in the Great Lakes Track Challenge as event #3. Terry also noted K & K Insurance advised that our insurance covers competition events, as well as other club events. Waivers should be used.

**President:** John Bechtel noted he received an email from the Avalanche Club stating they are interested in meeting with us at the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival. He also said the City of Jackson has invited our club to participate in one of their summer cruiseins (May 22, June 26, July 25, and August 25). Membership polled agreed July 25 would be the best date. Terry Burke offered to chair our participation in the event.

Old Business: None.

**New Business:** Carrie Hutton has a sign-up sheet for workers for the May 9 Blessing of the Vettes. Ted Lasher invited members to join him and Julie for an April 18 day trip to Auburn, IN. Dave Kuempel asked members to let him know if they plan to attend Mid-America Motorworks' September 25-27 Funfest in Effingham, IL. They are charging participants this year. Dave Cripe noted the <u>Old Cars Weekly</u> current issue features all Corvette articles. It also includes a calendar for Gilmore Museum events. Pat Lickfeldt noted he contacted the Americann in Traverse City to register for a room for our Springfest. He was not able to. Registration will be available tomorrow.

**Member Comment:** Terry Burke invited members to sign up for the June 13 Drive & Dine he and Chris are hosting. Colleen Bratschi invited members to sign up for the May 30 Drive & Dine she and Rich are hosting. See our website for fliers.

**50/50 Drawing:** Congratulations to the big winner – Louis Kuempel.

**Adjournment:** Joe Thomas moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



# GPARROW HOSPICE CAR SHOW

May 23, 2009 10 AM to 4 PM

# Bud Kouts

Chevrolet



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REGISTRATION - \$15.00

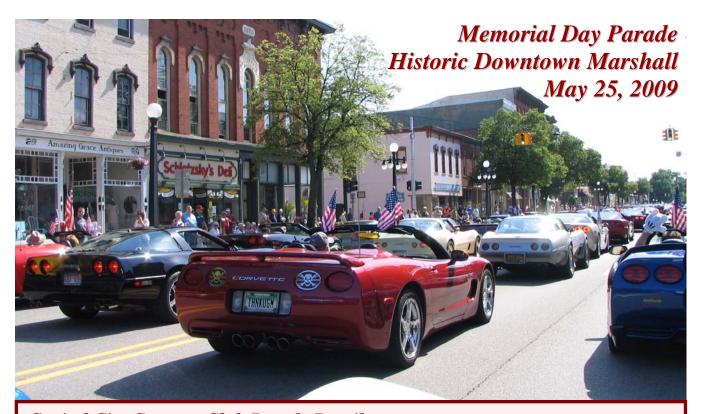
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#### Capital City Corvette Club Parade Details:

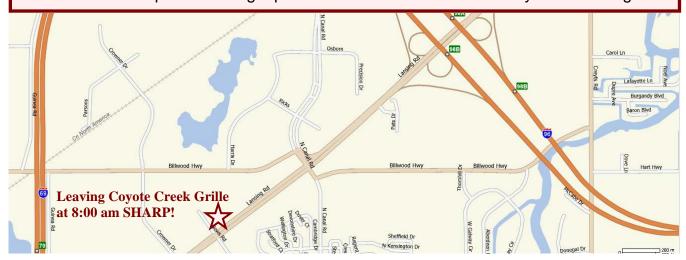
Monday, May 25, 2009 - Meet at former Coyote Creek Grille - 6951 Lansing Road, Dimondale. We will be leaving from CCG at 8:00 am SHARP! Arrive in Marshall and stop at Burger King for snacks/bathroom break. We will leave Burger King for the parade line-up at 9:00 am. The parade begins at 10:00 am. We will meet at the K-Mart parking lot immediately after the parade.

#### 8th Annual Hog Roast at Carmickle's:

Pat & Shari have invited us back for the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Hog Roast at their home after the parade. There is a donation of \$5.00 per person to help cover the cost of the hog. Please bring a dish to pass and your own beverage. (See Simon and Gloria for a map.)

#### Questions???

Call Simon and Gloria at 646.2180 or email webmaster @ cccorvette.org. Watch the club Website for updates. A signup sheet will be available at the May club meeting.



#### CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Board Meeting – April 15, 2009

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. Congratulations on our recent bowling event with the Jackson Corvette Club! It was a great success.

#### Reports:

**Secretary/Ambassador:** Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the March 18, 2009 board meeting. Ed Politza moved to approve them as written. Sue Politza seconded. Motion passed. Sandy also noted she will be returning the April 25, 2009 raffle ticket information to the museum in the next few days.

**Points:** Ted Lasher advised points on our website are up-to-date through our April 1, 2009 general meeting. Points he received at this board meeting for the bowling event will be posted by the end of the week.

**Membership/Historian:** Angie Hyde reported we currently have 101 regular, 1 honorary, and 70 FCOA members. She noted she has not yet been able to confirm that the new FCOA membership application for Jeff McQuade's relative has been processed by NCCC.

**Social:** Sue Politza noted the following upcoming May events: April 25 Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival parade; May 9 Blessing of the Vettes; May 23 car show at Bud Kouts Chevrolet; May 25 Marshall Memorial Day Parade; and May 30 Drive & Dine hosted by Rich & Colleen Bratschi. John Bechtel noted he just received an electronic flier for the Bud Kouts' show. Regarding our June 5-7 Spring Fling, Bob Maynard recently advised John Bechtel that the AmericInn is requiring a contract from our club to guarantee at least 10 rooms. After board discussion, it was agreed the club would not sign such a contract. When Bob Maynard arrived at the meeting to discuss the weekend arrangements, he was advised of the board's position. Although Bob reported that several members of CCM may join us (increasing our rooms to over 10), it was still agreed the club would not sign a contract. John Bechtel will contact the motel and discuss the situation with its manager.

**Treasurer:** Carol Putmon reported all bills have been paid in accordance with our current budget. She also advised that because the Wagon Wheel Restaurant in Portland did not charge us for "no-shows", it was not necessary to recover money from members who made reservations but did not attend the Winterfest.

**Editor/Webmaster:** Gloria Reiffer stated she called our web host about our current program. Because it is outdated, the host no longer offers tech support. Gloria recommended that the club consider purchasing MS Expression Web software to update our site. It will cost about \$300.00. Because the situation is not urgent, the board determined it would include that purchase in the 2010 budget recommendations. Gloria also asked for a volunteer to provide questionnaire information to the NCCC for its 50<sup>th</sup>

anniversary celebration. Sandy Bechtel volunteered to complete the questionnaire. Terry Burke will follow up on filing the necessary paperwork for the NCCC website competition.

**Competition:** Ed Politza noted he will finalize arrangements for a dyno tech day at our May general membership meeting. A date that is best for all members who plan to attend the tech day will be set (probably June 20 or June 27). The \$60.00 fee will be collected at the meeting. Ed and Terry Burke also discussed the race fees for the July 18 low-speed event. Ed noted he will have a sign-up sheet at the May general membership meeting for the May 16 rookie school. Money is due by May 9.

**Public Relations:** Simon Reiffer indicated "Blessing" information is on the calendar for local TV and radio stations as well as the Corvette Forum calendar. As soon as he receives final information for our low-speed event, he will begin contacting the media.

**Governor/Vice President:** Terry noted he is having difficulty getting sanction and non-sanction event numbers from Ray Meesseman. He will keep trying. He is also currently trying to confirm the minimum age for a person to participate in rookie school. Based on information received so far, it appears there is no minimum age – it is just necessary for a minor's parent to sign a waiver. Terry will also refer to the NCCC rule book for answers. Regarding waivers, Terry reiterated it is important that all board members have waivers available at all times. Event chairs will be advised to use waivers as a sign-in sheet (per procedures previously established).

**Old Business:** After confirming the July 25 date, Terry Burke stated he will design a flier for our participation in the City of Jackson's cruise in.

**New Business:** Gloria Reiffer indicated the Battle Creek club is not organizing Corvette participation in the Marshall Memorial Day parade this year. Regardless, many Corvettes are expected to participate. Gloria also noted Carmichaels are hosting their annual pig roast after the parade (bring a dish to pass).

Member Comment: None.

**Adjournment:** Simon Reiffer moved to adjourn. Terry Burke seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.



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#### WELCOME TO THE FIRST DRIVE-N-DINE FOR 2009!!

WE WILL MEET AT THE PARK AND RIDE BEHIND CRACKER BARREL ON OKEMOS/1-96 AT 12:00 NOON, ON MAY 30.

OUR PLAN IS TO LEAVE AT 12:15, DRIVE FOR ABOUT AN HOUR AND HAVE A LATE LUNCH. (WE WILL FURNISH APPLES AND WATER TO GET EVERYONE BY).

HOPE YOU CAN ALL ATTEND.

WE WILL HAVE OUR SIGN-UP SHEET AT THE NEXT 2 MEETINGS TO SEE HOW MANY WILL JOIN US, IF FOR SOME REASON YOU WILL NOT BE AT THOSE MEETINGS AND WOULD LIKE US TO WAIT FOR YOU THE DAY OF THE EVENT JUST E-MAIL US OR GIVE US A CALL.

#### RICH AND COLLEEN BRATSCHI



#### SPRING FLING ~ JUNE 5-7

Bob and Shalimar are heading up *CCCC's* annual Spring Fling Getaway to Traverse City on the weekend of June 5-7!

Meet at Clark Corners Mall (1161 E. Clark Road, DeWitt) at 8:45 am on Friday, June 5. We will be leaving at 9:00 sharp so don't be late! We will take a lunch break at Da Dawq House in Cadillac and then head on into Traverse City.

Call the AmericInn in Traverse City to make your motel reservations now! Call 1.800.441.1903 or 231.938.0288 and be sure to mention that you are with Capital City Corvette Club. Bob has negotiated a room rate of \$69 for us, but you MUST register by May 1 to get this rate! Members of CCM will be joining us.

Bob and Shalimar are still working out details but have lots of fun things in the works. You can call Bob and Shalimar at 347.2949 if you have any questions.



MEET AT CLARK CORNERS ON FRIDAY, JUNE 5 AT 8:45 AM.

## LET'S SPRING INTO SUMMER TOGETHER!

For those of you that aren't going on the Spring Get-a-way to Traverse City lets get together for a

Spring into Summer Picnic.

Date: June 6<sup>th</sup>

Time: 2:00

Place: Angela's Place 3109 Smithville Road Eaton Rapids, MI 48827 Bring your own chairs, drinks and a dish to pass. RSVP Angela @ 517-896-9103



Join us for a Drive N Dine!

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Hosted by Chris & Terry Burke

We will start lining up at 4:30 at the Okemos Park N Ride which is just off I-96 behind Cracker Barrel

We will leave promptly at 5:00 for an approximate 90 minute drive to food, fun and friends!

Signup sheets will be available at the April & May General Membership meetings or RSVP by June 1 to redvettegirl98.@verizon.net

Hope to see you there!

#### 2.2 NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER

SANCTION #:		TYPE OF EVENT	: Seven Low Speed Events
MI-003-048, MI-003-0	049, MI-003-050, MI-00	3-051,	
MI-003-052, MI-003-0	053, MI-003-054		(If Rallye, include Rallye type)
<b>DATE:</b> July 18, 2009		CLUB: Capital Cit	y Corvette Club
(If Drag Rac	es, include rain date)	<b>REGION:</b> Michiga	an Region
<b>REGISTRATION:</b>	<b>OPENS:</b> <u>7:45 am</u>		CC members \$12 per event or \$84 for all
	<b>CLOSES:</b> 9:00 am	seven; Non-NCCC	\$14.00 per event or \$91 for all seven.
DRIVERS MEETING	G TIME: 9:45 am	LOCATION: <u>779</u>	N. College Road - Mason, Michigan
FIRST CAR OUT TI	ME: 10:00 am	Spartan Speedway	-Ontotal-Ostan-
SPEED EVENTS:	☐ HIGH SPEED*	<b>⊠</b> LOW SPEED	
<b>EXHAUST:</b>	☐ OPEN	☐ CLOSED	
MAP AND EVENT I	NFORMATION (SEE	BACK OF FLYER):	Est. 1958

# 2009 SPARTAN SPEEDWAY SEVEN LOW SPEED EVENTS – CLOSED EXHAUST SATURDAY – JULY 18, 2009

NCCC Members: \$12.00 per event, or \$84.00 for all seven.

(NCCC Members - register by July 1 to save an additional \$12; all seven for \$72.00.)

Non-NCCC: \$14 per event or all seven for \$91.00. Metal Cars Welcome!

## Helmet must be DOT Snell 2000 or newer Air, Restrooms, and Food Available

#### Part of the Great Lakes Track Championship Series:

June 14 at Gratton Raceway • July 5 at Waterford Hills • July 18 at Spartan Speedway

August 2 at Owosso Speedway • August 29 at Gingerman Raceway

See reverse side of flyer for the registration form and event map.

Early registration cut-off date is July 1.

BE SURE TO INCLUDE A LOCATION MAP REVERSE SIDE MAY BE USED						
COMPETITION DIRECTOR/CHAIR:	GOVERNOR:					
NAME: Ed Politza	NAME: Terry Burke					
ADDRESS: 1310 Montgomery Street 3	ADDRESS: 2338 Parkwood Drive					
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827	Williamston, MI 48896					
PHONE:517.663.4808	<b>PHONE:</b> 517.655.6770					
NOTE: In High Speed Events: 1. All roadsters must have roll bars as outlined under Section on Technical Inspection for Speed Events: 2. Fire extinguisher (min. 5 BC) required in All groups and classes						

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3. It is highly recommended (required in Group 3) that all competing cars must be equipped with roll bars or roll cages. 4. All entrants must be High Speed Certified and fire suits are required for Group 3.



#### Located at the corner of N. Cedar Street and College Road between Holt & Mason.

Name:	-	Make check payable to: Capital City Corvette Club
Address:		Mail abook and registration to
City:	State: Zip:	Mail check and registration to: Terry Burke - Governor Capital City Corvette Club
Phone: Email:		PO Box 27295
Car Make/Model:	Year:	Lansing, MI 48909
Color: NCCC #:	Car #:	APITAL CIT
NCCC Club:		
Speed Event Class:		C RVETTE CLUB
		www.cccorvette.org

#### 2009 NCCC GREAT LAKES TRACK CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES RULES

GRATTON RACEWAY • JUNE 14, 2009
WATERFORD HILLS • JULY 5, 2009
SPARTAN SPEEDWAY • JULY 18, 2009
OWOSSO SPEEDWAY • AUGUST 2, 2009
GINGERMAN RACEWAY • AUGUST 29, 2009

#### A. OBJECTIVE

- 1. Participant's objective in this Series is to accumulate the fastest lap time possible, from each track in the Series, to apply towards a total time score.
- 2. At tracks where there are both HIGH & LOW speeds, fastest lap at each will be used.

#### **B. DRIVER ELIGIBILITY**

- 1. Open to all NCCC members, Non-NCCC Corvette Owners/Drivers, and Non-Corvette Drivers using any other sports car make.
- 2. NCCC members must have a current NCCC High Speed License to participate at high speed Tracks.
- 3. If you do not have a NCCC High Speed License, you must complete one of the following to receive one:
  - a. Applicant must compete in at least ten (10) low speed autocrosses within the preceding eighteen (18) months in order to obtain certification to compete in NCCC High Speed Events. The ten events must have taken place over a minimum of three (3) weekends.
  - b. Proof of completion of a recognized performance driving school within the preceding eighteen (18) months.
  - c. Attend one of the Driving Schools that is part of one of the Event activities in the Great Lakes High Speed Series.
  - d. Show, at registration, a current wheel to wheel competition license from SCCA, NASA, or other recognized competition licensing organization. SCCA Solo 1 or NASA HPDE 3 or higher certified is also acceptable.
- 4. Non-NCCC members are not required to have a NCCC High Speed License, but must meet one of the same requirements as item #3 above.

#### C. CAR CLASSIFICATION

- 1. All Corvettes will be classed per NCCC rulebook.
- 2. Non-Corvettes will be classed by Make and level of preparation.

#### D. SCORING

- 1. Scoring is based on each participant's fastest lap time from each track during each High Speed & Low speed Time Trials.
- The participant's fastest lap time from each track are totaled together for a cumulative total time score. At tracks were there are both HIGH & LOW speeds. Fastest lap at each will be used.
- The lowest cumulative total time score is considered the winner in each NCCC class and each Non-Corvette class.
- 4. Scoring has to be from the same NCCC class or Non-Corvette class throughout the Series. Combining times from different classes is not allowed.
- 5. NCCC Points do not affect the scoring system of the Great Lakes High Speed Series.
- 6. NCCC members will receive points for NCCC Sanctioned High & Low Speed Event per NCCC Rulebook.

#### E. TRACK RECORDS

- 1. Track Records for each track, based on the High Speed Time Trials, for each NCCC class and each Non-Corvette class will be established, posted, and maintained on the NCCC Michigan Region website.
- 2. The top 3 competitors in each NCCC class and Non-Corvette class will be posted.
- 3. Information to be posted will be the name of the competitor, year and model of car, club, region, and fastest lap time.
- 4. The Series' Records for the particular year will also be posted containing the same information as the individual track records.

#### F. AWARDS

- 1. Series Year-End Awards will be per NCCC class and Non-Corvette class, based on the lowest cumulative total time score.
- 2. Participants must record a time at each track in the Series schedule to be considered for a Year-End Award.
- 3. Year-End Awards (Men and Women):
  - a. Class FTD Award.
  - b. Group FTD Award.
  - c. Overall FTD Award.
- 4. Traveling Trophy Award:
  - a. Overall Award Champion receives a traveling trophy with his/her name, car, tracks, times, for the year he/she won.
  - b. The traveling trophy is then passed on to the following year's Overall Champion with his/her information for that year.

#### **DRIVE & DINE**

### Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>

Depart Meijer parking lot @ 3:00 PM (NW corner - Okemos and Grand River)

#### \$15 Per Person – Reservations and Money to:

Mike Britz 2585 Dustin Rd. Okemos, Mi. 48864 517 332-4435 Cell 517 420-4230

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## PLEASE GET YOUR RESERVATIONS AND MONEY IN ASAP

(No later than July 7<sup>th</sup>)

#### NCCC Convention ~ August 8-14, 2009

For those planning to attend the NCCC Convention in Colorado Springs this summer, be sure to go online and register. The cost is \$185 per person (price goes up to \$210 on June 16). You can find links to convention information on the home page of the NCCC Website and on the Internet Links page of our Website.

Be sure to look over the large selection of items available with the NCCC 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary logo while on the convention Webpage. It is best to order in advance so that you can get the items you want. There is usually a very limited supply available when you get there.





#### Bloomington Gold ~ June 25-28, 2009 Pheasant Run Resort ~ St. Charles, IL

Now is the time to pre-register for Bloomington Gold. You can find complete information online at www.bloomingtongold.com. Friday and Saturday are usually the best days to attend.

If you don't mind driving a little each day, we've found a Fairfield Inn & Suites in Lombard at just \$62 per night with an AAA or AARP discount. It includes a continental breakfast. Although it's about 12 miles away from the resort, it sure beats \$100 or more for motels closer in, and it is located on the same road. Call 1.630.629.2957 or 1.800.228.2800 for prices and availability.

#### Show Highlights

- GoldSchool (Seminars)
- ♦ Special Collection (Museum of rare Corvettes)
- GoldTour (Road Tour for Corvettes)
- ♦ Cars & Parts Sales
- Education opportunities
- GoldMine (Corvettes for Sale by Owner)
- GoldAuction (Corvette Auction)

Judging / Certification / Survivor / Benchmark

#### **One Day Pass**

\$15 per person advance tickets (by June 1) \$20 per person at the gate

#### Gold Pass (4 day Pass)

\$40 per person advance tickets (by June 1) \$50 per person at the gate

#### **GoldSchool / Education**

\$250 to \$400 per session / visit the Bloomington Gold Website for details



#### Corvette Crossroads ~ August 28-29, 2009

The 20<sup>th</sup> annual Corvette Crossroads Auto Show takes place in Mackinaw City on August 28-29. The weekend features a Karaoke boat cruise or dock party on Friday night. Tickets are \$18 per person. The show itself is from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm on Saturday with about 250 Corvettes in attendance. It takes place on a paved parking lot behind the Mackinaw Crossing Mall. Saturday night at 7:00 pm we parade through town and then cross the Mackinac Bridge. The parade is free to all Corvettes (and occupants) this year!

Pre-registration – by August 1 – is \$25. After that date the cost goes up to \$35. Many other things are going on that weekend in Mackinaw City. You can find more information on the Mackinaw Chamber Website at http://www.mackinawchamber.com/content/view/88/225/.

#### **Capital City Corvette Club Details**

Corvette Crossroads is a great time to get better acquainted with other CCCC members. We have a bon fire at the beach every evening, weather permitting. Thursday's group usually eats together that night and does a quick day trip on Friday. After that the group is larger so we break up into smaller groups so that we can get seated at a restaurant.

To accommodate member's schedules we usually head up in two groups (plus those who drive up on their own). A stop is made along the way to eat and gas up the older Corvettes (like our guzzler). One group will head up Thursday morning, leaving from Clark Corners (Clark Road and Old US 27) at 10:00 am. Another group will head up on Friday. Please see Gloria Reiffer if you would be interested in leading the Friday group.

More details will follow as they become available. In the meantime, you can contact Simon and Gloria with any questions about the weekend. Hope you can join us!

#### **Lodging Details**

Waterfront Inn 1009 South Huron Ave Mackinaw City MI 49701 231.436.5527 / 1.800.962.9832 email: info@largestbeach.com Be sure to mention you are with Capital City Corvette Club to obtain the stated rates. Be aware, some room types sell out early!

Get your reservation in now to avoid losing out on a room. They have a <u>72 hour</u> cancellation policy if your plans should change. For those who want parking close to their Corvette, the Waterfront Inn offers many first floor rooms with parking right up in front (upon request). Rates for our group are as follows, however all room types may not available if you wait too long:

**Lakefront** – 1 or 2 queens \$69 on Thursday \$99 on Friday and Saturday Courtside – 2 queens \$59 on Thursday \$89 on Friday and Saturday

**Courtside** – 2 doubles or king \$49 on Thursday \$69 on Friday and Saturday



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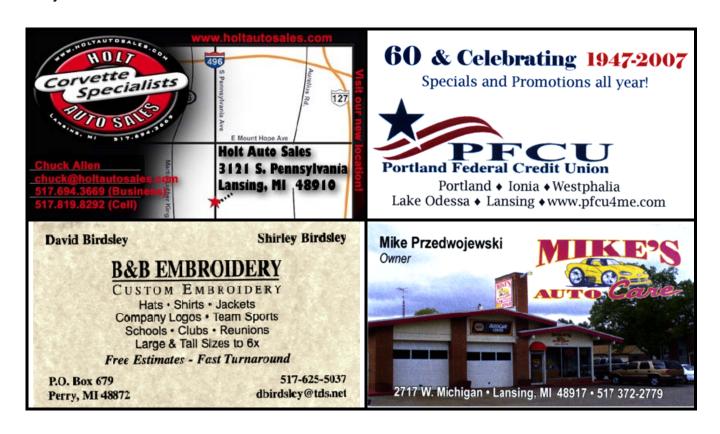
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#### You are most likely a Corvette owner if...

- Drive around town to every Starbucks looking for an outside table next to a parking place because you think people are impressed by watching you drink coffee next to your Vette.
- You order a build sheet for your Vette even though you have no idea what it means.
- You have a window sticker hanging in your bedroom.
- You think people that drive BMW's are commies.
- You think all Japanese cars are junk driven by young punk boys that want to race you.
   Source: RRCC Website



## Capital City Corvette Club Activities - May 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	General Membership Meeting @ Delhi Café	7	8	Blessing of the Vettes / Vets @ Culver's of Okemos
10	11	12	13	14	15	Lorraine McLaughlin Memorial Low Speed Driving School @ State Farm/Marshall
17	18	19	20 Board Meeting @ Delhi Café	21	22	Sparrow 23 Hospice Car Show @ Bud Kouts Chevrolet CAMCC/CCCC Host Newsletter Articles Due
31	Marshall Memorial Day Parade followed by Hog Roast @ Pat & Shari Carmickle's	26	27	28	29	Drive and Dine leaving from Okemos Park-and-Ride

Flyers for club events are in this Newsletter. Visit our online calendar at www.cccorvette.org for Michigan Region Events.



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