

The Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club

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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting – 2010 Board Election

November 4 • 7:00 pm • Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

BINGO

November 7 • 1:30 pm • Tamarack Apartments • 4400 Holt Road • Holt

Drive & Dine

November 14 • 5:00 pm • Okemos Park & Ride • I-96 & Okemos Rd Exit

Board Meeting

November 18 • 6:30 pm • Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Holiday Party

December 2 • 5:45 pm • Coral Gables • 2838 E. Grand River • East Lansing

Winterfest

January 9 • 2:00 pm • City Limits • 4801 N. Cedar • Mason

Welcome to New CCCC Members

Lloyd & Betty Guyot of Bryon Center • blue 2008 convertible Bill & Ann Ward of Lansing • red 1980 coupe

November Birthdays

Art Doty (4) • Mark Lewis (4) • Joel Crusher (12) • David Pursel (12) Nancy Stremler (16) • Joe Platte (21) • Harold Leeman (23)

Congratulations

Best wishes to Jeff & Cynthia McQuade who were united in marriage on October 24, 2009

2010 Board of Directors Election

If you are unable to attend the November General Membership meeting, please contact Shalimar Maynard to receive an absentee ballot

<u>Newsletter Article Deadline</u>

December newsletter articles due to webmaster @ cccorvette.org by November 23

From the President...

Welcome to November, famous for Thanksgiving, falling leaves and sadly, the first measurable snow fall. The upside, Football, much less lawn mowing and no pool maintenance is definitely offset by the fact that most of us will be putting our beloved Corvettes away until spring. This is where I should give you a detailed description of the finer points of long term storage for a car. Unfortunately, I'm not your guy for that. I fill mine up with gas, adjust the tire pressure, take all the loose stuff out of the car and wash it. I also put a trickle charger on the battery so it stays charged and doesn't freeze. Seriously, if any of you have questions on storage, there are people in the club who can give you detailed answers. Send me an email and I'll route you to our brain trusts of maintenance.

We will be electing our 2010 board at the November meeting so don't forget your membership has to be renewed in order for you to vote. Based on the nominations we have I can say without fear of contradiction that the 2010 board will be fantastic. The continued success of this club depends on the board's respect of and response to the membership and the membership's respect of and response to the board. As members we have an obligation to communicate with and support the board. The majority of the decisions made by the board are based on input from the members or more often than not a perception of what the input of the members would be if they actually had received any. Talk to your board members, they don't bite.

Don't forget to check the club calendar for such events as Bingo at Tamarack (please don't forget some bingo prizes and a desert), Burke's drive n' dine and anything else we may come up with.

JB



Capital City Corvette Club extends best wishes to Jeff and Cynthia McQuade on their recent wedding.



Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of October 10, 2009

							
10	Pat Bailey	16	Catherine Eiseman	64	Julie Lasher	51	Richard Shatkosky*
9	Roy Bailey	16	Raoul Eiseman	86	Ted Lasher	5	Janyce Shepler
12	Jim Balla*	14	Jennifer Everhart*	17	Harold Leeman	5	John Shepler
24	Scott Bauries	19	Randy Gisse	5	Mark Lewis	68	Victor Smith
122	John Bechtel	6	Vidal Gonzalez	5	Patty Lewis	0	Loretta Spinrad
98	Sandy Bechtel	1	Bill Griffith	11	Ellie Lickfeldt	4	Steve Spinrad
29	James Boettcher	2	Betty Guyot	25	Patrick Lickfeldt	1	Janet Sprague
14	Mara Boettcher	2	Lloyd Guyot	21	Carlo Litrenta	34	Michael Sprague
0	Angela Boldrey	50	Janet Hardin	9	Janet Litrenta	9	Dan Stremler
0	Lance Boldrey	1	Bette Holdon	2	John Manning	4	Nancy Stremler
22	Richard Bowlin	5	Robert Holdon	25	Bob Maynard	13	Gordon Terwilliger
31	Colleen Bratschi	37	Carrie Hutton	13	Shalimar Maynard	20	Joseph Thomas*
30	Rich Bratschi	68	Angela Hyde	13	Jeff McQuade	1	Sue VanAtta
17	Connie Britz	61	Craig lansiti	2	George Nelson	0	Ann Ward
22	Mike Britz	2	Arthur Ickes	36	Dominique Palacio	1	Bill Ward
10	David Brown	2	Marilyn Ickes	36	Jerry Palacio	18	Larry Warren
27	Diana Brown-Mosher	1	Dick Iding	5	Diana Parks	17	Linda Warren
69	Chris Burke	4	Don Johnston	5	Howard Parks	8	Lee Webster
78	Terry Burke	3	Adam Kaleward	14	Joe Platte	22	Larry Wight
0	Cindy Carr	35	Greg Kapp	14	Pam Platte	14	Gary Wyma
0	David Carr	41	Kim Keith	87	Ed Politza	10	Kathy Wyma
12	Kathy Cooper	52	Sue Keith	67	Suzanne Politza		
12	Ronald Cooper	7	Frank Kessler	17	David Pursel		
34	Dave Cripe*	7	Judy Kessler	5	Kathryn Pursel		
22	Pat Cripe	18	Fred Koos	89	Carol Putmon		
9	Joel Crutcher	0	Judy Koos	81	Randy Putmon		
10	Darwin Day	10	Bob Kroupa	99	Gloria Reiffer		
25	Jim DeNike	7	Kathy Kroupa	93	Simon Reiffer		
26	Patti DeNike	22	Dave Kuempel*	83	Robert Ribar		
29	Art Doty*	19	Diana Kuempel*	49	Eddie Root		
27	Nancy Doty*	10	Lewis Kuempel	27	Brenda Shatkosky*		

Current 2009 Top Ten

122	John Bechtel	93	Simon Reiffer	86	Ted Lasher	78	Terry Burke
99	Gloria Reiffer	89	Carol Putmon	83	Robert Ribar		
98	Sandy Bechtel	87	Ed Politza	81	Randy Putmon		





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 deserts!

DATE: Saturday, November 7, 2009

TIME: 2:00 – 4:00 pm (set up at 1:30)

LOCATION: Tamarack Apartments

4400 Holt Road - Holt, MI

Keep gathering your "fab" Bingo prizes. Hand made items are always a plus, but if you aren't crafty, stop into Meijer or the dollar store and pick up some bric-a-brac. Being so close to Christmas, think of items they can use (gift wrap, Christmas cards, decorations); and items they can keep or regift (stuffed animals, decorative towels, pot holders, etc.). What would you like?

Please bring your favorite dessert to share!



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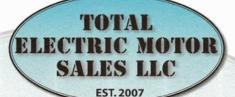
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Funds raised help pay for this Web space and CCCC's monthly newsletter, The Connection.

Ads are \$35 per year, prorated to \$3 per month. Send your business card and check to:



Public Relations Capital City Corvette Club PO Box 27295 Lansing, MI 48909

Join us for a Drive & Dine
Hosted by Chris & Terry Burke
Saturday, November 14, 2009

We will meet at the Okemos Park & Ride behind Cracker Barrel off of I-96 at 5:00

We will leave at 5:15 for an approximate 45 minute drive (in case of inclement weather, we will take a direct route which will be much shorter)

You will enjoy a delicious bountiful meal at one of our favorite restaurants!

The restaurant has an extensive menu with prices ranging from \$10-\$18 per person.

Please RSVP to Chris via email at redvettegirl98 @ verizon.net by November 7 or sign up at the October & November membership meeting.

Hope to see you there!

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

General Membership Meeting – October 7, 2009

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Welcome to everyone, including new member Bill Ward (Ann Ward is also a new member, but was unable to attend).

John noted NCCC regional secretary Elaine Siebel recently passed away from cancer. He also advised that former club member Kurt Schwamberger is still in serious condition at Blodgett Hospital.

John congratulated everyone on a successful Horsepower at the Zoo car show. After expenses, Sandy Bechtel reported we made \$4,797.91 for the zoo. Rich Bratschi moved to round our donation to the zoo to \$5,000.00 (\$202.09 needed). Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed.

Reports:

Secretary/Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel presented Chris Burke's minutes of the September 2, 2009 general membership meeting. Randy Putmon moved to approve them as written. Rich Bratschi seconded. Motion passed. Sandy reported that the National Corvette Museum's Labor Day Celebration was a success. Thanks to Joe Thomas and Jennifer Everhart for being in charge of Michigan's caravan.

Points: Ted Lasher reported that points are on our website.

Membership/Historian: Angela Hyde reported we currently have 112 regular, 1 honorary, and 70 Future Corvette Owners of America members. She reminded everyone that renewals are now due. She also noted she has club flags for sale for \$15.00.

Social: Sue Politza noted the following upcoming club events: October 10, Lasher's Drive & Dine/Color tour; October 23, Angela Hyde's Cruise In at Jon's Country Burger; November 7, Tamarack Bingo Party; November 14, Burke's Drive & Dine; December 2, Christmas Party; and January 9, Winterfest. Greg Kapp noted Portage Pointe Inn, Onekema, MI, is offering great prices for club members. He indicated this might be a good venue for the club's spring fling. John Bechtel reported he received a flyer from the City of Mason for its November 27 holiday parade. See him if you have questions.

Treasurer: Carol Putmon reported all bills have been paid under the current budget. See her for balances.

Editor/Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer stated the deadline for submitting newsletter information is October 23. Please consider completing a Member Spotlight. John Bechtel presented Gloria with NCCC's 2009 First-Place Award for Best Club Website. We placed second the previous three years.

Competition: Ed Politza stated DIC Code information will be available on our website soon. Gloria noted it will be on our Member Share Page.

Public Relations: Simon Reiffer stated he is working on advertising renewals for our 2010 newsletter.

Governor/Vice President: Terry Burke stated the next regional meeting is November 10. He noted current officers have been re-nominated. The position vacated by Elaine Siebel will be filled with a new candidate.

President: John Bechtel noted the club enjoyed several events during September: Eddie Root's Drive & Dine was great fun, Horsepower at the Zoo was a wonderful success, and Putmon's BBQ/Hayride party was terrific. John also stated our club received a Bronze Star Donor award from the VFW National Home for Children. Dave Kuempel reported attendance at Funfest was down.

Old Business: Joe Thomas thanked our club on behalf of himself and Jennifer for our participation in the caravan to the museum. Ted Lasher reminded everyone about the upcoming October 10 color tour.

New Business: Sandy Bechtel reopened nominations for the 2010 Board of Directors. She noted all people nominated at the September general membership meeting were contacted. Tonight's additional nominees: Treasurer, None; Social, Carol Putmon; Secretary, Connie Britz; Public Relations, None; Points, Randy Putmon; Membership, None; Editor, None; Competition, None; Governor, None; and President, John Bechtel. Colleen Bratschi moved to close nominations. Ed Politza seconded. Motion carried. All new nominees were immediately contacted by the nominating committee. The following is a list of all offices and nominees:

Competition Director: Rich Bratschi Governor/VP: Terry Burke

Membership Director: Angela Hyde Newsletter Editor: Scott Bauries

Secretary: Connie Britz Treasurer: Mike Britz

Points Director: Ted Lasher Public Relations: Colleen Bratschi

Randy Putmon Simon Reiffer

President: Craig lansiti Social Director: Chris Burke

Janet Hardin Carol Putmon

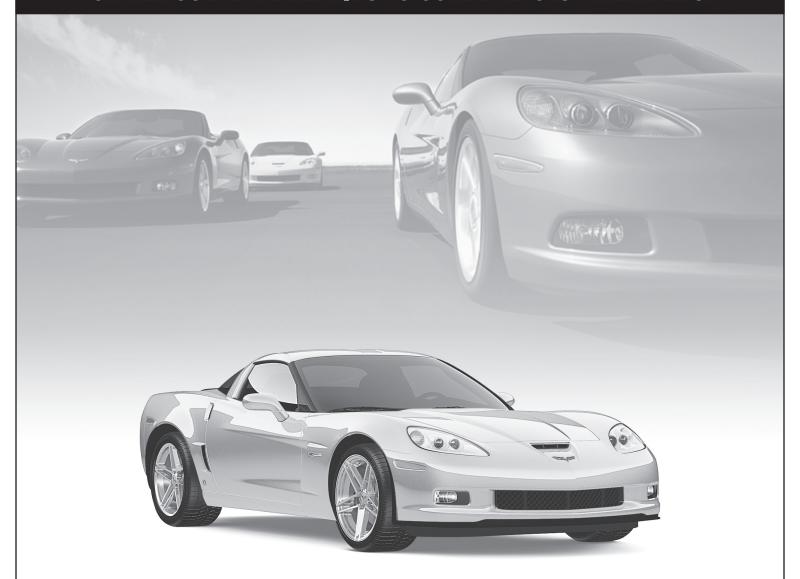
Sandy reminded everyone that in order to run for an office or to vote in November's election, a person's 2010 renewal dues must be paid. Anyone needing an absentee ballot should contact Shalimar Maynard.

Member Comment: Bob Maynard agreed to contact Bud Kouts Chevrolet regarding continuing their sponsorship of our club for 2010.

50/50 Drawing: Ron Cooper was our winner.

Adjournment: Greg Kapp moved to adjourn. Ed Politza seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

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Consider renewing at the November 4 General Membership Meeting.

You may also mail your form and check to: ANGELA HYDE

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ANGELA HYDE		
MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR		

NCCC Lifetime Members and members with their NCCC number with an affiliated club pay \$30 annual dues for a CCCC social membership; \$10 for spouse with same affiliation. Proof of current membership must be provided. Lifetime membership in NCCC has a onetime fee of \$335. It is worthwhile to consider a lifetime membership if you believe you will be involved in NCCC for 11 or more years. NCCC Lifetime membership can be transferred to another NCCC affiliated club if you move from our area.

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Board Meeting – October 21, 2009

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:26 p.m. All board members were present.

Reports:

Secretary/Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the September 16, 2009 board meeting. Carol Putmon moved to approve them as written. Ed Politza seconded. Motion passed.

Points: Ted Lasher noted points are on the website. He also presented the final proposed language clarifications/changes to our points system. Ed Politza moved to accept them as proposed. Terry Burke seconded. Motion passed. The amendments will be proposed to the 2010 board for consideration/action.

Membership/Historian: Angela Hyde reported we currently have 114 regular, 1 honorary, and 70 <u>Future Corvette Owners of America</u>. She has already received 47 renewals, and noted all nominees have renewed.

Social: Sue Politza reported the following upcoming club events: October 23, Angela Hyde's Cruise-In; November 7, Bingo at Tamarack; November 14, Burke's Drive & Dine; December 2, Christmas party; and January 9, Winterfest.

Treasurer: Carol Putmon stated all bills have been paid under the current budget. She provided a list of all account balances.

Editor/Webmaster: No report.

Competition: No report.

Public Relations: Simon Reiffer stated he is working on 2010 newsletter advertising renewals. John Bechtel noted Mid America will advertise in any club's newsletter that includes advertising. Board discussion on whether or not advertising fees should be raised was ended without change.

Governor/Vice President: Terry Burke presented ballots for the upcoming NCCC elections. The slate of nominees was reviewed and decided on. After discussion, we voted no on a potential NCCC bylaw change regarding youth membership. We voted yes on 2011's national convention venue of Tinley Park, Illinois. Convention dates are June 18-24, 2011. The Midwest Region will be hosting the convention.

President: John Bechtel noted that because B & B Embroidery has relocated to Texas, we will have to update club apparel information on our website. All available replacement services were discussed.

Old Business: John Bechtel indicated the budget committee recently met to develop a 2010 budget to propose to the incoming board. Proposed numbers will not be finalized until after the November general membership meeting, so we can have a more accurate membership renewal count. One of the budget items is updated website software. Gloria stated she is still waiting for final price information from Microsoft. A \$25.00 annual Flickr subscription (picture storage) was also discussed, because it would free up space on our website. (Members wishing to view pictures on our website will not notice this technical change.) Ed Politza moved to subscribe now. Terry Burke seconded. Motion passed. Ted Lasher agreed to follow up on this.

New Business: John Bechtel indicated we need to select a committee to handle our holiday donations. (We have a budget of \$900.00.) Last year, the membership voted to increase that amount to \$1,500.00, and donated \$500.00 to each of the follow organizations: VFW National Home for Children, American Red Cross, Lansing Food Bank. John will ask for committee volunteers at the November general membership meeting. Ted Lasher presented a proposed standard flyer for club events. It will be available to members who are organizing a club event.

Member Comment: None.

Adjournment: Simon Reiffer moved to adjourn. Sue Politza seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.





Join us for our Holiday Christmas Party

December 2, 2009

Coral Gables
This is a pre-paid event

2838 E. Grand River Ave.

Cost is \$25.00 per person

Make checks payable to

Capital City Corvette Club

Cash Bar opens at 5:45 p.m. Buffet Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Tossed Salad with assorted dressings, Rolls, Beef Sirloin Tips in Mushroom Gravy Baked Ham, Penne Pasta with White Cheese Vegetable Sauce Whipped Potato, House Vegetable (green beans & baby carrots) Dessert (Apple Crisp)

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

RSVP by payment no Later than November 18, 2009 to: Susie Politza 1310 Montgomery Street Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

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	Holiday Party 12-2-09
Number attending _ Amount enclosed	

Winter Fest

January 9, 2010
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
City Limits Bowling Center
801 N Cedar St., Mason
Please join us for Food, Fun, and Door Prizes!!!!!!!
Buffet Dinner Cash Bar
Salad, Roll & Butter, Prime Rib, Chicken, Vegetables, Potato
\$25.00 per person – This is a Pre-Paid Event.
Please make checks payable to Capital City Corvette Club. RSVP
and payment must be received no later than the January 6, 2010
Club Meeting.
TT C ' D 1''
To: Susie Politza
1310 Montgomery Street
Eaton Rapids, MI 48827
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Questions can 317 003-4006
Reservation Form Winter Fest 1-9-2010
Reservation Form Winter Fest 1 / 2010
Name

Number attending
Amount enclosed

Capital City Corvette Club Activities - November 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
			General Membership Meeting @ Delhi Café / 2010 Board Election			BINGO / Tamarack Apts. @ 1:30 pm
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Regional Meeting @ LaSenorita's				Drive & Dine / Meet at Okemos Park & Ride @ 5:00 pm
15	16	17	18 Board Meeting @ Delhi Café	19	20	21
22	Newsletter Articles Due - November 23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

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



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