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Upcoming Events

Holiday Party

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

Board Meeting

December 16 • 6:30 pm • Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

General Membership Meeting – 2010 Board Election

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

Winterfest

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

Welcome to Newest CCCC Members

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

December Birthdays

Gordon Terwilliger (2) • Patti DeNike (4) • Lee Webster (14)
Larry Warren (18) • Greg Kapp (19) • Angela Boldrey (27)
Marilyn Ickes (29) • Raoul Eiseman (30)

Congratulations

Best wishes to Craig & Janet Iansiti who were
united in marriage on October 28, 2009

2010 Board of Directors

Rich Bratschi, Competition Director • Terry Burke, Governor/VP
Angela Hyde, Membership Director • Scott Bauries, Newsletter Editor
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Newsletter Article Deadline

December newsletter articles due to
scott @ keyprintgroup.com by December 23

From the President...

December is a perfect time to look back over this year and remember the good times.

We started off the year with the Winter Fest, a great party held under about a foot of snow. It was so beautiful here that Sandy and I left the next day for a month in Australia and New Zealand. We got back just in time to attend the cruise in to Jon's Country Burger hosted by Simon and Gloria. That was the day I slammed my thumb in the car door and ran out of gas on the way to the cruise in and had to walk a half mile in the snow (maybe this look back wasn't such a good idea after all).



The next club event was the NCCC (National Council of Corvette Clubs) Michigan Region Banquet. Sadly, not a lot of members from our club attend this event each year but those who do have a good time.

Then it was on to the fiercely competitive bowling tournament between our club and the Jackson club held at City Limits restaurant and bowling lanes. It was great fun and for the life of me, I can't remember who won. By now it was April and spring was beginning to show itself occasionally. One of the times it didn't particularly show up was the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival where it was really cold but then it started raining. That being said we all had a wonderful breakfast, heard a fine concert from our own Diana Kuempel and the Community Band and generally had fun shopping, parading and going to eat at The Mexican Connection restaurant afterwards.

May was pretty much wall to wall Corvette Club. We began with the Blessing of the Vettes, a great event marred by some persistent showers and the loss of Carrie Hutton's beloved Corvette. This was followed quickly by the Loraine McLaughlin Memorial Low Speed Driver Training Event, our Bud Kouts sponsor/charity show held in co-operation with the Capital Area Muscle Car Club (CAMCC), a drive n' dine hosted by Rich and Colleen Bratschi and finished up with the Marshall Memorial Day Parade. See what I mean by wall to wall?

We celebrated what I hope was our first (of many) annual Spring into Spring Picnic at Angie Hyde's house, Chris and Terry Burke put on a drive n' dine and a few of our members were off to Bloomington Gold. Several of the members attended a Fourth of July celebration in Meridian Twp. and we participated as a club in the Logan's Roadhouse Hospice Charity Show with CAMCC. Capital City Corvette Club was invited to be the guest of honor at a Jackson city cruise in and were entertained by Mike and Connie Britz and their daughter and granddaughter at a drive n' dine and delightful visit to their yacht club.

Many of our members attended the NCCC National Convention in Colorado Springs. Several of us attended the second annual Cones N' Bones event where members with pets bring them out for a treat and Sandy brings me. We ended August with our yearly trip to Corvette Crossroads in Mackinaw City. It included the usual rain but a great time was had by all and a lot of new friendships were begun.

About two dozen of us headed out on the NCM Caravan going to Bowling Green KY to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the National Corvette Museum and the grand opening of their huge new expansion. We got back just in time for Eddie Root's drive n' dine and Putmon's fabulous bonfire and hayride, another annual event that draws a crowd. From there it was on to a beautiful fall color tour organized by Ted and Julie Lasher. We had another cruise in to Jon's Country Burger, put on a bingo party for the residents of the Tamarack Apartments. Chris and Terry Burke had so much fun the first time, they put on another drive n' dine for us and we finish up our year with the Holiday Party on the first Wednesday of December.

Now if you can't find something to do in all of that then maybe this isn't the club for you. Seriously, this has been a great year for Sandy and I and a wonderful culmination of our two years on the board. We are both very excited about the new board and the fantastic year I know they will lead us through in 2010.

Thank you all for putting up with me for the last two years. You are truly great (and very patient) friends.

JB

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And Now From Our NEW President...

As a new year begins for the Capital City Corvette Club, I want to start by thanking all the members of this wonderful club who trusted in me by honoring me with the post of President. Thank you for your confidence. Thank you, also, for the tremendous Board you selected to help crew our flagship. Together we have the opportunity to carry on the legacy of last year's Board – a very hard act to follow! John and gang left the club in fantastic shape, both financially and socially. A number of his Board members have joined the new Board members for 2010, so the transition should be seamless.

The old and new Boards held their joint meeting on November 18, and the new Board will take over business at the December 16 Board meeting. Last year's Board did an exceptional job working through all the ins and outs of budgeting uncertain funding and expenses. We have been provided an excellent budget proposal which we will further review in December. It will be presented to you for final approval at the January 6 membership meeting. With a little bit of luck, this document will not have to be revisited during the year.

I don't have a specific philosophy or any big plans for the CCCC. It has been said many times, "If it isn't broken, don't fix it", and this could easily apply to the club. But, there is always room for change and improvement when members feel a need. I anticipate lots of input from you concerning your desires. It is your club.

The goal of the Board is to ensure everyone is getting what they expect from their membership, the club remains solvent, and happiness abounds. We are here to enjoy our cars and each other's company. If we manage all that, and along the way help a few others who are less fortunate, I think that we have accomplished our goal.

It is my wish that everyone has a healthy, wealthy 2010, and can attend as many club activities as possible. Together maybe we can come up with a couple new, fun activities to create renewed interest in those we miss seeing on a regular basis.

And remember: If you can't fix it with a hammer, it's an electrical problem.

Craig



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December 2, 2009

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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

Reservation Form Holiday Party 12-2-09

Name_____

Number attending _____

Amount enclosed_____

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
General Membership Meeting – November 4, 2009

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Welcome to everyone, including guest Dan Witt.

John noted that former club member Kurt Schwamberger is recovering from his recent illness, but still has many in-patient and out-patient procedures ahead of him. Ray Meesseman, NCCC Regional Competition Director, is hospitalized in Florida after suffering a heart attack during a speed event last weekend. Please also keep members Janet Litrenta (back surgery) and Bill Ward (hospitalization) in your thoughts and prayers.

Congratulations to Craig Iansiti and Janet Hardin who were married October 28, 2009; and to Jeff and Cynthia McQuade, who were married October 24, 2009.

Reports:

Social: Sue Politza noted the following upcoming club events: November 9, Tamarack Bingo Party; November 14, Burke's Drive & Dine; December 2, Holiday Party; and January 9, Winterfest.

Competition: Ed Politza stated he enjoyed this year's events, and was pleased with club participation at our Spartan Speedway Low-Speed and Saranac Dyno-Testing events.

Secretary/Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel presented minutes of the October 7, 2009 general membership meeting. Simon Reiffer moved to accept them as written. Sue Keith seconded. Motion passed.

Points: Ted Lasher reported that current points are on our website. John Bechtel advised that Ted has developed language clarifications/changes to our points system. They will be presented to the new board for consideration/action.

Membership: Angela Hyde reported we currently have 115 regular, 1 honorary, and 70 FCOA members.

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

Editor: No report.

Public Relations: Simon Reiffer reported that renewal letters have gone out to our newsletter advertisers. To date, one new and four renewals have been received. John Bechtel stated Mid-America is now advertising in club newsletters that include advertisements. We will contact them, as well as other similar businesses.

Governor/Vice President: Terry Burke stated the regional NCCC meeting will take place Tuesday, November 10, 2009, at La Senorita. Election of regional officers will be held. John Bechtel noted clubs will be picking dates for their 2010 events.

President: John Bechtel asked for a volunteer to be in charge of this year's charitable contributions. Because no one volunteered, the board will decide what charities we will donate to. Terry Burke stated that any member who has a recommendation should contact a board member. Bob Maynard stated he will collect club donations for the Greater Lansing Area Food Bank. Members can bring their checks to the December 2 Holiday party or mail them to our post office box.

John Bechtel congratulated our club on a great year of activities, including: Winterfest, cruise-ins, parades, bowling, car shows, drive & dines, driving school, low-speed event, picnics, caravan, bingo party, dyno event, and holiday party. We contributed \$13,000+ to charitable organizations and scholarships. (A portion of that amount was from two joint car shows with the Capitol Area Muscle Car Club.)

Old Business: None.

New Business: John Bechtel announced the results of our 2010 board elections:

Competition Director.....	Rich Bratschi
Governor/Vice President	Terry Burke
Membership Director	Angela Hyde
Newsletter Editor	Scott Bauries
Points Director	Ted Lasher
President	Craig Iansiti
Public Relations Director	Simon Reiffer
Secretary	Connie Britz
Social Director	Carol Putmon
Treasurer.....	Mike Britz

Member Comment: Ed Root inquired about members attending board meetings. John Bechtel stated members are welcome at board meetings, but they cannot vote on issues. Gloria Reiffer stated we have a new link on our website for club apparel. Greg Kapp encouraged us to go on Google or Youtube and look at "Simon's Cat". Terry Burke led applause for outgoing President John Bechtel.

50/50 Drawing: Vidal Gonzalez was the lucky winner, and graciously donated his winnings to the club.

Adjournment: Terry Burke moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.



Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of November 14, 2009

10	Pat Bailey	17	Catherine Eiseman	70	Julie Lasher	51	Richard Shatkosky*
9	Roy Bailey	17	Raoul Eiseman	92	Ted Lasher	5	Janyce Shepler
12	Jim Balla*	14	Jennifer Everhart*	18	Harold Leeman	5	John Shepler
25	Scott Bauries	19	Randy Gisse	5	Mark Lewis	70	Victor Smith
128	John Bechtel	7	Vidal Gonzalez	5	Patty Lewis	0	Loretta Spinrad
104	Sandy Bechtel	1	Bill Griffith	11	Ellie Lickfeldt	4	Steve Spinrad
31	James Boettcher	3	Betty Guyot	25	Patrick Lickfeldt	1	Janet Sprague
15	Mara Boettcher	3	Lloyd Guyot	21	Carlo Litrenta	34	Michael Sprague
0	Angela Boldrey	1	Bette Holdon	9	Janet Litrenta	11	Dan Stremmer
0	Lance Boldrey	5	Robert Holdon	2	John Manning	6	Nancy Stremmer
22	Richard Bowlin	37	Carrie Hutton	27	Bob Maynard	13	Gordon Terwilliger
33	Colleen Bratschi	75	Angela Hyde	15	Shalimar Maynard	22	Joseph Thomas*
32	Rich Bratschi	68	Craig Iansiti	13	Jeff McQuade	1	Sue VanAtta
17	Connie Britz	57	Janet Iansiti	2	George Nelson	3	Ann Ward
22	Mike Britz	2	Arthur Ickes	36	Dominique Palacio	4	Bill Ward
12	David Brown	2	Marilyn Ickes	36	Jerry Palacio	18	Larry Warren
31	Diana Brown-Mosher	1	Dick Iding	7	Diana Parks	17	Linda Warren
75	Chris Burke	4	Don Johnston	7	Howard Parks	8	Lee Webster
84	Terry Burke	3	Adam Kaleward	14	Joe Platte	24	Larry Wight
0	Cindy Carr	38	Greg Kapp	15	Pam Platte	16	Gary Wyma
0	David Carr	44	Kim Keith	93	Ed Politza	12	Kathy Wyma
13	Kathy Cooper	55	Sue Keith	75	Suzanne Politza		
13	Ronald Cooper	9	Frank Kessler	18	David Pursel		
36	Dave Cripe*	9	Judy Kessler	5	Kathryn Pursel		
22	Pat Cripe	18	Fred Koos	95	Carol Putmon		
9	Joel Crutcher	0	Judy Koos	86	Randy Putmon		
11	Darwin Day	10	Bob Kroupa	104	Gloria Reiffer		
26	Jim DeNike	7	Kathy Kroupa	98	Simon Reiffer		
27	Patti DeNike	22	Dave Kuempel*	89	Robert Ribar		
30	Art Doty*	19	Diana Kuempel*	52	Eddie Root		
28	Nancy Doty*	10	Lewis Kuempel	27	Brenda Shatkosky*		

Current 2009 Top Ten

128	John Bechtel	98	Simon Reiffer	92	Ted Lasher	84	Terry Burke
104	Gloria Reiffer	95	Carol Putmon	89	Robert Ribar		
104	Sandy Bechtel	93	Ed Politza	86	Randy Putmon		



*NCCC number is with another Michigan Region club.

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1. What year was dual point distributors first used in? (A)1956 (B)1957 (C)1958
2. What year was the last year exhaust was through the bumper? (A) 1959 (B) 1960(C)1961
3. What year were big block engines first available in? (A)1965 (B)1966 (C)1967
4. In 1956 what percent of coves were painted a different color? Less then ____%

5. What year was the last year of the tooth grill? (A) 1959 (B) 1960 (C) 1961
6. What percent of Corvette sold in 1972 were coupes?
7. What year was aluminum valve covers first available in? (A) 1956 (B) 1957 (C) 1958
8. How do you tell the difference between a 1960 and a 1959?

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9. What year was telescopic steering column first available in? (A) 1965 (B) 1966 (C) 1967
10. What year was the last year of aluminum knock off wheels? (A)1964 (B)1965 (C)1966
11. What year was the last year Corvette were built in St.Louis? (A)1967 (B)1972 (C)1981
12. What was the top speed of the 1998 Corvette? (A)175 MPH (B) 180 MPH (C)185 MPH

Answers to the Corvette Quiz:

1. A
2. B
3. A
4. 40%
5. B
6. 75%

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7. A
8. Seat stitching (the 1960 had vertical stitching and the 1959 had horizontal stitching)
9. A
10. C
11. C
12. A

Corvette Quiz Source: www.angelfire.com

(I couldn't verify answers – Simon found one wrong.)

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

Board Meeting – November 18, 2009

President John Bechtel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were recently-elected members of the 2010 board of directors. Welcome to everyone.

Reports:

Secretary/Ambassador: Sandy Bechtel presented the minutes of the October 21, 2009 board meeting. Carol Putmon moved to approve them as written. Simon Reiffer seconded. Motion passed.

Points: Ted Lasher stated updated points have been submitted to our webmaster.

Membership/Historian: Angela Hyde reported we currently have 115 regular, 1 honorary, and 70 Future Corvette Owners of America.

Social: Sue Politza reported the following upcoming club events: December 2, Christmas party; and January 9, Winterfest.

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

Editor/Webmaster: No report.

Competition: No report.

Public Relations: Simon Reiffer provided a list of 39 businesses that have been contacted regarding advertising in our newsletter.

Governor/Vice President: Terry Burke stated he attended the recent regional NCCC meeting. We scheduled our low-speed event for Saturday, July 17, 2010. The Jackson club scheduled their event for the next day. Both clubs plan to assign all of their sanction points to these events, which should draw more participants. Terry also stated the regional rookie driving school's venue may change next year. He noted Gary Claudio, consultant for Les Stanford Chevrolet, wants to hold a "best of the best" Corvette show next fall. The region's 2010 officers are:

Regional Executive.....	Jim Harris
Regional Competition Director	Ray Meesseman
Regional Membership Director	Barb Harris
Secretary	Angela Hanlin
Treasurer	Mary Wentzel
Points	Sue Sweet
Webmaster	Jim Sweet

President: John Bechtel thanked the outgoing board for its hard work and support, and thanked the incoming board for its willingness to serve the club.

Old Business: After discussion regarding holiday charities, Terry Burke moved to donate \$500 to the Greater Lansing Area Food Bank, \$250 to the VFW National Home for Children, and \$250 to St. Vincent Children's Home [St. Vincent Catholic Charities]. Ed Politza seconded. Motion carried. Based on information developed by the budget committee, Simon Reiffer moved to submit a proposed budget to the 2010 board. Sue Politza seconded. Motion passed. Based on language Ted Lasher developed to clarify our club's points program, Sue Politza moved to submit the proposed clarifications to the 2010 board. Ed Politza seconded. Motion carried.

New Business: Rich Bratschi asked about the rate of interest we are earning on the club's certificate of deposit. Carol Putmon noted our CD matures in August, 2010. We can visit the issue at that time. Gloria Reiffer stated because Scott Bauries will not need to use the club's copier/printer for the newsletter, it is available to the other board members. John Bechtel noted Ted Lasher created a flyer template to help people who host events.

Member Comment: Craig Iansiti stated he is honored to lead the new board.

Adjournment: Ed Politza moved to adjourn. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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They have activities going on all weekend for all ages. Activities for kids, to the Women's Oasis, to the corvettes only auction, silent auction, several seminar's, a moment of silence @ noon on Saturday followed by 15 seconds of motor revving in remembrance of Chip Miller, a parade, corvette celebrities signing autographs and lots and lots of corvettes to look at.

For the competitors there is a beauty contest, auto cross, dyno-challenge and burn out contest.

Did I mention food? From breakfast to dinner and dessert. My personal favorite is the smoothie booth.

C@C is Fun, friends, food, family (in my case) and lots of corvettes all rolled up into one fun filled weekend.

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Save the wave!!

Angela Hyde

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Winter Fest

January 9, 2010

2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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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.

To: Susie Politza
 1310 Montgomery Street
 Eaton Rapids, MI 48827

Questions call 517 663-4808

Reservation Form Winter Fest 1-9-2010

Name_____

Number attending _____

Amount enclosed_____

Capital City Corvette Club Activities – December 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
CCCC holiday donations include \$500 to Greater Lansing Food Bank, \$250 to the VFW National Home for Children and \$250 to the St. Vincent Children's Home.	Please see a Board member if you would like to add to the donation. Bob Maynard will be taking monetary donations for the GLFB at the Holiday Party.	1	2 Holiday Party / Coral Gables @ 5:45 pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 Board Meeting @ Delhi Café (2010 Board Members)	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Newsletter Articles Due - December 23	24	25 	26
27	28	29	30	31 		

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

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