

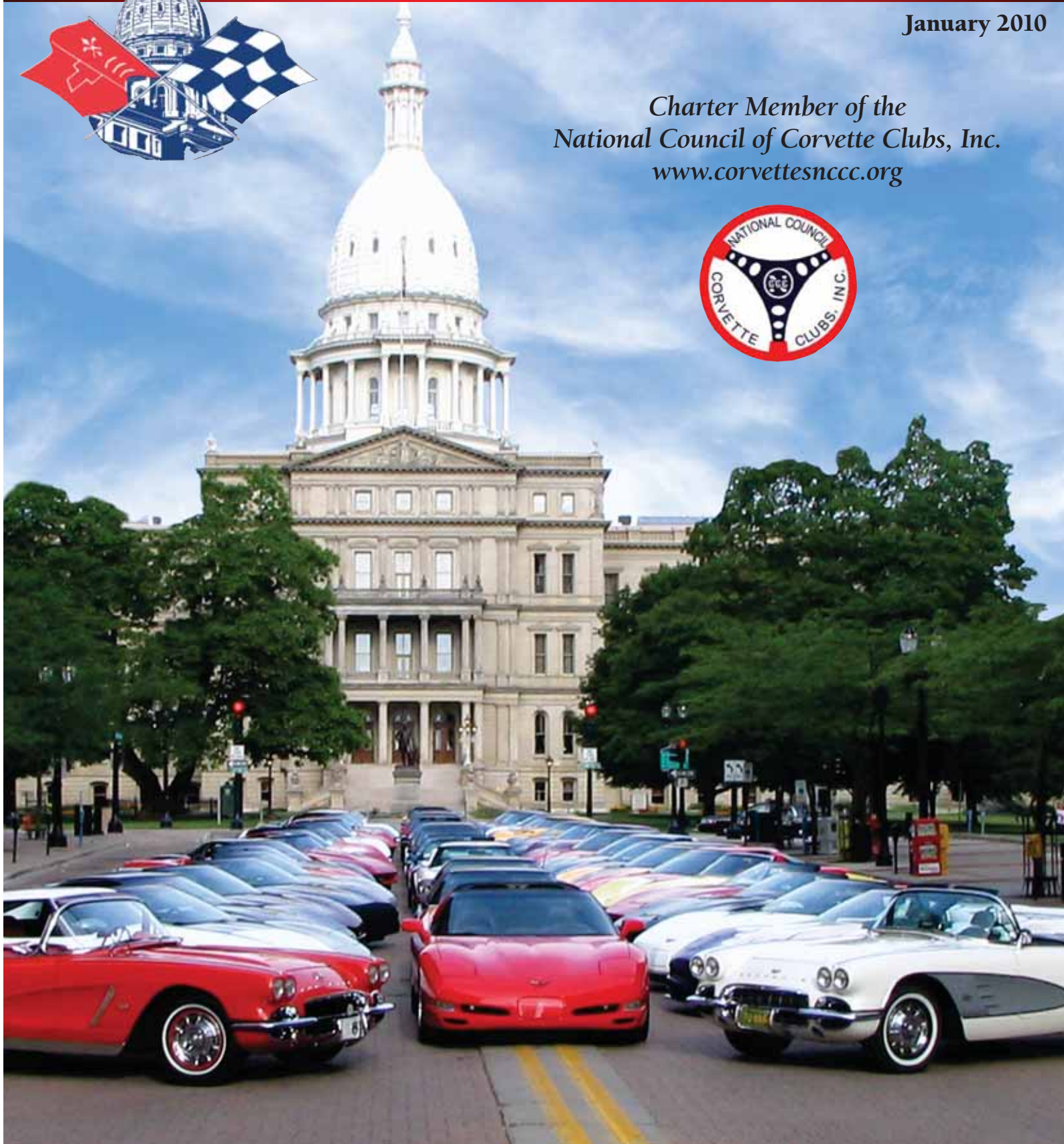
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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

January 6 • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Winter Fest

January 9 • 5:45 p.m. • City Limits Bowling Center • 801 N. Cedar • Mason

Board Meeting Meeting

January 20 • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

January Birthdays

Janet Litrenta (2) • Mike Britz (4)
Suzanne Politza (6) • Larry Wight (6)
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Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all February newsletter articles to
scott@keyprintgroup.com by January 23.



1961 Corvette

From the President...

Twenty-Ten. Nice ring to it. When I was a kid I never thought I'd live this long, and if I did, I'd be a really old person. Well, I did and I am, but things couldn't be better – especially being here wishing you all a very Happy New Year. Hopefully your holidays were safe and healthy and lots of fun. We have a brand new year ahead of us in the Capital City Corvette Club, and I know it will be a great one.

(Remember sans-beard?)

Your new Board has met with the old Board, and the annual transition should be completely seamless. Our job this year is going to be even easier because of all the hard work the 2009 Board did in preparing the club for us. The new proposed budget will be presented for your approval at the January 6, 2010 Membership Meeting. Budgets in organizations like ours, where membership numbers naturally vary twenty or so percent every year, are hard to estimate. In the past few years they have managed to work well, and this year should be no different. Since the Board has had an actual, approved budget to work from, the club has run with significantly less friction.

One of my thoughts for this year is to put some effort into guiding more club “ownership” directly into your, the member's hands. The Board is here to run the financial and business part of the club, and to isolate the general membership from some of the not-so-fun parts of general operation. I've been on the Board before, and it's not a bad gig, but I don't want us to do everything and then just have everyone show up for the party. Not that we mind, but getting there is half the fun, and the more involvement you have along the way to events and competitions, the bigger the rewards for you. Your participation in coming up with new ideas, developing activities, getting friends to help set up and run a function, is essential for us to maintain a viable and living organization. You don't need anyone's permission to organize a Drive and Dine, call an evening cruise or get-together, or to come up with something new and exciting for a group to do – big or small. We have just a few fixed functions on our calendar, leaving every other day or weekend available for some fun stuff. If you haven't headed up an event before and want to, just ask for help and watch it happen. We have the greatest membership, and it is almost like magic to watch how smoothly and effortlessly things come together when everyone pitches in. It's like no one's in charge – just like it ought to be.

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Editors Corner

Greetings to all and Happy New Year! Thank you all for your vote of confidence in electing me to be the new editor. I have very large shoes to fill following Gloria's superb work on the club's newsletter and website. Thank you Gloria for your help and support in making the transition. Many of you don't know me since I'm quite new to the club, but I must say that of all the clubs and organizations I've been associated with over the years, this club has been the most welcoming. My hope for this new year is to bring a newcomers view to our newsletter with not only the great content that has been included in years past, but also some new things. I will try to bring Technical News, National and Regional news along with our local news and charitable contributions news. As members, this is your newsletter. Articles, topics of interest and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

Scott



Remembering Zora Arkus-Duntov

Article from www.corvetteblogger.com

Zora Arkus-Duntov was born 100 years ago Christmas day. Known affectionately by enthusiasts as the “Godfather of the Corvette”, he is credited with turning around the floundering program by upgrading the Corvette’s power and handling and masterfully creating a balance of performance and value that is still present today. Although he retired from GM in 1975 after 22 years of service, he never left the hearts of the community and was active until his passing in 1996. Today, his ashes and those of his wife Elfi are in a special memorial at the National Corvette Museum.

Zora was born “Zachary Arkuss” on December 25, 1909 to Russian parents in Brussels, Belgium. During his teen years, his parents divorced and his mother remarried to Josef Duntov. Out of respect for both his father and his mother’s new husband, Zora and his brother Yura took the last name Arkus-Duntov.

In his early years, Zora worked on and raced motorcycles but eventually turned his attention to automobiles. In December 1934, he graduated with a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the Institute of Charlottenburg in Berlin where he specialized in engine development and supercharging. One of his papers on supercharging led to a consulting job with the Mercedes Grand Prix racing team and another on four-wheel drive and steering in high performance vehicles was published in the German Auto Club magazine.

In 1939, Zora married Elfi Wolff, a 17 year old German girl who danced in the Folies-Bergere in

Paris. Zora joined the French Air Force and served in the military until 1940. When the French surrendered to the Germans, Zora was able to leave get out of the country with his extended family where they eventually ended up in New York.



Zora and his brother Yura started Ardun, a supplier of performance parts for the military. Another product was aluminum overhead valve heads for the Ford Flathead V8. The new heads enabled the Ford V8

to produce over 300 horsepower and cemented Zora’s reputation as an engineer.

In 1950, Zora returned to England where he worked on the Allard sports car. He co-drove the Allard J2 in Le Mans in 1952 and 1953. He also co-drove an 1100cc Porsche 550 RS Spyder to class victories in 1954 and 1955 at Le Mans.

Zora first saw the Corvette in January 1953 at the GM Motorama show in New York City. He wrote a letter to Chevrolet’s Chief Engineer Ed Cole outlining his ideas for improving the Corvette. The letter so impressed Cole that he offered an assistant staff engineer position to Zora who accepted on May 1, 1953.

During his early tenure at GM, Zora was credited with writing two memos to upper management that turned the focus of Chevrolet from that of a low cost passenger car manufacturer into a company with serious performance credentials. The first letter is probably Zora’s most famous. Titled “Thoughts Pertaining to Youth, Hot Rodders and Chevrolet”, the memo highlighted Ford’s dominance in the hot-rod community and how that

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translated to sales. In the memo, he argued the importance of Chevy's V8 engines and how to use performance to promote the Chevrolet nameplate to the youth of America.

It was his second letter he wrote to Ed Cole and Maurice Olley on October 15, 1954 that is referred to as "the letter that saved the Corvette." Although the Corvette's styling was well received, its performance was not. Powered by the Blue Flame 6-cylinder and Powerglide automatic, it failed to meet the expectations that sports car enthusiasts wanted. Zora's memo outlined what he saw wrong with the car and his ideas to turn it into a world class sports car. Chevrolet agreed and Zora's performance upgrades and speed demonstrations increased sales from just 700 units in 1955 to 14,500 units in 1962.

It was 1962 when Zora and his team launched the Grand Sport Program. Corvette's engineering built 5 of 125 planned lightweight racers. Weighing in at 1800 lbs, the Grand Sports were powered by 377 ci small block with horsepower output rated at 550. GM stopped the program before it really took off and those pilot cars were sold off to privateers.

Zora continued to push for increased performance and gave buyers the opportunity to purchase various racing packages. The 1963 Corvette Z06 was one such configuration. Through the sixties and early seventies the horsepower battles were won by Zora's legendary L88s as well as the ZL-1 and 1970-1972's ZR-1 and ZR-2.

It's also important to point out that as the 70's energy and insurance issues brought an end to horsepower through displacement, Zora worked on a four wheel drive, mid-engined Corvette known as XP-882, which later became the four-rotor XP-895. Management nixed the idea of a mid-engined Corvette and Zora retired in 1975.

Zora continued to consult with GM as well as other companies like Holley and American Custom Industries. ACI and Zora collaborated on a special "Duntov Turbo" edition but costs and poor performance quickly led to its demise.

Zora spent the later years of his life enjoying his hobbies like flying and visiting with Corvette owners at the various shows and meets across the country. He was in Bowling Green in 1992 when the 1 millionth Corvette rolled off the assembly line and he participated in the ground breaking ceremonies of the National Corvette Museum in June 1992.

Zora Arkus-Duntov passed away on April 21, 1996 at the age of 86. His beloved wife Elfi passed away in 2008. Their urns are memorialized at the National Corvette Museum.





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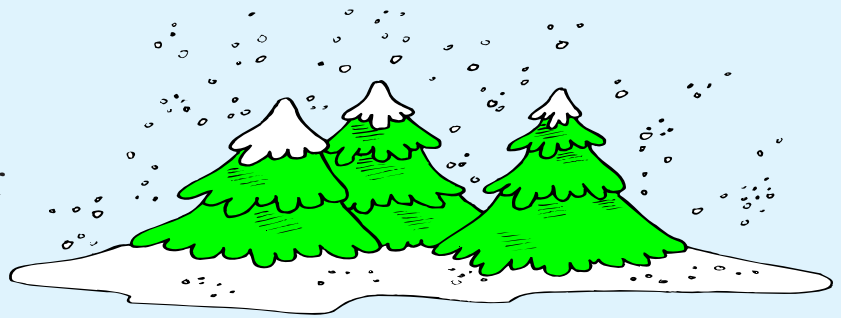
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January 9, 2010

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

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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
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Questions call 517 663-4808

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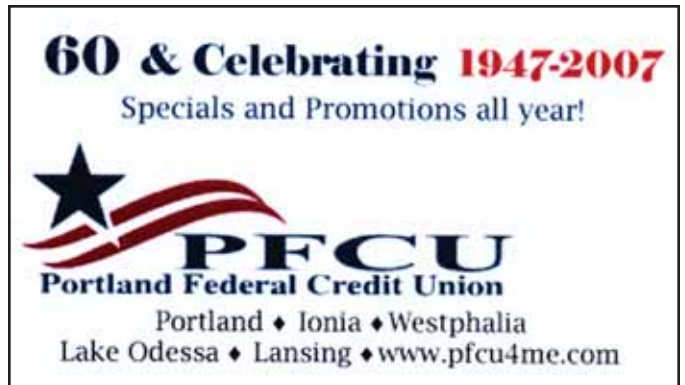
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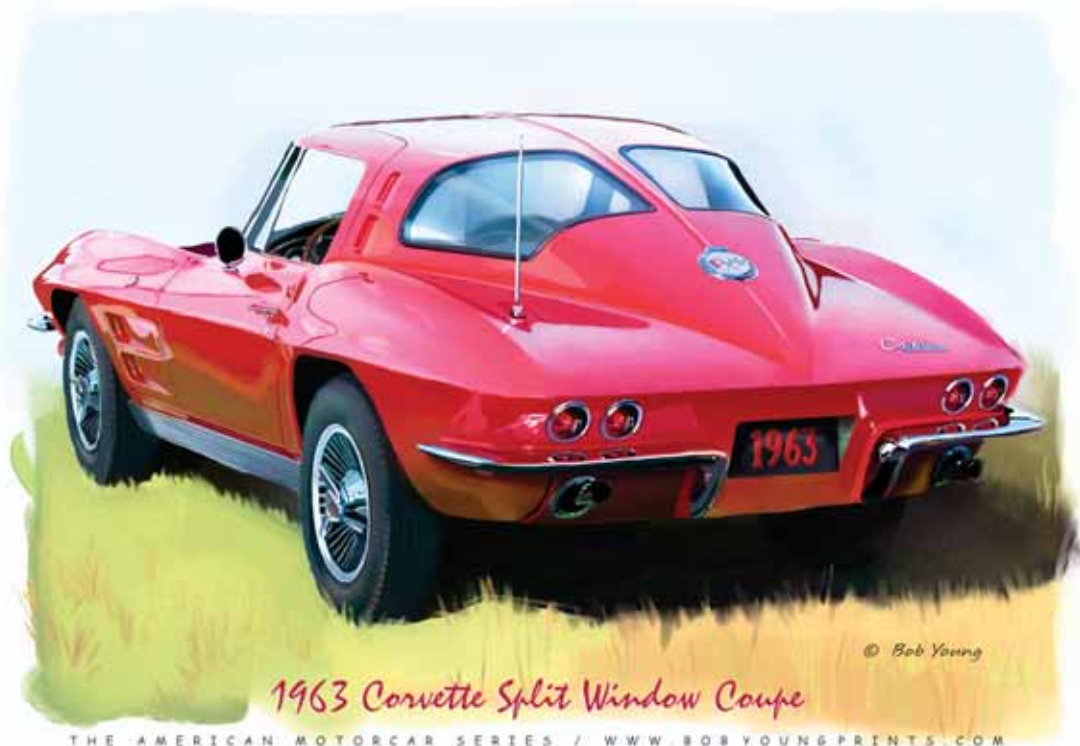
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| 9 | Roy Bailey | 17 | Raoul Eiseman | 93 | Ted Lasher | 5 | Janyce Shepler |
| 12 | Jim Balla* | 14 | Jennifer Everhart* | 19 | Harold Leeman | 5 | John Shepler |
| 25 | Scott Bauries | 20 | Randy Gisse | 5 | Mark Lewis | 70 | Victor Smith |
| 129 | John Bechtel | 8 | Vidal Gonzalez | 5 | Patty Lewis | 0 | Loretta Spinrad |
| 105 | Sandy Bechtel | 1 | Bill Griffith | 11 | Ellie Lickfeldt | 4 | Steve Spinrad |
| 32 | James Boettcher | 3 | Betty Guyot | 25 | Patrick Lickfeldt | 1 | Janet Sprague |
| 16 | Mara Boettcher | 3 | Lloyd Guyot | 22 | Carlo Litrenta | 34 | Michael Sprague |
| 0 | Angela Boldrey | 1 | Bette Holdon | 10 | Janet Litrenta | 11 | Dan Stremmer |
| 0 | Lance Boldrey | 5 | Robert Holdon | 2 | John Manning | 6 | Nancy Stremmer |
| 22 | Richard Bowlin | 37 | Carrie Hutton | 28 | Bob Maynard | 13 | Gordon Terwilliger |
| 34 | Colleen Bratschi | 77 | Angela Hyde | 16 | Shalimar Maynard | 22 | Joseph Thomas* |
| 33 | Rich Bratschi | 69 | Craig Iansiti | 13 | Jeff McQuade | 2 | Sue VanAtta |
| 17 | Connie Britz | 58 | Janet Iansiti | 2 | George Nelson | 3 | Ann Ward |
| 22 | Mike Britz | 2 | Arthur Ickes | 37 | Dominique Palacio | 4 | Bill Ward |
| 12 | David Brown | 2 | Marilyn Ickes | 37 | Jerry Palacio | 18 | Larry Warren |
| 31 | Diana Brown-Mosher | 1 | Dick Iding | 9 | Diana Parks | 17 | Linda Warren |
| 76 | Chris Burke | 4 | Don Johnston | 9 | Howard Parks | 8 | Lee Webster |
| 85 | Terry Burke | 3 | Adam Kaleward | 15 | Joe Platte | 25 | Larry Wight |
| 0 | Cindy Carr | 38 | Greg Kapp | 16 | Pam Platte | 17 | Gary Wyma |
| 0 | David Carr | 44 | Kim Keith | 96 | Ed Politza | 13 | Kathy Wyma |
| 13 | Kathy Cooper | 55 | Sue Keith | 78 | Suzanne Politza | | |
| 13 | Ronald Cooper | 9 | Frank Kessler | 18 | David Pursel | | |
| 37 | Dave Cripe* | 9 | Judy Kessler | 5 | Kathryn Pursel | | |
| 23 | Pat Cripe | 18 | Fred Koos | 96 | Carol Putmon | | |
| 9 | Joel Crutcher | 0 | Judy Koos | 87 | Randy Putmon | | |
| 11 | Darwin Day | 10 | Bob Kroupa | 105 | Gloria Reiffer | | |
| 26 | Jim DeNike | 7 | Kathy Kroupa | 99 | Simon Reiffer | | |
| 27 | Patti DeNike | 22 | Dave Kuempel* | 91 | Robert Ribar | | |
| 31 | Art Doty* | 19 | Diana Kuempel* | 52 | Eddie Root | | |
| 29 | Nancy Doty* | 10 | Lewis Kuempel | 27 | Brenda Shatkosky* | | |

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| 129 | John Bechtel | 99 | Simon Reiffer | 93 | Ted Lasher | 85 | Terry Burke |
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