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Upcoming Events

General Membership Meeting

March 2 • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Let's Meet for Breakfast

Saturday • March 19th • 9am

Cracker Barrel • 2285 Woodlake Dr. • Okemos

Bowling With Jackson Corvette Club

Sunday, April 3rd • 1:30 p.m. • City Limits • 801 N Cedar St, Mason



Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade

April 30th • Watch for Flyer

Blessing of the Vettes

May 14th • Watch for Flyer

March Birthdays

Joseph Thomas (4) • Rich Bratschi (5) • Pat Cripe (5)

Bob Maynard (13) • Robert Ribar (18)

Board Meeting

March 16 • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

Newsletter Article Deadline

Send all April newsletter articles to

Rnbuck1220 @ hotmail.com by March 23

Barrett Jackson Auction

Sold It! Sold It! Sold It!



After watching the Barrett-Jackson auction on the Speed Channel for years, it was fascinating to see all the action live and in person. Kim and I spent two days at the event in North Scottsdale and it was an awesome experience. It is a very organized and well-run event with tons of staff and security.

The first area of the main building as you enter is for vendors selling everything from automotive products to ranch land, mattresses, jewelry and Western boots. The center section of the building is dedicated to the auction. All the seating on the main level is reserved for registered bidders. Surrounding that on three sides are bleachers for spectators. We were always able to find a seat to the right of the stage just beyond the Speed Channel camera that was circling around on about a 30 foot boom. We waved on Thursday. Did anyone see us? On both sides of the stage are huge screens that display the lot number, year, make, model and pictures of the vehicle that is up for bid along with the current bid in U.S. dollars, Canadian dollars and euros. There are smaller versions of this screen throughout the grounds and other buildings so you can always track what is selling.

The third area is called the expo building and this is where the premier, top dollar, drop-dead gorgeous vehicles are that are sold during prime time viewing. It was interesting that all the Corvettes were on one side of the building and the Mustangs were on the opposite wall. There was a 1963 Pontiac Bonneville ambulance that was used in November 1963 to transport President Kennedy's flag draped casket from Air Force One to the Capital. It sold for \$132,000. We also saw a maroon 1976 Cadillac Seville that was purchased on July 27, 1975 in Memphis, TN by Elvis Presley. He drove it for a few months and then gave it to his dentist. It sold for \$35,200.

To commemorate 50 years of Le Mans racing, Chevrolet created a special as the first 2011 Corvette manufactured with VIN 001. The Arctic White Z06 featured heritage 1960 style blue split stripes, door numbers and 50th Anniversary of Le Mans racing logos and was equipped with the Z07 performance package. It was on display as part of the National Corvette Museum and General Motors exhibit.

The Le Mans Corvette was purchased at the auction by NASCAR's Rick Hendrick for \$210,000 with the proceeds going to benefit the National Corvette Museum.



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Sold It ! Sold It ! Sold It!

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The grounds had more automotive vendors, a very ample number of food vendors with equally ample prices and tent after tent of gorgeous cars. We spent most of the first day looking at this group of cars and that's when we met Don Toomey from Howell, MI. He is a retired GM test engineer who worked at the proving grounds in Milford. Don was there to sell a 1950 Ford two door woody wagon that he bought in 1997 from Tom Smothers. Tom Smothers had owned it for ten years and Dick Smothers had owned it for twenty years before that.

Don won the top trophy at the St. Ignace car show with the woody in 1997. The woody's license plate was YOYOMAN.

It was great to talk to him and get the inside story on the process of selling a vehicle at Barrett-Jackson. The car was scheduled to be auctioned off on Friday around 2PM. The next day we caught up with Don in the area outside the auction where they line up the next group of cars that will be going on stage. The owners have the option of driving the car onto the stage. Once the bidding is over, it's not their car anymore and Barrett-Jackson staff handles it from there. Don hoped to get \$50,000 for his woody. We went inside to watch the action and applauded for Don when it sold for \$57,000.

Going up for bid together was a white 1981 Corvette that was the last vehicle produced in St Louis on July 31, 1981 and a white 1981 Corvette that was the first one produced in Bowling Green on June 1, 1981. They were sold to benefit a charity for \$50,000. Other unusual vehicles included two 1954 Kaiser-Darrins, a 1957 Panhard Dyna Z four door hard top with an aluminum body and a 50 BHP, two cylinder engine, a Cadillac Escalade stretch limousine and a 2007 Monte Carlo SS two door hardtop with only 13 miles that was number 4 of 5 Dale Earnhardt editions that sold to an internet bidder for \$29,000.

We had a great time at Barrett-Jackson and it didn't hurt that it was sunny and 70 degrees both days. A few tips if you go – bidder's credentials will get you some extra privileges but if you don't intend to bid on anything, general admission will give you access to everything else, lodging is less expensive in Mesa than North Scottsdale, bring lots of patience for driving on the packed expressways in the Phoenix area, event parking is free and tickets are less expensive if you purchase them early over the internet, plus they offer a senior discount. Now that we've been to the Barrett-Jackson auction, we definitely want to go again!



Article by

Sue Keith



Let's Meet for Breakfast

9:00a.m.

March 19th

Cracker Barrel Restaurant

2285 Woodlake Dr. • Okemos

RSVP: Sign up Sheet at March 2 Membership Meeting

Randy & Nancy Buck 517-937-8642

rnibuck1220 @ Hotmail.com

Start planning ahead!

The 2011 NCCC Convention will take place in Tinley Park, IL during the week of June 18-24.

On-line registration opens on February 1. You will want to get your reservations in early to get into the convention hotel. Check out the NCCC Website for detailed information. www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2011.html

The convention is being planned so that members can continue on to the Bloomington Gold Corvette Show in St. Charles, IL.

Bloomington Gold runs from June 23-26. www.bloomingtongold.com/



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Board Meeting January 19 2011

Vice President Simon Reiffer called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Reports

Secretary: Connie Britz absent. Simon Reiffer presented the minutes of the January 19, 2011, board meeting. Dave Pursel moved to accept them as written. Carol Putmon seconded. Motion passed.

Treasurer: Mike Britz absent. Simon Reiffer noted the 2011 budget will be presented for approval at the March general membership meeting.

Points: Kim Keith stated he will discuss the changes to our points system at the March general membership meeting. Points will soon be up-to-date on our website. He noted no points were given for people attending our January breakfast, because only nine members attended.

Membership: Dave Pursel advised we currently have 1 honorary and 84 regular members. He is currently auditing the FCOA members for accuracy. Dave has prepared the 2011 membership cards, and will hand them out at the March general membership meeting. We discussed when checks must be submitted to NCCC.

Editor: Randy Buck stated the deadline for submitting articles, etc., for the newsletter will be on the 23rd of each month. He also noted he will advise Kim Keith of the members who submit articles, so points can be awarded accordingly.

Competition: Rich Bratschi noted NCCC has a new insurance agent: Brown & Brown. In addition, we have a new style of waiver. Please make sure we use the new forms. Rich stated our regional competition director advised new competition rules will be proposed. The next regional meeting is Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 7:30 p.m. at La Senorita.

Reports

Public Relations: Sandy Bechtel noted we have picked up three more advertisers – two returning businesses, and one new one.

Social Director: Carol Putmon has scheduled our annual bowling activity for Sunday, April 3, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. She is waiting for confirmation that the Jackson club will join us. Carol has also contacted the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival regarding this year's parade. In addition, she noted our Blessing of the Vettes car show will be Saturday, May 14, 2011, from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Historian: Sue Keith explained she has reviewed the historical information she received, and is organizing it. She has also prepared spread sheets to keep track of pertinent club data. She will contact Mike Britz regarding information he has. Randy Putmon will contact Phil Hanses and obtain the club information he is storing.

New Business: We discussed having a generic club business card, so members can hand it out to people we meet throughout the year. Scott Bauries designed one some time ago. It was agreed we want to keep our date of September 18, 2011, for Horsepower at the Zoo.

Adjournment: Rich Bratschi moved to adjourn. Dave Pursel seconded. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Bechtel



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2	James Boettcher	0	Jennifer Everhart*	1	Janet Litrenta	0	Brenda Shatkosky*
2	Mara Boettcher	0	Randy Gisse	2	Bob Maynard	0	Richard Shatkosky*
2	Colleen Bratschi	0	Vidal Gonzalez	2	Shalimar Maynard	0	Bill Simons
7	Rich Bratschi	1	Howard Hein	0	Linda McMillan	0	Victor Smith
7	Connie Britz	1	Angela Hyde	0	Barb Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
7	Mike Britz	8	Craig Iansiti	0	Steve Musselman	0	Steve Spinrad
0	David Brown	3	Janet Iansiti	2	Dominique Palacio	0	Janet Sprague
1	Diana Brown-Mosher	1	Dick Iding	2	Jerry Palacio	0	Michael Sprague
3	NancyLee Buck	1	Greg Kapp	0	Diana Parks	0	Ralph Swan
8	Randy Buck	6	Kim Keith	1	Howard Parks	0	Susan Swan
3	Chris Burke	4	Sue Keith	0	Joe Platte	4	Joseph Thomas*
3	Terry Burke	0	Frank Kessler	2	Ed Politza	0	Harold Twining
0	Dana Conley	0	Judy Kessler	2	Suzanne Politza	0	Katherine Twining
0	Darrell Conley	0	Fred Koos	7	David Pursel	0	Sue VanAtta
2	Dave Cripe*	0	Judy Koos	2	Kathryn Pursel	0	Larry Warren*
1	Pat Cripe	2	Sheila Lansing	7	Carol Putmon	0	Linda Warren*
1	Darwin Day	5	Julie Lasher	5	Randy Putmon	0	Lee Webster
1	Art Doty*	5	Ted Lasher	9	Gloria Reiffer	1	Larry Wight
1	Nancy Doty*	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	8	Simon Reiffer	0	Gary Wyma
0	Catherine Eiseman	4	Patrick Lickfeldt			0	Kathy Wyma

Current 2011 Top Ten

9	Gloria Reiffer	8	Simon Reiffer	7	Connie Britz	7	Carol Putmon
8	Randy Buck	7	Sandy Bechtel	7	Mike Britz		
8	Craig Iansiti	7	Rich Bratschi	7	David Pursel		



*NCCC number is with another Michigan Region club.



Michigan Region of Corvette Clubs Awards Banquet April 9, 2011



Cost: \$25.00 per person

Place: One Under Bar and Banquet Center

Located at 35780 Five Mile, Livonia, MI 48154

Time: Social 6:30-7:30 Dinner: 7:30

Cash bar

Awards and Door Prizes immediately following dinner.

Dancing and Entertainment until 1:30am in lower level.

No reserved seating—seating will be on a first come basis.

All Region clubs are asked to donate a door prize
in the amount of \$30.

Directions to Banquet:

From North-Northwest—go east on I-96 to south I-275 to Six Mile exit (exit 170), exit (east) onto Six Mile to Newburg Rd, go south on Newburg Rd to Five Mile Rd., turn east onto Five Mile and continue on approximately 3/4 mile. The One Under will be on your left (north side of Five Mile Rd).

From West—go east on M-14, continue onto east I-96, merge to right, exit Newburg rd (exit 173), go past Newburg rd to turn around loop, and go north on Newburg to Five Mile Rd, turn east onto Five Mile Rd approx 3/4 mile. The One Under will be on your left (north side of Five Mile Rd).

From West-Southwest—go east on I-94 to north I-275, exit east I-96 (exit 29), merge to right, exit Newburg rd (exit 173), go past Newburg rd to turn around loop, and go north on Newburg to Five Mile Rd, turn east onto Five Mile Rd approx 3/4 mile. The One Under will be on your left (north side of Five Mile Rd).

Accommodations at I-96 exit 170: Courtyard (4 stars), 17200 N Laurel Park Dr, (734)-462-2000
Marriot (4 1/2 stars), 17100 N Laurel Park Dr, (734)-462-3100
Best Western (5 stars), 16999 S Laurel Park Dr, (734)-464-0050
Accommodations at I-275 exit 28: Red Roof Inn (4 stars), 39700 Ann Arbor Rd, (734)-459-3300
Quality Inn (4 stars), 40455 Ann Arbor Rd, (734)-455-8100
(an NCCC approved Choice hotel)

Enter the banquet parking and facility at the top of the hill

Appetizers during social hour

Buffet dinner menu :

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Oriental blend vegetable

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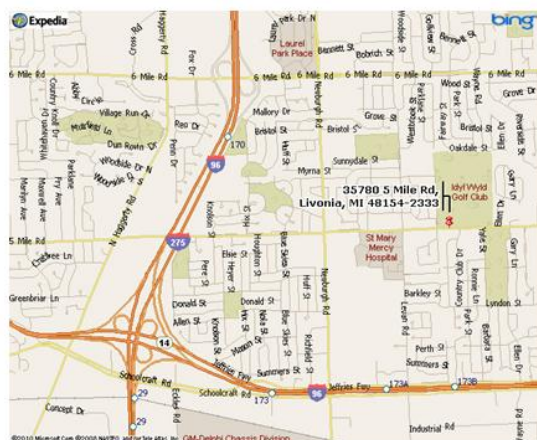
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National Corvette Museum

From Here to There Science Exhibit Now Open

Explore the science of how things move by land, sea and air at the National Corvette Museum's new traveling exhibition, From Here to There. Lift, launch and levitate as you experiment with hands-on exhibits that make learning about gravity, friction, and the laws of motion fun. Ride a hovercraft to experience how air pressure works, adjust wind speed to form fabric into an airfoil and float your sailboat to experiment with the effect of wind, rudder and sail positions.

Group rates are available, and discount tickets are available for the public at any Warren County PNC branch. Additionally, PNC customers may show a bankcard to receive discount admission.

R8C Reunion Cruisin' the CA Coast

Corvette enthusiasts who have participated in a Museum R8C Delivery or Xperience will have yet another fun Museum event to partake in September 25-30.



This year's R8C/Xperience Reunion will take place entirely on the West Coast and feature a road tour down the famed California Highway 1, Pacific Coast Highway. Stops will include Monterey, Carmel, Solvang and Cambria with visits to interesting car collections and other special activities.

The inclusive member tour fee for the driver is \$1500 and the driver's guest is \$400; non-member fee will include an additional \$40 for a one year membership. The complete agenda is online, but you must call in to register. Space is very limited! First come, first serve.

Corvette Store Feature

Grand Sport Evolution" Giclee print by Dana Forrester. Prices starting at \$100.00

"Grand Sport Evolution reflects the history of the Corvette Grand Sport, from the image of GS Two on the brick wall sign to the new Torch Red Coupe parked in front of the sign. Champion Spark Plugs was a sponsor of George Wintersteen when he campaigned Grand Sport Two." - Dana Forrester



National Corvette Museum

Flint Brick Sale Ends Soon!

Your chance to purchase a piece of Corvette history at more than 50% off will end soon! Now until February 28 you can purchase the "Flint Bricks" for \$10 each, or 3 for \$25.

These unique bricks are offered with an engraved sequence numbered plate and certificate of authenticity. The certificate of authenticity is signed by former Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant General Manager Wil Cooksey, Jr. and National Corvette Museum Executive Director Wendell Strode. Unfortunately we are not able to pull specific brick numbers. Buy online!



If you are interested in bulk, uncleaned Flint bricks without the plaque, we have them available at greatly reduced rates. They are perfect for that special building project, sidewalk, garden, etc. Contact Bob Hellmann at 270-467-8825 or email him at bob@corvettemuseum.org.

VIR Registration LIVE Next Week!

If you've been itching to really learn how to drive your Corvette, then why not consider attending the NCM's High Performance Driving Event at Virginia International Raceway? Ride along with pros Andy Pilgrim and Shields Bergstrom, enjoy the new activities at this annual event including the skid pad, rides in a vintage race car and a special corral for a spectator celebrity choice car show.

GM engineers, quality control and designers will be in attendance, and vendors including Zip Products, KNS Brakes, Pfadt, Michelin Tires and a larger Corvette Store will also be on hand. This event sells out FAST so be ready to register on February 15th at 8am CT when the event goes LIVE!

Learn more about what our popular HPDEs are all about, by going to www.corvettemuseum.com



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Who Built the First Corvette?

On June 30, 1953 the first Corvette came off the assembly line at the Flint, MI plant.

In this photo, only two of the men were identified: Frank J. Fessenden, plant manager at the time in the passenger seat, and R.D. Forshee, general superintendent driving.

We received a 1993 article with this photo from Thomas Harmon of Saint Helen, MI. Thomas' father, Carl, worked for Chevrolet from 1947 to 1982 and is now 91 years old. We would imagine others in the photo are now around the same age.

If you have any information please contact Betty Hardison in the Library and Archives at 270-467-8841 or 800-538-3883 x141, or by email.



CNBC Names Corvette ZR1 as One of the Future's Most Collectible Cars

In a recent photo slideshow, CNBC interviewed Hagerty Insurance CEO McKeel Hagerty asking him to predict which new cars will be the future's most collectible. His list names the Corvette ZR1 as #9. Others on the list include: #1 McLaren F1, #2 Ferrari F40, #3 Ferrari Enzo, #4 Bugatti Veyron, #5 Lamborghini Reventon, #6 Porsche Carrera GT, #7 Ford GT, #8 Mercedes-Benz SLR McLaren and #10 Dodge Viper.

In adding the Corvette ZR1 to this list, Hagerty said: "This is the Corvette that elevated the model into a new class of world class sports cars. Nowhere has this news been more prominently displayed than on the recent ZR1, the most powerful Corvette to date. And unlike the big block screamers of the 1960s, like the L88, the ZR1 is totally trackable and downright docile."



Article Submitted by
Joe Thomas

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Sunday, April 3rd, 2011

1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$3.95 per person/per game
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STRIKE....



Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival **GRAND PARADE**

Saturday April 30th

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Departure time is 8:45 a.m. for a 9:30 a.m. arrival.

Upon arrival we will walk into town for breakfast and then
have time to see the crafts before heading back to our cars
for the 2:00 p.m. start of the parade.

After the parade we will travel to

The Mexican Connexion in Hastings for a bite to eat.

Given the unpredictable Michigan weather this time of year
please be prepared for anything.



NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER OUTLINE

SANCTION # NS-006-001
DATE: March 27, 2011
(IF DRAG RACES INCLUDE RAIN DATE)

REGISTRATION: OPENS: 11:00 am

CLOSES: 11:45 am

DRIVERS MEETING TIME: 11:45 am

FIRST CAR OUT TIME: 12:01 pm

TYPE OF EVENT: Non Sanction RALLYE
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(IF RALLYE INCLUDE RALLYE TYPE)

CLUB: Corvette Club of Michigan

REGION: Michigan Region

ENTRY FEE: \$8.00

LOCATION: Chase Bank 235 N. Sheldon
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EVENT CHAIRPERSON:

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CHEVY VETTEFEST

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2011 marks the 30th Anniversary of the Vettefest, and for those enthusiasts who are loyal to the bow-tie brand, there is no greater honor than capturing a Gold Spinner Award and moving on to achieve Triple Crown status at the Chevy Vettefest.

From sleek and sweet Corvettes to screamin' muscle cars, the Chevy Vettefest attracts the ultimate in original and restored Corvettes and Chevrolets. If you are a Vette-head or a Chevy fan, you can't miss this Windy City tradition.



The 30th Anniversary Chevy Vettefest will be held in conjunction with the 49th Annual Chicago World of Wheels - March 4-6, 2011 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center.



March 2011

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6:30 - 8:30 pm

Board Meeting

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9:00 - 10:30 am

Let's Meet for
Breakfast!

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11:00 am

Rally - CCM

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