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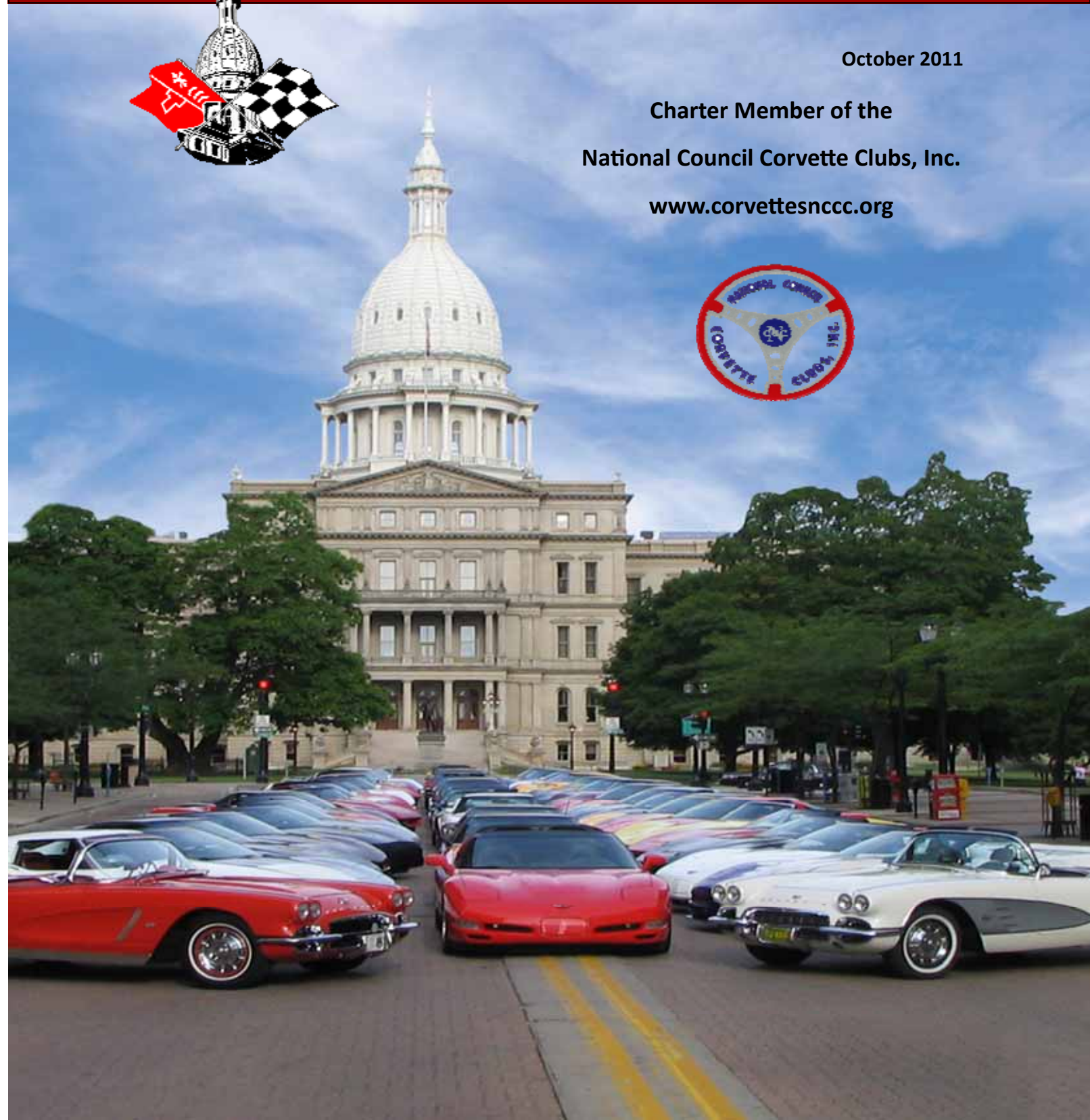
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## Upcoming Events

### General Membership Meeting

October 5th • 7:00 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### Board Meeting

October 19th • 6:30 p.m. • Delhi Cafe • 4625 Willoughby • Holt

### October Birthdays

**Katherine Twining (5) • Catherine Eiseman (08)**

**Steve Spinrad (8) • Brenda Shatkosky (14)**

**Jennifer Everhart (16) • Richard Shatkosky (20)**

### FALL COLOR TOUR

October 8th • See Flyer

### Let's Meet For Breakfast

October 22nd • See Flyer

### Toys For Tots - Drive and Dine

October 22nd • See Flyer

### BINGO AT TAMARACK

November 5th • See Flyer



### Newsletter Article Deadline

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## From The President...



**F**all has arrived, but our driving season is far from over. We still have a few more events, and another month or more of off-and-on good driving. As I write this, Janet and I are recovering from another great picnic, hayride and Bonfire at the Putmon's; and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for the Jackson Corvette Club. Here Janet and I slipped in an 800 mile trip to the U.P., and now we are packing for Greg Kapp's Fall Getaway at Portage Point. After that comes Kim and Sue Keith's Fall Color Tour. Hopefully the colors will be bright and beautiful again this year. And still another chance to drive the Vette – to BINGO, at the Tamarac retirement center in Holt, sometime in November. I'm sure there will be a break-

fast or two arranged, and who knows what else before (and after) the snow flies and our toys are tucked safely away until Spring.

Horsepower at the Zoo was another success, with a nice sum collected for the Zoological Society. Thanks to everyone who pitched in and made it such a wonderful day! The weather didn't hurt, either. Wow!

Nominations for our 2012 Board of Directors are set to a close at our October General Membership Meeting, and it will be interesting to see who gets elected at our November General Membership Meeting. There is absolutely no doubt that anyone selected from our talented membership will do a fantastic job keeping the club headed in the right direction.

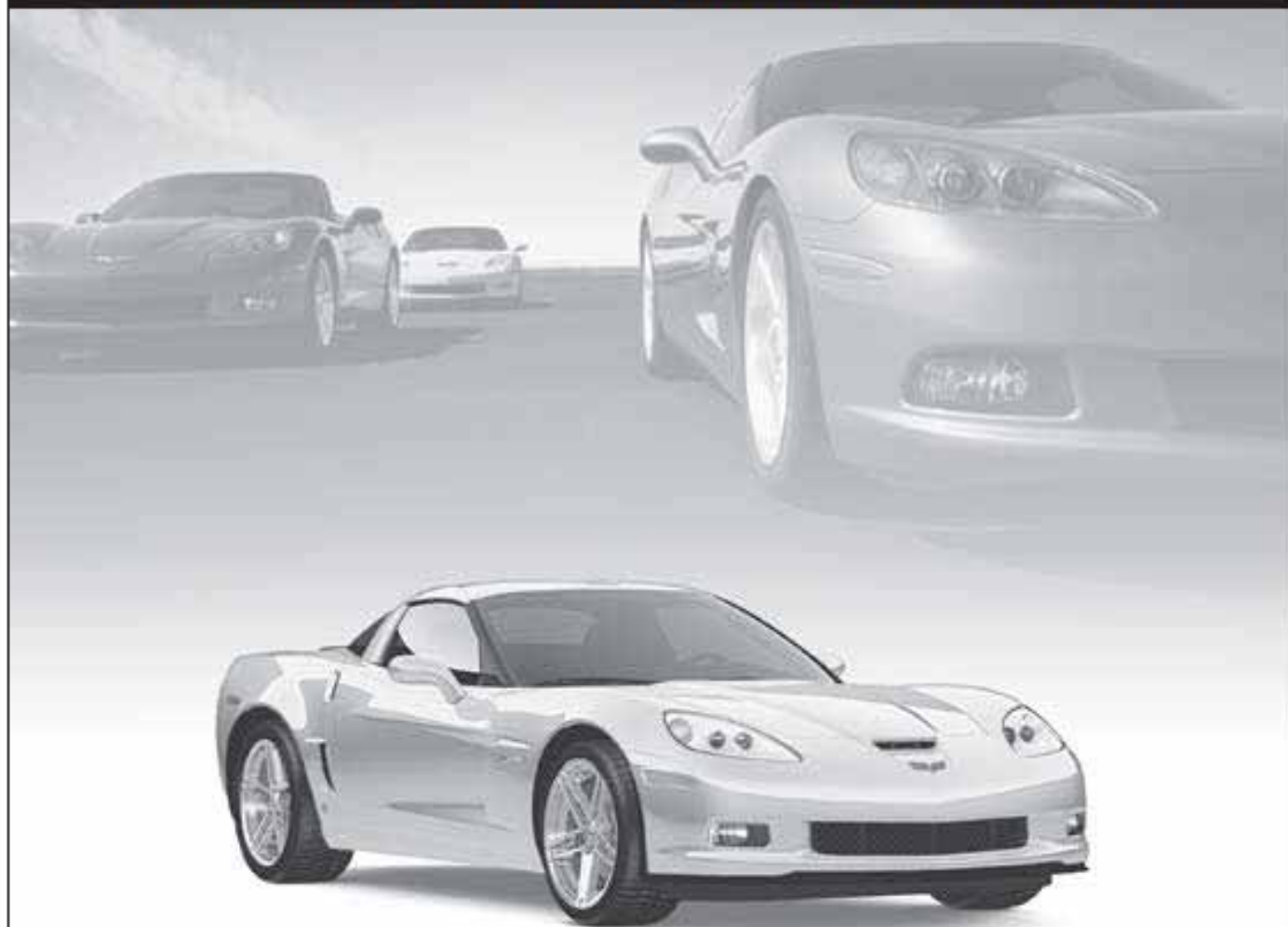
Don't put 'em away too soon. You know Michigan. It might snow and blow a bit before the end of November, and it might mix in a few sunny and dry days here and there. We hate to pack them up before we have to, and this year we are keeping one available until the very last minute.

Storage in Michigan isn't too much of a hassle, since it isn't considered "long term". I change the oil and filter either in the fall or spring – depending on my mood; make sure the tires are up to specified pressure; open the hood so there are less dark places for meecies to nest; fill the gas tank and toss in a bottle of Stable; and hook up a quality battery "maintainer" to keep the battery topped up and the computer powered. Wash, wax, and put away dry. Some use a winter cover. I don't anymore – again to avoid vermin and to allow air circulation. Some day I'm going to get one of those inflatable storage bags. I never start my stored vehicles during the winter if I can't take them for a long drive, because I don't want to create condensation in the exhaust system. Others I know do like to start them every few weeks. I haven't heard of problems either way. Mine always start up in the spring - ready to go, just like they were run yesterday, even after 4 or five months. Yours will too. And then we'll have another terrific summer with the C.C.C.C.

*Craig*



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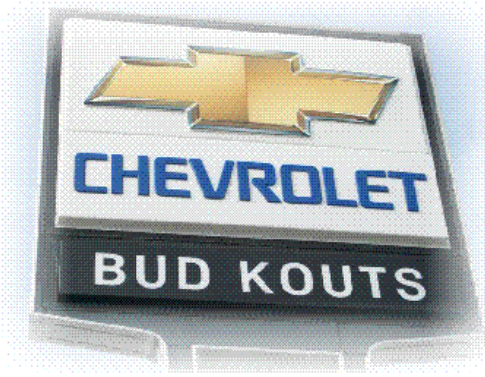
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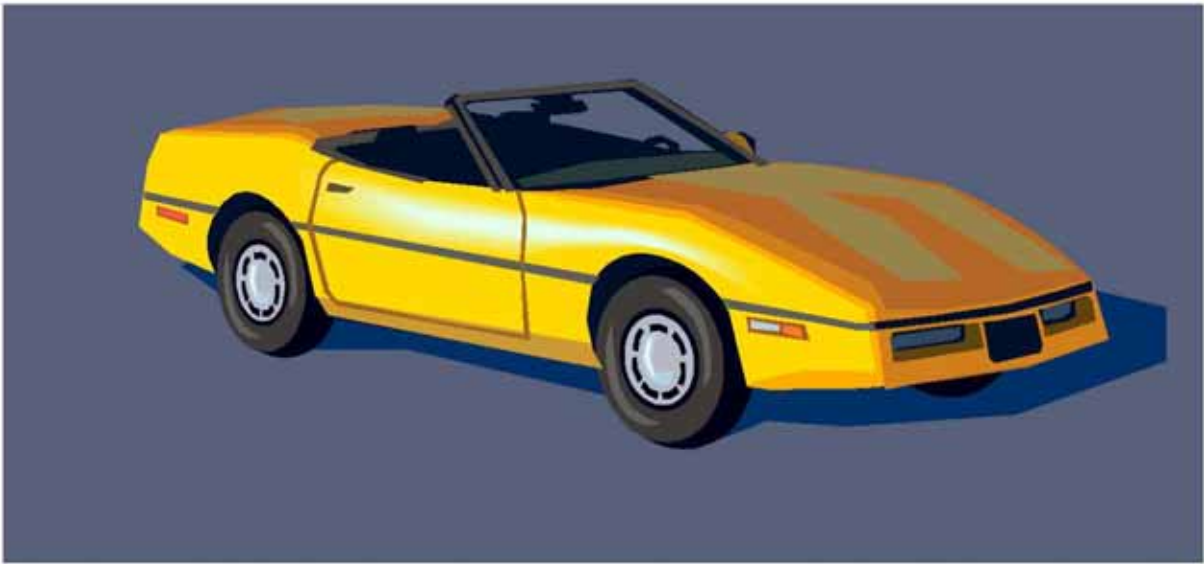
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**Sandy Bechtel**  
**Public Relations Director**





## CCCC Color Tour Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2011



**Where:** Meet at the Charlotte Meijers at 10:45 am (NE corner of M-50 & I-69)

1167 E Clinton Trail, Charlotte, MI

**Drive Time:** Approx. 2 Hours including a 30 minute break mid-route.

**Heading:** Mostly West.

**Highlights:** Photo opportunity for you and your car during the break.

Route is mostly country roads.

Exact colors cannot be guaranteed.

**Lunch:** Reservations are for 1pm. Cost is \$8.00 to \$15.00 per person.

**Other Info:** Bring your walkie-talkie & your camera.

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Nominations for the 2012 Board of Directors will take place at the September and October membership meetings. In preparation, all members are encouraged to review the CCCC By-Laws for a description of the duties of club officers.

## **It's DUES Time Again !!! Please Don't Wait till it's too LATE ...**

The deadline for Membership Renewal is November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. If you are interested in running for an elected office and/or voting in the November election, your dues must be paid.

**Please consider renewing at either the September 7<sup>th</sup> or October 5<sup>th</sup> General Membership Meetings.**

**You may also mail your form and check to: David Pursel  
6768 Highland Dr  
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### **Renewal Form-(please fill out form in it's entirety)**

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Spouse/Companion: \_\_\_\_\_

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	Year: _____	Coupe _____	Convertible _____	Color: _____
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PRIMARY RENEWAL: \$55.00

SPOUSE/COMPANION MEMBER RENEWAL: \$20.00

\$10.00 LATE FEE WILL BE ASSESSED BY NCCC FOR RENEWING AFTER NOVEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2011.

Thanks for your Cooperation.

David Pursel

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR



# Capital City Corvette Club

2012 Board of Directors

**Nominations for the 2012 Board of Directors will take place at the September and October membership meetings. In preparation, all members are encouraged to review the CCCC By-Laws for a description of the duties of club officers.**

According to the Capital City Corvette Club By-Laws (2008), Article IV, Section B, 1a,  
the President must have held a prior office in the club.

**The following current members have held an elected office in the club.**

Scott Bauries	Ted Iasher
Sandy Bechtel	Shalimar Maynard
Rich Bratschi	Bob Maynard
Colleen Bratschi	Joe Platte
Mike Britz	Ed Politza
Connie Britz	Suzanne Politza
Randy Buck	Dave Pursel
Terry Burke	Carol Putmon
Chris Burke	Simon Reiffer
Pat Cripe	Gloria Reiffer
Angela Hyde	Steve Spinrad
Craig Iansiti	Loretta Spinrad
Greg Kapp	Gary Wyma
Kim Keith	Kathy Wyma



# Grand Marais and Munising Trip

## Corvette Crossroads Side Trip, 2011



**O**n Sunday morning after Corvette Crossroads, four couples from CCCC (Craig and Janet Iansiti, Art and Nancy Doty, Rich and Colleen Bratschi, Dave and Kathy Pursel) headed north across the Mackinaw Bridge for a trip to Grand Marais and Munising. Our route took us west on scenic US-2 to M117 North, then to M28 West and then into Grand Marais on M77 North. It was a pleasant cruise with a stop at the Cut River Overlook for a short break. It was a beautiful sunny day and we arrived in Grand Marais shortly before 1 PM. First we stopped at the beach to enjoy the gorgeous view of West Bay and then we headed to the West Bay Diner for lunch. Colleen had researched area restaurants and this one sounded interesting.

When we first looked at the diner, we had second thoughts about whether we wanted to eat there, but customers on their way out assured us the food was great. They also informed us that the owner was a newly published author and they had come there purposely to have her autograph a copy of her book. Even though we were told that groups of 6 or more could only order pizza due to the small size of the kitchen, our curiosity got the best of us and we decided pizza would be fine. We ended up having a surprisingly fun and interesting lunch. Everyone agreed the pizza was some of the best we had ever eaten. The atmosphere was warm and friendly and the author, Ellen Airgood, was gracious and attentive in spite of being extremely busy. Besides being a restaurant, the West Bay Diner is also a small market selling a little bit of everything – meat, eggs, baked goods, jams, jellies, candy, nuts, T-shirts, books and assorted other items. They do not sell any Coke or Pepsi products, but they do sell the oldie but goodies like NeHi and Royal Crown. The ladies all purchased autographed copies of Ellen's book, *South of Superior*, and we all look forward to reading it.



After lunch the group headed west on H58 towards Munising and found ourselves in for another great surprise. The road is one of the most beautiful we have ever driven in Michigan. It is 48 miles of smooth, curvy road running through sun-dappled tunnels of trees with occasional glimpses of Lake Superior. The route starts with a view of pristine Grand Sable Lake and ends overlooking Munising Bay. The traffic was light and there were a few straight-aways where even the most prudent driver threw caution to the wind and just punched it. Driving was challenging enough at posted speeds to have the drivers grinning from ear to ear and the passengers hanging on tight. By the time we arrived at our hotel in Munising the four drivers (Craig, Dave, Rich and Nancy) had grins plastered on their faces

that probably won't come off for days. Dave says he counted over 100 curves in the 48 mile stretch and Craig said it was like a mini Tail of the Dragon without the cliffs.

In Munising we eventually all parted ways but not before we had eaten more good food, tasted some wine and enjoyed the scenery. Everywhere we went we met other Corvette owners who wanted to talk and share stories. Some of us took the boat tour to Pictured Rocks and some of us took a few dollars from the Indians. Needless to say, a good time was had by all and every one of us would probably do it again. Maybe we have started a new tradition. 😊

Submitted by Janet L. Iansiti



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## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

### September 7th, 2011 Membership Meeting



**Social Time & Dining:** started around 5:30 P.M.

**President: Craig Iansiti** opened the board meeting about ten minutes early (6:50 p.m.) since we were having a special guest speaker, one of CCCC's founding members and first president, **Jim Hoppin**. Craig welcomed new and returning members to the meeting. New members included David and Fran Sowders and Ward Harris.

Craig reported the Corvette Crossroads held the previous weekend in Mackinaw City was a big success! The picture post-card weather helped contribute to that success. The CCCC had in attendance 37 members and 8 guests. There were 16 member's cars entered into the show. The club actually won an award for having the most cars in the show, a distinction the club had also previously won.

Many members extended their weekend by taking a trip to the Upper Peninsula and going to Grand Marais and Munising. The members enthusiastically drove the 106 curves along the way and also raved about the fact that they virtually had the road to themselves! All in all members concluded it was a fantastic get-a-way!

**Janet Iansiti** reported that HAZ (Horsepower at the Zoo), Sunday, September 18, was only 11 days away. She asked that anyone who had sponsors, donations, gifts, etc. see her at the conclusion of the meeting. She also encouraged members to volunteer to work that day to help the club.

**Sue Keith**, the club's Historian, then introduced Jim Hoppin, a co-founder of the Capital City Corvette Club in 1958 and its first president. Jim was joined by three others, Rob Scott, Darwin Thomas, and Bill Thornberry in starting the club. Jim spoke at length about how the club was started and its activities. The club held its meeting at the Lee McGillivray Chevrolet Dealership in Haslett. He stressed that the cornerstone of the club remains today-- that is cars, friendship, and caring about people. He spoke about the membership being somewhat younger back then (less gray heads) and about their first event--an economy run. The results of that run were somewhat skewed by the engineer members who stopped their cars and coasted to get better gasoline mileage! He told of racing their cars on a frozen Lake Lansing, an activity which later moved farther north. He said they had rallies, conventions, and as today, lots of 'eating' activities. He said they held car shows in Frandor when the design included a garden.

Jim was also instrumental in founding NCCC in 1959 as well as publishing the first "Blue Bars", its national publication as well as designing the NCCC. He said that Owen's Corning, who made the Corvette bodies, gave the CCCC an award in 1962 for being the best club.

He brought many pictures and other documents for members to peruse after the meeting. It was a special night which was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present. We want to thank Sue Keith, historian, for digging deep and finding Jim for us and inviting him to our meeting.

At the conclusion of his talk, Jim presented a Chevrolet Banner to the club which Craig auctioned off with proceeds going to charity. Carlos Litrenta was high bidder and went home with the prized banner.

events per club from 7 to 10 per year.

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** reported on the region meeting he had just attended the previous night. He encouraged members to participate in the upcoming banquet in Spring and also encouraged members to get involved at that level by running for office. NCCC is considering increasing the number of sanction events per club from 7 to 10 per year.

**Secretary: Connie Britz** asked that minutes from the August 2011 general membership meeting be approved. The minutes were approved.

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## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

### September 7th, 2011 Membership Meeting



**Treasurer: Mike Britz** gave the financial status of the club and determined that it was in good shape.

**Points: Kim Keith** reported that points were currently up to date and if anyone had any more to report, to see him after the meeting. He also said he had club static clings to sell if anyone is interested.

**Membership: Dave Pursel** updated membership to include 97 members, 61 FCOA's, and 1 Honorary Member. He said the CCCC had the record for the most FCOA's. He reminded members that dues are due in November.

**Editor: Randy Buck** had nothing new to report.

**Competition: Rich Bratschi** had nothing new to add.

Public Relations: Sandy Bechtel had nothing new to report.

**Social: Carol Putmon** referred to list of activities listed on the agenda sheet and reminded members of the Bingo November 5 at the Tamarack Apartments. She then gave out candy bars to those in attendance with September birthdays.

**Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher** reminded members to bring baked goods to HAZ. They are to be wrapped in baggies. She said cookies were encouraged but did not want anything iced. Baked quick breads were also encouraged for morning consumption.

**Historian: Sue Keith** was instrumental in getting Jim Hoppin to our meeting.

**NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas** reviewed plans for the racetrack which is expected to be completed in 2014 with a Labor Day celebration. He showed two items he purchased there--a book by Jerry Passon, The Corvette in Literature & Culture and a video entitled The Quest by Mike Brown. Ray Quinlin, who donated his 1953 to the museum, was inducted into the Hall of Fame.

**Photographer: Ted Lasher** told new members he would take their photos with their cars.

**Quartermaster - Randy Putmon** was not present

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Lickfeldt** was not present.

**Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer** had nothing new to report however, she won First Place for the club's website, for the second time and has won Second Place three times!

**Discussion: Simon Reiffer** clarified the cars the Jackson club needs for its 50th Anniversary Car Show. They are '53, '55, '56, '70, '76, '78, '86, '87, '92. Please give Simon a call if you can help out.

**Greg Kapp** told members of the Fall Getaway Trip to Onekema again this year and said reservations would be accepted up to the last minute.

It was announced that next Sunday, September 18, would be the last show at Gilmore's for this season.

The 50/50 Drawing was won by Harold Twining.

Respectfully submitted by **Connie Britz - Secretary**

# ***Let's Meet for Breakfast***

***Saturday, October 22nd - 9:00 a.m.***



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# Drive and Dine

## Saturday October 22nd

We'll meet at the Toys R Us in Okemos,  
1705 West Newman Road, at 11:30 a.m.

Bring unwrapped toys for girls or boys, or you can arrive earlier to purchase toys. We'll be taking a casual winding route to a restaurant that accepts Toys for Tots donations. Drive time is approximately 1½ hour. Lunch reservation is at 2:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00 to \$15.00 per person. Please join us for Ice Cream after lunch, location to be announced.

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## CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

### September 21st , 2011 Board Meeting



**Social Time & Dining:** started around 5:30 P.M.

**President: Craig Iansiti** opened the board meeting (6:25 P.M.) about five minutes early. Craig reported that he had had several positive comments on the recent Car Show, "HAZ" or "Horsepower at the Zoo". The event was enhanced by the beautiful weather that day—sunny, clear, and temperatures in the low 70's. He had positive comments also on the quality of trophies presented that day.

It was estimated 128 vehicles entered, many of which were Corvettes. A lot of the winners were new and had not received trophies in the previous years.

Craig also mentioned he had failed to bring up our early contribution to the Lansing Food Bank at the last General Meeting. Because of recent difficulties experienced by the food bank, the CCCC was going to give their contribution early. Craig asked CCCC Board members whether they thought he ought to send the money early, as previously discussed, or to present the proposal to the General Membership. It was decided that since the General Membership Meeting was in only two weeks, he would present the proposal to the entire membership.

Craig also showed the plaque to be presented to the Jackson Corvette Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Janet Iansiti** also headed a discussion about the 'leftover' door prizes. After a brief discussion, it was decided the club would keep the prizes for future events when needed.

**Secretary: Connie Britz** asked that minutes from the August Board Meeting be approved. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer: Mike Britz** reported that all checks had been deposited and bills had been paid and the budget balanced. He asked that anyone with any outstanding bills please give them to him.

**Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer** requested that we present dates for upcoming events on a calendar and present them to the Region for approval.

**Points: Kim Keith** said points were all updated unless someone had more to tell him. He said he would appreciate more questions be asked on the waiver form to prevent him from having to do detective work at the event.

**Membership: Dave Pursel** reported that membership numbers remain the same and that he was beginning to receive renewal dues. Dues are due in November.

**Editor: Randy Buck** had nothing new to report although he reported he would publish the list of those eligible to run for office.

**Competition: Rich Bratschi** reported he was concerned about next year's low speed event to be held at Spartan Speedway. It seems as though Spartan Speedway's owners have raised the price to an extent that Rich questioned whether it would be worth the time and trouble to the club to repeat the event next year. He questioned whether the club should consider changing venues or perhaps, events. Rich concluded he would talk to recent participants to find out whether they would be deterred if there was a price increase. He said he has already reserved the venue for the last weekend in July. It would depend on what racers and club members recommend as to whether the event would continue.

**Public Relations: Sandy Bechtel** was not in attendance.

**Social: Carol Putmon** reported the Christmas Party would be held December 7<sup>th</sup>. Members will be asked to bring a toy to contribute to the Marine's Toys for Tots campaign. A discussion followed about combining the January meeting with the awards banquet.

**Craig** asked **Carol** if the job of social chairman was too much work for one person. Carol responded that members were very good about volunteering help whenever or wherever needed.

**Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher** was not in attendance.

**Historian: Sue Keith** reported on items recently acquired to be included in club's archives. The items are:

DVD of CCCC 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade held on June 26, 2008  
Copies of ballots for Board of Directors elections from 2006-2010

Vintage CCCC hand-painted banner Carlo Litrenta found in a trailer

he had purchased from Steve Spinrad

Copy of article about CCCC from the July 1962 issue of NCCC "Blue Bars"

Copy of first issue of NCCC "Blue Bars"

Copies of pictures on loan from Jim Hoppin

**Sue** also told Board Members that **Ted Lasher** had volunteered to scan original photos of Jim Hoppin's for the club's archives. **Julie Lasher** had volunteered to write Jim a thank you note for both his recent presentation and his generous lending of original photos.

**NCM Ambassador Joe Thomas:** was not in attendance.

**Photographer: Ted Lasher** was not in attendance.

**Quartermaster: Randy Putmon** reported he had ordered parts for club's damaged awning and would be repairing it himself.

**Sergeant-at-Arms: Patrick Lickfeldt** was not in attendance.

**Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer** had nothing new to report.

**Member Input: Colleen Bratschi** reported nominations were going well

There will be a member breakfast Saturday, September 24 at the Big Boy Restaurant at 8:00 A.M. Members will proceed to Jackson afterwards to attend the Jackson Corvette

Club's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by **Connie Britz, Secretary**





# Capital City Corvette Club



## Participation Points as of Sept 18th, 2011

67	Sandy Bechtel	8	Randy Gisse	7	Shalimar Maynard	0	Victor Smith
19	James Boettcher	22	Vidal Gonzalez	2	Linda McMillan	2	David Sowders
19	Mara Boettcher	2	Ward Harris	11	Barb Musselman	0	Fran Sowders
49	Colleen Bratschl	22	Howard Hein	11	Steve Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
58	Rich Bratschi	30	Angela Hyde	1	George Nelson	4	Steve Spinrad
13	Connie Britz	85	Craig Iansiti	46	Dominique Palacios	1	Alex Spitzley
29	Mike Britz	70	Janet Iansiti	44	Jerry Palacios	1	Joan Spitzley
0	David Brown	1	Dick Iding	6	Diana Parks	3	Janet Sprague
20	Diana Brown-Mosher	19	Greg Kapp	8	Howard Parks	8	Michael Sprague
80	NancyLee Buck	79	Kim Keith	16	Joe Platte	8	Ralph Swan
85	Randy Buck	81	Sue Keith	9	Ed Politza	8	Susan Swan
28	Chris Burke	2	Frank Kessler	9	Suzanne Politza	17	Connie Taylor
43	Terry Burke	2	Judy Kessler	41	David Pursel	17	Tom Taylor
15	Dennis Burt	1	Laurie Ketcik	13	Kathryn Pursel	26	Joseph Thomas*
9	Sandy Burt	0	Fred Koos	59	Carol Putmon	33	Harold Twining
12	Dana Conley	0	Judy Koos	58	Randy Putmon	31	Katherine Twining
12	Darrell Conley	20	Sheila Lansing	##	Gloria Reiffer	29	Sue VanAtta
24	Dave Cripe*	42	Julie Lasher	89	Simon Reiffer	0	Larry Warren*
10	Pat Cripe	52	Ted Lasher	67	Robert Ribar	0	Linda Warren*
5	Darwin Day	0	Ellie Lickfeldt	30	Milton Scales	2	Lee Webster
39	Art Doty*	19	Patrick Lickfeldt	9	Brenda Shatkosky*	0	Robert Wheeler
35	Nancy Doty*	24	Carlo Litrenta	12	Richard Shatkosky*	31	Larry Wight
1	Catherine Eiseman	22	Janet Litrenta	2	Bill Simons	12	Gary Wyma
1	Raoul Eiseman	13	Bob Maynard	22	Thomas Sipka	12	Kathy Wyma
13	Jennifer Everhart*						

## Current 2011 Top Ten

100	Gloria Reiffer	85	Randy Buck	79	Kim Keith	67	Sandy Bechtel
89	Simon Reiffer	81	Sue Keith	70	Janet Iansiti		
85	Craig Iansiti	80	NancyLee Buck	67	Robert Ribar		



\*NCCC number is with another Michigan Region club.



# National Corvette Museum

## Tom Blair Joins One Acre Club

Tom Blair is no stranger to the NCM Motorsports Park project. After attending a Museum HPDE, Tom became so enthusiastic about the possibility of having our own place for driver's education that he came on board, helping the Museum further develop sponsorship proposals and coming up with the idea for a One Acre Club.

"I am so pleased to see how enthusiasm and support for the NCM Motorsports Park is building," Tom said. "Although the demands on my time have regulated my involvement to more of a behind the scenes role, I recently bought an acre to show my continued commitment to this worthwhile project. Like you, I'm looking forward to opening day when we can take our victory laps to celebrate our personal contribution to the legacy of Corvette."

Tom's dedication to the project has helped push us to get to where we are today. We sincerely thank him not only for sponsoring an acre, but for his support for the past several years.

To learn more about our Motorsports Park project, check out the recently re-vamped website and become a fan on Facebook!



## Hall of Famer Betty Skelton Passes

Corvette Hall of Fame inductee Betty Skelton Erde lived in the fast lane most of her life, setting speed records both on the ground and in the air. A resident of The Villages, FL, she earned the nickname "First Lady of Firsts", setting many records and being the first female test driver in the auto industry.

Betty was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2001, and passed away at the age of 85 at her home on August 31, 2011.



## Hall of Fame Nominations Due Next Week



The National Corvette Museum is now accepting applications for the 2012 Corvette Hall of Fame. Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2011. Any NCM Member can submit a nomination. Current board members and NCM staff are not eligible to be nominated. Qualified nominations are good through a three-year period.

## Clubs Awarded at Anniversary Event

Congratulations to the following clubs for their accomplishments this year that were awarded during the 17th Anniversary Celebration:

### Furthest Traveled

Simi Valley Corvettes

### Volunteer Award

Circle City Corvette Club, Indianapolis, IN

### Good Samaritan Award

North Texas Corvette Club

### Best Website

- 1st – Santa Clara Corvettes
- 2nd – Emerald Coast Corvette Club
- 3rd – Grand Sport Registry

### Best Printed Newsletter

- 1st – Skyline Drive Corvettes
- 2nd – Northern California Corvette Assoc.
- 3rd – Santa Clara Corvettes

### Best Online Newsletter

- 1st – Lone Star Corvette Club
- 2nd – St Louis Corvette Club
- 3rd – Queen City Corvette Club



# National Corvette Museum

## George Sipprell Joins NCM Board

George Sipprell of Branford, CT was elected to the NCM Board of Directors on Saturday, September 3 during the Museum's quarterly board meeting. George is a family member of the Museum and serves as NCM Ambassador at large for Connecticut and achieved Master Ambassador status this year. George not only volunteers at Museum events, but also served as the 2009 Caravan Leader for CT.



George takes the seat previously held by Abbie Miller, who resigned recently due to personal commitments.

## New Solar Charging Station at GM Plant

In June, General Motors commissioned the first of many solar charging stations for the Chevy Volt at the Corvette Assembly Plant. Energy not utilized to charge the Volt will be fed into the plant and be utilized by production equipment.



The solar station is anticipated to generate more than 30,000 kilowatt-hours of electricity annually. The station is free for electric car owners to utilize.

If you'd like to check out a 2012 Chevy Volt, drive across the street and visit our special exhibit, 100 Years of Chevrolet, where we have one on loan from GM!

## Wildfire Claims Two Corvettes, See How NCM Insurance Handled It



In April a great friend of the National Corvette Museum and a customer of the NCM Insurance Agency received a call as he came out to the NCM for the C5/C6 Bash that he will not forget anytime soon. He was told that a wildfire started near his house and destroyed some of his prized possessions.

We caught up with Holt when he returned to the Corvette Museum for the 17th Annual Labor Day Celebration, and he wanted to share with everyone how pleased he was with his experience with Adam and the NCM Insurance Agency.

The NCM Insurance Agency proudly writes Collector Car Insurance through AMIG or American Modern Insurance Group on an Agreed Value policy. To have the same great coverage as Holt, request a quote at [www.ncminsurance.com](http://www.ncminsurance.com) or give us a call at 877.678.7626.

## Fast Fall Fun at Autobahn

Monday, October 3 NCM and Hooked On Driving will take to the track at Autobahn Country Club to host a special High Performance Driving School. The full course is 3.1 miles with 21 corners and is located in Joliet, IL, just outside of Chicago. While the school includes mandatory classroom instruction, there's also plenty of run time! Spectators are welcome, and spectator rides with instructors will be available.

The registration fee of \$295 includes coaching, classroom briefings, lunch and nearly two full hours on-track. Rental helmets are available from the track if you don't have one of your own. This event benefits the National Corvette Museum, but all marques are welcome.



# National Corvette Museum

## Joe Thomas and 42 Others Named Master Ambassador for 2011



Each Labor Day weekend during our Anniversary Celebration the Museum awards "Master Ambassador" status to those Ambassadors who accrue 200 or more points the previous year (July-June). At this year's event we had 43 individuals and couples earning that recognition:

Edward Huck (Cruisin' Corvettes of Tallahassee), Michele Cantelmo (Pocono Mountains), Ed Clark (Corvette Atlanta), Brenda & Mac McDonagh (Coastal Carolina), George Sipprell (Connecticut-at-large), Mike Furman (Frederick County), Paul & Barbara Mariano (Queen City), Jack DeLong (Skyline Drive), Charley Robertson (Circle City), Paul Pearson (Corvettes Limited of BG), Len Tucker (Classical Glass), John & Colette Killebrew (East TN), Judy & Marty Dooley (St. Louis), David & Janice Raven (Corvettes of Durham), Randall Shinn (NCM Fighter Squadron), Janet & Nick Polasek (Ontario-at-Large), Don Nabors (Bluegrass), Ernie Naugle (North Central PA), Ed Snell (Central IL), Glenn & Andrea Johnson (Tri-City), Steve & Paulette Blunk (Circle City), Frank & Laura Sancineto (RTP Corvettes), Carl & Marie Stover (Perry), Charlie & Debbie Meade (Myrtle Beach), Bobbie & Bill Weir (Texas-at-large), Jeff McQuade (Calhoun County), Jerry Pelton (Emerald Coast), Tuna & Susan Dobins (Central Oklahoma), Johnny & Edie Downs (Lone Star), John & Helen Jensen (NC-at-large), Richard Loch (Down the Road), Joe Moncado (Kansas City), Fred & Glenda Hale (Classic Glass), Berry Pinney (Corvette Cleveland), Bruce & Donna Bronsema (Lookingglass), Frank LoMonaco (Santa Barbara), **Joe Thomas (Michigan)**, John Bieglecki (Spirits of '53), Dave Putz (Florida), Jim Egan (Pace Car Registry), Dennis Morrill (Long Island), Doug John & Francie Denis (Central

## Doug Fehan Joins One Acre Club

Back in April when Corvette Racing Program Manager Doug Fehan spoke in front of a group of Museum donors, he raised \$90,000 for the NCM Motorsports Park before the night was through. He was genuinely moved by everyone's generosity, but not surprised by the response.

"I was speaking extemporaneously and never thought that it would happen like that, but buried in each person who supports the Museum is this passion to see this Motorsports Park happen. They know that this isn't just about laying asphalt. This is about leaving a legacy."

Doug isn't just a fundraiser but a donor himself. "We at Corvette Racing are a part of this Motorsports Park on so many levels, but at the end of the day, we've got to move the needle up and get it done. Throughout my years in the modern era of Corvette Racing, I've collected lots of memorabilia, which has huge sentimental and monetary value. I've donated all of those things to the Museum with the express purpose of it being auctioned to fund acres of the Motorsports Park. In the coming months people will get the opportunity to own true pieces of Corvette Racing history and in doing so, those funds will get applied to the building of this legacy."



He thinks that it's important for those who give to become fundraisers themselves, encouraging the people around them to get involved too. "We who are privileged to be able to give can inspire others to do the same. In fact, I'm issuing a challenge right here and now for all of the people getting this eNews blast to show their support of Corvette Racing, the Museum, and Corvette's legacy by hitting the 'donate now' button and give just \$10 to the NCM Motorsports Park project. Don't wait! [Do it right now](#) while you are thinking about it. Let's show everyone how the Corvette community gets it done."

## VIP Tours Offer a Great Fall Break Activity



Our VIP tours last 3-5 hours and includes the Plant and Museum. Tours of the plant are more in-depth and include portions not included in the regular tours. Many of our lodging business members offer special deals for our Corvette fans.



# National Corvette Museum

## Fireball Run Making Pit Stop at NCM

Next Thursday, September 29 the National Corvette Museum will play host to a very special group of people.

The Chevrolet Fireball Run is an eight-day adventure rally race to raise awareness in the search for missing children. The entire Chevrolet Fireball Run fleet and team members will make a stop in Bowling Green where they will be greeted by the folks from the National Corvette Museum and treated to a light lunch.



Over 40+ teams are participating in this excursion which began in Melbourne, Fla., and will conclude in Gulfport, Miss. On the fifth-day of their journey, all Fireball Run teams, including Daytona 500 Winner and NASCAR legend Geoff Bodine and Astronaut Winston Scott, will make their way to the National Corvette Museum to continue their mission of distributing flyers announcing the search of their designated missing child.

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## Jake Brick Special



It's the promotion several Corvette Racing fans have been waiting for! For a limited time, receive \$25 off our Jake brick when entering 25OFFJAKE in the special instruction box on the shipping summary page. Show your enthusiasm and support of Corvette Racing with this new brick featuring Jake the Corvette Racing symbol. Your new brick will be placed in our Race Fan section on the Walk of Fame, the walkway leading to the entrance of the Museum. Sale ends September 30!

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## Vets 'n Vettes a Month Away!

An annual tradition in its 4th Year, Vets 'n Vettes is scheduled for November 3-5 and offers a number of ways to enjoy camaraderie with others who have served. We will be celebrating Military Appreciation Month with special displays, and the event gives participants the chance to be a part of the Bowling Green Veterans Day Parade.

Also new this year we invite cars with patriotic paint jobs to compete for the prized spot on the cover of the January/February 2012 ASC Magazine!

Basic registration is only \$10 and ends in a few weeks. Check out the complete event agenda online.



Submitted by **Joe Thomas**



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 wonderful desserts!

**DATE:** Saturday, November 5, 2011

**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’re not “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!**

# October 2011



## Calendar of Events

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					Fall Getaway	Fall Getaway
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Fall Getaway			7pm General Membership Meeting			10:45am Fall Color Tour
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
8:15 am Autocross - HVCC (S)						
Low Speed - CCM (NS)						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			6:30pm Board Meeting			9am Let's Meet For Breakfast 11:30 am Toys for Tots Drive & Dine
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					



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