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The Connection

The Newsletter of Capital City Corvette Club

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General Membership Meeting

April 3 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Rd. • Holt

Carefree Coffee, Crumpets, Classic Cars, Casual Camaraderie and Crazy Cheery Chit Chat!

April 13 • May 11 • 11:00 am
Tim Hortons & Cold Stone Creamery • 2350 Cedar St. • Holt

Bowling Challenge – CCCC vs. JCC

April 14 • Bowling - 1:30 pm • Dinner to follow
City Limits Bowling Center & Sports Grill • 801 N. Cedar St. • Mason

Board Meeting

April 17 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Rd. • Holt

Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Parade

April 27 • Quality Dairy - 8:30 pm • Parade Lineup by noon
The Mexican Connection - 3:00 pm • 131 S. Jefferson St. • Hastings

Blessing of the Vettes & Rallyes

June 8 • Car show - 9:00 a.m. • Rallyes to follow - 2:00 p.m.
Culver's of Okemos • 5140 Times Square Dr. • Okemos

April Birthdays

Randy Putmon (1) • Nancy Doty (2) • Shalimar Maynard (4)
Mara Boettcher (6) • Colleen Bratschi (9) • Simon Reiffer (13) • Sue Keith (28)

Submit newsletter articles to 4c.board@cccorvette.org by the 24th of each month.



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Capital City Corvette Club Carefree Coffee, Crumpets, Classic Cars, Casual Camaraderie and Crazy Cheery Chit Chat!

Saturday

April 13th, 11:00a.m.

**Tim Hortons and Cold
Stone Creamery**

2350 Cedar St.

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From Our President...

By the time you read this, the madness of the past month will be over, or close to it! Also, hopefully you weren't fooled on the 1st! Now we can put aside the distractions of the last few weeks and focus on what's really important.

That is the month of April kicks off the season of Corvette events. We have a cruise in for coffee and ice cream on the 13th of this month.

The next day, the 14th is the annual bowling challenge with the Jackson club. Like all of our events, it's a great time to meet and mingle with others and have a great time bowling. Just a reminder, the score isn't as important as the fun this event brings.

This month is also a great time to start thinking about staging your own event! It can be simple like a cruise in and dine, or more adventurous as a longer drive to a restaurant with a lot of scenery along the way.

Of course, there's always a need for help in setting up and running any of the events we have. Volunteering is a great way to be with old friends as

well as to involve new members. Either way, it makes for a great day out with club members.

Make sure you read The Connection, or check the website for information on upcoming events. As always, the more the merrier! So, sign up at the meetings for events this coming year. It's always fun, and great to get the vette out and show it off!

And for you procrastinators out there, there's still time to get the car washed, waxed and ready for spring and summer fun!

Terry Burke, President



Corvette Humor

If my body were a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull ... but that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather. My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently.

But here's the worst of it --

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter..... either my radiator leaks or my exhaust backfires!

As a senior citizen was driving down the interstate in his Corvette, his cell phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, "Tim, I just heard on the news that there is a car going the wrong way on Interstate 95. Please be careful!"

"Boy." Said Tim, "It's not just one car, there are hundreds of them!"

"What am I supposed to do with this?" grumbled the motorist as the clerk handed him a receipt for his speeding ticket, doing 100 mph in his red '65 Corvette.

"Keep it", the clerk replied, "When you collect four of them, you get a bicycle".


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Social Time and Dining: 5:00 to 7:00 pm

President: Terry Burke called the meeting to order at 7:04.

He shared information he received: Rally for the Ranch in Puttun Bay, NJ, Bloomington Gold registration information. Ronald McDonald House is raffling off a 1963 split window coupe. Terry received a thank you letter from the Greater Lansing Food Bank for Capital City Corvette Club's \$500 donation.

Terry shared that Randy Putmon is stepping down from his position as Quarter Master, and he asked that the membership think about filling the position. Randy will continue to house the trailer in which supplies are stored. Anyone willing to assume the position is asked to contact Terry or Randy.

The deadline for registering to participate in the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival is March 31 and volunteers are needed to assist. The Festival is April 27. Attendees will meet at the Quality Dairy by Art Van on the west side of Lansing. Breakfast is available at the event and cars will begin lining up at noon for the parade. President Burke volunteered to take the lead on this event.

A new printer is needed for club work. Mike Britz located a Brothers laser printer, scanner and fax machine for \$200. The cost of printer cartridge is reasonable, and the copy cost is 4 cents a copy.

Secretary: Katherine Twining expressed thanks to Sheila Lansing for recording minutes at the February 6 Membership Meeting and requested approval from the membership. Motion was made and supported to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

Treasurer: Mike Britz shared copies of the 2013 CCCC Budget. He explained the \$1,000 fee in the 2012 budget report. The Greater Lansing Food Bank received a check for \$500 and \$500 was donated to the Potter Park Zoological Society, since Horsepower at the Zoo (HAZ) was not held in 2012. He reported that the \$200 cost for the new club printer was included in the budget he distributed.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer shared that Gary Wyma is not doing well and also that his wife, Kathy, has a hip injury. He also reported that Paula Fulkerson passed away recently. He reports that the number of competition classes will be reduced on the national level. A driving school is scheduled for May

18 in Marshal at the Eaton Proving Grounds. The competition calendar is on the website. He reminded those in attendance of the National Convention being held in Bowling Green June 24 through 28. The Regional Awards Banquet will be held on May 5th at Gilmore Museum.

Points: Howard Hein was not in attendance. Sheila Lansing had a sign-up sheet to register attendance. Kim Keith reports awards will be distributed at the April membership meeting.

Membership: Dave Pursel was not in attendance. He had, however, provided Colleen with membership packets for Jerry & Sally Wardell, Jeanne Harris, Chuck Miller, Herb & Kathleen Schultz, Wayne & Laura Kazmer, and Dana and Kim Beaman. Harris, Miller, and Kazmer were in attendance to receive their packets.

Editor: Gloria Reiffer reports that the newsletter is complete.

Competition: Howard Parks has been working on the low speed event scheduled for July 27 and 28 and asked for feedback regarding the event. Decision was made to table the Spartan issue until the next board meeting.

Social: Janet Litrenta shared that a Carefree Coffee, Crumpets, and Classic Cars event was scheduled at Tim Hortons located on Cedar Street in Holt for March 9 and April 13. She is looking for someone to host the rallies held in conjunction with the Blessing of the Vettes.

Anonymous Donation: Howard Parks informed the membership that an anonymous donation was made to place a brick in the Club's name at the Miracle League of Mid-Michigan.

Appointee Reports:

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher mentioned the recent passing of Jim Thomas, spouse of the NCCC Webmaster.

Historian: Sue Keith reported she was in possession of a vintage CCCC business card that belonged to Marv Shreve. He was Membership Director in 1989-90, as well as being security and parking co-chairman at the 1994 national convention which was held in Michigan.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas shared an awesome C7 preview at the Auto Show. A birthday bash is planned at the NCM April 24 – 27. He reports a motor sports complex skid pad is in the planning for the near future. The acreage is located across I-65 from the museum. There are 215+ acres which will accommodate a 2.7 mile track. The auto cross pad will be completed first.

Photographer: Ted Lasher would like to have a CCCC photo shoot at the State Capitol in early May. He suggested a Sunday, with a group get together for dining following. Also, if any member has a new car, he would like a photo to update the website.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon suggested an email be sent to all members about the quartermaster vacancy.

Sergeant at Arms: Robert Ribar was not in attendance.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer has not been able to update the website. She is limited to what she can do and is holding back on making changes until AT&T has completed their work.

Budget Approval: Motion was made and seconded to approve the 2103 budget presented by Treasurer Mike Britz. Motion Carried.

The 50-50 Raffle was won by Randy Buck.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Katherine Twining, Secretary



David Pursel - Impressive Mechanic

Every August CCCC members hit the road for our Summer Getaway to Mackinaw City. Last year Dave and Kathy Pursel developed car troubles after our last rest stop and had to have their Corvette towed the remainder of the way to the hotel.

Bright and early the next morning, Dave had a new alternator delivered to the hotel.

Within minutes he had the old one off and the new one installed. Almost as impressive was the fact he actually had the necessary tools with him to do this. This is someone we all want to travel with! - Gloria

Board Meeting Minutes – March 20, 2013

April

Those in Attendance:

Terry Burke President
Katherine Twining Secretary
Simon Reiffer Governor/VP
Dave Pursel Membership
Howard Parks Competition
Bob Maynard Public Relations

President: Terry Burke called the Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting to order at 6:50 pm.

He stated he received a request that those in attendance at the board meeting be listed in the minutes. Terry has sent in the application for the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival which is being held on Saturday, April 27. When submitting the application, he used the same attendance numbers as previous year. The group will meet at the Quality Dairy on West Saginaw (by Art Van) at 8:30 am. A signup sheet will be available at the April membership meeting.

James Boettcher has offered his name up to serve as Quartermaster.

Terry has an invoice for a printer cartridge to replace the one had used to print agendas, etc. before the new printer was purchased. Following discussion, a suggestion was made that the checkbook could be made available to the second signer when the treasurer is out of town and not available.

Secretary: Katherine Twining stated she had sent the minutes of the March membership meeting to President Burke and Gloria Reiffer for review.

Treasurer: Mike Britz was not in attendance but had provided a copy of the check register for the board and stated he would amend the budget when he returned.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer gave a report on the recent Michigan Region Meeting. As of February 21, NCCC membership totaled 16,799. There are 1,039 Michigan members. He shared there are 342 individuals registered for the convention; the registration fee increases after March 31. He spoke about available scholarships; the application is on line and the deadline is April 27. NCCC is working on updating addresses for FCOA members. Simon will ask for a count from members at the next board meeting should they desire to purchase a NCCC pin. He stated that the NCCC web site is having difficulties issuing numbers for competition events and that Jack Wilson is the new national business manager.

Points: Howard Hein was not present.

Membership: Dave Pursel reports 54 FCOA Michigan members and CCCC currently has 101 members. He indicated that NCCC is having issues with their membership data base. \$80 still needs to be forwarded to national for a recently added new member.

Editor: Gloria Reiffer has not in attendance, but Simon reminded of the March 23 deadline for the upcoming newsletter.

Competition: Howard Parks reports a \$200 deposit has been sent to Spartan Speedway. The event will cost \$500 a day with a \$200 refundable trash fee. Cost for timers is \$600 for the weekend. Insurance papers have been completed. Spartan will be paid after the event. This low speed event is held in conjunction with the Jackson Club. He has offered to pick up the trailer, cones, etc. Bob Maynard offered to assist with the food concession. Howard states Gloria will send out a reminder about the May 5 banquet at Gilmore. Howard has five \$100 gift certificates from Discount Tire to be used at club events.

Public Relations: Bob Maynard has contacted Young Broadcasting to advertise Horsepower at the Zoo. In addition, he is working with others to promote the event. He shared his concern about all the funds being donated to Potter Park Zoological Society. He thinks funds should be distributed to other charities as well; such as the VFW Home and the Greater Lansing Food Bank. Possibly 50% to the Zoological Society and the other half be divided between the VFW and Greater Lansing Food Bank. Bob is donating \$100 toward Horsepower at the Zoo.

Social Director: Janet Litrenta was not present.

Appointee Reports:

Club Chaplain: Gary Wyman was not present.

Hearts and Flowers: Julie Lasher was not present.

Historian: Sue Keith was not present.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas was not present.

Photographer: Ted Lasher was not present.

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon was not present.

Sergeant At Arms: Robert Ribar was not present.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer was not in attendance but Simon reports that AT&T is still working on updates.

Adjourn: Motion to adjourn was made by Dave Pursel and Supported by Simon Reiffer to adjourn at 7:50 pm. Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining, Secretary



Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of February 28, 2013

0	Austin Arunasalam	0	Nancy Doty*	0	Lee MacGillivray	0	Richard Shatkosky*
0	Roy Bailey	1	Jennifer Everhart*	7	Bob Maynard	0	Thomas Sipka
0	Jim Balla*	0	Randy Gisse	0	Shalimar Maynard	0	Richard Shatkosky*
	Scott Bauries	0	Vidal Gonzalez	1	Chuck Miller	0	Thomas Sipka
0	Dana Beaman	0	Abhi Gunasaingam	1	Diana Mosher	0	David Sowders
0	Kim Beaman	1	Jeanne Harris	0	Barb Musselman	0	Fran Sowders
2	Sandy Bechtel	1	Ward Harris	0	Steve Musselman	0	Loretta Spinrad
0	Mary Blackwood	7	Howard Hein	0	George Nelson	0	Steve Spinrad
1	Tim Blackwood	0	Jim Hoppin	0	Dominique Palacio	1	Alex Spitzley
3	James Boettcher	4	Angela Hyde	0	Jerry Palacio	1	Joan Spitzley
1	Mara Boettcher	2	Craig Iansiti	6	Diana Parks	0	Janet Sprague
2	Colleen Bratschi	2	Janet Iansiti	11	Howard Parks	0	Michael Sprague
2	Rich Bratschi	0	Dick Iding	1	Joe Platte	0	Ralph Swan
0	Connie Britz	1	Laura Kazmer	0	Ed Politza	0	Susan Swan
5	Mike Britz	1	Wayne Kazmer	0	Suzanne Politza	2	Connie Taylor
4	NancyLee Buck	1	Kim Keith	7	David Pursel	2	Tom Taylor
4	Randy Buck	4	Sue Keith	0	Kathryn Pursel	4	Joseph Thomas*
2	Chris Burke	0	Laurie Ketcik	4	Carol Putmon	3	Harold Twining
13	Terry Burke	2	Fred Koos	7	Randy Putmon	7	Katherine Twining
1	Dennis Burt	2	Sheila Lansing	14	Gloria Reiffer	1	Sue VanAtta-Wight
0	Sandy Burt	6	Julie Lasher	10	Simon Reiffer	2	Jerry Wardell
2	Dave Cripe*	6	Ted Lasher	6	Robert Ribar	2	Sally Wardell
2	Pat Cripe	2	Ellie Lickfeldt	1	Milton Scales	2	Larry Wight
0	Darwin Day	4	Patrick Lickfeldt	0	Herb Schultz	4	Gary Wyma
0	Sheila Day	4	Carlo Litrenta	0	Kathleen Schultz	1	Kathy Wyma
0	Art Doty*	9	Janet Litrenta	0	Brenda Shatkosky*		

Current 2013 Top Ten

14	Gloria Reiffer	9	Janet Litrenta	7	Randy Putmon	6	Ted Lasher
13	Terry Burke	7	Howard Hein	7	Katherine Twining	6	Diana Parks
11	Howard Parks	7	Bob Maynard	6	Julie Lasher	6	Robert Ribar
10	Simon Reiffer	7	David Pursel				



* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region club.

Bowling Challenge!

**Capital City Corvette Club vs.
Jackson Corvette Club**



Sunday, April 14, 2013 • 1:30 p.m.

Cost: \$15.00 per hour/per lane
(4 people per lane, shoes included)

Location: City Limits
801 N. Cedar St., Mason, MI

**We will be staying after bowling
for a bite to eat!**

Contact Janet Litrenta, 517-719-9699, for reservations.

Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Grand Parade Saturday, April 27th

**Will meet at 8:30am at the Quality Dairy on W. Saginaw
(by the Art Van). Leaving by 8:45 to arrive by 9:30.**

**We will walk into town for breakfast and then
have time to see the crafts before heading back to our cars for the
parade which starts at 2:00 p.m.**

**After the parade we will travel to The Mexican Connexion
in Hastings for a bite to eat.**

**For more information or to RSVP contact
Terry Burke (517) 231.3372
or by email at tb721@frontier.com**

***Since the weather in Michigan can be so unpredictable in
early spring be prepared for anything.***





*Michigan Region
National Council of Corvette Clubs
2012 Awards Banquet
Sunday May 5th, 2013*



2012 Michigan Region Award Banquet

Hosted by the Corvette Club of Battle Creek



Sunday May 5th, 2013
9 am – 6 pm
Gilmore Car Museum
Hickory Corners, Michigan

Cost:

- \$33.00 Per Person, (\$40.00 Per Person After April 5th).
- Price Includes:
 - Admission to Gilmore Car Museum & All Car Barns
 - Picnic Style Meal
 - A Door Prize for Everyone

Banquet Agenda:

- 9:00am – 1:30pm: Tour the Grounds & Car Barns at your Leisure
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm: Picnic Style Meal (Banquet Hall)
- 2:30pm – 3:00pm: Guest Speaker
- 3:00pm – 4:00pm: 2012 Michigan Region Awards & Door Prizes
- 4:00pm - 6:00pm: Continue to Tour the Car Barns for those interested

Menu: (Picnic Style Lunch served in the Banquet Hall)

- Cracker/Cheese Tray and Vegetable Tray with Dip
- Two Entrée(s), Burgers and Hot Dogs
- Potato Salad, Coleslaw, & Chips
- Assorted Bottled Drinks
- Desserts available at extra cost (They have a Yogurt/ Custard Vendor)
- Gilmore's does not have a liquor license, but will allow persons to bring their own. The "strict" rule is to only consume alcohol in the Banquet Room.

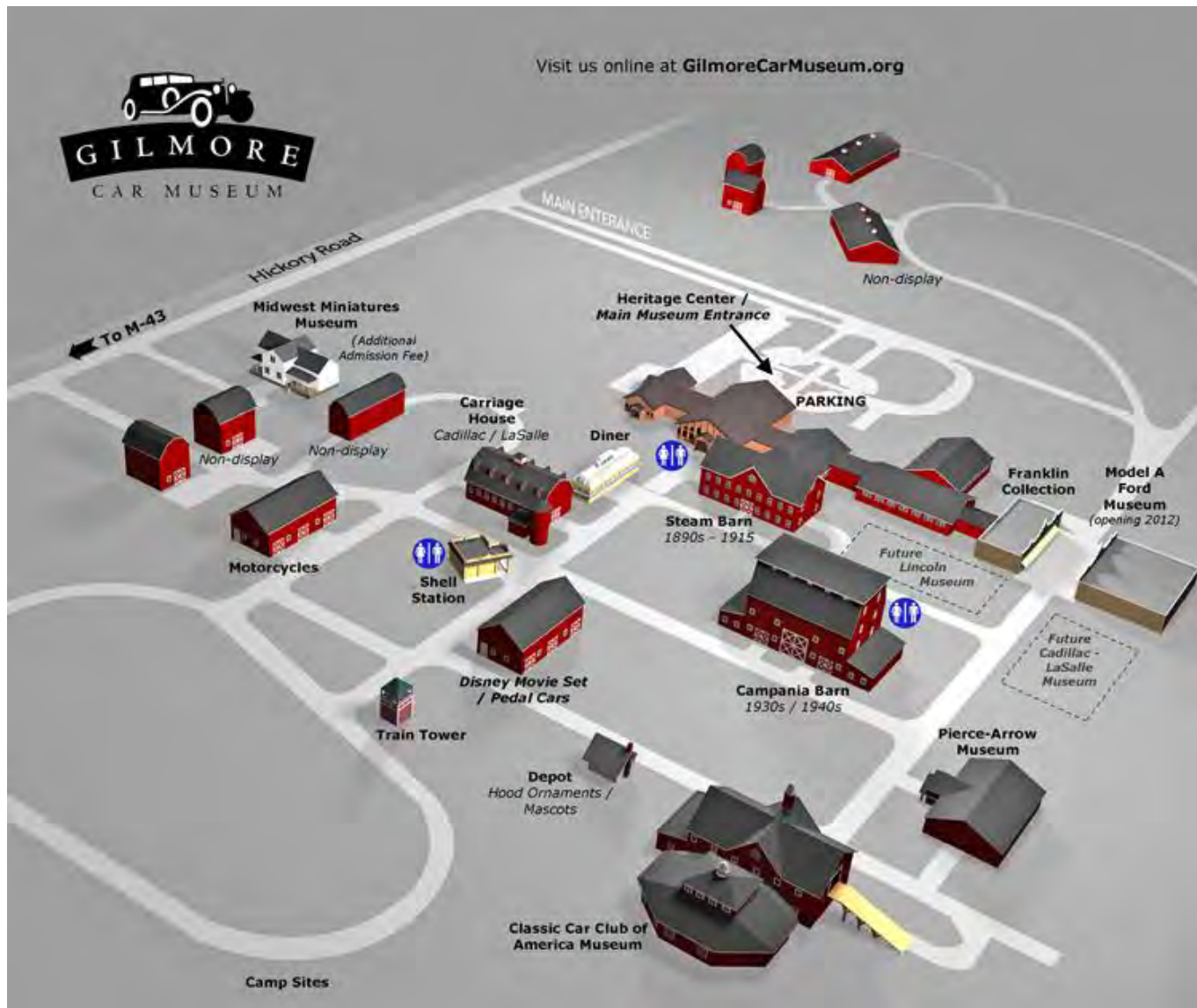


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Gilmore's Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi.

The Gilmore Car Museum is hailed as one of the Top Five car museums in the nation, featuring over 250 extraordinary cars and motorcycles from all eras. Open daily year-round, exhibits range from cars of the 1890s to the classic Duesenberg, the elusive 1948 Tucker, to the muscle cars of the '60s and '70s. Visit a restored 1941 Silk City Diner, George & Sally's Blue Moon Diner for something to eat. During the summer months guests can also explore the Museum's 90-acre park-like campus of historic buildings and take part in one of its many popular car shows. Located just off M-43 at Hickory Road near Hickory Corners (20 minutes northeast of Kalamazoo, MI)



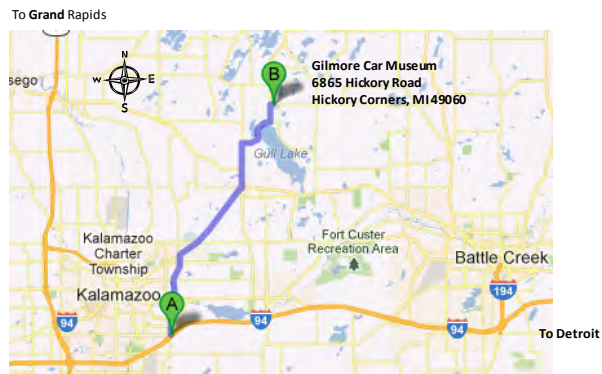


**Michigan Region
National Council of Corvette Clubs
2012 Awards Banquet
Sunday May 5th, 2013**



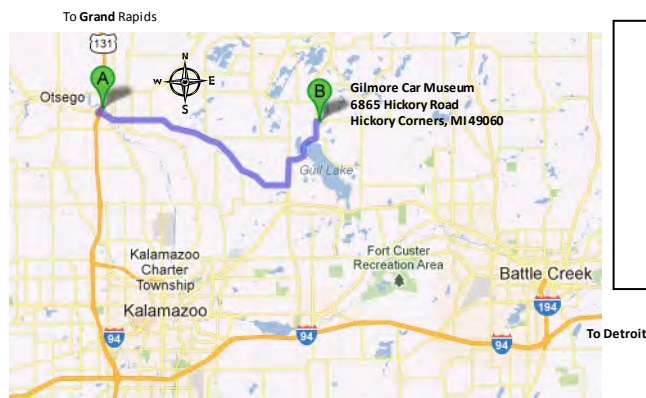
Directions: Gilmore's Car Museum, Hickory Corners, Mi.

From I94: (Total Driving Time: 19.3 Miles, 32 Minutes)



1. I94 Take exit 80
2. Head north on S Sprinkle Rd toward East Cork Street, go 4.5 Miles, 9 Minutes
3. Turn right onto M-43 E/Gull Rd, go 5 Miles, 7 Minutes
4. Slight right onto D Ave E, go 374 Feet
5. Turn left onto M-43 E/N 32nd St
6. Continue to follow M-43 E, go 5.7 Miles, 9 Minutes
7. Turn right onto W Hickory Rd
8. Gilmore Car Museum is on your right, 0.1 Miles

From US-131: (Total Driving Time: 17 Miles, 23 Minutes)



1. US131 Take exit 49A to merge onto M-89 E/Allegan St toward Plainwell
2. Continue to follow M-89 E 12 Miles, About 16 minutes
3. Turn left onto M-43 E/N 32nd St
4. Continue to follow M-43 E 4.7 Miles, About 7 minutes
5. Turn right onto W Hickory Rd
6. Gilmore Car Museum is on your right, 0.1 Miles

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National Corvette Museum Updates

See Two C7 Show Cars at Bash

The last weekend of April has historically been the 'official' kick off for Corvette event season at the Museum. Our annual Bash event is known to bring the VIPs out in full force, and this year we will have several VICs (very important Corvettes)!



According to NCM Events Manager, Roc Linkov, we will have not one, but two C7 show cars at the Bash... both a coupe and a convertible. Additionally, it is quite likely that one will be one of the new colors.

"The Museum is not only a place for history, it's also a place where history is made," said Roc. "Our Events Department works hard to bring special touches to everything we plan, and the Bash is no exception. Representatives from GM will be on site to share with you the excitement of the C7, answer questions - and hear your feedback."

Bash pre-registration closes in just over a month so if you haven't signed up yet there's still time. 2013 Events at www.corvettemuseum.org.

NCM Announces New Roles for Staff

Your Museum is doing some shifting around, and some familiar names and faces will be doing new things!



Former Delivery Department Manager, **Gary Cockriel**, is transitioning over to the Development Department. In this new role Gary will be on the road a lot, attending shows and events, networking with you folks, visiting clubs and creating awareness of the

Museum and Motorsports Park. Of course, if you

want to give Gary a donation for the Museum we will take it!

Assuming Gary's role as Delivery Manager is **Lori Bieschke**. Lori started at the Museum in November of 2005 as an Assistant in the Delivery Department, so those who have participated in our Delivery programs know Lori (or "Snake" as she is nick-named) quite well. Lori is a Corvette enthusiast and currently owns a 2013 Coupe.



Roc Linkov currently wears two hats for the Museum. Many of you know Roc as our Events Manager, but more recently he has taken on the role of Motorsports Park Project Manager. Roc has been working with the track designer, engineering firm and many others to keep the project moving along.



NCM Motorsports Park Receives FIRST FOUR Acre Club Member!

In January we published a feature on Chuck, Sharon & Kim Fast of Northville, Mich. becoming a member of our "One Acre Club". Joining the One Acre Club was a family affair with their late daughter, Kimberlee, in mind, as that's what she would have wanted. With the announcement that the One Acre Club fundraiser would be ending this year, December 31, 2013, Chuck and Sharon have decided to honor their daughter by making her the very first "Four Acre Club" member.



"Kimberlee loved autocrossing in her Corvette and was a big part of the National Corvette Museum, attending many events there until she was diagnosed with AML leukemia in January of 2007. We thought this gesture would honor her legacy," said Chuck. "We know that Kimberlee would have been at the NCM Motorsports Park for any and every opportunity. We can't think of a better way to honor her memory than to make her a Four Acre Club member."

The Fast family are Lifetime Members of the Museum, and are avid Corvette enthusiasts. Chuck has owned a total of 19 Corvettes, including many Z06's and a 2011 ZR1 that he took Museum delivery of in October 2010. Kimberlee also participated in the R8C Delivery program when she purchased her new 2004 Corvette on her 30th birthday, which she treasured until losing her battle with AML leukemia in 2010.

Local Convention and Visitors Bureau Contributes \$400,000 to Motorsports Park

The Bowling Green Area Convention and Visitors Bureau Board of Directors have approved a \$400,000 grant to the National Corvette Museum to be used in the construction of the west track in the Museum's planned Motorsports Park. For more information on the NCM Motorsports Park, please visit www.motorsportspark.org.

The Bowling Green City Commission and Warren County Fiscal Court are expected to approve the grant the week of March 18th at their respective meetings.



Motorsports Park Project Moving Along

Exciting progress is being made with the NCM Motorsports Park as the geotechnical engineering work is underway, land is being cleared and surveyed, possible sound abatement accommodations are being explored and small modifications are being made to the track layout.

Several driving schools have expressed interest in having some level of involvement with the National Corvette Museum and the NCM Motorsports Park, including having a satellite school to completely managing the park. We will be discussing these options in the near future.

Want more of the latest news on the Park? Make sure you are subscribed to the "Motorsports Park" email list!

It's a Magical Mystical Tour



Summer vacations were made for Corvettes, and July 29-August 3 we're hitting the road for a Museum in Motion trip that begins with the Classic Corvettes of Minnesota Car Show at Mystic Lake Casino in Prior Lake, MN.

Highlights of the trip include two days of casino action and car show fun (Saturday night overnight NOT included with registration), followed by a caravan to Mackinac Island and Mackinaw City with stops at Burnstad's European Village, tours of the Harley Davidson Museum, Kohler factory, an excursion to "The Shops at Woodlake," a scenic drive through the M-119 Tunnel of Trees and Sleeping Dunes National Park, and a glass bottom boat ride to view shipwrecks. To end this tour with new found friends there is a private beach party at Best Western Dockside.

National Corvette Museum Updates

Registration is now open and there are a very limited number of spots available. The trip fee is \$2,250 for two people (\$40 additional for non-members). Check out the complete agenda online.

Vette TV Update

Like us, many of you were excited to hear last year about the project to launch a new "Vette TV" program on the Speed Channel. We've received many phone calls and emails inquiring about this program, so we wanted to pass along this update from the show.



"We wanted to give all of you an update to let you know where we are and what we are working on in order to get the tv program up and running. Background: First, we put together an outline of the proposed 13 episodes and presented it to Speed Channel. Next, we worked out an agreement with Speed to produce the 13 episodes related to the Corvette and the lifestyle and enthusiasm of the Corvette owner which made the Corvette the only true American sports car. The show was set to begin in January, 2013.

Next, in order to meet our requirements with Speed, we needed to secure commitments from sponsors and advertisers in order to fund the entire series and purchase the required prime time slot. General Motors was excited about the project and gave us their blessings and their support. We also had the support of several sponsors and advertisers, but unfortunately those were not enough to fund the entire project.

So, at this time, we are continuing to beat the bushes to secure the necessary funding commitments. When we have additional information, we will post it in order to let all of you know how we are progressing with the project. Thanks to all of you for your comments and stay tuned."

Vette TV has a Facebook Group established that you can join, but NCM will also share any updates that are passed along.

NCM Membership Tiles

Don't forget about the opportunity to showcase your Corvette Club, Family or Business in the main entryway of the National Corvette Museum.



We are tiling the entryway with four inch wall tiles that can be customized with your club logo or other custom artwork. These tiles are available for a \$200 tax-deductible donation for members and \$250 for non-members. Order yours now to see on display during our Bash event! To view the tiles or place your order, visit the NCM store.

2013 NCM Bash April 25-27, 2013

Corsa Performance Exhausts will be attending the 2013 NCM Bash with a full set up, ready to do exhaust installations on-site.

For those interested in road tours during this event, we will have a desk set up with information on all available routes. These routes will also be available for download from the Bash website during the second week of April.



Mid-Ohio HPDE May 6, 2013

This joint HPDE event with Hooked on Driving is now open for registration and there are garages available. John Heinricy, retired Assistant Chief Engineer for the Corvette and Director of the GM Performance Division, is expected to attend along with a number of other GM engineers and designers.

National Corvette Museum Updates

Slate Build Sheets, Window Stickers & Photos

In addition to their paper and metal options, the NCM Library & Archives is now offering build sheets, window stickers and photos on beautiful slate.

The finished measurements are approximately 11"x7" x 1/4" and it also comes with "feet" for easy display on your desk or bookcase.

Pricing:

\$80 Members*

\$95 Non-Members

*EMemberships are excluded

Visit the NCM Website to order one of these items.



Double Your Dollar to NCM

Did you know that some companies will make matching gifts to charitable organizations? Your employer may be one of them and may match your gift to the National Corvette Museum. Participating employers will match cash, and many will match donations made for bricks and membership dues. AND your employer's match gift counts toward Winner's Circle recognition for you!

Ask your employer if they support matching gifts and be sure to turn in a matching gift form the next time you make a charitable donation to the National Corvette Museum.

Companies who have matched donations made to

us include: Verizon, Halliburton, Safeco, Kraft Foods, Kimberly-Clark, Dell, JP Morgan Chase, American Express, ITW, IBM, Citgo, Exxon, Merrill Lynch, Thrivent Gift, AT & T, Motorola, Pfizer, Boeing & Arcelormittal.

If your company matches gifts and is not listed above, we would love to let other Museum supporters know about their generosity. Please submit your company's name to Connie Russell in our Development Department and we'll help spread the word!



Museum in Motion Dragon Run Registration Now Open

Spring in the Smokies, Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore all combined into one great MiM tour. Once again we hit the road, leaving Bowling Green and heading east to run the famous TN-129, aka Tail of the Dragon, and spend a day at the Biltmore Estate. The Monday Biltmore visit includes a specially arranged early morning photo op of the cars in front of the manor house followed by breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café. Included in our Biltmore plans are your choice of one specialty tour: The Butler's Tour, Architect's Tour or the Vanderbilt Friends & Family Tour. Lunch will be at the Deer Park Restaurant on the grounds. After hours – enjoy a special guided tour of the Mansion.

The trip is a great way to wrap up your visit to Bowling Green for our Bash event, departing on Sunday, April 28 and ending Tuesday, April 30. Learn more and register online..

National Corvette Museum eNews

You may subscribe to the National Corvette Museum eNews by visiting the NCM website, located at www.corvettemuseum.org.

Click on the menu for Newsletter to access articles going back to January 2008. You can also sign up to receive the electronic newsletter directly from the NCM, complete with working links.

Portions of this article were contributed by Joe Thomas.



2013 NCCC Convention Invitation

So what are your vacation plans for 2013? The National Council of Corvette Clubs has planned for the last week of June, the 25th through the 29th to give you an opportunity to meet with several of your Council friends in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Along with being a scenic section of the country, this area offers a lot of historical places to visit, great places to shop, parties and entertainment along with the chance to compete if you so desire.

This will be the second time that Council has held the National Convention in Bowling Green. Our host hotel is the University Plaza Holiday. It is the only full service hotel in the area so you would never have to leave if you so choose. There is a variety of fine restaurants within walking distance of the

hotel and you are an hour's drive from Nashville's country glamour and scenery. There will be bus tours available to Nashville, one will be a guided tour featuring the highlights of downtown Nashville, admission to the Ryman Auditorium, the Country Music Hall of Fame, The Hermitage and lunch at Two Twenty Two Grill. Other tours will include self-guided tours of downtown Nashville, Gaylord Opryland Hotel, Opry Mills Outlets and the famous "Nash Trash" tour. Bus tours are scheduled for Mammoth Cave which will include a walking visit to one of the world's largest caves, a Bourbon Country tour that will include stops at Makers Mark and the Buffalo Trace distilleries and the National Corvette Museum are just minutes away from the Hotel. Monday night we will have the Competitors Award Dinner, Friday will have the Convention Awards Breakfast and the National Awards Dinners and Corvette Raffle on Friday evening.

There will be the usual competitive events including the cars shows, funkhana, rallies and the drag events at the NHRS sanctioned Beech Bend Drag Strip. The low and high speed events will take place at the Nashville Fairgrounds. There will be a party in Lost River Cave on Tuesday night, a Sock Hop on Wednesday night and Game Night on Thursday which will include the now famous Valve Cover Challenge. We are working with the hotel to see that we have a smooth check in and that there is plenty of parking for all those at the Holiday Inn with golf carts to get your luggage from your trailers to the hotel lobby. The Crosswinds Golf Course will be the site of the Golf Outing; the course is next door to the hotel if you want to get in a round or two during the week. We hope that when you go home you will take memories that will last a life time of the fun and good times you had on this vacation.

As in past the room reservations will be handled by the Convention Treasurer as you register for Convention. When the Holiday Inn fills we have limited commitments from the Marriott and Hilton Garden Inn to honor the room rate of the Holiday. They are located across the street from the Holiday Inn.

See you in Bowling Green in 2013.

Richard Yanko 2013 NCCC Convention Director
Betty Parks 2013 NCCC Convention Director



Convention Registration Information: <http://www.corvettesnccc.org/Convention2013.html>

1/18/13 Schedule – Subject to Revisions

Sunday – June 23

Registration / Tech	10am - 6pm	Hotel
Mall / Hospitality	12pm – 6pm	Hotel
Informal Gathering	7pm – 11pm	Ballroom

Monday – June 24

Registration / Tech	8am - 2pm	Hotel
Concours Wash & Shine	8am – 11:30am	Hotel
Peoples Choice		
Guided Bus Tour , Nashville	Leave Hotel 8 to 9 am	
Golf	8 am	Crosswinds Golf
Mall / Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
National Governors Meeting	5pm – 6pm	Ballroom
2012 Awards Dinner	6pm – 7:30pm	Ballroom
Party – Derby Hats	7:30pm – 11:30pm	Ballroom

Tuesday - June 25

Rallye	7am – 5pm	start place TBD
Mall / Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Bus Tours, Nash Trash,	11:00 am	depart from Hotel
Bus Tour, Mammoth Cave	11:00 am	depart from Hotel
Funkhana	1pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party	7:00pm – 11:00pm	Lost River Cave

Wednesday – June 26

Drags	8am – 5pm	Beech Bend
Bus Tour, Bourbon Country	8am – 5:30pm	depart from Hotel
Bus Tour, Nashville, (self guided)	9am – 4:30	depart from Hotel
Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Funkhana	1pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party, 50's/60's Sock Hop	7:30 – 11:30	Ballroom

Thursday – June 27

High & Low Speeds	7:00 am -- ??	Nashville Fairgrounds
Bus Tours, Nashville, (Opryland Hotel & Opry Mills, self guided)	9am –4:30pm	depart from Hotel
Hospitality	12pm – 5pm	Hotel
Party Theme, Game Night	7:30pm – 11:30pm	Ballroom

Friday – June 28

Convention Breakfast	8am – 10am	Ballroom
Hospitality	12pm –5pm	Hotel
Banquet – Dinner / Party	6:00pm – 10pm	Ballroom

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