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The Connection

The Newsletter of Capital City Corvette Club

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Spring is almost here!

March Activities

General Membership Meeting

March 5 • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Breakfast at Bob Evans

March 8 • 900 American Rd Lansing • 9:15 AM

Coffee at Tim Hortons

March 15 • 2350 Cedar ST Holt • 10:30 AM

Board Meeting

March 19 • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Bowling Challenge & Dinner

March 30 • City Limits Bowling Center • 801 N. Cedar, Mason
Bowling: 1:30 PM • Dinner: 4:00 PM

Contact Janet Litrenta if you would like to organize a social event.

March Birthdays

Joseph Thomas	Mar-04
Rich Bratschi	Mar-05
Pat Cripe	Mar-05
Bob Maynard	Mar-13
Robert Ribar	Mar-18
Janet Iansiti	Mar-20
Sandy Bechtel	Mar-24

Please accept my apology if your birthday was missed.

Please submit newsletter articles to 4c . editor @ cccorvette . org by the 24th of each month.



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Let's Meet for Breakfast
Saturday, March 8th • 9:15 a.m.



900 American Road • Lansing

RSVP: Sign up Sheet at March 5th Membership Meeting

Hosted by: Angela Hyde • vettechic@hotmail.com

From Our President

I know it sounds crazy; but, March is my favorite month of the year. I'm sure that love started as a kid – March is my birthday month. Nothing can compete with that when you're young and can't wait to be another year older. I'm definitely over that! Then there's the lion/lamb component. Based on this whole winter, it's a pretty safe bet March is coming in like a lion. He's been roaring since mid-December. Retailers are getting killed this year. People aren't venturing out to shop. (Although, I have it on good authority that car battery sales are strong, and body shops are busy.) Do we dare hope March will go out like a lamb? Sure! The earth will warm and the spring flowers will start peeking through the snow – I promise. First on my spring-cleaning list – the garage floor. Honestly, I've never before seen so much crud. I see a steam cleaner rental in my future.

Really, by the end of March we will be uncovering our Corvettes, dusting them off, and taking the moth balls and Bounce out. Then we'll put the insurance back on, and take them for a spin around the block. Just watch out for pot holes. In his recent State of the City address, Mayor Virg Bernero referred to Michigan's crumbling roads as "Third World". Ouch!

While we await the warm up, I hope to see you at our club's March events. Check out the club calendar – it includes several fun get-togethers. Until then,

Save the wave!

Sandy Bechtel



News for Members

Editor's Notes:

This month's issue is a busy one. Lots of activities coming up and flyers to show. The 2014 Corvette continues to be in the news. Autoweek presented the 2014 with the annual Best of the Best award.

Cosworth announced a Performance Data Recorder for the Corvette Stingray. Via a cabin video the system overlays stats such as RPM, lap times, track map and acceleration.

Chevrolet announced the Z06 for 2014 rated at 625 HP will be available in an automatic version. The 8L90 transmission features eight forward speeds and paddle shifting.

Jake 2.0 the mascot of Corvette racing and the C7.R made their debut at the Rolex 24 hour at Daytona on January 25 – 26. The No. 4 car C7.R was in second place but fell out of the top five in the 22nd hour to have a gear box change.



Tech Tips has some generic information you may find useful as well as some C5 owner info. Also

included this month is the bad news about the National Corvette Museum 'sink hole'.

Spring is not far away (March 20th) and don't forget to "Save the Wave".

Our CCCC Sponsor:

Bud Kouts Chevrolet is the official sponsor of Capital City Corvette Club and is one of the area's finest Chevrolet dealers.

Call Dick or Pat Iding at 517.374.0900 when looking for your next new or used vehicle! They are pleased to offer their assistance to all members that don't have an established relationship with another Bud Kouts sales consultant.

And don't forget, Bud Kouts offers CCCC members a 10% discount on parts and labor for all Corvette repairs. Be sure to show your club membership ID when arranging for service.

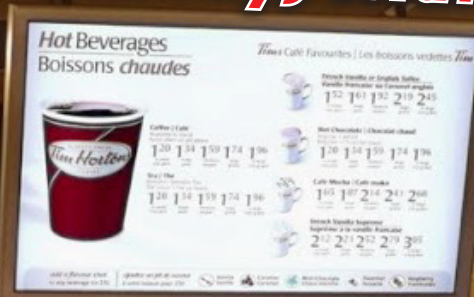


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*Capital City Corvette Club Carefree
Coffee, Crumpets, Classic Cars, Casual
Camaraderie and Crazy Cheery Chit Chat!*

Tim Hortons

**2350 Cedar St., Holt MI, 48842
Saturday, March 15th, 10:30a.m.**



**RSVP to Angela Hyde
vettechic@hotmail.com**

National Corvette Museum news release

National Corvette Museum Media Alert Sinkhole Collapses in Skydome – excerpt from news release

“Upon arrival it was discovered that a sinkhole had collapsed within the Museum. No one was in or around the Museum at the time. The Bowling Green Fire Department arrived on the scene and secured the area. The Fire Department has estimated the size of the hole is 40 feet across and 25-30 feet deep. It is with heavy hearts that we report that eight Corvettes were affected by this incident.”

Those cars include:

- 1993 ZR-1 Spyder on loan from General Motors
- 2009 ZR1 “Blue Devil” on loan from General Motors

The other six vehicles were owned by the National Corvette Museum including:

- 1962 Black Corvette
- 1984 PPG Pace Car
- 1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette
- 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Corvette
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette
- 2009 White 1.5 Millionth Corvette



Hosting an Event:

Have you ever thought you might like to host or chair an event but weren't sure what it would take? Questions like, how do I put a flyer together, who do I call, what do I have to set up and with whom.

Well we've got you covered. If you're interested or just curious about what's involved here are some contacts for you.

If it's a social event (drive and dine, breakfast, etc.) just contact our social director Janet Litrenta and she can provide the details and put you in touch with someone who can assist you. If it's a competition event (rally, drag race, etc.) just contact our competition director Mike Sprague and he can provide the details and put you in touch with someone who can assist you.

And if it's an event that was done the previous year, you can contact the host of that event for the how two's. For instance Sandy Bechtel our president hosted HP at the Zoo last year. She has a binder with all the details that she can pass along to the next host.

Need assistance with a flyer? We have some great resources. Scott Bauries, a former newsletter editor can help. He's a busy guy, so if he isn't available, Gloria our webmaster can assist. She also has contact information for Scott.

It's as simple as that. We are always looking for folks to host or chair an event, so take the plunge; it can be a fun and a rewarding experience. Plus you get points!



Bowling Challenge!

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



Sunday, March 30th

Bowling 1:30p.m. • Dinner 4:00p.m.

Bowling Cost: \$8 per person

(4 people per lane, shoes included)

Location: City Limits

801 N. Cedar St., Mason, MI

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

Must RSVP by 3/26/14

You've gotta come to Savannah!

We're gearing up for the 55th Annual National Council of Corvette Clubs Convention August 25- 29, 2014. Our convention will take us to beautiful Savannah for a week of Corvette fun and camaraderie.

We'll stay at the amazing [Westin Savannah Harbor Golf and Resort](#), offering every luxury you can imagine. This AAA Four-Diamond resort has a top-rated spa, championship golf, secluded beach access, a workout facility and an outdoor pool.

The Convention schedule brings together every Corvette activity you can think of: Car shows, [racing](#), themed events, and awards.



2013 NCCC Patch

Mark your calendar...

Savannah is a must-see vacation spot.

There's never a dull moment in Savannah!

For [history buffs](#), you'll find amazing architecture, the largest National Historic Landmark district in the United States, and charming tributes to the "genteel south". Known as "America's most haunted city," no trip to Savannah is complete without a scary ghost tour.

For [party animals](#), the ingenious "to go" cup allows you to carry your drink from bar to bar as you enjoy the pubs, jazz houses and night clubs. Take the complimentary water ferry from the Westin to [River Street](#) for a pub crawl.

For [sports lovers](#), there are legendary golf courses, fishing expeditions and water sports. Take a kayak tour, hike a wildlife reserve, or rent a jet-ski.

For the [foodies](#), Savannah is the home of southern cooking. A barbecue haven, you'll also find plenty of fresh seafood and "soul food".

For the laid-back traveler, relax at one of the top [spas](#) in the country, stroll through the [farmer's market](#) and [botanical garden](#), or take a lazy [riverboat cruise](#).

Can't decide? Here's the [Westin's](#) advice for 50 things you should do while visiting Savannah.

Watch for more updates on the NCCC website and facebook!

Registration opens in February.

Deb and Denny Murphy Convention Directors

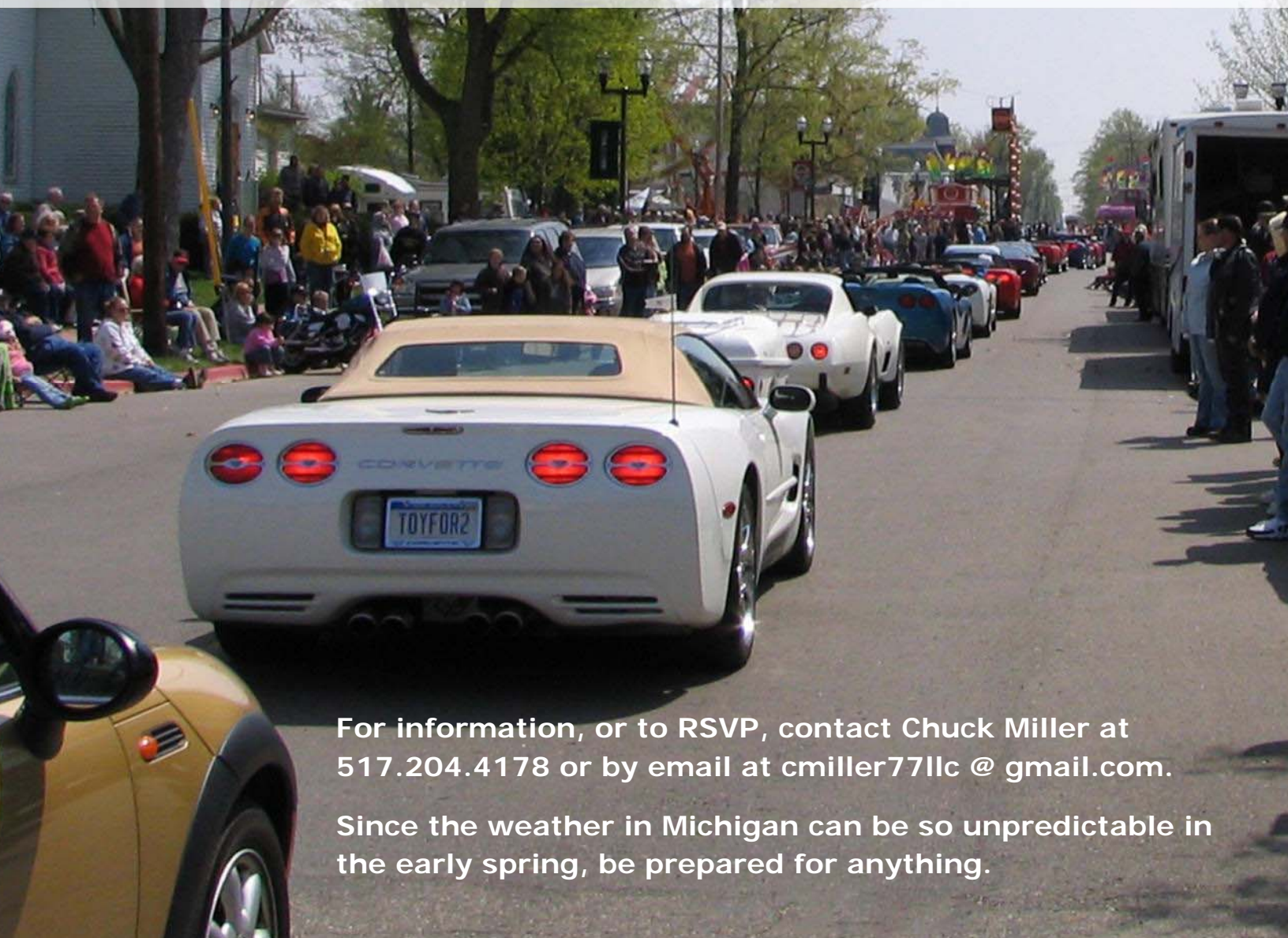


Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival Grand Parade – Saturday, April 26.

We will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Quality Dairy by Art Van (8512 W. Saginaw Hwy). Plan to leave by 8:45 to arrive in Vermontville at 9:30. Those driving on their own must be in the parade lineup by noon as it fills in behind us at that point.

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 Connection in Hastings for a bite to eat. Menu: www.mexicanconnexion.net



For information, or to RSVP, contact Chuck Miller at 517.204.4178 or by email at [cmiller77llc @ gmail.com](mailto:cmiller77llc@gmail.com).

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

Community Activities

CCCC Community Involvement – 2013:

- A total of \$1,240, plus assorted grocery items, was donated by members to the Greater Lansing Food Bank at our Holiday Party in December. Of this, \$500 was designated from the club treasury and another \$700 was raised at the party.
- Our annual BINGO event with the seniors at Tamarack Apartments was held on November 9 with a variety of prizes, donated by members of CCCC. An ice cream social was held after the game with CCCC members bringing desserts to share.
- \$5,000 was raised for the Potter Park Zoo. These funds were raised during our annual Horsepower at the Zoo car show, with assistance by members of the Capital Area Muscle Car Club, on September 12.
- More than \$1,500 was raised for the VFW National Home for Children during the Blessing

of the Vettes annual car show and rallies on June 8.

- A \$500 automotive scholarship was provided to Hector Rios Rosas, a Capital Area Career Center student in the memory of John Bechtel, former President of Capital City Corvette Club.
- A \$250 automotive scholarship was provided to Kevin Hutton, a Capital Area Career Center student in the memory of Colin J. Nethaway, who died in a car accident while on his way to the career center. Kevin's parents were once members of Capital City Corvette Club, and Kevin was a FCOA member as a child.

Almost \$9,000 was donated back to the community in 2013 through our different fund raising efforts and events. In addition, CCCC members assisted the Capital Area Muscle Car Club in raising \$5,700 for Sparrow Hospice Services through two car shows during the summer of 2013.

NCCC Scholarship Program:

The NCCC Scholarship program is funded through donations from Clubs, individuals and corporate friends such as Mid America Motorworks. The NCCC Scholarship Committee awards \$1,000.00 scholarships to worthy young people who have some connection with NCCC through a Father, Mother, Grandfather, Grandmother, etc., who has been a member of NCCC for at least three years. "Some connection" implies that the Applicant's relatives should have knowledge of the various requirements of the Scholarship Program. If the relative is not the Applicant's parent, the relative must write a letter to be included with the completed application indicating the following:

- His/Her relationship to the applicant
- His/Her NCCC Member Number
- That He/She will be the Applicant's Sponsor
- That He/She has been closely involved with NCCC for a period of three or more years.

All scholarship applications must be completed correctly and mailed to:

NCCC Scholarship Committee
9741 Sunny Pointe Drive
Laingsburg, MI 48848

All applications must be received at the above address no later than the deadline date for the year. The deadline changes from year to year depending upon the date of the Annual NCCC Convention. The 2014 Received Deadline Date is April 26, 2014.



2013 Michigan Region NCCC AWARDS BANQUET



SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

From 3:00PM to 6:00PM at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel, Battle Creek

Please park and enter by the hotel entrance located on the West side.

Cash bar cocktails and complimentary Hors d'oeuvres from 3:00PM – 4:00PM.

Awards presentation and bountiful buffet dinner to follow.

PLEASE R.S.V.P. FOR THE AWARDS BANQUET NO LATER THAN APRIL 3, 2014

SEND YOUR PAYMENT OF \$40/PERSON TO:

Michelle O'Neil, Calhoun County Corvettes, 11852 Verona Rd., Battle Creek, MI 49014.

Make your check payable to MICHIGAN REGION OF CORVETTE CLUBS.

Include the complete name(s) of the person/people attending.

FireKeepers Casino Hotel reservations can be made by calling 877-352-8777

"Ask for Corvette Banquet Rooms—group reservation code 041314MRCC."

Deadline for hotel reservations is March 22, 2014. Special rate \$129/night plus 12% tax.

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For additional information call:
Mark Hanlin at 269-986-1099

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Activities coming up in 2014

NCCC Michigan Region Annual Awards Banquet

Sunday April 13 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM at the FireKeepers Casino Hotel, Battle Creek, MI 49014.

Vermontville Syrup Festival Parade

Saturday April 26. Meet at 8:30 at the Quality Dairy 8512 W. Saginaw Hwy, Lansing, MI

Marshall Memorial Day Parade

The annual Marshall Memorial Day parade is scheduled for May 26 in Marshall, MI



Marshall Parade 2013

Bloomington Gold

The 3 day Bloomington Gold car show, Mecum auction and swap meet in Champaign, IL is scheduled for June 27-29, 2014

Back to the Bricks

The Back to the Bricks week long event in Flint is scheduled for August 12th – August 16th. The Corvette reunion car show is Saturday August 16th

Dream Cruise

The annual Woodward avenue car cruise is scheduled for Saturday August 16th.

Corvettes at Carlisle

The 3 day Corvettes at Carlisle NCCC judged car show and swap meet is scheduled for August 22nd – 24th.

Corvette Caravan

A Corvette Caravan to Bowling Green, KY from all over the United States

When

Leaving Michigan Tuesday August 26, 2014 and arriving in Bowling Green, Kentucky on Wednesday August 27, 2014.

More Information Available at

<http://www.nationalcorvettecaravan.com>

NCCC Convention

It's time to start your plans for the 2014 NCCC convention. Registration begins on February 1st. The convention will be on August 25th through August 29th in Savannah, GA. More information at www.corvettesnccc.org

Corvette Museum

Labor Day weekend 2014 marks a major milestone in Corvette and Museum history; Corvette, the longest running single marquee, is in its 7th generation and the Museum, a member driven organization, celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Grand Opening.

Summer Getaway & Corvette Crossroads

The summer getaway to Mackinaw City, MI and 25th annual Corvette Crossroads car show is scheduled for August 22 – 24. The car show is on August 23 from 10:00AM to 2:00 PM.

More information is available at;

<http://www.mackinawcity.com/events/57/50/>



Crossroads 2013

Fun Fest

The 4 day event sponsored by Mid America Motor works and located at their Effingham, IL facility is scheduled for September 18th – 21st. The band Bachman Turner overdrive is featured.

Membership Meeting Minutes

CAPITAL CITYCORVETTE CLUB
General Membership Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2014
Delhi Café, Holt, MI
DRAFT

Social Time and Dining: 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

President: Sandy Bechtel called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. She reported there are questions regarding the income portion of the 2014 budget. She requested approval for Treasurer Mike Britz to allow him to pay bills until the budget is finalized at the March meeting.

MOTION was made by Simon Reiffer and SUPPORTED by Dave Pursel to approve the request to allow Treasurer Mike Britz to pay all bills received prior to the March General Meeting. MOTION CARRIED.

Sandy reminded those in attendance to be sure to remove all copies of the budget from the meeting room upon dismissal of the meeting. According to Sandy, Sue VanAtta-Wright is retiring from Jackson National.

Secretary: Katherine Twining asked for any corrections/additions to the January 8, 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes. In addition, Katherine expressed her appreciation to Janet Iansiti for filling in and recording the minutes. There being no additions or corrections,

MOTION was made by Simon Reiffer and SUPPORTED by Howard Hein to approve the January 8, 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer reported the upcoming regional meeting will be held at La Senoritas on February 18, and that information regarding the meeting is on the CCCC calendar. The National Governor's Meeting will be held in St. Louis. Information about the Awards Banquet to be held in Battle Creek is on the website. Simon

shared that Florida and Michigan are the only two single state regions in NCCC. CCCC receives Region points by hosting rallies car shows, etc.

Treasurer: Mike Britz was not attendance as he is in Florida, but President Bechtel was informed all bills are paid. Questions regarding the 2014 budget will be addressed at a future CCCC meeting.

Points: Sally Wardell was not in attendance.

Membership: Dave Pursel shared that he is dealing with issues on the National level. The Future Corvette Owners of America (FCOA) membership in Michigan currently stands at 50. For any new members in attendance, Dave informed them that there is a one-time fee of \$10 for children up to the age of 16, and that Michigan has the largest FCOA membership numbers. To date, 98 CCCC members are current for 2014. He reports that there are a number of issues with the NCCC data base whether or not forms and signatures are required. In addition, there is confusion regarding FCOA applicants. Approved at the September NCCC meeting, corvette ownership is not required to join and be a member of NCCC.

Editor: Jerry Wardell was not in attendance.

Competition: Mike Sprague presented an update on his dealings with confirming July 26 and 27 dates at Spartan Speedway. He will need confirmation from both CCCC and the Jackson Clubs. Mike shared that the track rate has been raised considerably from \$1,200 to \$1,400. The clubs will have to pay \$1,600 for the event; if the track is left clean, the \$200 cleaning deposit will be returned. This will result in a charge of \$1,400 for the event. He checked out rental fees from other oval tracks and was given a fee of \$700 to \$750 per day. Following much discussion, Simon proposed that we move ahead with the project.

MOTION was made by Dave Pursel and SUPPORTED by Chuck Miller that CCCC move forward with scheduling the July dates, which included the total \$1,600 charge with the \$200

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deposit to be returned.

Simon Reiffer stated date for the Blessing of the Vettes needs to be confirmed. He shared that Bob Maynard is checking with Culvers in Okemos regarding potential dates. Simon needs to get dates nailed down. Blessing of the Vettes entails three events: The Blessing, car show and two rallies.

Public Relations: Dave Averill has been in contact with several newspapers to place meeting notices. A renewal is in the process with Storage Pro. Dave has spoken with the Grand Ledge Public Schools and they have ok'd a car show for "Blessing of the Backpack." This possible event will be brought up at the March meeting to share information.

Social Director: Janet Litrenta had a sign-up sheet available for the Cruise In to be held on February 15th at the Fireside Grill in Dimondale.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Hearts & Flowers: Angelia Hyde requested those in attendance complete the survey regarding upcoming events.

Historian: Sue Keith was not in attendance.

NCM Ambassador: Joe Thomas, NCM Ambassador is also on the Board of Directors at the NCM. Joe reports that the Motor Sports Complex should be open for the 20th anniversary of the National Corvette Museum. There will be a caravan to the NCM. A birthday bash is scheduled for the end of April. Joe stated prior to the opening of the Detroit Auto Show, he was able to see the new Z06.

Photographer: Milton Scales was not in attendance.

Quartermaster: Craig Iansiti was not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms: Bob Ribar had no report.

Chaplain: Gary Wyma was not in attendance.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer reports she will be attending the NCCC Convention the week before Labor Day. The event includes a 2 hour dinner cruise in Savannah, GA. The Crossroads event needs a chairperson

New Business:

Sandy Bechtel reminded that the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival parade is scheduled for April 26 and needs a chairperson. The Sunday, September 21st Horsepower at the Zoo is also in need of a chairperson. **Terry Burke** is putting together an Awards Banquet

Member Comments:

Howard Hein has a set of brand new C6 chrome wheels for sale.

Chuck Miller also has items for sale.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Howard Hein.

Adjourn:

MOTION was made by Simon Reiffer and SUPPORTED by Colleen Bratschi to adjourn the 8:00 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Twining
Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes – February 19, 2014

Those In Attendance:

Sandy Bechtel.....	President
Katherine Twining.....	Secretary
Simon Reiffer.....	Governor/VP
Mike Britz.....	Treasurer
Sally Wardell.....	Points
Dave Pursel.....	Membership
Jerry Wardell.....	Editor
Mike Sprague.....	Competition
Janet Litrenta.....	Social

Not In Attendance:

Dave Averill.....	Public Relations
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President: Sandy Bechtel called the CCCC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary: Katherine Twining expressed thanks to Sally Wardell for recording the January 15 CCCC Board Minutes and requested approval with the correction being made of the spelling of Simon Reiffer's name in said minutes.

MOTION was made by Dave Pursel and SUPPORTED by Mike Britz to approve the minutes with said correction. MOTION CARRIED.

Governor/VP: Simon Reiffer mentioned the date for Blessing of the Vettes. President **Sandy Bechtel** stated she had spoken with Bob Maynard and confirmed the June 14 date for the Blessing. According to **Simon**, the Regional Banquet will be held on April 13 at the hotel at Firekeepers Casino. Clubs will need to remit \$30.00 to the Banquet Committee; Calhoun County will purchase door prizes for the Regional Banquet. Membership issues will be discussed at the National Governor's Meeting. A Scholarship Fund for Ray Meesseman will be brought up and discussed at the next CCCC membership meeting. All clubs have paid their assessments in full. Simon has ordered ten 2014 NCCC lapel pins and they can be purchased at \$3.00 each.

Treasurer: Mike Britz made adjustments on the 2014 Budget and prepared new copies for the meeting. Mike received a check from Storage Pro. He reported the CD interest income received for 2013 and also that all bills are paid and finances are in good shape.

Points: Sally Wardell questioned the Board about assigning a point to Harold Twining as he was in attendance and judged corvettes at the NCRS Kissimmee Regional Meet in January and the Board consensus was that he should receive a point. Also, **Jerry Wardell** brought up the question as to whether Katherine Twining should receive a point for the newsletter article she submitted about their 59 crown sapphire. Again, the consensus was that the point should be awarded.

Membership: Dave Pursel reports 40 FCOA and 100 CCCC memberships to date. He recently received a membership form from Paul Flynn and Cindy Hollenbeck which has yet to be processed. Dave will not be in attendance at the next membership meeting and **Sally Wardell** offered to distribute 2014 membership cards to those attending the meeting.

Editor: Jerry Wardell needs to know actual active membership and when they are added or deleted. **Dave Pursel** stated that an email goes out with information whenever a new member is added. He also advised

Board Meeting Minutes

Jerry there is no need to monitor who leaves the club mid-year. All memberships run through December 31st. If the person doesn't renew, his/her name will be removed from our roster at that time.

Competition: **Mike Sprague** requested information as to who can log into the data base. **Simon Reiffer** explained the process for accessing the NCCC data base. **Mike Sprague** requested a \$200.00 check made out to Spartan Speedway to cover the cleaning fee. He informed the Board that he had written an agreement for Spartan Speedway and it has been confirmed by Jim Leasure via email.

Social: **Janet Litrenta** reviewed upcoming social events. She received a thank you note from Kathy for the Club's utilizing the R Club for the Christmas Party. Breakfast is scheduled at Bob Evans on March 8 and a gathering at Tim Horton's in Holt on March 15. Janet had a flyer for the upcoming bowling challenge with the Jackson Club to be held at the City Limits in Mason on Sunday, March 30; bowling will start at 1:30 with dinner scheduled at 4:00.

Appointed Officer Reports:

Hearts & Flowers: **Angela Hyde** was not in attendance but **Sandy Bechtel** reported that cards will be sent to Dominique Palacio and Chris Burke.

Historian: **Sue Keith** was not in attendance.

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

Photographer: **Milton Scales** was not in attendance.

Quartermaster: **Craig Iansiti** was not in attendance.

Sergeant at Arms: **Bob Ribar** was not in attendance.

Webmaster: **Gloria Reiffer** was not in attendance, but **Simon Reiffer** reported the website was up to date and that the longer extension with AT&T will be done soon.

Old Business:

Sandy Bechtel shared that **Chuck Miller** will chair the Vermontville Maple Syrup Parade to be held on Saturday, April 26. **Bob Maynard** and **Chuck Miller** will co-chair the Blessing of the Vettes on Saturday, June 14 at Culvers in Okemos. **Sandy** reports no chairperson for Horsepower at the Zoo event. Consensus was that, if there is no chair decided upon by May, the event may have to be cancelled. Since 2005, approximately \$33,500 has been donated to the Zoological Society and, during that time, there was one year that the event was not held. **Simon** said that he and **Gloria** will work on the gimmick rallye for the Blessing and **Mike Britz** may work with the second rallye. Bud Kouts Chevrolet has renewed their sponsorship for 2014.

ADJOURN:

MOTION was made by Dave Pursel and SUPPORTED by Mike Britz to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 P.M. MOTION CARRIED.

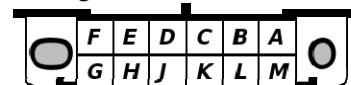
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Katherine Twining
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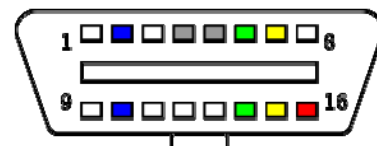
Vehicle Diagnostics Connector from Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

In 1980 General Motors implemented a proprietary interface and protocol for testing of the Engine Control Module (ECM) on the vehicle assembly line designated the 'assembly line diagnostic link' (ALDL) protocol. Implemented on California vehicles for the 1980 model year, and the rest of the United States in 1981, the ALDL was not intended for use outside the factory.



The only available function for the owner is "Blinky Codes". By connecting pins A and B (with ignition key ON and engine OFF), the 'Check Engine Light' (CEL) or 'Service Engine Soon' (SES) blinks out a two-digit number that corresponds to a specific error condition.

In 1994 General Motors initiated OBD 1.5, a partial implementation of OBD-II protocol used on some vehicles in 1994, 1995, & 1996. (GM did not use the term OBD 1.5 in the documentation for these vehicles — they simply have an OBD and an OBD-II section in the service manual. The 94–95 Corvettes have one post-catalyst oxygen sensor (although they have two catalytic converters), and have a subset of the OBD-II codes implemented.



History

- 1980 ALDL (Assembly Line Diagnostic Link) implementation by GM begins
- 1986 ALDL upgraded by GM with faster communication
- 1991 OBD (On Board Diagnostics) mandated by CARB (California)
- 1994 OBD 1.5 a partial implementation of OBD II by GM
- 1996 OBD II mandated for all cars sold in the US

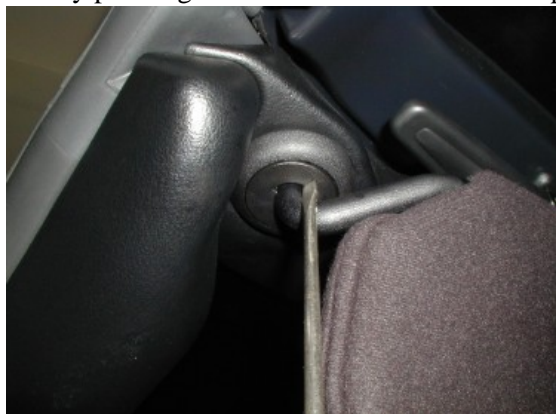
Check Engine Light or malfunction indicator lamp (MIL)

The malfunction indicator lamp on the dash board usually bears the legend check engine, service engine soon, or a pictogram of an engine. In the United States, specific functions (emission related) are required of the MIL by EPA regulations. On vehicles equipped with OBD-II, the light has two stages: steady (indicating a minor fault such as a loose gas cap or failing oxygen sensor) and flashing (indicating a severe fault, that could potentially damage the catalytic converter if left uncorrected for an extended period). When the MIL is lit, the engine control unit stores a fault code related to the malfunction, which can be retrieved with a scan tool and used for further diagnosis.

Sun Visor removal information and photos provided by Corvette forum

Have a tattered or torn sun visor? This applies to C5's and may work on C6's. The picture below shows the driver's side sun visor in the removal position. With the visor tilted down insert a flat blade screwdriver into the slot, on the bezel ring, as shown. Rotate the sun visor counterclockwise, towards the driver's side window.

The sun visor's shaft will press on the screwdriver blade. The assembly will rotate together towards the side window. (You will simultaneously be pushing upwards on the screwdriver to keep the tip of the screwdriver in that little slot on the bezel ring.) After a 1/4 or less turn, the sun visor will simply drop down, now unattached. Disconnect the male connector by pressing the white tab to release it and pull apart





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