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The Monthly Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club

Activities for October

General Membership Meeting

October 7th • Social/Dinner - 5:45 pm • Meeting - 7:00 pm • Delhi Café

• 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Color Tour

October 17th • Meet at Meijer's parking lot at 9:30 AM • Depart at 10:15 for tour

see flyer for details

Board Meeting

October 21st • Dinner - 5:30 pm • Meeting - 6:30 pm • Delhi Café

4625 Willoughby Road ● Holt

October Birthdays

Twining Katherine	5-Oct	Scales Milton	21-Oct
Spinrad Steve	8-Oct	Pyle Bob	22-Oct
Shatkosky Brenda	14-Oct	Zabawsky Sam	25-Oct
Darin Marlene	15-Oct	Beaman Dana	31-Oct
Shatkosky Richard	20-Oct		

Contact Chris Wieczorek if you would like to organize a social event $Drive\ Safely$



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

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9:30 AM Meet at the Meijer Parking lot 7157 E. Saginaw Highway E. Lansing, MI 48823

Leave at 10:15 AM and drive for approximately 1 hour and 30 minutes. Stop for about 1 hour for snacks and maybe some souvenir shopping. Leave around 1:00 to continue on for dinner at 3:00.

RSVP to Jerry & Sally at 517-881-8393 or jwardr@yahoo.com

From Our President

Most of the time when we drive our Corvettes, we get to be silly as we celebrate anything and everything. Now and then, though, our drives take on a slightly more serious note.

On September 9th, our dear friend Ed Politza died after a long battle with cancer. He and Suzie had been members of our club for many years. For a while now, though, they only came to events when Ed's health allowed it. We were always thrilled they could make it.

After his funeral, we had the privilege of driving our Corvettes in the procession to the cemetery. Suzie, as strong as ever, led the way. It was a wonderful way to celebrate his life. We were honored to play a small, but special, part in his remembrance.

Ed was a patriot – a career military man, retiring from the Air Force after 25 years of service. He served in both Vietnam and Grenada. We are all aware of our involvement in Vietnam. Few of us, though, know why we were in Grenada.

Grenada is in the West Indies. A leftist group seized power of island in 1979, and suspended its constitution. (I've toured the place where government officials were executed by a firing squad. You can still see the pock marks on the wall made by the bullets.) The U.S. military led an invasion of Grenada in 1983 that resulted in a swift restoration of the pre-revolutionary regime. The date we invaded is still celebrated as Grenada's Thanksgiving Day. Now as you travel through their countryside, you still see large signs painted on the sides of buildings that express love for our country. Signs thanking the United States for helping them. Ed was a part of that help. Because of him and others like him who dedicated their lives to freedom, that pretty spice island is quiet and safe – and a lovely, aromatic place to visit.

Master Sergeant Politza, we will miss you. You truly were an officer and a gentleman. We are honored to have called you "Friend".

Save the wave.

Sandy Bechtel

News for Members

Editor's Notes:

The October issue of *Car and Driver* highlighted a story on the Z06. "Giant Slayer" was the tag line - how the Corvette Z06 kills the super cars dead! The Z06 beat the McLaren 650S at the Virginia International Raceway course 2:44.6 to 2:45.8. Thumbs up for the Z06.

Capital City Corvette Club extends a warm welcome to:

Bob and Deanna Pyle from Mason. Bob and Deanna drive a 1993 ruby red coupe.

Frederick and Marlene Darin from Charlotte. Fred and Marlene drive a dark green 1996 coupe.

Marty and Sue Latchaw from Charlotte. Marty and Sue drive a 1964 green convertible

Drive safely. Editor

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Saturday, November 14, 2015

Delta River Senior Village, a Volunteers of America Community

6090 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48917 2:00-4:00 (setup at 1pm)

Keep gathering your "fab" Bingo prizes. Handmade items are always a plus, but if you're not the "crafty" sort, stop into Meijer or the dollar store and pick up some bric-a-brac and basic household items.

Please bring your favorite snack and/or dessert to share!

Contact Chris Wieczorek 517.996.6072 with questions

Planning Ahead...

Election of Officers:

It's that time of year where we begin planning for the fall election of our 2016 club officers. The Capital City Corvette Club By-Laws (2012) state, Article IV, Section A1, Officers - Must be Members in good standing and hold their NCCC number with CCCC. Article IV, Section B, 2a, requires that the President must have held a prior elected office in the Club and Article VIII, Section A requires that club officers have their CCCC membership dues renewed for the coming year.

Those eligible to hold the position of president in 2015 include:

Dave Averill	Howard Hein	Bob Maynard	Loretta Spinrad
Scott Bauries	Angela Hyde	Howard Parks	Mike Sprague
Sandy Bechtel	Craig Iansiti	Joe Platte	Katherine
Rich Bratschi	Janet Iansiti		Twining
Colleen Bratschi	Kim Keith	Suzanne Politza	Jerry Wardell
Mike Britz	David Kuempel	Dave Pursel	Sally Wardell
Connie Britz	Diana Kuempel	Carol Putmon	Chris Wieczorek
Randy Buck	Janet Litrenta	Simon Reiffer	
Terry Burke	Shalimar	Gloria Reiffer	
Pat Cripe	Maynard	Steve Spinrad	

Membership Renewals:

NCCC/CCCC dues are renewed each fall for the upcoming year. Renew your membership prior to the end of the November general membership meeting to avoid a \$10 late fee, imposed by NCCC.

Spouse/Companion membership is restricted to husband, wife, or significant other of the Primary member. Dependent membership is defined as the child of any Primary or Spouse member who is between the ages of 16 and 21, or between the ages of 16 and 25 and also a full time student. See the NCCC Website for additional clarification on dependent members.

Summer events 2015



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

The Board has compiled an alphabetical list of local organizations that help members of our community through various programs. Included in this list is a brief description of an organization's purpose, contact information, and the percentage of funding that goes directly to their programs. This does NOT change any of the other organizations and events we have sponsored and will continue to sponsor. At our October membership meeting we will vote, by ballot, for two of the following organizations. We will donate \$250 to each of the top four charities receiving the most votes.

<u>Big Brothers Big Sisters-Michigan Capital Region</u> creates meaningful, monitored matches between adult volunteers and children that improve the children's lives. <u>76.7%</u> of donations go to programs.

330 Marshall St., Ste. 103, Lansing, MI 48912

(517)372-0160

www.bbbsmcr.org

Elder Law of Michigan provides basic and lifesaving legal services to older adults at no cost through donations from individuals, corporations, and organizations. 2014 Financial Report available on their Website.

3815 W St. Joseph,

Ste. C-200, Lansing, MI 48917

(517)485-9164

www.elderlawofmi.org

<u>It's a Breast Thing</u> provides information about breast cancer to women in the Lansing area through creativity, fun, and support. 95% of donations go to programs.

itsabreastthing@ymail.com

(517)930-6157 Suzy Wyman

www.itsabreastthing.org

Old Newsboys of Greater Lansing has provided shoes, boots and socks to deserving children through its Shoe Voucher Program since 1924. 85.8% of donations go to programs.

PO Box 14058, Lansing, MI 48901

(517)485-9107

lansingoldnewsboys.org

<u>St. Vincent Charities</u> services include adoption, a children's home, counseling, foster care, immigration law clinic, pregnancy counseling, refugee resettlement, and WE C.A.R.E. <u>89.9%</u> of donations go to programs. 2800 W Willow St., Lansing, MI 48917 (517)323-4734 stycc.org

<u>Toys for Tots</u> was founded in 1947 as a program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve, and donates toys to children whose parents cannot afford to buy gifts for them at Christmas. Until 1979, Marine reservists and volunteers would collect and refurbish used toys. In 1980, only new toys were accepted, as reservists could no longer dedicate drill hours to refurbish toys, as well as legal concerns and the mixed message of giving hand-me-downs as a message of hope. <u>97.3%</u> of the funds and all toys go to programs.

(517)819-0230

www.lansing-mi.toysfortots.org

<u>United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) of Michigan</u> connects people with various disabilities to the opportunities and resources (including assistive technology devices) needed to live productive and independent lives. <u>92.6%</u> of donations go to programs.

3496 Lake Lansing Rd., No. 170, East Lansing, MI 48823

(517)203-1200

ucpmichigan.org

<u>Wounded Warrior</u>. While everyone in our Club agrees, we want to support our military, Wounded Warrior project is **not local and only 59.9% of funds donated actually go to programs that help veterans**.



CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 2, 2015

PRESIDENT: Sandy Bechtel called meeting to order @ 7:01pm

Sandy welcomed Sue Ellswoth, and shared thank you notes from the VFW home, & Backpack for Kids, thanking the club for money given.

SECRETARY: Colleen Bratschi asked for approval of the August 2015 membership minutes, Craig Iansiti made motion and Scott Bauries seconded. Motion was carried.

V/P GOVERNOR: Simon Reiffer informed members that the next Regional meeting will be held at LaSenorita Restaurant in Lansing on Tuesday September 8, 2015. Those interested are welcome to attend. Simon will be attending the Governors meeting to be held next month and will bring back information about the new 2017 rules book to be addressed.

Simon updated information on the Regional Banquet being held in Flint. The original date was March 27, as this is Easter Sunday the date has been moved to first weekend of April. Please see the club calander for more information.

TREASURER: Mike Britz reported club bills are current and bank accounts balanced.

POINTS: Sally Wardell all points up to date. Sally wants club members to know she has window clings if they are interested.

MEMBERSHIP: Angela Hyde reported our member count is, 98 regular members, 2 Honorary, and 46 FCOA. Membership renewal has begun, Angela will be at the October and November meetings to collect. If you are in need of Club Brochures, or calling cards to give out to perspective members, please see Angela.

EDITOR: Jerry Wardell had no report. Reminds anyone with a newsletter item to get it to him by the 24th of September.

COMPETITION: Mike Sprague was absent. It was reported that Spartan paperwork has been completed with Jackson Club and the a profit of \$1000.00 per club was made.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dave Averill had no report

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Chris Wieczorek was absent. Sandy noted that Putmons will not be holding their BonFire this year and anyone wanting to take over please see Chris. The Christmas party will held December 5th more info to come.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS:

HEARTS & FLOWERS: Angela Hyde reported cards are up to date

HISTORIAN: Sue Keith had no report

NCM AMBASSADOR: Kim Keith made a report on the noise issue at the Museum race track. The Museum will be correcting the issue by building berms starting in August 2015. Kim also encouraged CCCC club members to become a NCCC museum member and enjoy all the fun things to do in Bowling Green.

PHOTOGRAPHER: Bob Ribar had no report

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bob Ribar had no report

QUARTERMASTER: Craig Iansiti reported on the trailer. Cones have been gone through and the club gave older cones to Jim at Spartan Speedway and kept 24 in the trailer. There will be no need for the club to purchase any new at this time.

CHAPLAIN: Ward Harris had no report

WEBMASTER: Gloria Reiffer reported that she is working on all the pictures taken at Crossroads and will have them up on the clubs Website as soon as she can.

PAST PRESIDENT: Terry Burke was absent

OlD BUSINESS: Reminder that Bingo for Delta River Senior Village will be November 11th.

NEW BUSINESS:

CONGRATULATIONS TO GLORIA REIFFER !!!!! the club website was the winner of the 2015 NCCC contest.

Congratulations to Crossroad CCCC winners: Kim & Sue Keith, Simon & Gloria Reiffer, and Jerry and Dominique Palacio.

Drive and Dine on September 12, 2015 see Howard & Sheila Hein to sign up.

SEPTEMBER NOMINEES FOR 2016 BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

PRESIDENT: Rich Bratschi, Bob Maynard, Jerry Wardell, Sandy Bechtel, Dave Pursel

SECRETARY: Colleen Bratschi V/P GOVERNOR: Simon Reiffer

TREASURER: Mike Britz POINTS: Sally Wardell

MEMBERSHIP: Angela Hyde

EDITOR: Jerry Wardell, Scott Bauries

COMPETITION: Mike Sprague, Rich Bratschi

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dave Averill, Tom Wieczorek, Chuck Miller

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Chris Wieczorek

MEMBER COMMENT: Bob Maynard received a thank you from Sue @ the VFW home.

Fred & Marlene Darin wanted to say that they are enjoying the club, and are excited to drive their new Corvette in the coming events.

50/50 DRAWING: Rich Bratschi was the winner!! Rich donated his winnings back to the Club.

ADJOURNMENT: Craig Iansiti moved for adjournment and Simon Reiffer seconded. Motion was carried.

Prepared by your Secretary;

Colleen Bratschi ©

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

PRESIDENT: Sandy Bechtel called meeting to order @ 6:30pm

BOARD REPORTS:

SECRETARY: Colleen Bratschi reported that Board minutes from the August meeting had been approved by e-mail.

V/P GOVERNOR: Simon Reiffer reported that he had attended the Governors meeting, and the following information was made available:

National convention will be held in Omaha, Nebraska – July of 2016, and the 2017 convention is planned for Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Insurance rules are being addressed as Social media, and Drones are becoming an issue at clubs public events. More information will come later on this.

National Board is holding election nominations. Anyone interested contact Simon.

TREASURER: Mike Britz was absent

POINTS: Sally Wardell reported all points up to date

MEMBERSHIP: Angela Hyde reported membership is at 97 reg. members, 2 honorary, and 46 FCOA members. At the time of the meeting Angela reported that she had collected 14 renewals, and has 6 new members who will carry over to the new year.

EDITOR: Jerry Wardell had no report. Information for the newsletter should be sent to him by 24th of September.

COMPETITION: Mike Sprague was absent

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dave Averill played a recorded radio ad to promote CCCC, and it was decided that Dave would ask the radio station to print him a hard copy of the script so that a review can be made. Dave will have this information by the October meeting.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Chris Wieczorek went over with Board members the upcoming events: Fall color tour, Bingo, and Christmas party. Chris has asked all Board and General members to collect prizes that can be used for the Bingo, and the Christmas party. These prizes can be brought to the next few meetings.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS:

HEARTS & FLOWERS: Angela Hyde reported that our club had lost member Ed Politza, and that a card and flowers had been sent.

HISTORIAN: Sue Keith was absent

NCM AMBASSADOR: Kim Keith was absent

PHOTOGRAPHER: Bob Ribar had no report

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bob Ribar had no report

QUARTERMASTER: Craig Iansiti was absent

CHAPLAIN: Ward Harris was absent

WEBMASTER: Gloria Reiffer had no report

PAST PRESIDENT: Terry Burke was absent

OLD BUSINESS:

2015 DONATIONS: It was decided that the remaining \$1000.00 would be shared with 4 groups for the holiday season this year. Chris Wieczorek is preparing a list of all the groups that have been presented to Mike and others, with information on each group so that club members can choose 2 each. The top 4 groups with the most votes will be read at the November membership meeting, so that Mike Britz can send checks out before the holiday season.

Craig Iansiti has posted the clubs old timing equipment on Craig's list. If anyone in the club knows anyone who can use this equipment let Craig know.

Fruit basket for Spartan Barricade will be given as a holiday gift instead of a thank you for the Spartan event alone. Sandy will make sure that is taken care of.

It was approved to pay the Bratschi's for a damaged canopy from the Spartan event. Receipt was turned in to Mike Britz.

NEW BUSINESS:

2016 Board Nominations: Colleen Bratschi reported that calls have been made and that all is coming along well.

Tom Wieczorek attended the meeting to report on the Sponsorship committee that he is leading. Tom went over some of the requirements that he and his committee felt were important for a Sponsor to do for our club. The board reviewed the suggested requirements and due to time made motion to table until the November meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to close the meeting at 8:19.

Prepared by your Secretary;

Colleen Bratschi®



October 2015



Capital City Corvette Club

Participation Points for Year 2015



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As Of: Tuesday, September 29, 2015

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Member

26	David Averill		Ursula Averill	1	Roy Bailey		Jim Balla
	Dana Beaman		Kim Beaman	55	Sandy Bechtel	16	Mary Blackwood
21	Tim Blackwood	10	James Boettcher	7	Mara Boettcher	45	Colleen Bratschi
44	Rich Bratschi	17	Connie Britz	35	Mike Britz		NancyLee Buck
	Randy Buck	10	Terry Burke	13	Dana Conley	12	Darrell Conley
11	Dave Cripe	8	Pat Cripe	4	Fred Darin	1	Darwin Day
1	Sheila Day	19	Art Doty	19	Nancy Doty		Janet Gunthorpe
	Larry Gunthorpe	28	Jeanne Harris	38	Ward Harris	20	Howard Hein
14	Sheila Hein		Jim Hoppin	60	Angela Hyde	63	Craig lansiti
44	Janet lansiti		Dick Iding	6	Laura Kazmer	6	Wayne Kazmer
84	Kim Keith	88	Sue Keith	4	Fred Koos	12	
10	Diane Kuempel	6	Marty Latchaw	2	Sue Latchaw	6	Ellie Lickfeldt
6	Patrick Lickfeldt	14	Carlo Litrenta	23	Janet Litrenta		Lee MacGillvray
31	Bob Maynard	9	Shalimar Maynard	46	Chuck Miller	11	Diana Mosher
4	Barb Musselman	4	Steve Musselman	1	George Nelson	1	Lori Nelson
21	Dominique Palacio	21	Jerry Palacio		Diana Parks	3	Howard Parks
4	Joe Platte		Suzanne Politza	25	David Pursel	14	Kathryn Pursel
1	Carol Putmon		Randy Putmon	12	Deanna Pyle	12	Robert Pyle
104	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	94	Simon Reiffer	56	Robert Ribar	16	Milton Scales
1	Mike Seagun	8	Brenda Shatkosky	8	Richard Shatkosky	12	Jim Simmons
	Vicky Simmons	6		6	Thomas Sipka	1	Loretta Spinrad
1	Steve Spinrad		Janet Sprague	38	Michael Sprague	9	Ralph Swan
9	Susan Swan	21	Connie Taylor	21	Thomas Taylor	48	Harold Twining
48	Katherine Twining	13	Sue VanAtta-Wight	102	Jerry Wardell	99	Sally Wardell
79	Christine Wieczorek	57	Thomas Wieczorek	22	Larry Wight	4	Sam Zabawsky
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Current Points Leaders

104	Gloria Reiffer
22	Sug Kaith

60 Angela Hyde

102 Jerry Wardell 84 Kim Keith

57 Thomas Wieczorek

99 Sally Wardell 79 Christine Wieczorek

94 Simon Reiffer 63 Craig Iansiti





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