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The Monthly Newsletter of the Capital City Corvette Club

Activities for September

General Membership Meeting

September 7th • Social/Dinner – 5:45pm • Meeting – 7:00pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Board Meeting

September 21st • Dinner – 5:30pm • Meeting – 6:30pm
Delhi Café • 4625 Willoughby Road • Holt

Children's Miracle Network Benefit Car Show

September 24th • Shaheen Chevrolet, Lansing, MI. • See flyer for details.

September Birthdays

Thomas Taylor	1-Sep	Jerry Palacio	16-Sep
Skip Herold Jr	3-Sep	Sheila Hein	18-Sep
Janice Haggerty	7-Sep	Dar Day	21-Sep
Dave Cripe	8-Sep	Christine Wieczorek	22-Sep
Kim Keith	9-Sep	Peggy Herold	23-Sep
Jim Greening	11-Sep	Angela Hyde	26-Sep
Jerry Wardell	11-Sep	Carlo Litrenta	27-Sep
Jim Simmons	13-Sep	Richard Robbins	29-Sep

Contact Chris Wieczorek if you would like to organize a social event.



Please submit newsletter articles to 4c_editor@cccorvette.org by the 25th of each month.

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Inaugural Children's Miracle Network Benefit Car Show

Saturday, September 24, 2016

**10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. (Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.)
Shaheen Chevrolet – 632 American Road, Lansing MI**

\$15.00 per vehicle registration fee

Goodie bag and dash plaque to the first 150 registered vehicles.
One ticket for a hotdog, chips, and a pop or water will be provided with
registration. Additional food available for purchase for a nominal fee.

Free Popcorn!

Live radio broadcast from the event!!!

Door Prizes!



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Hosted by Shaheen Chevrolet & Capital City Corvette Club
Chaired by Tom & Chris Wieczorek – Questions... Call 517.996.6072

All vehicles welcome to help raise funds for this wonderful organization.

Planning Ahead...

Election of Officers:

It's that time of year where we begin planning for the fall election of our 2015 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	Janet Iansiti	Simon Reiffer
Sandy Bechtel	Kim Keith	Gloria Reiffer
Rich Bratschi	David Kuempel	Steve Spinrad
Colleen Bratschi	Diana Kuempel	Loretta Spinrad
Mike Britz	Janet Litrenta	Mike Sprague
Connie Britz	Shalimar Maynard	Katherine Twining
Randy Buck	Bob Maynard	Jerry Wardell
Terry Burke	Howard Parks	Sally Wardell
Pat Cripe	Joe Platte	Chris Wieczorek
Howard Hein	Suzanne Politza	Tom Wieczorek
Angela Hyde	Dave Pursel	
Craig Iansiti	Carol Putmon	

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.

Welcome!

Capital City Corvette Club extends a warm welcome to our newest members:

Richard Robbins and Susan Ramsey from Dimondale. *Rich and Susie drive a 2016 Long Beach red convertible.*

Duane and Kara Richardson from Byron. *Duane and Kara drive a 1997 red coupe.*

William and Janice Haggerty from Lansing. *William and Janice drive a 2007 yellow convertible.*

Skip Jr. and Peggy Herold from Dowagiac. *Skip and Peggy drive a 1992 black rose coupe. Peggy is Sandy Bechtel's sister.*

Skip Herold, III from Hudsonville. *Skip drives a 2003 spiral gray coupe. Skip is Sandy Bechtel's nephew.*

James Sutherland from Mason (returning member). *James drives a 1999 red coupe.*

James and Cindy Richards from Lansing. *James and Cindy drive a 2003 ruby red convertible.*

Jim and Shirley Greening from St. Louis (Michigan). *Jim and Shirley drive a 2000 black convertible.*

It's About the People - an article by Sue Keith

Having a house built over a ten month period and moving is not a recipe for a normal life. So on a recent Saturday (August 6) Kim and I decided to take a break from unpacking and attend the car show that the Calhoun Corvette Club was hosting in Battle Creek. Good weather, good friends and Corvettes were the perfect ingredients for a fun day.

We were on I94 just a few miles from our exit when suddenly there was a loud BAM and the windshield shattered just above the steering wheel. A SUV had run over a piece of concrete and launched it into the air; part of it hit the windshield and other pieces damaged the driver's door. We were sad and disappointed about the damage to our Grand Sport but there are some positive sides to this incident. First, even though that piece of concrete broke two wheels and flattened two tires on the SUV, the windshield on our car deflected it and possibly saved our lives. Our thanks to GM for using quality parts in our Corvettes.

The heartwarming part of this experience was the way our Corvette family responded. Jerry and Dominique Palacio were also on I94, traveling to the same show. We contacted them, explained where the tow



truck would be meeting us and they got off at that exit to help. They stayed with us until the tow truck came, followed the tow truck to Heritage Chevrolet and stayed while we made arrangements to store the car, tried to locate a windshield and reserved a rental car. They skipped the show and devoted their day to helping us. We had also contacted our friend, Angela Hanlin, of the Calhoun Corvette Club. She called us back while we were riding in the tow truck and said the people at the show were brainstorming about how they could help us. One of their members, Randy O'Neal, had his SUV at the show. He came to Heritage Chevrolet and gave us a ride to the Kalamazoo airport to pick up a rental car.

The NCCC motto is: "We joined for the car. We stay for the people". The care and concern we received from our Corvette friends that day and in the following days was a wonderful example of what that motto means. Kim and I are grateful to have survived without any injuries and thankful for the friendship of so many caring people.



**Saturday, November 5, 2016
2:00 – 4:00 (setup at 1:00 pm)**

Delta River Senior Village
a Volunteers of America Community
6090 W. Michigan Ave., Lansing 48917

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!
We will head over to the Fireside Grill for dinner after Bingo.

Contact Chris Wieczorek 517.996.6072 with questions.

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2016

PRESIDENT: Dave Pursel was absent

V/P GOVERNOR: Simon Reiffer took over in Dave Pursel's absence. Simon called the clubs meeting to order @ 7pm.

Simon welcomed Tina (Blessing in a backpack) who came to the club meeting to Thank everyone for all of their help in making the event back in May a super success once again.

Tina reported that our club helped them earn a little over \$2400.00 and with those funds 25 students would be helped, out of the 1700 students in need. Tina did let members know that a lot of their problems in helping those 1,700 students is permission from a parent or guardian. In their school district they only get approval for around 250, so for us to have helped 25 of that 250 was great.

Simon reported that his travels to Omaha, Neb. for convention were great fun, and that while there Gloria was awarded 1st place for our Clubs website once again. Congrats!!! Gloria.

Simon reported that the Region and NCCC are both looking for interested members to hold positions on those Boards. If you have an interest please see Simon.

SECRETARY: Colleen Bratschi asked for approval of the July membership meeting minutes. Motion was made by Bob Pyle and seconded by Sandy Bechtel. Motion carried.

TREASURER: Mike Britz reported that all bills had been paid, and that he had sent financial report to all board members.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Rich Bratschi reported that the Spartan event was a huge success this year, and thanked all workers /drivers personally. Rich will report at next month's meeting the total earned at the event.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Angela Hyde reported that the club has 98 regular members, 2 honorary members, and 42 FCOA members. Anyone new joining from Aug. – Dec. will be on our roster as a member , but will be paying for 2017.

Angela reported on the clubs facebook , letting members know that our site has had 98 likes. Thanks to Dave Averill for keeping that site up to date.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR: Tom Wieczorek was absent

EDITOR: Jerry Wardell reminded everyone of his 24th deadline for newsletter, and that there was an information sheet on the entry table about rules on how to travel out of the country for those who planned to make the trip to London, Ont.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Chris Wieczorek reminded members to check the clubs calendar for all upcoming events.

POINTS DIRECTOR: Sally Wardell reported that all points are up to date.

APPOINTED OFFICER REPORTS:

HEARTS & FLOWERS: Deanna Pyle reported all cards are up to date. It was reported that Connie Taylor had had surgery earlier this week. Deanna will send a card on to her.

HISTORIAN: Sue Keith was absent

NCM AMBASSADOR: Kim Keith was absent

PHOTOGRAPHER: Fred Darin reminded members who have pictures from the Spartan event to send them to him by flash drive.

QUARTERMASTER: Craig Iansiti was absent

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bob Ribar had no report

WEBMASTER: Gloria Reiffer had no report

PAST PRESIDENT: Sandy Bechtel had no report

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Milton Scales stopped by to say Thank you to all who supported his efforts in his run for the Meridian Twp. Board.

Gloria and Simon Reiffer will be the Clubs hosts for Crossroads this year. Gloria said they will leave the Outlet Mall @ Clark corners on Thursday August 25th, anyone who would like to lead a Friday group please let her know.

Steve Bakker representing the National Jamboree for Boy Scouts of America had been invited to the meeting with the purpose of selling a framed collection of Boy Scout/corvette patches. All those who purchased helped Scouts in need to be able to attend camps, etc.

50/50: Fred Darin was the winner !!!!

ADJOURNMENT: Simon called the meeting over at 8:05pm

Prepared by your Secretary;

Colleen Bratschi ☺

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB
BOARD MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 19, 2016

PRESIDENT: Dave Pursel called meeting to order @ 6:38

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

TREASURER: Mike Britz was absent

V/P GOVERNOR: Simon Reiffer reported that he will be attending the September governors meeting.

COMPETITION DIRECTOR: Rich Bratschi reported that the Clubs Spartan event was a success this year thanks to all who helped and participated. The club earned after expenses a little over \$1800.00.

Rich reported that NCCC reports on the race have been completed.

Rich also reported that the Putt Putt held on the 9th of August was great fun! We had 25 attend for golf and dinner. What a great way to spend a very hot summer Tuesday night.

EDITOR: Jerry Wardell was absent. Please remember if you have articles or info for Jerry he needs it before the 24th of the month.

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR: Angela Hyde reported that the club has 101 regular members, 2 honorary members, and 43 FCOA members.

POINTS DIRECTOR: Sally Wardell was absent. Dave reported points up to date.

PUBLIC RELATIONS DIRECTOR: Tom Wiczorek was absent.

SOCIAL DIRECTOR: Chris Wiczorek talked about the car show in London, Ont., Chris read a welcome letter from the Canadian Parliament to the Club members that travelled there.

Discussion was made to purchase a Michigan made gift to give to the Canadian club members when they attend the Shaheen car show in September. Chris will look for something and will

get back to the board. A motion was made by Chris to have \$100 from the club to purchase this gift, was seconded by Rich Bratschi. Motion approved.

Chris talked about the upcoming car show @ Shaheen Chevrolet in September and wanted the club to approve money for gift cards to be given away as door prizes. It was suggested that Chris search out donations for this.

Chris reported that dates for Bingo (Nov.5), and the Clubs Christmas party (Dec.3), had been set. As always please check the clubs calendar for all event times and dates.

APOINTED OFFICER REPORTS:

HEARTS & FLOWERS : Deanna Pyle was absent

HISTORIAN: Sue Keith was absent

NCM AMBASSADOR: Kim Keith was absent

PHOTOGRAPHER: Fred Darin was absent

QUARTERMASTER: Craig Iansiti was absent

SERGEANT AT ARMS: Bob Ribar was absent

WEBMASTER: Gloria Reiffer had no report

PAST PRESIDENT: Sandy Bechtel was absent

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT : President Dave Pursel called the meeting over @ 7:30pm

Prepared by your Secretary;

Colleen Bratsch

Other News

2016 Corvette Activities

FunFest

The 4 day event, sponsored by Mid America Motorworks, is located at their Effingham, IL facility and is scheduled for September 15-18, 2016. <http://www.corvettefunfest.com/>

Annual Hayride and Bonfire

Cancelled.

Children's Miracle Network Benefit Car Show

September 24th Shaheen Chevrolet. See flyer for details.

Fall Color Tour

Saturday October 22nd, sponsored by Dave and Kathy Pursel. Flyer to follow.

Bingo at Delta River Senior Village

(Followed by dinner at Fireside Grill)

November 5, 2016

6090 W. Michigan Ave - Lansing MI

2016 Winner! National Council of Corvette Clubs Web Site Contest:

Capital City Corvette Club's Website was awarded first place in the NCCC Annual Club Web Site Contest in 2009, 2011, 2013, 2015 and 2016. We received second place in 2006, 2007 and 2008. The site wasn't entered in the competition in 2010, 2012 and 2014 due to the previous years win. (View past awards.) The NCCC Web Site Contest is sponsored by Zip Products.

Tribute

A famous actor we all know, Paul Newman, was also a Corvette racer. His love of auto racing is well documented since he starred in the 1969 movie *Winning*. Once hooked, he raced for the rest of his life.

His car of choice and last Corvette was his GT1 a modified 2002 C5 with 700HP. Every year it was renumbered to coincide with his age. In July of 2008, Paul and his #82 Corvette finished 4th at the Glen Nationals at Watkins Glenn. Mr. Newman passed away due to complications of lung cancer on September 28, 2008 at the age of 83.



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Member 106

23 David Averill	Jim Balla	Dana Beaman	Kim Beaman
43 Sandy Bechtel	Ben Behnke	12 Mary Blackwood	15 Tim Blackwood
7 James Boettcher	8 Mara Boettcher	38 Colleen Bratschi	38 Rich Bratschi
5 Connie Britz	31 Mike Britz	1 NancyLee Buck	Randy Buck
17 Terry Burke	7 Dave Cripe	5 Pat Cripe	24 Fred Darin
13 Marlene Darin	12 Darwin Day	8 Sheila Day	30 Art Doty
30 Nancy Doty	4 Jim Greening	6 Shirley Greening	18 Jeanne Harris
26 Ward Harris	17 Howard Hein	8 Sheila Hein	6 Peggy Herold
6 Skip 111 Herold	6 Skip Jr Herold	Jim Hoppin	84 Angela Hyde
75 Craig Iansiti	46 Janet Iansiti	10 Greg Kapp	66 Kim Keith
66 Sue Keith	6 Fred Koos	7 David Kuempel	5 Diane Kuempel
14 Marty Latchaw	8 Sue Latchaw	14 Ellie Lickfeldt	25 Patrick Lickfeldt
8 Carlo Litrenta	17 Janet Litrenta	30 Scott Lumbert	Lee MacGillvray
41 Bob Maynard	16 Shalimar Maynard	25 Chuck Miller	25 Diana Mosher
10 Barb Musselman	10 Steve Musselman	6 George Nelson	6 Laurie Nelson
20 Dominique Palacio	20 Jerry Palacio	1 Diana Parks	4 Howard Parks
10 Joe Platte	33 Suzanne Politza	42 David Pursel	18 Kathryn Pursel
14 Carol Putmon	14 Randy Putmon	80 Deanna Pyle	74 Robert Pyle
6 Susie Ramsey	122 Gloria Reiffer	113 Simon Reiffer	43 Robert Ribar
5 James Richards	6 Duane Richardson	6 Kara Richardson	6 Rich Robbins
8 Milton Scales	Ralph Shaheen	1 Brenda Shatkosky	1 Richard Shatkosky
23 Jim Simmons	1 Vicky Simmons	16 Barbara Ann Sipka	16 Thomas Sipka
Loretta Spinrad	Steve Spinrad	Janet Sprague	11 Michael Sprague
12 Ralph Swan	12 Susan Swan	23 Connie Taylor	27 Thomas Taylor
33 Harold Twining	32 Katherine Twining	7 Sue VanAtta-Wight	84 Jerry Wardell
88 Sally Wardell	120 Christine Wieczorek	92 Thomas Wieczorek	22 Larry Wight
Sam Zabawsky			

Current Points Standings

122 Gloria Reiffer	120 Christine Wieczorek	113 Simon Reiffer	92 Thomas Wieczorek
88 Sally Wardell	84 Angela Hyde	84 Jerry Wardell	80 Deanna Pyle
75 Craig Iansiti	74 Robert Pyle	73 Craig Iansiti	



Classifieds

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