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April 2022

91 Members

2 Honorary Members

31 FCOA



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ACTIVITIES FOR MARCH & BEYOND

- **CCCC vs JCC Bowling Challenge** **April 3**
- **General Membership Meeting** **April 6**
- **Michigan Regional Banquet** **April 16**
- **Board Meeting** **April 20**
- **Vermontville MSF Parade** **April 23**
- **CCCC Awards Banquet** **April 30**
- **Blessing of the Vettes** **June 25**



2022 Bowling Challenge



Capital City Corvette Club

VS



Jackson Corvette Club

Sunday, April 3, 2022

Bowling 12:30pm-3:30pm • Dinner will Follow

Appetizers will be provided by Bob Maynard

Bowling Cost: \$10 per person

(4 people per lane, shoes included)



Non-Sanction No.

MI-003-N01



RSVP by Friday, April 1st

Sign up at the March Membership Meeting

or

Contact: Melissa Felts

865.583.9288 | 4c.social@ccc Corvette.org

801 N. Cedar St., Mason





MICHIGAN REGION

2021 AWARDS BANQUET

April 16, 2022 ~ 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

CASCADES MANOR

1970 Kibby Road ~ Jackson, MI

TENTATIVE AGENDA

11:30 – 12:00: Meet & Greet (cash bar)

12:00 – 1:00: Buffet Luncheon

1:00 – 1:15: Break and Door Prizes

1:30 – 2:30: Awards Presentation

Cost: \$30.00 per person, payable in advance.

Menu: Glazed ham, grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean medley, tossed salad, rolls and butter. Cupcakes with ice cream for dessert. Coffee, iced tea and lemonade are included. Other beverages available for purchase.

RSVP with payment by April 9, 2022: Michigan Region of Corvette Clubs,
Attn: Gloria Reiffer, 832 Creyts Road, Dimondale MI 48821 (517 • 763 • 1365)

Form can be filled out prior to printing. Include check for \$30.00 per person payable to Michigan Region of Corvette Clubs. Include your name and club affiliation. Please indicate if this is the first time you are attending a Regional Awards Banquet.

Name: _____

Club: _____

1st time attending a banquet? No ☐ Yes ☐

Name: _____

Club: _____

1st time attending a banquet? No ☐ Yes ☐



Banquet Committee: Sandy Bechtel, George & Kathy Duncan, Simon & Gloria Reiffer, Jerry & Sally Wardell

DIRECTIONS TO CASCADES MANOR

From the North:

Take U.S. 127 South into Jackson. It will become West Avenue once you cross under I-94. Continue South about 3 miles. Turn right onto Kibby Road. Located 1/4 mile ahead on the right-hand side.

From the East and West:

Exit from I-94 on exit 138. Turn south, and continue for about 3 miles. Turn right onto Kibby Road. Located 1/4 mile ahead on the right-hand side.

From the South:

Take U.S. 127 North and take the exit for business route 127. Go North to High Street and turn left. Take High Street to West Avenue and turn left. After 3 blocks, turn right onto Kibby Road. Located 1/4 mile ahead on the right-hand side.



Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival

Saturday, April 23, 2022 @ 11:15

Meet at 11:15 a.m. at the Quality Dairy located at 8512 W. Saginaw (east of Value City Furniture). We plan to leave at 11:30 to arrive in Vermontville by noon. **Those driving on their own must be in the parade lineup by 1:00 p.m.** as they fill in the spots behind us at that point.

We can walk into town for pancakes (or other food offerings) and still have time to visit the craft booths before heading back to our Corvettes for the parade, which starts at 3:00 p.m.

After the parade we will travel to Hastings for good food and beverages at the Walldorff Brewpub and Bistro.

Check out the menu at www.walldorffbrewpub.com



For information, or to RSVP, contact Chuck Miller at 517.204.4178 or by email at cmiller77llc@gmail.com.

www.syrupfest.org

2021 Top Ten Awards Banquet

**Location: Buddies Pub & Grill
2040 Aurelius Road, Holt**

Date: Saturday, April 30, 2022

Time: 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Sign up at a meeting, or RSVP to Mary Wells by April 20.

Phone: 937.689.1599 • Email: tmblwells@yahoo.com



**Awards presented to Capital City Corvette Club
members that finished 2021 in the Top Ten.**

**All Capital City Corvette Club
members are invited to attend.**

Food orders will be off the menu or banquet style, depending on the number of attendees.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS



Randy Putmon
April 1



Stanley Olson
April 11



Nancy Doty
April 2



Simon Reiffer
April 13



David Voss
April 2



Norman Gozalka
April 18



Shalimar Maynard
April 4



Michelle Faupel
April 21



Kim Schramm
April 5



Sue Keith
April 28



Colleen Bratschi
April 9



Carl Polomski
April 30

President's Page



Members,

I am very excited for April to be here. It is finally the time of year to start bringing our Corvettes to events. This month we will have both our Club's and our Region's Awards Banquets to close out the 2021 season. Capital City will have members receiving Regional Awards this year. These events are open to all members, whether you won an award or not. Both banquets provide a chance to socialize and an excuse to get the Corvette out of the garage. If you are interested in attending, please check the Calendar of Events on our website as both events have RSVP dates.

This month also brings our first mixed club event, Bowling with the Jackson club. I am super motivated by the candy bars for strikes! If the candy bars don't motivate you to come join us at bowling, maybe pancakes at the Vermontville Festival will motivate you to participate in the parade. As always, please check the Calendar of Events on our webpage for the most up to date information. Many of our events have a meet up place and time so we can travel and arrive as a group. Capital City had strong participation numbers at all events in 2021 and I encourage all members to carry this through 2022.

Don't forget to wave!

Kyle
President
Capital City Corvette Club

2022 CLUB OFFICERS

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Felts



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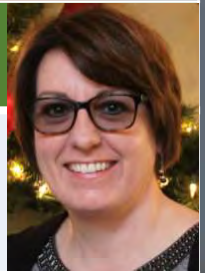
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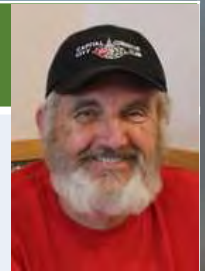
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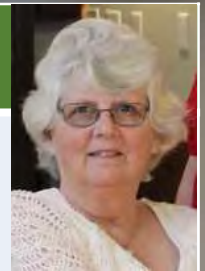
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Membership Meeting Minutes

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERSHIP MEETING AGENDA 3/2/2022 @ 7:00 PM: Delhi Café and Zoom

7:00 Call to Order: Kyle Felts

- Review mail received: Only the bank statement was in the mail.
- Regional Awards Banquet (discussed under V/P Governor)
- Track Updates (discussed under Competition Director)
- Capital City Awards Banquet (discussed under Points Director)

7:05 Board Reports:

Secretary: Tim Wells

- No additions or corrections were made to the February 2022 minutes. Motion to approve minutes: Simon Reiffer, seconded by Tom Faupel, and approved by the majority of the membership in attendance.

Treasurer: Mike Britz

- The books have been balanced and a copy sent to board members.
- Mike suggested that we keep the same budget as last year. Mike will add a line item for the annual Zoom renewal fee, which has previously been under miscellaneous expenses. Motion to approve made by Densel Williams, seconded by Artie Love and approved by the majority of the membership in attendance.
 - Kyle noted that we will get \$50.00 from the Region for our Zoom.

V/P Governor: Simon Reiffer

- The Regional meeting was Feb 22nd, Simon is waiting to receive the minutes from the meeting.
- The Region Banquet is on April 16th in Jackson.
- Simon suggests following our website and that of the Region for upcoming events.
- There is a discussion at the National level to split up the awards by type (racing, shows, etc.).

Social Director: Melissa Felts

- There are several events occurring in April:
 - The bowling event on April 3rd from 12:30-3:30 at City Limits in Mason.
- Vermontville Parade (discussed below under Public Relations Director).
- Awards Banquet (discussed below under Points Director).
- There is a breakfast get together on March 12th at Bob Evans. See Angela Hyde for more information.

Points Director: Mary Wells

- All points are up to date.
- The Awards Banquet will be at Buddies in Holt on Apr 30th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. If less than 30 attendees, will order off the menu. If 30, or more, will have to use the Banquet Menu. Need to sign-up by April 20th.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Competition Director: Kevin Mead

- Working with Michigan State University for the annual low speed event. Currently exploring the use of the North overflow lot (Lot 203) at the Pavilion. Cost yet to be determined. Kevin will contact Doug Blower at the Kalamazoo Club to see what they pay for the parking lot they use.
- There was discussion at the Regional meeting regarding the 11% point drop in Regional points for competition events. Kevin is seeking comments on this topic.

Editor: Tom Faupel

- The Newsletter has been published. Thanks to those who contributed.
- As always, appreciating input for the next newsletter.

Membership Director: Angela Hyde

- The club has 91 members, 2 honorary members, and 31 FCOA.
 - The NCCC membership cards have been mailed. Check to make sure your information is correct, and let Angela know if changes are needed.

Public Relations Director: Chuck Miller

- All ads have been renewed. Agnew Sign decided not to renew.
- Vermontville Parade is on for Apr 23rd. We need to be in line by 1:00, with the parade being at 3:00. Dinner to follow at the Walldorff Brewpub in Hastings.

7:30 Appointed Officer Report:

Past President: Bob Maynard

- Reminded the group about the bowling event on April 3rd. Appetizers will be provided.

Photographer: Stella Wood

- Not Present/No Report

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer

- Gloria reported that she and Tom had trouble trying to email out the newsletter. They got an error message about exceeding a white list threshold. Gloria talked to the AT&T folks and found out that we had exceeded our limit for sending out emails to a large number of recipients. The solution is to only send out these emails using two email addresses, including: 4c.president@ccc Corvette.org and 4c.board@ccc Corvette.org. When these email addresses are used, reply to the email address of the original sender, not these two addresses. Another requirement is to offer an opt out to the group emails. If a member chooses to opt out, they won't receive info on club meetings, social events, or the newsletter.
- Gloria purchased back one of the leftover Delta River Senior Village gift cards.

Facebook Moderator: Dave Voss

- Not present/No report

Zoom Moderator: Kyle Felts

- The only open item is to pay the annual bill.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon

- Present/No report

Sergeant at Arms: Geoffrey Cradit

- Present/No report

NCM Ambassador: Casey Mulvaney

- Awaiting for his NCM membership, and plans to attend NCM's Birthday Bash (Apr 28-30).

Historian: Sue Keith

- Not present/No report

Hearts & Flowers: Ann Voss

- Not present/No report
- Angela reported that three members currently have health challenges.

Chaplain: Ward Harris

- Not present/No report

7:40 New Business:

- A pillar stickers still available through Kyle.

7:50 Other Business:

- 65th anniversary plans - Angela talked to Ben Behnke and we may be able to use facilities at Shaheen's. Angela also expressed to Ben that the club appreciates their support over the years.
- Sound system update: Kyle still working through Dave's suggestions.
- Member comments: None
- 50/50 Drawing: Amount was \$33.00, and won by Melissa Felts.

8:00 Adjournment at 7:46. Motion by Simon Reiffer, seconded by Mary Wells.

Board Meeting Minutes

Capital City Corvette Club Board Meeting Minutes March 16, 2022 @ 6:30 PM

6:30 Call to Order:

Kyle Felts

- Review mail received: The only item in the mail was a Certificate of Appreciation from the Food Bank for our 2021 donation that provided 3,000 meals.
- Track Rental Update: MSU decided that hosting an autocross was not in their best interest, so other options are being explored.
- Awards Banquet (covered below under Points Director)
- Online Registration: We explored using online registration, but discovered that Simon or Gloria would have to set it up for each event, so impractical to use it for our club events. That said, we may use it for NCCC events.
- June 30th Plans (National Corvette Day). Kyle has offered to take on this event.

6:35 Board Reports:

Secretary:

Tim Wells

- No further additions or corrections were made to the February 2022 board minutes. Motion to approve minutes: Mike Britz, seconded by Tom Faupel, and approved by the majority of the board in attendance.

Treasurer:

Mike Britz

- Mike reported that he had nothing new.

V/P Governor:

Simon Reiffer

- The latest Blue Bars had an article about NCCC's incorporation, which was accomplished through the state of Michigan.
- The official minutes from the most recent Governor's Meeting are not yet available.
- Watch the calendars for upcoming events.
- Regional banquet is on April 16th at Cascades Manor.

Social Director:

Melissa Felts

- No new events as of this meeting.
- There are lots of car shows being scheduled. Gloria adds local car shows to the Event Flyers page under Local/Michigan Corvette Events, when she receives flyers for them. National events are also listed on that page. If a group from our club goes to a show, Melissa will do a sign-up flyer for that event.

Points Director:

Mary Wells

- Five shirts and five duffle bags have been ordered for the top ten.
- Kyle mentioned that he is the Regional Points director, so ask him if you have questions about Regional points.

Board Meeting Minutes

Competition Director: Kevin Mead

- Not present, but reported to Kyle that he is still looking for a venue to hold the low speed event. If one can't be found, may need to substitute the low speed event for rallies, etc.

Editor: Tom Faupe

- Present/No report

Membership Director: Angela Hyde

- The club has 91 members, 2 honorary members, and 31 FCOA.
- Nationally, at the end of 2021, there were 17,789 members in 235 clubs located in 16 regions.

Public Relations Director: Chuck Miller

- Five individuals have signed up for the Vermontville parade and post-dinner. Members can sign-up by contacting Chuck. Last time to sign-up will be at the April Membership Meeting.
- Chuck also mentioned that Kyle's email went into Chuck's spam folder, so members need to be aware of this.

7:00 Appointed Officer Report:

Past President: Bob Maynard

- Not Present/No Report

Photographer: Stella Wood

- Not Present/No Report

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer

- Present/No Report

Facebook Moderator: Dave Voss

- Not present/No report

Zoom Facilitator: Kyle Felts

- Present/No report

Quartermaster: Randy Putmon

- Not present/No report

Sergeant at Arms: Geoffrey Cradit

- Not present/No report

NCM Ambassador: Casey Mulvany

- Present, but no report

Historian: Sue Keith

- Not present/No report

Board Meeting Minutes

Hearts & Flowers: Ann Voss

- Not present/No report

Chaplain: Ward Harris

- Not present/No report

7:10 New Business:

- Sound System Discussion: Kyle is still researching what we need based upon Dave's recommendations.

7:20 Other Business:

- Angela Hyde suggests we have a mock rally for those with no rally experience.
- Angela is also exploring options for some different types of car shows.

7:30 Adjournment at 7:25. Motion by Simon Reiffer, seconded by Melissa Felts.





Capital City Corvette Club



Participation Points as of April 1, 2022

0	Roy Bailey	1	Bill Hass	2	Joe Platte	0	Katherine Twining
0	Dana Beaman	6	Melissa Hass	1	Suzanne Politza	0	Marge VanDyke
3	Sandy Bechtel	0	Skip Herold, Jr.	0	Carl Polomski *	4	Ann Voss
0	Ben Behnke **	0	Skip Herold, III	0	Carolyn Polomski *	4	David Voss
0	Colleen Bratschi	11	Angela Hyde	0	David Pursel	0	Jerry Wardell
0	Rich Bratschi	0	Craig Iansiti	0	Kathryn Pursel	0	Sally Wardell
0	Connie Britz	4	Kim Keith	2	Carol Putmon	2	Robert Watson
7	Mike Britz	7	Sue Keith	8	Randy Putmon	9	Mary Wells
1	Daniel Burk	0	Janet Litrenta	10	Gloria Reiffer	9	Timothy Wells
1	Laura Burk	3	Artie Love	10	Simon Reiffer	0	Christine Wieczorek
5	Geoffrey Cradit	0	Lee MacGillvray **	1	Robert Ribar	0	Thomas Wieczorek
2	Joyce Cradit	6	Bob Maynard	3	Kim Schramm	3	Densel Williams
0	Frederick Darin	3	Shalimar Maynard	0	Ralph Shaheen **	0	Billy Wilson
0	Marlene Darin	0	Brian McKevev	0	Barb Sipka	0	Kelly Wilson
0	Ralph Davis	8	Kevin Mead	0	Thomas Sipka	3	Stella Wood
0	Susan Davis	0	Patricia Mead	0	James Spalding		
2	Art Doty *	0	Linda Michael	0	Robert Spehar		
2	Nancy Doty *	8	Chuck Miller	0	Janet Sprague		
0	Michelle Faupel	2	Diana Mosher	0	Michael Sprague		
8	Tom Faupel	7	Casey Mulvany	3	James Sutherland		
9	Kyle Felts	3	Kim Mulvany	0	Ralph Swan		
8	Melissa Felts	0	Barb Musselman	0	Susan Swan		
0	Cindy Gozalka	0	Steve Musselman	0	Connie Taylor		
0	Norman Gozalka	0	Stanley Olson	0	Thomas Taylor		
0	Jeanne Harris	0	Zola Olson	0	Stephen Toth		
4	Ward Harris	0	Mark Otto	0	Harold Twining		

93 Members

2022 Top Ten

11	Angela Hyde	9	Kyle Felts	8	Tom Faupel	8	Chuck Miller
10	Gloria Reiffer	9	Mary Wells	8	Melissa Felts	8	Randy Putmon
10	Simon Reiffer	9	Timothy Wells	8	Kevin Mead		



* NCCC affiliation is with another Michigan Region Club. ** Honorary Member / Club Liaison.



And the Winner Is

On our way to warmer climates, Kim and I visited the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The introductory film in the theater was new and some of the exhibits had changed. There is always more to learn about Corvettes with interesting displays and interactive features.

After touring the museum, we were browsing in the gift shop when a staff member approached me and asked if I had purchased a raffle ticket for the drawing that was taking place that afternoon. Next, he asked if my husband had bought a ticket. Neither of us had. They needed an impartial person to draw the winning ticket out of the drum. (He may have guessed I was a likely candidate because of the Corvette face mask I was wearing.) I readily agreed to do the honors. I was given specific instructions and a form to sign as a participant in the drawing process. When reaching into the drum I needed to avoid the plastic blades, look to the side so I would not see any of the names and make sure I only had one ticket in my grasp.

They had sold 1861 tickets out of 2000 available for a black 2022 Corvette coupe. The winner was a man from Louisville, KY with ticket number 0724. I announced the winning name and number to the group that had gathered and the staff called him. The winner answered, but initially thought it was a prank call. The museum personnel were able to convince him that this was really happening and he had won a new Corvette!

Being involved in the drawing and knowing that the Corvette went to a person who had never owned one before was a unique, fun and unexpected experience.

Sue Keith

THE C8 CORVETTE STINGRAY IS GETTING MORE EXPENSIVE

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With automobile manufacturers on the trend of increasing prices for their vehicles quite substantially, many no doubt have been wondering how much the 2023 Corvette Stingray would cost, and it seems that the answer to the question is already being communicated with Chevrolet dealers. The Stingray's base price will be increased by \$1,050 for the 2023 model year, bringing the once \$59,995 Corvette to \$63,000. More specifically, \$63,195, which includes the \$1,295 destination charge.

2023 Corvette Stingray: Pricing

With the price increase the 2023 Corvette Stingray models and trims will now carry these prices:

- 1LT Coupe: \$63,195
- 2LT Coupe: \$70,545
- 3LT Coupe: \$75,195
- 1LT Convertible: \$70,745
- 2LT Convertible: \$77,545
- 3LT Convertible: \$82,195



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It's important to note that both the 2LT Coupe and the 1LT Convertible are now starting at over \$70,000. There is also pricing for the new options that will be available for the 2023 Corvette model year. New 20-spoke wheels will be offered in Gloss Black for \$995, Satin Black with the Red Stripe for \$1,495, or the Ultra Bright Machined Face for \$1,995. Notably, there's pricing for the 70th Anniversary Wheel, which means maybe it won't be so exclusive to the upcoming 70th Anniversary Package that will be offered on both the 2023 Stingray and Z06. Additionally, the black NPP exhaust tips will be offered for \$200.

Chevrolet will be pricing the 70th Anniversary Package for an additional \$5,995, and the package does require a 3LT trim. Buyers can also outfit the exclusive Carbon Flash or White Pearl exterior colors with an optional full-length racing stripe for \$995.

Pricing for the Tech Bronze Wheels currently says no extra cost, but that'll likely change at some point since the wheels initially cost \$2695. Inside the 2023 Stingray, the Stealth Aluminum interior trim is priced at \$595 and requires 2LT or 3LT. The dipped adrenaline red interior comes at no additional cost above the 3LT trim package.

Stay tuned for pricing and info on the 2023 Corvette Z06.



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