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THE CONNECTION

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Capital City Corvette Club
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MICHIGAN REGION



August 2025

92 Members
2 Honorary Members
27 FCOA



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Best of the Bowties July 20, 2025



ACTIVITIES FOR AUGUST & BEYOND

- Birch Run Low Speed Auto Cross August 2 & 3
- General Membership Meeting August 6
 - 7:00 PM @ Delhi Cafe
- The Willows Car Show August 14
- Hawaiian Mystery Dinner August 16
- Board Meeting August 20
- NCCC Convention August 17-22
- Corvette Crossroads August 23
- Upcoming Events
 - Shaheen Charity Car Show Sept 14
 - Fall Color Tour Oct ??
 - Bingo at Delta River Senior Village Nov 8

Check out the Events Page on the CCCC Website for more information on upcoming NCCC, Local, Regional, and National Events. [Event Flyers \(cccorvette.org\)](http://cccorvette.org)

2.2 NCCC OFFICIAL FLYER

SANCTION #: MI-003-002/003/004/005/006/007/008

CLUB: Capital City Corvette Club

DATE: August 2, 2025 (Saturday)

SANCTION #: MI-046-001/002/003/004/005/006/007

CLUB: Jackson Corvette Club

DATE: August 3, 2025 (Sunday)

REGISTRATION OPENS: 7:45 am EDT

CLOSES: 9:00 am EDT

DRIVERS MEETING TIME: 9:45 am EDT

FIRST CAR OUT TIME: 10:00 am EDT

TYPE OF EVENT: Low Speed Autocross

14 Event Weekend (7 Saturday / 7 Sunday)

REGION: Michigan Region

ENTRY FEES:

NCCC Members	Non-NCCC
\$80 for 4 events (Sat or Sun)	\$88 4 events (Sat or Sun)
\$140 per day (7 events); or	\$154 per day (7 events); or
\$280 for all 14 events	\$308 for all 14 events
10% Discount for NCCC Rookie Drivers	

LOCATION: Birch Run Speedway

10945 Dixie Hwy – Birch Run, MI 48415



SPEED EVENTS: ☐ HIGH SPEED* ☒ LOW SPEED

EXHAUST: ☐ OPEN ☒ CLOSED

REGISTRATION FORM, LOCATION MAP, AND HOTEL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE OF FLYER.

FOURTEEN EVENT LOW SPEED WEEKEND

Aug 2-3, 2025 (Saturday & Sunday) Rain or Shine

Birch Run Speedway ~ Closed Exhaust

In lieu of awards, a free lunch will be provided for all racers that have registered and paid for four or more events. Restrooms are available at track.

*** LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED FOR WORKERS. ***

YOU MUST ORDER AND PRE-PAY AT REGISTRATION, BY 10:00 AM, TO BE INCLUDED.

Helmet Required – SNELL certified SA, SAH, M, or EA only – Less than 10-yr's old and in good condition.

Non-NCCC Members are not covered by NCCC Insurance.

Electric Cars Not Allowed per Speedway Policy.

CCCC COMPETITION DIRECTOR/CHAIR:

NAME: Kevin Mead

PHONE: (517) 285-7814

EMAIL: kmead8668@gmail.com

Co-Chair: Kyle Felts

PHONE: (865) 924-5685

EMAIL: screaming_yellow_gt@yahoo.com



CCCC GOVERNOR:

NAME: Simon Reiffer

EMAIL: imnomis@yahoo.com

JCC COMPETITION DIRECTOR/CHAIR:

NAME: Deb Corbin

PHONE: Contact Kevin Mead or Kyle Felts
after 07/25/2025



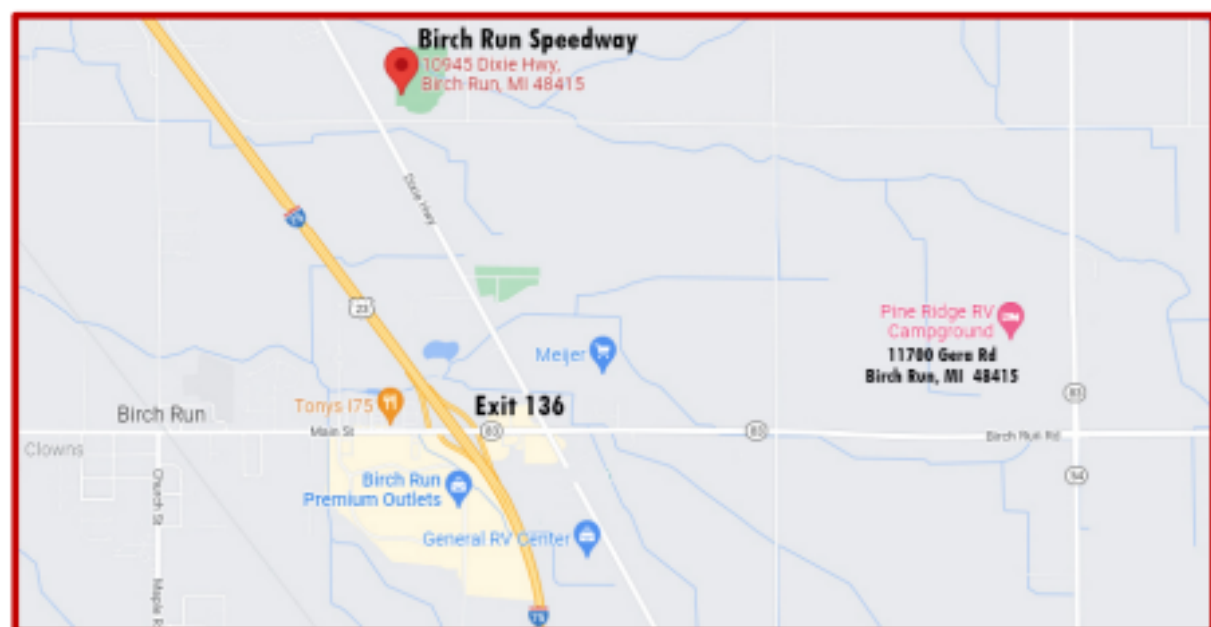
JCC GOVERNOR:

NAME: Stephen Massie

PHONE: Contact Kevin Mead or Kyle Felts

Non-NCCC member participants, workers and spectators are not covered by NCCC insurance.

For the safety of participants and workers, Capital City and Jackson Corvette Clubs will follow all local Health Board recommendations in effect at time of the event. Please be prepared to wear a face covering, social distance, and use sanitizer if the CDC requires it.





Frankenmuth is a Michigan tourist attraction close to Birch Run Premium Outlet Mall.

There are many lodging choices near the Speedway and in Frankenmuth.

America's Best Value Phone: 989.624.4440 (1.4m) * Fairfield Inn & Suites Phone: 989.652.5000 (6.5m)
 Best Western Plus Phone: 989.624.9395 (1.4m) * Holiday Inn Express Phone: 989.624.9300 (1.4m)

Self Contained Camping outside of the Speedway Gates is allowed. The Speedway Gates will be locked at night.

Walmart Supercenter (11493 N. Linden Road, Clio) offers free overnight parking for self-contained RVs. (7.3 miles)

Name: _____ Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____ Car Make/Model: _____ Year: _____ Color: _____ NCCC #: _____ Car #: _____ NCCC Club: _____ Speed Event Class: _____	<p>Make check payable to: Capital City Corvette Club</p> <p>Mail check and registration to: Kevin Mead Capital City Corvette Club PO Box 27295 Lansing, MI 48909</p> <div style="text-align: center;">   </div>
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NCCC Members	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Both Days	Amount Enclosed
\$80 (4 events)	\$140 (7 events)	\$140 (7 events)	\$280 (all 14 events)	\$
Non-NCCC	<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday	<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday	<input type="checkbox"/> Both Days	Amount Enclosed
\$88 (4 events)	\$154 (7 events)	\$154 (7 events)	\$308 (all 14 events)	\$

The Willows at East Lansing

Car Show

AUGUST 14, 2025

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

YOU'RE INVITED TO A FUNDRAISER FOR THE ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION !

Vegas-Themed Car Show! Rev up your engines and join us for a fun-filled, Vegas-inspired car show the whole family will enjoy! What Expect: Classic & Custom Cars, Live Entertainment, Delicious Food & Refreshments, Face Painting, and, Bounce House. Come for the cars, stay for the fun!



INFO FOR CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB MEMBERS

We will caravan from the Meijer parking lot (1350 W Lake Lansing Rd) at 5:00 pm to park together at The Willows.

Sign up at the August 6 meeting, or email Simon at 4c.board@ccc Corvette.org.

We will let The Willows know how many Corvettes to expect from the club.

3500 Coolidge Road | East Lansing, MI 48823

517-203-4042 | willowsateastlansing.com | f

Suggested donation of at least \$10.00 per person to help raise funds for The Walk to End Alzheimer's.



THE WILLOWS
AT EAST LANSING

A Trilogy Senior Living Community

Hawaiian Mystery Dinner



Celebrating National Hawaiian Shirt Day!

Date: Saturday, August 16, 2025

Departure Time: 3:15 p.m.

from Family Farm and Home
1658 Lansing Road, Charlotte
(located behind Team One Chevrolet)

Arrival: Approximately 4:00 p.m. The restaurant location is a secret, sealed up tight. You will receive a panic sheet. If the seal hasn't been broken, you will be entered in a drawing.

Dress Code: Think palm trees, pineapples, and bold Hawaiian prints—grass skirts and leis are optional!

Sign-up: There will be a sign-up sheet at the August Membership Meeting.

Questions: Remember, the destination is a mystery but you can contact Angela with any other questions you might have at 4c.membership@ccc Corvette.org





MACKINAW CITY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



Crossroads!

SATURDAY August 23:

Corvette Crossroads Show

Time: 10:00am – 3:00pm *(we plan to arrive early as a club)*

Straits State Harbor on South Huron Ave.

Corvette Parade: 6:00pm Staging at Odawa

Casino (1080 S Nicolet St. Mackinaw City, MI 49701)

DINNER 8:00pm: TBD

Address: 201 S Huron Ave. Mackinaw City, MI 49701

Agenda:

THURSDAY August 21:

Depart from: **Clark Corners – Dewitt**

Time: 10:00am

Address: 1161 Clark Rd. Dewitt, MI 48820

Lunch Stop: Shakers – Houghton Lake/Prudenville

Address: 1581 W Houghton Lake Dr. Prudenville, MI 48651

Dinner: *Planning for our annual Beach Picnic @ the Beachcomber - TBD*

Time: 6:00pm

FRIDAY August 22:

Event: Lunch in Paradise, and then Whitefish Point

Time: 10:30am

(Depart from the Beachcomber Motel)

Lunch: Little Falls Inn *(8112 M-123, Paradise, MI)*

Dinner: Open

Contact: Dave Voss
dkvoss7@gmail.com
248.705.9930

7th Annual Shaheen Chevrolet Car Show



In Partnership with the Capital City Corvette Club

Benefiting 'The Davies Project'

"Providing reliable transportation for seriously ill children and pregnant women to essential healthcare"



Sunday, September 14th • 9 AM

- Gates Open: 9 am. Car Show Closes at 2 pm.
- \$20 Cash Entrance Fee For Vehicles on Display. Free to Public.
- All Vehicles Welcome & Open To The Public.
- Judging & Trophies (CCCC vehicles will not be judged).
- Food Trucks & Door Prizes
- WITL Truck, Live DJ & League of Enchantment Super Heroes
- Insurance waiver must be signed by all participants. Non-NCCC members are not covered by NCCC insurance. MI-003-N02
- Questions? Email: carshow@ccc Corvette.org



For event information, please visit:
www.shaheenchevrolet.com/carshow

Or Scan the
QR Code!



632 American Road in Lansing, MI • ShaheenChevrolet.com • 517.394.0330

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Robert Watson
August 2

Ronald Spitler
August 16



Stella Wood
August 4



Erick Pardo
August 17



Harold Twining
August 6



Daniel Baxendale
August 28



Laurie Nelson
August 6



Brian McKeve
August 29



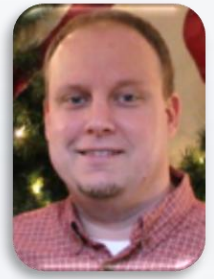
Ann Voss
August 31

Welcome Our New Member

Daniel Baxendale
he lives in Lansing and
drives a 1991 Polo Green
Corvette Coupe



President's Page



Members,

August is shaping up to be a full-throttle month for Corvette fun, and #54 is ready to make the loop. The schedule kicks off with our club's low-speed autocross the first weekend in Birch Run. If you haven't come out to watch or volunteer before, this is a great one to dip your toe in the water. It's a relaxed event and a good chance to see our members in action, pushing their cars and themselves to improve with every run.

After that, I'll be heading out to the NCCC National Convention in the Wisconsin Dells. That means I'll be taking the long way around south and west around Chicago, then turning north into Wisconsin. It's always a long haul, but the Convention is a unique mix of competition, Corvette community, and some good old-fashioned fun. I'm excited to represent our club and connect with members from across the country. If you're also attending, don't be a stranger, track me down and say hello.

Once Convention wraps up, I'll be pointing #54 north again, heading through the U.P. and on to Mackinaw City for the annual Corvette Crossroads event. That's one of those trips that reminds you why you drive a Corvette in the first place: beautiful roads, great people, and the feeling of being part of something a little bigger than yourself. Except I will trailer mine because, racecar, but you should definitely drive your Corvette.

Then it's south again, back to Lansing and (hopefully) a chance to sit still for a bit.

Whether you're racing, road-tripping, or just getting ice cream in your Corvette this month, I hope you'll take advantage of the weather and make some memories. It's also a good time to wear your club gear and talk us up to other Corvette owners you meet along the way. Events like these are where connections are made and our club grows stronger.

We're also entering the back stretch of our calendar, so don't forget, fall brings elections, our Color Tour, and some last chances to get out with the club before the season winds down. If you've ever thought about helping out, now's a great time to jump in. Fresh faces and new ideas always help us keep rolling.

We will be needing members to step into officer roles for the coming year. If you've enjoyed being a part of this club, consider helping shape its future. Whether you're a long-time member or new to the group, your voice and effort matter, and we'd love to have you on the team.

Remember to wave,

**Kyle Felts
President
Capital City Corvette Club**

2025 CLUB OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Kyle
Felts



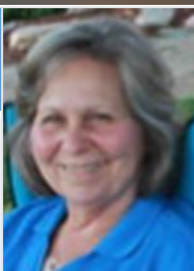
GOVERNOR/VP

Simon
Reiffer



SECRETARY

Melissa
Hass



TREASURER

James
Sutherland



SOCIAL DIRECTOR

Roy
Bailey



COMPETITION DIRECTOR

Kevin
Mead



MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR

Angela
Hyde



POINTS DIRECTOR

Kim
Keith



NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Tom
Faupel



PR DIRECTOR

Shelby
Schittenhelm



2025 APPOINTED OFFICERS

CHAPLAIN

Ward
Harris



HEARTS & FLOWERS

Ann
Voss



HISTORIAN

Sue
Keith



NCM AMBASSADOR

Casey
Mulvany



PHOTOGRAPHER

Stella
Wood



QUARTERMASTER

Randy
Putmon



SERGEANT AT ARMS

Geofrey
Cradit



WEBMASTER

Gloria
Reiffer



PAST PRESIDENT

Bob
Maynard



FACEBOOK MODERATOR

Dave
Voss



Membership Meeting Minutes

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING July 2, 2025 - Delhi Café & Zoom

7:00 Call to Order: Kyle Felts, President

- Thanks to Chuck, Bob, Angela, Kim, Sue and all that helped with the Blessings event.
- Thanks to Bob for organizing the drive to the VFW National Home 100 Anniversary Celebration and car show. And, thanks to all that attended.
- Thanks to everyone that came out for the National Corvette Day drive and dine.
- Friday June 27th was also National drive your Corvette to work day.
- Thank you to everyone that attended the 7 Sanction Car Show put on by the Calhoun County Corvette Club.
- Ed Thomas, one of our members, has received over 1,000 subscribers on his YouTube channel, this will allow him to receive money for his YouTube channel.
- In the mail we received an invitation from Chula Vista in the Wisconsin Dells for their Fall Corvette Adventures, September 12-14, 2025.

Secretary: Melissa Hass

- Approval for June minutes: motion by Sue Keith; seconded by Tom Faupel and approved by the majority of the members in attendance.

Treasurer: James Sutherland

- Books are balanced and all bills are paid.

V/P Governor: Simon Reiffer

- The Region meeting will be here July 15. All changes will go into effect September 1, 2025.
- Kyle added that there will probably be an increase in the annual NCCC dues. Also, there has been a change in the youth waiver.

Points Director: Kim Keith

- Points are up to date as of 6/24. Everything that I have received since then will be updated this evening.
- We need to have waivers signed by everyone that attends an event. Even some of us are failing to do that.

Competition Director: Kevin Mead

- Absent, no report.

Editor: Tom Faupel

- I hope everyone received their newsletter.
- Thank you to Sue and Angela for their articles.
- There is a signup sheet on the table for the Best of the Bowties on July 20th.

Membership Meeting Minutes

Membership Director: **Angela Hyde**

- We have 92 members, 5 lifetime members, 2 honorary members, and 27 FCOA.
- Welcome to Daniel Baxendale, he is our newest member, and this is his first meeting.
- I will be altering the timing of dues renewal this year because they are voting on a dues increase in September. Dues will probably increase: \$15 for primary member and \$5 for spouse/companion. I will start collecting them on 10/1/25.
- If you are thinking of getting a lifetime membership, now is the time to do it. To avoid paying the increased amount, you will need to purchase your lifetime membership before the end of August.
- There is no limit on the number of articles you submit to the newsletter, but you can only get 12 points per year and it is 2 points per article.
- Angela received an award at the VFW National Home car show. She was the only Corvette to receive an award.

Social Director: **Roy Bailey**

- Absent, no report.
- Birthday treats were handed out.

Public Relations Director: **Shelby Schittenhelm**

- Absent, no report.

Appointed Officer Report:

Past President: **Bob Maynard**

- Thank you to everyone that attended the 100 year celebration at the VFW National Home. They had a lineup of people and organizations making donations, it was nice to watch. Everyone from the club that was there got up on stage with me to present them with our check.

Photographer: **Stella Wood**

- Absent, no report.

Webmaster: **Gloria Reiffer**

- Gloria would appreciate it if someone notices an error on the website, that they contact her so it can be corrected.

Facebook Moderator: **Dave Voss**

- Nothing new to report.
- Crossroads signup sheet is on the table. We will be meeting again at Clark Corners on 8/21. We will have lunch in Houghton and hopefully we can have our cookout Thursday night. Friday we will be doing lunch in Paradise and then heading to Whitefish Point. And of course Saturday is the show.

Zoom Facilitator: **Kyle Felts**

- Our camera is no longer working. There are a couple of options we can go with.

Quartermaster: **Randy Putmon**

- Nothing new to report.

Sergeant at Arms: **Geofrey Cradit**

- Nothing new to report.

Membership Meeting Minutes

NCM Ambassador:

Casey Mulvany

- We received an invitation from the National Corvette Museum for the Class of 2025 Hall of Fame. The ceremony is for the induction of Kim Baker, Chuck Jordan, and Charley & Jim Robertson. This will be on Friday, August 29, 2025 in Bowling Green. If anyone is interested in attending please get ahold of me.
- Assembly plant tours are back on for the weeks of 8/11, 8/25 and 11/10. You can register and purchase your tour tickets online.
- If you are a member of the NCM, they belong to the North American Reciprocal Museum Association. This means if you are planning a visit to any other museum that belongs to the NARM, you can get in for free. We are attending the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame this weekend and our entrance fee is waived because we are members of the NCM.

Historian:

Sue Keith

- Nothing new to report.

Hearts and Flowers:

Ann Voss

- I will be sending our cards soon to our members that are not feeling well.

Chaplain:

Ward Harris

- Absent, no report.

New Business:

- We made \$1,420 from the Blessings event and we voted at the Board meeting to round it up to \$1,500 for the VFW National Home. The check was presented at their celebration on 6/28.
- Please keep Ward Harris and Chuck Miller in your thoughts and prayers.
- A discussion was had about a new Zoom camera. A motion was made by Bob Maynard to purchase the camera that was \$125. Seconded by Susie Politza and approved by the majority of members in attendance.
- The EzUp canopy was discussed along with the idea of getting one that might attach to the side of our trailer. The EzUp, 10x20 canopy with our logo will run about \$1,300. We will need to check further into the trailer canopy, pricing and to see if it is possible. This will be tabled for now.

Other Business:

- We are still working on being able to receive electronic payments.
- Eric is working on an idea for sponsors for the Shaheen Car Show. He has had some interest from a few vendors/businesses that are willing to be sponsors and present trophies for the Show.
- We are in need of door prizes for the Shaheen Car Show.
- Angela suggested that CCCC members should refrain from wearing clothing from other clubs at CCCC events.

Adjournment at 8:20. Motion to adjourn by Simon Reiffer; seconded by Carolyn Polomski and approved by the majority of members present.

Board Meeting Minutes

CAPITAL CITY CORVETTE CLUB

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 16, 2024 - Delhi Café & ZOOM

6:30 Call to Order: Kyle Felts, President

- We received the Corvette Magazine. I'm not finished reading it, but I will bring it to the August Membership meeting for anyone that would like to read it.
- We received a flyer from Lakeshore Corvette Club for the annual St. Jude Drive. This is a drive to support the kids of St. Jude. Jennifer Wiegers would like to come to one of our meetings and tell us about it.
- We received a solitation from Greater Lansing Food Bank.
- We received our bank statement.

Board Reports:

Secretary: Melissa Hass

- Minutes were previously approved.

Treasurer: James Sutherland

- All the bills are paid, and the books are balanced.

V/P Governor: Simon Reiffer

- Last night the Region Meeting was held here at Delhi. Increasing the dues was discussed. The proposed increase is \$15 for the primary member and \$5 for the secondary member. It will be voted on in September. Dues have not been raised since 1986.
- We discussed the timing equipment and that members need to learn to use it.
- The Governor's Meeting is on the same weekend as the Shaheen show. Gloria and I will be attending the Governor's meeting.

Points Director: Kim Keith

- Points are up to date as of 7/12, for everything that I have received. If anyone has anything, please forward it to me.

Competition Director: Kevin Mead

- I only have one more thing to arrange for the Birch Run Event, securing the cones.
- Angela will be doing registration and printing off waivers for the Event.
- Meals will be \$15, the same as last year. It is a little bit more, but people really seem to enjoy being able to have a meal at the restaurant and relaxing a little.
- The cost to run the Birch Run Event is more than other events. We really need to generate some more interest in this Event. We also need to discuss if we want to continue with an autocross event each year or do something else in its place.
- The track at Livonia cost \$1,200 per day. However, they get so many people they have to turn them away. Owosso may be an option we can look into.
- We need to look into some type of advertisement to reach more people. We need a minimum of 20 people to break even. Hagerty's might be the best option. It is a paid platform but they do reach a lot of people.

Board Meeting Minutes

Editor: Tom Faupel

- I have received a few articles for the newsletter and also the election information from Sue.
- If anyone has anything else, please have it to me by 7/27.

Social Director: Roy Bailey

- I haven't seen any new flyers. It seems everything is going good.

Membership Director: Angela Hyde

- We currently have 92 members, 2 honorary, 27 FCOA and 5 lifetime members.
- If anyone is thinking of getting a lifetime membership, now is the time to do it.
- Since they are voting on raising dues early in September, I will not start taking money for dues until 9/12. The deadline for renewals will be at the November Membership Meeting, 11/5.
- I am currently working on the Christmas party with Kim and Casey, we will be holding it at the Senior Center in Charlotte.

Public Relations Director: Shelby Schittenhelm

- I am still continuing to look into online banking for the Club. If someone has a Venmo account, we could use that, but the transactions wouldn't be as "clean" as they would be if the Club had their own.
- Tom has an old phone number that we may be able to use, we will look into setting that up for online payments.
- Bob's PDR has changed their name and has also moved locations, not sure where they are located now.

Appointed Officer Report:

Past President: Bob Maynard

- Nothing new to report.

Photographer: Stella Wood

- Absent, no report.

Webmaster: Gloria Reiffer

- Absent, no report.

Facebook Moderator: Dave Voss

- Absent, no report.

Zoom Facilitator: Kyle Felts

- Zoom is working better with the borrowed camera. I will be ordering our new camera soon.

Quartermaster: Randy Putman

- I measured the trailer's height and length. It is just not tall enough to mount an awning on the side of it.

Board Meeting Minutes

- If we had a 10x20 canopy, it would take at least 6 people to put it up and take it down.
- Due to the cost, we could use what we have for now and discuss replacing them in the future. We only use the canopys about 3 times a year.

Sergeant at Arms: Geoffrey Cradit

- Absent, no report.

NCM Ambassador: Casey Mulvany

- Absent, no report.

Historian: Sue Keith

- I have sent a list to Tom for the newsletter on the members who are eligible to be nominated for President.

Hearts & Flowers: Ann Voss

- Absent, no report.

Chaplain: Ward Harris

- Absent, no report.

New Business:

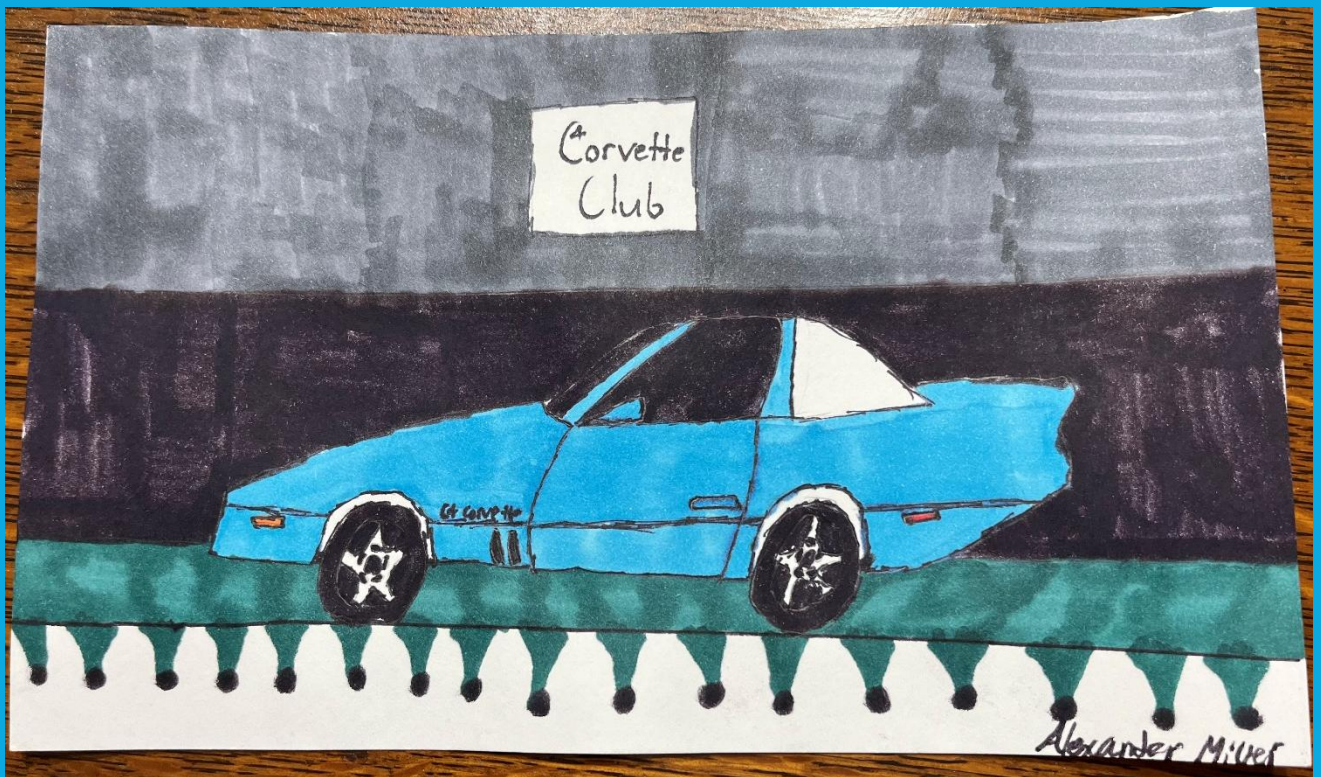
- Kyle has taken the timing equipment and computer for the Birch Run Event home to “play” with and see how it is working. Randy will take the equipment to his house and before the Event, we will schedule a night for a run through. The bulk of the work will be done on the laptop at registration.
- Carl and Carolyn plan on attending Birch Run and they are familiar with running the timing equipment.
- We need to purchase a cable for the speakers so they can be spread farther apart. We can add 100 feet for less than \$100.
- A motion was made by Simon to purchase a new cable. Seconded by Kevin and approved by the Board members that were present.

Other Business:

- Kevin made a suggestion that we should ask everyone to sign up for the electronic copy of Blue Bars.
- Eric’s idea of paid sponsorships for the Shaheen Show has been doing well. Hopefully we will get as good of a turnout this year and we did last year.
- Kyle still needs to get the Turkey Award engraved.
- There are elected positions open for Regional Officers as well as National Officers. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the senior officers in CCCC.
- Next year’s Regional Banquet is coming up again. Clubs must commit by the September Region Meeting. If you need to pay for a venue, ticket prices will be a minimum of \$60 per person.
- Shelby said the cost to use the REO Museum for an event is \$700 and that includes tables and chairs. You would still have to have it catered.
- Tom reminded everyone that this Sunday, 7/20, is the Best of the Bowties. We will be meeting at Charlotte Walmart, caravan leaving at 7:45am.

7:45 Motion for adjournment made by Simon, seconded by Kevin and approved by members in attendance.

FCOA



Painting done by our FCOA member Alexander Miller (Chuck Miller's Grandson)



Seeing our Corvette in a whole new way

We know all of you love your Corvettes as much as Tom and I love ours. However, we gained an entirely new appreciation for these remarkable cars while visiting family in Tennessee last month. Our nephew Mark is an accomplished engineer with 57 patents in his name, all this and he is blind. Mark loves Corvettes.

It was the best experience ever when Mark asked for a ride in our 2020 C8. Driving, I gained a deeper appreciation for the engineering that went into these exceptional sports cars as Mark would describe to me what he was hearing and sensing as we rounded curves on perfect Corvette roads in Fairfield Glades, Tennessee.

There are no words to explain the feeling we had watching Mark “see” the Corvette by running his hands over its beautiful lines. He “saw” the curves and vents, the striping, the amazing C8 console... the entire car! Mark explained everything his touch was “showing” him, and it made our Corvette even more special than it was the day we drove it off Shaheen’s lot.

Tom and Chris Wieczorek



CCCC EVENTS

What's a club without events? An inactive club!!!

That of course, is what 4C's is not!! We are far from being an inactive club! We don't just plan one type of event! We plan a variety of events, because of the members' variety of interests. The club is always looking for members interested in planning an event.

It can be anything from a simple breakfast, lunch or dinner at your favorite restaurant to a rallye, funkhana, game day, euchre night, poker run or even a cookout or picnic or an ice cream run, weekend getaway, bowling, miniature golf or color tour. Or any combination of the above mentioned! These are just a few ideas!

The possibilities are endless and anyone in the club is welcome to plan an event. If you can dream it up, with a little imagination and planning, it can be done. Driving our vette and anything to do with food, we're all happy!

Speaking of color tours, it's time again, members should be thinking about possibly volunteering to plan the club's color tour this year. It doesn't have to be anything fancy. Just a drive and lunch or dinner at your favorite restaurant or trip to a local cider mill for an afternoon, OH YEAH....did I mention a trip for ice cream! We've been to Hell, Michigan and back several times, but that's not to say we wouldn't go again! Going to Hell is always a good time! LOL!! We've been to different cider mills, wineries, and ice cream parlors. Just plan on some curvy and hilly roads and members are happy!

If you're interested in planning an event, but don't know where to start, contact our club Social Director, Roy Bailey. Roy can help plan an event, starting with finding a date on the club calendar that works.

There are several members willing to step up and help plan an event too. Don't hesitate to ask.

I know members are busy these days, but don't forget when an event is planned to show your support by attending the event. It's a positive thing when there is a good turnout of members for events.

So, think about planning an event for the club to do and/or attending an event when you can!

See you at the next event!

Save the Wave!

Angela



Zora Arkus-Duntov's Only Corvette, Fully Preserved, to Debut at National Corvette Museum's 31st Anniversary

After a meticulous, multi-year preservation effort, the only Corvette ever owned by Zora Arkus-Duntov—the legendary “Godfather of the Corvette”—will make its public debut during the National Corvette Museum’s 31st Anniversary Celebration, August 28–30, 2025.

Zora’s personal 1974 custom two-tone blue Corvette Stingray, a retirement gift from Chevrolet, has been preserved with precision by the Museum’s Collections and Preservation team. The body was carefully separated from the chassis, allowing complete access to the frame, suspension, and underbody. Each component was documented, cleaned, stabilized, and reinstalled to ensure its authenticity. Even the creased leather armrest on the driver’s side—worn from years of Zora’s elbow resting as he drove—was intentionally left untouched.

“This car represents Corvette history in its purest form,” said Robert Maxhimer, Director of Curatorial Affairs and Education at the National Corvette Museum.

“Preserving Zora’s personal Corvette is the first of many in-depth preservation projects that will ensure our collection lasts for generations.”

Zora Arkus-Duntov, inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 1998, played a pivotal role in elevating the Corvette into a world-class performance vehicle. His personal 1974 Corvette Stingray features a 454 big block engine, automatic transmission, air conditioning, power steering and brakes, and aluminum wheels.

Originally silver, then later painted green, the car eventually received its iconic custom two-tone blue livery when Zora asked a friend for a new paint job. The final result, including his initials “ZAD” on the doors, was a surprise—but one Zora appreciated. His wife, Elfi, marked the occasion with a painting of Zora standing beside the car. A decal reading “Zora Arkus-Duntov Engineering Center” remains on the rear deck, serving as a subtle tribute to his legacy.

The preservation will be the centerpiece of a reimagined Corvette Hall of Fame exhibition, launching during the Anniversary weekend. Attendees will enjoy exclusive insights into the restoration process through expert-led sessions featuring the Museum’s new generation of preservation professionals.

The National Corvette Museum’s 31st Anniversary Celebration takes place August 28–30, 2025, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.



Tech Corner: Replacing the A/C Belt on a 2001 C5 Corvette

Field-Tested & Written by Kyle Felts, Capital City Corvette Club President

When a faint squeak under the hood caught my attention, I did the usual test — a quick mist of water on the serpentine belt while the engine was running. The noise changed, confirming the culprit: worn-out accessory belts. What followed was a quick but satisfying garage session replacing both the **6-rib main belt** and the **4-rib A/C belt** — all **without removing the airbox**.

Tools & Parts Used:

Tool	Purpose
QuickJack 6000TL	Car lift – increased access and comfort
15mm wrench	For A/C belt tensioner (below)
15mm socket + ratchet	For serpentine tensioner (above)
Flathead screwdriver	Belt guiding (if needed)
Murray K040420	A/C belt (4-rib) – from O’Reilly Auto Parts
Continental 4060798 / 6PK2025	Serpentine belt (6-rib) – source unknown

Belt System Overview:

- **Outer belt (6-rib):** Alternator, power steering, water pump
 - **Inner belt (4-rib):** A/C compressor
Each has its own spring-loaded tensioner
-

Photo Log:

Old 4-rib Belt:

The root of the squeak — starting to chunk and crack:



Tight Clearance View:

This view shows the tight space between the crank pulley, frame rail, and steering rack—key for threading the Alternator belt, a little twist to flatten the belt to get between the rack and the pulley:



Step-by-Step Process

1. Diagnosis

- Squeak noticed under load
- Sprayed light water on belt — pitch changed → belt slipping or dry

2. Lift the Car

- Raised the C5 on my **QuickJack 6000TL**
- Full underbody access and a better working angle up top

3. Remove the 6-Rib Belt

- Used **15mm socket and ratchet from above**
- Rotated tensioner **clockwise** (as viewed from front)
- Carefully twisted the belt to sneak it between the frame rail and crank pulley

4. Remove the 4-Rib A/C Belt

- Accessed the tensioner **from below** with a 15mm **wrench**
- Also rotated clockwise to release tension
- Routing the new belt required working **by feel** — visibility is limited
- A **helper is nice** to hold tension, but solo is manageable with patience
- Be careful not to drop the belt behind the crank pulley — it's a tight area to recover from

5. Reinstall Both Belts

- A/C belt first
- Alternator belt second
- Took a few adjustments to make sure both were fully seated in their grooves

6. Final Test

- Started the car and checked belt tracking
- Ran A/C and verified smooth operation — no noise, no drama

Final Tips:

- **You don't need to remove the airbox** — it's tight, but doable from above and below with basic tools
- The spray water trick is great for identifying belt squeal
- Consider replacing both belts together — they age out at the same pace
- A helper's hand is useful during routing, but not required
- Watch for the belt falling behind the crank pulley — it's annoying to retrieve in tight quarters

Wrap-Up:

This kind of hands-on maintenance keeps your C5 reliable, and connects you to the car in a way no shop receipt ever could. Whether it's the belts, brakes, or bushings, these projects are a great way to gain confidence and save money.



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