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announcements

Rumor has it that the November membership meeting includes food. Great... need something to stretch my stomach in preparation for Thanksgiving!!

We have 104 "like" on Facebook... can we get to 125? Tell your FB friends...

RSVP to Pat Jutras for January 2011 annual banquet



CCM's Les Stanford representative

Gary Claudio, 248-807-8061, gman3081@comcast.net

join us

General membership meetings are held at 7:30pm on the 4th Wednesday of January to November at our sponsor:



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Seen @ tables throughout America

Jan 15, 2011, Banquet

June 2011, National Convention in IL... make your plans now to join the rest of us.



president'sreport

Nominations for 2011 officers closed at the November Board of Directors meeting and the "elected" officers for next year are:

President: Mary Wentzel

Vice-President: Glenn Grace

Treasurer: Ted Hou

Recording Secretary: Pat Jutras

Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Bannister

1st year Board reps:

Diane Watson

Brett Watson

Paul Yuska

Jerry Burton of Corvette Quarterly fame made a presentation at our Oct meeting. His new book was not yet available but we can take orders in time for Christmas purchase at a discount to us for \$25, autographed. The book is an updated version of his first book. If you'd like a copy contact [Mary](#). Jerry will not be at the November meeting but we will have pre-ordered and pre-paid books for you.

Speaking of the November meeting, new member Donald Pal has offered to provide chicken and coleslaw that evening. Show up hungry. We may start early because of the food offer.

In my last report I said:

Our Annual Awards Banquet is coming in early January. This special occasion is open to all members and the cost is highly subsidized by your club. Dinner, door prizes, dancing and friendship. Put it on your calendar and look for ticket info to come. BANQUET: JANUARY 15, 2011!!!!!!!!!!!!

Well, since then, highly subsidized has turned into **FREE** with a cash bar. See the flyer in this issue. FREE to CCM members and \$34 (still subsidized) to all guests. If your spouse is not a member they will pay the guest price, unless you make them a member before the Banquet, hint, hint.

Bruce

Soon to be Past President



membershipreport

While we are in the midst of membership renewals, which are going well as of this writing, we do have a couple new members to welcome. First, coming to the club from Centerline with a 2002 coupe is Donald Pal. And joining as Associate members, first with Jim McLaughlin is Ellen McLaughlin and Jacob Dzurnak. Second, another Associate to Dyan Janowitz is Crystal Janowitz, and another Associate, my wife, Jill Rees. Welcome all!

I do want to take a moment and thank all of you on your renewals to CCM, they have gone very well and it looks like we will only be losing a few members. We regret your departure and hope you will re-join us sometime in the near future.

Being that we are getting into the cold and not-so-nice part of our season here in Michigan, there is not much to report in the way of any Corvette shows. Although the dates have been set for both of the shows that CCM is involved with. Our own 15th Annual Corvette Encounter will be held on Saturday June 11, 2011 and the Motor City Corvette Concours will be held on Saturday September 24, 2011. Mark your calendars!

I also would like to thank Chuck and Sharon Fast, who recently took delivery of a new 2011 ZR1 at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. Chuck and Sharon were joined by several members and friends of both CCM and Corvette Legends Club for the big event. A total of eleven Corvettes caravanned south for what was a great time. It was the first time I had been to the museum since the expansion and it is really something to see. Last time I was there the plant tour was not running, so seeing the assembly of our favorite sports car this time was a first for me. The workers at Bowling Green Assembly take great pride in their work and it is obvious in the final product. A spirited road tour of about 40 or so miles was also run on Monday afternoon which was quite a bit of fun and coming back in the dark turned out to be even more of a blast! In addition, a granite bench was dedicated at the museum in the memory of Kim Fast. It is truly a beautiful tribute to her.

The ride home was a bit of a challenge as well, that was the day of the BIG wind storms and we did get caught in some heavy downpours and heavy winds. Unfortunately Chuck's new car did get a little dirty! I guess that's about all for now. I'd like to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, and don't eat TOO much turkey. Remember, stay informed and stay involved.

“Ignite the Passion”

“Save the Wave”

Jim Rees,

CCM Membership Director



The 2010 Detroit Council Champ Autocross series has come to an end. CCM hosted the final round on October 10th at the Poletown lot under sunny skies and ideal competition conditions.

Special recognition needs to be accorded to CCM drivers who have captured individual honors.

For 2010, the following CCM drivers took home class championships:

Fred King won the AMR class, in his '70 coupe.

Paul Yuska is the TSS champion, driving his '04 Commemorative Edition Z06.

David Orton won the TAS class, in his red '00 coupe.

Brandon Lincoln, in a Chevrolet HHR, took the TGS class.

Chris MacKay is the SS class winner, in his '08 Z51.

Bill Rietow, making a return to Council competition, won the BS class in his '88 Z51 coupe.

Ted Godett won the ASP class in his black C5 Z05.

Chris Scafero repeats as the BSP class champion in his silver C3.

Rhonda Kralemann is the TASL class champion in a red '00 coupe.

Mary Wentzel is the BSPL class champion, in the blue/white/checkered C4.

In the team championship competition, CCM Duntov captured the third place position for the year. This team featured Bruce Wentzel, Chris Scafero, Chris MacKay, Brandon Lincoln, and Ted Godett as the team members.

For the overall driver's title, Tom Frecentese, in a black '96 coupe, was our top placed driver, finishing sixth overall.

To all these drivers, congratulations and thanks for representing our club!

Hopefully Council leadership will be getting together shortly to start discussions and planning for the 2011 season. As always, if you have any questions or comments, give me a call or drop me an e-mail!

Respectfully submitted,

Al Chan

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Bob McDorman to Auction Corvette Collection

Long-time Museum supporter Bob McDorman is known in the Corvette world for his massive collection of unique cars, and on Saturday, November 6 the remaining 150 cars of his collection will go up for sale through Mecum Auctions.

This once-in-a-lifetime auction will feature Chevrolets produced as early as 1915 and will include the world's most complete Corvette collection, as well as neon signs, memorabilia and vintage parts all gathered over the years by Bob. Among the cars to be sold are 11 serial #1 Corvettes, Bunkie Knudsen's 1963 Sting Ray, plus many celebrity cars.



The Bob McDorman collectible catalog will be available for all those who pre-register to bid before October 15th or contact Mecum to purchase a copy. It will also be downloadable at www.mecum.com.

The Mecum McDorman Auction takes place at Bob McDorman Chevrolet, 5885 Gender Road, Canal Winchester, OH 43110. Auction previews run Friday, November 5 from 8am-5pm. The memorabilia sale begins Saturday, November 6 at 10am with vehicles selling at noon.

Corvette Racing Scores a Win

Corvette Racing concluded its first full season in the ultra-competitive GT2 category with a victory in the 13th running of Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta. Going into the final lap, the No. 4 Compuware Corvette C6.R driven by Oliver Gavin was trailing Toni Vilander in the class-leading No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari by 10 seconds. Gavin then raced across the finish line 5.763 seconds ahead of the runner-up No. 01 Ferrari of Dominick Farnbacher.



Corvette Racing returned to the ALMS winner's circle for the first time since its inaugural GT2 win at Mosport International Raceway in August 2009.

"Louis Chevrolet's motto was 'Never give up!' and I think those words are very fitting tonight," said Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan. "This race came right down to the last lap, but we never gave up, and we stuck to our plan. We're back!"

Two More Caravan Captains Added

Two new captains have been added to the list of caravan leaders, and for the first time, we will have an official caravan from Canada. We are excited to have our neighbors from north of the border joining us in this capacity.

FLORIDA- Carrie Sue DeLeon- Sunrise, FL
SW ONTARIO,CAN- Joe Truscott-Hamilton,Ont.Can.

Welcome aboard and thank you for serving!

Joe Thomas



meetingminutes

CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN, GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

October 27, 2010

A meeting of the General Membership of the Corvette Club of Michigan was held on Wednesday, October 27, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 7:52 by President Bruce Wentzel. Roy Thayer will be selling the 50-50 tickets.

PROGRAM: Gary Claudio introduced Jerry Burton who talked about his new book and also presented a computer presentation of the book. The books were not available at this meeting, but will be at the November meeting. Contact Mary Wentzel if you would like to purchase a book.

A new member of CCM has kindly volunteered to provide chicken & coleslaw at the November meeting. Come a little early to enjoy this feast.

At this time Bruce Wentzel introduced the 2011 CCM Board of Directors.

President: Mary Wentzel

Vice President: Glen Grace

Treasurer: Ted Hou

Recording Secretary: Pat Jutras

Corresponding Secretary: Lynn Banister

1st Year Board Reps: Diane Watson – Brett Watson – Paul Yuska

2nd Year Board Reps: Dave Krom – Roy Thayer – Dyan Janowitz

See Mary Wentzel if you would be interested in any of the appointed positions.

VICE PRESIDENT: No Report

MEMBERSHIP: Jim Rees said that renewals have gone out and don't forget to renew by October 31st.

Jim Rees reported that the Motor City Corvette Concourse would be held on September 24, 2011 at Les Stanford Chevrolet. The committee has been going over the changes that will take place next year. The CCM Corvette Encounter will be held on June 11, 2011 at Les Stanford Chevrolet.

TREASURER: Ted Hou went over the income & expenditures.

SOCIAL: Pat Jutras said that the Annual Awards Banquet will be held on January 15, 2011 at Laurel Manor with a buffet dinner and a cash bar. The Banquet will be FREE to CCM Master Members and CCM Associate Members. There will be a \$34.00 charge for guests. There will be a flier in the SlipStream and info going out to all members via e-mail.

NCCC: Joe Scafero went over the NCCC renewal process and to see him if there are any questions. Joe will be going to the NCCC meeting in a few weeks and will be voting on the rule changes for 2011.

COMPETITION/MI REGION: Chris Scafero said that both season will be wrapping up on November 7th.

Trophies from the August autocross will be handed out at the November membership meeting. Mary Wentzel, Diane Watson & Pat Jutras handed out the trophies from the September Kim's Rule autocross.

The Babe's Rule autocross has been renamed Kim's Rule Autocross in memory of Kim Fast. Ted Hou & Al Chan handed out trophies from the October 10th autocross. The last event of the year will be the rallye on November 7th chaired by Ted Hou and Jan Van Maanen. See flier in SlipStream. There will be 3 rallyes in 2011. The competition committee is working on the 2011 rule changes.

DCSCC: Al Chan said the points challenges are over

Bruce Wentzel said that Michael Canary, a very avid autocrosser, had died very suddenly and to see him for any information.

POINTS: Ken Sumner said all is good.

SLIPSTREAM: Ted Hou said that he needed the reports by this weekend.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Fred King said that new trophies had been added to the trophy case.

BOARD REPS: No reports

50-50 drawing: Al Chan won the money and Bob Palmer and Glen Grace won surprise packages.

John Firment had an auction.

There being no further business to bring before the General Membership Meeting, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15pm.

MOTIONS BY THE BOARD

That CCM Master & CCM Associate Members attend the 2010 Annual Awards Banquet for free, with a cash bar, and to charge guests \$34.00 per person. (passes) To allocate a \$50.00 donation to the Michigan Humane Society in memory of Barbara Foss, Jim Rees mother-in-law. (passes) To allocate \$450.00, to match the \$450.00 that CCM collected, from the Kim's Rule autocross, to be donated to the Children's Leukemia Fund. (passes)

CORVETTE CLUB OF MICHIGAN OFFICERS



Elected Positions:

President	Bruce Wentzel
Vice President	Mary Wentzel
Recording Secretary	Pat Jutras
Corresponding Secretary	Dyan Janowitz
Treasurer	Ted Hou
First Year Board	Dave Krom
Representatives	Glenn Grace
	Roy Thayer
Second Year Board	Diane Watson
Representatives	Brett Watson
	Paul Yuska
Past President	Mark Eissler



Appointed Positions:

Competition Director	Chris Scafero
Detroit Council Rep.	Al Chan
Michigan Region Rep.	Chris Scafero
Points Director	Ken Sumner
E-SlipStream Publisher	Ted Hou (interim)
Program Director	Gary Claudio
NCCC Governor	Joe Scafero (734-513-6003)
Public Relations	Fred King
Membership Director	Jim Rees
Co-Social Directors	Jan VanMaanen & Mary Wentzel
NCM Ambassador	Joe Thomas



Non-Board Positions:

Club Historian	Ray Horenstein
Webmaster	Steve Budaj, steve@corvetteclubmi.com
CCM Merchandise	— OPEN —

OTHER VIPs

Les Stanford Chevrolet Representative	313-565-6000
Chris Warren	Gary Claudio



COMPETITION COMMITTEE

Chris Scafero – Competition Director	
Chris Davies	Gordy McCann
Ted Godett	Fred King
John Gruber	Jim McLaughlin
Dave Krom	Ken Sumner
Carl Polomski	Joe Scafero
Mary Wentzel	Paul Yuska
Ted Hou	



CCM - November Birthdays

*James Bamard II
Kevin Dehl
Steve Flis
Rhonda Kraleman
Sharon Meesseman
Jim Rees
Deborah Sternfels
Joe Uksa
Sherry Weiser*

*Gary Claudio
Mark Eissler
Ira Hill
Jim McLaughlin
Dennis Moore
Bill Rietow
Gary Tarlowicz
Diane Watson
Jim Wendte*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY - ONE AND ALL !



Corvette Club of Michigan
Fall Autocross
CCM Inside Results, GM Hamtramck Assembly Plant
October 10, 2010

POS	CLS	NUM	DRIVER NAME	YR MAKE MODEL	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	RUN 4	BEST
			Class: RP						
*1	RP	75	FRED KING	70 CORVETTE COUPE	DNF	82.835	81.681	81.871	81.681
			Class: IIH & IIIE						
KP1	IIIE	193	BRUCE WENTZEL	89 CORVETTE CPE	71.865 + 3	70.011	68.070 + 3	69.800	69.800
2	IIH	101	MIKE SPRAGUE	00 CHEVY VETTE	76.016 + 3	85.105 + 2	69.829 + 1	70.685 + 1	71.829
3	IIH	102	AARON LOPAS	02 CHEVY VETTE	80.243 + 4	76.420 + 4	79.477 + 4	76.015 + 3	82.015
			Class: IIK						
*1	IIK	60	CHRIS MACKAY	08 CORVETTE COUPE	73.787 + 4	73.275 + 1	71.913	71.777 + 1	71.913
			Class: IIJ & IIG						
T1	IIG	730	RAY HORENSTEIN	92 CHEVY VETTE	72.644 + 2	71.902 + 3	71.982	71.378 + 1	71.982
2	IIJ	164	DARREN ERSPAMER	04 CHEVY Z06	78.138 + 1	73.714 + 1	72.983	72.312	72.312
3	IIJ	99	TED GODETT	02 CHEV CORVETTE Z06	73.104 + 1	72.315 + 2	73.508	72.821	72.821
4	IIJ	85	PHIL KOROYESIS	02 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z	76.176	74.912	73.308	72.932	72.932
5	IIJ	37	KEN SUMNER	02 CHEV CORVETTE Z06	79.253	76.135	74.066 + 1	74.020	74.020
			Class: IIE & IIA/B						
T1	IIA/B	42	CHRIS SCAFERO	69 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	70.020	69.049	69.839	68.404	68.404
2	IIE	151	DAVID JOHNSON	86 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	74.438 + 2	71.674 + 1	70.864	70.658	70.658
3	IIE	89	BRANDON LINCOLN	89 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	77.656 + 2	73.905	DNF	71.872	71.872
4	IIA/B	34	BRETT WATSON	72 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	DNF	72.346	72.050 + 2	71.119 + 1	72.346
5	IIE	154	ALAN JOHNSON	86 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	72.060 + 2	71.247 + 2	70.193 + 3	70.928 + 1	72.928
			Class: IM & IJ						
KP1	IM	194	MATTHEW BRAUN	09 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z	69.168	67.448	66.571	66.141 + 3	66.571 FTD
2	IM	94	ALBERT CHAN	09 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z	70.544 + 2	68.693 + 2	69.215	67.141 + 3	69.215
3	IJ	16	TED HOU	02 CHEVY Z06	73.814	71.477	78.228 + 1	71.639 + 2	71.477
			Class: IG & IE						
KP1	IE	165	WILLIAM RIETOW	88 CHEVY VETTE	69.976 + 3	69.384 + 3	69.862	69.992	69.862
2	IE	27	DAVID WOODS	87 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	72.899	71.991 + 2	71.666	71.825 + 1	71.666
3	IG	46	TOM FRECENTESE	96 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	74.649	71.420 + 1	DNF	71.943 + 3	73.420
			Class: ISM						
*1	ISM	123	JAMES CZAJKOWSKI	08 CHEVROLET Z06 CORVET	76.994 + 1	76.423	75.719	DNF	75.719
2	ISM	77	NORBERT CZAJKOWSKI	08 CORVETTE Z06	93.582	DNF	DNF	85.523	85.523
			Class: ISJ & ISK						
KP1	ISJ	153	DON BUSH	03 VETTE Z06	74.165 + 1	73.216 + 2	73.487	72.862	72.862
2	ISJ	105	JAMES MCLAUGHLIN	01 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	DNF	79.826	79.318	77.438	77.438
3	ISJ	87	PAUL YUSKA	04 CHEV CORVETTE	81.143 + 1	78.655	77.904	78.031	77.904
4	ISK	84	TONY CECCHINI	07 CHEVY VETTE	83.564	83.023	83.035	81.034	81.034
			Class: ISH & ISG						
KP1	ISH	2	GORDON MCCANN	00 CORVETTE FRC	76.405 + 1	72.773	73.292	72.467	72.467
2	ISG	35	KRISTOPHER WATSON	94 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	74.104	76.259	74.999 + 1	76.100	74.104
3	ISH	120	JOHN FIRMENT	01 CORVETTE COUPE	78.573	76.166	75.993	74.910	74.910
4	ISH	129	BARRY SAUNDERS	97 CORVETTE COUPE	78.453 + 1	77.571	77.213 + 3	78.395 + 1	77.571
			Class: IIIEL						
T1	IIIEL	93	MARY WENTZEL	89 CORVETTE CPE	75.152	72.031	71.283	71.215	71.215
2	IIIEL	1	DYAN JANOWITZ	89 CORVETTE CPE	79.195	75.427	74.768	73.948	73.948
			Class: IIJL & IIA/BL						
KP1	IIJL	641	ELIZABETH ANTOS	04 CHEVY Z06	74.666	70.625	69.908 + 1	69.258 + 3	70.625 LFTD
2	IIA/BL	200	LYNNE MARCHIONE	70 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	104.161	86.349 + 1	83.333	82.891 + 4	83.333
			Class: ISKL, ISHL, & ISEL						
T1	ISKL	267	SHERRY WEISER	08 CHEVY VETTE	80.013	77.470	DNF	77.369	77.369
2	ISHL	130	MARTHA FIRMENT	01 CORVETTE COUPE	88.953	85.571	DNF	84.373	84.373
3	ISEL	382	SHARON MEESEMAN	86 VETTE COUPE	106.593	99.727	93.609 + 1	90.159	90.159

* No trophy, did not beat below

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Best Times

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3	IM	94	ALBERT CHAN	09 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z	69.215
4	IIIE	193	BRUCE WENTZEL	89 CORVETTE CPE	69.800
5	IE	165	WILLIAM RIETOW	88 CHEVY VETTE	69.862
6	IIJL	641	ELIZABETH ANTOS	04 CHEVY Z06	70.625
7	IIE	151	DAVID JOHNSON	86 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	70.658
8	IIIEL	93	MARY WENTZEL	89 CORVETTE CPE	71.215
9	IJ	16	TED HOU	02 CHEVY Z06	71.477
10	IE	27	DAVID WOODS	87 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	71.666
11	IIIH	101	MIKE SPRAGUE	00 CHEVY VETTE	71.829
12	IIE	89	BRANDON LINCOLN	89 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	71.872
13	IIK	60	CHRIS MACKAY	08 CORVETTE COUPE	71.913
14	IIG	730	RAY HORENSTEIN	92 CHEVY VETTE	71.982
15	IIJ	164	DARREN ERSPAMER	04 CHEVY Z06	72.312
16	IIA/B	34	BRETT WATSON	72 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	72.346
17	ISH	2	GORDON MCCANN	00 CORVETTE FRC	72.467
18	IIJ	99	TED GODETT	02 CHEV CORVETTE Z06	72.821
19	ISJ	153	DON BUSH	03 VETTE Z06	72.862
20	IIE	154	ALAN JOHNSON	86 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	72.928
21	IIJ	85	PHIL KOROYESIS	02 CHEVROLET CORVETTE Z	72.932
22	IG	46	TOM FRECENTESE	96 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	73.420
23	IIIEL	1	DYAN JANOWITZ	89 CORVETTE CPE	73.948
24	IIJ	37	KEN SUMNER	02 CHEV CORVETTE Z06	74.020
25	ISG	35	KRISTOPHER WATSON	94 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	74.104
26	ISH	120	JOHN FIRMENT	01 CORVETTE COUPE	74.910
27	ISM	123	JAMES CZAJKOWSKI	08 CHEVROLET Z06 CORVET	75.719
28	ISKL	267	SHERRY WEISER	08 CHEVY VETTE	77.369
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30	ISH	129	BARRY SAUNDERS	97 CORVETTE COUPE	77.571
31	ISJ	87	PAUL YUSKA	04 CHEV CORVETTE	77.904
32	ISK	84	TONY CECCHINI	07 CHEVY VETTE	81.034
33	RP	75	FRED KING	70 CORVETTE COUPE	81.681
34	IIIH	102	AARON LOPAS	02 CHEVY VETTE	82.015
35	IIA/BL	200	LYNNE MARCHIONE	70 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	83.333
36	ISHL	130	MARTHA FIRMENT	01 CORVETTE COUPE	84.373
37	ISM	77	NORBERT CZAJKOWSKI	08 CORVETTE Z06	85.523
38	ISEL	382	SHARON MEESEMAN	86 VETTE COUPE	90.159

2010 Points as of October 10, 2010

	Name	Points	Events	FTD
1	Scafero, Chris	354.25	11	103
2	Wentzel, Bruce	335.00	11	109
3	Watson, Kris	297.25	9	5
4	Watson, Brett	293.75	10	62
5	McLaughlin, Jim	282.00	10	6
6	McCann, Gordon	270.00	9	49
7	Godett, Ted	265.75	10	23
8	Bush, Don	245.00	7	15
9	Yuska, Paul	239.25	9	5
10	Sumner, Ken	232.50	10	1
11	Johnson, Alan	222.50	7	66
12	Rietow, Bill	210.00	6	60
13	King, Fred	207.50	10	4
14	Losert, Mike	175.00	5	76
15	Lincoln, Brandon	170.00	7	22
16	Dehl, Kevin	166.25	6	0
17	Phillips, John	165.00	6	35
18	Mackay, Chris	165.00	8	28
19	Hou, Ted	159.00	6	27
20	Saunders, Barry	156.00	6	0
21	Thomas, Joe	147.50	5	0
22	Frecentese, Tom	147.50	6	21
23	Firment, John	127.86	4	0
24	Czajkowski, Jim	127.64	5	0
25	Scafero, Joe	120.00	6	0
26	Czajkowski, Norbert	120.00	6	0
27	Polomski, Carl	113.50	5	0
28	Sielczak, Gary	111.00	4	15
29	Orton, David	107.50	4	0
30	Chan, Al	93.75	3	13
31	Dee, William	75.50	3	0
32	Wilson, Rob	56.25	2	22
33	Slusher, Rodney	55.00	2	0
34	Korovesis, Phil	51.25	2	3
35	Corey, Ron	50.00	2	0
36	Woolner, Paul	45.00	2	0
37	Washburn, George	40.00	2	0
38	Cecchini, Tony (Phillip)	40.00	2	0
39	Krom, Dave	35.00	1	0
40	Davies, Chris	30.00	1	0
41	Matsura, Robert	29.00	1	0
42	Wilson, Mark	23.75	1	6

	Name	Points	Events	FTD
1	Wentzel, Mary	325.00	10	44
2	Janowitz, Dyan	305.00	11	23
3	Weiser, Sherry	262.50	8	13
4	Firment, Marty	127.50	5	0
5	Meesemen, Sharon	117.50	5	0
6	Kralemann, Rhonda	92.50	4	2
7	Losert, Phyllis	87.50	3	5
8	Bush, Barb	70.00	2	4
9	Watson, Diane	59.00	2	0
10	Marchione, Lynne	52.50	2	1
11	Seidelman, Merideth	35.00	1	4
12	Everhart, Jennifer	32.50	1	0
13	Polomski, Carolyn	27.50	1	0
14	McCann, Sharon	20.00	1	0
15	Jutras, Pat	20.00	1	0

Concerns: Contact Ken Sumner
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 586-247-6417

Ambassador's Travels

By Joe Thomas

“A parent's devotion”

Since I last wrote to you about my travels to Bowling Green, Kentucky and the National Corvette Museum, a lot has transpired.

Since then, one of Corvette Club of Michigan's finest female competitors, Kimberlee Fast, passed away. Kim could be found at autocross events and rallies with her father Chuck Fast, and make no bones about it, Kim was a formidable driver, who could turn times as well as, or better than some men in our club, me included.

On Sunday, October 24, 2010 a trip was planned by a member of the Legends Corvette Club to support long time members of CCM, Chuck and Sharon Fast, as they prepared to travel to the National Corvette Museum to dedicate a bench to honor their daughter, Kimberlee, and take delivery of their new 2011 Cyber Gray Chevrolet Corvette ZR1.

The trip began, like most other Corvette trips, with enthusiasts gathered to support one another as we prepared to embark on a journey that was both somber and joyous at the same time. We had great fall weather that Sunday morning and seventeen participants ready to hit the road to Bowling Green.

The “caravan” was lead by Jim and Sandy Vassallo of the Legends Corvette Club. Dave Krom had the distinction of escorting Sharon Fast and Jim Grubbs of Legends held the duties of escorting Chuck to Bowling Green. As most Corvette trips go, someone had to breakdown and we were thankful that this happened, before we actually got started, so the owners of this particular ZR-1 were able to obtain another car before we departed. They now had the dubious distinction of being the tail car in the caravan, which was appropriate, since they were now driving a Mustang!

We got underway, and made it to our breakfast stop, which happened to be a Cracker Barrel in Ohio. At breakfast we continued to make acquaintances and enjoy each other's company. We arrived in Bowling Green late in the evening and decided to settle in to our hotel, which was right across from the museum.

After unpacking, we headed out to Mariah's Restaurant in Downtown Bowling Green. After a fun-filled day of driving Corvettes, every owner should be rewarded with a delicious and filling meal at a great restaurant. The camaraderie continued, and I heard a lot of conversation and laughter throughout the dinner. We then retired to our hotel, to get a good night sleep and prepare ourselves for the dedication and vehicle delivery in the morning.

Monday morning arrived with the threat of rain, clouds and cool weather. But this group was not to be deterred. Our plans for this Monday were to shop at the museum, attend the dedication, take a tour of the Corvette Assembly Plant and watch Chuck and Sharon take delivery of their new Corvette. After that, we would take a scenic road tour and then go to dinner. Weather, Hah!

We arrived at the museum. Some of us shopped, some looked around, but all of us were there to support Chuck and Sharon on their day.

We began with a tour of the Corvette Assembly Plant. As an enthusiast, I don't care how many times you do this, it is always exciting to watch the workers this vehicle that we have come to love. On this day, the production level was eight cars an hour, so the line seemed to be moving slow, but the workers seemed just as enthused to be assembling cars for future owners. Often times during the tour, workers would take time to say hello, or nod their heads, which I took as a sign of saying thanks for buying Corvette.

After the tour, we returned to the National Corvette Museum, where Chuck and Sharon conducted some preliminary paperwork on their new vehicle. We were then asked to go outside, where they were preparing the bench for the dedication.

We assembled outside, as a group, near the courtyard towards Gate A, where there is a grouping of at least seven to eight benches. I noticed that our potentially rainy day had now turned to sunshine and calm weather. Some museum employees joined us and Chuck began the dedication of a beautiful bench in honor of their daughter, Kimberlee.

Chuck said that Kimberlee began auto-crossing in 1996 and loved the competition. She enjoyed the members of CCM and considered them as family. He purchased the bench at the museum, so that it would be a reminder of Kimberlee and her love for Corvettes and competition. On her bench were the logos of the National Council of Corvette Clubs, to which she was a member, and the logo of Corvette Club of Michigan. In between was her name and information of life.

We then returned to the museum to allow Chuck and Sharon the opportunity to complete the delivery of their new ZR1.

We watched as the delivery guide instructed them on the inner workings of the new car. Chuck was overheard to say he was learning things about this car that he had on the last car and didn't know how it worked. Then the moment arrived. Chuck started their new ZR1 for the first time. As the car came to life, everyone in the area began to applaud the event.

The registration plate was attached to the car and it was now driven out front for the official photo event commemorating the R8C delivery event at the museum.

We then returned to our hotel and prepared ourselves for a leisurely drive to dinner, at the Driftwood Restaurant, at Barren River Lake, located with the State Resort Park. The drive was lead again by Jim and Sandy Vassallo. Although it was only suppose to be a forty-two minute drive, covering just forty miles, Jim turned it into a much longer drive, filled with twists and turns and confusions, much to the participants' delight. Nonetheless, we arrived at the restaurant and enjoyed a most delicious meal and more camaraderie.

The drive back to the hotel was uneventful, although there was one specific time I am sure Chuck engaged the supercharger on the ZR1 to ensure he was safely passed a slower moving truck on the highway.

We retired at the hotel to participate in fellowship, snacks, libations, and a spirited game of the CLR Dice Game, which I demonstrated to the members of Legends how it was like taking candy from a baby, or at least a grown man who drives a Corvette!

By the end of the night we were aware of an impending storm headed our way, so a decision was made to leave early Tuesday morning. Some members of our group headed south to drive the Tail of the Dragon, but Chuck and Sharon, Dave Krom, Jim Rees and I decided we would return home. So at six o'clock in the morning we set out, headed north to beat the storm.

We made it to a Cracker Barrel in Elizabethtown, Kentucky for breakfast. After refueling ourselves we continued north. Dave Krom ventured off to Lexington, Kentucky leaving just Jim Rees and I to escort Chuck and Sharon through the impending storm ahead.

Prior to Indianapolis, the heavy rains hit. The decision was made to forge ahead, and by the time we were on the north side of Indy, the weather was clearing up. We continued on, making stops as needed and by the time we had reached Michigan, we could see there was clear weather ahead.

Chuck called me around the twenty-three mile marker in Michigan to let me know he had now reached 500 miles on the new car. I took that as meaning the break-in period was now complete and he was done following at this leisurely pace of 70 miles per hour. It was now time to release the 638 horses harnessed within his new ZR1.

I parted ways at Interstate 69 and Interstate 94, leaving Jim Rees with the responsibility of seeing them safely home, if he was able to keep up!

I would like to thank Chuck and Sharon Fast for allowing me to participate in a most special dedication to their daughter and the delivery of their new Corvette. I know it was as special for them as it was for me.

I would like to also thank Jim and Sandy, of Corvette Legends for organizing the event and the following Corvette enthusiasts for participating in this event:

Chuck and Sharon Fast – Corvette Club of Michigan / Legends Corvette Club

Jim and Sandy Vassallo - Legends Corvette Club

Jim Grubbs – Legends Corvette Club

Dave Krom – Corvette Club of Michigan / Legends Corvette Club

Jim Rees – Corvette Club of Michigan

Bill and Susan Simmers - Legends Corvette Club

Tom Groves – Legends Corvette Club

John and Sue Hopson – Legends Corvette Club

John Ligner – Legends Corvette Club

Bob Iverson – Legends Corvette Club

Rick and Trisha Kneiding – Legends Corvette Club aka "Tail Car"