



Thunder in the Valley

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March, 2010

President's Message

GVCA

February 2010

Hello everyone,

First and foremost, our condolences go out to Jan Baar, for the loss of her father Henry DeBoer, Jon Henningsen, for the loss of his brother Roger Henningsen, and to Terry Doolittle for the loss of his mother. Losses can never be replaced, but with the help of family and friends, we can provide assistance through these difficult times.

Thanks goes out to Ty Mason for hosting the Daytona 500 party at his shop Sunday, February 14th. I would like to make a motion that all future GVCA/NASCAR race days be held at Ty's garage. Do I have a second?

While we are waiting for the snow to disappear, this is a perfect time to be thinking of activities to chair such as Garage Tours, Poker Runs, Concourse Events, Fun Rallies, and Slow Speed Events. Remember, a small group of people working together can get a lot done. Don't forget to contact Tom Anthers for our 5/15/10 driving school. This is an excellent opportunity to really get to know your Vette! Also, please let Caron know if you are planning an events, so schedule conflicts can be avoided.

Also, let's all make it a point of inviting new prospective members to our monthly meetings and events. This is an excellent way to promote our association and subsequently increase our activity levels.

Thank you for your support and I hope to see all of you at our March meeting!

Respectfully,

Stet

Grand Valley Corvette Association
General Meeting
February 11, 2010

Keith Stetler, President, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was held at Keyboard World. 31 people were present.

Board Members Present: Keith Stetler, President; Jeff Janus, Governor; Tom Anthes, Competition; and Lana Burns, Secretary.

Keith Stetler apologized for omitting Jan Baar's name in his newsletter article.

Secretary's Report: An amendment was made by Lana Burns to state that Caron Stetler had indeed been chosen as Activities Director. After the amendment, the minutes were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: In the Treasurer's absence, Keith Stetler presented the Treasurer's report. A motion was made a seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. A detailed copy of this report is on file.

Membership Report: Ron Melpolder, filling in for the Membership Chairman, introduced Larry DeJong and Tom & Mary Holbrook. We are still at 120 members.

Competition: Tom Anthes reported that the Driving School fliers are not yet out. He had checked into going to US 131 Dragway and we can go on Wednesday or Friday night. The club needs to pick a date and Tom will work out the details. Tickets are \$5 and it costs \$10 to run your car on Wednesday and \$15 on Friday. A date in June was suggested.

Governor: Jeff Janus stated that the website is up and the regular meeting is next Tuesday. March 20 is the Awards Banquet and May 15 is the Drivers School. He is ordering new pins which members can purchase for \$3 each.

Previous Business: The movie night at the Down's was a success with 20-22 people attending.

Raffle: John Henningsen reported that 10 tickets have been sold at Kool Chevrolet. The raffle car is in the showroom at Kool. John has started scheduling shows. Gail Schuiling will be handing out tickets tonight. Gail will be handling the tickets and Cheryl DeWitt will be handling the mail order. Gail stated that the tickets for this year have been modified to make them easier to fill out at the car shows.

New Business:

- Dayton 500 Party at Ty Mason's on February 14 starting around noon.
- Progressive Dinner at Davis, Rynberg and Glaza's homes on February 27 starting at 5:30. The club voted to pay \$3 per member attending for the main course.
- C5-C6 Bash at the Corvette Museum April 29 – May 1. Keith will contact Bernie to spearhead the trip.
- Keith Stetler reported that former member Ron Roskamp passed away. The club will send a sympathy card to his family.
- Bob Lockridge asked if the club would consider making a donation to help the people in Haiti. After discussion, this was tabled until a later date to see if there was a specific need. Jill Mieras is going to Haiti and may have some insight when she returns.
- Swap & Sell: Gordon Wilcox has a '69 Big Block for sale.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lana Burns
Secretary

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<p>VP of Membership: Bernie Christian 1512 Settler's Hill Dr Lansing, MI 48917 (517) 323-7074 c5zo6@att.net</p>	<p>The Newsletter Editions will now be only available under the members only login on our website. No copies will be mailed out. Please have information to Paula Down by the 25th of the month</p>	<p>Kool Chevrolet Club Sponsor David Bailey 3770 Plainfield NE Grand Rapids, MI 49525 Phone 616-364-9431</p>



THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

LIFE IS NOT ABOUT WAITING FOR THE STORMS TO PASS. IT'S ABOUT CARING AND LOVING YOUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS WHILE YOU CAN TOUCH AND SEE THEM, AND THEY ARE STILL AMONG US.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

11 General Membership Meeting—7:30 Keyboard World, 2300 28th St. SE, (across from Pietros and next to Israel's).

20 Regional Awards Banquet—Clark Lake Golf Course—See flyer

APRIL

8 General Membership Meeting—7:30 Keyboard World, 2300 28th St. SE, (across from Pietros and next to Israel's).

MAY

8 General Membership Meeting—7:30 Keyboard World, 2300 28th St. SE, (across from Pietros and next to Israel's).

15 Driver's School—Marshall, Michigan

AUGUST

14 Westerhuis Beach Party

15 GVCA Sanction Rallye

[Michigan Region of NCC Corvette Clubs Home Page and Link to Calendar](#)

All bold items are GVCA events.



If anybody would like to go race the Nevada Open Road Challenge please contact [Ty Mason](#) or [Tom Anthes](#) for details. They may need a navigator.

Here is a link to more information about the race.

<http://www.silverstateclassic.com/318-hwy-event-description.htm>

ANNOUNCEMENTS, THANK YOUS, & NOTES

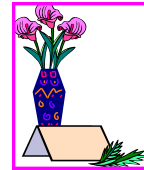
GVCA Clothing Web Site:

http://www.grandvalleycorvette.org/members/GVCA_Clothes.htm If you have problems you can contact Paula Down at corvettegal@chartermi.net

Ron Melpolder will take clothing orders from catalogs available at the meetings. Small GVCA logo \$6.00, Large GVCA logo \$25.00 plus cost of the clothing article + tax.

Cards & Gift Baskets

Please contact Jan Baar at (tjbaar@comcast.net)
For any floral arrangements and/or expressions of sympathy.



Win A New 2010 Corvette



Drawing Sept. 18, 2010 at 3:00 pm

at **Kool Chevrolet**

3770 Plainfield NE, Grand Rapids, MI



Down Syndrome Association
of West Michigan

Our Charities:



Spina Bifida of
West Michigan

2nd Prize \$300.00
3rd Prize \$200.00
4th Prize \$100.00



Ticket Price
\$20.00

License # R04507



I will place this document on the member's only website so you can view it in landscape mode. Remember to set your printer so that this document will fit on one page. You should all have received the new user id and password for the member's only website. Email me if you need it again.

Our GVCA Charities:



Down Syndrome Association
of West Michigan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MARCH



- 3rd— Mary Mickieran & Shirley Vonk
- 5th— Dave Straham & Jon Henningsen
- 12th— Doug Richardson
- 25th— Sue Stratton
- 26th— Helen Smith
- 27th— Marjorie Henningsen
- 31st— Char Link

GVCA RAFFLE CAR SHOWS SCHEDULE

These are the shows I'm attempting to contact to enter the raffle car.

May	1	Greenville All Corvette show	
May	23	Sun. Gilmore - Dust off	Tentative
June	5	Ionia	Tentative
June	12	KOOL - All Chevy	
June	19	Sparta	Tentative
June	20	Charlton Park - Hastings	Tentative
June	24-26	St Ignace * \$500. Vender Fee	
June	26	Kalamazoo	Tentative
June	26	Bloomington Gold (Same Weekend)	
July	3	Ada / Kentwood Parades	
July	4	Sun. Hagerty - Traverse City	
July	11	Sun. Grand Haven JC - Wheels of GH	
July	18	Resurrection Life ? ? ?	
July	24		
July	31		
August	1	Sun. Grand Haven - Coast Guard	
August	7	Gilmore	Tentative
August	14	Coopersville	Tentative * Possible \$500. Vender fee
August	21	Woodward Cruise	Tentative
August	28	Cross Roads	
August	27-29	Corvettes at Carlisle, PA (Same Weekend)	
August	28	28 St. Metro Cruise	Tentative
Sept	11	Frankenmuth	Tentative
Sept	11	NSRA Natl. North - Kalamazoo	Tentative

Many of the smaller show contact persons are hard to get in contact with, I suspect it's too early in the year.

More confirmations will be made in March and April.

If any of you with tow vehicles want the "privilege" of towing the raffle car to any of these events, please see me at Thursday's meeting.

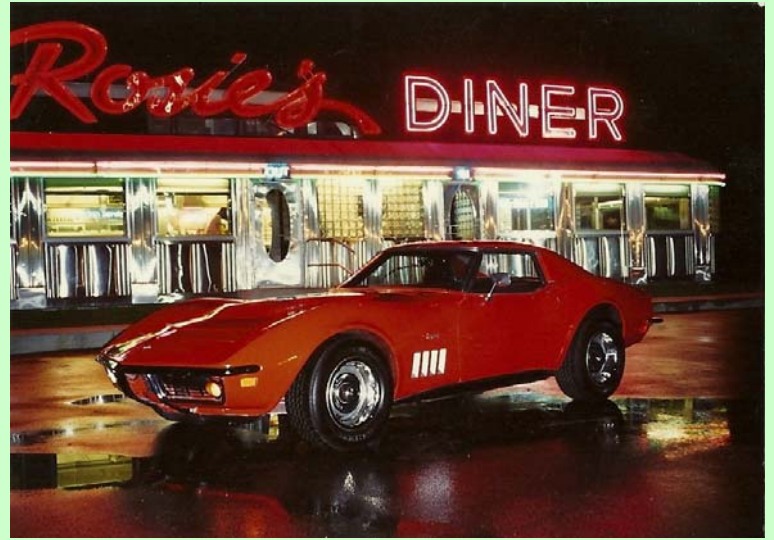
A reminder to all members, GVCA expects anyone showing their car, in any of the shows we attend with the raffle car, to register their car to show support of the event.

Jon Henningsen jjhwmp@aol.com 901-9291

1969 Coupe - Monoco Orange (correct color)
427/400
Tri-Power
Factory AC
Power Windows
A/M Radio (not factory)
Black Interior
Restored



Make Offer - Call Gordon Wilcox - 616-866-6458 or 616-299-1013



FOR SALE: 2007 18' car trailer, beaver tail, dark grey, aluminum wheels, easy store ramps, diamond plate box on front for tie down storage, stored indoors every winter, excellent condition. \$3600.00 call Kevin 616-299-1617

Spring is coming and anybody needing or want to try Lizard Spit products, please contact [Tom Anthes](#), special discounts for GVCA members

Here is the info on a pre-owned Corvette that [Kool Chevrolet](#) has for sale:

2009 Corvette Convertible 4Lt package

9400 mile, automatic, Red exterior with black top and black interior

loaded: navigation, heads-ups display, heated memory, climate control, performance exhaust, chrome wheel and more.

MSRP \$68,600.00 sale price \$49,950.00

Contact:

Randy Totten

Kool Chevrolet

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MEMBER NEWS



Jill Mieras went with a group of Orthopedic Doctors, nurses and anesthesiologists to a clinic/hospital in rural Haiti. They treated Haitians that had been injured in the earthquake some 5-6 weeks ago. People showed up at their gates on an ongoing basis. She said she could write a book about everything, but that would take up the whole newsletter. What a great experience she had!

Your editor is sure this was a life awakening and changing experience for Jill. Ask her all about it when you see her.

Michigan Regional Calendar as of January 6, 2010

DATE	SANCTION #	CLUB	EVENT	LOCATION	Sanc. Due	Flyer Due	Results Due				
2/23/10		REGIONAL	MEETING	LANSING, MI							
2/26/10		REGION OFFICERS	MEETING	ST. LOUIS, MO							
2/27/10		NATL GOVERNORS	MEETING	ST. LOUIS, MO							
2/28/10		NATL GOVERNORS	MEETING	ST. LOUIS, MO							
3/28/10		CC MICHIGAN	RALLYE	LIVONIA, MI	1/17/10	2/6/10	4/12/10				
3/28/10		CC MICHIGAN	RALLYE	LIVONIA, MI	1/17/10	2/6/10	4/12/10				
4/27/10		REGIONAL	MEETING	LANSING, MI							
4/30/10		REGION OFFICERS	MEETING	ST. LOUIS, MO							
5/1/10		NATL GOVERNORS	MEETING	ST. LOUIS, MO							
5/2/10		NATL GOVERNORS	MEETING	ST. LOUIS, MO							
5/8/10	NS	LAKE SHORE CC	RALLYE	HOLLAND, MI	2/27/10	3/19/10	5/23/10				
5/15/10	NS	CALHOUN COUNTY C	DRIVING SCHOOL	MARSHALL, MI	3/6/10	3/26/10	5/30/10				
5/16/10		CC BATTLE CREEK	PEOPLE CHOICE	MARSHALL, MI	3/7/10	3/27/10	5/31/10				
5/22/10		SHIAWASSEE CC	PEOPLE CHOICE	OWOSSO, MI	3/13/10	4/2/10	6/6/10				
5/29/10		ROYAL C of W MICH	RALLYE	FRUITPORT, MI	3/20/10	4/9/10	6/13/10				
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5/30/10		ROYAL C of W MICH	Funkhana	FRUITPORT, MI	3/21/10	4/10/10	6/14/10				
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6/5/10		CC MICHIGAN	PEOPLE CHOICE	HAMTRAMCK, MI	3/27/10	4/16/10	6/20/10				
6/12/10		FLINT CC	PEOPLE CHOICE	FLINT, MI	4/3/10	4/23/10	6/27/10				
6/12/10		LAKE SHORE CC	PEOPLE CHOICE	HOLLAND, MI	4/3/10	4/23/10	6/27/10				
6/13/10		KALAMAZOO CC	LOW SPEED	BATTLE CREEK, MI	4/4/10	4/24/10	6/28/10				
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6/27/10		MICH AUTOX GROUP	LOW SPEED	SOUTH BEND	4/18/10	5/8/10	7/12/10				
7/3/10		MICH AUTOX GROUP	HI SPEED	WATERFORD HILLS	4/24/10	5/14/10	7/18/10				
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7/24/10		NATL GOVERNORS	MEETING	TULSA, OK							
7/24 - 7/30		NATL CONVENTION		TULSA, OK							
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9/7/10		REGIONAL	MEETING	LANSING, MI							

Thank you Barb Kissel for sending these pictures on to me.
Is there anyone in our club talented enough to build one of
these?



WALNUT AND CHERRY
AS WELL AS A FULL LINE OF HIGH END EXOTIC WOODS



C6 Desk



Wheel and Tire Billiards Table



C5 Desk



This is a glimpse of our new BBQ Grill that will be available to order in late January 2010. Priced at \$1900

Check out more neat items at <http://www.carcrazydesks.com/>

Check out this [website](#) for a view of a 1987 Electric Volt Corvette

Chevrolet Corvette Maintenance - Corvette Weekend Projects

Isn't it about time to head out to the garage and get your hands dirty?

April, 2009 By Tom Benford Photography by Tom Benford

Hopefully, you've are almost thawed out and are itching to roll up your sleeves and start working on your Corvettes

To borrow the motto of the Boy Scouts of America, "be prepared," which translates to having some essential items ready for use before you begin working on your Vette. These are what I consider to be essentials: disposable nitrile gloves to keep your meat-hooks clean; WD-40 for penetrating rusted fasteners, cleaning paint off your hands, and a plethora of other uses; aerosol carb and choke cleaner for dissolving and removing grease and engine muck; a razor-blade scraper and a utility knife; a workbench; and a stool or bench on which to sit. A good torque wrench is also mandatory equipment if you're doing any projects that require specific torque for the bolts, such as heads and intake manifolds.

If you'll be doing any projects where elevating your Corvette is involved, you'll need a good hydraulic trolley jack, wheel chocks, a pair of sturdy jack stands, and a creeper or mat for your back. You'll also need a basic arsenal of tools that has a good assortment of screwdrivers, nut drivers, wrenches, sockets, and ratchets. The tools will be ASA standard if you're working on C1, C2, or C3 Corvettes and metric standard for C4s, C5s, and C6s.

Service, shop, and/or assembly manuals are always good to have on hand for your particular year/model Corvette(s); they contain pertinent data such as fluid capacities, electrical measurements, torque specs, and so forth. The best ones are the actual factory service manuals produced by GM and used by Chevrolet service technicians; however, Chilton, Motorbooks, and other publishers also publish excellent service manuals as well.

You'll do your best work and be most efficient if you wear comfortable clothing; perhaps have the radio, CD, player or iPod on to give you some pleasant tunes; and have bottled water or other soft drinks available to quench your thirst.

Lastly, always work safely, because it's no fun to get cut, bruised, burned, or sustain any other injuries while working on your Corvette. Make sure you have plenty of time to complete any project you start, since rushing things invariably leads to carelessness and accidents; the old adage "haste makes waste" is a true one. I know it's been said before, but safety is no accident--literally!

Wrap-Up

Well, that should keep you out of trouble for a while. Hope you have fun doing these projects.

Wrench Difficulty Index

Anyone's Project: no tools required	1 Wrench
Beginner: basic tools	2 Wrenches
Experienced: special tools	3 Wrenches
Accomplished: special tools and outside help	4 Wrenches
Professionals Only: send this work out	3 Wrenches

Click [here](#) for Project 1—Alternator Detailing/Replacement for C2 and C3 (2 Wrenches).

Click [here](#) for Project 2—Corvette Rear-Letter Installation for C4, C5 or C6 (1 Wrench)

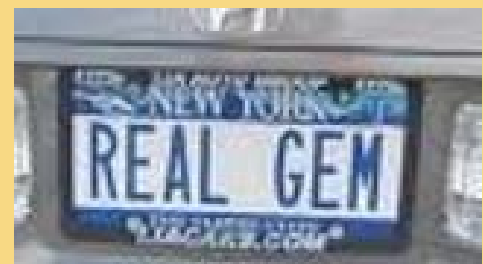
Click [here](#) for Project 3 –Nose Mask Installation for C5 and C6 (1 Wrench)

Click [here](#) for Project 4—Hood Struts Replacement for C5 (1 Wrench)

Click [here](#) for Project 5—Rocker Panel Mount Repair for C3 (2 Wrenches)

Click [here](#) for Project 6—Wiper Motor Replacement for C3 (1 Wrench)

VANITY PLATES FOR CORVETTES



CORVETTE STORY

This story is taken from a member of the Grand Sport Registry. Enjoy.

I was a proud owner of a 1966 Stingray and a member of NCRS. I went to a few shows and also showed my 66. I found the whole conversation on paint, tires, batteries, glass etc., boring.

I almost felt sorry for the guys who would trailer their 1963 coupe to shows to preserve its originality. They never got the joy of driving the car. It was almost like guys who collected model cars. Nice to look at but never driven. You should have seen the look of horror that I would get when I would drive my car to a show from Fort Worth. When I purchased my GS for my birthday present in May of 1996, I sold my 66 because I no longer had the time to drive the 66 the way I loved to drive. That is why I am big on the survivor class of cars. Cars that were driven and still maintained a high percentage of originality. That is what I hope will happen in the future of the GS.

The best time I ever had was when on a whim I loaded a suit case and got in the GS and drove my GS from Fort Worth to Sun Valley, Idaho, Glacier National Park in Montana, Seattle Washington, Los Angeles and back home again. I drove hard and fast. Had to replace the brakes and tires when I got home. God that was fun.

Driving through Idaho, from the South to the North, on twisting, turning Mountainous roads was a blast. Driving at high speeds through Montana with nothing but horizon to the four points of the compass, my vocabulary fails me in describing the thrill. Driving along the Pacific Coast from Seattle to San Francisco was a wonder of; fog, intermittent drizzle, sun shadows reflecting off of the Ocean and the splendor of the giant Red Woods will haunt my memories for the rest of my life. Of course I had to stop in Lost Wages, NV, the Grand Canyon and Sedona, AZ before heading home.

My view is, these cars were built to be driven. Why own one if you are going to keep it under a cover and never drive it? The GS is not meant to be an investment, it is meant to be fun.

Just as soon as the weather gets warmer I am going to make a point of getting the cover off of my car, taking it out of the Garage and taking a nice road trip.

My wife who was peaking over my shoulder while I have been typing this email, made the point, when my Grandson gets to be sixteen and has a driver's license, I should take him on a great road trip. He will be sixteen in seven years, let's see, I will be 72, if the Lord is willing I will do that.

My finale point here. Drive the car. Enjoy the car. Drive hard, drive safe, have some fun and leave the car to your Grandchildren so they may know the joy of a piston driven car, where car and driver become one.

James GS

Now – Charles GS 436 from Waco Texas.