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The Ozaukee Corvette Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month!

### Dinner night out at The Copper Dock!!!

This is a picture from the Copper Dock in Richfield taken on Nov. 12th. A quote from Sue Giese; "We all had a great dinner and good time talking and laughing".



## **Ozaukee Corvette Club Meeting Minutes – November 20th, 2016**

President Jeff Myers called the meeting to order on 11/20/16 at 1:00 pm.

### **Board Members Present:**

Jeff Myers  
Vice President Ron Giese  
Treasurer Sue Giese  
Secretary Carie Drennen  
Director Gregg Goetz  
Director Pat Murray

### **Board Member not Present:**

Jim Baker

**Secretary's Report:** Carie Drennen read the October 2016 membership meeting notes. Sally Post motioned to accept the notes as read and this was seconded by Ron Giese.

**Treasurer's Report:** Sue Giese reported the current balance in the checking account. Two checks were written since the time of the last meeting. There was one deposit to be made. Jim Nowlen motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read and this was seconded by Sally Post.

**Advertising:** Gene Krull was not present for the meeting so no advertising report was available. Mark Hobler was appointed by Jeff Myers and will now be handling the Advertising Chair. Jeff will inform Gene of the change in responsibilities.

**Newsletter:** Kathie Bruhn was not present for the meeting so no newsletter report was available.

**Webmasters:** Pat and Dana updated the members that the progress on the website is going well and they would appreciate any input from the members of the club if there are any suggestions. Fat Cow is up to date. Ron requested a contact button for Jeff and Ron to be added to the website and Dana will be taking care of this.

**Membership:** Ron Giese reported we currently have 87 members in the club.

**Vice President's Report:** Ron reported that Benders is no longer in business and they will be removed from the website as an advertiser after the first of the year. Dana Drennen made a motion for there to be a one month grace period for the advertisers to get their money in to the treasurer for their place in the website. This was seconded by Sue Montana-Myers.

**Old Business:** The fall cruise to Lake Geneva went well, thank you Judi Krafcheck.

The last day for the Adopt-A-Highway program was November 5, 2016.

Jeff will be checking into the 50/50 raffle situation. Bruce Post stated he would research what is involved in getting the license for this raffle.

We received a letter from Family Sharing in advance for our donations to them for the 2016 holiday season.

We received a thank-you letter from Pat Zaske.

A flyer for the 2017 Corvette Adventures was handed out. Sue Giese requested that a representative from Chula Vista be able to attend one of our monthly membership meetings to speak with the club regarding the upcoming tours.

Sue Montana-Myers will be handling the Christmas party and requested volunteers with this project. Dates and venues will be announced at a later time. The possibility of January 21, 2017 was discussed.

**New Business:** Not holding a December 2016 membership meeting was discussed. **Judi Krafcheck made a motion to not have a December meeting and this was seconded by Bruce Post. Motion passed.**

Jeff Myers read the 2016 Ozaukee Corvette Club annual report to the members present.

The annual election was held in regard to the Officers and Board of Directors of which the results are as follows:

President – Jeff Myers.

Vice President – Ron Giese.

Treasurer – Sue Giese.

Secretary – Carie Drennen has agreed to help while Jeff Myers is actively searching for her replacement.

Sue Montana-Myers mentioned that she would consider the position and will let us know.

Board of Directors – Pat Murray, Gregg Goetz, and Mark Hobler.

Bruce Post made a motion to adjourn the meeting and this was seconded by Sue Montana-Myers at 1:59 pm.



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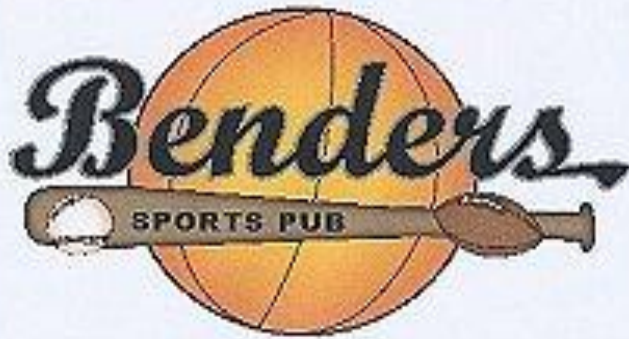

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### November 2016 Tech Tip – Getting a Little Crazy With the Corvette Parts Catalogs.

Well, here we are sitting in our warm homes relaxing and getting ready for the winter. Some of us are basking in the warmth of the Florida or Arizona sun. All of us have, for the most part, stored our Corvettes for the next 5 or 6 months. Tech tip #1- remember to call your insurance agent and have “storage insurance” put on your Corvette. Tech tip #2- make certain of the temperature/ protection levels of the anti-freeze in your Corvettes. In past tech tips, I pointed out that as anti-freeze/ coolant ages, it builds up small levels of acid that will attack aluminum, steel, and iron components in your engines; as well as gaskets. Try to change coolant/ anti-freeze once a year. If you are not sure, buy one of those small anti-freeze checkers and make certain you are protected down to -20 degrees below zero.

Ok, let’s say you have done all that, and your Corvette is put away for another year. Pretty soon the catalogs start showing up from Mid-America, Corvette Central, Zip Products, Paragon, West Coast Corvette, Summit, Jegs and many more aftermarket suppliers. (Continued next page)

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These catalogs make interesting reading, and perhaps you are tempted to order a few things for your car. Tech tip #3 - make certain you have the knowledge and the tools to perform the job of adding these parts- if not, don't try it. There is nothing worse for a skilled GM tech than to get a Corvette someone else has taken apart and has to reassemble and get it running. There is a joke in the auto repair trade that you may have heard. "The hourly labor rate in this shop is \$85.00, \$100.00 if you watch, and \$200.00 if you worked on it before us". This is meant as a humorous subtle message, but there really is a ton of truth in it. During my years in the tool business, I saw some real basket cases brought into shops. Literally, the guy took it apart; and couldn't remember how to reassemble it. The car came in with 2, 3, or 4 large boxes of parts for the tech to figure out. If it makes you feel any better, these were Porsche, BMW, and Jaguar owners that got in over their heads. The Corvette owners do not have an exclusive at getting in over their collective heads. So, tech tip #4 is to tread lightly, and stick to what you know best- accounting, medicine, financial planning, or running your businesses! Leave the complicated things about your Corvette to the experts. (Continued next page)



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Let's go back to those catalogs once again. As you sit there looking over the latest offerings, you are tempted- admit it, you are really tempted to do something to "improve" your Corvette. How do I know this? Very simple, I was one of those guys that thought those pretty red urethane suspension bushings would improve the handling of my '73 Coupe. I also thought those beautifully machined aluminum mounting discs would locate the rear end assembly much better than the loosey goosey rubber mounts that the GM engineers specified. I was fortunate to possess the knowledge and have the tools to do this job. About this time my friends and my dad started questioning my sanity. I have quoted my dad before with his famous line, "don't you think that if these parts you are putting on the car were really that good wouldn't GM put them on the car?" He usually followed that up with the predictable statement, "GM has millions of dollars to spend on anything they want for their cars- they can demand the best possible parts to build their cars". Of course he was correct, but ignorance, pride, and a little "I'll show him" attitude tends to cloud one's judgment. It took weeks to install all those darn bushings in the entire front and rear suspension. I swear they were never made to fit in a '73 upper and lower control arm. Eventually everything was re-installed and aligned, and that front and rear suspension had absolutely zero give or movement until the springs and the weight of the car made them move. Oh boy, was this going to be tremendous! Nobody will have a Corvette that handles like this one! Well, I was correct- nobody that I knew, had a Corvette that handled like my '73. That was because they were intelligent, and never wasted \$175 on 12 pieces of urethane hard plastic that ruined the ride of their car. I was crushed- all that time and effort wasted. These trick suspension pieces ruined a great car. I felt every tar strip. The entire cabin was filled with more road noise than I thought was possible. The ride was harsh and choppy, and the handling was a joke. This car did everything poorly. The real kicker was, I came to that conclusion after 2 minutes of the worst ride you could imagine any Corvette ever delivering. (Continued next page)



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I swallowed my pride, parked the Corvette at my dad's house, and told him how incredibly correct he was, and that I learned a very costly lesson. I guess every parent waits to hear something along these lines from their son or daughter- a true sign that we have come of age, and are now really becoming a mature person. I also discovered it was a lot easier to put those red bushings in that to take them out. Tech Tip #5- when you see those ads for urethane bushings, just smile and consider yourself fortunate you did not have to go through what I experienced. The story has a happy ending. I discovered what a great product Moog bushings are. They are rubber based, and a little firmer than stock. Those Moog bushings restored my ride and handling while also quieting down all the road noise. Tech Tip #6- enjoy those catalogs with all the neat new things, but talk to a fellow club member before spending your hard earned money on something that you may regret buying.

Save the Wave,  
Jeff Myers

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Dec 18<sup>th</sup> - OCC Meeting at Firehouse Restaurant, Lunch at 12PM, Meeting at 1PM. **THIS MEETING HAS BEEN CANCELLED !!!**

OCC Annual Christmas Party - See website calendar for updated information as it becomes available.