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

### **Chili Cook-off 2017!!!**

**The members of the Muskego Corvette Club would like to thank fellow clubs for your participation in the 25th Annual Chili Cook-off, 23rd Annual Chocolate Bake-Off & 16th Annual Salsa Competition. They would also like to thank everyone attending for direct club donations; as well as members' donations by buying 50/50 & basket raffle tickets.**

**140 people attended the 2017 Chili Cook-off event! There were 18 Chilies, 7 Salsas, and 17 Chocolates!**

**There were two 50/50 raffles. With 1 member turning half of his winnings back, MCC made \$563. There were 39 baskets to raffle off, for which MCC made \$1077.**

**The Stars and Stripes Honor Flight was MCC charity. They raised a total of \$1640, enough to send 3 veterans on the Honor Flight. The members of the Muskego Corvette Club felt like they wanted to send another vet and make it an even four. So, MCC donated another \$360 to make it possible for 4 veterans to go on a dream come true Honor Flight**

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**Hall of Fame Winners:**

**Chili:**

**Paula Tucker (Brew City Corvette Club).**

**2nd place was Mike Thate (Wisconsin Corvette Club)**

**3rd place tied Terry Heidmann (Wisconsin Corvette Club) & Simon Villegas (Badger State Club)**

**Salsa:**

**Barb Jurss' (Ozaukee Corvette Club)**

**2nd place was Kathy Bell (Muskego Corvette Club)**

**3rd place was Tom Orlick (Muskego Corvette Club)**

**Chocolate:**

**Tom Muex (Brew City Corvette Club)**

**2nd place was Carol Allison (Wisconsin Corvette Club)**

**3rd place was Tom Jankowski (Muskego Corvette Club)**

**Club Meeting Minutes (Note these are summarized Minutes of March 2017):**

There were 8 members present, including 5 board members (Jeff M, Ron G, Sue G, Mark H. and Pat M.). The meeting was held at the Firehouse Restaurant, and called to order at 1:00pm.

**Reports:**

**General Comments:**

Jeff introduced Ed and Barb Sari, our guest speakers from Chula Vista; and the organizers of Corvette Adventures.

**Treasurers-Report:**

Sue reported balance information at the meeting and that we paid our contribution to Muskego Corvette Club for our part of the Chili Cook-off.

**Advertising-**

Mark Hobler had nothing to report.

**Membership-**

Ron Giese reported he is correcting errors and omissions to our roster.

#### Membership Communications (Web Masters and newsletter)

Pat Murray reported on additions to website for events; and use of Hootboard to facilitate that. Jim reported that "ownership/contact" of website moved from Dana to Pat/Jim. We determined at the meeting to make the fall back email address the club president (implemented).

Motion to accept by Mark Hobler and seconded by Pat Murray. Passed.

#### Vice President's report-

Ron Giese brought up success of Chili cookoff by Muskego Corvette Club in just 8 weeks after Kettle Moraine club back out. Wayne's drive in Wednesday night Corvette Night begins the first Wednesday in May.

#### Old Business-

1. Ron reminded everyone that the first Adapt-A-Highway clean-up will be the 1st Saturday in April. Please sign up.
2. Mike Binsfeld from Ice Kold, LLC in Grafton will speak with us at our April meeting (April 9, 2017 1:00pm at Firehouse in Saukville). Mike is a master mechanic and AC specialist with Ice Kold, LLC in Grafton WI. Ice Kold primarily sells and services Freon recovery units. This is the equipment that your local mechanic uses to service your vehicle AC. Ice Kold also will work directly on vehicle AC in their single bay facility although more typically they are the place our local shops go to when they hit an "impossible" situation.

Mike will expand our knowledge of how our AC systems work; and how this has changed from 1954 to now; including implications of service intervals.

3. Our club is responsible for the 2018 Chili Cookoff. This will be a discussion point at most meetings going forward this year, with concentration during Summer months so that those members in the area for the Summer can participate.

#### New Business:

1. Next meeting is April 9<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm at the Firehouse Restaurant in Saukville. Meet to dine together at Noon.
2. Meeting location was brought up to see if we can find a location that is more central to the majority of our membership. Jim will array member zip codes on a map for April meeting to give us a better idea where our members live.

We discussed the by-laws which indicate that our meeting shall be on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month. Motion was made to change this to indicate the club

shall meet one time per month at a convenient time. Motion made by Mark Hobler and seconded by Pat Murray; passed.

#### March Speaker:

Ed and Barb from [Corvette Adventures](#) presented information about Chula Vista in general, who hosts Corvette Adventures; as well as C.A. in detail. As this is the tenth anniversary of C.A. and Chula Vista's drive to produce automotive events; there is a \$10 discount this year on lodging over 2016 prices.

[Corvette Adventure](#) events end with dinner/awards. The awards are fun category awards, not competitive. If you click on the Blue text above you will get to their website. Else navigate <http://www.chulavistaresort.com/plan-explore/things-to-do/events/>

Ed and Barb also pointed out the St Jude Drive in May which sounds like a terrific charitable drive. Finally they told us about the 2019 National Corvette Museum Drive (25<sup>th</sup> Anniv). This will be a well-coordinated interesting drive as we join with others in planned merges. More to be reported on in coming months.

<<editor note: Ed seems in tune with fun-ride drivers needs and concerns and appears to have thought through their drives>>

Meeting adjourned at 2:21pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jim Nowlen

#### **May 2017 tentative agenda**

No special speaker at May meeting, but club does have to begin laying tracks to be ready for Chili Cookoff our club is organizing.

#### **Member Anniversaries:**

*Carol and Bill Gensrick celebrate their wedding in May.  
Alan and Bee Heckendorf celebrate their wedding in May.  
Peter and Linda Kolbach celebrate their wedding in May.  
Jeff and Sue Myers celebrate their wedding in May.*

*Gary and Lois Roeske celebrate their wedding in May.*

**April Birthdays:**

*Carol Gensrick  
Nancy Gilmore  
Alan Heckendorf  
Bee Heckendorf  
Peter Kolbach  
Pat Murray  
Ken Seidl  
Rich Witkowski*

**May Birthdays:**

*Linda Kolbach  
Gary Locklair  
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**Tech Tips - Tuning an Older Corvette**

For those of you with a 1974 and older Corvette, your car is equipped with an old school ignition system. These Corvettes have a unique distributor that has a auxiliary drive to run the mechanical tachometer. Some of those older cars have a transistor ignition system, which means the ignition contact points and condenser have been eliminated from the system. This tech tip will concern itself with contact point type ignition only.

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It is relatively easy, and somewhat cost effective to renew the ignition system in an older Corvette. The process usually begins with starting and driving the car to see and feel what is needed. Prolonged cranking of the engine is the first sign your Corvette needs to be "tuned". Hesitation, stumbling under acceleration, and misfiring at higher rpm levels are sure indicators a "tune-up" is needed. The tech tip is to purchase high quality name brand components for your tune-up. There are a lot of poor quality parts out there.

{As a side note, the word "tune-up" is one of those words that has come to mean making a car run better. The truth is, the use of sound or tuning has nothing to do with making a car run better. In the 1920's through the 1930's a mechanic could buy a piece of test equipment that had a set of headphones that he connected a car's distributor. He adjusted the points until he heard a steady "buzz" in the headset. Once that "buzz" was heard, the ignition points were set properly or "tuned". The alternative back then was inserting a matchbook cover between the points and setting the opening gap based on the thickness of the paper matchbook cover. Today, many younger folks may have never seen a matchbook or know what it is used for. That "buzz" method was considered very high tech.}

The basic tune-up is to replace the spark plugs with properly gapped plugs- (usually .030 inch). Replace the distributor cap and rotor, the contact points, and the condenser. This is known as a "screwdriver tune-up" because everything on the distributor is able to be replaced with a screwdriver. Even though the parts are new, they must be set to specifications for the particular model car. GM calls out .030 point opening gap, and yes, you could still use a matchbook cover if you could find matches. However, since the 1950's a dwell meter is used to set points, and a timing light sets initial engine timing.

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OK, 2 new words here- 1. dwell meter and 2. timing light. A dwell meter is attached to the distributor wire terminal on the ignition coil and the vehicle battery for operating power. The dwell meter electronically measures the amount of time the ignition points remain open. The specification for most cars is 30 degrees. 30 degrees of what? Dwell is measuring the point opening in degrees of engine rotation. There is a 1/8 inch hex head adjusting screw on the contact points. GM makes this adjustment very easy by having a little sliding door opening built into the distributor cap. While the engine is running, you would open this little door and the adjusting screw is right there for you to insert your 1/8 inch hex wrench and turn the screw until 30 degrees is indicated on the dwell meter.

{as another side note- Ford and Chrysler do not provide this running adjustment capability- you must repeatedly start and stop the engine, and remove the distributor cap while trying to hit the 30 degree spec.}

Once dwell is set, it is time to set engine timing. A strobe light is connected to the battery and a lead connects to the #1 spark plug. Each time #1 fires, the light flashes. You aim the flashing strobe at the crankshaft harmonic balancer. There are degree graduations on a small bracket near the balancer, and the balancer has a machined mark that indicates when the #1 piston is at top dead center on its' rotation. The timing spec depends on the year of the engine.

A spec for a mid-60's Corvette would be 12 degrees BTDC {before top dead center} with the vacuum advance line disconnected and plugged. At the base of the distributor, a bolt is loosened, and the distributor is turned a small amount until the timing mark indicates the specified degrees of engine rotation. Once completed, the bolt is secured, and the "tune-up" is complete. The tech tip is to always set dwell before timing. Vacuum lines are reconnected, and the carburetor idle is reset. There are additional details that can be done, such as rebuilding the carburetor, replacing the ignition wires, and decarboning the engine, but that is for another tech tip.

Save the Wave,

Jeff Myers

# Trip Around The Lake

June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017



Trip around the Lake (Winebago) is a FREE event for ALL CORVETTES. Registration is from 7:00 am - 8:45 am at the Forest Mall parking lot, West Johnson St. Fond du Lac. First car out at 9:00 am. A stop at Waverly Beach approximately 10:15 am. Lunch and refreshments available from the Knights of Columbus at end of ride at Holiday Automotive. Live Music, raffles, and door prizes.

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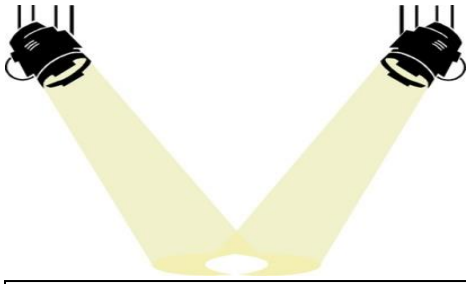
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## *Member's Spotlight*

Jan and I got our 1995 Corvette in August 2014 at Wayne's Drive-In. We were there for what we thought was a Cruiser Night, but it was Ozaukee Corvette Club night. We were looking at this red Corvette when the owner said it was for sale. Jan took it for a test drive and a week later it was ours. We have fun driving it and put on about 4k a year.

***Members, please volunteer your car and story for the May Newsletter. Thanks.***



### **About the Corvette:**

**Year: 1995**

**Model: Coupe**

**Engine:**

**Color: Torch Red**

**Nickname:**

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**Upcoming Calendar Events**  
(See web site calendar for latest information)

- May 8<sup>th</sup> - OCC Shakedown Cruise, see calendar
- May 13<sup>th</sup> - Post Breakfast Cruise, See calendar
- May 21 OCC Monthly Meeting, 1:00pm Firehouse Restaurant Saukville
- May 29<sup>th</sup> - Memorial Day Parade, see calendar and/or Call Ron G.
- June 4<sup>th</sup> - Trip around the Lake
- June 8<sup>th</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup>, Corvette Adventures Weekend.
- June 11<sup>th</sup> - Grafton Lions Chicken Roast and Car Show.