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The Ozaukee Corvette Club meets the 3rd Sunday of the month unless an alternate date is published.

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EVERY WEDNESDAY is OCC NIGHT AT WAYNES...

Newsletter Editor Note to Members:

For those of you who primarily read this newsletter on your PC or Mobile Device rather than print and read; I want to point out features I've added as part of every issue.

At the TOP of the newsletter, just below our logo and text "Crusin' since 1979" you'll see three lines showing our club website, our club Facebook Page and our club Email Address. Each of these lines is a "[hyperlink](#)". So if you click on the line, you should be taken to Website, Facebook, or Email composition depending upon which you pick. On some devices you might need to hold down the <ctrl> key and click on the [hyperlink](#). (For what it's worth, the word [hyperlink](#) in this paragraph is also a [hyperlink](#), and will take you to the google definition of that word).

I've done this only as a convenience so that you can get your data right off your mobile device or PC in a single step. It is of course totally fine to access those places the way you've always done. My goal will be to use [hyperlinks](#) in articles so that you can easily access all information while reading the newsletter.

-editor

Summarized Club Meeting Minutes (June 2017):

The June 21st meeting of OCC was called to order by President Jeff Myers at 6:00pm at Wayne's Drive-in, 23 members were present, and there was a quorum.

Secretary's Report: Sue Montana Myers read the Secretary's report. Motion was made by Ann Murray to accept the report, seconded by Judi Krafcheck.

Treasurer Report: Sue Giese gave her report on the checks written and money deposited. A motion was made by Jim Nowlen and seconded by Mark Hobler to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Membership/VP Report: Ron Giese stated we had 2 new members, Dan and Pat Schmitz. We now have 72 members. Ron reported 4 cars went on the trip around the Lake, and 3 cars spent the weekend with Corvette Adventures in the Dells. Everyone had a good time.

Web Master: Pat Murray had nothing new to report. Everything is fine. Pat was asked how many people accessed our website lately. He would look into current numbers.

Newsletter: Jim Nowlen stated everything was fine. No problems

Old Business:

Gable's Car Show: Ron Giese stated we were asked to display our Corvettes at Jay Brown's residence- The Gables in Germantown on August 17th, see calendar for details..

The Annual Chili Cook-off: Reminder, as a club OCC will be in charge of this early 2018 event. Jeff Myers has contacted the President of the Kettle Moraine Corvette Club, and as a club, they will not be running this event in 2018.

New Business:

Make sure to check the club website calendar and sign-up sheets for all upcoming activities.

The new Parade Banner is ready. We are looking for volunteers to carry this in parades. Please call Mark if you can do this.

Christmas In July: This event will be on Saturday July 8th, 4:30 to 9:00pm, at 1305 Dove Lane, Grafton. You should have already received your invitation explaining in detail. Contact Jeff if you haven't received this.

The hubcap: In the past few years, getting the club hubcap was like getting stuck with the "old maid". Before that, the hubcap was awarded to a person or a couple for doing something interesting or outstanding. The person accepted the hubcap as a recognition award, and added some meaningful item to it to indicate their deed, before passing it along to someone deserving of the hubcap. There is a story behind every item attached to the hubcap. President Jeff Myers felt the club hubcap has lost its meaning, because the last 5 people to receive this award have not added anything to it, before giving it to some other person that had no idea what they were getting. Jeff wanted to change the focus of the hubcap, and recognize Mark & Jan Hobler for all their recent contributions to the club. More on this to follow.

Motion to Adjourn was made by Greg Goetz, seconded by Judi Krafchek. Meeting Adjourned at 6:37 pm.

July 2017 tentative agenda

No special speaker at July meeting, but club does have to begin laying tracks to be ready for Chili Cook-off our club is organizing for 2018. We do want to request that ALL members begin looking for items for door prizes, etc for this event. Please keep the board informed of your growing list of items. Please note our July meeting is on Sunday, July 16, 2017, 1:00pm at Firehouse Restaurant in Saukville.

New Members! Welcome!

Ann Johnson
Marilynn Feely
Dan & Pat Schmitz
Jerry Uhan

Member Anniversaries:

Jon & Nancy Gilmore July 3rd
Fred & Mary Kellbach July 3rd

Member Birthdays:

Shari Brown 7/4
Periann Meyers 7/20
Jim Baker 7/26
Dana Drennen 7/30

**NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION
SCHEDULE:**

Articles for each month's newsletter need to be sent to jimnowlen@gmail.com by or before that month's meeting.

Elsewhere in our newsletter will be important dates to remember. These are also available on the club website calendar, as well as club "hootboard".

Next Newsletter cutoff is Aug 1, 2017

July 2017 Tech Tips from Jeff “Convertible Top Maintenance”

All the first Corvettes were convertibles, and their tops and gaskets leaked and rattled. 1963 was the introduction of the first Corvette one could get as either a convertible or the all new coupe- the split window coupe. The convertible body would flex so much that where the top met the body, there would be wear marks from worn away paint, and there were clamps to hold the back of the top down against the body. There were also small anchoring devices at the upper rear of each door, designed to stabilize the doors on convertibles from 1963 to 1975. If that wasn't bad enough, as time went on, the rear plastic window would develop a hazy coating and the top would appear to pull back over the tops of the windows. The leaks, rattles, body flex were all issues on those early Corvettes. So why would anyone want one? Well, for those of us that have convertibles; you would be hard pressed to find a better place to be than in your Corvette on a warm summer evening cruising with the top down enjoying the stars and the balmy warm air with your wife or significant other- the true joy of a Corvette convertible.

There are either coupe people or convertible people when it comes to Corvettes. You coupe guys can ignore this tech tip and try to fix your noisy lift off hard tops or figure out a way to cool down your hot blast furnace passenger compartment (Ok that might be a little harsh). The earlier Corvette convertibles, C-1, C-2, C-3, and early C-4 cars, had vinyl tops with a inside canvas liner. These exterior vinyl tops need periodic cleaning. A soft bristle brush and mild soap like Tide mixed in water is all that is needed to keep your top clean. I would also recommend that all folding top rubber gaskets be coated with a protectant that will effectively seal the pores of the rubber to prevent ozone from deteriorating the rubber. The tech tip here is how easy and inexpensive it is to do this sealing. I have found that Johnson Wax makes 2 products that work extremely well. Liquid floor finish- "GloCoat" and "Future". These are not "waxes", but liquid polymer sealers. They will stop ozone deterioration of rubber- gaskets, seals, and even tires. Place a small amount on a lint free cloth and rub the rubber surfaces covering evenly. This will prevent leaks and shrinking of the rubber. All Corvettes can benefit from this little known tip. These finishes won't "yellow" or get brittle, and the best thing, it is not glossy or sticky like Amoral or some other product costing a lot more. The whole idea is to preserve the top and avoid driving the dirt into the vinyl top causing a permanent stain. The GloCoat or Future (Pledge Future?) application can also be done after cleaning and rinsing the dirt off the top itself. Another tech tip is to follow the detailed instructions for lowering the top on your particular year of Corvette. Some of these instructions called for making sure the top vinyl did not get "pinched" in the folding mechanism. Just putting down the top without knowing the exact procedure called for your Corvette could cause these pinches and a permanent wrinkled look, a scratched rear window or even a cut top. A very good reason to read your owner's manual or get a re-print of your Corvette owner's manual from many of the aftermarket suppliers.

The late C-4, and all C-5, C-6, and C-7 convertibles come from the factory with a very special top. Your top has a soft luxurious look, and a twill canvas look to it. These tops are purchased from the Haartz Corp. in Acton, Mass, and are arguably the finest convertible tops made anywhere in the world! That is a very bold statement, but one that BMW, Mercedes, Ferrari, Porsche, Rolls Royce, Audi, as well as Ford, Chrysler also believe to be true. World Class high end auto restoration companies like Moshure Restoration and Hill and Vaughn will use only Haartz tops for their 1920's, 1930's "big wheel" restorations. The Haartz top is really that well designed and built. GM is very careful when it comes to the cost of products built into their cars. Corvette engineers wanted a folding top that was quiet, had a glass window, fit perfectly even after years of use, was easy for workers to install, and would hold up to the top speeds a Corvette could attain without flying apart. The use of a Haartz top by GM on the Corvette got the attention of their competitors.

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Now, as owners, we need to know how to care for this remarkable top. The C-5 and C-6 are equipped with a Haartz "Twillfast MC". This is a 5 ply acoustically enhanced top with an acrylic twill weave exterior and alternate layers of elastomeric and polyester cotton backing. That is a mouthful, but it is what makes the Haartz top so special. The C-7 top is a little different, and also very special. The C-7 come with a 3 layer top called Twillfast RPC. The new top is designed to be retracted while the car is moving and the layers are very strong. The outer layer is a newer acrylic twill weave facing and the additional layers are rubber and something called "dobby backing" that your C-7 guys get to touch when the top is up.

Haartz is very clear on the care and maintenance of their top. They recommend the top be cleaned a minimum of once a year. The tech tip is to pay close attention to these instructions and do not try to clean the top with anything other than what they recommend. There are 2 products they endorse, and they are not affiliated with either company. The first is called "Raggtop Cleaner" and the other is called "303 Protectant". In both cases, the cleaner is applied to a wet top that has had all the loose dirt rinsed off and is not in direct sunlight. The spray cleaners are applied and allowed to soak for 20 minutes. Then you are to scrub lightly with a soft bristle brush keeping the top wet. Once you are satisfied, rinse off the top thoroughly and allow to dry completely. If there is still some traces of soil, repeat the procedure. Once dry, the top must be treated to stay water proof. You will apply either "Raggtop Protector" or "303 Protector". If you think the top looks good and does not have to be retreated, the top will soil much quicker. Both these products are available from Amazon.com. I read some of the various product information and recommendation posts on Amazon. It seems that people prefer the 303 brand of product, and the consensus is it does a better job without getting too much cleaner or sealer on the windows or paint- just a better sprayer. One should still take precautions to cover windows and painted surfaces before applying these products. The price of these cleaners is as follows...

Raggtop Care Kit- has cleaner and protector in one kit -\$37.01

303 Cleaner (32 oz.)- \$9.18, 303 Protector- \$11.99

Raggtop Horsehair Brush- \$14.95

Amazon has free shipping on orders over \$50. There may be other outlets on the internet for these products. All you shoppers- do your magic!.

Haartz has also stated that a mild non-detergent soap like Ivory or Lux can be used if you need to clean the top. The results may not be the same as the Raggtop or 303 products, but can be used if needed.

Save the Wave,

Jeff Myers



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Classifieds:

2014 Corvette Stingray Coupe formerly owned by Frank Wilke. 23,000 miles, Cyber Gray Metallic with Kalahari interior. Engine 6.2L V8 DI/WT LT1 460 HP Direct Injection. 6-speed paddle shift. Call Curtis Disrud 262-567-6540 or 262-370-1693 (cell).

C-5: • Soundboard for trunk • Taillights & license plate louvers (Painted mell. yellow) • Relay for low & high beam lights (turns on both high and low headlights beams on the highway) easy to wire in • Dr. Color chip kit Mell. Yellow (never opened) • Leather steering wheel cover (yellow & black) • Emergency hood release • Touch up bottles (3) • Can of NAPA spray paint (Millennium yellow) • 2-yellow key fob rubber covers • Yellow grab handle -5. Contact Ron at: ronhgiese@gmail.com

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Member's Spotlight

Dana Drennen's replacement for Emily

I thought I'd take a minute and introduce you to Jade, Emily's replacement... We weren't really looking but this came up at a dealership near us and we couldn't resist. It's a 2000 Dark Bowling Green with Light Oak top and interior, which you just don't see too many in this color combo in a C5. It only had 34K original miles, 6spd manual and is in beautiful condition. It was a perfect combination of Sassy and Emily without the need to maintain two cars!



About the Corvette:

Year: 2000

Model: Convertible

Engine: 5.7 L V8 345 hp stock

Color: "Bowling Green", "Oak" top

Nickname: Jade

Outstanding Features: 6spd Manual, Low miles, and uncommon color combination. Perfect follow-on to prior two.

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