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

### Everyone Loves a Parade!

13 Corvettes participated in the annual Port Washington Fish Day Parade on July 16<sup>th</sup>. They look just as good leaving as they do coming at you!!!





## **4<sup>th</sup> of July Cedarburg Parade!!**

Thom Brown rounded us up and lead us over to the Ozaukee County Fairgrounds for our annual participation in the Cedarburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. 20 Corvettes were able to attend!!! After the Cedarburg parade, 8 Corvettes headed south for Brown Deer Parade (Sorry no photos). The weather was nice for both events and the crowds were absolutely fantastic!!!



## **Post's Cruise!**

Saturday, July 9th marked the third breakfast road trip for the intrepid OCC "will drive for food" road gang. The destination this time was the Log Cabin Family Restaurant in Baraboo, home of the "Yes, you can have pie with breakfast" menu. If that doesn't work for you there's always the dinner plate size cinnamon roll.

Mark and Jan Hobler, Gary and Lois Roeske, Ron and Sue Giese, Dick Witkowski and Jim Nowlen joined Bruce and Sally Post for the cruise. We were also joined by our newest members Gary and Karen Locklair and their stellar red 1995 ZR1. Welcome aboard! We hope to see a lot of you in the future.

The outbound route took us through Slinger, Columbus, Lodi, Prairie Du Sac and into Baraboo through the hilly terrain to the south. On the return trip we back-tracked to Lodi with a slight detour to Merrimac (the ferry wait was too long) and then south to Waterloo before the obligatory frozen custard stop in Watertown. Lots of curvy county roads took us past Holy Hill on our way back to the starting point.

In summation, the weather was perfect, road construction almost non-existent, the cars enjoyed to the opportunity to stretch their legs and the company was great. Everyone agreed it was one of the best trips in recent history. Our next "will drive for food" event will be a dinner trip to the Iron Ridge Inn on Saturday August 27th. We hope you can make it.

Bruce and Sally Post

## **Ozaukee Corvette Club Meeting Minutes – July 17th, 2016**

President Jeff Myers called the meeting to order on 7/17/16 at 5:59 pm.

### Board Members present included:

President Jeff Myers

Secretary Carie Drennen

Director Jim Baker

Director Pat Murray

### Board Members not present:

Vice President Ron Giese

Treasurer Sue Giese

Director Gregg Goetz

Secretary's Report: Carie Drennen read the June 2016 meeting minutes. Kathie Bruhn motioned to accept the notes as read and this was seconded by Mark Hobler.

Treasurer's Report: In Sue Giese's absence, Carie Drennen reported the treasurer's report which included the balance in the account along with one check being written to Ron Giese for reimbursement of flowers sent to Sue Montana-Myers. There was one deposit made in the form of new membership fees.

Kathy Huck motioned to accept the treasurer's report as read and this was seconded by Pat Murray.

Advertising: Gene Krull was not present for the meeting so no advertising report was available.

Newsletter: Kathie stated ten newsletters were mailed out.

Membership: We currently have 88 members.

Jeff informed the members present of the sad news regarding the passing of Harry Zaske.

Parades: We would like to give a big shout-out to Thom Brown, Parade Master, for the great job in handling the parades.

Jeff Myers suggested we have a motion to continue the same five parades in 2017. Carie Drennen made this motion which was seconded by Kathie Bruhn.

Old Business: The Car Craft National was attended by Jeff Myers, Ron Giese, Jim Nowlen, Dee Warzyn, and Dave Drew.

Thom Brown is still looking at possible dates for the reschedule of the Ronald McDonald House car show.

Mark and Jan Hobler presented choices of shirts with emblems and colors. Jim Baker stated he is very interested in having the club wear matching shirts for club events, i.e. parades. Jeff is going to check with the print shop in regard to the emblem. A vote was held in regard to the color of the shirts with White in first place with 14 votes, Purple in second place with 8 votes, Heather Grey in third place with 6 votes, Lime Green in fourth place with three votes, and Black came in fifth place with 2 votes. It was agreed upon that the style of the shirt did not have to be the same, i.e. collared shirt vs t-shirt style, just that the color matched. It was suggested that the club member would purchase the shirt of their choice and the club would pay for the embroidery. This was going to be further discussed at an upcoming board meeting.

The Holland Car Show has been cancelled. Jeff will check with our insurance company in regard to costs/liability in the OCC possibly sponsoring this car show next year.

New Business: The Adopt-A-Highway clean-up is scheduled for 8/6 with a rain-out date of 8/7.

There is a Detroit Michigan Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise scheduled on 8/20.

There is also the Post's Dinner Cruise to Door County scheduled on 8/20. The meeting place is at Wayne's at 10:00 with a departure time of 10:15 am. This stop includes a late lunch at the Gibraltar Grill in Fish Creek. The estimated mileage for the road trip is 350 miles. You can expect to return home at approximately 7:00 pm.

Mark Hobler made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 pm and this was seconded by Dana Drennen.



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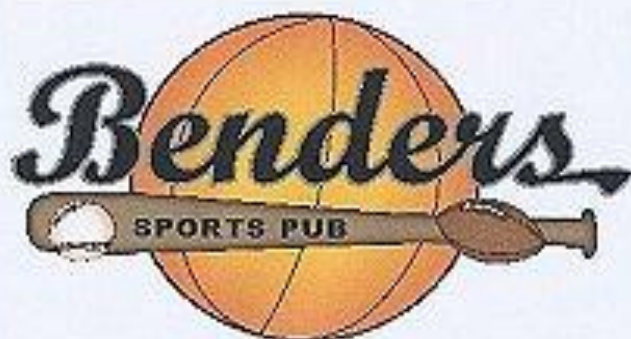
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### July 2016 Tech Tip – Tires for the Corvette

Tires have always been a somewhat sensitive subject when it comes to the Corvette. Starting with the mid-year Corvettes 1963 to 1967, every tire put on a Corvette at the St Louis plant was rated and built to go 150 mph! That is because, it was possible to get a fuel injected Corvette with proper gearing to do 150 mph. Tires can be a great liability, so they have to be built to sustain a top speed consistent with the capabilities of the Corvette.

As a 16 year old working at a Shell station in Kenosha, I learned firsthand about Corvettes and their speed rated tires. A fellow came in to buy tires for his '65 Corvette convertible. To say this Corvette owner was a cheapskate would be an understatement. Our boss was a Master Tech, and understood alignment better than anyone in Kenosha in 1966. He also knew the importance of getting the right tires on any Corvette for safety's sake. The Corvette owner was one of those guys that delighted in beating on his car and blaming GM when it broke. He had burned down the tread of the original equipment tires and reluctantly needed to replace them. He wanted the cheapest tires he could find, and then tried to beat us down on price. My boss overheard this fellow, and came out of his office to find out what all the trouble was about. (Continued next page)

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After patiently listening to this guy, he informed him that we would only sell him tires that were made specifically for his Corvette from Firestone, Goodyear, or B.F. Goodrich, or he could go to the dealership and buy the same tires from them. He explained that he would not only not sell him cheap tires, but that he would only install the special Corvette tires that have a special "TPC" rating, and they were \$62.00 ea. Plus mounting, balancing, and tax. That was about \$75.00 per tire or \$300.00 a set. Remember this was 1966 and this was very high end tire pricing. I thought that Corvette owner was going to explode from his reaction to my bosses pricing. Needless to say, we did not make the sale that day. After he left, I asked why he insisted on selling those very expensive "Special Corvette" tires. He told each of us that the only way he would ever do business with any Corvette owner is if they agreed to put on tires that are built to the capability of the car (Carroll Shelby did the same thing with the GT-350 and the Cobra in 1965, '66, & '67). My boss didn't want to get sued by this guy because he put on a lesser quality tire that would not hold up under the speeds that a Corvette was capable of. A few weeks later, it was reported in the paper that our Corvette cheapskate was seriously injured when he lost control of his Corvette, according to eyewitness accounts, after a tire had exploded at "excessive speeds". His '65 Corvette was totaled and he was suing GM for building an unsafe car and Montgomery Wards for selling him unsafe tires. (Continued next page)

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The tires he purchased were regular bias 2 ply 6.70 X 15 whitewall passenger car tires (rated at 75 mph) that he got a deal on. Both lawsuits were dismissed from testimony given by witnesses, and the investigation into the tires found on the Corvette my boss. Ever since that episode, I have become a believer in speed ratings for Corvette tires.

In 1973, my Corvette had whitewalls because raised letter tires were not available at the time it was built. They were GR70X15 Firestone 500's and the carried a "TPC" rating. They looked like normal thin whitewall tires, but they were quite expensive due to all the extra safeguards built in for sustained high speed driving. This was just before the current rating system was instituted by the industry. These tires ended up on my dad's very pedestrian looking '71 Olds 88, and I got super wide 60 series T/A Radials for the '73 Corvette. They were "T" rated for 124 mph max speed, which was about 15 mph more than I had ever had the '73 up to. The tech tip is to know the speed ratings of tires and never install tires under the capabilities of your Corvette. High performance tires carry a H, V, W, Y, and Z rating. Other than a "S" or "T" rating, which is for passenger cars and mini vans, the high performance tires should be the only ones you are interested in because of the speeds your Corvettes can attain. Here is a sample list of the various tire speed ratings...

S- 112 mph max speed, T- 118 mph max speed, H- 130 mph max speed (police and other emergency vehicles, V- 149 mph max speed, W- 168 mph max speed, Z- 186 mph and higher. Z rated tires seem to have an open end speed capability. 186 mph is just the starting point.

GM has programmed the Corvette to not exceed 199 mph. You will read road tests in magazines, and the writer complains that the Corvette is speed governed to "only" 199 mph. The other cars in the comparison article will do 202 or 204 mph and are therefore more technologically advanced according to these writers. These putz's drive Priuses and complain about Corvette top speed? What these irresponsible journalists do not know that governing the speed capability of the Corvette to the speed capability of the tires enables GM to get and keep product liability insurance on the Corvette to protect themselves from people like our '65 Corvette cheapskate. We just have to make certain that we also buy replacement tires that have the same or greater speed rating as the tires GM put on your Corvette when it was built. (Continued next page)



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(See web site calendar for latest information)  
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Aug 6<sup>th</sup> - Adopt A Highway - 8:15AM-10AM

Aug 13<sup>th</sup> - OCC Board Meeting at Firehouse Restaurant in Saukville. 9AM - 11AM.

Aug 20<sup>th</sup> - Woodward Dream Cruise - Detroit, MI.  
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Aug 20<sup>th</sup> - Post's Cruise to Door County. Meet at Wayne's at 10AM leaving at 10:15. Plan to be home at about 7PM.

Aug 21<sup>st</sup> - OCC Meeting at Firehouse Restaurant in Saukville. Dinner at 5PM, Meeting at 6PM.

Aug 27<sup>th</sup> - Post's Dinner Cruise to Iron Ridge Inn. Meet at Wayne's at 3:30PM leaving at 3:45PM.

Sept 18<sup>th</sup> - OCC Meeting at Firehouse Restaurant in Saukville. Dinner at 5PM, Meeting at 6PM.

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> - Fall Adventures in the Dells.  
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