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The Ozaukee Corvette Club meets the 3rd 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:

Ozaukee Corvette Club, Meeting Minutes, February 19, 2017 Meeting

There were 18 members present, including all 7 board members. The meeting was held at the Firehouse Restaurant, and called to order at 1:00pm.

Reports:

General:

Due to the general noise level in the restaurant, Sue Giese made a motion to suspend the reading of the minutes from the previous meeting. This was seconded by Kathie Bruhn, and passed unanimously.

Treasurers-Report:

The Kathie Bruhn moved that we suspend the treasurer's report due to the noise, seconded by Jim Nowlen.

Advertising-

Mark Hobler had nothing to report.

Membership-

Ron Giese reported we are at 71 members.

Member-Communications (Webmaster and Newsletter)

Pat Murray has put up a Host Board for club information. Jim Nowlen has agreed to help as a web master, and will do the newsletter.

Vice President's report-

Ron Giese reminded everyone that Ed Sari will be our guest speaker at the March meeting. Ed is affiliated with Corvette Adventures in the Dells.

Old Business-

1. 10 members enjoyed lunch at Bella Caffe' in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward (Members Jim and Rich owners). The food and beverage was very good.
2. The Christmas in July party is set for Saturday, July 8, 2017. This will give our Snow Birds a chance to experience a little holiday cheer, and Gary Roeske an opportunity to unload his valuable plumbing fixture. A sign-up sheet will follow.
3. The first Shakedown Cruise of the 2017 season will be on Saturday May 6th. This year we will head north to Kohler, Wi. for lunch at the Horse and Plow restaurant on the grounds of the Kohler Company. A very large underground parking area is available, along with the normal ground level. Best estimate is parking for 200 cars underground, and 50 cars at ground level. Please sign up for this cruise so we can give the restaurant a number for reservations.

New Business:

1. A motion was entertained to pay for the lunch for Ed Sari and his wife. Kathie Bruhn made the motion, and was seconded by Ann Murray. This motion passed unanimously.
2. Ron reminded everyone that the first Adapt-A-Highway clean-up will be the 1st Saturday in April. Please sign up.
3. Mark Hobler showed a parade banner to the club membership that is designed for use at parades and at Wayne's Drive-In. A motion was made and enthusiastically seconded to approve and the vote was unanimous approving the design. For those of you unfamiliar with this project, 2 members agreed to walk in our car parades with a large sign announcing the Ozaukee Corvette Club. A special thanks goes to club member Scott Fischer for his work designing and creating a banner that will announce our club during parades and everyone that visits Wayne's Drive-In on Wednesday nights during the summer. Thank you Scott and Mark!
4. It was brought to the Club's attention that the annual Charity Chili Cook-off will be Sunday, March 12th. This year the Muskego Corvette Club will host, and has chosen the Stars and Stripes Honor Flight of Wisconsin as their designated charity.
5. This was the last meeting for members Dana and Carie Drennen. Due to a broken ankle, and the pain associated with that injury, my wife Sue Montana-Myers asked me to compose the minutes of our meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Myers

April 2017 tentative agenda

The April meeting is Sunday April 9th to avoid Easter conflict. We have a guest speaker, Mike Binsfeld from Ice Kold, LLC in Grafton. 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.

Member Anniversaries:

*Ann and Pat Murray celebrate their wedding in March.
Trent and Karen Schanen celebrate their wedding in March
Rich Witkowski and Jim Nowlen celebrate their wedding in April..*

March Birthdays:

*Gary Bush
Carie Drennen
Dave Drew
Jeanie Gillitzer
Jan Griesmeyer
Doreen Lettau
Jim Nowlen
Diane Rehm
Trent Schanen*

April Birthdays:

*Carol Gensrick
Nancy Gilmore
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June 4th 2017



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Classifieds:

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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March 2017 Tech Tip –Waking The Beast.

This is an older tech tip published about 7 years ago. I have added some things concerning zinc in motor oil, and tire stress checking. These issues have become more relevant since this tech tip was originally written.

Spring, glorious Spring! Our thoughts go to getting our cars on the road for another season of the best motoring in the world! Nothing quite like a Corvette, and the thrill of the open road. Many of us have our own time tested methods to prepare our Corvettes for the road after a winter of storage. This tech tip is given in the spirit of helping those that may need a Corvette spring wake-up plan, and perhaps adding a few helpful tips to your established routine.

The thing we need to remember is to be cautious, and never assume everything will work the same as it did last fall when we prepared our cars for a long winter's nap. When you initially approach your Corvette, do a thorough visual inspection of the floor under your car. You are looking for oil and coolant pools, and possibly signs of a nest that some industrious mouse or squirrel built in your engine bay or on top of your rear end assembly. Also, be aware that there could be freeze plugs laying on your garage floor because your anti-freeze didn't do its job. (BTW, if you see freeze plugs, you are probably going to be looking for a new motor, because your engine block is probably cracked internally). Check all fluid levels, and change your oil and filter if you didn't do it last fall. Some owners may change their engine oil again even after changing it last fall. Some techs will tell you, that even though your Corvette has not been driven, acids and water, from condensation, will still form in the oil. Starting your car during the winter and allowing it to come up to operating temp is great for the electrical system, the cooling system, and the transmission; however, acids form faster in the oil when the engine has been operated. Remember, new oil and a filter are the most inexpensive insurance you can buy for your Corvette. There is one new caution for those of you with pre-1980 Corvettes. If your Corvette does not have "roller lifters" like all the cars built after 1980, your small block or big block Chevy is equipped with "flat tappet" lifters. These flat tappet lifters ride directly on the camshaft without the low friction benefit of a roller wheel. The problem is the current motor oils. Over the past few years, all the car manufacturers have asked the oil companies to dramatically reduce or eliminate "Zinc" from their oils. It seems that zinc in motor oils is responsible for the failure of cat converters on many new cars. The car companies have to warranty all failed cat converters on any car with less than 50,000 miles. The real problem for those of you with older Corvettes is, the lack of zinc is causing the failure of camshafts and lifters. The oil is not lubricating as well. The tech tip, is to buy oils that have added zinc or ZDDP additive. Joe Gibbs Racing sells quart bottles of "ZDDP enhanced oils" in a variety of viscosities. There are other brands of oil that are also raising the zinc levels to protect older car's cam and lifters. This is also very crucial on freshly rebuilt engines using common flat tappet hydraulic or solid lifters for proper cam break-in.

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Before starting the car, check all fluid levels- oil, coolant, transmission, brake fluid, hydraulic clutch (C-4, C-5, C-6), and rear end/ differential fluid level. Look for those rodent nests in the air cleaner, cowl area, front suspension, or intake manifold/ plenum. It is possible that a nest can catch on fire, and cause a fatal under hood fire. Check the fluid level in the battery (you can pop the covers off maintenance free batteries). If the battery is low, add distilled water only. The chemicals in tap water can hurt batteries. If voltage is less than 9 volts, the starter will by-pass and not allow the engine crank. The reason for that "fluttering" sound is the car protecting itself. Ask our resident electricians, Ron Giese, Frank Giltzer, or George Jurs when voltage drops and amperage increases, how that can damage delicate electronic circuits in the Corvettes computer. Put a charger on the car at a low setting (10 amp) and allow several hours for the car to charge. Those of you with 1999 and newer Corvettes, with original equipment battery, be advised that you may have an AGM (Absorbed Glass Mat) battery. The AGM battery needs to be charged at a voltage less than 15 volts. This is extremely important, or you will damage your battery. Speaking of brake fluid, open the system cap and look at the color of the fluid. If it is clear, and resembles "Ginger Ale" in color, everything is good. (Continued next page)

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However, if it is dark amber or looking like the color of "root beer" you should definitely consider replacing the fluid. Brake fluid absorbs moisture, and turns dark as the moisture level builds in the fluid. This can cause corrosion inside the ABS control unit and the brake lines.

Once your Corvette is running, inspect the underside for fluid leakage, and under the hood for fuel leaking at the injectors, fuel line fittings, or fuel pressure regulator. If any fuel or liquid is found leaking- do not drive your car under any circumstances until the source of the leak is found and repaired. The tech tip is to have your car towed to your tech's repair shop. (The good news is, towing insurance will usually cover the cost of the tow. Look for cracks and/ or bulges in all the rubber coolant hoses. Snug up all hose clamps- but not too tight. Inspect the tires for cuts, bulging and stress checking on the side walls and tread. If you find any of those little cracks in the rubber sidewalls or tread area, do not drive on those tires, they will fail and need to be replaced. Check tire air pressure, and set to recommended levels. While idling, and warming up, operate the clutch and brake pedals and be certain the clutch can be fully disengaged. Be certain the brake pedal doesn't go to the floor, and that the pedal travel is not excessive. If excessive brake pedal travel or depressing the clutch pedal(on C-4 thru C-7) does not allow engagement of the manual transmission gears, these systems may have air in the lines and need to be bled. Older Corvettes with mechanical lever clutch systems should also be serviced if the clutch will not disengage and allow you to put the car in gear.

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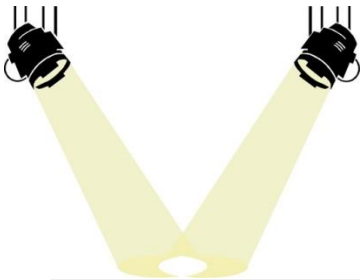
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Jeff Myers



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Please volunteer your car and story for the April Newsletter. Thanks.

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Model: tbd
Engine: tbd
Color: tbd
Nickname: tbd
Outstanding Features: TBD

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

Apr 1st - OCC Adopt-A-Highway. Meet at Wayne's at 8:00am. Signup on Website.

Apr 9th (revised date) - OCC Meeting at Firehouse Restaurant, Lunch at 12PM, Meeting at 1PM.

Apr 22nd - Midnight Hot Rods Open House and Car Show. 10am to 3pm. See Calendar.

May 3rd - Corvette Night @ Wayne's Drive in, Cedarburg. 5pm to 9pm SEASON OPENER!

May 21 OCC Monthly Meeting, details TBD

June 4th - Trip around the Lake

June 8th through 10th, Corvette Adventures Weekend.

June 11th - Grafton Lions Chicken Roast and Car Show.