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

President Jeff Myers put together our annual "Shakedown Cruise". This year's cruise on May 7<sup>th</sup> was to Quaker Steak and Lube in New Berlin. The weather was beautiful and we had a great turnout for our first cruise. After lunch a few of us made our way over to Georgie Porgie's for some ice cream!



## Post's Breakfast Cruise May 14<sup>th</sup>

A big thank you to Bruce and Sally Post for putting together a breakfast cruise up to the Whispering Orchard Café in Cleveland, WI. Bruce planned a very nice route and even led us back through the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive on the way home.



## Wayne's Drive-In Corvette Cruise In May 18<sup>th</sup>

We had a great turnout for our first Wayne's Cruise In Night...21 cars!!!



## **Ozaukee Corvette Club Meeting Minutes – May 15th, 2016**

President Jeff Myers called the meeting to order on 5/15/16 at 5:58 pm.

### Board Members present included:

President Jeff Myers

Vice President Ron Giese

Treasurer Sue Giese

Secretary Carie Drennen

Director Gregg Goetz

Director Jim Baker

Director Pat Murray

Secretary's Report: Carie Drennen read the April 2016 meeting minutes. Jim Nowlen motioned to accept the notes as read and this was seconded by Sally Post.

Treasurer's Report: The treasurer's report read by Carie Drennen during the April membership meeting was not inclusive as Sue was on vacation. Sue reported three additional checks were written in the month of April. During the month of May, Sue reported the insurance for the club had been paid by Jeff Myers to West Bend Mutual Ins. There were three deposits made in the month of May. The balance of the checking account was also reported. Trent Schanen made a motion to accept the report as read and this was seconded by Dana Drennen.

Advertising: Gene Krull reported that Shorewest realtor, Dan Wrolstad did not renew his ad with the club.

Newsletter: Kathie Bruhn was not present for this meeting, so no report of newsletters being mailed out was available.

Activity Coordinator Report: Sue Montana-Myers was not present for the meeting. Please remember to check the calendar for upcoming events and also remember to use the sign-up sheet if there is an event you will be attending.

Parade Master: Thom Brown reported the Cedarburg parade is a closed parade so this event will be removed from the calendar. We will revisit a discussion regarding participation in the Cedarburg parade at a later time for next year's parade.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding Ronald McDonald House participation. We would like to have as many participants as possible for this event on June 4<sup>th</sup> as it is felt to be such a worthy cause.

Membership: We currently have 82 members. Our newest member, Dale Doerflinger, attended this meeting and was welcomed by everyone.

Vice President Report: Ron Giese requested a board meeting be called to discuss the future of our website.

Ron has been looking into the "Buy A Brick" program at the Paramount Plaza in Grafton. The cost of a 4 x 8 brick is \$50. The cost for an 8 x 8 brick is \$100. Bruce Post motioned for a 4 x 8 brick and this was seconded by Dana Drennen. An amended motion was made by Jim Nowlen for an 8 x 8 brick and this was seconded by Sue Giese. In this instance, because a second motion was made, a vote was taken as to whether or not to approve the amended motion. The outcome of the vote was for an 8 x 8 brick for \$100. Ron and Sue were going to inquire as to the purchase of the brick and sending in the check as the due date was May 31<sup>st</sup>.

Old Business: Bruce and Sally's breakfast run was wonderful, thank you again Bruce for your participation in coming up with this. We all had a very nice time.

As a couple of members were not present for the Christmas party, Jeff awarded Jim Baker and Thom Brown with their awards which they would have received at the party.

New Business: Ronald McDonald House on June 4<sup>th</sup>. Nine cars are signed up. Anyone interested, please go to the sheet and sign up. Discussion was held regarding a donation from the club to the Ronald McDonald House. Dana Drennen made a motion to donate \$250 and this was seconded by Bruce Post. A vote was held which was unanimously upheld.

Jeff reported that he sent in the Form 5 Domestic Non-Stock Corporation Annual Report. A \$10 automatic withdrawal from the OCC checking account was made via E-check. Jeff handed out all the passwords and security questions to each of the board members in case access was ever necessary.

Ron requested grabbers for the Adopt-A-Highway Program so as to not have to pick up and drop off borrowed ones. A couple of anonymous members donated \$200 toward this purchase. Ron requested an additional \$123 from the club to be able to purchase 12 grabbers. Jim Nowlen and Richard Witkowski graciously offered the extra \$123 needed. Thank you very much to both Jim and Richard!

Jeff informed the club that Jay Brown had sent in a thank you card for the donation made to The American Cancer Society in remembrance of his son's passing.

Our next monthly membership meeting will be held on June 19, 2016 at The Firehouse Restaurant in Saukville. Dinner is at 5:00 pm with the meeting at 6:00 pm.

Jeff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm and this was seconded by Trent Schanen.



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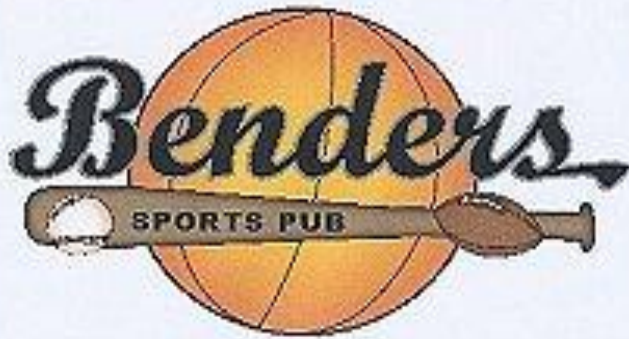
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We all have a favorite Corvette that we would like to own someday, and it may not be the one you currently have. I have made a somewhat unscientific observation; that for many people, the Corvette they have always wanted was usually from a year when they were in High School. This desire for a Corvette at that time in your life may have represented a goal, or a reward for a job well done. This was that special Corvette you promised yourself "someday". For others, it may be one of the newer, more technologically advanced Corvettes. You have had the older Corvette experience, and found yourself really wanting something newer or cutting edge. Then there are those of you that are just smitten by a particular style and design. The real great news is that well over 95% of all Corvettes ever produced are still out there. (Continued next page)



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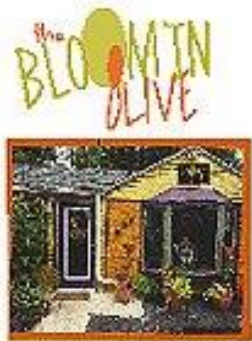
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In recent years, over 99% of all Corvettes built since 2000 are still in operation. The Corvette is an extremely reliable and structurally tough automobile. There are documented records of late model LS series motors, (usually in Silverado pick-ups), lasting well over 400,000 miles without ever being rebuilt. If you have an opportunity to get a 1997 or newer Corvette equipped with an LS motor, don't let the 50K or 75K odometer readings drive you away. It is felt within the auto tech community that the LS series and the newest LT series engines are the finest, most durable power plants GM has ever produced. To put it in proper perspective, if you drive 4,000 to 5,000 miles a year and used high quality synthetic oil, the engine would last 80 to 100 years before you or that 5th owner down the road might even think about an engine rebuild! Team that up with a no rust body, as well as owners that never use their Corvettes in a winter road salt environment, and you have a car that could outlive your great great grandchildren!  
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Consider this, is there any reason to believe other than human error, that Jim's Corvette will not see its' 100th birthday in 49 years? Not only that, there have been children that have seen Jim's Corvette at Wayne's or in our parades that probably made a promise to themselves that someday they will own a '65 Corvette. This is one reason we say all Corvettes are historically significant.

There may be some of you that are looking for a particular C-5 or C-6 Corvette. That is a wonderful thing to pursue, and one should aggressively go after the Corvette of their dreams- not because I said so, but because it gives one a sense of accomplishment, and that special "words cannot describe" feeling each time you start your Corvette. (And you thought you were the only one that felt that!)

The price you paid for your Corvette may be somewhat forgotten or a little foggy. That is because the enjoyment far outweighs the money paid. There are high mileage cars, neglected cars, or those rare barn finds. None of that ever matters, because we can remove all the wearing parts and restore the Corvette to original condition. The "3-B's"- bearings, bushings, and ball joints are a cost effective great first step. Some owners complained about all the parts they have replaced and engines and transmissions rebuilt because they paid too little for their car. Paying more for a car in better condition is the trade-off. It seems besides physical condition, a Corvette's mileage dictates value. There is nothing different or tricky about buying a good used Corvette compared to any other American or GM car- it is still a Chevy under that sleek body, and everything is easy to repair, replace, or correct. I think they call it "That Great GM Feeling".

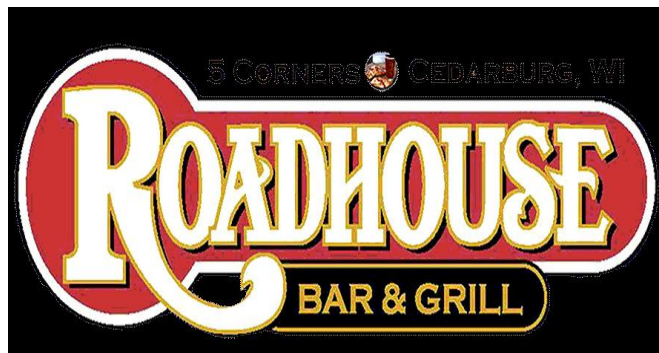
So get the Corvette you have always wanted. Jump in the deep end, and see the project through completion. In the end, you will have a 100% hand built perfect Corvette that you always wanted that will always bring a sense of pride, and will never depreciate. You will never forget the experience, I guarantee it!

Save the Wave,

Jeff Myers

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**Upcoming Calendar Events**  
(See web site calendar for latest information)  
Every Wednesday mid-May-through September at 5:30PM Wayne's Drive-In, Corvette Night.

June 4<sup>th</sup> – Ronald McDonald House Car Show. 9AM-3PM. 8948 Watertown Plank Rd. (by the pedestrian bridge).

June 5<sup>th</sup> Leon's Trip around the Lake. Meet at Park N Ride Hwy33 and Hwy41 at 7:15AM leaving at 7:30AM.

June 9-11 Corvette Adventures in the Dells.

June 12<sup>th</sup> Grafton Lion's Chicken Roast & Corvette Show. Veterans Memorial Park in Grafton. 10:30AM-3PM

June 19<sup>th</sup> OCC Meeting at Firehouse Restaurant in Saukville.

June 24-26 – Cruise to NCM Bowling Green, KY. Meet at McDonalds in Mequon (Mequon Rd and Hwy43) at 4:45AM!

June 25<sup>th</sup> – Thiensville Parade. Line up at 9:30 am on Division & Main St. Calvary Church parking lot on Division St.

July 4<sup>th</sup> – Cedarburg Parade. Meet at Wayne's Drive-In at 8:30AM leave at 8:45AM. - Brown Deer Parade to follow, meet at 5757 W Dean Rd (area B) by 12:45 PM bring sack lunch!