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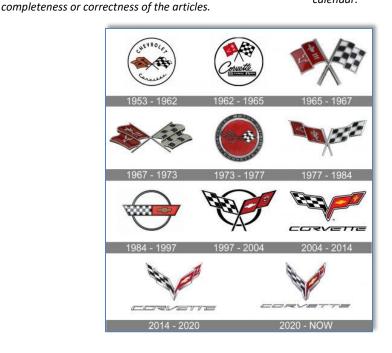
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Effective 2022, the Ozaukee Corvette Club will hold board and general membership meetings quarterly, with dates to be published on the club web calendar.



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#### **Member News:**

# Sunshine Committee:



- One card sent: Jay Brown.
- Ray and Janet Medley celebrated birth of their granddaughter.
- Ron Delveaux retired in December 2022.

If you know of someone who is down and out or just needs cheering up, please let Sally Post know so she can get something out to them. You can e-mail her at <a href="mailto:post.sally@gmail.com">post.sally@gmail.com</a> or call her at 262-421-8930.



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With The Ozaukee Glass publication changing to a random frequency rather than monthly, anniversaries and birthdays will appear both in arears and (sometimes) in the months ahead of the newsletter publication date. Also, lacking a crystal ball, any new members will always be published in arears.

#### **Happy Anniversary!!!**

1/27	Larry & Terry Cohodes	4/13	Gregg Goetz & Zhalen Barari
2/12	David & Nancy Burkhardt	4/22	Bill & Dawn Black
2/15	Al & Nancy Neville	5/3	Jim & Julie Russell
3/18	Pat & Ann Murray	5/13	Allen & Bee Heckendorf
4/1	Jim Nowlen & Rich Witkowski	5/18	Peter & Linda Kolbach
4/2	Gary Bush & Jana Prentnieks		

#### Happy Birthday!!!

1/4	Pat Becker	3/21	Patrick Ponath
1/8	Sue Giese	3/25	Patrick Keating
1/11	Ann Murray	4/1	Richard Witkowski
1/16	Jana Prentnieks	4/3	Allen Heckendorf
1/26	Danielle Soine	4/3	Raymond Medley
1/30	David Burkhardt	4/13	Peter Kolbach
2/4	Nancy Burkhardt	4/14	Pat Murray
2/4	Sally Post	4/17	Beth Acterberg
2/9	Sarah Titus	4/26	Bee Heckendorf
2/10	Michael Kirschner	4/26	Ken Seidl
2/13	Joshua Haas	4/26	David Spurgeon
2/16	Sarah Biesik	4/27	Nancy Gilmore
2/17	Dan Schmitz	4/28	Ken Sauter
2/21	Fred Kellbach	5/1	Larry Cohodes
2/23	Janet Medley	5/1	Gary Locklair
3/2	Doreen Lettau	5/7	Nancy Neville
3/5	Jim Nowlen	5/14	Karen Locklair
3/8	Craig Biesik	5/22	Linda Kolbach
3/10	Janet Griesmeyer	5/27	Bill Ploetz
3/19	Gary Bush	5/27	Jim Russell
3/21	Dave Drew		

#### Welcome New Members .... since last newsletter!!!

Renee Krzyston & Drew Taylor Mary Vavra

#### 2023 Upcoming Calendar of Events

#### (Always check the web site calendar for latest information and specific details)

- March 16, 2023 Social Night Dinner at The Jailhouse
- April 6, 2023 Board & General Membership Meeting at Flipside (5pm Dinner, 6pm Meeting)
- April 8, 2023 Adopt-A-Highway
- April 15, 2023 Chili Cook-Off / Potluck Social
- April 22, 2023 Spring Shakedown Road Trip Details TBD
- May 11, 2023 Board & General Membership Meeting at Flipside (5pm Dinner, 6pm Meeting)
- May 13, 2023 Road Trip Breakfast at Whispering Orchards
- May 29, 2023 West Bend Memorial Day Parade
- June 10, 2023 Jay Brown Memorial & Celebration of Life Car Show
- June 17, 2023 Road Trip Details TBD
- July 1, 2023 Mequon/Thiensville Family Fun before the 4<sup>th</sup> Parade
- July 1, 2023 Grafton Holidaze Parade
- July 4, 2023 Cedarburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July 4, 2023 Saukville 4th of July Parade
- July 8, 2023 Road Trip Details TBD
- July 13, 2023 Board & General Membership Meeting at Flipside (5pm Dinner, 6pm Meeting)
- July 15, 2023 Adopt-A-Highway
- July 22, 2023 Summer Picnic Details TBD
- August 12, 2023 Road Trip Details TBD
- August 19, 2023 Cars & Coffee, Latitudes Coffee in Germantown
- September 9, 2023 Road Trip Details TBD
- September 14, 2023 Board & General Membership Meeting at Flipside (5pm Dinner, 6pm Meeting)
- September 23, 2023 Road Trip Sunset Cruise at Road America and Dinner
- October 14, 2023 Road Trip Details TBD
- October 21, 2023 Adopt-A-Highway
- November 9, 2023 Board & General Membership Meeting at Flipside (5pm Dinner, 6pm Meeting)
- November TBD, 2023 Club Elections.
- Watch for updates and more details of 2023 events as they become available.

#### **Did You Know:**

It is rumoured that Harley Earl, designer, and Father of the Corvette, was too tall to fit properly in a Corvette?

No photos exist of him inside a Corvette.





# **FIVE THINGS I LIKE**

## ALMOST AS MUCH AS DRIVING MY CORVETTE

- 1. LOOKING AT MY CORVETTE.
- 2. TALKING ABOUT MY CORVETTE.
- 3. WATCHING TV PROGRAMS THAT FEATURE PEOPLE DRIVING CORVETTES.
- 4. WEBSITES ABOUT CORVETTES.
- 5. BACON.

# **Editorial:**

Hello everyone!

Now that is seems I have a bit more time on my hands, I'm back in the newsletter editor chair. I want to thank Gerry Edwards for picking up my slack and producing the December 2022 newsletter. Great job Gerry!

Putting together a newsletter is an involved process and can be daunting at times. Especially trying to dream up content that you will enjoy reading. I've tried to pack this publication with lots of fun content. I hope you enjoy this edition. As you go through the content, watch for stories that may have hyperlinks to external content on the web. This is especially true for the video shown at the 2023 OCC Holiday Party.

Now, I'm going to borrow from Gerry's December editorial and reiterate what he said then.

I too am excited for our club and the plans for 2023. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find a long list of activities in store for all our members. There will be plenty of opportunities for you to participate. Let's make this a great year with gangbuster attendance at our events. We have lots of road trips, social events, and community service opportunities for you to join this year. The calendar is packed! We would like high club turnout at the parades. It would be great to regularly have 20 cars or more at the parades. The crowds definitely enjoy the Corvettes so let's dazzle them with all of our "Ozaukee Glass"!

And don't forget about Wednesday nights at Wayne's Drive-In!! Our club has over 80 members so, let's see new faces out at Wayne's. Let's try to pack the parking lot!

Let's make 2023 a year to remember!

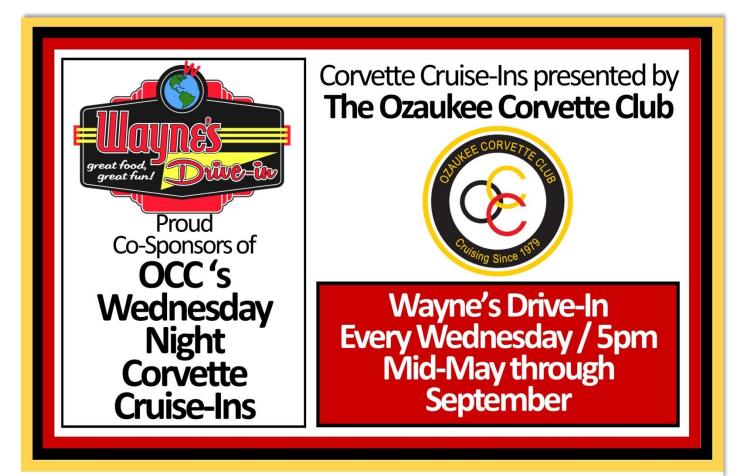
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#### Dad Joke:

"What do you call a pencil with two erasers?"

"Pointless!"





#### **Member Highlight:**

**Dave and Nancy Burkhardt** got their kicks on Route 66 during a 2022 guided tour for Corvette enthusiasts on America's Mother Road.

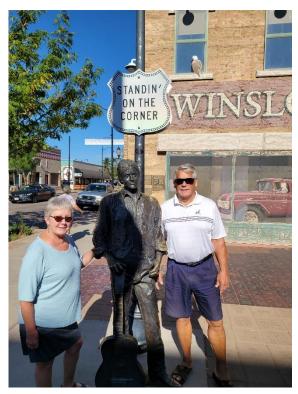
Route 66 was the first national highway linking Chicago to Los Angeles and it's filled with countless old filling stations, vintage diners, roadside attractions, and historic sites. Along the way are several natural wonders and two national parks including the Grand Canyon! At the end of their journey was Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Pier.

Dave and Nancy hit the road in their 2019 Corvette Z06 coupe traveling 2448 miles and 13 days (one way), crossing eight states, and seeing lots of cool attractions along the way.

Check out some of their photos below. There is also a short video of their trip hosted on my Vimeo web site. Click the hyperlinked video thumbnail photo to warp over and watch the video.











Using your keyboard, press and hold the CTRL key then click on the <u>photo below</u>. The photo is hyperlinked and will open a browser window to the video hosted on the Vimeo web site. Due to the original resolution of this video, it is best viewed as-is in the browser window. <u>Make sure your sound is turned on</u> and click the play button. Enjoy.



Thanks Dave and Nancy!!

#### **Corvette Trivia #1**

How many 1976 Stingrays were produced with rear window defrost?

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- b. 24,960
- c. 34,960
- d. 44,960





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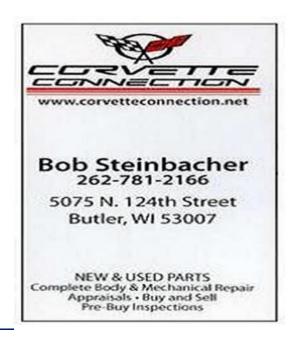
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#### **Corvette Trivia #2**

How many 1986 Corvettes were sent to Lotus in England to be converted into ZR1 prototypes?

- a. 20
- b. 30
- c. 40
- d. 50

#### **OCC Club Doings**

#### **2023 OCC Annual Holiday Party**

The 2023 OCC Annual Holiday Party was held on Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at the Cedarburg Cultural Center on Washington Avenue in downtown Cedarburg with thirty-six members, spouses, and significant others in attendance.

We had a wonderful dinner which included Prime Rib, Shrimp Dijon, and Baked Chicken along with vegetables, potatoes, salad, and dessert. And for those so inclined, various kinds of adult beverages were available as well.

After dinner we were once again treated to a video show highlighting our 2022 club activities. Following the show, we had our traditional "white elephant" gift exchange, hosted by resident elf Jim Nowlen.

Dinner was great. The company was great. The gift exchange was a hoot. Fun was had by all.

For those who were unable to attend the holiday party, some photos from the event appear on the following page. You can find more photos on the club website at <a href="https://www.ozaukeecorvetteclub.com/2023-pictures.html">https://www.ozaukeecorvetteclub.com/2023-pictures.html</a>. In addition, the video show is available online for your viewing pleasure.

Using your keyboard, press and hold the CTRL key then click on the <u>photo below</u>. The photo is hyperlinked and will open a browser window to the video hosted on the Vimeo web site. **This video is best viewed full screen**.

Once at the video show web site, click the play button then the full screen button and enjoy the show. Remember, **SOUND ON**. **TURN UP THE VOLUME**.



# OCC Club Doings .... continued

# 2023 OCC Annual Holiday Party



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#### OCC Club Doings .... continued

## Social Night at the 5 O'Clock Club





#### Social Night at the Pliers Full Circle Pub & Restaurant





#### **Corvette Trivia #3**

How many 1983 Corvette pilot cars were created before they were destroyed?

- a. 43
- b. 53
- c. 63
- d. 73



#### Thank you letter from Habitat for Humanity



Ozaukee Corvette Club P.O. Box 80171 Saukville, WI 53080 December 9, 2022

Dear Friends,

It is with profound gratitude that I send this letter acknowledging your donation of \$500.00 to Habitat for Humanity Ozaukee Inc. Your support allows us to continue in our mission of "Seeking to put God's love into action by bringing people together to build communities and hope." We treasure your recognition of the mission with your gift and verify no goods or services were offered by the organization in return for this charitable gift.

Though homes are constructed with volunteer time, talents and homeowner "sweat equity" hours, fees and materials must come from community support via sponsorships, fundraising, and donations. Along with home builds, Habitat for Humanity Ozaukee Inc. volunteers complete short-term projects to address safety or accessibility needs for elderly or disabled home owners through" A Brush with Kindness "program and support for "Aging in Place."

Side by side condominiums have been under construction in Grafton this year; recently they were completed and filled with two deserving families excited about owning a home of their own. Your contribution is noteworthy, so very much appreciated, and used directly for building or repair. It has been a particularly challenging time for organizations to raise funds, as so many businesses and families have been impacted by the pandemic.

We are most grateful for your offering to join with us in the exciting prospect of providing the path to home ownership for more families. We wish you blessings in this holiday season as you so graciously outreach to the community needs around you.

Sincerely,

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#### **OCC Board/Membership Meetings**

#### OZAUKEE CORVETTE CLUB

BOARD (GENERAL MEMBERSHIP) MEETING MINUTES January 12, 2023

#### **MEMBERS ATTENDING**

- Officers and Board Members: Bruce Post, Rich Witkowski, Jim Nowlen, Mark Hobler, Ron Giese, Gerry Edwards, Dave Burkhardt.
- General Members: Sally Post, Jan Hobler, Ann Murray, Pat Murray, Ray Medley, Janet Medley, Ron Delveaux, Nancy Burkhardt, Joan Ploetz, Bill Ploetz

CALL TO ORDER: Bruce P @ 6:01pm.

SECRETARY REPORT/REVIEW AND ACCEPTANCE OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES: Nov 2022 minutes were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rich shared the current status of the 2022 Balance Sheet showing income and expenses to date for 2022. Treasurer's Report Approved.

MEMBERSHIP: Ron G and Jim N shared this task as we moved from 2022 into 2023. We modified what we do so that we shared with each member the information we have in our database from last year's renewal, along with any additions and changes throughout the year. This way member didn't have to fill in a blank form. Feedback on this? (Favorable) Everyone caught the fact we save birthdays and anniversaries as just mm/yy with all occurring in 1999. Jim explained that this allows Newsletter person to do a much simpler search for upcoming birthdays and anniversaries for the newsletter.

Two different renewal forms were used, one for joint memberships and one for individual memberships. The individual form had room for members to convert to a joint membership and some did. We got a little out of sync when Pat updated the password before the renewal cycle was complete. This added a little complexity but as most renewals were in; it was really making sure that passcode only went to renewed members. At that point 22 had not yet completed renewals. As of tonight, only 12 remain. Likely only a handful of them will actually renew. Decided tonight, after 2/28/2023 any former members will have to rejoin as new members at the new member rate.

Ron has done the heavy lifting of calling members and following up on getting renewals in. Thanks Ron!

ADVERTISER REPORT: 8 Advertisers so far have responded. Corvette Sports announced they are closing their business this year. OCC will offer free advertising if they desire. Otherwise, Crystal Autobody, FlipSide, Ice-Kold, Ideal Electric, Philleo Agency, Tires Unlimited and Wayne's have renewed (7).

If members have suggestions, please let Gerry know. At the meeting Homestead Auto in Saukville was suggested, Jim/Rich will follow up with them.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: 1 Card sent, Jay. Noted a few things during the meeting. Ann Murray's birthday was today; Ray and Janet Medley celebrated birth of their granddaughter; Ron Delveaux retired in December 2022.

NEWSLETTER Report: Ron thanked Gerry Edwards for his work creating the December newsletter. Will be looking for story and photo contributions from members. Contributions post-holiday party on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> will be appreciated.

WEBSITE REPORT: Website has been stable. 2022 Hits 171,227 with Tuesday and Saturday being the busiest days. 11am to 4pm are the busiest times. Busiest months are June thru August.

PARADE Committee: Gerry is planning five parades as viewed here in January. Subject to change as the season evolves.

VP REPORT: Nothing to report.

#### PRESIDENT/TOURING:

The OCC Road Warriors completed the seven scheduled road trips in 2022 as well as two impromptu dinner drive-outs. Most road trips were within two hours of home, the longest being to Hobler's cottage in La Valle. We didn't do the lap around Door County last year but will definitely keep it in mind for 2023.

Speaking of 2023 plans, we're working on the calendar now. Since road touring has become a big part of OCC's mission, we'd love to hear any destination suggestions from the membership. Please let Bruce P. know what you'd like to do. You can expect monthly road trips in 2023, beginning with a shakedown cruise in late April and ending with the Pumpkin/Fall Color run in October. We're also planning a few local dinner trips as well as caravanning to a couple of local car shows so stay tuned and check the OCC calendar periodically!

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- OCC and Chili Cookoff with other Corvette clubs. Our club has decided to withdraw. But will pass on information about the 2023 event to our members.
- Holiday party will be January 21st. 35 attending this year compared to 25 last year.
- We discuss rate increase of our storage unit. Jim and Rich inventoried and shared that information with the board.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- Meeting schedule anticipated to be about every other month.
- Social events: we hope to expand beyond touring.
- Road Trips and touring, at least 7
- Adopt-a-Highway 3 times.
- Car Show participation, we anticipate at least three (Latitude, Mequon, and Cedars Community).

#### OTHER:

None

#### ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58pm.

#### Submitted By:

Jim Nowlen, Secretary; January 13, 2023

#### A CALL TO ALL OCC MEMBERS....YES, that DOES mean YOU !!!

This message is and will always remain timely... OG Editor needs **REPORTERS**. This newsletter is **YOUR** newsletter. It needs **YOUR** help. Please consider helping and contact me via the OCC Glass email at <a href="mailto:ozaukeecorvetteclub@gmail.com">ozaukeecorvetteclub@gmail.com</a>. Volunteer to contribute with perhaps your own personal Corvette-related story or club relevant reports for the newsletter. How about volunteering to be a photographer on one or more of the OCC road trips? Or you could participate by writing a story about our club trips.

#### PEOPLE! WE NEED CONTENT!! IT'S TOUGH TO DREAM THIS STUFF UP!!

Also, our advertisers are small to medium sized independent businesses. We have member driven advertisers; where members have suggested the advertiser rather than hope companies would reach out to us. Between us, our membership trades at all these places. Readers, please take time each month to read through our advertisers and do business with them when it makes sense. If you have a business you trade with you think other members would like to know about, please write Jim Nowlen with your suggestion.

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https://www.motortrend.com/reviews/2024-chevrolet-corvette-e-ray-hybrid-first-ride-review/

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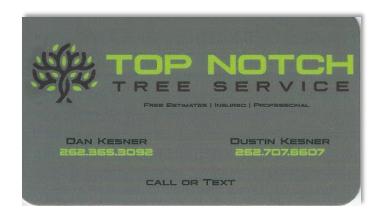
The Ozaukee Glass newsletter is looking for help. We would like to add a tech tips and owner experiences section. Depending upon available content, this section may appear in each newsletter or randomly. We need someone who would like to take ownership to find and contribute content. If you are interested, send an email to <a href="mailto:ozaukeecorvetteclub@gmail.com">ozaukeecorvetteclub@gmail.com</a> and let us know.

#### **Auto Trivia #4**

What year was the first centerlines painted on roads?

- a. 1917
- b. 1927
- c. 1937
- d. 1947





# The C1 Corvette or .... when is a Corvette not a Corvette? Answer: Whenever the 800-pound GM gorilla says so!

#### For example:

This is a 1954 Oldsmobile F-88 GM concept car, with a 250 horsepower "rocket" V8 with an automatic transmission. This is a documented, one-of-a-kind General Motors Motorama show "dream car," one of the few that survived. Craig Jackson, president and CEO of Barrett-Jackson, said in a news release, "While most of its brethren were destroyed after their debuts at GM's Motorama shows, the gold-toned Olds survived this fate to become one of the most historically significant vehicles of its era." It was designed by Harley J. Earl. It sold for \$3.24 million at Scottsdale in 2005



Another GM Motorama concept car designed by famed GM stylist Earl, this 1954 Pontiac Bonneville Special has a 230 horsepower straight 8 with an automatic transmission. It sold for \$3.02 million at the Scottsdale 35th Anniversary auction in 2006

The 1959 Cadillac sports car DeVille Abimelec.



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Trivia Answers

# 2023!!



April Showers bring...

CORVETTES !!!