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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:



• Two cards were sent in September and October

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 <u>post.sally@gmail.com</u> or call her at 262-421-8930.

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!!!

7/3	Mary & Fred Kellbach	9/8	Cheryl & John Christensen
7/3	Jon & Nancy Gilmore	9/13	Bob & Janet Griesmeyer
7/21	Nancy & Patrick Keating	9/20	Beth & Mark Acterberg
7/28	Ken & Kay Sauter	9/29	Ron & Sue Giese
7/31	Joan & Bill Ploetz	10/15	Janet & Raymond Medley
8/6	Steve & Doreen Lettau	10/27	Mark & Jan Hobler
8/11	Sally & Bruce Post	11/6	Dr. Barb & George Jurss
8/13	Gary & Karen Locklair	11/17	Scott & Mary Mueller
8/28	Jane & Roger Miller	11/24	Cary & Patrick Knudson
9/4	Frederick Leffler	12/13	Bill & Nancy Kulas

#### Happy Birthday!!!

#### Welcome new members in 2022!!!

Jake Mossman Bill & Nancy Kulas Frank Anton Michael Kirschner Pat Becker Patrick & Nancy Keating Bill & Joan Ploetz John Christensen Sarah Titus Craig & Sarah Biesik

#### **2023 Upcoming Calendar of Events**

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

- January 21, 2023; Christmas Party 5:00-9:00pm @ the Cedarburg Cultural Center
- April TBD, 2023; Adopt-A-Highway
- June TBD, 2023; Mequon/Thiensville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July TBD, 2023; Grafton 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July TBD, 2023; Cedarburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July TBD, 2023; Saukville 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade
- July TBD, 2023; Port Washington Fish Day Parade
- July TBD, 2023; Adopt-A-Highway
- October TBD, 2023; Adopt-A-Highway
- November TBD, 2023; Club Elections.

Watch for updates and more details of 2023 events as they become available.

#### Did You Know:

What were the original colors of the 1953 corvette?

All 300 1953 Corvettes featured **Polo White**, with a red interior, and a black convertible top.



#### Dad Joke:

What do you call a pig that knows karate?

- Pork Chop



### 2023 Board Elected:

Elections were held at the meeting last week. 2023 board voted in as follows:

#### Board:

President: Bruce Post Vice President: Mark Hobler Treasurer: Rich Witkowski Secretary: Jim Nowlen

#### Function Committee Chairs:

Membership: Jim Nowlen/Ron Giese Newsletter: Ron Delveaux Sunshine Committee: Sally Post Road Trips: Bruce Post Director-at-Large: Ron Giese Director-at-Large: David Burkhardt Director-at-Large: Gerry Edwards

Advertising: Gerry Edwards Adopt-A-Highway: Ron Giese Web Master: Pat Murray Parades: Gerry Edwards

# Editorial:

Greetings all! 2022 is almost behind us and it has been a very eventful year for the OCC. You may notice a slight difference in this newsletter which is because I'm filling in for a single-issue newsletter as the editor to help Ron D while he's extremely busy.

I'm excited for our club and the plans we're making for 2023. There will be lots of activities and plenty of opportunities for you to participate. Let's make this a great year with gangbuster attendance at our events. This is especially true for club turnout at the parades. It would be great to regularly have 20 cars or more at the parades. The crowds definitely seem to enjoy the Corvettes!

And don't forget about Wednesday nights at Wayne's Drive-In!!

Let's make 2023 a year to remember!

Gerry...



#### **VP/ROAD TRIP REPORT**

The summer 2022 OCC Road Tour is complete (almost?) with a total of ten trips!

Our shakedown cruise on April 23<sup>rd</sup> saw fifteen Corvettes hit the road for a great breakfast at Cafe Bella in Sheboygan. Where else can you get steak and eggs for less than \$10? We sat at a big table for 28 and a great waitress got all our orders and checks right the first time!

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There are no more Corvette cruises planned for the remainder of 2022, but I'll bet there'll be a dinner cruise or two with our tin wheels this winter. Stay tuned!

Bruce....



#### OCC Club Doings

#### **October Adopt-A-Highway (AAH)**

The final AAH event of 2022 was a success with twelve members on the crew. As you can see from the picture below, we combined the AAH cleanup with the annual taking-down-of-the-tent at Wayne's.

The day was cloudy and chilly, but the crew's spirits were high. Thanks to everyone that pitched in to help!



#### Did you know?

What was the inspiration for the Chevrolet Corvette's name?

The Chevy Corvette was named after a small type of highly maneuverable warship called a **corvette**. The name was suggested by Myron Scott, who also happened to be the creator of the All-American Soap Box Derby!



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

#### Clean Up at Wayne's

A week after the AAH clean up, Gregg organized a last-minute crew to clean up the tree line on the north side of Wayne's parking lot. Clean up went well and it was quick. The group then took a nice color cruise to West Bend with a total of four cars. Thanks to all!



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

This message from Ron D is still 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 <u>ozaukeecorvetteclub@gmail.com</u>. 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.

(Note: the above was mostly plagiarized from a past newsletter. <sup>(3)</sup> Thanks Jim.)



#### Dad Joke:

How are you supposed to talk in an apple library?

- With your incider voice.

#### Corvette Trivia

#### Where was the original production plant for the Corvette?

The first 300 Corvettes were produced by hand in Flint, Michigan. After that, mass production began in St. Louis, Missouri, where it remained until the Bowling Green, Kentucky plant opened 1981.



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#### <u>June 23, 2022</u>

#### OZAUKEE CORVETTE CLUB

#### BOARD (GENERAL MEMBERSHIP) MEETING MINUTES June 23, 2022

MEMBERS ATTENDINGS

- Officers and Board Members: Pat Murray, Bruce Post, Rich Witkowski, Jim Nowlen, Ron Giese, Mark Hobler.
- General Members: Sally Post, Ray Medley, Jan Hobler, Ron Delveaux, (Going forward let's continue the sign in sheet).

#### CALL TO ORDER: Pat M @ 6:00pm

TREASURER'S REPORT: Rich shared the current status of the 2022 Balance Sheet showing income and expenses to date for 2022. Some expenses included State Registration, Banner Carriers, PWFD, Cedarburg 4<sup>th</sup> Parade, and the Website. Report unanimously approved

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

VP REPORT/UPCOMING TRIPS: The summer 2022 OCC Road Tour is off to a great start with increased participation, no doubt helped along by cooperative weather gods. So far, we have completed three road trips with a minimum of ten cars participating in each event!

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What's the next cruise? It'll be an OCC favorite - lunch on the deck at Fitz's on the Lake near Lodi, WI on June 18<sup>th</sup>. Naturally we'll take the obligatory ferry boat ride at Merrimac and make a stop at a local winery or other place of interest. This is a fun trip, so be sure to sign-up if you're thinking about going. And just in case you're thinking wow, this is a long trip, just remember we never drive for more than an hour without a pit stop somewhere.

Our next scheduled event is on July 30<sup>th</sup>, a road trip to Road America for a Sunset Cruise on the track and dinner in Elkhart Lake. We usually have a big attendance for these events, so be certain you signup soon. BUT WATCH YOUR EMAIL. I'LL BET WE'LL HAVE AN IMPROMPTU DINNER DRIVE OUT SOMETIME BEFORE THIS EVENT!

ADVERTISING REPORT: No Change

WEBSITE REPORT: Pat reported the technical issues with our web host appear to be resolved.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: 3 cards sent out.

OLD BUSINESS:

• Mark has found getting members to arrive for new photos has been challenging. He is asking members to take a photo with their car and to mail it to the club (<u>ozaukeecorvetteclub@gmail.com</u>).

NEW BUSINESS:

- We discussed name tags as our current vendor is selling his business. Pat will order a trial tag from BC in Hartford. Costs will be a \$25 artwork setup fee and \$10 per tag. He will explore cost of mailing tags to the new members direct from BC.
- We revisited membership renewal fees. Jim will update the form and send it to the board members.

#### OTHER:

• None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:42pm.

Submitted By: Jim Nowlen, Secretary; June 23, 2022

#### September 15, 2022

#### OZAUKEE CORVETTE CLUB

BOARD (GENERAL MEMBERSHIP) MEETING MINUTES September 15, 2022

#### MEMBERS ATTENDINGS

- Officers and Board Members: Pat Murray, Bruce Post, Rich Witkowski, Jim Nowlen, Ron Giese.
- General Members: Sally Post, Ray Medley, Gerry Edwards, Joan Ploetz, Bill Ploetz, Gary Bush, Pat Keating, Nancy Keating.

CALL TO ORDER: Pat M @ 6:02pm;

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

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

VP REPORT/UPCOMING TRIPS:

OCC Members participated in four driving events since the last BOD meeting.

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The next ride on September 28<sup>th</sup> will be the annual Pumpkin Run. Our route will take us around the Horicon Marsh, stopping at a few places to buy pumpkins, etc. One member who shall go unnamed (Gary) is also looking forward to our stop at Tom Dooley's Orchard to replenish his apple pie supply. We'll finish the day with dinner at the Iron Ridge Inn in Iron Ridge.

Our final road trip of the year on October 8<sup>th</sup> is something different. We'll start with an 8:00am breakfast the Flipside before heading to the Throttle Stop auto and motorcycle museum. It's really an interesting place. Also, we've been able to secure a reduced admission of \$10 per person, half of the usual cost. We should get home by 1:00pm at the latest.

There are sign-up sheets on the website for each of these three events, so please sign-up or email Bruce if you plan on attending.

ADVERTISING REPORT: No Change. However, some advertisers have queried whether we are interested in having them back to present to our club.

WEBSITE REPORT: Website has been stable since early summer issues.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: No Activity.

NEWSLETTER: Ron D needs a break, so the club is looking for someone to handle this newsletter for the balance of 2022. Ron D will resume in 2023 so this is a short-term request.

OLD BUSINESS:

• We have a new supplier of name tags - Be Seen Promotions.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

- Parade Insurance, we agreed going into 2023 we anticipate six (6) parades. Jim has already notified our insurance agent.
- Upcoming elections. We have candidates for the four officer positions (Bruce Pres, Mark VP, Rich Treasurer, Jim Secretary) and four candidates volunteering for At Large Director positions (Ron G, Dave, Ray M, Gerry E). We discussed the value of increasing to five At Large Director positions with the idea that each carries the management of a portion of club functions (e.g., Parade, Newsletter, Membership, Driving Events...). This would require a simple modification of our bylaws. If we proceed, we will make this a voting option on the ballot in November.
- OCC Patches, Ron G has plenty members can purchase. Please contact Ron for details.
- Christmas Party will be January 21, 2023, at 5:00pm at the Cedarburg Cultural Center (same as 2022). The club will pick up \$500 of the cost with the balance shared amongst attendees.
- Bruce/Sally and Pat/Ann are celebrating 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries and are hosting a celebration at the Murray's on October 8<sup>th</sup>. All members of OCC are invited to Pat and Ann's home in Grafton at 7:00pm. Cocktails, appetizers, and cake are on the agenda. Also, we may have a bonfire (weather permitting) so dress accordingly. No gifts please – your attendance is our gift.

#### OTHER:

• None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.

Submitted By: Jim Nowlen, Secretary; September 15, 2022

#### November 3, 2022

#### OZAUKEE CORVETTE CLUB

#### BOARD (GENERAL MEMBERSHIP) MEETING MINUTES November 3, 2022

#### MEMBERS ATTENDINGS

• Officers and Board Members: Pat Murray, Bruce Post, Rich Witkowski, Jim Nowlen, Ron Giese, Dave Burkhardt

• General Members: Sally Post, Ray Medley, Gerry Edwards, Gary Bush, Pat Keating, Ron Delveaux, Gene Neils, Gregg Goetz, Jan Hobler, Mark Hobler.

#### CALL TO ORDER: Pat M @ 6:00pm

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

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

#### VP REPORT/UPCOMING TRIPS:

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ADVERTISING REPORT: No Change. Renewals will go out next week. Queried members asking if they have other businesses, they like who might be interested in advertising with OCC.

WEBSITE REPORT: Website has been stable except for some issues today which Pat will address.

SUNSHINE COMMITTEE: Two cards, Ron D and Nancy B.

NEWSLETTER: Gerry E will create an end of year newsletter this month.

OLD BUSINESS:

• None

NEW BUSINESS:

- Parade Insurance, we renewed at five parades. We can add more in the spring when we have clarity of summer 2023 events. This is to avoid return premium which is always less than paid if we have fewer than anticipated.
- Election Results! 2023 board voted in as follows: Bruce P. President; Mark H. Vice President; Rich W Treasurer; Jim N. Secretary. At Large Director positions Ron G, Dave B, Gerry E).
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- 2022 Final Adopt-a-Highway on Oct 15<sup>th</sup>; 17 bags, 12 volunteers. We also assisted in taking down Wayne's Drive Inn tent.
- On Oct 23<sup>rd</sup> Mark, Ron D, Bruce P did a clean-up along the tree line at Wayne's. We'll make this a part of the regular AAH next year.
- Donations changed. Club will donate \$500 to Honor Flight and \$500 to Habitat for Humanity Ozaukee County.

#### OTHER:

• None

#### ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

Submitted By: Jim Nowlen, Secretary; November 3, 2022





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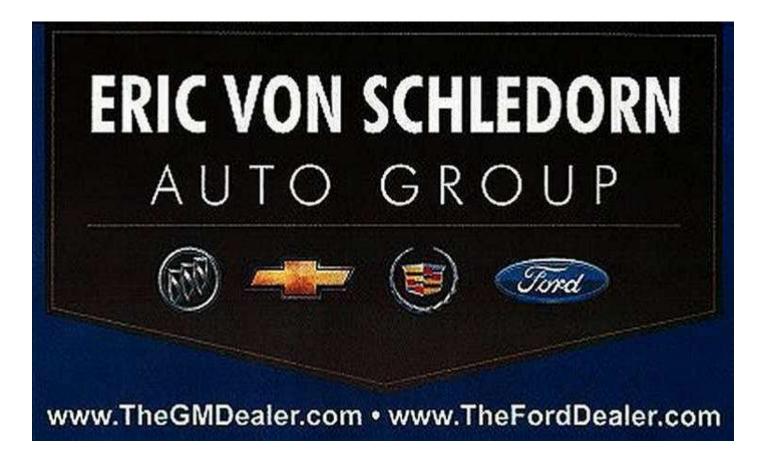
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