

Official Newsletter of the Ozaukee Corvette Club



Darryl & Margaret's 1984 Z51

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The Club meets at 6pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month at: Circle B Recreation Center Hwy 60 & Hwy I - Cedarburg 262-377-8090 Meetings at 7pm June - Sept



# **Ozaukee Corvette Club Meeting Minutes - February 19, 2012**

**Treasurer's Report**: Jim Baker went over the treasury report. Ron Giese made a motion to accept the report and was seconded by Jay Brown.

**VP Report**: Sue Giese said that there wasn't much to report, except for the Chili Cook Off that we are planning to attend as a club. We will have our March 18th meeting at the Brew House in Delafield following the Chili Cook Off. Darryl will e-mail everyone with more details.

Advertising: Sue Montana reported we are working on getting a few new advertisers.

Membership: Ron Giese had nothing new to report.

**50/50 Drawing**: Harry Zaske won the 50/50 drawing.

Website: President Greene stated the web site is all up-to-date.

**NCCC:** Wayne Richter could not attend the meeting. Some of the members had questions to be discussed at the March meeting.

**Old Business**: Jeff Myers shared great time we had at the Chicago Auto Show. We had 5 club members take the train from Harvard, IL to the show and enjoyed the day which started with a dozen doughnuts thanks to Jim Russel.

### **New Business**

BRUNCH: March 4th we are planning to go to brunch at the Port Hotel in Port Washington . We will meet at 10:00 a.m. Please let Sue Montana/Jeff Myers know if you would like to go. jmontana@wi.rr.com

EVS Car Show: Darryl passes around a rough draft of a flyer for the show that was needed for NCCC. Discussion followed and a few changes will be made to it.

Motion for adjournment was made by Kathie Bruhn and seconded by Jay Brown at 7:05 p.m.

The next meeting will be Mar. 18, 2012 at the Brew House in Delafield, following the Chili Cook Off.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Montana, Secretary

# **Upcoming Events**

- March 4, 2012 Brunch at the Port Hotel 10am 101 East Main Street, Port Washington.
- March 18 Chili Cookoff see website for details and downloadable flier.

# **Charitable Contributions**

We received the following letter from Family Sharing:

December 29, 2011

Dear Ozaukee Corvette Club,

We did it! We made it through the year and we have you to thank. Because without the amazing generosity of donors like you, Family Sharing could not meet the needs of the hundreds of men, women and children who turn to us for help. Your contribution of \$150 made an impact on many lives.

This year has been especially difficult. With so many people out of work, requests for assistance increased and we relied heavily on the kindness and generosity of our donors. Once again, you came through. When the food on the shelves grew scarce, your donation helped make a difference. With your help we distributed over 30,000 pounds of food each month. In addition, we were able to provide \$5000 worth of clothing and household goods every month from our resale shop, for Ozaukee families who found themselves in need. And almost 300 children from our county are assured of a warm winter with the new coats they received from Family Sharing.

The words "thank you" cannot adequately reflect the gratitude we feel for your support. But "thank you" is all we have. Please know that we are grateful to you from the bottom of our hearts. It would very difficult to continue to carry on our mission without you. Wishing you a happy and healthy 2012. Sincerely,

Colleen Kasper Executive Director

# **Tech Tips**

The Corvette and Water...

Or rain, or torrential down pour. We have to sometimes laugh at some of you guys and gals that would not dare take your Corvette out for a ride in the rain. You act like our cars are made like a Fizzie, and will melt when contacting any form of rain. (For those of you too young to know about Fizzies, they were a soft drink tablet that you put in a large glass of water, and they fizzed away as they flavored your water with one of eight truly hideous flavors. Sort of like a flavored Alka Seltzer...yuk.)

This may be more commentary than tech tip, but our hope is that we are

able to bring some knowledge about the Corvette and water...lots of water.

Water testing has always been a part of building General Motors cars. Regardless of the make and model of GM car, they were and are tested against leaks and electrical system failure from the worst combination of wind and water. Those first 1953 Corvettes were



What's better than a home in Florida plus a vette to go with it? Jane is enjoying a sunny day while we gaze at our vettes covered up in the garage!

somewhat leaky, because they used side curtains instead of roll up windows; and one could get very wet driving it. It was said that if you had a Corvette, it would be wise to have a spare Cadillac for rainy days! However, by 1954 they improved things a little bit, putting a newly hired engineer on the water leak problem by developing roll up windows. His name was Zora Duntov and this was one of his first engineering projects for the Corvette! Every 1954 Corvette went through a water test, and they did their best to minimize water leakage. GM recognized the need to make the Corvette more water tight, and this has been an ongoing challenge. When they change the body style, more water challenges present themselves. The '63 to '67 Corvettes had serious water issues, but each year during the "mid-year" run, things did improve. Of course there are exceptions as Leon can attest to with his new 1965 Corvette that leaked everywhere. If you have a leaky mid-year, the use of good door gasket rubber is a good start. Those of you with a C 1, C 2, or C3 Corvettes with moldy smelling carpet and interiors; need to invest in good high quality door gasket rubber to re-seal your car, and make certain the doors are still hung correctly(not sagging). The OEM door rubber is actually good for only @ 10 to 15 years, and will shrink, crack, and harden. One should also inspect the cowl area (below the windshield area) to be certain the body fiberglass is not cracked and causing water to come into the seating area from a crack in the firewall. This can also lead to rusting on C-2 and C-3 cars of the inner framework that surrounds the cockpit, also known as the "birdcage". This is a very worthwhile project that will insure that your Corvette is sealed properly. Remove the seats and replace that faded moldy smelling carpet, spray a good disinfectant cleaner on the fiberglass floor to kill the mold and mildew germs, perhaps add some "dyna mat" insulation, and get the benefit of a nice new car smell from the new carpet- honest!!

Some people are so anal about their Corvettes, you can hear them proclaim, "my car has never been in the rain!" or "this car is so perfect, it has never experienced a drop of water hitting its' precious paint"- really? Have you ever washed your car? Most people think that rain water is terrible, or is full of acid, or has dirt in it! Perhaps in other parts of the country, but not in the non-industrial parts of Wisconsin. Have you ever seen the calcium deposits left from hard water out of your tap? Rain water is very soft- naturally soft. I have personally titrated Saukville water, and found it to be 24 grains of hardness! Why, that water is so hard that one could get stoned to death just showering in it!(just kidding) Most of us wash our cars with untreated hard water, that can, in some very hard water circumstances actually scratch paint or clear coat. Think I'm wrong? Look closely at the slight hairline scratches and swirls on your Corvette finish and ask yourself how this happened if you are the only person washing your Corvette. Good normal soft water titrates at 3 to 5 grains of hardness, but most of us do not soften our cold water, or the water coming out of our garden hoses. Some of you might think I'm crazy, but I have been known to wash my cars during a gentle rain with a very high quality car shampoo that doesn't harm the "wax" or polymer polish. Then I just allow the rain to gently rinse off the entire car. (You should have seen the look on Sue Montana's face when she saw me washing cars during a light rain storm!) Rain water titrates out to zero grains of hardness! However, if there are major wind storms, rain can be laced with large amounts of dirt, and that would not be good for washing a car. The point is- rain water will not harm your Corvette. Driving your Corvette in the rain can actually be very beneficial. In fact, it will rinse out all the drainage channels and passages; and keep your car clean internally. The suspension will get rinsed clean, and carry away all the built-up dirt that can hold moisture and start corrosion of suspension and other underbody parts. Some would find it more than a little humorous that a plastic car, is never driven in a rainstorm!

Recently, Jim Baker and his wife Laurell, and Sue and I returned from a fall cruise to Bowling Green, and a tour of the Corvette Plant. On our trip into Bowling Green, it rained very severely from Louisville to Bowling Green. Our visibility was at times very limited, but the C 6 convertibles performed flawlessly. The GM Stabilitrac, traction control, and active suspension worked flawlessly as our Corvettes went through 1 to 2 inches of standing water with very little hydroplaning due to the standard all season tires that sipe away excess water and all the traction devices keeping the car on a straight track. In fact, we encountered so much water, that I think Jim Baker would agree that our Corvettes should be certified as submarines. The Corvettes did not miss a beat, and the next morning, low and behold our cars were still there, and it hadn't melted or dissolved! We cleaned up the wheels to remove a little road film, and went over to the Corvette Museum and factory for a tour. Of course, the tour was tremendous and highly recommended for any Corvette enthusiast.

Now for all you guys and gals that insist your Corvette has never been rained on or drenched on, I have a bit of bad news for you- GM still likes to test each and every C-4, C-5, and C-6 Corvettes with massive amounts of water delivered at very high pressure and volume. How about 80 separate nozzles spraying 12 gallons of water a second for 30 seconds at every angle imaginable!! Talk about drinking from the fire hose! Not one drop of water is allowed to enter the car. 100% perfect sealing is the minimim accepted standard. If for any reason water manages to get into any new Corvette, it is turned over to a highly skilled technician that repairs it until it is perfect. They assured us that every Bowling Green built Corvette is completely waterproof, and well on their way to Submarine Certification (lol).

Jim Russell has raised an interesting thought. Since we live in God's Country, and Wisconsin is known for its' rapid and unpredictable weather changes, we should be more willing to drive our water tested Corvettes to all club events, rain or shine. Now whether you agree with Jim or not,

he raises some interesting arguments. We have ~ 180 days a year to enjoy our Corvettes, and with busy and sometimes conflicting schedules there are many weekends we just can't enjoy our cars. Add to that our crazy weather patterns (if you don't like Wisconsin weather- stick around 10 min., it will change) and suddenly Fall is upon us, and it is time to prep our Corvettes for winter storage. We have lost another year or cruising opportunity. Others have said, we have such a short season, we don't put many miles on our cars and therefore they are worth more. Wow, did you buy your Corvette for someone else? Use these cars. They are very tough, and extremely well constructed. Drive them safely and often; and thoroughly enjoy them rain or shine, because you didn't buy your Corvette to sell to someone else.

Save the Wave,

Jeff Myers Jim Russell, contributor

## **Corvette of the Month**

## Darryl & Margaret's 1984

Since we got married almost 35 years ago I'd commented again and again to Margaret that one day I'd get another vette, since having my 1960 years ago. Two years ago she got me this red Valentine gift! The 84 with Z51 package was designed for the track and is one of the best handling vettes of all time, being the first to break 1g on the skid pad, the best of 75 cars tested that year by Road &



When I looked at this picture later on I saw that, by some huge coincidence, all of the wheels are perfectly lined up!

Track. The option included track-optimized suspension components and geometry, quick-ration steering and performance rear end. The option was either loved by those appreciating a performance sports car feel, or too much of a good thing by others looking for a smooth touring car. The suspension was subsequently de-tuned in the years afterwards and this kind of handling was not again achieved until the introduction of the C5 Z06 in 2001. A ride in our '84 always puts grins on our faces!

### Classifieds

87 red convertible

Black top and new rear window, excellent shape. 73,000 miles, new air cond., new wiper motor, valve job, water pump, brakes, all fluids changed, new battery, new cold air induction system, shop manuals, new radio/CD and speakers, custom car cover, real paint custom pin striping. Asking \$12,000 or make offer. Other minor car stuff to go with. Ron Giese 414-870-2497 Ideal Electric Inc. idealelectric@gmail.com

For Sale – Performance Choice Car Cover – For C4 Corvettes. Also fits C2s. Indoor cover. This is the heavier, cushion type material. With storage bag. Like new, very clean condition. \$75.00. Contact Wayne Richter 262-377-8145, richterway@sbcglobal.net

Corsa Exhaust for C5 - please call Sue Montana 262-853-3399.

2012 Midwest Region Schedule of Events				
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EVENT	DATE	DAY	LOCATION	HOST CLUB
NCCC Meetings	24-Feb	Friday	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Committee Meetings
Regional Meeting	25-Feb	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	Midwest Region Meeting
Governors Meeting	25-Feb	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	National Governors Meeting
MWR Awards Banquet	24-Mar	Saturday	Countryside, IL	MWR & Windy City Corvettes
3 Rallyes	31-Mar	Saturday	Centralia, IL	Little Egypt Corvette Club
3 Rallyes	15-Apr	Sunday	Milan, IL	Midwest Corvettes
2 Concours and 3 PC	22-Apr	Sunday	Tinley Park, IL	Lakeside Corvettes
5 Low Speeds	28-Apr	Saturday	Rantoul, IL	Central Illinois Corvette Club & Rolling Prairie
5 Low Speeds	29-Apr	Sunday	Rantoul, IL	Central Illinois Corvette Club & Rolling Prairie
NCCC Meetings	4-May	Friday	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Committee Meetings
Regional Meeting	5-May	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	Midwest Region Meeting
Governors Meeting	5-May	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	National Governors Meeting
2 Rallyes	12-May	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	Route 66 Corvette Club
3 Rallyes	19-May	Saturday	Rosemount, MN	Suburban Corvettes of Minnesota
4 Rallyes	20-May	Sunday	Waukesha, WI	Badger State Vettes & Northern Rays Ltd
6 Low Speeds	26-May	Saturday	Mattoon, IL	Windy City, Corvette Club of Illinois, Mid-Illinois Corvette Club
6 Low Speeds	27-May	Sunday	Mattoon, IL	Windy City, Corvette Club of Illinois, Mid-Illinois Corvette Club
5 Low Speeds	28-May	Monday	Mattoon, IL	Midwest Region
2 Rallyes	10-Jun	Sunday	Cary, IL	Sunburst Corvette Club
1 PC Concours	10-Jun	Sunday	Countryside, IL	Windy City Corvettes
7 Low Speeds	16-Jun	Saturday	Waukesha, WI	Wisconsin & Kettle Moraine Corvette Clubs
7 Low Speeds	17-Jun	Sunday	Waukesha, WI	Wisconsin & Kettle Moraine Corvette Clubs
NCCC	23-Jun	Saturday	Topeka, KS	NCCC Convention
Convention	thru	thru	Topeka, KS	NCCC Convention
Week	29-Jun	Friday	Topeka, KS	NCCC Convention
5 Low Speeds	7-Jul	Saturday	Rantoul, IL	Central Illinois Corvette Club & Rolling Prairie
5 Low Speeds	8-Jul	Sunday	Rantoul, IL	Central Illinois Corvette Club & Rolling Prairie
5 Low Speeds	14-Jul	Saturday	Oak Creek, WI	Badger State Vettes
5 Low Speeds	15-Jul	Sunday	Oak Creek, WI	Northern Illinois Corvette Club
7 Low Speeds	21-Jul	Saturday	Quincy, IL	Great River Corvette Club
7 Low Speeds	22-Jul	Sunday	Quincy, IL	Great River Corvette Club, Mid-Illinois, St. Louis Corvette Club
7 Low Speeds	28-Jul	Saturday	South Bend, IN	Windy City, Lakeside Corvette Club
7 Low Speeds	29-Jul	Sunday	Davenport, IA	Midwest Corvettes
7 Rallyes	4-Aug	Saturday	Woodbury, MN	Corvettes of Minnesota
1 PC Concours	5-Aug	Sunday	Lisle, IL	Windy City Corvettes
7 Rallyes	11-Aug	Saturday	West Salem, WI	River City Corvettes
5 Low Speeds	12-Aug	Sunday	Rockford, IL	Northern Illinois Corvette Club, Sunburst Corvette Club
2 Rallyes	18-Aug	Saturday	Cary, IL	Sunburst Corvette Club
6 Low Speeds	18-Aug	Saturday	Wentzville, MO	Route 66 Corvette Club, St. Louis Corvette Club
6 Low Speeds	19-Aug	Sunday	Wentzville, MO	Route 66 Corvette Club
1 Concours & 2 PC Concours	26-Aug	Sunday	West Allis, WI	Badger State Vettes
5 Low Speeds	1-Sep	Saturday	Mattoon, IL	Northern Illinois-Northern Rays-Windy City
5 Low Speeds	2-Sep	Sunday	Mattoon, IL	Northern Illinois-Northern Rays-Windy City
5 Low Speeds	3-Sep	Monday	Mattoon, IL	Midwest Region
NCCC Meetings	7-Sep	Friday	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Committee Meetings
Regional Meeting	8-Sep	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	Midwest Region Meeting
Governors Meeting	8-Sep	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	National Governors Meeting
1 PC Concours & 1 Concours	16-Sep	Sunday	Crystal Lake, IL	Sunburst Corvette Club
MWRCS Cutoff Date	16-Sep	Sunday		MWRCS Qualifying Cutoff Date
4 Rallyes	22-Sep	Saturday	Rosemount, MN	Suburban Corvettes of Minnesota
6 Low Speeds	29-Sep	Saturday	Centralia, IL	Little Egypt Corvette Club
7 Low Speeds	30-Sep	Sunday	Galesburg, IL	Glass Favorites Corvettes
MWRCS	6-Oct	Saturday	TBD	Midwest Regional Championship Series
MWRCS	7-Oct	Sunday	TBD	Midwest Regional Championship Series
7 Low Speeds	13-Oct	Saturday	South Bend, IN	Windy City Corvettes, Chicago Corvette Club
7 Low Speeds	20-Oct	Saturday	South Bend, IN	Land of Lincoln Corvettes
NCCC Meetings	9-Nov	Friday	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Committee Meetings
Sanctioning Meeting	10-Nov	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	MWR 2012 Sanctioning Meeting
Regional Meeting	10-Nov	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	Midwest Region Meeting
Governors Meeting	10-Nov	Saturday	St. Louis, MO	National Governors Meeting





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