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The Club meets at 5pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month at:

Flip Side Cafe Cheyenne Court - Grafton 262-474-0140 Dinner at 5:00 and meeting at 6:00



Ozaukee Corvette Club Meeting Minutes - March 17, 2013

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by President Darryl Greene at 6:00 p.m. at Flipside Restaurant in Grafton. There were 11 members in attendance.

V-President's Report: Ron Giese went over newsletters and other brochures that had come in the mail.

Treasurer's Report: In Jim Baker's absence, Wayne Richter went over the treasure's report.

Advertising: Ron Giese and Wayne Richer reported on new advertisers.

NCCC: Wayne Richter reported on the upcoming events: June Sprints, Convention this year in Bowling Green, KY – June 24-28.

50/50 Drawing: Wayne Richter won the 50/50 drawing and donated the money he won back to the Club for charity. Congratulations and Thank You!

Old Business:

Chili Cook-Off: Darryl Greene went over the details for the event and made sure everyone was on board and knew what they had volunteered to do for the event. Please be at the Delafield Brew Haus around 2-2:30 to help set up. Delafield Brewhaus, 3832 Hillside Dr., Delafield 53018 – It will be in the west end of the building.

New Business:

April 27th is the date for the "Shake- Down Cruise." It will be the 1st cruise for 2013. Sign up sheet is on the Club's web site. More details later.

Motion for adjournment was made by Jon Gilmore and seconded by Sue Giese at 7:05 p.m. After the meeting members discussed their worst experiences of owning a Corvette.

The next meeting will be April 21st, 2013 at Flipside – at 5:00pm for dinner – 6:00pm for meeting.

March 20th is the 1st day of Spring! Get ready.....

Respectfully submitted, Sue Montana-Myers, Secretary

Upcoming Events

(See web site calendar for latest information)

- 4/21 Monthly meeting
- 4/27 Spring shake down cruise
- 4/28 Rain day for shake down
- 5/19 OCC meeting
- 5/27 Memorial Day parade
- 6/2 Trip around lake?
- 6/2 Lions day car show
- 6/4 Brew City 1st car cruise night
- 6/9 Corvette Adventures in the Dells
- 6/? Thiensville parade
- 6/? Grafton parade
- 6/15 Elkhart lake event
- 6/16 Elkhart lake event
- 6/16 OCC meeting
- 7/? Cedarburg parade
- 7/21 OCC meeting
- 7/? Fish Day parade car show to follow parade
- 8/?? EVS car show
- 8/16 OCC meeting
- 8/23 Mackinaw Island cruise
- 8/23 Masterpiece car show
- 8/27 Brew City 2nd corvette cruise
- 9/21 OCC car show for Meadowbrook Assisted Living
- 10/? Round Robin

You know you're a C4 owner when...

- You stock up on OEM Optisparks and water pumps.
- When you get into your other car you find yourself swinging the leg over a non existent frame rail.
- When the C-6 guys won't wave at you
- When the neighbors say something about that "mid-life crisis" thing.
- When you call your interior "the cockpit"
- You carry around pictures of your car in your wallet and not your family
- When you keep saying its a Classic instead of its old.
- When you feel kind of sorry for the other generations of vettes because they don't have a clamshell hood.
- When you show off the biceps you've developed from lifting your clamshell hood.
- When you polish your front suspension, because you can actually see it when you lift the hood.
- When you say "I don't care if the stereo doesn't work. My music comes from the exhaust"
- When your friends get tired of hearing you say, "yes, you may have more horsepower, but my 84 Z51 will beat you in the autocross with its superior handling."
- When you explain that with a few "minor" modifications the Crossfire will run in the 12's in the quarter mile, but who needs all that horsepower, anyway?
- When you think that newer targa tops are structurally inferior because they don't bolt down.
- When you can remove and stow your top in one minute flat.

Sane Driving

A few of us in the club have read recent accounts in Corvette magazines of staff writers or contributing freelance editors writing (bragging) about driving a new C-6 Grand Sport, Z06, or ZR1 on two lane county roads at speed in access of 150mph without any concern for the safety of others or themselves. These people are not professional drivers or stunt drivers- just a bunch of magazine writers going 150 mph for a few thrills, and because it is just so easy to do with just about any C-4, C-5 or C-6. None of these morons is thinking about the consequences of their actions should something go terribly wrong. At 150 they are covering a football field in just under 2 seconds! They are going too fast to stop in time to avoid killing ANY pedestrian or child playing near the road, or a car that pulls out onto the road after that car driver has looked both

ways. Now, imagine if our Corvette driver does try to stop the car on the normal uneven surface of these county highways or for that matter the uneven surface of a majority of our interstate highways; the Corvette will dive down on the front suspension until there is no longer any suspension movement, then if there is a small pothole or a little bump in the surface the Corvette could break a wheel or be launched upward. In either event, the idiot driver is just along for the ride, holding on, as the Corvette is propelled into oncoming traffic or into some one's house-killing everyone in either case. If you think I'm being a bit dramatic or unrealistic, I suggest you read the article in the April 2013 issue of 'Corvette Magazine'. Here we have a Chevrolet dealer

Rollie Purifoy that has created a 2013 Grand Sport with 599 hp from an Edelbrock E-Force Supercharger. The magazine has sent Isaac Mion to write a story about the latest Purifoy creation. Here is a partial excerpt from the article. "...Having remained silent up to this point, Purifoy gives me a bit of advice: "being on a 2 lane road north of 100 doesn't give you too much of a margin of error when you're surprised by some guy pulling out of his yard in a John Deere" His words fall on deaf ears as I continue to climb up through the 6 speed



Wayne dreams of replacing his 427 with a Crossfire torque monster

gearbox"...Purifoy is waving his hands, I am wrenched from my fantasy when I see a white pick-up truck in the distance backing slowly out of a driveway into our path. The farmer at the wheel is blissfully unaware that he and his poultry are about to be chick-filleted by a screaming-green 3,200 pound projectile. It's too late for me to slam on the brakes...Just as I'm planning my avoidance strategy, another pick-up truck appears in the other lane. With moments to react, I choose to veer left into the path of the oncoming pick-up, sweep around the 1st pick-up and accelerate hard back into my lane... Really? Where does one begin. This is so bad on so many levels. The magazine guy thinks he's Juan Fangio or Zora Duntov- he's delusional and needs professional help. The Chevy dealer, Rollie Purifoy could have killed, yet is too cool to stop this insane behavior. There is something very dysfunctional here. I know Chevrolet frowns upon its' dealers exposing themselves to dangerous activities. (Roger Penske had to stop driving in competition once he signed his first Chevrolet dealer papers in 1965).

I want each of you to think of the very real irony here...You are a Corvette owner, and an active participant in the Corvette lifestyle. You are out for a cruise, thoroughly enjoying the company of your significant other, and fellow club members- not to mention enjoying your Corvette when suddenly you see our idiot driver flying out of control coming right for your car. You, and the next 6 cars behind you have 1 or 2 seconds to react- no escape, no time to maneuver, and no possible place to go as the brand new 150 mph C-6 careens into you killing, maiming, or crippling everyone. Pretty sobering thought isn't it? Also, very real and possible. Our idiot? Oh he was out on a "test drive" with a new Corvette with anywhere from 430 to 638 horsepower under his right foot. He doesn't have to be one of those irresponsible magazine hacks to drive like this, he could be any guy off the street that stroked some unsuspecting salesperson about buying a Corvette just to get behind the wheel. Once he is in the Corvette, he is a very dangerous and lethal person; aiming a machine that can kill others. I'm sounding more like my dad years ago; and I swore I would never do that. However, the more I age, the more I realize dad was correct. Of course he was correct, but I was 23 and knew a lot more about cars and Corvettes, in particular, than he would ever know. The real life lesson from dad is not about the dangers of owning a Corvette, but being responsible for others..looking out for, and taking care of our

fellow man and one another. Driving is not a 'right' that is guaranteed or protected by any law. Driving is a privilege, and driving a Corvette is an even bigger privilege. We have a tremendous responsibility to drive our Corvettes defensively and offensively. Be aware of everything immediately around you (including those bozos that hang in your left rear blind spot), and then be aware of what is unfolding a mile in front of you. It is common knowledge that the Corvette is the King of the Road, the tip of the spear, that Corvettes lead the way. You have the finest braking system bar none, and an incredible suspension system to handle the most horsepower produced by almost any other car on the road. Yes my friends, in the hands of a competent and responsible owner, a Corvette is a object of tremendous beauty and power. Those many magazine articles that try to glorify irresponsible driving behavior need a serious wake-up call or letter to the editor.

Save the Wave (and yourselves)

Jeff Myers

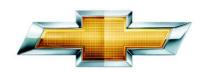
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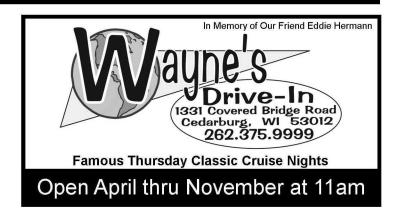
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