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Upcoming Calendar of Events 2019 (See web site calendar for latest information) January 25th 2019 - Road America Dinner and Improv Show. Please sign up here. February 13th 2019 - 6:00pm February OCC meeting. EAA Clubhouse, West Bend Airport. Please sign up here. March 3rd 2019 - 3:00pm CHILI Cookoff at Delafield Brewhouse. March 13th 2019 - 6pm March OCC meeting, Flip Side, Grafton April 6th 2019 - 8am Adopt-A-Highway. Sign up sheet pending. April 10th 2019 - 6pm April OCC meeting, Flip Side, Grafton May 8th 2019 - 6pm May OCC meeting, Location TBD May 11th 2019 – 8am to noon; Road Trip Breakfast at Whispering Orchards in Cleveland, WI May 27th 2019 - 9:30am West Bend Memorial Day Parade June 6th - 8th - <u>Corvette Adventures 2019</u>, Chula Vista Resort, Dells, Please <u>sign up</u> here. REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW, REGISTER HERE! June 12th 2019 - June OCC meeting, Flip Side, Grafton July 10th 2019 - July OCC meeting, Flip Side, Grafton July 13th 2019 - 8am Adopt-A-Highway. Sign up sheet pending. July 20th 2019 - 8:30am Port Fish Day Parade. July 20th 2019 - 12:30pm Port Fish Day Car Show. July 27th 2019 - 7am - 4pm RoadTrip Holland Festival Car Show, Cedar Grove, WI June 29th 2019 - 9:30am Thiensville/Mequon Fun before the 4th. June 29th 2019 - 11:00am Grafton parade. July 4th 2019 - 9am Cedarburt 4th of July Parade. July 4th 2019 - 12:30pm Brown Deer 4th of July Parade. August 14th 2019 - August OCC meeting, Flip Side, Grafton August 27th 2019 thru Sep 1, 2019 - 2019 Corvette Caravan REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW! September 11th 2019 - September OCC meeting, Flip Side, Grafton October 9th 2019 - October OCC meeting (Annual Officer Nominations), Flip Side, Grafton October 19th 2019 - 8am Adopt-A-Highway. November 13th 2019 - November OCC meeting (Club Election Day), Flip Side, Grafton December 11th 2019 - December OCC meeting, Flip Side, Grafton

2019 Ozaukee Corvette Club Christmas Party (our 40th):



January 12th 2019 OCC met at MJ Stevens Restaurant in Hartford, WI; a place which as pretty much become a club tradition for our annual holiday party; always just after the holiday rush a couple weeks prior. Twenty Three members were able to participate in a pleasant social hour of drinks and conversation, followed by a delicious dinner of Chicken Parmesan, Beef Tips, vegetables and pasta. Nearly everyone brought a simple gift to exchange. We

tried something new this year in our exchange, playing the "left/right game".

The energy and happy social interaction was just what anyone would hope for in a celebration; and we hope sets the stage for a fantastic 2019 of happy times together.





With a rather prodigious set of photos to choose from thanks to Mark Hobler who was our volunteer photographer; I've peppered them throughout this newsletter with just some of them on this page.













The 6th National Corvette Caravan is scheduled for August 28 – 31, 2019 (eg: <u>Next year</u>). Read all about it <u>here</u>. As the next year unfolds, let's see how many in our club plan to participate and if so, we might want to coordinate with each other.



OZAUKEE CORVETTE CLUB BOARD OF DIRECTORS/MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 9, 2019

NOTE:

A Board or Directors and General Membership Meeting ran concurrently on this date. As a result, these minutes encompass both meetings.

MEMBERS ATTENDING/QUORUM:

Officers and Board Members: Ron G., Jim N., Bruce P., Rich W., Susan G., Mark H. and Gregg G. All elected officers and board members were in attendance therefore the quorum required for board approval was in attendance. General members attending were Jan H., Sally P., Pat M., and George J. A quorum was not available for approval of actions requiring Membership approval.

CALL TO ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at the Flipside in Grafton at 5:55PM by President, Ron. G.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Treasurer Rich W. provided an update. Bank balance was reported. Rich reported that the cash balance is expected increase in the coming weeks due to the seasonal collection of membership renewals and holiday party revenues. The Board approved the normal \$50 participation fee for the annual chili cook which will take place on March 3rd at the Delafield Brewhaus. Members are reminded to check the club calendar routinely since many events are being added and the board will endeavor to use the calendar more consistently in 2019.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Ron G. provided a membership an update of members renewing for 2019. As of this date, 53 members have committed to renewing with a few more expected before January 31st, the normal end date of our renewal period. We ended 2018 with 79 members, several of which were not active and not expected to renew. Based on experience, it is not unusual for the club to experience a 10-20% member turnover during the year, with most new members joining once driving season comes around.

The board also discussed a revision to our renewal practices. Previously, a member that dropped-out and later decided to renew was charged the published "new member" rate which included an initiation fee. The board agreed that going forward a returning member need only pay the annual renewal and the initiation fee will be waived.

BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE:

The clean-up of several outdated, unused and contradictory items has been a subject of discussion by the board for a while. The board agreed to form a committee to address the issues and is <u>looking a few</u> <u>volunteers from the general membership</u> to help tackle the job. Yes, it's about as exciting and desirable a chore as a root canal, but it can be done in short order. The expected end result is a simpler, less structured document that matches what we actually want to do – i.e. less business stuff (aka B.S.) and more Corvetting. Anyone want to help?

A good example is guest's participating in our events. At present, our by-laws state this can't happen. This is probably old language from our NCCC days – they didn't want any non-members because of their umbrella insurance policy and how it fit with the separate NCCC insurance we all had to carry. Our new

policy doesn't contain any of this language so the board has adopted a new policy where guests CAN participate. They will be asked to sign a temporary membership form (aka liability waiver) and pay a \$10 fee (to help us pay for our insurance) which is refundable if the decide to join.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

<u>Holiday Party – January 12th:</u> The plans are firmly in place with 25 members registering. Several local business have contributed door prizes including EVS Chevrolet, Jackson Vision Center, the Olive Sprig in Cedarburg, Coffeeville in Jackson and the Cedarburg Coffee Roastery. We've built some social time and activities into the event to allow a chance to interact with members beyond who's seated at your table. We're looking forward to a great party!

January 25th Dinner and Improv Comedy at Road America. Join us at Road America for a night of improv comedy and laughs with ComedyCity of De Pere.

Doors open at 6:15

Show starts at 7:00

What is Improv? Improv, or improvisational comedy, is defined as the ability to create and perform spontaneously or without preparation. In short, nothing is scripted - they make stuff up on the spot. It's comedy without a net.

What can you expect? ComedyCity doesn't force audience members to come on stage or anything like that. They will ask you to participate, shout out suggestions when asked for them (i.e. "What's something you see in a garage?") that they incorporate into scenes, songs, and sketches, and occasionally they ask for volunteers to join them.

What is included in the ticket?

Smoked Salmon, Bacon Wrapped Water Chestnuts, Italian Sausage Stuffed Mushrooms, BBQ Meatballs, Spinach and Artichoke Dip, Cheese, Sausage and Crackers Tray, Fresh Vegetable and Dill Dip Tray, Fruit Tray, Mini Finger Sandwiches, Silver Dollar Sandwiches, and Assorted Dessert Bars Entertainment, tax and tip, cash bar.

<u>Dinner Drive-Out – February 8th</u>: We're planning a dinner trip to the Iron Ridge Inn in Iron Ridge for their fish fry and all-you-eat prime rib, fish chicken buffet. Probably won't be driving Corvettes, but you have to keep your strength up in the off season. Be sure to use the sign-up sheet on the website so we know how many are coming. Don't want to drive and need a ride? Let me know and we'll try to make it happen.

<u>OCC Monthly Meeting – February 13th:</u> We're going to try something a little different. We'll meet at the EAA Chapter 1158 building at the West Bend Airport. We're planning on pizza from Papa Murphys or somewhere at 5:30PM. This will give us a chance to see if this is a venue we'd like to use in the future. Again, don't forget the sign-up sheet.

ADJOURNMENT:

With all scheduled business completed, a motion to adjourn was made, seconded and approved without dissent at 7PM.

Submitted By: Bruce Post, Secretary January 14, 2019

New Members! Welcome!

Thank you for renewing your membership!

Member Anniversaries:

1/27 LARRY & TERRI COHODES2/15 AL & NANCY NEVILLE

Member Birthdays:

1/08 SUE GIESE
1/11 ANN MURRAY
1/21 SUZI HACKENDAHL
2/04 SALLY POST
2/11 BRIAN MAYER
2/13 DORIS ADKINS
2/17 DAN SCHMITZ
2/21 FRED KELLBACH

NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:

Articles for each month's newsletter need to be sent to <u>jimnowlen@gmail.com</u> by or before the cutoff date below.

Next Newsletter cutoff is Feb 15, 2019



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We want to mention that Silk Screen specialists already have our club logo and most if not all Corvette generations 'vette logo. This is a great place to get your OCC logo gear.

Bring your own shirt, or buy from them. Note that our "official" shirt color for parades is White.





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27th ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

with the 25th Annual Chocolate Bake-Off & 18th Annual Salsa Competition! DATE: Sunday, March 3rd, 2019 PLACE: Delafield Brewhaus 3832 Hillside Drive, Delafield, WI 53018 TIME: 3:00pm registration and 4:00pm Tasting & Voting

All proceeds to benefit The American Lung Association in remembrance of WCC member, Christine Thate

Each club is asked to make a donation to the charity. Please send a \$50 club donation to Christopher Milewski at N92 W25360 Blue Heron Dr.,Sussex, WI 53089 Please make checks payable to WCC.

This year we are requesting that each club attending, please have at least 3-5 chili entrants so as not to run out. We thank you for your co-operation in this matter. Any questions, please contact Chair Kate Sanborn at kate88lmc@aol.com

Classifieds:

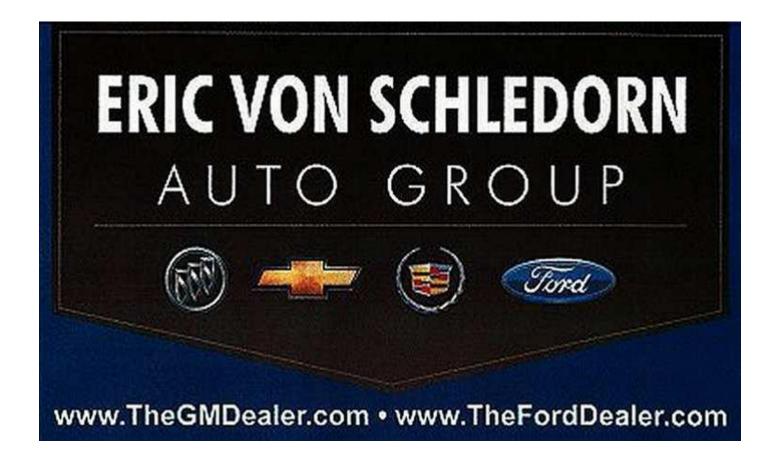
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<u>Windjammer for a C-5</u>. This attaches to the top of the windshield with a temporary clamp that can be easily be attached or removed. This was donated by one of our members since he now owns a C-7. As it did not sell at the Chili Cookoff, the club is selling it here. The money we receive for this will go to a charity. Windjammer retails for \$215.00, the club is asking \$100.00 <u>or best offer</u>. Please contact Ron Giese 262-628-3721.







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Ozaukee Glass Editorial Page

Welcome to Ozaukee Corvette Club's 40th anniversary year! The Board has been discussing how to make our club meetings more interesting, informative, fun. We would be very grateful if you would consider sharing some of your ideas of what you would like to do at a regular club meeting. Or, restated, what informs your membership in OCC? Please come to February or March Board meetings and let's have a conversation.

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 of 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 with your suggestion.

BY-LAW committee forming. We would appreciate at least two members volunteering to review the bylaws and take some time with a small group to propose changes to our bylaws. Aside from corrections to overt errors the board does not have an agenda of the final product. Rather, we feel now would be a good time to review the entire document and ensure it still represents our club. Please contact any board member to volunteer.



Tech tip! For C-6 Corvettes. If you want to check the mileage, with the car off reach in the window and turn the headlights on the mileage will show.



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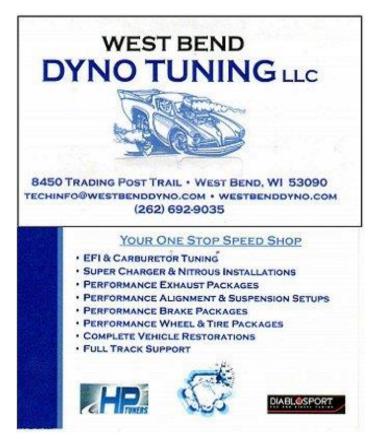
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Member's Spotlight

Mike and Pat Landeck's Barn Find:

I first saw our Corvette tucked in the corner of a barn in Fond du Lac county. A friend of mine had been telling me about the "Burgundy" Corvette that had been sitting in his fathers barn for over 15 years.

The man that dropped the car off years ago had not paid rent for his spot in the barn since the first year. I offered to buy the car for the unpaid storage fees provide that I could secure a valid title for the car before the purchase. Thus began what turned into a 10 month long quest to find the owner of the car. A search of every Midwestern state's DMV records turned up no links to an owner. Additional searches of FBI files,



and national insurance loss claims led to the conclusion that nobody was looking for this car. Armed with this documentation, a letter from the barn owner, a bill of sale, and verification from law enforcement, the state of Wisconsin issued a clean title.

With title in hand, we trailered the Corvette home. What we brought home was a 1978 Coupe with 14,800 miles. It had no motor or transmission, and the interior console had been disassembled. Other than a scrape on the driver's front fender, the "MAHOGANY" paint was flawless.



Knowing that 70's Corvettes usually sold 40,000 units per year we realized that this car was certainly not a rare car that needed to be restored to original condition. We decided to install a more powerful engine, and modern transmission. I built a moderately cammed, low compression, 408

cubic inch

small block engine, and selected a 700R4 transmission for it's low first gear and overdrive fourth gear. I put the interior back together, upgraded the radio, and installed 1988 Fiero seats. Since the front fender needed repair, we decided to add 1978 pace car spoilers and repaint the entire car in the original color. With a set of 1980 polished aluminum wheels and new tires, our Corvette was ready for the road.



We have enjoyed all of the 15,000 miles that we accumulated over the years and look forward to many more.



As I had content to take this to an odd number paged newsletter, I've added the remaining photos on this filler page.















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