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The Ozaukee Corvette Club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month unless an alternate date is published.

#### **Upcoming Calendar Events**

(See web site calendar for latest information)

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October 15th - October OCC Meeting; 1:00p Firehouse Restaurant, Saukville

EVERY WEDNESDAY is OCC NIGHT AT WAYNE's. Final night for 2017 is October 25th.

## **Summary of Club Meeting (August 2017):**

As there was not a quorum, there was no August meeting. While we had no official meeting, I did receive a report from Ron regarding membership which I've included below. However, please do <u>not</u> infer that these are actual meeting minutes, just items that were intended to be presented.

## **Secretary's Report:**

None

## **Treasurer Report:**

None

**Membership/VP Report:** Ron would like us to consider changing or eliminating some information currently maintained in our roster.

He maintained some information about past parades this summer.

Grafton had 17 in parade and 18 in car show.

Cedarburg Parade, 21 cars.

Brown Deer Parade 7 cars.

Port Fish Day parade 24 cars plus 8 in show.

Gables Car Show 16 cars (bringing \$340 to Alzheimer's Fund Raiser.

Brew City Car show at the Nines was a huge success, many OCC members attended.

Mackinaw Car Show was attended by 2 OCC members.

Baraboo Breakfast Run had 5 members' cars attending and the group met Mark and Jan at the restaurant.

AAH fastest yet, 1 hour, 10 people, 6 bags and an interesting assortment of other items.

Also noteworthy was the Christmas in July Party hosted by Jeff and Sue (Thank you!).

### Web Master:

None

#### **Newsletter:**

None

## **Old Business:**

None

#### **New Business:**

None

General Note: Please collect items for the 2018 Chili Cook-off which OCC is hosting. Also, our club will be looking for members to form a planning committee. Please sign up on website to participate.

#### New Members! Welcome!

Larry and Teri Cohodes

#### **Member Anniversaries:**

Bob and Jan Griesmeyer 9/13 Carie and Dana Drennen 9/18 Diane and Erich Rehm 9/20 Dan and Pat Schmitz 9/28 Ron and Sue Giese 9/29

## **Member Birthdays:**

Ken Hackendahl 9/2 Lois Roeske 9/10 Bruce Post 9/17

## NEWSLETTER PUBLICATION SCHEDULE:

Articles for each month's newsletter need to be sent to <a href="mailto:jimnowlen@gmail.com">jimnowlen@gmail.com</a> by or before the first of the month.

Elsewhere in our newsletter will be important dates to remember. These are also available on the club website calendar, as well as club "hootboard".

Next Newsletter cutoff is October 1, 2017

Note to members from editor. One of the things I try to feature each month is a Member Spotlight reflecting Corvettes owned by our members. It would help greatly to have on hand pictures and information so that I can include, potentially, YOUR car in a newsletter. If you are willing to participate, would you please send me a PHOTO of your car, along with your story. Your story can be anything you like. For example, how did you come to buy the car you're featuring? Other data that will help: Year, Model, Engine, Color, Nickname and Outstanding Features.

If you're willing to participate, would you please send me an email including photo? Send to: <a href="mailto:jimnowlen@gmail.com">jimnowlen@gmail.com</a>.

Thanks very much!

## The story behind "Save The Wave"

We published a little article about one Corvette owner waving to another several years ago. With all the new members in the club, it may be appropriate to re-visit this subject. What does this waving to one another mean? You will see me signing off on most Club emails or tech tips with that final salutation. Waving by one Corvette owner to another dates back to 1953, with the first Corvettes. The cars were such a novelty, that when someone driving one of those '53's spotted some else driving one, the natural reaction was to wave to one another. Also understand, there were only 300 Corvettes in the world in 1953, and if you saw another one, that was really a big deal. I would add that Harley owners didn't wave at one another until 30 or 40 years later. (They perhaps got it from Corvette owners.)

Those early Corvette owners were a hardy group. Their Corvettes rattled, leaked water, drove and handled like a truck, and were so underpowered that they barely could get out of their own way. I believe the 0 to 60 time on the Blue Flame 6 cylinder was a stunning 11.5 seconds. With all those negatives, those owners still loved their cars. Once Zora Duntov, a new staff engineer was allowed to work on the Corvette to improve performance and handling, sales started increasing. Zora was working on hinges and door handles at GM when he wrote a paper on the importance of developing additional high performance parts for the new Chevy small block so that car buyers would forget about the Ford flathead V-8. This letter got the attention of the GM president, Harlan Curtice, and Zora was allowed to work on the Corvette. His letter is on display at the National Corvette Museum.

As the 0 to 60 times came down, sales went up. Duntov got the small block Chevy in the Corvette, and started winning races at Road America, Sebring, and Lemans. Chevrolet gave Corvette owners something to be proud of, and they acknowledged each other with a friendly wave.

In a typical model year, a Chevy dealer might sell 300 new cars and trucks, but only 2 or 3 Corvettes. The Corvette was a magnet car that sat prominently in the showroom window. A potential buyer would see that shiny Corvette sitting under the spotlights in the showroom, surrounded by more mundane Chevys. He wanted that Corvette in the worst way, but his wife and 2 children would never fit inside, and he bought a new BelAire or Station Wagon, but never quite got that desire for a Corvette out of his system. It was the first "someday" car, and we were still a nation of one car families.

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That same fellow might return to that same dealership for his next 4 or 5 Chevys, and he was getting closer to having that Corvette "someday". Our young man was maturing. His children were growing, and his career was soaring - he was ready for a second car, and his first Corvette.

While driving his new Vette down the road, he noticed all the attention it got. He also noticed other Corvette owners smiling and waving to him. This was something very new- no one with a Mustang or Hemi Charger waves to their counterparts, just those Corvette people, because we know exactly how you feel driving America's only true Sports car, and all of us can identify with you. You start to understand how fortunate you are to be able to drive a Corvette- a car you may have wanted for decades before finally getting it. You return the waves of fellow Corvette owners, and find yourself being the first one to wave at another Corvette owner. When the wave is returned, it just warms the soul a little because you know what that other Corvette owner is experiencing.

Perhaps a few of you are relatively new Corvette owners, and you may not know much about your car. We all buy a Corvette for different reasons, and you may not know about this little 64 year tradition between Vette owners. Well, now you know. So enjoy the recognition, and enjoy your ride.

Save the Wave, Jeff Myers



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



Special congratulations to Pat and Ann Murray who won First Place at the Corvette Crossroads Car Show this past weekend in Mackinaw City, MI.



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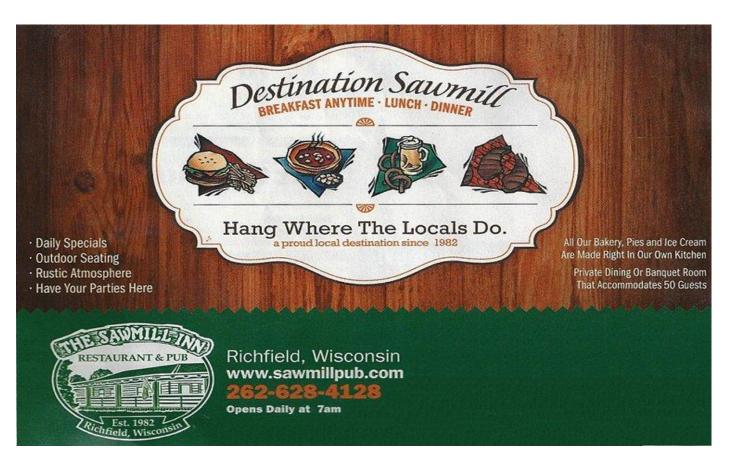
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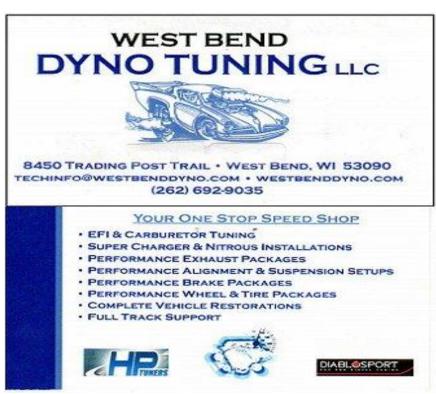


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# Member's Spotlight

## Jon and Nancy Gilmour's Corvette

When I first saw the new C7 design I fell in love with it. After several months of indecision I decided to trade my 2001 C5 and buy a 2014 Laguna Blue Z-51 convertible on April 30, 2014. I looked all over the country for that particular vehicle with premium options and finally found it at Runde Chevrolet in East Dubuque. I often wondered why I had difficulty in finding that model. After a few months I made an inquiry to the Corvette Museum to find out how rare it was. I knew there were only 341 2014 Laguna Blue Z-51 convertibles, but was informed mine was 1 of only 4 built with premium options. I thoroughly enjoy the car and intend to keep it stock.



### **About this Corvette:**

Year: 2014

Model: Z-51 Convertible 3LT Engine: LT1 6.2L – 460hp

Color: Laguna Blue Nickname: Not named

Outstanding Features: All performance options. For this model, color and options, this is

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