

Rumblings & Ramblings

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Banter From Bobby



What an exciting April! We had 2 club events: Solar Eclipse Drive and the Bennett Motor Works Tour. We also continue to have an incredible Social Corner Supper Club dinner once a month.

It makes me proud to be part of, and President of, such an awesome club. At the April Meeting, we had a representative come from Make-A-Wish Foundation accept a donation check from the MCC in the amount of \$2,500. The funds were raised from the Lynch Car Show last fall and the Chili Cook-off we just hosted and attended by the Wisconsin Corvette Club, Brew City Corvette Club and the Badger State Corvette Club. It was through everyone's efforts we were able to raise funds for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Funds we donated are going to help fulfill Gabriel from Milwaukee's wish. He would like to go to Disneyland. Gabriel is living with a rare disease and it is great to know we helped grant his wish.



Now since everyone is in a good mood, here is my May Joke.

This guy gets to the Pearly Gates, and Saint Peter says, "Now wait just a moment, before I let you in, I need to ask you, have you ever done anything to put others first, or defended the weak or innocent, things like that?"

The man answers, "why yes, I saw this man with a Corvette by the side of the road, and he was yelling at his wife, and threatening her, so I walked up to him and screamed at him to leave her alone, and if he didn't I'd kick his head like this.... and I kicked and broke his driver's door on that Corvette".

Saint Peter answers, "Wow, that's pretty good, when did you do that?"

The man answers, "Oh, about 4 minutes ago".

Bobby

2024 C8 CORVETTE FOR SALE

Owner: Club Member, Chip Fischer

Phone: 920-723-5775



Email: fischer.chip@gmail.com

Description: 2024 2LT

Mileage: Never Driven

Asking: ??

Club member, Chip Fischer, ordered a new 2024 Corvette Stingray 2LT which is scheduled to arrive in April. Chip has decided to keep the Corvette he already owns and sell this new one. If interested, please contact Chip directly for more information.

**Your 2024 Corvette Stingray 2LT
RWD**

Net Price **\$94,140[±]**

May Up-Coming Events

13th MCC Monthly Board Meeting:

7:00pm

Muskego Lakes Country Club

**15th -19th St. Jude Corvette Drive –
Kankakee**

To Memphis (John Klemmer)

15th MCC Monthly Member Meeting:

7:00pm

Muskego Lakes Country Club

Food for Purchase: 5:30pm-7:00pm

May Birthdays

1st Ingrid Lang
1st Morine Bangle
1st Jim Zabochnik
3rd Doug Grelk
5th Carolyn Woznicki
6th Cindy Kainz
7th Judy Klemmer
12th Chip Fischer
15th Wally Hall
18th Dan Dunham
20th Randy Johnson
22nd Sheri Wagner
23rd Hank Fahning
28th Jeanne Schultz

Corvette For Sale

2019 Corvette GrandSport - Blade Silver - Red and Black interior.
Approximately 11,000 miles
Includes CB radio two antennas - Weather Tech cargo liner.
Asking price \$ 68,000
Car is in storage, have all maintenance records.
VIN- 1G1YY2D75K5100270

Contact: Peter Traas ptraas427@gmail.com, 414-587-2178



2014 C7 CORVETTE FOR SALE

Owner: Stephen Ruh

Phone: 414-761-8508

Mobile: 317-507-6365

Email: stephen.ruh@pfgc.com

Description: 2014 white w/black interior

Mileage: original 6000 miles

Asking: \$41,000



The money MCC donates to charity affects, and hopefully helps, real people in the community. This letter was sent to our president, Bobby Alexander, with a short bio of the child our donation is sending to Disneyland! Congratulations and thank you to everyone who puts money in the charity bucket and helps out at our charitable events. We hope Gabriel has a blast!

WISH KID PROFILE

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Gabriel is a 14-year-old from Milwaukee who's living with a rare disease. He enjoys playing with his sister, playing games, watching movies, cooking, playing video games on the Xbox, PS5 and Nintendo Switch, going for walks, going to the park and watching football.

He wishes to go to *Disneyland*[®] Resort.



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MCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 4/17/2024

- Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Bobby Alexander
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Birthdays: See April Newsletter
- Anniversaries: Frank & Sue Dentice – 55 years
- Visitors: Ken & Marcia own a 2004 Silver Coupe and are checking out what our club is all about
- New Members: Brian & Kelly Puerner inherited a 1997 Corvette
- 68 Members attended the April Meeting
- Charity Bucket: \$106
- Trivia: \$14
- 50/50 Raffle: \$90 went to charity and \$85 was won by Tim Chamberlain
- Treasurer Report: Bank Balance: \$21,030
Expenses: P.O. Box
Tables & Chairs for Car Show
Make-A-Wish Donation
Bartender License for Car Show
- Car Show Donations: \$ 250 check from Brian Hall & his company
\$ 50 check from Muskego Beer & Liquor
\$1,000 check from Holz Motors
\$ 110 two tickets to Ariens Art on Wheels Vintage Weekend featuring
VSCDA – September 13-15, 2024
- **Make-A-Wish Foundation Check Presentation:** Bobby Alexander presented a check to the Make-A-Wish Foundation on behalf of the MCC in the amount of \$2,500. Check was presented to Jordan, the Events Coordinator for Make-A-Wish Foundation. Photos were taken of the check presentation. Jordan, thanked the MCC for their generous donation to make wishes come true. Make-A-Wish is celebrating their 40th birthday this year and as of February, 2024 have granted 8,000 wishes. Budgeted to grant 405 wishes this year. Jordan will be sending the MCC the wish profile of the child (name, age, where from, condition & wish) receiving our donation.
- **Board Position Available:** Bobby advised that a member of the board stepped down and asked if any members were interested in being appointed to fill the remaining term of this position. This appointed board position ends in December, 2024. It will be open for election in November, 2024 for the 2025-2027 two-year term. Bobby asked the members if anyone was interested. Kurt Luedke, Kevin Jaqua and John Carini have expressed interest.
- **MLCC Parking Lot:** Bobby reminded the members that the parking lot will be torn up starting April 10th with paving starting April 23rd. The parking lot should be completed before the next meeting on May 15th. If not completed, the board will let the members know so they can decide whether to bring their Corvettes or not.
- **MCC Car Show:** Rod spoke that we need members to volunteer to work at the car show. There is a sign up sheet with the leaders listed for the various categories and how many volunteers they need. So far, the following have signed up:
 - Registration: Leader: Mia Stone Engelmann (needs 3 more volunteers)
Cindy Chamberlain
Diana Schneider
Judy Schue
 - Admissions: Leader: Bob Wiltse (needs 3 volunteers)
 - Sponsors: Leader: George Beardsley (members give George completed Sponsor/Donation Form)

- Grounds: Leader: Karen Decker (needs 10 more volunteers)
Don Decker
Hank Fahning
- Grilling: Leader: Mark Pizur (needs 3 more volunteers)
John Balen
- Banners/Signage: Leader: Rod Lautenbach (needs 3 volunteers)
- Parking: Leader: Jack Bartley (needs 10 more volunteers)
Fred Anderson
Jody Anderson
- Judging: Leader: George Beardsley (needs 1 more volunteer)
Don Decker
Scott Burkhardt
- 50/50 Raffle: Leader: Sue Beardsley (needs 1 more volunteer AM shift & 2 more volunteers PM shift)
8:30am-11:30am: Sue Burkhardt
Karla Jordan
11:30am-2:00pm: Tim Chamberlain
- Basket Auction: Leader: Karen Pizur (needs 3 volunteers AM shift & 3 volunteers PM shift)
8:30am-11:30am:
11:30am-2:00pm:
- Food/Kitchen: Co-Leaders: Terri Johnson, Judy Weber, Judi Luedke (need 5 more volunteers)
Judy Weber
Judi Luedke
Ginny Balen
Marianne Fahning
Janice Rose
Roseann Wesolowski
Joy Kuhns (cashier)

- **Car Show Sponsor Donation Tracking:** George Beardsley is now the leader of this category. George advised the members they should text him at 262-470-3951 and tell him which sponsors you are contacting. George will advise the member if okay to contact sponsor and confirm no other club member had already done so.

It is important that the members attach the completed Sponsor/Donation forms and attached to all checks, product donations, etc. and give them to George to keep track on the spreadsheet. Also, the information on the form needs to be completed in full including “yes” or “no” to a plaque and which club member contacted each sponsor, etc.

Below is the sample of the Sponsor/Donation Form:



MCC 2024 Car Show
Sponsor-Donation Fo

Members were advised the Car Show Flyers, Sponsor Letters and Sponsor/Donation Forms are available at the meetings for them to take.

Darlene Loch advised that Holz Motors donated \$1,000. Darlene received an MCC Challenge Coin for obtaining a donation of more than \$75.

- **Hunger Task Force:** Karen Decker advised the members we will again be volunteering to participate in the harvesting of corn for the Hunger Task Force. This year it will be on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 from 8:45am to 11:30am at the Hunger Task Force Farm located at 9000 South 68th Street in Franklin. We need 10-12 volunteers.
- **Mecum Road Art Show Auction:** Bobby asked the members if there is any interest in attending this event where you bid on road signs and road art. It will be held on June 27-29, 2024 in Walworth, WI. Members were not interested in making this a club event.
- **2024 MCC Bags Tournament:** Bobby is hoping we will have this event again this year. Contact will be made with Mark Pizur to see if he wants to host this event again.
- **Jammin' In The Park:** Bobby mentioned that Krisann from the Muskego Chamber of Commerce contacted us to see if the MCC would like to participate in a car show at Jammin' In the Park (formerly Jammin' On Janesville) on Friday, June 7, 2024 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park, W182S8200 Racine Avenue in Muskego (music-food-beverages available). All we have to do is show up with our cars (limit of 30 cars). We will meet at a pre-arranged location and will be escorted to the park so we can drive in all together around 4:30pm.
- **Milwaukee Mile Indy Car Race:** Mia said this race is being brought back and it will be held on Saturday, August 31st to Sunday, September 1st. Mia asked if there was any interest in attending this event on Saturday, August 31, 2024. Mia will be obtaining tickets on Friday, April 19, 2024 as they are selling fast. They are approximately \$78 per person. Signup sheet was provided at the meeting.
- **St. Jude's Corvette Drive:** John Klemmer spoke that the MCC donated \$1,000 to St. Jude Children's Hospital. MCC is now a sponsor of this event. He will take pictures of banners and signage. John calculated with all the Corvettes attending from all over the country, approximately \$250,000 could be raised for St. Jude's.
- **North Shore Corvette Club (Illinois):** John Klemmer was contacted by Darrell Alberg with the North Shore Corvette Club to see if the MCC would like to join their club in escorting Honor Flight participants from Lake County, Illinois to Mitchell Airport which is about an hour drive with a police escort. Afterwards there is a luncheon at the Oak Creek Diner. This would be on Friday, April 26, 2024 leaving at 10:45am from Lake County.

Also, the MCC was invited to join the North Shore Corvette Club for a three-day trip to the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village in Dearborn, MI on June 22-24, 2024.

Bobby asked the members is there is any interest in these two events. If so, contact Bobby or John for information.

- **Bennett Coachworks Tour:** John Carini spoke about the tour on Saturday, April 13th. There were about 20 people in attendance. Most interesting part of the tour is Bob Bennett's rich history in restoration and awards that he won. They were restoring a Porscha, Corvette and some exotic vehicles. They do mechanical, body and custom restorations. Everyone had a great time.
- **Drive to Indianapolis for Total Solar Eclipse:** Bob Wiltse said there were only three cars and that we all missed a good eclipse on April 8th. Didn't make it to Indianapolis Motor Speedway as traffic was bumper to bumper stop and go for miles. Made it about 10 miles east of Lafayette. Saw about 99.9% darkness.
- **Suggestions for Other 2024 Events:** Bobby reminded the members if they have any suggestions for future events they should contact the board.

- **Social Corner:** Karla spoke of the following Supper Club events that are coming up.

Event: **Supper Club Dinner – Eric’s Porter Haus**
 Date: **April 24, 2024 (Wednesday)**
 Time: Cocktails: 5:30PM Dinner: 6:00PM
 Location: Eric’s Porter Haus, 229 Wisconsin Avenue, Waukesha, WI
 Coordinator: Karla Jordan - karla@giftworksplus.com or 414-915-6200
 Description: Entre Selection – Separate Checks – Limit 50 people

Event: **Supper Club Dinner – Lulabells Dockside**
 Date: **May 23, 2024 (Thursday)**
 Time: **SOLD OUT**
 Location:
 Coordinator: Karla Jordan - karla@giftworksplus.com or 414-915-6200
 Description: Order of the Menu – Separate Checks – Limit 40 people

Event: **Supper Club Dinner – Jim & Linda’s Lakeview Supper Club**
 Date: **June 26, 2024 (Wednesday)**
 Time: Meet & Drive 3:00pm; Cocktails@Tiki Bar 4:30pm; Dinner 5:30pm
 Location: W3496 County Rd W, Malone, WI on Lake Winnebago
 Coordinator: Karla Jordan - karla@giftworksplus.com or 414-915-6200
 Description: Order off the Menu – Separate Checks – Limit 60 people

Karla mentioned the Supper Club dinners sell out quickly. She sends out an email to all members who have attended a dinner in the past advising of upcoming dinners. Most of the restaurants have limited seating and signup is on a first come first served basis. Karla requested that any members who have not previously attended a Supper Club dinner and are interested in future dinners, give her your email address so you can be added to the email she sends out. There was a signup sheet for emails at the April meeting along with a signup sheet for the June Supper Club dinner.

Reminder the Social Corner is on the website. If members want to add any outings to the Social Corner such as Packers games, fish fry’s, dinners, etc. event organizers should email Bob Wiltse, Bobby Alexander, Mia Stone Engelmann or Karen Decker with the information and they will see that your event gets posted to the Social Corner on the website.

Bobby thanked Karla for all her hard work on the Supper Club dinners and Judy Weber for organizing Fish Fry’s.

- **Trivia Game:** George Beardsley gave an explanation of the game:

When you sign-in at a meeting, Trivia Forms are available for you to purchase, from Marianne Fahning or Sue Beardsley, for only one dollar!! Half of the money will be donated to charity and the other half will be handed to one winner. To play all you need to do is:

- Place your name on the trivia sheet.
- Answer the four questions. Each correct answer is worth a ticket PLUS your name is worth a ticket. One dollar can earn you five tickets each time you play. That’s The Best Deal EVER!!!
- BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE MEETING return the completed forms to Sue Beardsley.
IT’S THAT EASY!

For the 1st round, when the pot reaches the size of the 1st Corvette engine (\$235), there will be a drawing. You can play at any meeting. You can purchase as many trivia forms as you would like AND you don’t need to be present to win.

Once a 1st round winner is announced the game starts over. For the 2nd round there will be a drawing once the pot reaches the size of the 2nd corvette engine (\$265). Third round – 3rd corvette engine (\$327).

May trivia questions will be included in the May Newsletter and a “MCC TRIVIA STANDINGS” sheet will be on the activities table at each meeting.

April Trivia Answers:

13. In what late model year did “Sting Ray” reintroduce itself as “Stingray”? **2014**
14. Due to the number of powerplants offered in 1967, how many hoods were offered in 1967? **3**
15. Which of these greens was never offered: Forest, Brands Hatch, Goodwood, Elkhart? **Forest**
16. What is the horsepower for the 235 cubic inch engine released in 1953? **150 hp**

• Open Forum:

Darlene Loch spoke about two events that are not official MCC events. Both will be on the Social Corner.

1. Charity Car Show (raising money for kids going on Youth Summer Trips)
Divine Shepherd Lutheran Church
9741 West Beloit Road, Milwaukee, WI
Saturday, May 11, 2024 from 11:00am to 3:00pm
2. 2 Wheel Tuesday (music, food, meat raffle, gun raffle, 50-50 raffle benefiting Tripoli Shriners)
New Berlin VFW
17980 West Beloit Rd., New Berlin, WI
Tuesday, May 21, 2024

MCC Official Club Shirt Events for 2024 – (See Sign-up Sheets):

- **May 15-19 (Wednesday-Sunday) - St. Jude Corvette Drive** – Kankakee, IL to Memphis, TN (*John Klemmer*)
- **June 2 (Sunday) – Trip Around Lake Winnebago** – Fond du Lac, WI – meet at Cabela’s, 1 Cabela Way, Richfield, WI at 7:00am (Darlene Loch mentioned that MCC members who live near there have offered to host Bloody Mary’s at their home that morning to members who might be interested before the drive.) Stop for drinks at Waverly Beach Bar & Grille at the top of the lake and then end up at Bergstrom Chevrolet for music, brats & burgers. Bob said there should be about 275 cars participating including the MCC and donations of food or money will be accepted for the local Food Pantry. (*Bob Wiltse*)
- **June 6 (Thursday) – Corvette Adventures – Morning Drive to Chula Vista & Cimaroli’s Dinner** – meet at 8:45am and depart at 9:00am from the McDonald’s on Hwy. 83 & I-94. Stop for lunch. Check in to Chula Vista around 3:00pm. Meet at 5:15pm at the golf course parking lot and depart at 5:30pm for a drive to Cimaroli’s for dinner. Outdoor area with \$3 Manhattans & Old Fashioneds. (*Jack Bartley*)
- **June 7 (Friday) – Jammin’ In the Park** - 5:00pm to 9:00pm at Veterans Memorial Park, W182S8200 Racine Avenue in Muskego (limit of 30 cars) for a car show. We will meet at a pre-arranged location and will be escorted to the park so we can drive in all together around 4:30pm. Music, food and beverages available at this event. (*Bobby Alexander*)
- **July 4 (Thursday) – Holz Motors Car Show** – 8:00am-3:00pm – 7:30am meet at M-W Marine, 11901 West Janesville Rd., Hales Corners to travel as a group to Holz to be able to park together as a club. \$10 entry fee per car. (*Jack Bartley*)

- **July 20 (Saturday) – Port Washington Fish Days Parade & Car Show** (throw candy) – No charge for participating in the parade. \$5.00 per car for the car show will be paid by the MCC. Meet at TBD to drive to Port Washington as a group with arrival at 9:00am. Parade starts at 11:00am. After parade MCC will park in the upper park for the car show. There is food, beverages, craft fair, etc. available. *(Jack Bartley)*
- **July 28 (Sunday) – Tichigan Parade** (throw candy) – 11:00am - Location & time to meet TBD *(George Beardsley)*
- **August 1-5 (Thursday-Monday) – The Great River Road Drive** – First leg of the drive is from La Crosse, WI to Hannibal, MO. There is a limit of 25 cars and hotel rooms. There are 2 spots still available. Once all spots are filled, you can go on a Wait List should there be a cancellation for 2024. This is a three-year event with the second leg in 2025 beginning in Hannibal, MO to Clarksdale, MS and the third leg in 2026 beginning in Clarksdale, MS and ending in New Orleans, LA for a party of the century. If you participated in the first leg in 2024 you have first opportunity to participate in the second leg in 2025. There is a Wait List for 2025 for those who were unable to participate in 2024. *(Steve Rose & Karla Jordan)*
- **August 16 (Friday) – Burn Camp for Kids** – one week camp for kids who have suffered burns. Friday night is the last night with a dance and the theme is “Race Cars”. Meet at Park & Ride located at I-43 & Racine Avenue with departure at 5:00pm then drive to Beber Camp, W1741 County Rd J, Mukwonago. Once we arrive, the kids will be able to take a ride as a passenger in our Corvettes around the property and look at the cars once they are parked. MCC will have a gift bag for each of the kids which will include a Match Box Car, checkered flags, etc. *(Jack Bartley)*
- **August 24 (Saturday) – MCC Annual Car Show** – Richlonn’s corner of Racine & Janesville in Muskego 9:00am-3:00pm *(Rod Lautenbach & George Beardsley)*
- **August 25 (Sunday) – Muskego Dandelion Daze Parade** (throw candy) – 11:00am *(Jack Bartley)*
- **August 27-31 (Tuesday-Saturday) - North Central National Caravan to Bowling Green** *(Steve Rose)*
Effingham to Bowling Green - National Corvette Museum (30th Anniversary)
- **August 31 (Saturday) – Milwaukee Mile Indy Car Race** - this race is being brought back and it will be held on Saturday, August 31st to Sunday, September 1st. If interested in attending this event on Saturday, August 31, 2024, tickets are \$78 and selling fast. *(Mia Engelmann)*
- **September 7 (Saturday) – MCC Annual Picnic** – Muskego County Park, Picnic Area #4 – 1:00pm-5:00pm – Johnny B will provide the music.
- **September 22 (Sunday) – MCC Annual Hayride** – 11:30am board wagon at B-Lazy Bar & Grill *(Don Decker)*
- **September 27-29 (Friday-Sunday) – Beef-A-Rama** - Minocqua, WI – Friday, September 27th meet at McDonald’s on I-94 & Hwy. 83 in Delafield. Stop for lunch at Whiskey River Pub & Grill at 7373 County Rd II, Larsen, WI. Dinner will be next door to the hotel in Minocqua. Drive back on your own on Sunday, September 29th. Limit of 30 cars and hotel rooms. All 30 spots are filled with two cars are on the waiting list. *(Steve Rose)*
- **October 1 (Tuesday) – Hunger Task Force** – The MCC will again be volunteering to participate in the harvesting of corn for the Hunger Task Force from 8:45am to 11:30am at the Hunger Task Force Farm located at 9000 South 68th Street in Franklin. We need 10-12 volunteers. *(Karen Decker)*

Bobby adjourned the meeting at 8:16PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Karen Decker, Secretary MCC

Newer club member, Brian Puerner, offered a little history and some great shots of his Corvette. Brian, it's never too much information! Judging from the mileage figure, this 'Vette is NOT a garage queen.

"Thought I would send some pictures of my 1997 Corvette. Hope it stands up to your awesome Corvette club. I see the club has some really great looking Vettes. I really like all the events your club participates in. I joined a few months ago and planning to go to my first monthly meeting this month. My father in law bought this car 3 years ago. Together we redid the interior installed a Borla exhaust, new tires. It has 104,000 miles and runs great. My father-in-law passed away last November. He passed it to me in his will. I'll always have something special from my relationship with him. Hope this is not too much information."



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RUMOR: 2026 Corvette Interior to Get 1 Huge Screen, Deletes the Great Wall of Buttons



Source:
MidEngineCorvetteForum.com

Photo shows a Cadillac dash featuring a large screen which may be in Corvette's future.

While we've heard this song and dance before, the stars appear to be aligning for the long-rumored Corvette interior redesign to come in 2026. Over the last couple of weeks, we've heard the rumblings (again), and now there appears to be confirmation from two different sources who have both offered up reliable info in the past. First we heard that there was some movement inside the assembly plant on this subject, and our friend John from the MidEngineCorvetteForum offers this description of exactly what was going on last week at BGAP:

All that is known is that there was a human wall of secrecy inside the plant two days ago insuring not even the assembly workers whose full time job it is to make the "A pillar to A pillar" instrument panel and other workers who then install the IP, were blocked off completely from seeing the 2026 interior. It was literally shielded hidden behind the bodies of 10 transition team workers and further by what plant workers call is a 100% sight obscuring "burka."

So to recap, a group of BGAP employees referred to as transition team workers took over the install station where the current instrument panel is installed on the assembly line. Whatever they were working on was hidden under a cover, and it was further blocked by the number of bodies surrounding the area. To us this sounds like it's either a fitment test or it could be testing the process and equipment required to install a new dash. While that first rumor deals with what they were doing at the plant, this second rumor details what might have been under that cloth camouflage. This tip comes from another insider who says look to the 33-inch IP on the 2025 CT5-V Blackwing. This is a new addition for the 2025 Cadillac Blackwings, and apparently was originally planned for a 2024 rollout but got delayed by a year (sound familiar?). We also like that the Caddy Blackwing retains physical buttons for the HVAC controls which are situated under the right side of the IP screen. The Corvette's cockpit is a bit tighter than the V-Series Sedan, but those physical, tactile buttons need to go somewhere. The more we think about this great upgrade to the Cadillac Blackwings, the more we can't help but to think that the reason why the 2025 Corvette didn't get the interior redesign this year was because of its delay going into the V-Series Cadillac first.

We have noted that these expansive screens appear to be a new trend in automotive design that first started with the ultra-luxury EVs but are now filtering down to all kinds of different platforms as they are embraced by more manufacturers.

The other interesting detail of this change could also mean that GM's Super Cruise with its hands-free driver assistance technology is finally coming to the Corvette as well. John asked about that and was told that it's an "informed prediction." Now that the Corvette has the emergency braking, lane assist and other "driver-enhancing" technologies in the big 2024 model year update, it seems like everything will be coming into place in 2026 for Super Cruise to finally make its appearance in America's Favorite Sports Car...whether you like it or not!

Chevy Adds a New Sueded Microfiber Trim Panel Kit for the C8 Stingray and Z06's Frunk and Trunk

By
Keith Cornett



The Corvette Order Guide has a new distribution update this week as Chevrolet adds a new LPO option to the mix. The update dropped on Monday, and we are still hunting down pictures of it, but so far there is nothing online yet.

While the distribution update refers to the new interior option as “LPO SXB Suede frunk and trunk liner”, we found more details from the Genuine Corvette Accessories catalog which calls it the “Front and Rear Trunk Sueded Microfiber Trim Panel Kit in Jet Black.”

The new suede trim panel kit costs \$1,095 and the GM part number is 85600043. Here is the product information from the catalog description:

- Upgrades your vehicle storage area to a sueded microfiber for a more premier look and feel
- Replaces the standard carpet in your trunk and helps maintain overall durability
- Designed to match the interior of your vehicle
- Precision engineered specifically for your vehicle
- Expressive design makes your car stand out under the hood
- Includes one under hood storage trim panel and trunk trim panel set (four pieces)

We note that the version shown on the accessories catalog refers to it as Jet Black and we are thinking this will come in the other 3LT/3LZ interior suede colors to match the interior of your car.

Some 2023-2024 Chevy Corvette Units Need A Transmission Replacement



General Motors has released a Customer Satisfaction Program (CSP) for select units of the C8 Corvette due to a transmission issue.

According to Customer Satisfaction Program number N232427051, certain 2023 Corvette and 2024 Corvette units may have a condition where the transmission fasteners were improperly torqued. To correct this problem, certified GM technicians are to inspect affected Vettes and replace the transmission and all corresponding components, including a coolant flush, as necessary. Notably, it should take techs anywhere from 15.4 to 18.5 hours to complete this CSP, depending on the model.

It's worth noting that this Customer Satisfaction Program will be in effect until May 31st, 2026. In addition, it doesn't specify how many units are affected.

For background, the mid-engined Corvette has already dealt with a few transmission-related issues since its inception. Back in December 2021, GM Authority reported that General Motors opened an investigation into the eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission after receiving numerous reports related to various problems.

More recently, The General updated the transmission in the C8 Corvette Stingray towards the end of the 2023 model year. Adopting a new Die 3 design, it's currently unclear if the aforementioned fastener issue is related to this fresh transmission revision. The issue affects a number of C8 Corvette Z06 convertible units as well.

As a reminder, the current 2024 Corvette is offered in one of three flavors, as the 2024 Stingray is powered by the naturally aspirated 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine, rated at 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque in standard form. Meanwhile, the 2024 Z06 features the naturally aspirated 5.5L V8 LT6 gasoline engine, rated at 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque. Finally, the 2024 Corvette E-Ray combines the aforementioned LT2 engine with an electric motor on the front axle to bring total output up to 655 horsepower.

Under the body panels, all C8 Corvette models ride on the GM Y2 platform, while production of the 2024 model year officially kicked off in September 2023 at the GM Bowling Green plant in Kentucky.

The following is a sort of “Cliffs Notes” version of an article that appeared in a November 2023 issue of the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.” Being as the MCC has an ongoing informal round of supper club outings, our current vice-president and all-around cool party gal, Mia Engelmann, asked your editor to summarize the lengthy article so our attendees know a little of the history and origins of the places in which they are enjoying their Old Fashioneds.

While there is no hard definition of a supper club, these are the pillars of the genre in Wisconsin:

- The food is from-scratch American cuisine such as steak, seafood, fish fry, and broasted chicken. Usually potato and salad are included.
- Usually family operated, who often live on premises.
- They might have unusual hours of operation, such as four nights a week, and may just close if the owner is on vacation.
- Some are cash-only.
- Some have patrons place their orders at the bar.
- Many have one or all of the “holy trinity” of supper club decor: twinkly lights, dark wood paneling, and taxidermy.

Legend says Milwaukee native, Lawrence Frank, opened the first U.S. supper club in Beverley Hills, CA in the 1920s. This is not, however, true. Lawrence opened a diner, and later an upscale restaurant, but these were not supper clubs. Supper clubs originated in London in the 1880s to give actors a place to go after the theaters closed down for the night. They featured drinks, food, and dancing. The first American supper club is generally considered to be, appropriately, The Supper Club in NYC in 1895.

During Prohibition Wisconsin had many dance halls located in more remote areas, which then transitioned into supper clubs post-Prohibition. Supper Clubs hit their heyday in the 1950s and 1960s serving food and staying open late to act as a sort of “adult playground.” The four earliest Wisconsin supper clubs were:

- Ray Radigan’s in Kenosha (1933 to 2015)
- The Turk’s Inn in Hayward (1934 to 2013)
- The Beverly Supper Club in Oshkosh (1934 to 1935)
- Riviera Supper Club in Green Bay (1935 to 1966)

Once a staple of supper clubs, the relish tray, started disappearing from supper clubs in the mid-2000s. Restaurants noticed that people were no longer eating much off the trays and the food could not be reused for other patrons. However the presence of a relish tray is not a defining aspect of a supper club. There have been other changes to traditional supper clubs. Entertainment used to be a prime draw of the supper club, with patrons staying for hours to enjoy it. In their heyday Milwaukee supper clubs drew premium acts. The original Holiday House at Clybourn and Van Buren had acts including Tony Bennet, Hildegard, Phyllis Diller, Dean Martin, and Gene Krupa.

Open hours have changed also. Supper clubs used to stay open until two or three o’clock in the morning, but now often close at nine due to the tendency of people eating and going home earlier. Many have also reduced their menus due to supply chain issues, staffing shortages, and higher food costs. More limited menus means less food waste. Patrons have changed also. You rarely see suit and tie or fancy dresses. Some supper clubs have established dress codes such as business casual to discourage people from coming in cutoffs and tee shirts.

Supper clubs have lasted in Wisconsin for a couple of reasons. In smaller communities, the clubs served as gathering places especially if the club’s owners grew up in the area. Because Wisconsin is a recreational destination, people who came here as tourists or bought cabins up north kept the supper clubs in business. While in the rest of the U.S. things changed and the supper clubs faded away, Wisconsin held on to it’s supper clubs.



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