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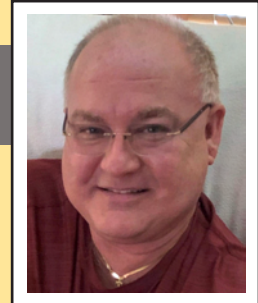
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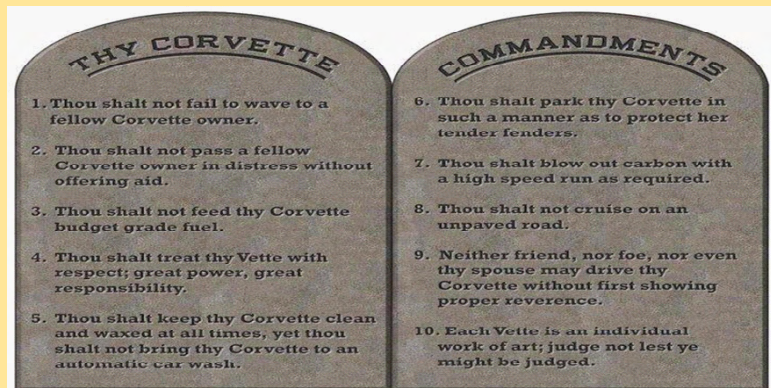


Summer is here and we are enjoying the warm weather, being with family & friends and riding in our Corvette's. We had an exciting month of June, Trip Around Lake Winnebago, Corvette Adventures, Jamm'n in the Park, Mukwonago Cub Scout Car Show, and the Stair Crest Senior living & Muskego Regency Car Show, not to mention our social supper club dinner drive at Dockside.

This month we have more exciting events to show off our Corvettes, 2 of which are the Fish days & Tichigan parades in which we get to throw candy to all the kids and some adults who feel they need the extra sugar. Bring plenty of candy and let's show the generosity of our club!

The MCC is also making a donation this month to the Tichigan Lions Club Charity to support the care of Grant, Rylee and Chance who all have serious illnesses. It is because of our club's members who gladly participate in our functions and fundraisers, we can continue to give to charities of worthy causes.

Let's remember to drive our Corvettes with pride, be safe and remember to follow the Corvette Commandments, these were given to me when I first purchased mine.



Carol's Vette had a dead battery in her garage and she called her mechanic's shop. Since she had to go to work, she told the manager, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the Vette, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll mail you a check."

"Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike. He won't bother you. But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, talk to my parrot!" "I REPEAT; DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT!!!"

When the mechanic arrived at Carol's he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he has ever seen. But just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the floor watching the mechanic go about his work. The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling. Finally, the mechanic couldn't contain himself any longer and yelled, "Shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!" To which the parrot replied, "Get him, Spike!"

GM Has Now Discontinued All Seven Exterior Colors Going Away for 2025

All seven of the exterior colors going away from the Corvette in 2025 are now discontinued and cannot be ordered with these final 2024 order cycles.

The last constraint report at the end of May had Accelerate Yellow and Amplify Orange discontinued, and now they are joined by Carbon Flash Metallic, Silver Flare, Hypersonic Gray, Ceramic Matrix Gray and Cacti.

For the Stingray, no 1LTs can be ordered, and the number of non-Z51 Corvettes are also being limited. There is also limited availability for the Q9I 20-Spoke Gloss Black Wheels.

For Z06, the rumors were true! No T0G or T0F aero packages can be ordered, so that means no Z07s are available to buyers.

This is the final 2024 order cycle, and now we'll have to wait and see if the first 2025 consensus (allocations) comes next Thursday. We've had some conflicting information on all these "end dates" as well as when the first 2025 ordering will happen, so the best thing we can do is just sit back and see what happens! Stay tuned!

Source:

MidEngineCorvetteForum.com

July Up-Coming Events

4th Holz Motors Car Show

**8th MCC Monthly Board Meeting:
7:00pm
Muskego Lakes Country Club**

**19th MCC Monthly Member Meeting:
7:00pm
Muskego Lakes Country Club
Food for Purchase: 5:30pm-7:00pm**

20th Port Washington Fish Days Parade

25th Milkman Baseball Game

28th Tichigan Lake Lions Club Parade

July Birthdays

2nd Johnny Borchardt

3rd Marcia Schlueter

5th Sue Burchardt

6th John Ruskiewicz

7th Bobby Alexander

8th Karen Decker

9th Jeff Steenweg

10th Tammy Maddox & Steve Rose

12th Renee Carini

16th Caryn Alexander & Diana Schneider

24th John Klemmer

25th Bob Wiltse & Pete Luca Wysocki

26th J.R. Hottenrott & Jeanne Kennedy

30th Joanne Lutz

Our MCC Trivia game, and jack-pot, continues to grow, We are about half-way to our first drawing and so far, 400 tickets have been earned. Most numbers of tickets earned so far are the Burkhardt's and the Chamberlain's but many members are close behind.

Super simple to play - You purchase a Trivia form, for one dollar, when you sign in at the monthly meeting - Answer the four questions, place your name on the form, and drop the form in the Trivia box - You earn a ticket for having a name and you earn a ticket for each correct answer. Earn up to five tickets for only a buck - Great Deal. First drawing is when the pot hits \$235.

With the addition of Deb & Jeff Senglaun and Darrell Schlueter we have 50 members earning tickets. Only takes one ticket to win but having 60 tickets sure changes the odds in your favor.

Here Are the Trivia Questions for July & August

25. - What was the final year Corvette offered the side mount exhaust, N14, for \$132? 1967 1968 1969 1970

26. - What was the base cost of a 1963 Split Window Coupe? \$4,325 \$4,252 \$4,534 \$4,478

27. - What celebrity drove the 2013 Corvette Indy Pace Car? Harbaugh Fieri Foyt Gordon

28. - In 1956, For \$64 What consumer option was available for the FIRST time?

29. - Sir Paul McCartney once owned a corvette - What generation Did He Own? C2 C3 C4 C5

30. - Who was the first astronaut to drive a corvette? Carpenter Glen Schirra Shepard

31. - In what year did corvette production drop over 50%? 1968 1969 1970 1971

32. - In 1952 Harley Earl witnessed fiberglass being used to manufacture what? Bath Tubs Fenders Boats Aircraft

Would like to see everyone play, And THANK YOU for all the members that are earning tickets

George Beardsley

Trip Around Lake Winnebago - June 2nd

The cruise around Lake Winnebago was a fun and scenic drive with views of the lake and shore, as well as some beautiful homes and interesting architecture. Some spirited driving was experienced also! The drive began with all the clubs organizing at Holiday Chevrolet Buick GMC in Fond Du Lac at the southwest side of Lake Winnebago. There was time to admire the various years and styles of the Corvettes assembled and chat with other clubs. Next stop was at the approximate half way point at Waverly Beach Bar & Grille, Menasha for drinks and stretching our legs.

After completing the drive around the east side of the lake, dinner was had at Jug's Hitching Post Saloon & Grille. The bar has an interesting history going back to the late 1800's. In the 1900's there were puppet shows in the dance hall and a complete dinner for twenty-five cents. The dances started early in the evening and lasted 'till daybreak. People came in wagons drawn by horses from West Bend. Every man escorted a lady to the supper at Midnight. As you can tell our pioneers had entertainment too, and life was not dull. In the 1960's they dug out the basement with shovels and picks to put in a bar downstairs. They made the upstairs bar a minor bar and the downstairs bar for people of age.

Afterwards, Kevin and Brenda Jaqua entertained at their beautiful home and Pat Walker brought his drone for a picture of the Corvettes assembled at the house.



Waverly Beach Bar & Grille

Cocktails at the Jaqua's home



2021 C8 Corvette Coupe For Sale

Owner: Club Member, Kevin Jaqua
Kevin is selling his car because he has a new one on order and should arrive end of July.
Willing to sell car in June or July.

11T, Torch Red
Jet Black Interior
VIN# 1G1YA2D46M5113946
Well Maintained

Options

Z51 Performance Package
Transparent Removable Roof Panel
Carbon Flash Full Length Dual Racing Strip
Package
19" Front, 20" Rear Carbon Flash Painted
Aluminum Wheels with Machined Edge
Bright Red Painted Brake Calipers
Premium Carpeted Floor Mats
Cargo Net Set
Battery Protection Package

After Market Additions

Paragon Performance Touring Exhaust with
gloss carbon tips and heat shields.
High Wing Spoiler
Front Radiator Grill Screens
Ceramic Coating

More pictures on next page...



Phone: 414-322-3769

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Mileage: 11,500

Asking \$71,000

*More of Kevin Jaqua's
Corvette for sale.*



Asking \$71,000



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newsletter if the vehicle you are ad-
vertising is sold or if you no longer
wish to sell it. Also, please notify if
you wish to run the ad longer. Oth-
erwise, ads will be deleted after three
months.
Thank you*

MCC MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES 6/19/2024

- Meeting called to order at 7:00PM by Bobby Alexander
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Birthdays: See June Newsletter
- Anniversaries:

Darrell & Marcia Schlueter	12 years
Tim & Cindy Chamberlain	23 years
Jim & Joy Kuhns	42 years
Rod & Bev Lautenbach	50 years
John & Cheri Ruskiewicz	51 years
- Visitors: None
- New Members: Don & Jozie Guay are previous members who joined the MCC in 1994, left the club for a number of years and now have rejoined. Welcome Back!! They have a 1958 Corvette.
- 55 Members attended the June Meeting
- Charity Bucket: \$65
- Trivia: \$13
- 50/50 Raffle: \$83.50 went to charity and \$83.50 was won by Mark Kruschke
- Treasurer Report: Bank Balance: \$22,890.45
- **Jammin In the Park:** Bobby mentioned this was the first year for this event and the first year the MCC was invited to have our Corvettes at this event. Bobby said he was very disappointed in the location where we were told to park our cars, which was on the other side of the City Hall building away from all the other events. The mayor also noticed where we were parked and said next year we would have a prime location. We will have to see if we decide to participate and if there is another Jammin. Bobby thanked and apologized to the MCC members who attended as the lines for beer, drinks and food were terrible. On a positive note, the MCC Car Show Flyer will be in the Chamber of Commerce Booklet that goes out to 4,000 people as the MCC is a member.
- **St. Jude's Charity Corvette Drive 2024:** Both Fred Anderson and John Klemmer spoke about the 2024 drive. This was the first time for both of them. It was a very rewarding experience. The MCC donated \$1,000 which was turned into a sponsorship for St. Jude's Research Hospital and our logo appeared on banners, booklets, etc. The MCC was well represented. Numerous people found out our group was with the MCC and thanked us for the sponsorship.

Six cars were in the group and they left from John's house and drove through Chicago to Bourbonnais, IL. Next year we will take back roads to avoid Chicago. In Bourbonnais there were 13 Corvettes and two chase cars. Pickup truck was filled with coolers with soda and water, etc. Snacks were also provided. Had a safety meeting and were advised how to drive, where to drive and to stay in left lane. There were five groups of Corvettes that left Bourbonnais and traveled to Dyersburg, TN. Met Mayor of Dyersburg and had dinner.

Two St. Jude families traveled with our group. A dad and his son who was 5 when he had cancer and is now 25 and cancer free. This dad and his son raised \$40,000 themselves. Other family had a daughter who at age 10 had headaches and was diagnosed with a brain tumor. She was treated at St. Jude but passed away at age 25.

Next morning another safety meeting and drove from Dyersburg, TN to Memphis, TN and the St. Jude Campus with 112 Corvettes and 3 miles long. We were escorted by motorcycles from various police agencies. We stayed in the left lane and were the only vehicles on the freeway. All freeway ramps were closed. Motorcycles leap frogged about 100mph past us to close the ramps.

When we arrive at the St. Jude Campus there were hundreds of people (doctors, nurses, parents, patients) ringing cow bells and holding signs saying "Thank You", "We love Corvette Drivers", "We love St. Jude Drivers". Very emotional scene. The patients along with their families never pay a penny for their care, living expenses, etc. Dominos Pizza contributed to the "Domino Center" which is a 7-story apartment building for the families.

Upon arrival we went to a conference room on the 6th floor. There were about 200 plus people (administrators, doctors, nurses, etc.) in the room. The research and protocols St. Jude is doing benefits the entire world. Presented the check from the Corvette Group in the amount of \$510,000. Administrator of fund raising said St. Jude raised \$2.3 billion last year.

After the event, we decided to have lunch at the Bass Pro Shop at the Wahlburgers Restaurant. We found out you can take an elevator all the way to the top of a pyramid. Cost is \$8.00. You can see the river, downtown Memphis, etc. While standing in line wearing our St. Jude shirts, we were told we could go to the front of the line and no charge. When we left for home, we drove north along the Mississippi Great River Road, stayed in Hannibal, MO and went through the Quad Cities to home.

Every participate was given two shirts. One shirt was worn on the drive from Bourbonnais, IL to Dyersburg, TN. Second shirt was worn from Dyersburg, TN to Memphis, TN.

Fred and John will do this again next year. Event is May 15-16, 2025 in Memphis. Will take a different route and leave May 14th at Noon, take a 3½ to 4-hour drive to Bourbonnais, IL. Dinner at Italian Restaurant. An interesting drive back home is planned should you want to participate.

This was an amazing and humbling experience. The requirements are from the driver \$1,250 and passenger \$750 for a total of \$2,000. Starting on July 1, 2024 you can register online for 2025. There is a \$425 registration fee but you get snacks and drinks along the drive, two shirts per person, gas on the way to Dyersburg, TN, lunch on the way to Dyersburg, dinner with the Mayor in Dyersburg, hotel stay in Dyersburg.

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital was founded in 1962 by Danny Thomas whose parents were Lebanese immigrants. Danny was born in Deerfield, MI. Danny turned to his fellow Americans of Arabic-speaking decent and met in Chicago to form ALSAC (American Lebanese Syrian Associated Charities) with the sole purpose of raising funds for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. His daughter, Marlo Thomas is still involved as is his son, Tony Thomas.

Bobby thanked the members who participated and would like to see a lot more members participate next year

- **MCC Car Show:** Rod again asked the members to volunteer to work at the car show. There is a signup 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 (need 2 more volunteers)
Cindy Chamberlain
Diana Schneider
Judy Schue
Pam Spenner

Admissions: Leader: Bob Wiltse (full)
Tim Chamberlain
Marcia Schlueter
John Klemmer

Sponsors: Leader: George Beardsley (members give George completed Sponsor/Donation Form)

Grounds: Leader: Karen Decker (need 3 more volunteers)
Don Decker
Hank Fahning
Jim Zabochnik
Randy Johnson
John Carini

Renee Carini
 Bob Spenner
 Jon Kolster
 Jeff Steenweg

- Grilling: Leader: Mark Pizur (need 1 more volunteer)
 John Balen
 Jim Kuhns
 Wally Hall
- Banners/Signage: Leader: Rod Lautenbach (need 1 volunteer)
 Karen Pizur
 Rick Hernke
- Parking: Leader: Jack Bartley (need 5 more volunteers)
 Fred Anderson
 Jody Anderson
 Darrell Schlueter
 Chris Drzycimski
 Randy Johnson
 Bob Spenner
 Dave Wesolowski
- Judging: Leader: George Beardsley (full)
 Don Decker
 Scott Burkhardt
 Darrell Schlueter
- 50/50 Raffle: Leader: Sue Beardsley (need 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 (sit with baskets-need 2 volunteers AM shift & 3 volunteers PM shift)
 8:30am-11:30am: Renee Steenweg
 11:30am-2:00pm:
- Food/Kitchen: Co-Leaders: Terri Johnson, Judy Weber, Mary Elger (need 1 more volunteer)
 Judy Weber
 Judi Luedke
 Mary Elger
 Ginny Balen
 Marianne Fahning
 Janice Rose
 Roseann Wesolowski
 Judy Schelp
 Jan Hall
 Judy Klemmer
 Joy Kuhns (cashier)

Karen Decker explained since Kwik Trip is not donating donuts this year for us to sell, it was suggested by Joy Kuhns that we have a bake sale. Members were asked to sign up to make baked goods and wrap them in individual servings to sell. A signup sheet was created.

Bake Sale Donations:	Leader: Karen Decker	
	Marcia Schlueter	
	Joy Kuhns	Cookies
	Karen Pizur	Bars
	Sue Mack	Banana Bread
	Cindy Chamberlain	Brownies, Bars, Candy Suckers, etc.
	Sue Beardsley	
	Marie Claar	
	Renee Steenweg	Cookies
	Marianne Fahning	Sugar Cookies

- **Car Show Sponsor Donation Tracking:** George Beardsley 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 form and attach it 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.

Members were advised the Car Show Flyers, Sponsor Letters and Sponsor/Donation Forms are available at the meetings for them to take. When contacting sponsors, please provide them with the Sponsor Letter advising we are a 501(c)(3) and the Sponsor/Donation Form. Samples below for your information.



MCC 2024 Car Show
Sponsor-Donation Form



MCC Sponsor
Letter-Generic.pdf

Karen Pizur asked the members to donate empty baskets for the basket auction which she will use to fill with donations provided by sponsors and members. Look around your house for items that could be put in the baskets, Gift Certificates, Alcohol, etc. are always a popular donation.

- **ProHealth Regency Muskego Car Show:** Karen Pizur spoke that this event will be on Thursday, June 27, 2024 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at the ProHealth Muskego Regency Senior Community located at W181S8540 Lodge Blvd. in Muskego. Still room for more cars.

Karen Pizur mentioned the following:

1. There will be approximately 60 cars showing up (includes cars from MCC)
2. We should get there at the same time to be placed next to each other. If you want to, we can meet at my house and park on the street in front of my home located at W147S7272 Durham Court, Muskego, WI 53150 at **4:30pm** and drive-up Woods Road together.
3. There will be food trucks, music, and vendors attending, located all over their grounds. Maybe we can set up a table for snacks if we want to bring our own? *Let me know if you would like to bring something. Karen Pizur 414-255-5934*
4. Some drinks will be served by Regency. You can bring your own if you want. Bring chairs.
5. It should go unsaid that our goal is to connect with residents and bring out their memories and stories...thank you!

6. For those that don't know, Muskego Taxi is located on the 2nd floor in the Lodge. I will let them know we are coming to the show. If anyone would like to see their operation, they can give us a tour.

- **Stair Crest Senior Living Car Show:** Bob Wiltse requested we need more cars for this event. Enter on Janesville Road.
- **Parking Permit for MCC Picnic-September 7, 2024:** Payment for parking will be up to each member and they will purchase their own parking permit online. Must purchase a parking permit in advance by logging into the system online (unless you already have purchased annual parking). You will need your license plate number and credit card. The cost is \$7.00 per car.

1. Please use this quick link to purchase the daily fee: www.waukeshacounty.gov/parkentry
2. Scroll down to 2024 Daily Permits find "Daily Permit Parks" then click on "One daily permit - \$7" then click on "Enroll Now" button under "Estimated price \$7.00"
3. Sign in with your email and password if you already have one, otherwise, you will have to create one
4. Complete the information on the "Enroll in Daily Park x1" page. Type date for parking at picnic as 09/07/24
5. Click on "Add to Cart" button
6. Follow the prompts to pay with credit card

- **2024 Fall Color Run:** John Carini and George Beardsley are the coordinators of this event. John mentioned the Fall Color Run will be held on Saturday, October 12, 2024. It will be a 100-mile route through the Kettle Moraine Scenic Drive North and around the Holy Hill Area. We plan on meeting at **11:45am** and departing at **12:00 Noon** from Muskego Lakes Country Club, S100W14020 Loomis Road in Muskego. We will take a scenic ride to Silver Lake and stop at Lucky Chucky's, 37238 Valley Road for refreshments. From there will continue the drive around the Holy Hill area and ending our ride at the Copper Dock, 1474 East Friess Lake Road in Hubertus for drinks at 3:30pm and dinner at 4:00pm. Dinner seating MAY BE LIMITED so sign up for the drive ASAP. The goal is to leave the restaurant around 5:30pm and be back home before sunset at 6:15pm.

More details to follow but never too early to get that date on your calendar. All club members are welcome, if you can't get your name on the sign-up sheet, please e-mail George at gebjr@yahoo.com.

- **Parade Volunteers:** Karen Decker requested that we need 3 ladies to volunteer to carry the MCC Banner for the following parades:

Saturday, July 20, 2024 – Port Washington Fish Days Parade

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Sunday, July 28, 2024 – Tichigan Lions Parade

1. Karen Pizur
- 2.
- 3.

Sunday, August 25, 2024 – Muskego DandiLion Daze Parade

1. Karen Pizur
- 2.
- 3.

Please see the signup sheet at the meetings or contact Karen directly at kdecker1@wi.rr.com or 414-852-0489

- **MCC Toy Drive for Christmas:** Bobby advised that the board discussed having a toy drive for Christmas this year through the Christmas Clearinghouse in Waukesha. Bobby and his wife, Caryn have worked with Christmas Clearinghouse for many years sponsoring families at Christmas. You can donate toys, cash or sponsor a family. A representative from Christmas Clearinghouse will be at the October meeting to discuss how this works. Bobby said they vet very heavily all the kids and families and these people are truly in need.
- **Milkmen Baseball Game:** Mike Woznicki spoke that this event will be held on Thursday, July 25, 2024 at Franklin Field, 7025 South Ballpark Drive in Franklin. Game starts at 6:30pm. Seats are along 3rd base line in the shade (not right field bleachers). Cost is about \$22 per person and the ticket includes the game, hotdog or hamburger, drink and possibly a ball cap. Additional information to follow.
- **Tichigan Lake Lions Club Parade:** George Beardsley provided the following update on this event scheduled for Sunday, July 28, 2024. Participants from the Muskego Corvette Club we will meet at the Tichigan Lake Civic Center located @ 6710 Big Bend Road, Waterford 53128 @ **9:15am**. We will depart at 9:30am and travel and park together at the parade staging area arriving around 9:45am. At the staging area the Tichigan Lions Club will have refreshments and snacks available for anyone in the parade. At 11:00am the parade will begin. It's about a 45-minute route and this IS a candy & dog treat throwing event.

Following the parade, plans are to return to the Tichigan Lake Civic Center where our first drink is free. There will be live music and food available. There are other sports cars, muscle cars and tractor enthusiasts signed up for the parade so wearing your club shirt is important. Everyone is welcome. If you can't get your name on the sign-up sheet, please e-mail me at gebjr@yahoo.com.

- **Trivia Game:** George Beardsley's update: Our MCC Trivia game, and jack-pot continues to grow. We are about half-way to our first drawing and so far, 400 tickets have been earned. Most numbers of tickets earned so far are the Burkhardts and the Chamberlains but many members are close behind.

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Would like to see everyone play, And THANK YOU for all the members that are earning tickets.

July & August Trivia questions will be included in the July Newsletter and a "MCC TRIVIA STANDINGS" sheet will be on the activities table at each meeting.

June Trivia Answers:

21. Which of the following four reds is NOT a corvette color Rangoon, Riverside, Monza, Rally? **Rangoon**
22. A 36 Gallon fuel tank was offered from '63-67, what is the nickname of the Corvettes with that fuel tank? **Tanker or Big Tank**

23. In 2020 - 20,368 Corvettes were produced, only 688 were of one color – What color were those 688 vehicles?
 Gray Bronze Orange Yellow **Yellow**
24. In 1973 the Muskego Corvette Club had 3 members. At the 50th celebration in 2023 that number increased by how many? **190**

- **Social Corner-Supper Club Dinners:** Members on the signup sheet to participate due to limited availability.

Event: **Supper Club Dinner – Jim & Linda’s Lakeview Supper Club**
 Date: **June 26, 2024 (Wednesday)**
 Time: 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
Drive: John Klemmer is organizing a drive at 3:00pm

Event: **Supper Club Dinner – Golden Mast**
 Date: **July 24, 2024 (Wednesday)**
 Time: Cocktails: 5:00pm – Dinner: 6:00pm
 Location: W349N5293 Lacys Lane, Okauchee Lake, WI on Okauchee Lake
 Coordinator: Karla Jordan - karla@giftworksplus.com or 414-915-6200
 Description: Order of Menu – Limit 50 people
Drive: TBD

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, concerts, 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.

- **2024 Drive & Dines:** Bobby said the Social Corner Supper Clubs are a big hit and are always full. He encouraged the club members to add some drive and dine events so we can get out and enjoy our cars. Please contact any member of the board for assistance.
- **Open Forum:**
 1. Fred Anderson thanked the members who brought their cars out for the Boy Scouts in Mukwonago Car Show. MCC had a dozen cars and arrived at 4:00pm. By the start of the show at 5:00pm the show was full. Cub Scouts made the six trophies and the MCC took home two of them. Fred Anderson and George Beardsley.
 2. Jody Anderson attended an Arts & Crafts show and showed the members handmade, waterproof, cloth trash bags for your car. The person making the bags found material with all different color Corvettes on it. The cost is \$10.00 per bag. Jody will bring several to the next meeting for purchase.
 3. Bobby mentioned in addition to being a social club we are also a charitable organization. We donated to St. Jude Research Hospital and the Cub Scouts Charity. George Beardsley talked to the organizer of the Tichigan Parade and George asked the board if the MCC would consider donating to a fundraiser being put on by the Tichigan Lions Club on behalf of three children. The MCC will donate \$1,000 for Grant who has lymphoblastic leukemia, Riley who has enlarged aqueducts syndrome and faces total hearing loss by the age of 10 and Chance who has spina bifida that significantly limits his mobility.

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

- **June 27 (Thursday) – Muskego ProHealth Regency Car Show** – This event is located at W181S8540 Lodge Blvd. in Muskego from 5:30pm to 7:30pm (arrive earlier). **See related bullet point above for more detailed information.** *(Karen Pizur)*

- **July 4 (Thursday) – Holz Motors Car Show** – 8:00am-3:00pm – **meet at 7:15am depart at 7:30am from 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 (also can enter on your own). \$10 entry fee per car. Distribute MCC Car Show flyers. *(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 Park & Ride on Hwy. 100 & Edgerton Ave. at 8:00am and depart at 8:15am** to drive to Port Washington as a group, with flashers, get off at Exit 100, stop at Pick ‘N Save, then proceed to where we will marshal for the parade. 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 25 (Thursday) – Milkmen Baseball Game** – game starts at 6:30pm – Franklin Field, 7025 South Ballpark Drive in Franklin. \$22 per person and the ticket includes the game, hotdog or hamburger, drink and possibly a ball cap. **See related bullet point above for more detailed information.** *(Mike Woznicki)*
- **July 28 (Sunday) – Tichigan Parade** *(throw candy)* – **Meet at 9:15am and depart at 9:30am from Tichigan Lake Civic Center, 6710 Big Bend Road, Waterford, WI** arriving at the staging area by 9:45am, parade starts at 11:00am. Drinks and refreshments are available. After the parade we are invited back to the Tichigan Lake Civic Center for music and food with a free drink ticket provided. **See related bullet point above for more detailed information.** *(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 4 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 40-50 kids who have suffered burns. Friday night is the last night with a dance and the theme is “Race Cars”. **Meet at 4:45pm at the Park & Ride located at I-43 & Racine Avenue with departure at 5:00pm.** Drive to the camp on County Rd J in Mukwonago. Members who would like to give the kids rides in their Corvette will be able to drive around on a loop directly on the property (no public roadways) about ½ mile long and then drop the kids off at the dance. MCC will have a gift bag for each of the kids which will include Match Box Cars, checkered flags, bracelets, etc. We have been invited to attend the dance. *(Jack Bartley)*
- **August 24 (Saturday) – MCC Annual Car Show** – Richlonn’s corner of Racine & Janesville in Muskego 9:00am-3:00pm **See related bullet point above for more detailed information.** *(Rod Lautenbach & George Beardsley)*
- **August 25 (Sunday) – Muskego Dandelion Daze Parade** *(throw candy)* – Parade starts at 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) – Indy Car Series** – Milwaukee Mile, State Fair Park in West Allis. Purchase your own tickets. Information on Pit Passes closer to the date. *(Steve Mente)*
- **September 7 (Saturday) – MCC Annual Picnic & Bags Tournament** – Muskego County Park, Picnic Area #4 – 1:00pm-5:00pm – Johnny B will provide the music. **See related bullet point above for more detailed information.**

- **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 one car on the wait 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*)
- **October 12 (Saturday) – Fall Color Run & Dinner-Copper Dock** – meet and depart from Muskego Lakes Country Club, S100W14020 Loomis Road in Muskego. Drive to Silver Lake, stop for refreshments and continue the drive through the Kettle Moraine and Holy Hill then have drinks and dinner at the Copper Dock in Hubertus. **See related bullet point above for more detailed information.** (*John Carini & George Beardsley*)
- **December 18 (Wednesday) – MCC Annual Christmas Party Dinner & White Elephant Gift Exchange**

MCC Official Events for 2025 (Club Shirts Required) – (See Sign-up Sheets):

- **May 14-18 (Wednesday-Sunday) – St. Jude Corvette Drive** (*John Klemmer & Fred Anderson*)

Bobby adjourned the meeting at 8:05pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Karen Decker, Secretary MCC

2024 St Jude Corvette Drive

Submitted by Fred Anderson

Muskego Corvette Club members John and Judy Klemmer, Rick and Connie Hernke, Frank and Sue Dentice, Kurt and Judi Luedke, John and Ginny Ballen and Fred and Jody Anderson participated in the 2024 St Jude Corvette Drive. We drove to Bourbonnais, IL on May 15th to meet up with the rest of the group leaving from there the next morning. A total of 13 Corvettes and a Chase vehicle left the morning of the 16th from Bourbonnais to caravan to Dyersburg, TN where we met up with four other caravans coming from Peoria, IL; St Louis, MO; Louisville, KY and Nashville, TN. There was a total of 112 Corvettes that met for the night in Dyersburg, TN where we were hosted by Mayer Holden of Dyersburg for a fish fry dinner and St Jude Family presentations at the Lannon Center.



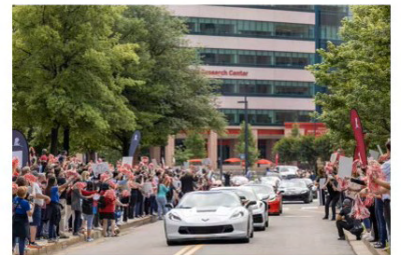
The following morning after a very detailed safety meeting we all loaded up and left single file lead by Tennessee State police escort. The escort was very impressive when the Tennessee State Patrol Motor Cycle Police took over and blocked the entire highway for 80 miles. Our 112 Corvette convoy were the only vehicles allowed on the road until we pulled into the St Jude Children's Research Hospital campus. We were greeted by hundreds of St Jude Doctors, Nurses, Staff, Patients, Parents and Hospital administrators all ringing cow bells, holding signs, cheering and all saying Thank You! It was one of the most organized, heartwarming and emotional events we have ever been involved in. We then parked our cars in a Police

guarded lot and were bussed back to the St Jude campus to hear from Doctors, Administrators, St Jude Families and the St Jude Corvette Drive organizers where the check for \$510,000.00 was presented to a grateful staff with a thunderous round of applause from all the Corvette drivers.

This is one event that every Corvette owner should experience as words cannot adequately describe it. We will be putting this on our list of annual things we must do. Thank you to the Muskego Corvette Club board for the \$1,000.00 donation to St Jude Hospital. The club was listed an official sponsor of the drive and put on all sponsor boards and event guides. Let's see if we can get more MCC members to go next year and help break the record donation amount that was set this year!!







YOU DID IT!!!!

The 2024 St Jude Corvette Drive was a FANTASTIC success!

112 Corvettes drove to Memphis, May 16-17 from Bourbonnais, Louisville, Nashville, Peoria and St Louis Areas and presented a check to St Jude Children's Research

Hospital for **\$510,000!**
That's 2.7 million dollars so far.

Editor's Note: *Many thanks to Mike Woznicki for forwarding to the Newsletter a story of MotorTrend having chosen the Corvette the Icon of Icons in the automotive world. Unfortunately the copy he sent turned out to be of too poor resolution to read even after converting to 1200 pixels per inch. However, having alerted me to the story, I was able to locate the following on the MotorTrend site.*

Your Icon of Icons: The Chevrolet Corvette Is the Most Iconic Car of the Past 75 Years **“America’s sports car” was chosen by you from among 10 of the greatest cars in automotive history.**

Scott Evans Writer MotorTrend Staff Photographer Mar 25, 2024

Was there ever any doubt? MotorTrend readers are largely American, and as much as we love Jeeps, Mustangs, and F-150s in this country, the Corvette has been “America’s sports car” for nearly as long as this publication has existed. That’s why you chose it via our online vote as the most iconic car of the past 75 years.



Rewind 71 of those years to January 1953 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, and you

might not have predicted this moment. Interest was strong in GM’s new fiberglass-bodied sports car, yes, but with a 150-hp “Blue Flame” inline-six under the hood backed by a two-speed Powerglide automatic, it wasn’t exactly the all-conquering automotive hero we know today. Chevrolet built just 300, and even those had trouble finding homes—you could only buy them in white with red interiors, which didn’t help the case. The do-it-yourself ragtop and curtain windows that only worked with the roof in place weren’t any more enticing when it came time to close a sale.

It was, however, enough to get the attention of an engineer by the name of Zora Arkus-Duntov. Despite his honorary title of “father of the Corvette,” General Motors didn’t hire Arkus-Duntov until five months after he saw the car at the Motorama show in the Waldorf Astoria ballroom. Legendary GM designer Harley Earl came up with the original idea, his lieutenant Robert McLean styled it, and Chevy R&D boss Maurice Olley engineered it. Within a few years, Olley and Arkus-Duntov had the car straightened out and fitted with the first smallblock Chevy V-8 and a manual transmission, and it was off to the races.



Beyond the cars themselves, fortuitous associations with stardom cemented its place in American pop culture, first as the main characters’ car on the popular TV show *Route 66*—sponsored by Chevrolet, with the company always ready to replace the car at the beginning of each season with an updated model—and by the end of the ’60s as the car of the Apollo astronauts.

Chevy’s chief engineer, Ed Cole, personally gifted astronaut Alan Shepard a ’62 Corvette after he returned from space, and of course all

the other Mercury astronauts and the later Apollo astronauts would want one, too. Florida dealer and previous Indianapolis 500 winner Jim Rathmann offered the national heroes new Corvettes for \$1 each every year until the end of the Apollo program. Many of them had their cars custom painted, and today you can see several at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Yes, there’s a museum just for historic Corvettes.

The Corvette is everywhere you look in American pop-culture history over the past 75 years. It's been featured in songs by artists ranging from The Beach Boys to George Jones to Sir Mix-a-Lot to, most famously, Prince's 1983 hit "Little Red Corvette." On the small screen, it was Sam Malone's favorite car in *Cheers*. On the big screen, it's been in everything from *Terms of Endearment* to the *Transformers* series to *Corvette Summer*. Barbie drove a modified first-generation model in her latest blockbuster (an EV conversion with blended styling cues from '56 and '57), and she's had 26 of them since she picked up her first in 1976. Ken and Barbie's friend Shani has also had one.



On the track, the Corvette has paced the Indy 500 a record 21 times, and the factory-backed Corvette Racing team was utterly dominant at home and abroad. Formed in 1999, it won the 24 Hours of Le Mans nine times, the Rolex 24 Hours of Daytona four times, the American Le Mans Series championship 10 times, the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship five times, and the FIA World Endurance Championship once.



MotorTrend has a hand in the Corvette's legacy, too. We've named it our Car of the Year three times (1984, 1998, and 2020) and Performance Vehicle of the Year once (2023). We've put a Corvette on our cover 114 times over the past 75 years, with 90 of those instances occurring since 1983. We've reported on rumored mid-engine Corvettes since at least 1970. We started the whole Corvette versus Porsche 911 rivalry in the '60s, we were the first to pit a 'Vette against a jet in the '80s, and we did it again in the 2010s. We even spoiled the surprise of the fifth-generation Corvette with an illustration on the cover of our April 1995 issue (the car didn't make its debut until '97) so close to the real thing that it caused a scandal inside GM HQ

and demands to know our source.

We did it again in 2014. A full five years before Chevy revealed the C8, we reported accurately that a mid-engine Corvette was finally happening. As early as 1959, Arkus-Duntov was already working on a mid-engine car. The first Chevrolet Engineer Research Vehicle—CERV-I—wasn't a Corvette per se, but the mid-engine race car prototype would be the start of Arkus-Duntov's long and ultimately futile struggle to reimagine the model as a mid-engine sports car. He personally oversaw the construction of the CERV-II race car prototype and six Corvette-bodied mid-engine street car prototypes. Yet 45 years and three more dead-end concepts followed his retirement before the mid-engine C8 Corvette's 2019 debut.

Chevy has sold more than 1.8 million Corvettes over the past 71 years, eight generations, and two powertrain



layouts. They've come with automatic, manual, and dual-clutch transmissions offering anywhere from two to eight ratios. Under the hood of the various production cars and concepts, there have been pushrod inline-sixes, pushrod and dual-overhead-cam V-8s, superchargers, turbochargers, a hybrid system, and even rotary engines. They've been featured in countless movies, TV shows, songs, and magazine covers, and they've been owned by more celebrities than we can list up to and including our current president. They've been everything from racing champions to world-beating supercars to the preferred ride of the white-tank-top-and-gold-chain set and of white New Balance and jorts aficionados everywhere.

More than anything, though, the Corvette is America's sports car, and it's your No. 1 automotive icon of the past 75 years.



Editor note: *The following story came to the attention of the editor, and although it was not written by someone any of us might know, it does illustrate what many of might have done during our misspent youth.*

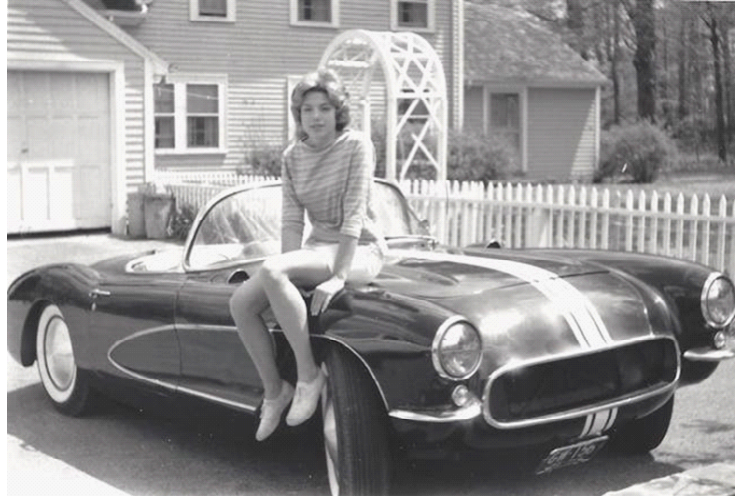
Adventures in My High-School-Cool Custom '57 Corvette

Gary Witzenburg

I hadn't had my '57 Corvette long before it helped me accumulate a couple of tickets and a one-month license suspension. It was the kind of car that encouraged exuberance, and as a teenager in a car-crazy era, I couldn't get enough of it.

Naturally, I used that enforced break from driving to modify my 'Vette. I started by investing summer-job money in a Duntov cam and a set of solid lifters. Next came a manual gearbox. I couldn't afford to swap in a four-speed, so I settled for a three-speed and paid a mechanic to install it and its clutch mechanism.

Then, once my license was restored and the 'Vette was ready, a friend and I picked it up from the shop and test drove it out of town. We headed for a long, straight stretch of divided parkway with no houses or traffic where someone had painted 1/4-mile start and finish lines on the eastbound side. We wanted to try a fun run, so approaching that section on the westbound side, just cruising in third, I decided to punch it without downshifting to see how it pulled from low rpm. I was watching the road, not the speedometer, but we were likely up to 90 or so (in a 35-mph zone) before I backed off and braked for the stop at the next intersection.



When we got there, a pair of angry cops were waiting. "Do you know how fast you were going, kid?" one growled angrily. "No, officer," I grinned, thinking they had merely heard the engine at high rpm and didn't really have anything on me. I was not about to confess.

"We clocked you at 80," he snarled. "Let me see your license." It turned out they had radar hidden halfway down the road (unusual at the time) and were monitoring it from the corner. "Is that as fast as that car will go?" one officer sarcastically enquired while his partner was writing maybe the best ticket of his career. "Yeah ... in first gear," I snarked.

The Motorama Corvette Competitors

If you didn't know, Chevrolet had planned to do the Corvette in steel after the first year. The use of fiberglass was just a means of getting the car ready at short notice.

In hindsight, it was a good thing Chevrolet did not put off the Corvette until 1954 to go with the steel body. As reviews started coming in for the 1953 Corvette and stories circulated about the car's underwhelming performance, fit, and finish, interest quickly diminished. By the end of the 1954 production run, only 3,650 Corvettes were ordered, way off the 10,000 projected units. The public did not yet grasp the sports car concept and took a major chill to Chevy's sports car, so much so that only 700 1955 Corvettes were sold! The new 265 small block didn't help. If Chevrolet had gone with a steel body, with those kinds of reviews, and sales, they would have immediately killed the Corvette.

The dynamic 1953 Motorama Corvette, with its sexy, hi-tech "fiberglass plastic" body seriously got the attention of GM's other car divisions; Pontiac, Buick, and Oldsmobile. When the doors to the 1954 GM Motorama event opened, the other GM divisions had their version of the Corvette. But by then, it was just a dog-and-pony show. The Pontiac Bonneville Special, the Buick Wild Cat-II, and the Oldsmobile F-88 were clearly take-offs of the svelte Corvette.

In recent years some writers, having recently discovered those other GM Motorama cars, have concluded; "What was Chevy thinking? These cars would have clobbered the Corvette!" Not so. Each car was over-designed, slathered with chrome, powered by big V8s, and dripping with futuristic features that would have pushed their price to hyper-expensive Cadillac Eldorado territory.



Pontiac Bonneville Special



Buick Wild Cat-II



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