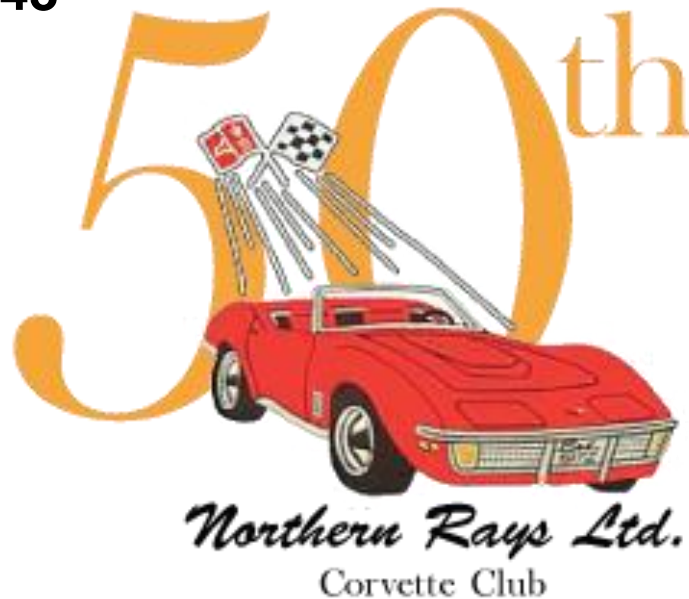


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From the Office of the President

January 2024



Happy New Year everyone! Let's hope that 2024 is a happy & healthy year for all of us! And I hope everyone had a nice Christmas, and did something fun.

On a personal note, thank you for allowing me to be your president for a 4th term. I never expected to last this long. It's been a fun ride. Your elected officers are meeting on January 2nd, to get 2024 started and events planned. Please feel free to suggest ideas on what you would like to do this year. We are always looking for ideas, and coordinators for events.

The 2024 National Convention is in Joplin, MO May 13th-19, 2024. It's a lot earlier this year but packed full of things to do. I'm honored to say that Linda Fairlamb and I will be awarded as top 15 ladies' national competitors, placing 6th & 11th respectfully. Best of all, our little club placed 11th nationally! Great job everyone! Consider attending, you will be glad you did!

Hope you can join us for our next membership meeting on January 9, 2023 at Real Time Sports in Elk Grove Village, IL. Pizza at 7, meeting starts at 7:30. Until then.....



Happy Motoring and remember to Save the Wave.

Diane Wagner

President

Northern Rays LTD.



Northern Rays Corvette Club General Membership Meeting
Date: Tuesday, December 12th, 2023
By: Fred Marano

Meeting Location - Real Time Sports, Elk Grove Village, IL
- Pizza was served at 7:00 p.m.
Meeting called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Diane Wagner

President's Report – Diane Wagner – Last month's meeting minutes were reviewed with motion for approval by Tom and seconded by Kim.

Our former member John DiVito has had a medical setback and will not be rejoining the club. A get well soon card was signed by members and will be sent to John.

Diane noted that there will be no raffle gifts today since we have the White Elephant gift exchange today. Also thank you to all the members who brought or made Christmas cheer cookies to pass around. Delicious!

A Signup sheet was distributed for volunteers to provide raffle gifts for 2024.

A big THANK YOU to all the elected club officers for 2024, we look forward to a great 2024 Season!

This is Kim's last day as VP after 4yrs, thank you Kim for all your help, great job over the years. Enjoy retirement.

Events held this past month:

- Officers meeting held on Nov. 20th hosted by Kim & Santo.
- Happy Thanksgiving To All
- December 2nd was our Club Christmas Party – Thanks to Ed for securing the venue and working on the food selection, thanks to Kim for the lovely center pieces and for Pat & Sue for hosting the Family Feud Game. Good time had by all.
- Next up is the Murder Mystery Dinner set for January 13th, 10 couples will be attending.

Parliamentarian Report: - Linda Fairlamb – Re-read the two bylaw changes to be voted on today.

1. Membership - bylaw # 202306 – Passed
- Duties of the Secretary - bylaw #202307- passed

Vice President's Report – Kim Scafide –

- Happy Birthday to our six (6) December Birthday members.
- Nothing left for December, just a Merry Christmas to all and Happy New Year!
- Next up is our Club meeting January 9th, 2024

Governor's Report – Dan Wagner –Nothing for the end of year.

Secretary Report – Fred Marano, my final minutes of meeting, thanks for all your support. Hopefully I can fill Kim’s shoes as VP with an exciting 2024 year of events.

Treasurer’s Report –Linda Fairlamb –

- Web site has been updated to Go Daddy and will have some extra expenses in 2024 for the new site. Pat Lopardo did a great job in getting this together and looks forward to improving it as we move forward. Please check it out!

Competition Report – Linda Fairlamb – nothing to report our season is over.

- Although our club finished 3rd in the Midwest and 11th in the Nation.

Public Relations Report – Elizabeth Ball – Nothing New

Membership Report – Ed Frost – New members will have more colors to select from for their club ‘T’s.

Publications Report – Pat Lopardo – Not Present

Web Master Report – Nothing New

Sergeant at Arms Report – Santo S. – 1 Yellow Car, guess who?

- 10 min. brake:

Raffles coordinated by:

Fred for the 50/50 – tickets \$1 each or six for \$5

No raffle tickets this month – White Elephant Gift Exchange

Winner this week for the 50/50:

- Mike & Katie won the 50/50 Cash Prize of \$56.00

Your contributions and ticket purchases support NRL and our pizza sharing at each meeting. Thank You!

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm. motion by Santo and second by Fred.

Next Meeting January 9th , 2024



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NRL BOARD MEETING – JANUARY 2, 2024

Meeting called to order by Fred Marano at 7:10pm. All board members present per roll call, with the exception of Ed Frost.

The following items were discussed.

- 1) Final financial report for 2023 was distributed, reviewed and approved.
- 2) Linda Fairlamb presented the 2024 budget. Vern Fagerberg has accepted the Club Historian position and Pat Lopardo as the Web Master. Santo Scafide made a motion to approve the 2024 budget, and Ed Wodniakowski Seconded, 2024 budget was approved.
- 3) Events Calendar discussed between all with update on NRL Sanctioned Events. A few of the items discussed: Spring Dinner, Comedy Show, Lake Geneva Trip, Miniature Golf Tournaments, Niles and Bloomingdale parades, etc. Event schedule to be distributed at January 9th, Club Meeting.
- 4) Discussions on the possibility of car dealer sponsorships to offset the Go Daddy cost for the web site. Diane Wagner suggested a guest book be available at the monthly meetings for guests and potential new members to sign. The color of the shirts for initial new members should be black with the red corvette logo. Also discussed the possibility of offering members twice a year to purchase NRL apparel.

Motion to adjourn made by Santo Scafide and seconded by Ed Wodniakowski.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Barbera
NRL Secretary



Deb Murphy - NCCC
President

NCCC President's Message

January 2024

I was sitting **back** enjoying the quiet holidays and forgot all about doing this email. Thankfully, Walt reminded me! **For** Florida, it has been cold and rainy the **past week or so**- some days not getting **above 60** degrees! Makes it easy to sit **back** with a book!

I need to update my congratulations from last month — **WE HAVE A TIE** for the first time! Dave Buck and **Howard** Curtis tied for first place. **All I** can say is that the club ICE from the Indiana Region really cleaned up this year, first place men **and** club. Congratulations again!!

I had a board meeting at the National Corvette Museum last month. No **word** on the plant tours yet but I think everyone is hoping they can start again. The Holley Tower at the Motor Sports Park is awesome. It's not quite done, but the first floor **and** meeting **rooms** are really nice. **You** need to check **out** the shopping! There are **some** interesting "Dude" candles with barbeque, leather, off road and other scents to pick from. The kitchen in the Kimberlee Fast Pavilion is **done so now** all **food** service is available there. The chef at **MSP** is coordinating with the chef at the **Museum** since the kitchen at the track is so much bigger. The food they fixed for our breakfast was yummy!

INFORMATION: To make **your** reservation in **our room** block for the national meetings, you need to **go to our** website under meetings where **2024 Sheraton** Reservation bullet is. **You** cannot use the Sheraton regular reservation site on the website to get into our block. **ALSO** — **you need** to have your reservation in at least 3 weeks prior to the meeting date. There is also a **tab** if **you** need assistance from the Sgt at Arms. We have some items to tackle at the February meeting- **Budget** is a big one! **At** this meeting, the members of various committees are also confirmed. If you would like to be a part of any of the committees, let one of the officers know. It is a great way to find out what we are doing on a national level and **how** it may affect your Region **or** Club. For those of **you** out competing, we need some clarification on **how** the awards will work since the Speed and Non-Speed events are separate. There won't be overall Champions anymore. This may **be** incentive for Clubs **to add** Rallies, Funkhanas and Car shows to their calendars!

The **new FCOA** Director will be announced **at** the meeting too. I have to say that I am guilty of not looking at the **FCOA** section of our website. It is **under** all the tabs and has lots of stuff for FCOA members. **We are** hoping to get more FCOA members involved in activities to inspire them **to** stick around and bring a friend!

It all good! Stay warm!

Deb Murphy
NCCC President



Planning!
General Raffle Donors – 2024 NRL Meetings

Sign Up Today & Thank You!
 Your contributions help us share the fun and also enjoy Pizza at each meeting.

January	Santo & Kim S.	Linda D.	Fred & Elaine M.
February	Mark & Cindy B.	Fred & Sue M.	Tom & Leann
March	Dan & Diane W.	Tom & Leann	
April	Fred & Elaine M.	Ed & Sue F.	
May	Ed & Terry W.	Santo & Kim S.	Linda D.
June	Tim & Rose B.	Linda F.	
July	Mike & Katy B.		
August			
September	Ed & Terry W.	Tim & Rose B.	Linda D.
October	Linda F.		
November			
<i>December – Special Holiday Meeting</i>			

Thank you for all your Support!



2024 Planning / Events

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Dates	Event	Key Contact
Tues., Jan 9 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W. & Fred M. & Sue L.
Sat., Jan 13th	Murder Mystery Dinner Theater “The Dinner Detective”	Diane W.
Tues., Feb. 13 th	Wear Red for Heart Month Monthly Club Meeting Paper Products Drive / Itasca Food Bank Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Sat, Feb. 17th	Putt Shack – Mini Golf Outing In Oakbrook Mall (old Lord & Taylor)	Linda F.
Sat, Mar. 9th	Improv Comedy Club Outing Schaumburg location (Woodfield Mall) 7pm show	Elizabeth B.
Tues., Mar. 12 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Sat. Apr. 6th	MWR 2023 Awards Banquet, Madison, WI	Linda F & Dan & Diane W.
Tues. April 9 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Apr 13th & 14th	South Bend, IN – Tire Rack Autocross	Linda F.
Sat, Apr. 20th	SPRING FLING DINNER @ ANGELOS Elmhurst, IL	Santo S.
Sun, Apr. 21st	RALLYE – MILAN, IL	
May 13th – 19th	NCCC National Convention Joplin, MO	Linda F.
Tues, May 14 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Sat-Mon May 25-27th	Midwest Region Fundrasier Autocross in Rantoul IL	Linda F.
Jane 8th & 9th	Sanctioned Rallyes in WI both days	
Tues, June 11 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.


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Jun 15th & 16th	NRL AUTOCROSS WEEKEND Rantoul, IL- NEED WORKERS	Linda F. & Dan W
Jun 22 nd & 23 rd	Madison, WI Autocross	
June 29 th & 30 th	Columbus, WI Autocross	
Thurs, July 4th	NILES PARADE Major Fundraiser! & Afterparty at Ski's house	Linda F. & Ski
Sat. Jul 6 th	Rallye – MO (Route 66 CC)	
Tues, Jul 9 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Jul 20 th & 21 st	Columbus, WI Autocross	
Jul 27 th & 28 th	Quincy, IL - Autocross	
Aug 3 rd & 4 th	Madison, WI – Autocross	
August 10 th & 11 th	Crystal Lake, IL - Autocross	
Tues, Aug 13 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Aug 25 th	Davenport, IA - Autocross	
Tues, Sept. 10 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Sep 21 st & 22 nd	Columbus, WI - Autocross	
Oct 5 th & 6 th	Pekin, IL – Autocross NRL Co-Sponsor	Linda F. & Dan W
Tues, Oct. 8 th	Monthly Club Meeting Food Drive / Itasca Food Bank Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Oct 19 th & 20 th	Crystal Lake, IL – Autocross NRL Co-Sponsor	Linda F. & Dan W
Tues, Nov. 12 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.
Sat. Dec 7th	NRL Christmas Dinner at Villagio's	Ed, Sue & Kim
Tues, Dec. 10 th	Monthly Club Meeting Meeting at: Real Time Sports on Devon Ave. in	Diane W & Fred M. & Sue L.

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	Elk Grove, IL & Zoom	

NRL Events are Posted on our website: www.northernrayscorvetteclub.com
Plus, for a full listing of Midwest Region Sanctioned Events go to www.mwregion.com

** Other ideas.....

- Cruise Night to Roselle – Friday evening
- Wild Onion Brewery Drive out
- Summer Picnic
- Baseball Game outing

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2024 Tentative Midwest Region Schedule of Events ~ December 30, 2023

DATE		EVENT	LOCATION	HOST CLUB(S)
Feb 23 & 24	Fri/Sat	MWR & NCCC Meetings	St. Louis, MO	MWR & NCCC Meetings
6-Apr	Saturday	MWR Banquet	Madison, WI	MWR and Mad City Vettes
13-Apr	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	South Bend, IN	Windy City - Corvette Cruisers - CC of Illinois
14-Apr	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	South Bend, IN	Corvette Cruisers - Chicago Crossroads -CC of Illinois
21-Apr	Sunday	3 Rallye Events	Milan, IL	Mid-West Corvettes
May 3 & 4	Fri/Sat	NCCC Meetings	St. Louis, MO	NCCC Meetings
May 13 to 19	Mon-Sun	NCCC Convention	Joplin, MO	NCCC Convention
25-May	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
26-May	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
27-May	Monday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
2-Jun	Sunday	3 PC Car Show Events	TBN	Windy City Corvettes
8-Jun	Saturday	4 Rallye Events	TBN	Wisconsin Corvette Club
9-Jun	Sunday	4 Rallye Events	TBN	Badger State - Brew City
15-Jun	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	Northern Rays-Windy City-Chicago Crossroads
16-Jun	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Rantoul, IL	Northern Rays - Chicago CC - Chicago Crossroads
22-Jun	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Madison, WI	Mad City-Glass Favorites-River City-Wisconsin
23-Jun	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Madison, WI	Mad City-Glass Favorites-River City-Wisconsin
23-Jun	Sunday	3 PC Car Show Events	Tinley Park, IL	Chicago CC - Windy City
29-Jun	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Badger State - Brew City
30-Jun	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Northern Illinois Corvette Club - Brew City
6-Jul	Saturday	4 Rallye Events	Wentzville, MO	Route 66 Corvette Club
13-Jul	Saturday	PC Car Show Event	Chicago, IL area	Chicago Crossroads Corvette Club
20-Jul	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Mad City Vettes - Stray Vettes - Kettle Moraine
21-Jul	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Mad City Vettes - Stray Vettes - Kettle Moraine
27-Jul	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Quincy, IL	Great River - Central Illinois
28-Jul	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Quincy, IL	Great River - Central Illinois
3-Aug	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Madison, WI	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
4-Aug	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Madison, WI	MWR FUNdraiser - MWR Clubs
10-Aug	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Crystal Lake, IL	Mad City Vettes - Glass Favorites - Sunburst
11-Aug	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Crystal Lake, IL	Northern Illinois Corvette Club - Sunburst Corvette Club
18-Aug	Sunday	1 Concours-2 Car Shows	West Allis, WI	Badger State Vettes
25-Aug	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Davenport, IA	Mid-West Corvettes
25-Aug	Sunday	PC Car Show Event	TBN	Windy City Corvettes
Sep 6 & 7	Fri/Sat	MWR & NCCC Meetings	St. Louis, MO	MWR & NCCC Meetings
21-Sep	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Mad City Vettes-River City-Wisconsin CC-Central Illinois
22-Sep	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Columbus, WI	Mad City Vettes-River City-Wisconsin CC-Central Illinois
29-Sep	Sunday	2 PC Car Show Events	Orland Park, IL	Windy City - Central Minnesota
5-Oct	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Pekin, IL	Mil-Illinois Corvette Club-Northern Rays-Central IL
6-Oct	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Pekin, IL	Mil-Illinois Corvette Club-Northern Rays-Central IL
19-Oct	Saturday	7 Autocross Events	Crystal Lake, IL	Northern IL-Northern Rays-Sunburst- Windy City
20-Oct	Sunday	7 Autocross Events	Crystal Lake, IL	Northern IL-Northern Rays-Sunburst- Windy City
26-Oct	Saturday	3 Rallye Events	TBN	Wisconsin Corvette Club
Nov 8 & 9	Fri/Sat	MWR & NCCC Meetings	St. Louis, MO	MWR & NCCC Meetings & Sanctioning Meeting



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November 28, 2023

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Best Wishes,

Jim Blankshain

Jim Blankshain
Commander



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Midwest Region Party & Awards Banquet

Hosted by Mad City Vettes ~ 2023 Club Champions

Saturday, April 6, 2024 ~Marriot Madison West~ 5:00-Midnight
1313 John Q. Hammons Drive in Middleton, WI 53562 (west side of Madison)

Directions, Map and Hotel Reservation information on next page

Cocktails at 5:00 pm ~ Dinner at 6:30 pm

Complimentary Beverages:

Spotted Cow Draft Beer, White and Red Wines
Soft Drinks, Iced Tea, Water, Coffee

Beverages Available for Purchase:

Mixed Drinks and Bottles of other Beer Brands

Recognitions and Awards Presentations at 7:30

Bar will be open thru Dinner, closed during the Awards Presentations
and then reopen for the rest of the evening with last call at 11:45

Meal Choices

Roasted Chicken Breast with special sauce

Grilled Flat Iron Steak with red wine sauce

Seared Salmon with lemon cream sauce

All meals come with a salad, potato, vegetables, rolls, dessert,
coffee and/or iced tea

Anyone with dietary issues and would like to
request a special meal should contact Joan Thomas

Registration and Payment must be RECEIVED by March 27, 2024

Please register as soon as possible. Contact Joan Thomas with any questions
815-494-5985 or teamthomas525@gmail.com

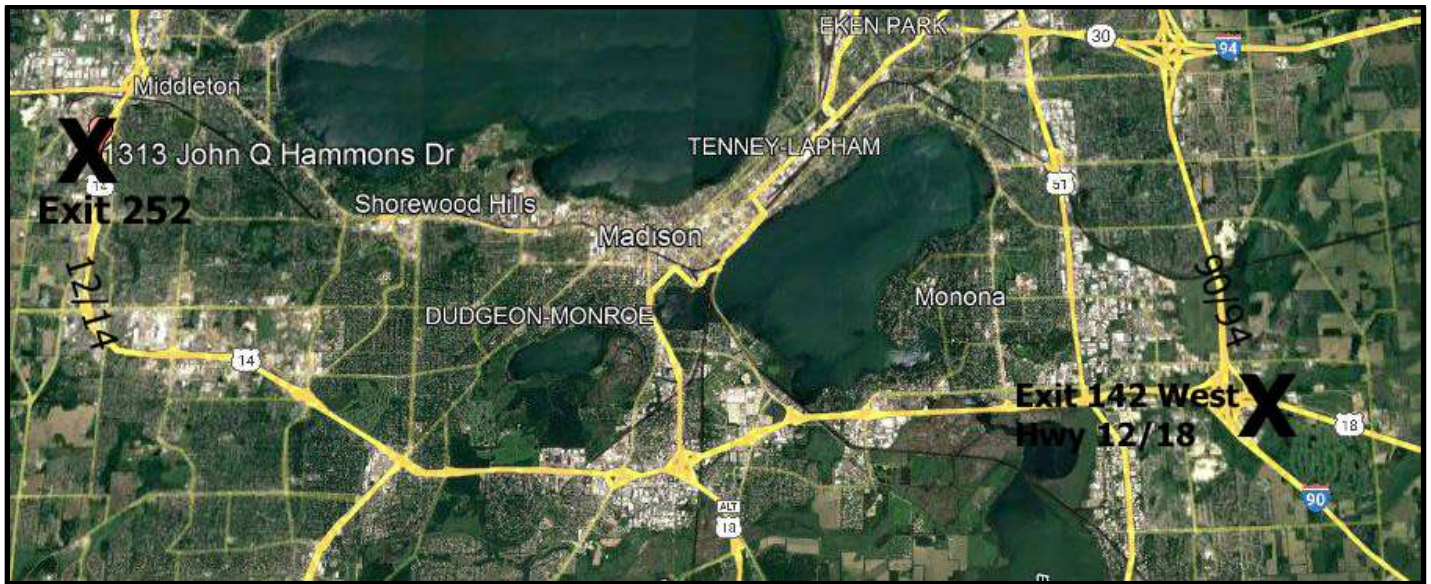
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Full Name: _____ Club _____ @ \$50.00
Circle Meal Choice: Chicken Steak Salmon

Full Name: _____ Club _____ @ \$50.00
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Party Registration Check should be made payable to Mad City Vettes in the amount of \$ _____
Mail Registration and check to: Mad City Vettes
c/o Joan Thomas
5681 Oak Village Drive
Roscoe, IL 61073-7009

Event Location: Marriot Madison West Hotel
1313 John Q. Hammons Drive, Middleton, Wisconsin 53562
Local phone number is 608-831-2000 (Rate ~ \$131.00+ 13.50% tax)



**Book Hotel Reservation early!
Block ends March 19, 2024**

Marriot Madison West

10 Run of House Rooms have been blocked
In the name of "Midwest Region"
Run of House means whatever is available.

Call 888-745-2032 or click on this link

<https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1700159530488&key=GRP&app=resvlink>

Rate is \$131.00 plus 13.50% tax.

The Marriot is waiving the \$10.00 parking fee for overnight guests.

Contact Joan if you have trouble booking a room.



Joplin, Missouri
May 13 - 19

January Drink of the Month

By: Pat Lopardo



The Resolution

Ingredients

Combine 1 1/2 ounces **vodka**

2 ounces **apple cider**

1 pinch **ground ginger**

1 pinch **powdered chai tea mix**

1 ounce **merlot** and a splash of **lime juice** in a shaker filled with ice.

Shake vigorously, then strain into a martini glass. Garnish with an **apple slice**.

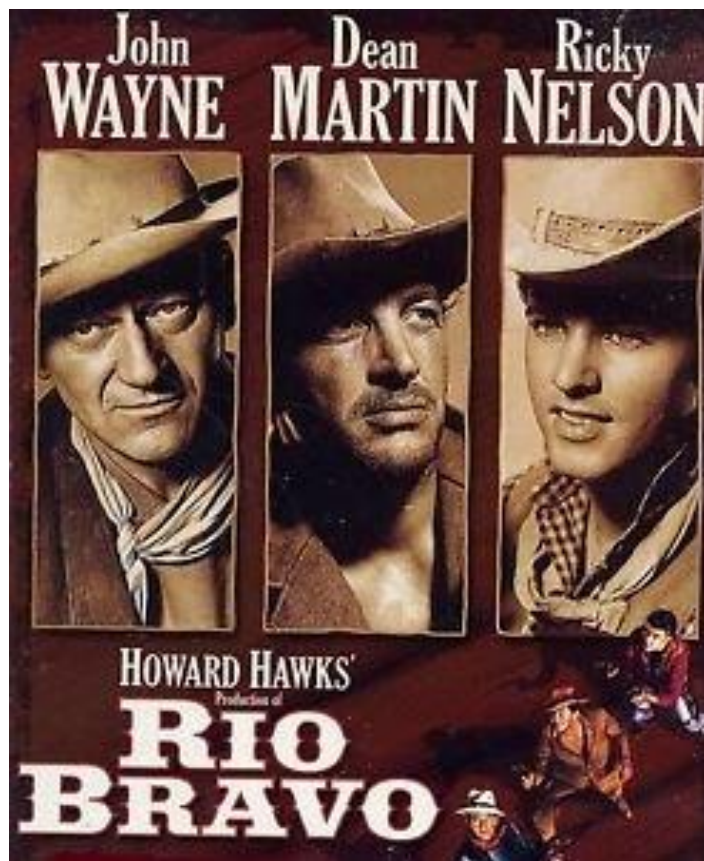
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Trivia

December 2023

Trivia Answer

John Wayne was a true American Hero and he once owned a Corvette. What year was his Corvette?

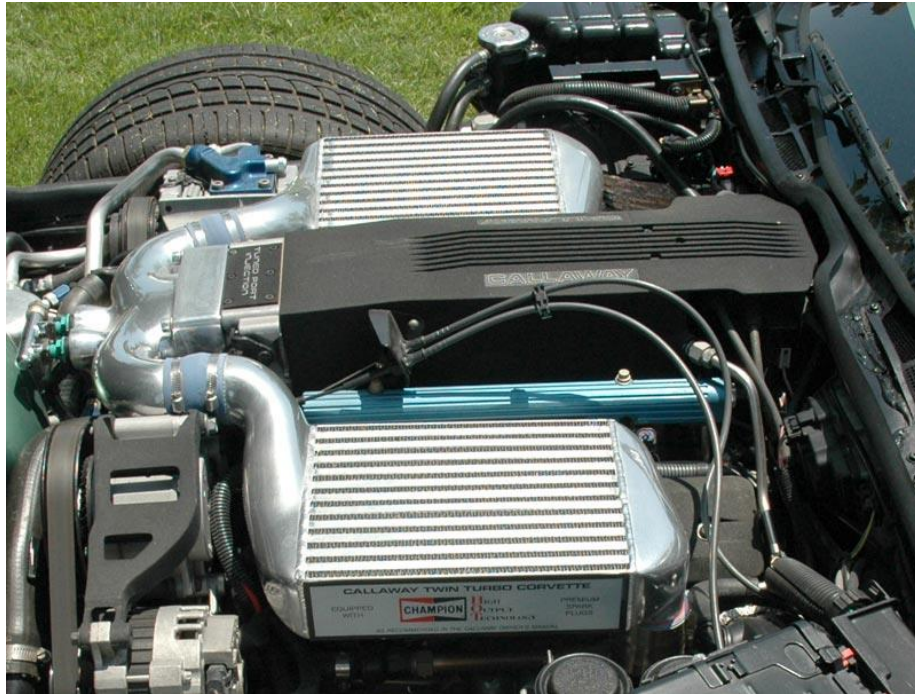


John Wayne owned a 1953 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible. It is the 51st Corvette built, and Wayne purchased it in October 1953. Wayne ordered the car sight unseen, and later gave it away because he was too tall to fit into it..

Trivia

January 2024

Trivia Question



What was the first year the Callaway Twin Turbo was offered through Chevy dealers as option B2K?

Hint : The New York Giants won the Superbowl this year.

January 2024 – Tech Tip

By Pat Lopardo



The Dreaded Battery Acid Leak Problem on C5 Corvettes

If you are experiencing “electrical gremlins” with your 97 to 2000 Corvette, it could be the dreaded battery acid leak problem. It happened to me a few years ago. While I was driving my 98 Convertible on a warm summer night, the gauges on the dashboard started fluctuating wildly. The lights would also go bright then dim, and the traction control light and ABS light came on. I made my way back home and once inside the garage I began to investigate. The belts were all tight and nothing looked amiss. Upon visual inspection, the battery looked fine. I wrote down the numbers that were on the AC Delco Freedom Battery and I decoded them by going to the AC Delco website. It turned out the battery was 7 years old. I thought that was the extent of the problem but I was wrong. I removed the battery and what I saw was amazing. The battery sits on a plastic battery tray which has a square hole in the middle. The square hole sits atop a metal post. The inside of the square hole was filled to the top with dry battery acid. The bolts that held the plastic tray to the metal post were all disintegrated. I carefully vacuumed up the battery acid with a shop vac that had a fine filter in it. Next I had to chisel the head off a couple of the bolts. I then lifted the battery tray out and that is when I saw the real mess. Under the metal post, sits the wiring harness and PCM. The sheathing on the wiring harness was eaten away. The ground wires were all corroded and the acid was on the PCM and all over the frame. I mixed up some baking soda and water and poured it on the acid to neutralize it. I hosed it all down. It cleaned the paint right off the frame. I used another shop vac to suck up the water and dried every thing off with a blower. I peeled off the sheathing on the wires to inspect them. Luckily the acid did not make its way into the wires. I cleaned up the ground wires with a wire brush. I cleaned the connectors on the PCM very carefully. Next, I painted the frame with spray paint. After everything was dry, I reassembled all of the connectors. I wrapped the wiring harness with new plastic sheathing I bought from Auto Zone. I also purchased a new battery. The “electrical gremlins” are now gone. If you have a 97 to 2000 Vette and you haven’t replaced the battery, take it out and inspect the battery tray. Just from looking at the top of the battery you will not find anything. You have to take it out to inspect the damage. I also put a battery matt under the battery in case it ever leaks again.

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