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A Superb Wide Body '63

Spring Is Here, But Warm Weather Needs To Arrive

Kettle Moraine Corvette Club General Membership Meeting- March 6, 2024

Call to order at 7:00 by President Mary Lou Haen. Welcome everyone! No visitors tonight.

Presidents Report- Mary Lou mentions that the Corporate Papers have been submitted to the State of WI and the Dept of Financial Institutions. This needs to be done every year. The cost is \$25.00. Thank you Mary Lou for getting this done. She also discussed how well KMCC was represented in the Blue Bars Magazine, Ad paid by Road America and article by Tom Curelli.

Secretary's Report-Approve minutes from last meeting. Approved by Scott and second by John. Then approved by membership.

Treasurer's Report-Ron Epping gives the financial report. Approved by MaryAnn and second by Charlie. Then approved and passed by membership.

Vice President-Paul mentions membership status is at 148.

Governor's Report-Dick Huibregste thanks everyone for updating email addresses, home address, phone numbers with him and Paul. By now you should have your new 2024 NCCC membership cards. Let Dick know if you have not received yours. The 66th Annual 2025 NCCC National Convention in the Dells August 17-22 hosted by the Kalahari Resort and Conference Center in Wisconsin Dells. Road America will host the High Speed and Autocross events on Tuesday, August 19th. The High Speed will be on the main track and the Autorcross at the Motorplex track. Drags are scheduled for Thursday, August 21st at Rock Falls Raceway near Eau Claire. He would like to urge each of us to continue to think about what we as a club and each of us individually can contribute to the success of the 2025 NCCC next year. NCCC has been running a budget deficit the last couple of years. Because of this, it appears we will have a dues increase either next year or in 2026. Maybe around \$5 or \$10. As always, go to www.mwregion.com/competition.html for any updates.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Betty Modra sent 4 cards to Jim S, Carol E, Jon Z, and Scott T. As always please let Betty or Mary Lou know of anyone needed any pick me ups or well wishes.

Old Business:

Feb. 25 Brunch – Herb gives update. It was at Millhome. 34 people made it. It was a great event as always. Good food and Company! Another brunch is being planned for Altoona – Sunday, April 28th. Thank you again Herb and Lou Ann for organizing and hosting!

Casino Night- 19 people went. A great time was had by all. Even had some winners. There was a wonderful buffet for dinner and a night full of fun gambling.

Plymouth Fairgrounds- Two dates. Mary Lou tried to get a third night but there were none available. The dates are Friday May 31 and Friday August 23. Sign up sheets were available up front. Thanks for volunteering. May 31st is filled – looking for more volunteers for August 23rd.

New Business:

Spring Trip to Galena – Coming up fast, May 3-5. Lots of fun events planned. Mary Lou sent out email saying 26 people are signed up. She and Jon will be going down Easter weekend to map out routes. If anyone is interested in coming along and helping, please let her know. Michelle is organizing a historic Galena lore and trivia downtown walking tour on Saturday. Sounds like a wonderful weekend!! Rooms are blocked until April 4th if you are interested in reserving a room at the Stoney Creek Inn. Group code is CVC24. Call 1-815-777-2223, push option 2 and ask for our room block.

Summer Meetings- May 1 will be at City Limits Bar in Manitowoc. June 5 will be at Lakeland University in Sheboygan. Thank you Charlie for arranging! The Entringers will once again organize the picnic in July. THANK YOU! It will be July 10th so as not to interfere with the 4th of July. Location will be Rochester park in Sheboygan Falls. It is a perfect location. August, Tom and Dawn have arranged. THANK YOU! It will be at Autumn Ridge Golf Course. September 4 will be at the Aviation Heritage Center, Sheboygan County Airport, Sheboygan Falls.

Corvette Corral Dates- Thank you Tom Curelli for chairing! 😊 IndyCar (June 8 & 9), Sprints (June 22 & 23), WIC (July 13 & 14), and IMSA (August 2-4). Many discussions to come as we get closer.

Club Survey- What is important to you? Mary Lou had a survey for us to fill out.

Halloween Party- Kay Perry interested in chairing. Please let Mary Lou or Kay know if you are interested in this activity. If no interest from club, it will not be pursued.

Committee Chairs- Wanted for Raffle Tickets, Club Merchandise, nomination committee, Summer Party Check in/Registration assistance. Please consider helping – great way to meet your fellow members.

Solu Winery Event- Anyone interested?

Autumn Trip - Yes, we need summer first ☺ But never too late to think about where to go once the leaves start changing color. Any suggestions, please let us know.

Christmas Party- MaryAnn and Linda are co-chairing again. THANK YOU so much! Sounds like it will be at the same place in Manitowoc. More details to come as they get them. Looking at a Saturday in January, 2025.

Next meeting- Wednesday, April 3 at Town and Country

Move to Adjourn: 7:34 by Cindy and 2nd by Mary.

Number of Members Present: 64 . Thank you to all who attended.

50/50 Raffle: Winner is Alecia. Congratulations ☺



The No. 13 AWA Chevrolet Corvette Z06 GT3.R led the contingent of first-year [GT3 Corvettes](#) at the end of the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring presented by Cadillac. They finished 9th out of a 22car field in GTD. The Corvette Racing teams did not do that good as they finished 10th and 11th in their 12 car GTDPRO field.

And You Think Your Oil Change Is Expensive!



Owners of an extremely rare \$3 million “hypercar” face a huge bill to keep their luxury motors running, it has been reported.

With fewer than 300 models ever made, Aston Martin’s Valkyrie is one of the rarest and most expensive cars on the market. But there are drawbacks to owning a vehicle designed like a Formula One racing car.

Servicing the Valkyrie could cost \$450,000 over three years, according to report by Bloomberg.

The car, which has a 0 to 60 mph time of only 2.5 seconds, requires motor-sport engineers to maintain it. It far exceeds the upkeep cost of other hypercars – a form of supercar released on a limited scale – like the Bugatti Chiron and Bugatti Veyron.

A more affordable service plan of \$340,000 over three years is also available, according to a customer email seen by Bloomberg News.

The cars have been produced in partnership with Red Bull Racing, a Formula One team, whose chief technical officer Adrian Newey, known as one the world’s most successful F1 designers, pitched in with the design.

Motor Oil Age Doesn't Matter as Much as Mileage: Study

If you're like some of my relatives, they've been changing their oil every six months whether they've done 900 miles or 5,000, wondering if they were premature when it doesn't come out inky black. (I don't think they even wonder about it) Well, those days should be over, because oil analysts at Blackstone Laboratories have tested old oil from a variety of sources, and they say it's the miles that matter most.

The results of several tests were outlined on an episode of the company's podcast [Slick Talk: Powered by Blackstone Laboratories](#). The episode in question was uploaded in December, but only recently gained traction on social media. In it, host Joe Adams recounts pulling a half-full bottle of Mobil 1 0W40 off the shelf, and contacting its producer to find out more about it. The bottle turned out to be almost 14 years old, and Mobil 1 said its age meant it had broken down and wouldn't properly protect an engine. But when pressed, they wouldn't explain how, so Blackstone ran it through a battery of tests.

Sampling oil from several engines, from a 2020 Ford F-150 with the 3.5-liter Eco-boost with six months on its fill to engines that'd held their fills for five-plus years, Blackstone consistently found low-mileage oils to be within spec. There was even a test of 10-year-old oil from a 1995 Porsche 993 that had done just 776 miles since its last change, and it too measured good.

"Calendar time is no reason to rule it out," Adams said of old oil. "Miles are what you need to be keeping track of."

Naturally, there are exceptions to rigid mileage schedules. Engines that spend many hours idling or see severe service, like towing heavy loads or track use, should get more frequent changes. Aircraft and other engines with open breathers that can admit water should also see stricter oil change schedules. But for my cars? From here on out, I'm watching the odometer, not throwing away oil that's still the color of whiskey after 3,000 miles.

So if you think that you need to change the oil in your Corvette every year just because you put on 2000 miles or less, go right ahead. But, remember, time is not the deciding factor.

Courtesy of www.TheDrive.com

Speaking About Oil Changes, 12 Oil Filter Brands, Ranked

We want to believe it when someone says something like "For everyday vehicles and everyday uses, any oil filter is okay." Oh, sure, no oil filter is going to cause your otherwise healthy engine to disintegrate next Tuesday, but a sub-par filter will shorten its life. All common filters are pretty good for daily drivers but you'll want something special for more demanding performance vehicles.

Fram Filters "junk" per researcher Russ Knize, but popular due to price / availability

K&N Filters Rank near the top where cost is not a factor, expensive

AmOil Filters Are made by Baldwin and tend to be quite expensive.

ACDelco Filters Russ Knize praises the filter design, prefers it to several higher-end ones

Motorcraft Filters Made in the U.S.A. by Purolator, a subsidiary of German Mann-Hummel

Mobil 1 Filters Consensus is that Mobil 1 makes extraordinary filters, more expensive

Wix Filters Knize lists Wix as "very well-made", one of three he would consider

Baldwin Filters Premium price, exceeds OE specifications

Purolator Filters Unsuitable for high-performance applications

Royal Purple Filters Known for high-quality, reliable filters, expensive

OEM Filters Will do the job as well as any of the other filters, and meets specifications

Bosch Filters Extremely well-made and precise, 99.9% filtration down to 20 microns

Courtesy of www.slashgear.com

WHAT IS HE BUYING ?





2024 KMCC SPRING FAMILY BRUNCH

Sunday April 28, 2024

Location: Altona Supper Club, New Holstein (Hwy 57 on north end of New Holstein)

Buffet price is \$14.99 for adults.

Children, grandchildren, friends, neighbors, prospective members all are invited.

Table reservations are at 12:00, arrive an hour or so earlier if you want a Bloody Mary or cocktail before your brunch.

We will have tables reserved so I will need to call in a number. To make a reservation contact Herb at 920-849-2717 or hobuhl@yahoo.com by April 26th.

If you have a name badge, remember to wear it.

There will be a designated Corvette parking area in the north lot, just move a pylon to get in.

Remember Honeymoon Acres is right next door, so you may want to plan to stroll through the green houses and see and smell plants and beautiful flowers after your brunch.

2024 KMCC Calendar At A Glance

- APR:** KMCC Meeting 7:00 PM **Wed. the 3rd**
Town and Country Golf Course, W1943 Co Rd J, Sheboygan, WI 53083
Come early if you would like to eat at the golfers bar, lower level
- MAY:** KMCC Meeting 7:00 PM **Wed. the 1st**
City Limits Bar & Banquet, 627 County Rd CR, Manitowoc, WI 54220
- JUNE:** KMCC Meeting 7:00 PM **Wed. the 5th**
Lakeland University, W3718 South Dr, Plymouth, WI 53073

And a Final Word On Oil

11 brands that do not meet any of the API Standard for purity or viscosity.

AB Lubes Supertech (container states use with caution)
Cruz-In (consumer alert on all oils from this company)
Lube 1 Oil (Walmart, for cars before 2002)
Petrola Motor Oil (not suitable for cars after 1930)
Super Green Smokeless Motor Oil (no meaningful additives)
Mileage 365 Lubricants (contains some worrisome additives)
Sgt. P Motor Oil (too many harmful additives)
Q10-40 Motor Oil (Petroleum Institute warning)
Bullseye Motor Oil (doesn't meet any API specifications)
Questron Motor Oil (Does not meet API guidelines)
Xpress Lube Pro Motor Oil (Viscosity, additives, and contamination)

I don't believe that I've even seen these oils for sale anywhere.

Club Officers



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Dick Huibregtse

KMCC would like to give a warm welcome to our joining members:

No new members this month

The roster is at 148 members

ENJOY THE RIDE AND "SAVE THE WAVE"

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Membership Roster: Paul Farron

50 / 50 Raffle Chair: TBD

Club Historian: TBD

August IMSA Activities: John Rische

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FROM THE EDITOR:

By David Modra



The Question is: Should GM Offer Purple for the C8 Corvette?



To my surprise, at the time of writing, the survey indicated 59% yes, 41% no. While this wouldn't be my personal choice, apparently exotic colors like those found on other sportscars around the world are appealing.

GM did offer purple on a few Corvettes in the past, but the color was a lot darker, like the Black Rose offered in 1992-1994. And of course there was the 1998 Indy Pace car which paired Dark Purple with Yellow stripes. I don't think anyone wants to see that combo again.

We shall see what GM offers in the future.

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