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June 7th KMCC Minutes

Call to order at 7:40pm by President Haen: Welcomes membership and former members Debbie and Ray Selk of Parnell who owns a white and blue 73 Corvette. I believe these former members will be rejoining. President Haen also welcomes back Gary Kocian who is renewing his membership the night of this meeting. Gary's from Manitowoc driving a 94 Corvette.

Officer Reports:

Secretary's Report: Approve minutes from last meeting by Dick Halverson and sec. by Wayne Novak. Then approved and passed by membership.

Treasurer's Report: Rick Waldbauer gives financial report as said. Motion to approve by Judy Paulson and 2nd by Randy Entringer. Then approved by membership.

Vice President: Gary Hoppe: Gary just reminds members to sign meeting waiver, other than that nothing to report.

Governors Report: Dick Huibregtse: Dick informs members that there are 88 members and reports no slow speed Autocross event will be held in the Milwaukee area this July. No site was found. Dick also reminds members that NCCC membership cards next year will be done by Email. Details when this process happens will be forth coming.

President Report: President Haen wishes to thank Jim & Phyllis Schnettler for hosting this month's meeting. Round of applause by all!.

Committee Reports:

- **Sunshine:** Juliana- Mary Lou reports for Juliana that no cards were sent out last month. Juliana and Kermit are Traveling.
- **Newsletter:** President Haen: Let Mary Lou know if the is anything to put in Newsletter.
- **Website:** Joe Vopal – Nothing to report and is looking to hand off website duties to some other member.
- **WCCA:** Herb Buhl – Herb tells members nothing to report.
- **Club Merchandise:** Shirts and Visors available. See Mary Lou.

Old Business:

Alfa Heaven Re-cap: Herb Buhl and numerous members traveled up to Aniwa Wis., South of Antigo and North of Wittenberg. Members enjoyed over 400 vehicles on private land where it was dominated by Alfa Romeo's in one of the main buildings. The owners name was Tom Zack who showed off his eclectic collection. All had a good time on Saturday, May 6th.

Corvette Corral List: Sprints Volunteers: Chuck &Karin Tuschl, Juliana & Kermit Schulz, Ginny &Garret Schultz, Leon Wilterdink, Fritz Gunewald.
Indy Car Weekend:Chuck & Karin Tuschl, Kal Kuehne, Glenn Wendall, Carol & Richard Brey, Wayne Dehne, Bob Brandt, Leon Wilterdink,Gary Hoppe, Ron Epping, Scott Wagner, and Kermit Schulz.

Sign Up Sheets for Sheboygan CO. Fairground – Friday July 14th and Monday July 31st. Need more people for Friday the 14th.
Signed up more members the time of this meeting but need two more minimum. Try and wear blue worker shirts that we have worn in the past at other events. July meeting we will discuss details. If you need one, email Mary Lou with size ASAP.

New Business:

Tough Mudder: KMCC has been approved to pour beverages at the September event, dates being the 9th& 10th.

Good of the Order: Herb reminds members the day after our July meeting they will be at Iola in row B27.

Wayne Richter brings up how well the Fondy Vette tour around Lake Winnabego went.

Mark Thieme reminds membership about the cruise between Manitowoc and Two Rivers on the June 23rd .

Also Dave & Betty Modra told members they were celebrating their 49th wedding anniversary the day of this meeting and were happy to do it with club members. Herb Buhl then announced he and Lou Ann were celebrating their 44th anniversary the following day. Congratulations to both couples.

Move To Adjourn: at 8:11 pm by Wayne Novak & 2nd by Kenny Schneider.

Next Meeting: July 5th at 5:30 pm- Club Picnic- Memorial Park in Howards Grove= Chaired by Rick & Sandy Entringer, Mike & Linda Fields. Dick Halverson was in charge of park permit. Bring a dish to share, salad appetizer or dessert. Entrees provided.

Number of members present: 59

50/50 raffle winner: Name: Rick Waldbauer - $ 43.00 in cash.

KETTLE MORAINE CORVETTE CLUB CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY, 2017

KMCC Club Picnic – Wednesday, July 5th at Memorial Park in Howards Grove – hosted by Randy & Carol Entringer along with Rick and Sandy Entringer. More details to follow.

Sheboygan County Fairground Concession volunteers - Friday, July 14th and Monday, July 31st .. watch for details. More volunteers needed!

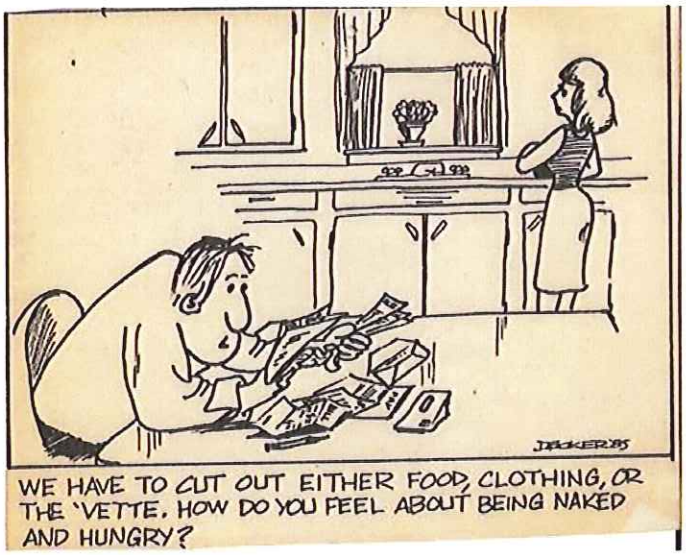
Corvette Corral at Road America - July 22 and 23 for Vintage cars. See Kermit to volunteer to work corral.

AUGUST, 2017

KMCC Meeting – Wednesday, August 2nd at the home of Tom & Dawn Zimbal in Valders, WI. Watch for details

KMCC All Corvette Show at A & W in Manitowoc Wednesday, August 16th from 4-9pm. RSVP to Kermit or Juliana if you can participate.

Corvette Corral at Road America - August 5 & 6 IMSA – see John Rische. August 26 & 27 for NASCAR, See Kermit to volunteer to work corral.



SEPTEMBER, 2017

KMCC Meeting – Wednesday, September 6th at the home of Jon & Mary Lou in Town of Mosel, NW side of Sheboygan, WI, near Menards. Watch for details.

Tough Mudder Wisconsin – Sept 9 & 10 at Road America. Fundraiser event – need volunteers to pour beer both days – see Rick Waldbauer to volunteer, either morning or afternoon shifts.

OCTOBER, 2017

KMCC membership meeting – Wednesday, October 4th at 7:30 pm at Town & Country Golf Course.

NOVEMBER, 2017

KMCC membership meeting – Wednesday, November 1st at 7:30 pm at Town & Country Golf Course. Membership renewal due and board elections this evening.

KMCC JULY MEETING & PICNIC

BRING A DISH TO SHARE !

APPETIZER, SALAD OR DESSERT

ENTRÉE PROVIDED BY THE CLUB ☺

5:30 PM

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5th

MEMORIAL PARK (OFF OF HWY 42)

HOWARDS GROVE, WISCONSIN

Hosted by: Rick & Sandi Entringer, Mike & Linda Fields

KMCC Members,

A few months back I had a great experience at the *Madison Classic Car Show* in Elkhorn, WI. Turns out, that day, Dennis Gage, the mustache guy from the TV show *My Classic Car* was at the show doing interviews. By luck, he chose my '63 Grand Sport for an interview.

Just a little background on the Grand Sports for you newbies. Five Grand Sports were built by Zora Arkus Duntov back in 1962-1963. The original intent was to race them at the 24 hours of Le Mans; however, before they could be done, GM joined a host of other automotive companies and placed a ban on support of racing.

Zora in his wisdom, decided to "loan" the cars to racing privateers. One of these was Chevrolet dealer, Dick Doane of Illinois, with another being Grady David of Gulf Oil. They in turn hired top notch drivers such as A.J. Foyt, Roger Penske, Jim Hall, Augie Pabst, and Don Yenko.

As part of the John Mecom Racing Team, (not Mecum auctions), three of the Grand Sports were shipped to Nassau for Tourist Trophy races. They blew away the 289 Ford Cobras. That didn't sit well with Carrol Shelby so enter the 427 Corba. And the rest is history. There was no way that the aerodynamics of the Sting Ray could keep up with the Cobras. The front end of the Grand Sport was known to lift off of the ground at 150 mph.

My Grand Sport was built as a duplicate to chassis #004 as it was raced in March 1964 in a USRRC event at Augusta International Speedway along with a pair of Cheetah's.

Well, fast forward again to Elkhorn Wi. Dennis Gage spotted my car and decided to do an interview for his show. It's been a few months, but the video is finally available.

If interested, check it out at this website, www.*Myclassiccar.com* and look for the Elkhorn Car Show, Episode11. The interview is somewhere around the middle of the program. Hope you enjoy.

My Classic Car, Episode 11

www.myclassiccar.com

David Modra

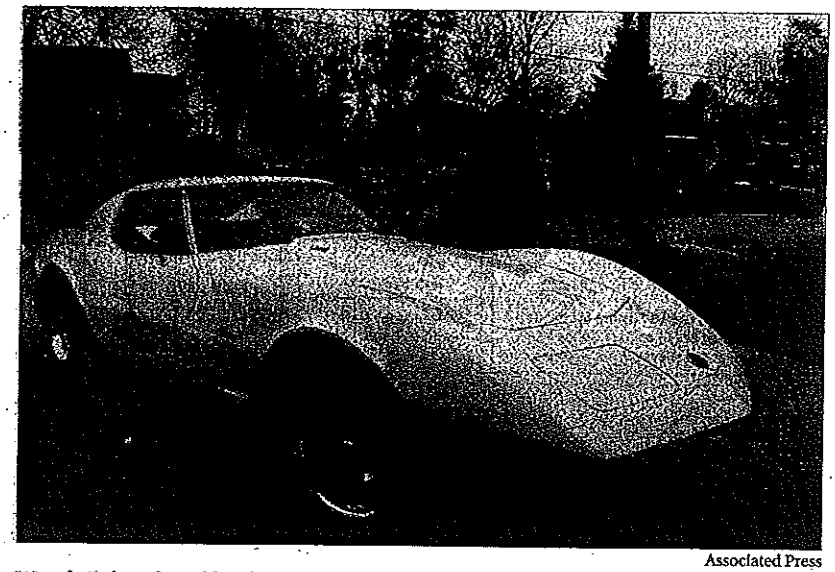
(Any questions, I can be reached at: grdsp63@mchsi.com)

Couple to sell '76 Corvette to its original owner

Former Wis. resident sold car for family responsibilities, but vowed to buy it back again one day

By Steve Sharp

Watertown Daily Times



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Wanda Udovich and her husband, Rich Udovich, stand behind their Corvette on Jan. 23 in Watertown.

WATERTOWN — Sometimes life offers wonderful coincidences.

For Watertown's Rich and Wanda Udovich, and former Wisconsin resident Dennis Braby, one of the strangest and most wonderful of these is being realized soon.

In 1988, Udovich lost a friend and ultimately became owner of that man's 1976 Corvette.

This past Christmas, Udovich received what he thought was a Christmas card. The correspondence, however, turned out to be a proposal from the vehicle's original owner to buy the car back.

"The original owner (Braby) tracked the car down and found it," Udovich said Monday as he and his wife, Wanda, sat at the kitchen table of their Watertown home overlooking the Rock River.

Udovich said as he enjoys his golden years, he has also been finding it increasingly difficult to get in and out of the low-slung vehicle. He said he and Wanda thought it might be time to sell, but for some reason they just could not pull the trigger. Then came the Christmastime correspondence from Braby, who now resides in Draper, Utah — 25 miles south of Salt Lake City.

"In 1963, a man who worked for my father drove up in a brand new, '63, split window coupe Corvette and took me for a ride," Braby opened his letter to Udovich. "I sat straddling the center console, and he let me shift through the gears as we sped down the street. That is when I fell in love with Corvettes, and I swore at that time someday I would have a Corvette of my own. I was 8 years old."

Braby's letter went on to say he watched the Corvette evolve over the years with great interest as he bided his time and saved his money. In the spring of 1976 he bought his first Corvette.

"I got it just how I wanted it — white, black leather with a four-speed. That very same car is the one you now own," Draper wrote.

Braby told Udovich he had planned to keep the car the rest of his life, but when he was still young his family life intruded.

"It was either sell my beloved car and buy a house or live in the car," Braby said. "Well, you can't raise children in a car, so I very, very reluctantly sold my car. I made a promise to myself that someday I would find that car and beg and plead with the current owner to sell me back my car and he would find my story a good one and agree ... That brings us up to date and you are now the owner that I beg and plead to sell me back that car ... For me, it would simply be a long-time dream come true."

"I thought it was really amazing to get that letter," Udovich said.

"We were skeptical at first," Wanda said, but she noted all was soon cleared up and it was agreed a sale of the car to Braby would be the right thing to do at this point in everyone's lives.

Watching, waiting

Braby, who attended high school at Brookfield East while living in Wisconsin, told the Daily Times Monday evening he had been watching for, and hoping to find, the white Covette for 40 years.

"I really began searching in earnest for the car in the past six months," Braby said, noting his children are now grown.

He said he contacted Corvette clubs of Wisconsin and looked at all the 1976 models he could find.

"I went to the various vehicle-locating websites and looked at anything I could find to help me," he said. "I was told finally to contact the Wisconsin Department of Motor Vehicles, so I contacted the DMV, and I filed a form and paid them some money. I told them I wanted to trace the vehicle's history for historic reasons, and they sent me Rich's name. I wrote him a letter and heard back after a few weeks. He called me on Christmas Day, and it was the best Christmas present I've had in a long, long time."

Braby called the once "lost" Corvette his dream car.

"The car had to go, and I wept that day," he said of the moment he had to sell the masterpiece in 1977 after owning it for only a year and half.

He said he was anxious as he composed and sent his letter to Udovich.

"It was like shooting a letter across the cosmos, or dropping bait over the side of a boat and just hoping you get a bite," he said. "When Rich responded, I was elated. I had to pinch myself to make sure I heard him properly — that he was willing to sell it to me. When Rich called he was such a super, super nice guy. He and Wanda said when they got my letter they knew why they had been dragging their feet on selling it up to that point. When I got that call back from them, it was like, 'Is this real?' "

Joy rides

Since acquiring the Corvette in 1988, the Udoviches have put 25,000 miles on it driving all over the state of Wisconsin, enjoying all the state has to offer in terms of scenery. They said they would take the stock vehicle out at different times of the year, as long as the weather and road conditions were not detrimental to it.

"I'll miss it," Rich said, with Wanda adding, "If it was a nice, sunny day, we'd go out all day in it. It was a nice car to use to see Wisconsin."

Rich said in order to part with the vehicle, he tried to put himself in Braby's position.

"We thought about selling it a few years ago, but we didn't, so this was meant to be," Rich said. "When I read the letter, I knew right away it was the original owner and I told Wanda, 'Who better to sell it to than the original owner?' And what a Christmas present this has been to him and to us."

"When it arrives I will have to pinch myself again," Braby said. "I told my wife I won't believe it until I see it come off the truck. Then I'll go over and give it a big hug."

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2016 / 2017 KMCC Meetings At A Glance – First Wednesday of the Month

December 7th, 2016	Town & Country Club, Sheboygan	7:30 pm	Wednesday special $2.50 quarter pound burgers, $3.00 rail cocktails
January 4, 2017	Town & Country Club, Sheboygan	7:30 pm	Wednesday special $2.50 quarter pound burgers, $3.00 rail cocktails
February 1, 2017	Town & Country Club, Sheboygan	7:30 pm	Wednesday special $2.50 quarter pound burgers, $3.00 rail cocktails
March 1, 2017	Town & Country Club, Sheboygan	7:30 pm	Wednesday special $2.50 quarter pound burgers, $3.00 rail cocktails
April 5, 2017	Town & Country Club, Sheboygan	7:30 pm	Wednesday special $2.50 quarter pound burgers, $3.00 rail cocktails
May 3, 2017	Membership meeting & Club Pizza Party Port Sandy Bay, Two Rivers, Wisconsin	6:00 pm	6 – 7:15 pm Pizza buffet in private room prior to meeting. See flyer for pricing, details and directions.
June 7, 2017	Home of Jim & Phyllis Schnettler 752 Dartmouth Drive, Sheboygan Falls	6:00 pm	Bring a dish to pass – appetizer or dessert Your hosts – Jim & Phyllis Schnettler
July 5, 2017	Club Picnic - Memorial Park, Howards Grove	6:00 pm	Bring appetizer, salad or dessert to share, entrée provided Your hosts – Rick & Sandi Entringer with Mike & Linda Fields
August 2, 2017	Zimbals Home on the Lake	6:00 pm	Bring appetizer, salad or dessert to share, entrée provided Your hosts - Tom & Dawn Zimbal with Rick & MaryAnn Waldbauer
September 6, 2017	Home of Jon Zoran & Mary Lou Haen	**5:30 pm**	Bring appetizer, salad or dessert to share, entrée provided – see flyer. W1666 Santana Drive, Sheboygan, Wisconsin 920-565-4400
October 4, 2017	Town & Country Club, Sheboygan	7:30 pm	Wednesday special $2.50 quarter pound burgers, $3.00 rail cocktails
November 1, 2017	Town & Country Club, Sheboygan	7:30 pm	Wednesday special $2.50 quarter pound burgers, $3.00 rail cocktails

In case of inclement weather: Members will be notified by email no later than 5:30 pm should a membership meeting be cancelled due to weather.