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THE YEAR OF THE '74 - 50 YEARS AGO



195 hp @ 4400 RPM - Turbo-Fire 350-4 V8

250 hp @ 5200 RPM* - Turbo-Fire Special 350-4 V8 (RPO L82)

270 hp @ 4400 RPM* - Turbo-Jet 454-4 V8 (RPO LS4)

Kettle Moraine Corvette Club General Membership Meeting- February 7, 2024

Call to order at 7:03 by President Mary Lou Haen. Welcome everyone! There is one guest, Tim Thiel from Howards Grove and has 2023 C8. Great to have you Tim!

Presidents Report- Mary Lou mentions we received a thank you letter from Sharon S. Richardson for the \$250.00 donation from the club. Please keep Jim Schnettler in your prayers and thoughts with his health issues. She also thanks everyone who worked on the January Holiday Banquet.

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

Treasurer's Report-Ron Epping is in Mexico so Rick gives the financial report. Approved by Scott and second by Wayne. Then approved and passed by membership.

Vice President-Paul mentions membership status is at 146 which could be 147 if Tim joins.

Governor's Report-Dick Huibregste asks to please keep your email addresses, home address, phone numbers updated with him and Paul. As talked about months past, the Midwest Region is putting a bid together to host the 2025 NCCC National Convention in the Dells. Speed events would be the drags at Rock Falls Raceway near Eau Claire and the Autocross and High Speed events at Road America (August 19, 2025). The process involves getting all event sites locked in, a schedule together and submitting it to NCCC for approval. That process is now underway. As this process continues, individual and club volunteers will be needed. Event chairpersons and support volunteers from each Midwest Region club is the only way this could work. If this proceeds, we as a host club are in the perfect position to assist in many ways and show off Road America and just what a great area this is. Stay tuned as more information becomes available. He also discussed NCCC has two membership categories. Associate and Enthusiast Member. This helps boost membership and address growing interests away from competition and toward more social activities. Dick also reported to the NCCC the clubs charitable giving for 2023, which was \$1350.00 and 80 charitable hours donated for Salvation Army Bell ringing. As always, go to www.mwregion.com/competition.html for any updates.

Committee Reports:

Sunshine: Betty Modra sent 1 card to Jane H who had back surgery. As always please let Betty or Mary Lou know of anyone needed any pick me ups.

Old Business:

Holiday Party Recap- Thank you to co-chairs Mary Ann Waldbauer and Linda Fields and committee for all your work getting this together. The event was Saturday, January 6th at the Inn on Maritime Bay in Manitowoc, thanks Mary Lou for the hotel referral. Mary Ann and Linda did things differently this year, and made it more about all of us getting to know each other with games interaction, photos and conversation. Consensus is it was a great event and the food was excellent. Almost everyone got to go home with a Door Prize as well. Mary Ann and Linda are willing to chair the party next year as well. Thank you Deb O'keefe for making the name beautiful name tags and table place cards, Stacey Braatz for the photos, Mary Orville for the photo booth props, and Nathan Braatz for being the best reindeer there could be. Mike Fields and Rick Waldbauer for running the raffle ticket sales. Thank you to Mark and Deann for running the car game, and to everyone who donated a basket for the event. Budget was used very wisely and we are very lucky to have such a great event each year. Looking forward to what the next party brings!! Rick Waldbauer mentions we went only 15.00 over budget, but we will need to look at the budget and hope to increase for 2024 event with projected inflation.

KMCC members recognized- Gary Hoppe-20 years a member; Mark Thieme-25 years a members (clock); Ken Schneider – 30 years a member, Robert Zeigler-40 years. We also have a mystery member who has 50 years in, yet to be recognized. Tom Curelli – President's Award. Congratulations to you all.

Salvation Army Bell ringing- Thank you to Sue Curelli chairing the Manitowoc area with 18 hours and Mary Lou for chairing the Sheboygan area with 22 hours. Thank you to everyone who took time to ring bells on behalf of KMCC.

Spring weekend trip- Galena, IL has been selected by member vote for the Spring trip, May 3-5 are the dates. More details on the room block, hotel, activities at the March 6th meeting.

New Business:

Winter Brunch- Herb is chairing again. THANK YOU! Sunday, February 25 at Millhome Supper Club. Brunch buffet is \$12.00, \$1.00/year until 10 years old. Arrive as early as 10:30 for cocktails with group seating for 11:30. RSVP to hobuhl@yahoo.com

2024 Plymouth Dirt Track fundraiser for KMCC – two Friday nights selected thus far – May 31 and August 23. Mark Thieme mentioned we should look for a third date as it's an easy fundraiser for the club. 24 workers needed per night. \$1250.00 is made each time we work for the club. Please consider signing up!

Summer Meetings- 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 holiday. 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. June and September still looking for ideas – possible Lakeland University and Sheb Co Airport checking on availability.

Corvette Corral Dates- Thank you Tom Curelli (congrats on the presidents award!) for chairing the Corral again in 2024 ! 😊 IndyCar (June 8 & 9), Sprints (June 22 & 23), WIC (July 13 & 14), and IMSA (August 2-4, John Rische). More discussion to come as we get closer to June.

Club Survey- What is important to you? Mary Lou had a survey for us to fill out on club interest and activities.

Halloween Party- Kay Lake has volunteered to chair if there is interest. Please let Mary Lou or Kay know if you are interested.

Next meeting- Wednesday, March 6 at Town and Country

Move to Adjourn: 7:46 by Scott T and 2nd by Sue Simon

Number of Members Present: 56 . Thank you to all who attended.

50/50 Raffle: Winner is Sue Hoppe, Mark Thieme won a beverage/snack basket.

WHEN YOU NEED A RIDE HOME FROM PRISON, ANYTHING WILL DO!



This week, a man just released from prison was likewise thrilled to see a tractor-trailer hauling new mid-engine Corvettes, though for different reasons than enthusiasts like us. Turns out he just needed a ride home.

According to a Facebook post by Cochise County Sheriff's Office in Tucson, Arizona, Isaiah Walker, 23, of Oklahoma allegedly first approached the truck driver, speaking to him about his cargo and lulling him into a sense of security before grabbing and throwing him from the cab.

Walker then drove off in the truck carrying 10 new Corvettes worth more than \$1.25 million, authorities said.

A deputy later spotted the truck and attempted to get Walker to pull over, but the suspect just began driving recklessly forcing other vehicles off the roadway, according to the sheriff's office. Eventually, Walker stopped the truck and was arrested by a deputy and a police officer from Willcox. Guess he won't need a ride home now for awhile.

1967 Corvette Restomod Sells for \$1.1 Million at Barrett-Jackson

Legendary Corvette restomod builder Jeff Hayes keeps breaking records with his creations and his latest build featuring a 1967 Corvette Convertible had people buzzing after it hammered sold at Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale on Saturday for \$1.1 million, a new record price for a custom '67 Corvette!



This latest build by Jeff features a 1967 Convertible with a unique Champagne exterior while the Linen interior is one of the most beautiful restomod interiors we've ever seen. The restomod is powered by an LS3 V8 making around 540 horsepower and its mated to a 4L70E automatic transmission.

One of the striking design features are the wheels. These are custom-designed Schott wheels wrapped in a custom white line tires.

Courtesy of Corvetteblooger.com

What about C5 - C8 Corvette Prices For 2024?

Lyle the Corvette Guy from the C&S Corvettes YouTube Channel offers up the latest Corvette values for the C5 thru C8 generations, and he is getting his data from Manheim auctions, which is self-described as The World's Largest Wholesale Auto Marketplace. Manheim is where the dealers go to pick up new inventory or sell existing cars to other dealers. As thousands and thousands of vehicles are sold each month through Manheim, they compile a whole lot of pricing data that includes wholesale, estimated retail, and even a 12-month historical wholesale price so you can see where values may be headed.

So what did Lyle find out?

C5 Corvette prices are continuing to go down, but they certainly aren't plummeting. It's just that these cars are getting older and there are so many other options available. However, there are some big differences between the earlier year models (1997-2000 vs 2001-2004) as some of the later model year pricing are still showing gains.

The C6 Corvette saw some gains in values when the C8 Corvettes first came out as there were some who didn't like the C8 body style, and prices were further impacted upwards due to the rising demand for pre-owned cars because the auto manufacturers were being impacted by supply chain issues and lack of available inventory. Lyle says we are past that and now C6 Corvettes are showing a "correction" to where prices should have been if not for the external factors of covid.

The C7 Corvette is also undergoing a correction in prices although not as much as the C6 due to the cars being newer.

Prices for the C8 Corvette Stingray are also dropping fairly rapidly due to scarcity no longer being a factor. We are also going into the fifth year of production for the C8 Stingray.



SATURDAY. MARCH 2. 2024

Join your fellow KMCC members and guests for an entertaining evening of Casino Fun!

5pm Doors Open / Cash bar Social Hour

6pm Buffet Dinner (included in ticket price)

7pm – 10pm Gaming money included, Door Prizes & Bucket Raffles

Price is \$25/person through Mary Lou only group rate

marylou@roadamerica.com

(\$30 at the door for general public)

Where: The Village at 170, 170 Rangeline Road, Kohler, WI 53044

How to Clean Inside Car Windows

You don't have to drive very far down the highway to notice how dirty your windshield gets. It feels like you've got to wash your car windows every time you stop to get rid of a thick layer of dirt and bugs. You've probably noticed that the inside of your car's windshield can get pretty filthy too, especially if your windshield fogs up regularly. Fortunately a good cleaning is pretty simple to achieve, in just a few steps.

How Do Car Windows Get Dirty on the Inside?

Condensation and dust inside of your car can create a cloudy film that builds up on the inside of your windows. Other factors can make the inside of your windows dirty too, including smoke, fingerprints and even something called off-gassing, i.e. the breakdown of plastic and vinyl components inside the car (it's what gives a vehicle that new car smell.)

It's important to keep the inside of your windows clean because it helps them defrost faster, and it's just safer. A thick, filmy layer on the inside of your window can cause problems with the glare, making it harder to see the road. Discover what are these little black dots on your car's windshield.

Fortunately, it's easy to clean the inside of your windows. Just follow these easy steps.

Step 1: Wipe the Windows with a Dry Cleaning Cloth

Wipe the inside cars windows with a dry, reversible microfiber cleaning cloth, with a thick, clean and fine drying side, working from top to bottom in an up and down motion. A microfiber works best because it doesn't leave lint or other fibers stuck to the glass the way paper towels do.

This prep step removes that nearly invisible filmy layer of dirt and dust particles that stem from the plastic, vinyl and rubber in your car's interior.

Step 2: Spray Window Cleaner

Spray the car window cleaning solution directly onto another microfiber cloth.

Just a few spritzes at a time should do the trick. Avoid spraying the cleaner directly onto the glass. Too much cleaner can make the glass hazy.

There are a number of glass cleaning products that will work, but we recommend one that's specific for interior use in a car, such as Meguiar's Perfect Glass. That will help you avoid exposure to chemicals like ammonia while inside your car. Or make your own glass cleaner with equal parts distilled water and isopropyl alcohol, plus a capful of white vinegar.

Step 3: Wipe on the Glass Cleaner

Rub the cleaner-dampened microfiber cloth in a circulation motion, again working from top to bottom.

The lower corners of the windshields can be tricky and nearly impossible to reach, so a reaching tool with a curved head, such as the Xindell extendable windshield reaching/cleaning tool with a 14-1/2-in. reach, works well. This tool is optional. Generic windshield cleaning tools can be found on eBay for less than \$10.

Step 4: Dry the Glass

Wipe the glass dry with the other side of your dry microfiber cloth, or a fresh one, for a streak-free finish. Don't forget the top edges of the glass!

Repeat steps 2 through 4 if needed until sparkling.

Courtesy of The Family Handyman.com

2024 KMCC Calendar At A Glance

MAR: Casino Night 7:00 PM **Sat. the 2nd**
Village at 170 in Kohler - \$25/person includes dinner, door prizes & gambling cash, reserve & pay your spot with Mary Lou.

MAR: KMCC Meeting 7:00 PM **Wed. the 6th**
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

APR: KMCC Meeting 7:00 PM **Wed. the 3rd**
Town and Country Golf Course, W1943 Co Rd J, Sheboygan, WI 53083
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Club Officers



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NCCC GOVERNOR
Dick Huibregtse

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

Tim & Denise Thiel

The roster is at 148 members

ENJOY THE RIDE AND "SAVE THE WAVE"

Answer:

RAMA - LHAMA - DING - DONG

CURRENT CLUB OFFICER EMAILS

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Sargent at Arms: Mark Theime

Club Library: WCCA Rep, Herb Buhl

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50 / 50 Raffle Chair: TBD

Club Historian: TBD

August IMSA Activities: John Rische

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FROM THE EDITOR:

By David Modra



Florida Man Amasses Over 440 Collector Vehicles in Private Museum



A Florida billionaire has amassed an exceptional collection of classic and collector cars in a private museum located in Melbourne, Florida. The American Muscle Car Museum houses 442 vehicles, and the owner, Mark Pieloch, insists that every one of them runs and is in immaculate condition.

The collect consists of classic Porsches, Ford Supercars, and all of the American muscle cars with a few vintage Porsche tractors which were manufactured from 1957 to 1963. The collect is in a 123,000 sq ft building. Check it out at: Americanmusclecarmuseum.com

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