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# KETTLE KAPERS

**The Official Publication of the  
Kettle Moraine Corvette Club**



**MAY 2021**

**CORVETTE**  
*driver: Mark Hamill*  
**SUMMER**

**NOW**

**Let's hope this Summer is better than 2020!**

# May Meeting and Meal



Wednesday May 5, 2021

City Limits Bar and Banquet Hall

3627 County Road CR

Manitowoc, WI 54220

Social Hour Begins at 5:15 p.m. - Cash Bar



Meal Begins at 6:30 p.m.



Meeting Begins at 7:30 p.m.



Menu:

Pizza - pepperoni, sausage, vegetable or supreme

Broasted Chicken

Potato Wedges

Cole Slaw

Cost is \$10.00 per person, includes Tip

# **FROM THE EDITOR:**

**By David Modra**



I experienced a interesting situation this Spring as I decided to take my 2019 Grand Sport out of storage. A lot of people believe in storing their car and every couple of weeks, starting it up to essentially bring everything up to temperature; however, I'm the type that stores the car in November, puts a battery maintainer on it, and starts it up again in April.

Well, this year, on one of the 80 degree days that are rare in April, I went into the garage to get everything ready for the start up. To my surprise, the door didn't open. The fob didn't work and of course the battery was dead, even though it had a battery maintainer on it since November.

After opening the rear hatch with the key and pulling the emergency cord, the door popped open. But the sound it made was not correct. Because the battery was dead, the window didn't drop down the small amount to get it out of the gasket.

Bottom line, why was the battery dead after being on a maintainer for 6 months? First off, my battery maintainer was not the most expensive and I realized that it was only putting out 800mA, not even 1 amp. It turns out that the C7's may draw more than 800mA just sitting still. Thus the battery was going dead even though the maintainer showed complete charging.

I now have a Battery Tender brand maintainer that puts out 4 amps instead of the mere 800mA. The battery now stays fully charged! Check the output of your battery maintainers so this doesn't happen to you.



# Kettle Moraine Corvette Club



## **2021 Corvette Corral Staffing Dates**

Saturday and Sunday, June 5 & 6 (See Kermit)

Saturday and Sunday, June 19 & 20 (See Kermit)

Saturday and Sunday, July 3 & 4 (See Kermit)

Saturday and Sunday, July 17 & 18 (See Kermit)

Saturday and Sunday, August 7 & 8 (see John Rische)

## **Special Road America 2021 Admission Offer**

### **\$10.00 JUNE SPRINTS TICKETS**

Email club member Mary Lou to order [marylou@roadamerica.com](mailto:marylou@roadamerica.com) (by June 1st)

### **ALL EVENTS**

Free admission for all Youth age 16 and under to Road America with paying Adult

### **FREE GATE ADMISSION FOR RETIRED MILITARY, RESERVES AND ACTIVE MILITARY:**

SVRA (May 14-16), June Sprints (June 4-6) and VSCDA (Sept 17-19)

Enter Gate 4 on County Road J to access the Corvette Corral

Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin | 800.365.7223 | [RoadAmerica.com](http://RoadAmerica.com)

## A GOOD REASON TO HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR CAR



This fellow was working on his car in the garage when he heard a pop and started to see smoke come from under the hood. Not having a fire extinguisher handy, he had to push the car out of the garage in order to stop the other cars in his garage from being burnt also. By the time the fire department arrived, it was toast. Car fires on older Corvettes can happen anytime. Be careful, protect your car.



## GM Suspends New Orders for 2021 Corvette.

Near the middle of March, GM sent out the following memo to it's Chevrolet dealers due to overwhelming response to purchase and the fact that production has had some stoppage because of the shortage of computer chips.

*Due to continued overwhelming response to the 2021 Corvette and to avoid false customer expectations, it will be necessary to suspend the ability to create a sold order (SRE) beginning March 26, 2021. This does not prevent you from processing existing sold orders (SRE) within allocation, nor creating and processing a normal stock order (TRE). Unplanned downtime has impacted the overall 2021 Model Year Corvette production schedule. We are suspending SRE's now in an effort to avoid cancelling orders that will not be built within the current schedule and disappointing customers in the process. We anticipate you will be able to submit orders for 2022MY Corvettes in early July.*

The other piece of info supplied here tells dealers that GM expects them to start submitting orders for the 2022 model year in early July. So it appears that the rumored end of the model year's final production week of July 19th is now out the window and we will probably see 2021 production continue into August to make up for those weeks that were lost due to supply chain issues earlier this year. Stay tuned!

## Ultimate Trivia Challenge Is Back

**1) Although the movie "Corvette Summer" was to have taken place in 1972, it was first released in 1978. But the real question is: What year Corvette was it?**

**A) 1978      B) 1972      C) 1973      D) 1976**

**(answer on next page)**

## 2021 KMCC Calendar At A Glance

**MAY:** City Limits Bar and Banquet Hall 5:15 PM **Wed. the 5th**  
3627 County Road CR, Manitowoc, WI Meal begins at 6:30 PM

**JUN:** To Be Determined 7:30 PM **Wed. the 2nd**

**NOTE:** At this point, the club events will be determined by the spread or lack of spread of the virus within the state. Adjustments may have to be made accordingly. We will try to keep everyone advised to any changes as soon as possible.

**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 or other reasons.

### UPDATE ON 2020 WHEEL PROBLEMS

Now a technical bulletin has been issued for poor castings on 2020 Corvette wheels. Apparently, pot holes are not the only problems for wheels as GM has said about the faulty cracked wheels on C7 ZO6's and GS's. When you try to make cheap wheels and put extremely ridged tires on them, something has to give.

Check out the Technical Bulletin on pages 10 and 11. And then GM tells the dealers not to have any wheels in stock due to the "small" numbers of problems. So if it's your wheels, don't expect fast replacement.

#### Corvette Trivia Answers:

1) It was a '73 Corvette with the base L48 350 and Turbo 350 automatic transmission. Then it got rear-ended in traffic—hard. So hard that the insurance company declared it a total loss. Next stop, the junkyard. While awaiting its turn in the crusher, who should come along and "discover" the wounded Corvette but Producer Matthew Robbins and Director Hal Barwood. It was perfect for the movie they had in development, in which a high school kid builds his ultimate dream Corvette.

# Board Members



**PRESIDENT**  
Mary Lou Haen



**VICE PRESIDENT**  
Gary Hoppe



**SECRETARY**  
Bob O'Keefe



**TREASURER**  
Rick Waldbauer



**NCCC GOVENOR**  
Dick Huibregtse

## **NEW MEMBERS**

**KMCC would like to give a warm welcome to our new members:**

**ENJOY THE RIDE AND "SAVE THE WAVE"**

**One late renewal  
We are now at 122 members**

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBER EMAILS

President	marylou@roadamerica.com
Vice President	hopshop@comcast.com
Secretary	bndokeefe@att.net
Treasurer	rvette@charter.net
NCCC Governor	dick@corvettesports.com

## KMCC STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership Chair: Mary Ann Waldbauer

Club Merchandise: Mary Lou Haen

PR: Mary Lou Haen

Newsletter: David Modra

Website: Joe Vopal

Sunshine Committee: Juliana Schulz

Corvette Corral: Kermit Schulz, Chairperson, Tom Curelli, Chuck Tuschl,  
and Leon Wilterdink

Sargent at Arms: Mark Theime

Club Library: WCCA Rep, Herb Buhl

Roster / Points Calculations: Gary Hoppe

50 / 50 Raffle Chair: John Suchocki

Club Historian: Robert Wood

August IMSA Activities: John Rische

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# Service Update

## N202315731 Wheel Casting with Exposed Porosity on Extra Set of Wheels



Release Date: March 2021

Revision: 00

**Attention:** This service update includes vehicles in dealer inventory and customer vehicles that return to the dealership for any reason. This bulletin will expire at the end of the involved vehicle's New Vehicle Limited Warranty period.

Make	Model	Model Year		RPO	Description
		From	To		
Chevrolet	Corvette	2020	2020		

Involved vehicles are marked "open" on the Investigate Vehicle History screen in GM Global Warranty Management system. This site should always be checked to confirm vehicle involvement prior to beginning any required inspections and/or repairs.

<b>Condition</b>	Certain 2020 model year Chevrolet Corvette vehicles may have a condition where exposed porosity in wheel castings are larger than allowed and do not meet internal GM requirements. Vehicles in this field action are to have two sets of wheels inspected. The wheels on the vehicle are inspected under N202315730 and the extra wheels are inspected under this field action.
<b>Correction</b>	Dealers are to inspect the wheels and replace if necessary.

### Parts

Quantity	Part Name	Part No.
As Required	Wheel	84785086
As Required	Wheel	84785088
As Required	Wheel	84785085
As Required	Wheel	84785087
As Required	Wheel	84600213
As Required	Wheel	84723820
As Required	Wheel	84600212
As Required	Wheel	84723819
As Required	Wheel	23417380*
As Required	Wheel	84735859*
As Required	Wheel	84787695
As Required	Wheel	84787697

\*This part is an Accessory part and is sold in a package qty of 8. Dealers should not be order through GMCCA. Dealers should order this part from their local ADL. This part will be reviewed and canceled daily.

It is estimated that only 10% of involved vehicles will require parts replaced. Due to the small number of vehicles anticipated that will need this fix and the limited initial parts availability, dealers are encouraged not to order these parts for use as shelf stock.

**Reminder:** Parts may be removed from Retail Inventory Management (RIM). Dealers should review the affected parts to confirm RIM managed status. Parts may have quantity limiters in effect.

### Warranty Information

Labor Operation	Description	Labor Time	Trans. Type	Net Item
9105363	Inspect 4 Road Wheels - No Further Action Required	0.2		
9105364*	Replace First Road Wheel, Includes Inspection	0.5	ZFAT	N/A
	Add: Each Additional Wheel	0.3		

\*Note: This labor operation requires submittal via the Certified Service Mobile Toolbox (CSMT) App, in the Pre-Repair Authorization (PRA) section. The component name in the PRA is "Field Action" and the defect is "Wheel-N202315731". Please see bulletin 18-NA-306 for further details.

### Service Procedure

This procedure applies to the extra set of wheels. Do not perform this procedure on wheels that are mounted on the vehicle.

**Caution:** To avoid surface damage on wheels and wheel trim, do not use strong soaps, chemicals, abrasive polishes, cleaners, or brushes. Use only GM approved cleaners or the equivalent.

## Service Update

### N202315731 Wheel Casting with Exposed Porosity on Extra Set of Wheels



1. If required, clean the wheels using an appropriate cleaning solution. Use care to not damage the wheels with non-approved cleaners.
2. Thoroughly inspect the front side, back side, and rim of the wheels for porosity in the surface of the metal. Porosity examples are shown below in circles.

*The following photos show examples of the porosity condition covered by this bulletin.*

#### Rim:



5754336

#### Front Side of Spoke:



5754340

## **KETTLE MORAINÉ CORVETTE CLUB GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – APRIL. 7th**

Call to order at 7:36 by President Haen: Welcomes membership and there were no new Guests this month. Member note, Bob & Kathy Zahn joined and they are from Gillet Wisconsin and they drive a 2021 C8 Elkhart Lake Blue Corvette.

**Secretary's Report:** Approve minutes from last meeting by .... and 2<sup>nd</sup> by ....., then approved and passed by membership. No minutes recorded from last month because last meeting was 5 months ago.

**Treasurer's Report:** Rick Waldbauer gives financial report as said. Motion to approve by Kermit Schulz and 2<sup>d</sup> by John Rische then passed by membership.

**Vice President:** Gary Hoppe: Membership Status, points & roster. [hopshop@comcast.net](mailto:hopshop@comcast.net). Gary reported that membership is now 122 as of this meeting. Other than that nothing new.

**Governors Report:** Dick Huibregtse: Dick is not present at this meeting. Nothing to update on NCCC at this time.

**President Report:** President Haen: Mary Lou mentions the passing of Bob Brandt and club takes a moment of silence in his memory. Dave Modra purchased a memorial brick at the museum down in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Sunshine:** Juliana did send out 6 cards the in last 5 months. Al & Kathy Brandt, Pete Muehleis, Karin Tuschl, Tom Curelli, Rudy Mahler, and former member Betty Machtig.
- **Website:** Joe Vopal – [jvopal@charter.net](mailto:jvopal@charter.net). Joe Vopal still out there doing website.

### **Old Business**

**By-Law Discussion:** Membership will be raising up topic on fine tuning By-Laws.

**May Elections:** Club will be holding elections for Board members for 2021 to serve from May to the end of October due to the fact the traditional November annual meeting was not held due to Covid.

**Meetings Cancelled:** Just a note so as to put in minutes meetings were cancelled for 5 months between November thru March of 2021 due to Covid 19.

### **New Business**

**Membership Meeting Time:** It was brought up last year about moving up meeting time and will be voted on in May.

**April Brunch:** Club will be meeting at the Altona in New Holstein for our annual spring brunch. Starting at 10:30 for cocktails and 11:30 for sitting down. Email Herb Buhl by the 23<sup>rd</sup> for seating at [hobuhl@yahoo.com](mailto:hobuhl@yahoo.com). It's \$10.99 per person.

**Sprints Tickets:** They will be Available at the May 7<sup>th</sup> membership meeting. Price is \$10.00 each, a savings of \$10 to \$25.00 each. Email Mary Lou in advance with your order.

**May outing:** Anybody interested in organizing a May outing?

**Plymouth Fairgrounds:** Membership agreed to work two dates, checking availability. June 25<sup>th</sup> and August 27<sup>th</sup>. Who's interested?

**June Meeting Location:** We need suggestions anybody?

**Christmas in July Meeting:** Any comments or suggestions from membership ?

**Good of the Order:** Perry Lake brings up that the Fond du Lac Corvette Club is doing their annual ride around Lake Winnebago on June 6<sup>th</sup> if anybody is interested. Our club will meet in the Plymouth Fleet Farm Parking lot. Time is yet to be determined. Updates forth coming. Fondy club is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Year doing event.

**Move To Adjourn:** at by 8:09 by John Rische and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Chuck Tuschl and then passed by membership.

**Next Meeting:** Wed May 5<sup>th</sup> at City Limits in Manitowoc for Cinco de Mayo. See flyer in Newsletter.

Number of members present: 56 members.

**50/50 raffle winner:** @\$ 75.00, Name: Debbie Klover

## Getting Your Corvette Out of Winter Storage

1. If the battery was on a charge make sure it is up to full charge before any attempt to start the car.
2. Check underneath the car to make sure no fluids are leaking or were leaking.
3. Check under the hood and under the car and inside to make sure no rodents made a home in the car or in the engine compartment. Make sure the exhaust pipe is clear and open.
4. Check all the fluids to make sure they are up to the recommended factory specifications. This includes the oil, the radiator, the power steering pump, and the master braker cylinder.
5. Double check the anti-freeze in the radiator to make sure it was not leaking or it was not sufficient to protect the engine from freezing.
6. Check for any leaks around all the heater hoses and cooling hoses to make sure there was not leaks or any evidence of dripping.
7. Check all the belts for any cracks and wear. If cracks are evident then replacement may be necessary before using the car for an extended period.
8. Now the car can be started. If fuel stabilizer was used when the car was put in storage then it may start up right away. If the fuel tank was low and not filled and fuel stabilizer was not used then condensation might have entered the fuel tank. The car should start right away but may run rough until the fuel gets into the fuel delivery system.
9. Now is a good time to check all the tires including the spare if the car has one. The cold weather sometimes will cause the tires to lose some inflation.
10. Once the car is running check for any leaks under the car and around the engine.
11. Once the car is warmed up it is now a good time to check the automatic transmission fluid if the car has automatic transmission.
12. If the car is driven make sure you check the brakes before driving too far to make sure they are fully operational.
13. Once the car is fully warmed up check again to make sure you have no leaks and again check the engine oil. If it is dirty or passed the recommend change time then it must be changed.

*Article is Courtesy of Jerry Mulick, NSCC*



## **KMCC SPRING 2021 FAMILY BRUNCH**

**Altona Supper Club, New Holstein, WI.**

**On Sunday, April 25th, with some Covid-19 restrictions being relaxed, approximately 45 KMCC members and guests were able to gather for brunch at the Altona Supper Club in New Holstein, WI.**

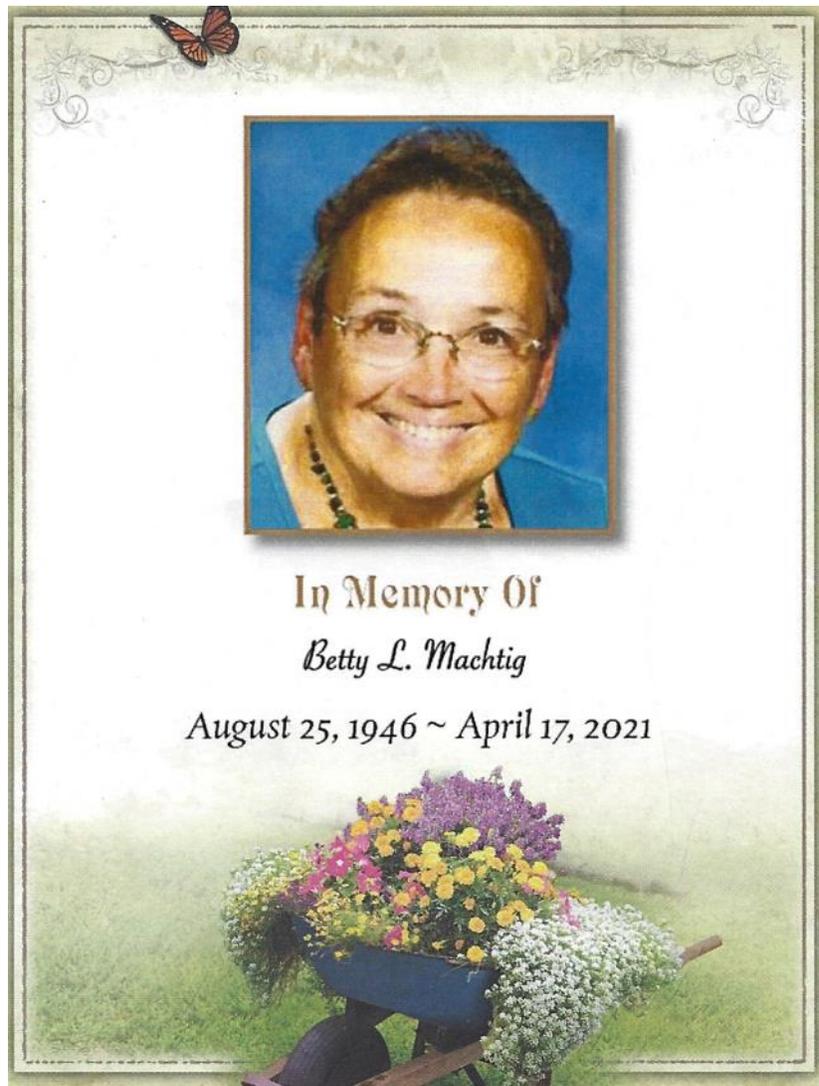
**It was great to see many of the members again and truly, it was just great to see and be able to talk to people again after all of the quarantine time.**

**The brunch menu was fantastic with everything from various types of eggs to chicken and ribs. And don't forget the dessert table, not to mention the Bloody Mary's or Old Fashions before brunch. The friends and the food couldn't be beat. A big "thanks" to Herb and Lou Ann Buhl for planning and coordinating the event! While the temps were cold, the friendship was as warm as ever.**



*Above picture courtesy of Leon Wilterdink*

## Former KMCC Member Passes Away



**Betty L. Machtig of Sheboygan, passed away the morning of April 17th, 2021 at Sunny Ridge Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.**

**Betty worked as a CNA for the visiting Nurse Association. She was also a foster grandparent at James Madison Elementary School. She was especially well-known as the happy crossing guard at School Street in Sheboygan Falls, smiling, waving, and brightening everyone's day.**

**That's how we remember her at KMCC, always smiling and willing to provide help to the club.**

*Information courtesy of Kermit and Juliana Schulz*

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