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Meet the Members

Kevin and Rosie Krueger

I was born and raised in Baraboo. I have 1 older brother (Harley owner) and 1 younger brother (Gold Wing owner). My dad always bought Buicks but always wanted a Cadillac (finally bought a new one in 1988). My obsession with cars goes way back as my mom often tells the story that if she couldn't find me she would ask where I was and the answer was always "I'm playing cars". In fact my mother still has a lot of my old matchbox cars!

My first car was a 1964 Buick Electra 225 which was quickly followed up by a brand new 1977 Camaro purchased in the fall of 1976. Two years later this was followed up with a 1979 Camaro. In 1980 I had to make the decision to buy a house or a 1978 Corvette. After much talking with my mother and future wife, Rosie, they convinced me to buy the house as they told me that I could not afford the insurance on the Corvette. You have to remember I was under the age of 25 and single. The deal was made at that time with Rosie that eventually I could have a Corvette. Every Christmas until I received my first "real" corvette, I have received a different sort of collectible item related to a Corvette – Jim Beam Decanter, Plates, Christmas Ornaments, Models, etc.

Rosie was raised in Sauk City and is the oldest of 4. I moved to Baraboo in 1979 and worked at a travel agency and also tended bar at the bowling alley which is where I met Kevin – look out Todd. On our first date we were walking through Riverview Park and all of a sudden Kevin was handcuffed to the fence by the rides by security. Here it was a classmate of his that was working security. At first I was wondering what sort of a person I was going out with. That summer I really learned of his fascination with cars as one weekend went to a race on Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday afternoon, Sunday night, and again on Monday. I was raised around cars as my dad worked as a mechanic and was also on the Fire Department and helped with the maintenance of the trucks.

We were married in 1981 and our son, Brian was born in 1986. We built our home in 1988 and finally added onto the garage in 2002 as Rosie was tired of seeing me crawl over the console of the car in order to put 3 cars in a 2 ½ car garage.



The first time I actually drove a Corvette was in June of 1983 in the Reedsburg Butterfest Parade. My boss at the time had a 1978 Pace Car and needed someone to drive the car for him. Rosie and I had to do it, what a dirty job.

In the spring of 1991 we traded Rosie's 1988 Monte Carlo SS in for a 1984 Corvette and as they say "The rest is history". I remember Kevin going for a test drive with the sales person. She had long blonde hair, tight black jeans, and high heels. I was left at the dealership with Brian and the car seat. Talk about being trusting!!

One day at work Kevin and Rick Duchrow were comparing notes about Corvettes and Rick suggested that we attend a MCV meeting. This meeting was held at the Coliseum Bar. On the way back to Baraboo that night we decided to join the club.

In 2000 a group from the club went to Bloomington Gold and Kevin purchased a new radio for the Corvette. We had it installed and had issues with it. One day between Christmas and New Years we went to Valley Vette to talk to them about the radio issue. We walked into the showroom and there sat a 1988 Corvette – which Rosie continually stared at and even took pictures of. Needless to say within a day we had traded the 1984 in for the 1988 – thanks club members Rick and Gene just to name a few.

In July 2005 we traded that car in for a 2004 – again because of the trip to Bloomington Gold with Rich and Gene and others. In July of 2008 we ended up ordering our current 2008 again because of the Bloomington Gold trip. Do you sense a tradition here?

We first joined the club as a way for us to have a "date" night once a month. Over the years we have met a lot of wonderful people and really enjoyed the sightseeing tours. We have gone with the club to Bowling Green, Eureka Springs, Spearfish, and Door County. Now that our son, Brian is married and Kevin is no longer helping out with the race car we hope to participate in more of the club events and long Corvette weekends

Rosie has been known to crochet at 120 MPH in our 2004 Corvette but so far I have not let her do any crocheting in this one – not because I haven't had this car up to the speed limit or little beyond.

Just so everyone knows, Rosie does get to drive our Corvette, just not when I'm in the car. There is only one steering wheel and one gas pedal. I still get that first time feeling of driving a Corvette everytime we or I go for a ride. Rosie enjoys this car so much I don't even have to go to Bloomington Gold to buy much, she order's stuff all year long for the car as long as clothing is involved.

I understand that another trip to Bloomington Gold is coming up with Rick, Pete, and Gene, I certainly hope that this does not mean another change in cars.



Dinner Run

Join us on Sunday, July 11th as we take a scenic drive to a restaurant for cocktails and dinner. We will begin in Oregon in the parking lot of People's United Methodist Church, 103 N. Alpine Parkway meeting at 2:30 p.m., leaving at 3:00. Dinner choices are Roast Prime Rib, 4 pc. Broasted Chicken, 7 oz. Filet, Fried Shrimp or Broiled Cod. All include a baked potato, tossed salad, fresh baked rolls, coffee or iced tea, tax & gratuity. The cost per person is \$21.00. The restaurant needs to know how many will be attending so please RSVP to us by July 1st.

Frank & Chris Weitzel 873-6058 fcweitzel@charter.net

Most Excellent Pie Run

The ***"4th Annual Most Excellent Pie Run...Hob-Knobbing With The Upper Crust"*** is scheduled for Sunday June 27th. Tentative plans are to leave late morning from the Dutch Mill park & ride off of Stoughton Road.

Hope you can join us. Please e-mail or call if you can make it:

arm7117@sbcglobal.net or 608-332-1579.

Thanks,

David & Lesley Armstrong

REEDSBURG BUTTERFEST PARADE

(FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

Fund raiser for the club. Mark your calendar now to participate in the Reedsburg Butterfest Parade.

We will be meeting at Menard's frontage road (just off USH.12) at 8:30am.

Carry Queen and her court as well as last years Queen and this years Miniature Queen. Very short parade route. Plan is to take back roads from Baraboo to Reedsburg's staging area. We are at the start of the parade so there is no worry about avoiding horse droppings, etc. After parade we will do a short cruise with a stop for a "late" lunch. After lunch you will be on your own to either head home or enjoy the rest of the day in the area.

Contact Rick Duchrow for meeting place and departure time from the Madison area: 608-838-3988 or jrduke@charter.net

Any questions, please contact us at twomuch@charter.net OR Home: 608-356-7564 (after 5); Kevin's phone: 608-963-9266 OR Rosie's phone: 608-355-9259.

Kevin & Rosie Krueger

Do you have an article you want to have appear in the newsletter? If so, please submit it in final form to Pete Hill by the Saturday following the club meeting. You can send your article via email to: gs884@charter.net

or

Call Pete at 608-837-0625

NEED TO UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION?

If any of your personal information has changed, please let me know so I can update the members list. Things like your phone numbers, your email address, any part of your address that might change or a different car. And let me know if I can email the members list to you. It is an Excel file and it is now on letter size to make it easy to print. Thanks for your help! Sandy Van Kleeck – membership, (608)424-6263 or vanklecks@wwdb.org

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Mad City Vettes
General Membership Meeting
May 18, 2010

The meeting opened at 7:10 p.m. with President Pete Hill welcoming the members.

Today's question: State your name and whether or not you have a graduation to attend and if so, whose graduation is it?

Responses: Our nephew in Munster, Indiana; No graduations but some graduation parties; Bosses' daughter; My 42 year old son got his bachelor's degree last Saturday; Nowhere; None; A niece, a nephew & a cousin; A cousin; No graduations but 3 weddings; None but I wish – someday; A coworkers daughter; My nephew but haven't decided if I'm going or staying home and driving my car; Our great-niece – in Hawaii, but we're not going; A nephew in Colorado – we're not going either; Our niece from Med School in Chicago; None for the first time in a long time; No, No and None; No graduations but a grandbaby due any day now; Two nephews and two friends; Went to Jan and Rick Davie's son's graduation; My youngest son is graduating from High School

Pete apologized for missing last month's meeting and hopes the meeting went OK. Pete mentioned that he did a nametag order and mailed them out. He will be putting in an order shortly for our additional new members. Either magnet backed or pin back nametags are available. Let Pete know if existing members want another nametag – cost is nominal.

Pete announced that Phyllis will not be able to continue in current Secretary Position past June so we're looking for a replacement to finish Phyllis' term that ends in December.

Pete talked briefly about the museum delivery of his new Corvette. Through the museum, Pete was also able to take the "buyer's tour" to watch the car being built. He offered to talk more about it at a future meeting if the members are interested.

Meet Your Fellow MCV Members: Featured members in May were Rick and Jean Duchrow

Very cool that you both grew up on rivers in Wisconsin and both love fast cars.

Vice President's report:

VP, Jack Hart was absent due to getting ready to leave for Ireland tomorrow.

Treasurers report:

Treasurer, Kathy Stark provided the treasurers' report and the can was passed for donations for those who forgot their nametags or others who want to generously contribute to juvenile diabetes fund.

Membership report:

Membership Chair, Sandy Van Kleeck reported that we have 6 new members, Craig & Becky Voysey, Bob & Jodie Niebuhr and Mike & Sherry Wilson bringing our club membership to 132 members. Welcome!

Governor's report:

Governor, Tony Walla was absent

Frank Weitzel reported on Museum Events: Frank asked if everyone is getting the emails he is forwarding about Museum events including Corvette raffles. He'll continue to forward this information by email to keep everyone informed.

Events Coordination:

Event Coordinator, Beth Hartzheim was also absent (trip to Ireland) so Pete led the events discussion.

Recent Events:

- May 8 – Roll Out/Freeze Out Party. Token Creek Park – Shelter #5. Had 70 signed up in advance, it went down to 60 the night before and we had about 40 show up. It was just plain COLD! To all that showed up – thank you for braving the elements. We huddled in the shelter and made the best of it. The location was great – we'll probably use it again. The drive was great too with our heaters on. We went to Culver's in Sauk City at the end of the run – some had ice cream but many had coffee and hot chocolate.
- May 11 Ladies' Night was hosted by Judy Franken at Nau-Ti-Gal Restaurant on Westport Road. "I would like to say that we had 26 attend and it was a beautiful night so we sat outside, but neither is true. Actually, we had 16 ladies there plus 3 female servers and a female bar tender so we had 20."
- May 11 Men's Night was hosted by Vern Buskager at Babe's Sports Grill on Lien Road. Though we had 18 signed up, 16 guys showed up so we tied the ladies. "Next time I'll hide Phyllis' keys so she can't come to ladies night so we can beat the ladies in attendance."
- May 14 Fish Fry Dinner Run –Buskager's organized a backroads run to The Del Bar in Lake Delton. We had 18 cars on the run plus one couple that met us at the restaurant. 37 people attended in all. It was an enjoyable run, nice restaurant, good food and a great time was had by all.
- May 15 Route 66 Run – Continuation of Route 66 Tour –Duane and Barb Dickens hosted their third annual Route 66 run through Illinois. 4 cars drove down on Friday and 3 more on Saturday. Friday's weather was nice but we had intermittent rain on Saturday. The first year we saw lots of old gas stations, last year it was old restaurants, this year we drove on old segments of the original Route 66, some of it was restored brick road and some was very old, narrow road with no shoulder. When the concrete was poured back in the 1920's some turkeys ran across the wet cement and left tracks – that was what the photos of the turkey tracks were about. We went all the way to the Chain of Rocks bridge in St. Louis – a dogleg bridge across the Mississippi River. It is now a walking and biking bridge. We had good dinners on Friday and Saturday nights and a good time. That's the end of the route unless someone wants to go all the way to California.

Upcoming Events:

- May 22 & 23: Automation 2010 in Wisconsin Dells features over 1,000 classic cars and trucks on display (1989 and older).
- June 5 – Dinner Run to Mineral Point – Organized by Schultz's. The route is all rural roads with lots of curves. 4pm dinner because there is an art show that evening, open until 9pm. We will have entire restaurant. There will be an appetizer or salad, choice of four entrees and dessert. Flat fee cost of \$24 per person. Beverages, tip and tax are not included. There is a patio out back and we'll sit outside if it's nice.
- June 5 – Spring Fling Corvette show in Des Moines. If anyone is interested, contact Steve McGilvrey for info.

June 8 Ladies & Men's night will be hosted by Beth Hartzheim & Jack Hart. Men will be at Famous Dave's on Park Street, women will be at Benvenuto's on Northport Drive.

- June 19 – Butterfest Parade in Reedsburg. Will meet again at 8:30am at Menard’s in Baraboo. Need convertibles and other corvettes. You can distribute candy in the parade. There will be a road trip after and lunch after the cruise (will be close to the Dells) – Organized by Krueger’s.
 - June (date TBD) – Pie Run – Organized by Armstrong’s
 - July 11 – Dinner Run – Organized by Weitzel’s. Will start on west side of Oregon from People’s United Methodist Church. An hour scenic drive to a secret location. There will be a specific menu selected. \$21 per person all inclusive. Dinner will be early.
 - July Men’s Night – Todd McIlwee will host.
 - July 12 to 19 - Black Hills Classic – contact Ron Frank for info.
 - July 24 – Ballweg Chevrolet event in Middleton. They’ll be sending flyers and advertising. Cookout – free of charge with a ½ hour organized run. They’re also giving attendees tickets to the Mallard’s game that night.
 - July 23 to 26 – Vettes at the Beach – Sylvan Beach, New York – Canceled due to scheduling difficulties.
 - August (date TBD) – Picnic and Drive – Organized by Bailey’s.
- April 22, 23 & 24, 2011 – Frank & Chris Weitzel are planning a trip to the Museum in Bowling Green. They’ll arrange a factory tour, a drive led by museum staff and a banquet dinner.

Don’t forget about last minute, impromptu events. Just send an email and whoever can go, goes.

Past Events:

April Ladies’ night – Debby Howard. We had 11 ladies, went to Olive Garden. Good food and conversation.

April Men’s night – Bill Schultz. Went to Sprechers, 12 guys attended. It was excellent.

March 14 - Brunch at Johnny’s Steakhouse: Bill and Diana Schultz hosted the event that was attended by 24 people. Food was excellent & prices were reasonable. The Bloody Mary Bar was great! They also offered to do a barbeque in the back for us this summer.

March 9 - Ladies Night Out: Jane Bailey hosted Ladies’ Night Out at Kickshaw - 8 ladies attended and all had a great time. The food was pricey but iffy – they’ll probably go out of business.

March 9 - Men’s Night Out: Don Bailey hosted Men’s Night Out at Claddagh Irish Pub – 9 men attended. They got their own private room with a round table like the Knights of the Roundtable. There was a “thing in the center of the table that spun around” – it’s called a lazy Susan, Don.

February 20 – Annual Chili Bowl – Todd McIlwee reported on the Chili Bowl in the March newsletter and tonight awarded the traveling bowling trophy’s:

Tony Walla received the men’s trophy for a 584 series. Tony had a very lucky day – he also won the Judges Choice in the chili contest and the jewelry raffle prize from Chalmer’s Jewelers.

Barb Dickens received the women’s trophy for a 446 series.

Mary McIlwee won the Members Choice for her Peanut Butter Pie dessert.

February 13, 2010 - David and Leslie Armstrong hosted 40 people for a Valentine’s dinner at Benvenuto’s Italian Grill in Fitchburg. The weather, food and service were good and all had a good time.

January 16, 2010 – Ladies Breakfast organized by Diana Schultz. Kathy Stark reported in Diana's absence. 10 ladies gathered at the Dayton Street Grill in the Concourse Hotel. Great conversation and great breakfast.

MCV Holiday Party, December 8, 2009, Sheraton Hotel with White Elephant Gift Exchange.

Other possible events:

Remember, if you have an idea for an event - Please contact Beth Hartzheim or any other board member!

Tonight's Presentation –

Sue Kiry from Cruisin' USA gave a short presentation on Corvette Adventures in Wisconsin Dells, June 10-13, 2010. For more information, check this website:

www.corvetteadventures.com

MCV Presentations !! — Past , Present & Future -----

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**** March 18, 2008 MCV Meeting: Frank Weitzel presented a video of the Corvette Museum Expansion. Thank you Frank!!**

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**** April 15, 2008 MCV Meeting: Jeff Zarth presented the Restoration Story of his 1966 Laguna Blue Corvette. Quite the Story, thank you Jeff!**

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**** May 20, 2008 MCV Meeting - Frank Weitzel presented a video on the 2009 Corvette Caravan. The video showed previous caravans.....I've never seen so many corvettes on the road at one time. Corvette owners throughout the country will again be traveling by many routes to Bowling Green on Labor Day weekend September 3-5, 2009. Thanks Frank!**

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**** June 17, 2008 - Postponed - Jack Herbst will hold a presentation on the Muscle Car Board Game.**

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**** July 15, 2008 – Cruizin USA.com – A new website for Clubs and Groups to post and retrieve driving routes throughout the USA – presented by Sue & Victoria.**

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**** August 2008 MCV Meeting: David & Lesley Armstrong lead the Corvettes in a Corvette Cruise around the Capitol square to the Brocach Irish Pub!**

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**** September 2008 – General Member Discussion**

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**** October 2008 – Brian Newlun-**

****November 2008 – General Member Discussion**

****Paul Dowding has offered to present a slide show on the Steps to a Complete Restoration on a Road Runner for an upcoming presentation.**

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**** Any member willing to share a presentation at an MCV Membership Meeting – please feel free to speak to our MCV Board so we can get you on the schedule!!****

Door Prizes:

- Nat'l Corvette Museum Lanyards – brought back by Frank & Chris Weitzel – free for the taking
 - C6 – remote control switch that opens up the performance exhaust – (made & donated by MCV member Steve Mael) no takers at this meeting – will hold till next month.
- Key Fob Holder – designed & made by MCV member Steve Mael, winner: Jane Bailey

President, Pete Hill adjourned the MCV membership meeting at 8:07 p.m. “Let’s go look at cars and enjoy the weather!”

Meeting minutes recorded by Club Secretary, Phyllis Buskager