

August 2011



Valley Times

Valley Vettes Meetings

The Valley Vettes meet on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 P.M.

Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of every month at 7:00 P.M.

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Next Club Events

August 6-7	Wisconsin Rapids Car Show & Cruise
August 11	Valley Vettes Club Meeting – Lion's Park Greenville
August 13-14	Berlin Car Cruise & Show
August 14	EVS Car Show
August 17-20	Woodward Dream Cruise – Detroit, MI
August 18	Jorn's Customer Appreciation Day
August 20	Shiocton Fireman's Parade & Festival
August 21	Corvette Bridge Photo Shoot
August 27	Annual Powder Puff Cruise
September 8	Valley Vettes Club Meeting - @ Brandt's
September 10	Annual Buddy Cruise
September 23-25	Copper Harbor Cruise
October 22	Annual Club Birthday Party



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Club Events

Aug 6th & 7th Wisconsin Rapids Car Show & Cruise

Bob Driessen will lead a cruise to the event on Sat. morning departing from the old WAVE around 12:15 PM. This will be one day only for the cruise, not the Sun. show. For the cruise, cars start to line up around 4:00 PM at Lincoln H.S. and take off around 6:00 PM. The cruise completes at Lion's park for food, beverage and music & dancing. Car show on Sun. is by Class and is over around 3:30. Trophies are presented at 4:00 PM. Five (5) rooms have been reserved at the Quality Inn for those staying over. Contact **Phil Gross** if more information is needed & **Val Sieg** for overnight hotel information. More detailed information can be found on our WEB site under "Other Events".

Aug 11 – Valley Vettes Club Mtg

Lions Park, Greenville. Just North of Wisconsin Ave (96) on 76. Bring Dish/Dessert to pass plus utensils & place settings. Club provides Brats, Burgers & Beverages (Beer & Soft Drinks) A-M Bring Dish to Pass N-Z Bring Deserts Social 5:00 PM Picnic 6:00 PM Meeting 7:00 PM



Aug 13th & 14th - Berlin Car Cruise & Show:

Cruise Sat evening is for all types of cars. It's approximately 8-9 miles long and starts in Riverside Park where the show is held. It heads downtown (West) and goes out in the country and ends at a countryside bar. Sunday, registration for all cars begins at 8:00 AM. Car show to follow with trophies awarded at 2:30 PM. Last year, Valley Vettes' cars took several trophies. **Hosts: Alice & Joe Quaintance Sunday Only**

August 14 -- EVS Car Show: Depart from Darboy Club at 8:00 AM. Show will be held at 1180 S. Spring St., Port Washington. D.J. Rob Peterson providing musical entertainment. Ozaukee Corvette Club will provide food & refreshments. Drawings for American Lemans Weekend tickets at Road America and Door Prizes will be randomly awarded to registrants. A \$10 fee per car goes to Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. **Host: Bob Driessen (920) 766-2006**

August 17-20, Woodward Dream Cruise, Detroit, MI.

<http://www.woodwarddreamcruise.com/> We will leave Wednesday morning at 8:00 AM. Thursday- Corvette Cruise & Tours; Saturday - Main Cruise; Sunday- Return **Hosts: Dale & Carrie Skovera**

Aug 18th, Jorn's Customer Appreciation Day

We will be departing Sidelines Bar & Grill around 3:15 PM. Please arrive 10-15 minutes early to line up for the Cruise to 1613 Center St., Kewaunee. The Brat Fry & Corn Roast runs from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM. **Hosts: Steve & Sandy Bender**

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Aug 20th – Shiocton Fireman’s Parade & Festival

Meet at WAVE parking lot at 11:00 AM; leave at 11:15 and cruise to River Rail to stage and decorate cars by 11:40 (or meet there). Bring candy to throw during 3 block parade which ends at Sportsman Park. Enjoy free corn during event. At 3:00 PM we will then leave for a 1 hour cruise ending up at Geno’s Steak House in Black Creek for dinner.

Hosts: Greg & Judy Tate – Parade, Jim & Penny Much – Dinner Cruise

August 21st – Road America “Corvette Bridge Photo Shoot” and Tribute.

Added to the originally scheduled photo shoot of several collector Corvette Race cars, Road America decided to provide a 2nd shoot using 1 Corvette from participating Corvettes Clubs whether local or national. Each Club will be allowed 1 of their enthusiast’s cars to be photographed under the Corvette Bridge. Anyone interested should contact **Ivan Schrodt** ASAP to get on the list. By means yet determined, we will select 1 car and driver from those who wish to participate. This decision will most likely be made at the August Club meeting on 8/11. Current plans are to meet in the Bank parking lot across the street from the Zero to 60 Garage in Sherwood. A meeting/departure time is not yet finalized. Additional information for this event can be located at: <http://registryofcorvetteracecars.com/ee/index.php/site/ra-cwt>

Aug 27th – Annual Powder Puff Cruise

The group will depart from the Darboy Club parking lot at 8:30 am Sharp with one stop half-way through our route. We will be having a private tour at our first destination at 10:15 am. Cost for the tour is \$4.00. Leaving at 11:45 am Sharp to our lunchtime destination with arrival at 1:00 pm. Lunch will be off the menu with an “event” during and/or after your meal. All those who want to meet up with their guys for dinner will have plenty of time to do so as the Powder Puff Cruise girls’ day out should be done between 3:00-3:30 pm. Bring snacks for the morning run, if you want, with having a later meal. This will be a SUPER, fun-filled day with spending as much or as little as each of you desire. Looking forward to a day in the sun, cruisin’ in our vettes, a lot of laughter and enjoyment for all.

Hosts: Jean Brandt & Val Sieg

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Sept 8th – Valley Vettes Club Mtg

Gary Brandt is Hosting at his home in Wrightstown. The Pot luck begins at 5:30 P.M, Meeting at 6:30 PM and stay for game afterwards. Bring lawn chairs and place settings. More details to follow.



Sept 10th – Men Only “Buddy” Cruise

Plan to stop at a “Real Guy Restaurant” with reasonable pricing!!! Possibility of 2 stops along the way, one tentatively a 2 hour tour at \$12 per person. Expect the event to last 5 hours with a 3 hour cruise.

Host: Gary Brandt



Sept 23 – 25, Copper Harbor Overnight Cruise:

Friday, 9/23, depart from Citgo on Hwy JJ and Hwy 47 at 1:00 PM. Stay at Best Western Plus Derby Inn in Eagle River. Rooms reserved under Appleton Valley Vettes. Call 715-479-1600. Rooms \$90.99 + Tax. Saturday, 9/24 depart for Copper Harbor, MI. Staying at Hotel Mariner North, rooms reserved under Dale Skovera. Phone 906-289-4637; Rooms \$94.00 + Tax. Cruise that evening along mountain ridge then to Fitzgerald’s Restaurant for dinner. Sun, 9/25, breakfast in town then take M26 Road (very scenic) back to ATW and arrive around 5:00 PM.

Hosts: Jean & Gary Brandt and Carrie & Dale Skovera

Oct. 22nd – Annual Club Birthday Party:

Pig Roast & Chicken dinner.
Bring a dish to pass. Club will provide the birthday cake. Town of Center Community Center
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**Hosts: Val & Gary Sieg
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Valley Vettes Golf

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Out & About

Bloomington Gold: Our 2 car caravan headed for Bloomington Gold at 7:30 AM. It was an unusually chilly day for Bloomington Gold. We set out to search for our various items, checking out For Sale Cars, Auction Cars and Vendors. We checked out an elaborate collection up for auction from Bill Mullis of North Carolina. He was selling, at no reserve, 23 Black Corvettes from 1954 to 1969, one Coupe and one Convertible from each year. Wow!! We met up with the Quaintances and Binders at the Hotel. A few of our group got Bidder Tags for Saturday. I wonder if anyone bought anything? Nice get together with plenty of entertainment.

Dale & Carrie Skovera

Vettes for Vets Ride: It was a gorgeous day for a ride. Cool breeze with occasional sun. But first, Gary Brandt has a dilemma. His 2007 convertible, parked on the bottom of the lift with the 1988 on top, has a dead battery and no power for anything. This conclusion was reached with Gary in the car with the top up, the windows down and no phone to call Jean in the house. "How do I get out?" Of course, crawl through the window. A picture of that experience would have been talked about for years. In his haste, forgot you can use the key fob in the glove box switch to open a door.

Left Simon's Cheese in Little Chute with seven cars headed to the "Pearly Gates" ...in Green Bay. This year's ceremony honored women in the service and was very awe inspiring. 14 women of all ages were presented with certificates and roses. Just after noon, the motorcycles revved their engines with over 500 leading the way followed by approximately 50 corvettes and a few other vehicles. Traveled to Fox Hills Resort in Mishicot for food and beverages with Steve Bender and Gary Brandt interviewed by WFRV Channel 5 Tom Zalaski; and then to the Iron Buffalo in Menchalville. With a change in the previously determined eating establishment, the Valley Vettes group, without Bob Driessen, then headed west to the Granary in Sherwood for some fantastic food, more beverages and a lot of camaraderie and laughter. We added Linda Hutchinson to the group by special invitation phone call so Randy was not so alone. With our illustrious president and former president presenting an array of hilarity, it turned out to be a GREAT day for everyone.

Jean Brandt

Renaissance Faire: Six Corvettes left Neenah, had an excellent breakfast in Lomira and continued on for a scenic ride to Bristol and the Renaissance Faire. At the faire we ate our way through the grounds, seeing acrobats, trained horses and birds, jousting, comedy acts, and some things which just cannot be explained. After returning to our hotel to freshen up and regroup, we went out for supper where there was Jell-O wrestling. We're not telling if we stayed, or who wrestled. What happens in Bristol, stays in Bristol. On Sunday we took a side trip to Cedarburg for wine tasting, shopping (Mary Schrodt is a great help) and lunch. It was a great weekend and we hope everyone enjoyed it.

Gary, Val, Jim and Penny

Get out of Town, July 27, 2011: Seven Corvettes and 1 Chevy Impala left Sidelines Grill & Bar around 6:15 PM and headed South West lead by **Hosts Jack & Jane Binder**. Though rain was predicted, we managed to avoid any showers and actually got several glimpses of the sun. We made our way South into Winneconne, around Lake Poygan and then followed the Wolf River North to Fremont. We reached our destination, The Hotel Fremont just as the Web Footers Water Ski Team were finishing up their practice. A table on the deck overlooking the Wolf was waiting for our group and all had either something to eat, ice cream, beverage and a great time. It was a fun evening all around.

Thank you, Jack & Jane for a wonderful cruise and the opportunity to enjoy the countryside our friends and our cars.

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After a two year hiatus, the EvS Corvette Show welcomes Corvette owners and enthusiasts and is **free** to the public. Corvette owners and club members, wishing to display their Corvettes on our lot and participate in the voting, are asked to pay a \$10.00 registration fee. One hundred percent of registration fees collected will be donated to Family Sharing of Ozaukee County. Information about this outstanding community support organization can be found on their website: www.familysharingozaukee.org.

Each Corvette registrant receives a ballot to vote in the "People's Choice" contest. The six generations of Corvette will be awarded trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. In addition, an overall "Best in Show" trophy will be awarded. Dash plaques will be distributed to the first 400 registrants. In addition, registrants are eligible for many exciting door prize drawings. DJ, Rob Peterson, will provide musical entertainment.

To expedite the registration process on the day of the show, corvette owners are encouraged to pre-register and pay the \$10.00 registration fee online at www.thegmdealer.com. Go to the "About Us" tab and scroll down to "Corvette Show." All registrants who use EvS secure payment option will receive a confirmation email.

Road America, again, has generously donated 8 ticket packages, valued at \$300.00 per pair, to the American Le Mans Event at Road America August 18-20, 2011, which will be awarded throughout the day of the show to attendees who register for them.

Perennial favorites on display at this year's Show: Original, 1953 Corvette, Vin#115 & #4 2005 Indy 500 Pace Car

Refreshments will again be offered for sale by the Ozaukee Corvette Club. New this year, the club will be featuring refreshing snow cones!

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A Long Love Lost

She was the most beautiful thing I'd ever seen. We would go everywhere together – games, golf courses, long drives to nowhere at all. I'm sure my wife was insanely jealous, but this hottie was worth it.

We use to have so much fun, just the two of us, soaking each other with the hose, going to the park and staring at each other for hours, pulling into the drive-in and hearing the other guys whistle. Yeah, she was high maintenance – and expensive. I was forever buying stuff I was sure I'd bought her only the year before.

Everybody, though, said she was the most gorgeous beauty in town – with her cute little rear end, sweet headlights and succulent curves. Damn, you should've seen her with her top off.

She was my little red 1961 Corvette. Rag top, white coves, 283 fuel-injected engine, big white sidewalls, gleaming chrome, big steering wheel, fuzzy red dice. Lord, she was fast. She could get rubber in all four gears.

We were together for 10 years, and every day with her was a joy. I could park her anywhere. Nobody messed with her. That car seemed to cut across age, sex and race lines. Old people ("I remember when those came out!" they'd say), middle-aged folks ("I was born that year!" they'd screech. And I'd reply, "Yeah, but most of her parts are still original") and kids ("Cool car, mister! What kind is it?") all adored her.

I remember the day I had to have one – 11 years ago, at the Miami airport. I was schlepping my bags out to the curb when a Coppertone blonde wheeled up and her J. Crew husband jumped over the passenger door, into the seat. They sped off, laughing, kissing, the wind in their hair, the road opening up into rainbows just for them.

Once I had her, I took her everywhere. Drove her in parades. Lent her to photographers. Used her to chauffeur my brother-in-law and his bride from the church, the long veil spread out over the trunk. They sat up high on the back while the people threw rice. Uh-oh. My baby was going to have more rice marks than Elizabeth Taylor. So I punched it, and the bride fell backward and nearly out.

That car was a slice of Americana. If I happened to be in a bad mood, I knew not to take the Corvette, because people wanted to talk to me at every stoplight. People love classic Vettes like no other car ever built. That's *classic* Vettes. When you drive a muscle Vette, you look as if you're on your way to pick up your Viagra prescription.

Did women like that car? Does Homer like beer? Single men, take my advice: Forget hair clubs, cool lofts, partnerships at the firm. Just get a '61 Vette and you will have more women than a Tupperware convention.

But I let her go. It all happened so fast. We weren't speaking. I think she blew another water pump. Doesn't matter now. We were both hot over it. So I put money down on a sleek new Lexus coupe, walked into the kitchen and said to the wife, "Well, looks like we'll have to find a storage unit somewhere for the Vette because I just bought a new car!"

My wife looked at me as if I had said I'd boiled our three children and was now adding carrots. One sports car is all I get, she said. Sullen, I put the '61 Vette up for sale. Every guy who called about it said the same thing: "I've been looking for a '61 ever since the day I sold mine!"

"When was that?"

"Twenty-two years ago."

She sold on eBay in eight days, and the next thing I knew a huge flatbed truck was idling in front of my house. I had to bundle her up as if I were sending a child away. I had to fasten on the hard top, which I'd never used. "She doesn't like to wear this," I protested to the truck driver as he pulled away, window closed.

It felt like somebody had stored my chest in dry ice. I went back into the garage and couldn't believe how empty it was, how ugly it was, how useless. I stood there, and, for a few seconds, I cried. I realized how stupid I was being and that there was only one thing I could do to get on with my life.

You know anyone who wants to sell a '61?

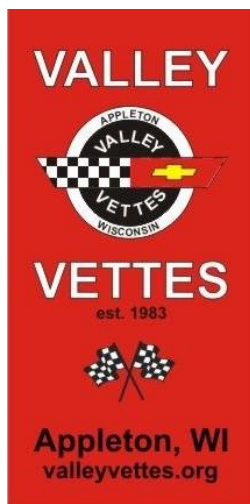
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