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February - March, 2025



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2025

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Ron Herman (2025-2026)

Vice President

Steve Heinemann (2024-2025)

Secretary

Marsha Golla (2025-2026)

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Tom Garibaldi (2025-2026)

Dennis Wagner (2025-2026)

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*At the **December Meeting** the club
elected the following for the
positions of **President**, and **Secretary**
and 3 **Board Members**.*

congratulations
to those elected

President-

Ron Herman 2025-2026

Secretary-

Marsha Golla 2025-2026

Board Members-

Tom Garibaldi 2025-2026

Nic Gengler 2025-2026

Dennis Wagner 2025-2026

Linda Uebele 2025

was elected to a one year term to fill the
position vacated by Marsha Golla

FEATURE CAR

1983 Chevrolet Corvette

Lone survivor



The fourth-generation Corvette, also known as the C4, was produced from 1984 to 1996. While the C4 Corvette will not go down in history as the fastest or most popular Corvette in history, However it moved the Corvette forward from the old C3 muscle car to a car that started to compete with the offerings from Ferrari and Lamborghini. While the C4 was scheduled to be introduced in the early 1980's, the car was eventually pushed for a 1983 model year release. Multiple pre-production cars were built, but at the last minute, the car was pulled from production. Although the 1983 Corvette was canceled, a total of 61 cars were produced. 18 were proto-types and 43 were pilot production cars. Of these 43 pilot production cars, all were destroyed except for one. This is the story of the only surviving 1983 Corvette.

In the 1970's new regulations for emissions , fuel economy, and safety were introduced. This caused many problems for the designers of the C4 Corvette to overcome. While the Corvette was being modified to meet these new regulations the 1983 model year was coming to an end. Which meant the C4 would not be ready for the 1983 model year . Even though only 43 pilot cars of the 1983 Corvettes were produced, they were all ordered to be crushed. When GM ordered that all 43 of the 1983 C4 Corvettes were to be crushed, it was decided for convenience that it would be easier to rent a crusher and have them crushed at the Bowling Green, Kentucky plant where they were produced. In June of 1982, Ralph Montileone, a worker at the plant, was assigned to use the mobile crusher to destroy all of the 1983 Corvettes that had been built. Montileone proceeded to crush the cars, one by one, until he got to the last car, number 23. When out of nowhere, a downpour started. Montileone decided that since he had just purchased a new pair of expensive cowboy boots and didn't want them ruined by the rain that started to flood the parking lot, he would save the final car to be crushed the next morning. When Montileone arrived at the plant the following day, the mobile crusher was gone. During the night the rental company came and took the crusher away, leaving number 23 sitting there as the lone surviving car. While the one and only surviving 1983 Corvette faced the crusher and lived, the story did not end there. After the crusher was removed from the plant property, Montileone decided to park the number 23 in the back lot of the plant. There it sat for several years until it was discovered by a new plant manager who noticed the lone white Corvette sitting in the back of the parking lot and found out that it was a 1983 model, although all records indicated that they were all crushed. It was decided that this car would be refurbished and be brought into the front lobby of the Corvette plant, and it would be on display as the only surviving 1983 Corvette. The car is currently on display in the Corvette Museum.

Waukesha Old Car Club Meeting Highlights

December 9, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 by President, Ron Herman.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Officers and Board Members were introduced

There were no new members or guests.

Presidents Report:

- Ron reviewed what was discussed at the board meeting
- The financials of the club were discussed.
- The club will be donating \$500 to each of 5 Waukesha Charities. They are: St. Vincent De Paul, Hebron House, The Hope Center, Waukesha Food Pantry, and the Christmas Clearing Council.
- A motion was made and voted upon that the club will make a one time donation of \$200 to a club member who is going through a difficult time. A vote was taken and the donation was approved by the membership.
- Due to unfortunate circumstances Jim Young has decided to step down as the Waukesha Olde Car Club treasurer . We want to thank Jim for his many years of dedicated service and wish him well in his future endeavors. The club will be looking to fill the treasurer position for the remainder of Jim's elected term. This is one more year. If anyone is interested in the position please contact Ron Herman or Steve Heinemann. Meanwhile, per club by-laws, Ron Herman will be assuming the duties of treasurer.

Vice Presidents Report:

- The vice president is currently accepting dues. You can pay at the meeting or mail your check to the club.
- It's that time of the year again, we are looking for sponsors for the *Spark and Sputter*. Steve indicated that he doesn't have the time to look for sponsors, some other member will have to do it.
- Marsha Golla is hosting an open house to feature her Christmas display.
- There is a tour of the Miller Brewery planned for April. More details to follow.
- The date of the Appreciation Dinner has been set. The date is March 15, and the location will be the Delafield Brewhaus, same location as last year, . The tentative cost per member will be \$17.00. Pricing from the restaurant will not be available until January. When the pricing is available ,the Board will evaluate and decide as to whether to include beer and soda or not. In the past mixed drinks and wine have not been included.
- The club "passed the can" to collect money for charity. The club matched the amount collected and donates that to the Waukesha Food Pantry.
- Steve thanked all the members who brought in non-perishable food items for the Waukesha Food Pantry.

Secretary's Report:

- Linda Uebele gave a secretary's report for the month of November. The minutes were accepted as read.

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Treasurer's Report:

- In the absence of Jim Young, Ron gave a Treasurer's report for the month of November. The report was accepted as presented
- **Sunshine Committee**
- Judy Sodemann had nothing to report.

Old Business

- Bob Merner is always looking for cars or car related articles to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter*.

New Business.

The meeting was adjourned

Waukesha Old Car Club Meeting Highlights

January 13, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President, Ron Herman.

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance. The Officers and Board Members were introduced

There were no new members or guests.

Presidents Report: Ron reviewed what was discussed at the Board Meeting.

- The club is still looking for a member to fill the position of club treasurer, if you are interested contact Ron Herman
- The board has decided the opening time for the car show entrance gate will be 7:30a. This will allow more time for the workers to get setup for the participants.
- The board will evaluate having a DJ versus a live band at the car show.
- The cost for table center pieces should be capped at \$200.00. The members involved will bring ideas and quotes to the February meeting for discussion.
- Ron Herman met with Robert's meats to verify that they will be providing and cooking the meat at the car show.
- Please review the car show to-do list, we would like you to confirm that you will be able to do what is on the list.

Vice Presidents Report:

Steve talked about the Appreciation Dinner on March 15th. More information on that is on page 7. Members who will be receiving awards are listed on page 6.

Secretary's Report:

- Marsha Golla gave a report from the December meeting, the report was accepted .



Treasurer's Report:

- Ron Hermsn gave a Treasurer's report for the month of December. The report was accepted as presented
- **Sunshine Committee**
- Nothing to report

Old Business

- Bob Merner is always looking for cars or car related articles to be featured in the *Spark and Sputter*.

New Business.

The meeting was adjourned



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Contact Linda Uebele 262-352-1040

THE CLUB PLANS TO PUBLISH A NEW ROSTER IN EARLY 2025.

NOW IS THE TIME TO MAKE CHANGES

CONTACT STEVE HEINEMANN

Appreciation Dinner and Awards

Saturday, March 15th, at the Delafield Brewhaus,
3832 Hillside Dr., Delafield, WI.

Enter the lower level of the restaurant on the west side.

Member cost is \$17.00 per person. Please have your reservations in by March 8
You can pay at the February meeting or mail your check to
WOCC, PO Box 645, Waukesha, WI 53187 by March 1th.

Cocktails at 5pm, Buffet Dinner at 6pm

Get ticket from Ron W. for soda and beer, cash bar for cocktails and wine.

Buffet Dinner includes your choice of Old Fashion Baked Ham, Herb Roasted Chicken, Beef Tenderloin Tips, Sour Cream Chive Mashed Potatoes, California Vegetables Blend, Tossed Green Salad and Dressing, Dinner rolls and Butter. Coffee, Tea or Milk and dessert.

Come enjoy our WOCC Member Appreciation Dinner
Celebrate those receiving awards

The Members receiving Awards

Gene Bledow	45 years
Ron and Bonnie Herman	20 years
Greg LaFratta	20 years
Tim and Judie Parworth	20 years
Tom and Trina Sznaider	20 years
Jon Wiesenthal	20 years
Tony and Sue Crimi	15 years
Pete and Ann Chojnacki	10 years
Les and Judy Fiore	10 years
James and Debra Stein	10 years
Robin Gollnick	5 years
Viktor O'Melia	5 years
Sara Treleven	5 years

Hopefully those receiving awards are able to attend

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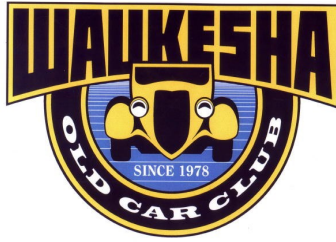
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Club Activities & Other Fun Things To Do

Calendar updated as changes occur

February	10	WOCC Club Meeting at 7:30, Board meets prior to club meeting
	15	Southeast Wisconsin Car Show get together 12-4
	23	Model A Ford Club Swap Meet, Washington County Fairgrounds
March	10	WOCC Club Meeting at 7:30, Board meets prior to club meeting
	15	Appreciation Banquet @ Delafield Brewhaus
April	TDD	Miller Brewery tour
	14	WOCC Club Meeting at 7:30, Board meets prior to club meeting