



**President's
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Greetings for July

Things heated up in June, and not just the weather. Club activities came hot and heavy with the Spring Run on June 9th, the Sonic Corvette Night on June 11th, the Old Settlers Day Parade on June 16th, the Progressive Dinner on June 23rd, and the Autocross Training on June 30th. I hope you were able to participate in some of these fun events.

There are always many volunteers to thank for their efforts. Jeff and Onie for the Spring Run, Brent, Jennifer, Barry, Caroline, Steve and Barb for the Progressive Dinner, Tanua for the Sonic Night, Dennis for the Parade, and Jack, Janet, Dale, and Caroline for the Autocross Training.

New events that will have happened before you read this include the 4th of July Parade and the Autocross at Wilmot Mountain Tubing Chalet.

The upcoming events include a Mini Run on July 15, the Girls Run on July 28, the Elkhart Lake Cruise to the Race on August 5, the Freeport Cruise Night on August 11, the Farm and Fleet Car Show on August 18, and the Club Picnic on August 25.

There is another opportunity to take your car out. On July 11, Culver's of Beloit is hosting its annual Cruising for a Cure, a fund raiser for cancer research.

At this month's meeting we talked about signing up for the Caravan to the Museum in 2019. If anyone is considering it, give me a call and we can talk about it some more.

As you can see, we have lots of opportunities to join in the fun. I look forward to seeing you all at these events.

For my personal revelation this month I want to talk about road rage. I have been on both sides of the issue and I can relate to the problem in a number of incidents. One of my oldest memories of when I slipped into the bad decision making role was when I was being tailgated at night by someone with the headlights on bright. After several miles I hit my brakes hard enough to make my car nose dive enough to make the following car have to try to make a panic stop, but I immediately accelerated to try to avoid the rear end collision. Fortunately that worked, but it could have easily been a major crash. It was definitely not worth the risk just to get rid of the discomfort of the bright headlights.

On the other side of the issue was on one of our frequent trips to Iowa with the family loaded in the car. We popped over a hill and quickly overtook a semi-truck, so I passed it. The truck accelerated and tailgated us into the next small town. The truck started to pass us and as he came alongside, the truck moved toward our car and forced us up over the curb onto the grass. Luckily there were no signs to run into. The truck then slowed to a crawl as we continued thru town. I thought he might stay at that speed indefinitely, so I tried to pass in front of the police station (hoping the police would stop us – no luck) and he blocked the attempt. A few blocks further, the truck turned off on another route and the driver hung out the door and shook his fist at us. The incident left us so shaken that we did not know what to do. I still do not know what I did to set him off, but I believe he was capable of subjecting us to major injury while he was enraged. I hope we all have better control of our emotions while driving, including me.

If you have any questions or concerns about the club, please let me know.

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