

Greetings for March



***President's
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We got back on track with the March meeting being the first Sunday of the month. The weather had been so nice the week before our meeting there seemed to be a fair amount of optimism that spring was just around the corner. Unfortunately this week following the meeting has been back to winter with snow, wind, and cold.

We thank Ken and Cindy Starzyk for hosting the Bowling Party on February 17th. I believe there were more diners at Old Chicago afterward than there were bowlers (that included Louise and me). Ken had trophies to hand out to the best and worst scores.

Gene and Karin Alfors are hosting the Wine Tasting Party on March 17th. Details are on the Web site. You should have signed up by now.

It was announced that all club activities now require a signed waiver for all those attending for insurance purposes.

There are several changes being considered for the By-Laws so if you are aware of anything that needs to be updated, please let me know so we can consider it at the same time as the other changes (proposed changes can be found in the March newsletter).

I am changing the topic this month to a more relevant subject. After the meeting, Steve asked me when I thought it would be safe to get the Corvettes back on the road without concern about salt on the road. It made me think about the various concerns for getting cars in and out of storage. The experts talk about putting the car on stands to keep the tires round and fresh liquids. They also talk about electrical checks like turn signals and head lights. I have to admit that I am not very conscientious about car storage. I don't do most of the things that the experts recommend.

When I finally get ready to drive the cars that have not run for a long time I essentially just try to start them up and see what happens. I do have a "Battery Tender" on the Corvette and that seems to be adequate for keeping the battery charged. I did have one of the run flat tires show zero air pressure after last winter, but that tire held air all last summer so it will be interesting to see if there is an issue this year.

The garage space that I use is dry, although not heated. There are no extreme temperature swings to cause a lot of moisture condensation. I do play it safe with some "Sta-Bil" in the gas for the winter. I have never experienced significant start up issues (knock on wood). I usually need to get some dust off the car even with a good car cover.

By the time I get around to driving the stored cars in the spring there usually has been some rains to wash the salt off the roads but there might still be some sand at low travel spots on the road. I drive in the rain, if need be. So I guess I just consider it one of the necessities of enjoying the Corvette to take some risks with the roads when it comes out of storage.

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

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