



# Bow Tie

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## Director's Notes

April was our last indoor meeting until Fall. The Chevy cooks outdid themselves again, they were all "BLUE RIBBON" sweets and each one was delicious. Thanks to Mike Zimmermann, Gene Casperson, and Bob Swanson for sharing their stories on how they got started collecting Chevy's.

So the 'ole Chevy's are on the Road Again. May 2<sup>nd</sup> is our Annual Fish Fry, which is always a good time and we love to see those Chevy's out.

During the upcoming summer months, please check your Bow Tie for updates. The calendar now includes the Lutheran Manor Show, the picnic and locations where we will go after the parades for those that want to join us for a bite to eat.

We were glad to hear that those that have been under the weather are all doing great and can't wait to see them back in their Chevy's this summer.

Thanks again to all who made treats for the April meeting. They were great!

Your director,

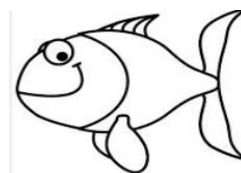
*JoAnn Swanson*

## Glad to hear you are home

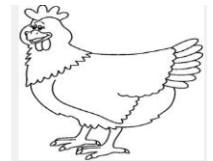
Please keep Gloria Morris in your thoughts. She is home but could use some cards to cheer her up.

## *Cruise Night*

Come on out and cruise for all you can eat fish and chicken. We have put our request in for fantastic weather so we hope that you can come out and join us.



We are meeting at the Kohl's parking lot in Sussex at 6:00.



Our destination is the Maple Inn in Ashippun. The Internet shows it in Ixonia.

N887 State Road 67, Ixonia (920) 474-7527

Please contact Mike Zimmermann if you anticipate coming. Also let him know if you will be meeting us at the restaurant versus cruising with us to get there.

Mike 262-306-9367

## ICE CREAM CRUISE

We will be cruising to Wayne's Drive-In, in Cedarburg on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The cruise will start at 1:00 p.m., meeting in the Hillcrest parking lot on the northeast corner, behind the Clark station, on Pilgrim and County Line Road (Hwy. Q) in Germantown. (There is signage for Marcos Pizza.) Our intention is to make a stop in Jackson at Jackson's Crossings to see Don and Evelyn Miller. (We will check that morning to see if they are up for a visit.) From there, we will proceed to Wayne's Drive-in for Ice Cream. (Wayne's Drive-in is located on Hwy. 60 and the 5 corners of Cedarburg.) The cruise will end there. Hope you can make it!



## HISTORY OF THE CAR RADIO

Seems like cars have always had radios, but they didn't. Here's the true story:

One evening, in 1929, two young men named William Lear and Elmer Wavering drove their girlfriends to a lookout point high above the Mississippi River town of Quincy, IL to watch the sunset. It was a romantic night to be sure, but one of the women observed that it would be even nicer if they could listen to music in the car. Lear and Wavering liked the idea. Both men had tinkered with radios (Lear had served as a radio operator in the U.S. Navy during WW I) and it wasn't long before they were taking apart a home radio and trying to get it to work in a car. But it wasn't as easy as it sounds. Automobiles have ignition switches, generators, spark plugs, and other electrical equipment that generate noisy static interference, making it nearly impossible to listen to the radio when the engine was running. One by one, Lear and

Wavering identified and eliminated each source of electrical interference. When they finally got their radio to work, they took it to a radio convention in Chicago. There they met Paul Galvin, owner of Galvin Manufacturing Corp. He made a product called a "battery eliminator," a device that allowed battery-powered radios to run on household AC current. But as more homes were wired for electricity more radio manufacturers made AC-powered radios. Galvin needed a new product to manufacture. When he met Lear and Wavering at the radio convention, he found it. He believed that mass-produced, affordable car radios had the potential to become a huge business. Lear and Wavering set up shop in Galvin's factory, and when they perfected their first radio, they installed it in his Studebaker.

Then Galvin went to a local banker to apply for a loan. Thinking it might sweeten the deal, he had his men install a radio in the banker's Packard. Good idea, but it didn't work -- half an hour after the installation, the banker's Packard caught on fire. (They didn't get the loan.) Galvin didn't give up. He drove his Studebaker nearly 800 miles to Atlantic City to show off the radio at the 1930 Radio Manufacturers Association convention. Too broke to afford a booth, he parked the car outside the convention hall and cranked up the radio so that passing conventioners could hear it. That idea worked -- he got enough orders to put the radio into production. (More to come in a later edition.)

## Andrew Chevrolet Show

The Andrew Chevrolet Show is set for June 22<sup>nd</sup>. Several of our members will be headed back from attending the 38<sup>th</sup> Middle West Meet in Colorado and probably **NOT** be back in time to help that day. For those that will not be attending the show in Colorado, we really could use your assistance parking cars or assisting with registration. Registrants start arriving shortly after 8:00 a.m. and we have things wrapped up close to 1:00 p.m. There really is not much to it so if you have not helped out before, don't be concerned. There will be members there that can show you the ropes.

# WI Region VCCA Calendar of Events

May	2	Cruise Night / Fish & Chicken Fry	Ashippun
June	8	Cruise / Ice Cream	Cedarburg
June	16-20	38 <sup>th</sup> Middle West Meet	Colorado Springs, CO
June	22	Andrew Chevrolet Show	Glendale
July	4	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Parade <i>[Post parade at Maxim's to grab bite to eat for those that wish to join us (180<sup>th</sup> &amp; Capitol Dr.)]</i>	Brookfield
July	13	Lions Daze Parade (9:00 a.m. line up) <i>[Post parade at Culver's to eat for anyone that wishes to come (Main &amp; Hwy 164)]</i>	Sussex, WI
Aug	10	Picnic – Rotary Park (site #2)	Menomonee Falls
Aug	17	Bergstrom Classic	Milwaukee
Sept	6	Luther Manor Show (4545 N. 92 <sup>nd</sup> St.)	Milwaukee
Sept	12-14	Tri-Tour hosted by Packerland	Manitowoc
October	19	Meeting / Tailgate Party	McKinley Lodge
November	16	Meeting / Chili Dump	McKinley Lodge
December	14	Christmas Party	McKinley Lodge



All indoor meetings are held at McKinley Lodge. McKinley Lodge is located less than one (1) mile north of Capitol Drive on Pilgrim Road. Meetings are held at 1:30 p.m. typically on the third Sunday during October, November, December, February, March and April.

## May Birthdays

- 11<sup>th</sup> *Edgar Denzin*
- 11<sup>th</sup> *Marie Romppainen*
- 26<sup>th</sup> *John Romppainen*



### Lionel Club Show

May 18<sup>th</sup> 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. **FREE**  
2721 South Calhoun Road, New Berlin  
Rear of the Parkland Plaza Bldg.

The Studebaker and Corvair Clubs have been invited, but all are welcome. Their clubhouse will be open with over 3000 sq. feet of train layouts.

The deadline for the June Bow Tie is May 27<sup>th</sup>. Please send any information you have for this issue by then.

***Thank you!***