

The Heartbeat of Indy



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Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's, November 19th, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 p.m. with a welcome to everyone by President, Pat Hogan. New members were introduced: Rich Miller, who joined last week, but not here tonight; Ed and Carolyn James; Charles and Tammy Burke; Jim and Dee Brown. Pat asked for any corrections, additions, or deletions to the minutes of the meeting of November 5, 2012. A motion to accept the minutes as printed was made by Jim Walton and seconded by Robert Scott; the motion carried. OFFICERS REPORTS

Vice President, Mark Schlichter, had no report.

Secretary, Donna Schlichter, had no report, but asked everyone to please be sure to sign the waiver.

Treasurer, Lynn Poirier, reported on income, expenses, and balances.

Governor, Jim Walton, asked Barry Rector to report on the Governors' Meeting of 11/10/12. He reported that the IN Region has a new club: Corvette Lovers of Owensboro (KY). Ft. Wayne is the largest club in the IN Region with 149 members. There is the possibility of a new NCCC club, Derby City Corvette Club in Louisville, a split off from Falls City CC. There is a new category of membership being considered: "Enthusiast;" you would not be required to own a Corvette in this category. Our membership renewals have been turned in to Regional with 103 members. We are 44th out of 273 clubs in National Points standings. New IN Region Officers are: Mike Godfrey, RE; David Godfrey, RCD; Kay Clawson, Treasurer; Rita Robison, Secretary; Runyans remain RMD's; and our own Bill Lapham remains as Webmaster. There will be a new Rulebook effective January 2013. One Rules clarification: A dealer or car lot owner cannot enter a Corvette into an event if it is not their personal car. The VP of Competition is organizing the capability of doing events on-line, from Sanction Request through entering results. Travel points will be calculated from the entrant's zip code to the event location zip code. The IN Region Banquet is April 13 at the Tippecanoe Shrine Club; more details available at the February Governors' Meeting. The IN Region is making a \$500 donation to the Grissom Air Museum in gratitude for the use of their facility. There were 121 Corvettes at the Brown County weekend, slightly fewer than last year. The 2013 tentative event schedule is posted on the IN Region website. Corvette Indy's Main Event weekend tentatively has been set for June 8-9. Nationally, 1519 Sanctions were used in 2012. The National Membership database will close on 12/8 and reset on 12/16. Anyone rejoining after that will pay the new member price. Anyone giving a Future Corvette Owner's Association membership for Christmas must have application turned in by 12/1/12. The insurance premium for 2013 is \$81,949, up from \$78,520 this year. This is the single most expensive item in the budget. Blue Bars Summer Edition was mailed on 11/8. This includes the Convention materials. The Fall Edition will be out in December, and the Winter Edition is scheduled for January 2013. National Scholarship application deadline has been set for 4/27/13. The IN Region's deadline will be 5/1/13. The NCCC Raffle car will be a 2013 Torch Red coupe 3LT. The 2012 Convention finished in the black with \$7,000. The 2013 Convention will be in Bowling Green, KY, June 24-28. The 2014 Convention will be in Savannah, GA. Congratulations to our own Jim Walton as the NCCC Parliamentarian for 2013-2014.

Competition Director, Mike Gilbert, was absent so there was no report.

Membership Director, Carolyn Hogan, reported we had 117 memberships to turn in to Region. We lost a few and gained a few, resulting in the same number as last year.

Sergeant of Arms, Susie Hale, had no report, but had 50/50 charity donation tickets for sale. She thanked everyone for buying tickets.

Parliamentarian, Pam Kellam, was absent so there was no report.

Newsletter Editor, Donna Bowron, had no report.

Merchandise Director, Barry Rector, reported that the new sweatshirts are in. They come in pullover or crewneck, and in red, black, and white. We also have club jackets with logos on front, back or both. See Greg Bowron to order.

Webmaster, Bill Lapham, reported there is a video on our website of the last Drive 'n' Dine. Keep those pictures coming.

Social Director, Greg Bowron, reported that there are only a few activities left this season. There will be a Drive 'n' Dine this Wednesday, weather permitting; meet at Laphams at 1:00. The Christmas party will be at Claddagh Irish Pub on 96th Street on December 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the back room. 54 people have signed up to attend. The Elvis tribute is January 11. Laphams will be hosting a winter party/pitch-in in January, and Noelles will be hosting one in February. If you are new to the club, this is a good way to get acquainted with a lot of people.

OLD BUSINESS Thanks to the Laphams for hosting the Drive 'n' Dine on Saturday.

NEW BUSINESS Brent Williams went to the east coast to help the victims of hurricane Sandy. Jack Houtman was contacted by the Westfield activities person, who is requesting a red convertible for November 30.

John Albright reported the annual Spina Bifada holiday party is December 1. We normally make a donation for the picnic and another for the party. Since we didn't make one for the picnic this year, he thought it would be appropriate to make a combined contribution at this time. Mel Minion made a motion to donate \$700 to the Spina Bifada Foundation. Mark Schlichter seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Everyone is welcome to attend. With no further business to come before the club, Jim Walton made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mel Minion, and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Donna Schlichter, Secretary 50/50 charity donation winner was John Herder.

Calendar of Events - 2012/2013

November 21 st	Retiree & Hooky Players' Drive N Dine
December 3	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
December 8th	Corvette Indy Christmas Dinner at Claddagh
January 7th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
January 11th	ELVIS Tribute Show
January 26th	Lapham's Winter Party
February 4th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
February 16th	Noelle's Winter Party
March date TBA	MVP Track Time at Austin, TX
March 4th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
March 18th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
April 1st	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
April 15th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
May 6th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
May 20th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
June 3rd	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
June 17th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
July 1st	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
July 15th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
August 5th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
August 19th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
September 2nd	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
September 16th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
October 7th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
October 21st	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
November 4th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
November 18th	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's
December 2nd	Corvette Indy Meeting at Champp's

CORVETTERS ON THE GO!

Continuous Yellow Rose Carriage Rides [Downtown Indianapolis](#) Various times \$50 for 25 minutes; \$100 for hour

Now - Jan. 6 Christmas at Lilly House [Indianapolis Museum of Art](#) Tue. - Sat. 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. FREE

Now - Jan. 9 Jingle Rails: The Great Western Adventure [Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians & Western Art](#) Mon. - Sat. 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sun. noon - 5 p.m. \$8; \$7 seniors; \$5 children ages 5 - 17 and students; FREE ages 4 & under

Now - April 27 Indy Winter Farmers Market [Indianapolis City Market](#) Sat. 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Various prices

Nov. 21 Night Before Thanksgiving Bash [Rathskeller at the Athenaeum](#) 8 p.m. - midnight FREE

Nov. 21 & 23 Indiana Pacers vs. New Orleans Hornets (21); vs. San Antonio Spurs (23) [Bankers Life Fieldhouse](#) 7 p.m. (Nov. 21); 8 p.m. (Nov. 23) \$10 - \$200

Nov. 21 Indiana Ice vs. Youngstown Phantoms [Pan Am Plaza](#) 7 p.m. \$10

Nov. 23 & 24 IHSAA Boys State Football Finals [Lucas Oil Stadium](#) Fri. 3:30 & 7 p.m.; Sat. noon, 3:30 & 7:05 p.m. \$10

Nov. 24 Carrie Underwood "The Blown Away Tour" [Bankers Life Fieldhouse](#) 7:30 p.m. \$65 - \$500+

Nov. 24 Handmade Indiana [Indiana State Museum](#) 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. FREE with admission

Nov. 25 Indianapolis Colts vs. Buffalo Bills [Lucas Oil Stadium](#) 1 p.m. Various Prices

Nov. 25 Chris Isaak [Old National Centre](#) 7:30 p.m. \$19.50 - \$85

Nov. 27 - Dec. 13 Mistletoe Music Festival [Indianapolis Artsgarden](#) Tue. - Thu. 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. FREE

EARNING YOUR BEADS! Now you don't have to go to New Orleans or the Jerry Springer show to earn your beads! GREEN BEADS are awarded the Drive N Dine host DRIVER. Those that have earned their GREEN BEADS so far this year are: Greg Bowron, Butch DeWitt, Dean Dolbee, Susie Hale, Carol Hogan, Bill Lapham, Erika Lapham and Robert Scott. BLUE BEADS are awarded for the "co-pilot" host. Those that have earned their BLUE BEADS this year are Donna Bowron, Tammy DeWitt, Zoe Dolbee, Erika Lapham, Dottie (Carol's mom) and Terry Sitzer. Randy & Sherry Sprague will receive honorary mention (purple beads) as they planned a Drive N Dine and then rain clouds over Greenfield caused them to cancel at the last hour. Hopefully they will get to run that route at a later date. The Drive N Dines are great fun to go on and can be even more fun to host! We hope more people decide to earn their beads and host an event because more hosts mean different driving routes, new restaurants and greater fun! If you would like to earn you beads, contact Greg Bowron as there is help available from him or Bill Lapham to help you plan a successful first event.



Mid America Discount: As a reminder, Greg Bowron has set up a club discount with Mid America of 10% off and free shipping when we have a combined order of at least \$500. Their rules say that the orders must be placed by the designated club order person, must be charged to a single charge card and delivered to a single address. If you want to place an order contact Greg and he will issue the order when he has enough total orders to meet the minimum requirements. Ndirishr1@hotmail.com

PROJECT UPDATES: If you have a project you are working on that you would like to share with club members, please send pictures to Greg at ndirishr1@hotmail.com Boys and their toys

RECENT EVENTS:

Retiree & Hooky Players' Drive N Dine; Thursday, Nov 8th, 1PM

As the season winds down the Retirees & Hooky Players Drive N Dines are becoming more precious. On November 8, on what turned out be a very cloudy Thursday, eight were able to make the drive including one true hooky player. Those able to make it were host Bill, Andy & Sarah, Susie & Terry, Jack, Jim, and Greg. Abuelo's was the day's destination, but it was decided that Susie needed a Stucky Farm run on the way to the Lowes / 146st area. Taking some back roads from Stuckys we finally got on SR38 so we could use the new 31 underpass that recently opened. Then we made our way down Hazel Dell to 146st and west to our destination. A good lunch was had by everyone there accompanied by winterizing your Corvette talk as it is getting close to that time of year. Once done the group broke up with high hopes that the following Sunday would bring a good day for a planned Sunday Drive.



Veterans' Day Parade, Saturday, November 10th:

The day, November 10, had a special meaning for those VETTERan's that have served as number of the club members took part in this year's Veterans Day Parade. All services were represented from Corvette Indy along with supporters that made the event that much more meaningful. The weather turned out to be extremely beautiful for this time of the year. Most of the group met at Greg & Donna Bowron's house and we all caravanned downtown together. There we had ample time to enjoy the warming sunshine as we visited with club members. Once the parade was underway the group started off side by side but eventually went 3 wide. Afterwards it was a bit of confusion as several members somehow found Shapiro's for a nice lunch where the suggestion was to get the Corned Beef sandwich which was mouth watering. Those in the parade were Greg & Donna Bowron, Chris & Paula White, Dick & Bonnie Pacetti, Jim & Shelly Noelle, Rich & Suznne Bellville, Bill & Cheryl Reynolds, Wylie & Rita Etscheid, Pat Hogan. Randy & Sherry Sprague, Susie Hale & Terry Sitzer, James Burt & Casey Burt, Jeff Balow, and John Herder all who really feel proud that they had the privilege to be a part of the day. As can be seen from the pictures the Veterans had as much fun seeing the Corvettes as the Club members had being part of their parade.





Drive N Dine; Sunday, Nov 11th, 12:30PM A sunny and unseasonably warm Veterans Day made the perfect opportunity for a Drive N Dine. Along with the hosts Greg & Donna Bowron, those on the trip were Rich & Suzanne Bellville, Pat & Carolyn Hogan, Susie Hale & passenger Shelley "Nervous" Noelle, Mel & Norma Minion, Randy & Sherry Sprague, Mike & Linda Tann, Sarah Lee, Wylie & Rita Etscheid, Jeff Balow & Charity N, Doug & Arminta Inbody, Dick & Bonnie Pacetti, Chris & Paula White, and Bill Lapham (who made a brief appearance in the middle of the drive). Greg started us out with an inspection of many of the traffic circles in Carmel, then up Little Eagle Creek Road and North on Spring Mill across 206th street and South on Mule Barn where Bill joined the group in his '70 Vette that he had just picked up from his "car guy". Bill made it almost 2 miles before blowing a heater hose and adding some excitement. After the hose failure with several of the members stopping to assist, the remaining group, less the '70 and Mike & Linda, got back together and headed for more back roads on the way to Rick's Boathouse. Mike had apparently taken off on a scavenger hunt for some duck tape to help Bill wrap his blown heater hose and with the limitations of the 2 way radios the group was about 3 or 4 miles back into the cruise before Greg realized that Mike & Linda were no longer in the caravan. There were several points along the cruise that some of the group had to wonder if Greg really knew where the heck he was or if they were hopelessly lost somewhere in Illinois. (Where is Bill with his GPS when you need him?) It was about this time that an SOS rang out from Dick Pacetti. Dick was fast running out of gas and had alternate motives for needing a stop. Problem solved when the Inbody's guided Dick & Bonnie to a filling station that had both gasoline and plumbing! When we got to Rick's Mike & Linda were sitting there grinning and holding down our tables as after completing the scavenger hunt they had taken a more direct route to food. Everyone had a great lunch and much to talk about after the excitement of the day's drive. A fun time as usual! The season is winding down, but what a nice way to take advantage of a true Indiana Indian Summer Day of sun and temperatures in the high 60's!





Drive N Dine; Saturday, Nov 17th On Saturday November 17, the Corvette Indy group met for another Drive N Dine that started at hosts Bill & Erika Lapham's house. Along with the hosts, those able to take advantage of the beautiful day, were Pat & Carol Hogan, Dick & Bonnie Pacetti, Robert Scott, Jim Shaver, Jim & Shelley Noelle, Doug & Arminta Inbody, Mark & Donna Schlichter, and new members on their first Drive N Dine Rick & Monica. Bill led the first leg of the trip with the group winding their way up to SR38 where Robert took the lead. Once in the lead Robert took a few more back roads to finally get to Little Chicago Road and then Carrigan Road before turning on to Hague Road and Wolfie's. It was a beautiful day for a drive and a good day for lunch in a very quiet restaurant with football games on TV. Once done, a good part of the group headed back over to and down Little Chicago Road to SR32. From there each Corvette would split off and say their farewells via the radios as they headed home.



Upcoming Events:

Watch for Emails on Monday lunches at the Claddagh this winter. Monday is buy 1 get 1 on fish and chips.

Spina Bifida Association Holiday Party; Dec 1st, 11AM Lunch at 11:30am, bring a salad or appetizer if your last name begins with A-M or side dish if N-Z, SBAIN will provide sandwiches, drinks and deserts. Santa at 12:15PM. St. Andrews, 3535 Kessler Blvd N Dr.

CHRISTMAS DINNER; Claddagh, Saturday, December 8th We will hold a Christmas dinner at the Claddagh again this year (just east of Keystone on 96th Street). You will be able to order off the regular menu and we will have the large area by the fireplace reserved for our use. Dinner will start at 6:30PM. The Claddagh plans to start playing Irish music on Saturday nights starting about 8:30PM so you can stay after dinner for entertainment if you wish. Please email Greg at ndirishr1@hotmail.com if you would like to attend. So far: John & Diana Albright, Jeff Balow & Charity Nowling, Rich & Suzanne Bellville, Greg & Donna Bowron, Butch & Tammy DeWitt, Wylie & Rita Etscheid, Susie Hale & Terry Sitzer, Doug & Mary Harp, John & Marg Herder, Jack & Diane Houtman, Darrel & Beth Hymer, Doug & Arminta Inbody, Pam & Jim Kellam, Bill & Erika Lapham, Sarah & Andy Lawrence, Mike & Paulette Lewis, Mel & Norma Minion, Dick & Bonnie Pacetti, Bill & Cheryl Reynolds, Mark & Donna Schlichter, Robert Scott and guest, Tom Sifferman & friend, Tom & Nancy Summers, Mike & Linda Tann, Jim & Claudine Walton, Chris & Paula White, Bob & Barb Young,.



ELVIS Tribute; January 11th, 2013

ALL: Donna and I have been to this several times and if you like Elvis this show is worth the money... these guys are very, very good! If you are interested in going please buy your own tickets when they go on sale on October 24th and we can make plans later to meet for dinner before the show. To borrow some corn from earlier this year... "One Night" on January 13th Dean & Zoe Dolbee. Phillip Bronicki, and his 88 year old dad (wearing his Elvis shirt) and Greg & Donna Bowron met for dinner at the Cracker Barrel. It was very cold and snowy and there was not a Vette in sight. The parking lot was slippery so Greg told Donna to hang on tight as he didn't want her to say "I slipped, I stumbled, I fell..." At that point Donna replied I'm "doin' the best I can" "Lover Boy" and if you don't want "Trouble" "I Beg of You", "Don't" start those terrible puns or you'll be "Lonesome Tonight!" Greg replied, "That's All Right" "Don't Leave Me Now", I'll be "Any Way You Want Me" so try to "Treat Me Nice". Donna said "What'd I say?" Do you want to be a "Lonely Man"? Greg replied that's "Such An Easy Question" just "Kiss Me Quick" as I "Surrender". I was just "Trying To Get To You" so "Don't be cruel" like a "Hard Headed Woman", let's just shake hands so there will be "Peace In The Valley" and go eat but not "Too Much" as we're "goin' to a party". Donna groaned and said Lord "Help me make it through the night!" They headed in for some good food and good company. After dinner they decided "It's Now or Never" so let's go "Rip It Up" and have "a little less conversation and a little more satisfaction" so "Hot Dog!" we rolled "Way Down" to the Pike Performing Arts Center and the Elvis Birthday Tribute show. During the show Greg was momentarily "Paralyzed" and just missed catching Donna a "Teddy Bear". Greg apologized to Donna on the near miss and said "It hurts me" and I'm "Indescribably Blue" that I didn't get you that little "Good Luck Charm". Donna said "Baby I don't Care" I guess I'm just "Stuck On You" and maybe its just "Sentimental Me" but you are "Always On My Mind". Greg said no wonder "I can't help falling in love" with you! The annual tribute show consisted of 3 artists that depicted 3 stages of the King's career; the early years, a leather clad "'68 Comeback Special" Elvis, and a sequined white jump suit "Vegas" Years Elvis. It was a show that "Memories" are made from and if there is a better Elvis tribute anywhere else "I really don't want to know!" If you are an Elvis fan "Didja Ever" see this tribute? If not "I'll remember you" and invite the club again to next year's event!

Thank you, thank you very much! Pike Performing Arts Center, Indianapolis, IN; Show is on Friday, January 11, 2013 at 8:00 PM; Tickets: \$49.50, \$35.50, \$19.00; Tickets are on sale Wednesday, October 24, 2012; Phone: 317-216-5455 Online: www.PikePAC.org Or at the Pike Performing Arts box office: 6701 Zionsville Road Show features: Shawn Klush, Cody Ray Slaughter, Donny Edwards, D.J. Fontana, Sweet Inspirations, and The Blackwood Quartet So Far: Greg & Donna Bowron, Greg Bowron & Allie, Dean & Zoe Dolbee, Doug & Mary Harp



Lapham's Winter Party, January 26th If you are interested in attending a winter party at Bill & Erika's house please indicate your interest by emailing Greg at ndirishr1@hotmail.com to sign up. Details to be announced but last year's pitch in was a great success and a lot of fun for all! So Far: Rich & Suzanne Bellville, Greg & Donna Bowron, Butch & Tammy DeWitt, Dean & Zoe Dolbee, Wylie & Rita Etscheid, Pat & Carol Hogan, Doug & Arminta Inbody, Jim & Pam Kellam, Bill & Erika Lapham, Sarah Lee, Jim & Shelley Noelle, Dick & Bonnie Pacetti, Robert Scott, Randy & Sherry Sprague.



Noelle's Winter Party, February 16th If you are interested in attending a winter party at Jim & Shelley's house please indicate your interest by emailing Greg at ndirishr1@hotmail.com to sign up. Details to be announced. So Far: Rich & Suzanne Bellville, Greg & Donna Bowron, John & Barb Burkhardt, Butch & Tammy DeWitt, Dean & Zoe Dolbee, Wylie & Rita Etscheid, John & Marg Herder, Pat & Carol Hogan, Doug & Arminta Inbody, Pam & Jim Kellam, Bill & Erika Lapham, Sarah Lee, Dick & Bonnie Pacetti, Robert Scott, Randy & Sherry Sprague.

MVP Track Time - 2013 Circuit of The Americas Track Weekend; March 2013 Good Day All: Hopefully the subject line caught your attention. Since you are reading this, I trust you may be intrigued by the idea of driving on America's newest F1 track in Austin, Texas. For some time, MVP Track Time has been in conversations with the new US Formula 1 track, Circuit of The Americas (COTA) [<http://circuitoftheamericas.com>], in Austin, Texas about renting the F1 track for a track weekend. Would you like to drive the same track Alonso, Vettel, Raikkonen and Button will race on in The USA, before they do? It appears I'm not the only one who'd like to drive COTA, as conversations with many attendees at our track events has been positive about the idea of a COTA track event. The purpose of this e-mail is to determine if the commitment is there from MVP Track Time's clientele. This is a very ambitious commitment (After all they spent something along the lines of \$250M building COTA) on MVP's behalf and I need to see if we can make this work. Here's the skinny if MVP jumps in to rent Circuit of The Americas. The track event will probably be a three day weekend event, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but we are inquiring about Saturday & Sunday only as well. (Offer your opinion) Preliminary dates are March 15-17, 2013 for three days, or March 16-17, 2013 for two days. Due to the track rental cost we must switch to a four(4) run-group format instead of our usual three run-group format, **BUT** we will schedule four longer sessions each day for each run group, so we still schedule approximately two hours of track time daily for each run group. Realistically for each driver, figure \$600-\$650 if we only go Saturday & Sunday, or \$750-\$850 if we go Friday-Saturday-Sunday. I'm leaning toward 3 days because of my drive from St. Louis. What MVP needs from each of you is a verbal or e-mailed "Yes" or "No" to determine if we go beyond this e-mail. We are not yet asking for any entry fees or registrations yet, just a pseudo survey to gauge interest. Please take a few minutes to think it over, have the discussion now with your significant other (My wife has already said I can go play in Austin!) and then drop me a *Yeah* or *Nay* e-mail at Feffman@MVPTrackTime.com or call me at (314) 249-3770. Circuit of The Americas, home of The US Grand Prix for the foreseeable future, is a unique 3.47 mile track event opportunity so I hope you'll join us to come drive for a long, 3-day weekend at Circuit of The Americas. I look forward to hearing from each of you. Happy Motoring. Mark Pfeiffer - President, MVP Track Time www.MVPTrackTime.com Phone: (314) 249-3770 Fax: (636) 530-6846 E-mail: Feffman@MVPTrackTime.com

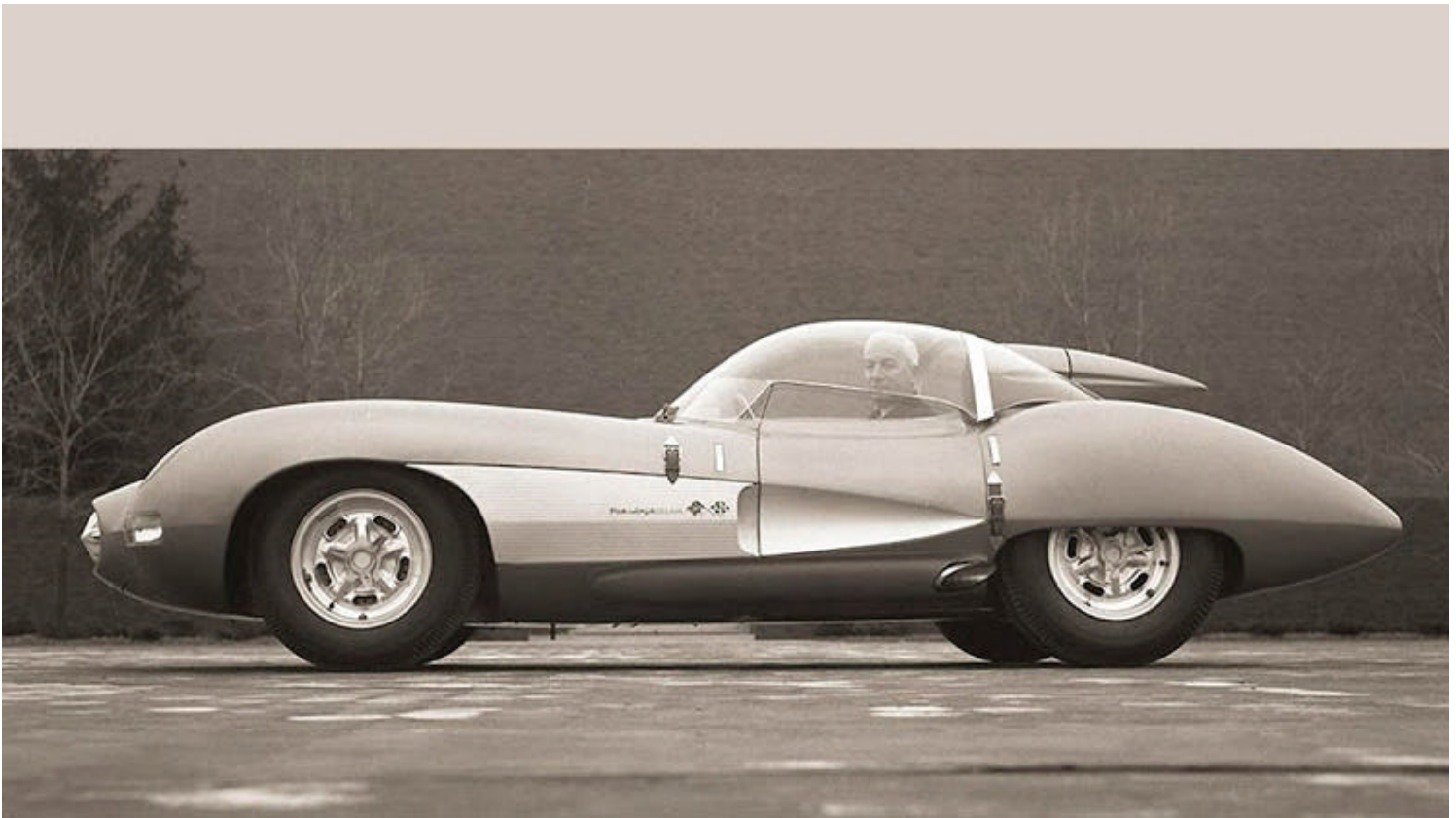
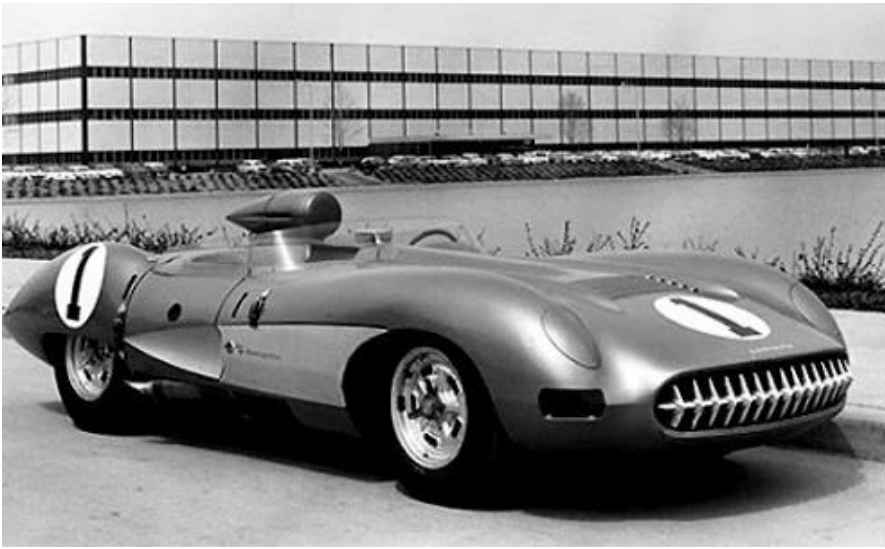
WANTED: DRIVE N DINE HOSTS!!!! If you enjoy the Drive N Dines, please consider volunteering to host an event. The Drive N Dine program will really take off when more people enjoy the experience of running their own Drive N Dine. They are easy to do and fun too. Greg will help you plan it if you would feel more comfortable your first time. Puleeze... step up and volunteer to host an event, you will be making an important contribution to your club.

Exhaust Notes
Making sense of your automotive world

Million Dollar Garage: (sent by Jack Houtman) paste the url in your browser and enjoy!

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_M0-xrF2kpA&feature=plcp

Some discarded original Corvette design makeover concepts: Xp882 Z and Aero Z - (Bob Young)



CORVETTE COOKIE CUTTER COLUMN:

Pumpkin Pecan Pie http://www.pauladeen.com/recipes/view2/pumpkin_pecan_pie/ *Recipe Courtesy of Paula Deen* Servings: 6 to 8 slices, Prep Time: 12 min, Cook Time: 1 hour, Difficulty: *Easy*

Ingredients

1 cup chopped pecans
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup canned pumpkin
4 tablespoon (1/2 stick) melted butter
1/2 cup sugar
1 cup dark corn syrup
3 eggs
1 9-inch unbaked pie shell
whipped cream

Directions: Preheat oven to 350 Degrees F. With a hand beater, beat eggs well. Beat in corn syrup, sugar, butter, pumpkin and vanilla until well-blended. Arrange pecans in bottom of pie shell. Slowly pour egg mixture over them. Bake for 1 hour or until knife inserted 1 inch from edge comes out clean. Let cool completely before serving to allow the filling to set up. Garnish with whipped cream.

Strawberry Rhubarb Crumble <http://www.foodnetwork.com/recipes/guy-fieri/strawberry-rhubarb-crumble-recipe/index.html> *Recipe courtesy Guy Fieri* Total Time: 45 min Prep 20 min Inactive 5 min Cook 20 min Yield: 4 servings

Ingredients

Almond Crumble Topping:

- 3/4 cup slivered almonds, toasted
- 1 cup all-purpose flour
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1 stick butter

Crumble:

- 6 cups rhubarb, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 1 cup roughly chopped strawberries
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 2 tablespoons cornstarch
- Zest and juice of 1/2 lemon
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Topping:

- 1 cup mascarpone cheese

Directions: Preheat the oven to 375 degrees F. For the almond crumble topping: In a food processor, pulse the almonds until finely ground. Add the flour, sugar and salt. Pulse to incorporate. Add the butter and pulse until the butter is dispersed in walnut-size pieces throughout. Set aside at room temperature. For the crumble: Mix the rhubarb, strawberries, sugar, cornstarch, lemon zest and lemon juice in a large mixing bowl. Fill four 4-inch ramekins almost to the top. Sprinkle about 2 tablespoons of the almond crumble on the top and place in the oven. Bake until the filling bubbles and the topping is golden brown, about 20 minutes. Let stand for 5 minutes. For the topping: Using a whisk or whisk attachment and stand mixer, whip the mascarpone on medium-high speed for about 2 minutes, to increase the volume. Reserve and refrigerate until ready for use. To serve: Once rested, top each ramekin with 2 tablespoons of whipped mascarpone.

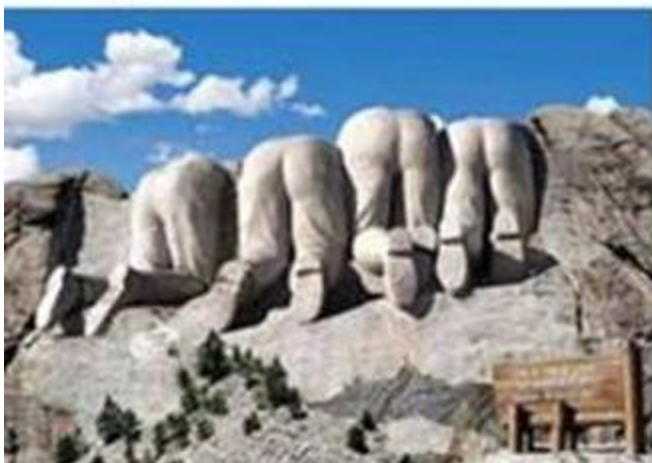
CORVETTES & THE LIGHTER SIDE:

My Travel Plans for 2013: (D Pacetti) I have been in many places, but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my children, friends, family and work. I would like to go to Conclusions, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. I have also been in Doubt. That is a sad place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. I've been in Flexible, but only when it was very important to stand firm. Sometimes I'm in Capable, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. One of my favorite places to be is in Suspense! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! I may have been in Continent, and I don't remember what country I was in. It's an age thing. They tell me it is very wet and damp there.

At the root of every gray hair, there is a dead brain cell. (Dick Pacetti) Someone had to remind me, So I'm reminding you, too. Don't laugh.... It is all true! Perks of reaching 50 Or being over 60 And heading towards 70 or beyond! 1. Kidnappers are not very interested in you. 2. In a hostage situation, you are likely to be released first. 3. No one expects you to run -- anywhere. 4. People call at 9 PM (or 9 AM) and ask, 'Did I wake you?' 5. People no longer view you as a hypochondriac. 6. There is nothing left to learn the hard way. 7. Things you buy now will never wear out. 8. You can eat supper at 4 PM. 9.. You can live without sex but not without your glasses. 10. You get into heated arguments about pension plans. 11. You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge. 12. You quit trying to hold your stomach in no matter who walks into the room. 13. You sing along with elevator music. 14. Your eyes won't get much worse. 15. Your investment in health insurance is finally beginning to pay off. 16. Your joints are more accurate meteorologists than the national weather service. 17. Your secrets are safe with your friends because they can't remember them either. 18. Your supply of brain cells is finally down to a manageable size. 19. You can't remember where you saw this list. 20. You had to increase the font size to read this list.



You know, there are some things that you just never think of like Mt. Rushmore from the Canadian side.



GREAT TRUTHS THAT LITTLE CHILDREN HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats.
- 2) When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair.
- 3) If your sister hits you, don't hit her back. They always catch the second person.
- 4) Never ask your 3-year old brother to hold a tomato.
- 5) You can't trust dogs to watch your food.
- 6) Don't sneeze when someone is cutting your hair.
- 7) Never hold a Dust-Buster and a cat at the same time.
- 8) You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk.
- 9) Don't wear polka-dot underwear under white shorts.
- 10) The best place to be when you're sad is Grandma's lap.

GREAT TRUTHS THAT ADULTS HAVE LEARNED:

- 1) Raising teenagers is like nailing jelly to a tree.
- 2) Wrinkles don't hurt.
- 3) Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts
- 4) Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's nut that held its ground...
- 5) Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.
- 6) Middle age is when you choose your cereal for the fiber, not the toy...

THE FOUR STAGES OF LIFE:

- 1) You believe in Santa Claus.
- 2) You don't believe in Santa Claus.
- 3) You are Santa Claus.
- 4) You look like Santa Claus.

SUCCESS:

At age 4 success is Not piddling in your pants.
At age 12 success is . . . Having friends.
At age 17 success is . . . Having a driver's license.
At age 35 success is . . . Having money.
At age 50 success is . . . Having money....
At age 70 success is Having a drivers license.
At age 75 success is Having friends.
At age 80 success is . . . Not piddling in your pants.

comments made by South Carolina Troopers : (Sherry Sprague) 1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through." 2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while." 3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document." 4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired." 5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you." 6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?" 7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?" 8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket." 9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?" 10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop." 11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven." 12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center) 13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?" 14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can." 15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail." 16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

RETARDED GRANDPARENTS (Dick Pacetti) After Christmas, a teacher asked her young pupils how they spent their holiday away from school. One child wrote the following: We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Florida where everyone lives in nice little houses, and so they don't have to mow the grass anymore ! They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore.. They go to a building called a wreck center, but they must have got it fixed because it is all okay now.. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well. There is a swimming pool too, but they all jump up and down in it with hats on. At their gate, there is a doll house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts ! Nobody there cooks, they just eat out. And, they eat the same thing every night --- early birds. Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck. My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too. When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

HOW TO START A FIGHT (Robert Scott) One year, I decided to buy my mother-in-law a cemetery plot as a Christmas gift... The next year, I didn't buy her a gift. When she asked me why, I replied, "Well, you still haven't used the gift I bought you last year!" And that's how the fight started.....

*** I took my wife to a restaurant. The waiter, for some reason, took my order first. "I'll have the rump steak, rare, please." He said, "Aren't you worried about the mad cow?" "Nah, she can order for herself." And that's when the fight started.....

*** My wife and I were sitting at a table at her high school reunion, and she kept staring at a drunken man swigging his drink as he sat alone at a nearby table. I asked her, "Do you know him?" "Yes", she sighed, "He's my old boyfriend. I understand he took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear he hasn't been sober since." "My God!" I said, "Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?"

And then the fight started... *** When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the shed, the boat, making beer.. Always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway.." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.

*** My wife sat down next to me as I was flipping channels. She asked, "What's on TV?" I said, "Dust." And then the fight started... *** Saturday morning I got up early, quietly dressed, made my lunch, and slipped quietly into the garage. I hooked the boat up to the van and proceeded to back out into a torrential downpour. The wind was blowing 50 mph, so I pulled back into the garage, turned on the radio, and discovered that the weather would be bad all day. I went back into the house, quietly undressed, and slipped back into bed. I cuddled up to my wife's back; now with a different anticipation, and whispered, "The weather out there is terrible." My loving wife of 5 years replied, "And, can you believe my stupid husband is out fishing in that?" And that's how the fight started...

*** My wife was hinting about what she wanted for our upcoming anniversary. She said, "I want something shiny that goes from 0 to over 150 in about 3 seconds." I bought her a bathroom scale. And then the fight started.....

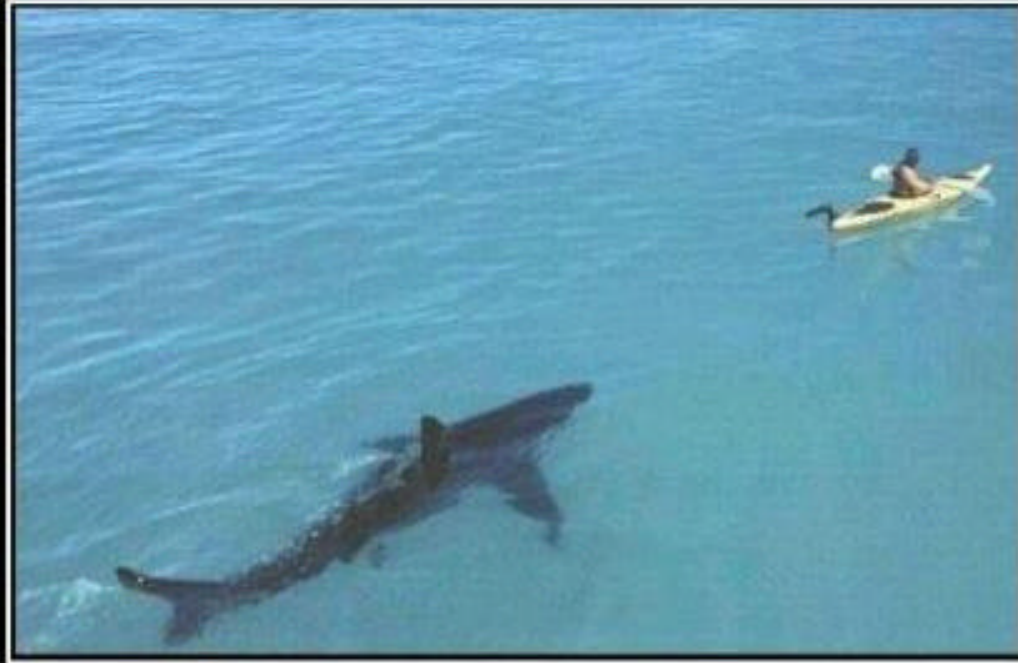
*** I rear-ended a car this morning...the start of a REALLY bad day! The driver got out of the other car, and he was a DWARF!! He looked up at me and said 'I am NOT Happy!' So I said, 'Well, which one ARE you then?' That's how the fight started

Should I Really Join Facebook? (Brandon Carroll) Read it all the way through! It's a good laugh! AND really quite true!! A good laugh for people in the over 50 group !!! When I bought my iphone, I thought about the 30-year business I ran with 1800 employees, all without a mobile phone that plays music, takes videos, pictures and communicates with Facebook and Twitter. I signed up under duress for Twitter and Facebook, so my seven kids, their spouses, 13 grand kids and 2 great grand kids could communicate with me in the modern way. I figured I could handle something as simple as Twitter with only 140 characters of space. That was before one of my grandkids hooked me up for Tweeter, Tweetree, Twhirl, Twitterfon, Tweetie and Twittererific Tweetdeck, Twitpix and something that sends every message to my cell phone and every other program within the texting World. My phone was beeping every three minutes with the details of everything except the bowel movements of my entire next generation. I am not ready to live like this. I now keep my iphone in the garage in my golf bag. The kids bought me a GPS for my last birthday because they say I get lost every now and then going over to the supermarket or library. I keep that in a box under my tool bench with the Blue tooth [it's red] phone I am supposed to use when I drive.. I used it once when I was standing in line at Coles talking to my wife and everyone within 50 mtrs was glaring at me. I had taken out my hearing aid to use it, and I was talking little loud! I mean the GPS looked pretty smart on my dash board, but the lady inside that gadget was the most annoying, rudest person I had run into in a long time. Every 10 minutes, she would sarcastically say, "Re-calc-u-lating." You would think that she could be nicer... It was like she could barely tolerate me. She would let go with a deep sigh and then tell me to make a U-turn when possible. Then if I made a right turn instead, well, it was not a good relationship.. When I get really lost now, I call my wife and tell her the name of the cross roads and while she is starting to develop the same tone as Gypsy, the GPS lady, at least she loves me. To be perfectly frank, I am still trying to learn how to use the cordless phones in our house. We have had them for 4 years, but I still haven't figured out how I can lose three phones all at once and have to run around digging under chair cushions and checking bathrooms and the dirty laundry baskets when the phone rings. The world is just getting too complex for me. They even mess me up every time I go to the supermarkets. You would think they could make a decision themselves, but this sudden "Paper or Plastic?" every time I check out just leaves me confused. I bought some of those cloth reusable bags to avoid looking stupid, but I never remember to take them with me. Now when they ask me, "Paper or Plastic?" I just say, "Doesn't matter to me. I am bi-sacksual." Then it's their turn to stare at me with a blank look. I was recently asked if I tweet. I answered, No, but I do fart a lot."

Senior citizens don't need any more gadgets. The TV remote and the garage door remote are about all we can handle..

WANTED: DRIVE N DINE HOSTS!!!! If you enjoy the Drive N Dines, please consider volunteering to host an event. The Drive N Dine program will really take off when more people enjoy the experience of running their own Drive N Dine. They are easy to do and fun too. Greg will help you plan it if you would feel more comfortable your first time. Puleeze... step up and volunteer to host an event, you will be making an important contribution to your club.

MOTIVATION:



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Some People Need More Than Others

FOOD FOR THOUGHT? WARNING # 1 While driving on a rural end of the roadway on Thursday morning, I saw an infant car seat on the side of the road with a blanket draped over it. For whatever reason, I did not stop, even though I had all kinds of thoughts running through my head. But when I got to my destination, I called the Canton PD and they were going to check it out. But, this is what the Police advised even before they went out there to check.... "There are several things to be aware of ... Gangs and thieves are now plotting different ways to get a person (mostly women) to stop their vehicle and get out of the car. "There is a gang initiation reported by the local Police Department where gangs are placing a car seat by the road...with a fake baby in it....waiting for a woman, of course, to stop and check on the abandoned baby. "Note that the location of this car seat is usually beside a wooded or grassy (field) area and the person -- woman -- will be dragged into the woods, beaten and raped, and usually left for dead. If it's a man, they're usually beaten and robbed and maybe left for dead, too. **DO NOT STOP FOR ANY REASON!!! DIAL 9-1-1 AND REPORT WHAT YOU SAW, BUT DON 'T EVEN SLOW DOWN.**

WARNING # 2 "IF YOU ARE DRIVING AT NIGHT AND EGGS ARE THROWN AT YOUR WINDSHIELD, DO NOT STOP TO CHECK YOUR CAR, DO NOT OPERATE THE WIPERS AND DO NOT SPRAY ANY WATER BECAUSE EGGS MIXED WITH WATER BECOME MILKY, AND BLOCK YOUR VISION UP TO 92.5%, AND YOU ARE THEN FORCED TO STOP BESIDE THE ROAD AND BECOME A VICTIM OF THESE CRIMINALS. THIS IS A NEW TECHNIQUE USED BY GANGS.

WARNING # 3: Some knew about the red light on cars, but not Dialing 112. It was about 1:00 p.m. In the afternoon, and Lauren was driving to visit a friend. An UNMARKED police car pulled up behind her and put his lights on. Lauren's parents have always told her to never pull over for an unmarked car on the side of the road, but rather to wait until they get to a gas station, etc. Lauren had actually listened to her parents advice, and promptly called,112 on her cell phone to tell the police dispatcher that she would not pull over right away. She proceeded to tell the dispatcher that there was an unmarked police car with a flashing red light on his rooftop behind her. The dispatcher checked to see if there were police cars where she was and there weren't, and he told her to keep driving, remain calm and that he had back up already on the way. Ten minutes later 4 cop cars surrounded her and the unmarked car behind her. One policeman went to her side and the others surrounded the car behind. They pulled the guy from the car and tackled him to the ground. The man was a convicted rapist and wanted for other crimes. I never knew about the 112 Cell Phone feature. I tried it on my AT&T phone & it said, "Dialing Emergency Number." Especially for a woman alone in a car, you should not pull over for an unmarked car. Apparently police have to respect your right to keep going on to a safe place. *Speaking to a service representative at Bell Mobility confirmed that 112 was a direct link to State trooper info. So, now it's your turn to let your friends know about "Dialing, 112" This applies to ALL 50 states

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Did you know?

The Fighting Irish <http://www.und.com/trads/nd-m-fb-name.html>

Exactly where and how Notre Dame's athletic nickname, "Fighting Irish," came to origination never has been perfectly explained. One story suggests the moniker was born in 1899 with Notre Dame leading Northwestern 5-0 at halftime of a game in Evanston, Ill. The Wildcat fans supposedly began to chant, "Kill the Fighting Irish, kill the Fighting Irish," as the second half opened. Another tale has the nickname originating at halftime of the Notre Dame-Michigan game in 1909. With his team trailing, one Notre Dame player yelled to his teammates - who happened to have names like Dolan, Kelly, Glynn, Duffy and Ryan - "What's the matter with you guys? You're all Irish and you're not fighting worth a lick." Notre Dame came back to win the game and press, after overhearing the remark, reported the game as a victory for the "Fighting Irish." The most generally accepted explanation is that the press coined the nickname as a characterization of Notre Dame athletic teams, their never-say-die fighting spirit and the Irish qualities of grit, determination and tenacity. The term likely began as an abusive expression tauntingly directed toward the athletes from the small, private, Catholic institution. Notre Dame alumnus Francis Wallace popularized it in his New York Daily News columns in the 1920s. The Notre Dame Scholastic, in a 1929 edition, printed its own version of the story: "The term 'Fighting Irish' has been applied to Notre Dame teams for years. It first attached itself years ago when the school, comparatively unknown, sent its athletic teams away to play in another city ...At that time the title 'Fighting Irish' held no glory or prestige ... "The years passed swiftly and the school began to take a place in the sports world ...'Fighting Irish' took on a new meaning. The unknown of a few years past has boldly taken a place among the leaders. The unkind appellation became symbolic of the struggle for supremacy of the field. ...The team, while given in irony, has become our heritage. ...So truly does it represent us that we unwilling to part with it ..." Notre Dame competed under the nickname "Catholics" during the 1800s and became more widely known as the "Ramblers" during the early 1920s in the days of the Four Horsemen. University president Rev. Matthew Walsh, C.S.C., officially adopted "Fighting Irish" as the Notre Dame nickname in 1927.

Origin of 'Boilermakers' nickname

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Purdue_Boilermakers

The nickname 'Boilermakers' goes back to 1891 when the Purdue football team defeated nearby rival Wabash College in [Crawfordsville, Indiana](#) 44-0. An account of the game in the Crawfordsville Daily Argus News of October 26, 1891 was headlined, "Slaughter of Innocents: Wabash Snowed Completely Under by the Burly Boiler Makers from Purdue." Engineering education in the 1890s at Purdue meant hands-on work in the forge room, where students heated and molded metal, just like the "blacksmiths" and "boilermakers" the football team was called after defeating opponents. The local Purdue press picked up on the name, with a notice in the November 1, 1891 [Lafayette](#) Sunday Times, "As everyone knows, Purdue went down to Wabash last Saturday and defeated their eleven. The Crawfordsville papers have not yet gotten over it. The only recourse they have is to claim that we beat their 'scientific' men by brute force. Our players are characterized as 'coal heavers,' [boiler makers](#) and [stevedores](#).'" [1] Several of the local schools added to the boilermaker tradition by suggesting that Purdue was going up the Wabash River and hiring workers from the nearby Monon railroad yards to play football. Of course it wasn't true. However, Purdue's official mascot is a Locomotive, the Boilermaker Special. Over those early years Purdue's football team were called 'grangers', 'pumpkin-shuckers', 'railsplitters', 'cornfield sailors', 'blacksmiths' and 'foundry hands', but ultimately it was 'Boilermakers' that finally stuck. Purdue's athletic teams typically wear old-gold-and-black or old-gold-and-white ensembles, colors that have identified Purdue since 1887.

What's a Hoosier? Diane Carmony <http://alumni.indiana.edu/magazine/popular-articles/whats-a-hoosier.html> What's a Hoosier illustration Originally published July/August 1992

My friend Wendy Citron may have put it best. A native Hoosier now splitting her time between California and Illinois, Wendy thinks Hoosier is a "stupid term" because "nobody knows what it means." Sure, historians, poets, folklorists, politicians, and plain ol' Hoosier folk have offered plenty of theories. And certainly the term conjures up images as diverse — from Hoosier basketball players to the Hoosier Dome, from smokestacks in Gary to cornfields near Lafayette — as the state's residents themselves. But the more I've mulled over the various theories, the more I've come to agree with Wendy: nobody knows what the term *Hoosier* means. Many of the tales of its origin are colorful but unlikely, and the modern-day connotations vary widely. In fact, the origin of the word is rooted so deeply in the history of the state that its original meaning probably will never be recovered. "I think people from various disciplines have tried again and again — including historians and people who study names. I decided some time ago we'll never know," says IUB history professor James Madison, MA'68, PhD'72, author of *The Indiana Way: A State History* and editor of the *Indiana Magazine of History*. "I can't imagine what it is we could find that would give us a definitive answer." Even so, Indiana historians take care to review the various theories of its origin, and some hail the term as a defining characteristic of its people. "In the beginning was the word," begins Howard H. Peckham's *Indiana: A Bicentennial History*. "And the word was *Hoosier*." Local Color As Peckham states — and most Hoosier historians seem to agree — the historical explanations are "more ingenious than real." Still, the many theories are fascinating in their diversity. Take the one that has a contractor in 1825 named either Samuel Hoosier or Hoosher. His workers, who helped build a canal on the Ohio River, were predominantly from Indiana. They were called "Hoosier's men" or "Hoosiers." A more colorful tale has the word deriving from the phrase fearful early settlers called out when startled by a knock on their cabin door: "Who's here?" — a call that over time degenerated into *Hoosier*. And then there's the tongue-in-cheek explanation of Hoosier poet James Whitcomb Riley, who related the term to the roughness and ferocity of the state's early residents. Hoosier pioneers fought so violently, Riley contended, that noses were bitten off and eyes jabbed out during these brawls. Hoosier, said Riley, descends from the question posed by a stranger after entering a southern Indiana tavern and pushing a piece of human flesh with his boot toe: "Who's ear?" Not nearly so clever but perhaps more plausible is the suggestion by Peckham and others that the term may derive from "hoozer" — a word that in the Cumberland dialect of Old England means "high hills." "By extension, it was attached to a hill-dweller or highlander and came to suggest roughness and uncouthness," Peckham states. "Thus, throughout the Southeast in the eighteenth century, 'Hoosier' was used generally to describe a backwoodsman, especially an ignorant boaster, with an overtone of crudeness and even lawlessness." That theory has won the most favor from Warren Roberts, MA'50, PhD'53, an IUB folklore professor who has shown how family surnames may have brought this form of *Hoosier* from Britain to its Midwest resting place. A series of letters in *The Wall Street Journal* in 1987 gave many of these same theories about the origin of the term. The final letter on the subject came from then-Gov. Robert D. Orr, LLD'85, who declared that the origin of the term should remain a mystery. Concluded the governor: "Those unfortunate souls who, for some reason, live elsewhere may continue to speculate as to the origin of our name; and we Hoosiers will continue to enjoy their doing so." Whatever its origin, historians agree that the nickname for Indiana residents was popularized in the 1800s by novels such as Edward Eggleston's *The Hoosier School-Master*, by Riley's poetry, and by newspaper articles that used it. As a result, although its historical roots may never be discovered, *Hoosier* is perhaps the most widely recognized state nickname. But even this modern meaning

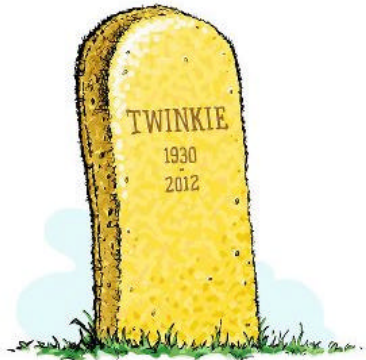
is ambiguous, and the word's use ranges from complimentary to derisive, depending on who is using it. Hoosier Pride "To me, you have to be born into it to be a Hoosier," says Carol Bowers, an IUB senior majoring in psychology and journalism. "If you live someplace else all your life, you can come to Indiana and learn to be a Hoosier, but it will never be a part of you." For Bowers, who grew up in the southern Indiana town of Salem, the term conjures up pleasant images of small-town life. These are the kinds of places, she says, where everybody knows your name and greets you with sincerity. "I think small-town Indiana is like no other place on earth," she says. "To me, a Hoosier is someone who was born here and lives here and loves it." Others are more optimistic about the chances of becoming an adopted Hoosier. "To me, it seems like another Midwesterner could be transplanted to Indiana and be fairly relaxed," says Ellen Kessler, an IUB graduate student from Connecticut. "I think people from the East Coast and from the West would have a harder time. Maybe their kids could be Hoosiers." Others define the word with a list of values that seem part of the Hoosiers they know: traditional, conservative, family-oriented, relatively self-sufficient, and hard-working. It doesn't take the conscientious newcomer very long to learn the nuances. Blaise Cronin, dean of the School of Library and Information Science, grew up in Ireland and lived in England and Scotland before moving to Indiana last year. "In the year I've been here, the term has been used frequently and always seems to strike a chord, a resonance," Cronin says. He believes the word conveys pride, a powerful sense of community, a lack of pretense, and a sense of the seasons. Hoosier Hick But while most Indiana residents speak of being Hoosiers with pride, it's not unanimously a compliment. Some of the negative connotations traced by Peckham to "hoozer" seem to have survived. Some Indiana natives, in fact, say they dropped the term after moving out of state, finding that their new friends associated Hoosiers with roughness and stupidity. "People think of Hoosiers as a little backwards — as not quite out of the woods — but that's not right," says Velma Carmichael, assistant for special projects for IU's Folklore Institute. As a U.S. senator in 1987, former Vice President Dan Quayle, JD'74, assailed the negative images of the word. As Quayle and Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.) bickered playfully on the Senate floor about which state's basketball team would win the NCAA championships, D'Amato quipped that the dictionary definition of Hoosier proved IU would bungle the job and allow Syracuse to triumph. Quayle quickly fired off a letter to William A. Llewellyn, president of Merriam-Webster Inc. According to the definition in Webster's Third International Dictionary, *Hoosier* means not merely a native or resident of Indiana but also "an awkward, unhandy, or unskilled person, especially an ignorant rustic" and "to loaf on or botch a job." Surely, Quayle urged, the dictionary should reflect the more flattering side of the term — its suggestion of widespread friendliness and hospitality — or at least the long debate over its history.

Llewellyn responded that dictionary editors don't choose definitions but only reflect usage. And he assured Quayle that the term shouldn't "be taken to mean that inhabitants of the state are inherently awkward or rustic or anything like that." Quayle clearly considered the Hoosiers' last-minute win over Syracuse the best answer to D'Amato. After the victory, he introduced a non-binding resolution in the Senate defining a Hoosier as "someone who is quick, smart, resourceful, skillful, a winner, unique, and brilliant." A Mixed Heritage But non-binding resolutions aside, the term still struggles for respect. "One interesting thing I've noticed in my undergraduate classes is how people from the southern part of Indiana call themselves Hoosiers and claim it with pride," says John McDowell, chairman of the IU Folklore Institute. "People from the northern part of the state often don't call themselves Hoosiers, and they're embarrassed by the term." McDowell notes that the term's connotations correspond with other differences — topography, climate, settlement patterns — that differentiate northern and southern Indiana. "What I've found is that for the people from the northern part of the state, the term means images of the backwoods — sort of 'redneck' — the southern bumpkin stereotype or the Brown County kind of rural character, and they don't identify with that. They see themselves as being more cosmopolitan and urban," McDowell observes. "On the other hand," he continues, "the kids from the southern areas talk about being a Hoosier — and with pride. To them, it means 'grassroots,' 'down home,' and 'good community.' It's more about values." Patrick Furlong, professor of history at IUSB, agrees with McDowell. "To those in northern Indiana, the term does not come naturally," says Furlong, the author of *Indiana: An Illustrated History*. "I am not comfortable with the term Hoosier except historically. It just doesn't feel right to me." Jokes about Hoosiers can be fun — as long as they are made from one Hoosier to another, Madison notes. "I claim to be a Hoosier," he says. "I've lived here almost half my life. I get upset when outsiders make derogatory comments about Hoosiers. I think that may be a good operational definition of whether you're a Hoosier." What's a Hoosier? What's a Hoosier? It's clear the mystery is a long way from being solved, but before I give up for good, I turn to my secret source. Donald F. Carmony, MA'31, PhD'40, is an IU professor emeritus of history — and my grandfather. Journalistic objectivity aside, I'd believe my grandfather if he told me he'd cracked the Hoosier dilemma. But instead, my grandfather talks about the virtue of not knowing. The word *Hoosier*, as McDowell notes, is itself a part of our folklore. How we define it, own up to it, and mock it is a fascinating picture of ourselves. The legends we have created to explain it are more *Hoosier* than reality ever could be. And my grandfather, named Hoosier historian by the Indiana Historical Society, knows when to leave a good mystery alone. "When I chaired the state sesquicentennial convention from 1959 to 1967, I was asked that question many times by people," he says. "And I learned something very interesting. I soon learned they didn't want me to tell what I thought. So I'd pause and I'd hesitate and they'd tell me what they thought, which is exactly what they wanted to do. "To pin it down as having a particular origin or meaning — I think that discussion is likely to go on forever and ever. In fact, I kind of hope so." *Diane Carmony, BA'85, MA'95, is assistant director for communications for IU's School of Education.*

[Butler mascots](#)

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Butler_Bulldogs Butler University was founded as North Western Christian by Ovid Butler in 1855. He chose "Christians" as the school mascot. Sometime after the school had been renamed in honor of its founder, Butler was suffering a poor football season in 1919. As losses mounted, people grew wary of the "Christians" nickname. Before a big game against the rival Franklin "Baptists", the Butler Collegian was trying to conceive of a way to fire people up when "Shimmy", a bulldog owned by one of the fraternities, wandered into their office. Shimmy inspired cartoonist George Dickson to draw a bulldog labeled "Butler" taking a bite out of [John The Baptist](#). Butler lost the game, but the nickname "Bulldogs" stuck. Eventually, the bulldog was selected as the official mascot of the university. For many years, Butler had unofficial live bulldog mascots that kept by various fraternities. In 2000, Butler Blue became the school's first official live mascot. To date, there have been three dogs to carry the name "Blue", the university's primary color. **Butler Blue I** (September 23, 2000 -) - one NCAA Sweet 16 appearance (2003) and two Horizon League McCafferty All-Sports Championships (2002, 2003). Term of service: 2000–2003 **Butler Blue II** (March 27, 2004 -) - Two NCAA National Championship appearances (2010 & 2011), three Sweet 16 appearances (2007, 2010, 2011) and three Horizon League McCafferty All-Sports Championships (2007, 2010, & 2011). Term of service: 2004–present **Butler Blue III** (December 23, 2011 -) - currently in training In addition to "Blue," a person in bulldog costume also performs as "Hink" for various Butler University athletic and university events.

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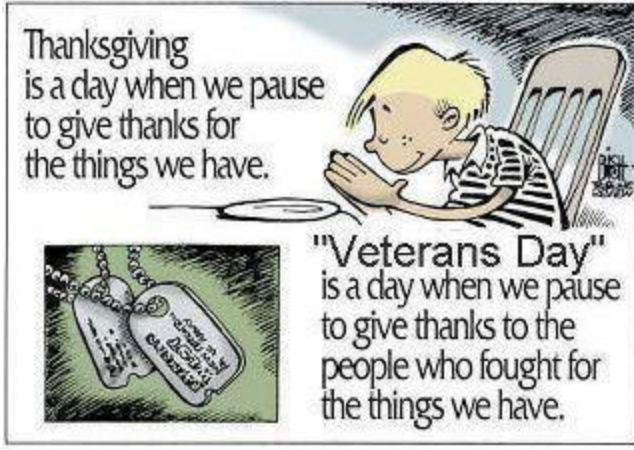


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