



# Blue Bars

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## 'Thanksvetting' A WCC Tradition

What is *Thanksvetting*? I'll try to give you a short answer. My wife and I belong to the Wisconsin Corvette Club. WCC has been around since 1959 and is one of the oldest clubs in the nation. WCC is not like many Corvette clubs that you hear about, as this club tries to be the entire thing to all members. We don't just race our cars, we don't just show our cars, we don't just go on cruises, and we are not just a social club. Because of that, we need active members to step up to the plate to plan and run speed events, car shows, cruises and socials events, as well as our annual charity events. Our club seems comprised of all such people.



of a good life.

My wife and I have been in WCC for about 15 years and are fairly active in the club, having past and present board positions, doing social events and, for the last few years, hosting a bi-annual three-day Fall Color Run and Thanksvetting. That said, the club takes some of our time, but pays unreal returns in fun, friends, food and fast Vette driving. That is definitely the "Four Fs"

gravy, stuffing and my soon-to-be-famous drunken cranberry sauce. In making my homemade cranberry vodka, the discarded cranberries needed a purpose, so we added them into our homemade sauce instead of trashing them.

We only have a ranch house, and not a huge one, but we set up banquet tables everywhere so all could sit and enjoy. Our only request was everyone brings a folding chair.



Inge and I do most of the cooking the day before the big event, so when Thanksvetting starts, we can enjoy ourselves as well. This year, I pushed that a little further and had a buddy bartend for cocktail hour, so I could enjoy a little more.

We are doing our Fall Color Run this year, so we will have to find more room for the 2014 Thanksvetting as they seem to be getting bigger every time.

This article isn't to be a pat on the back for Inge and me. It's to illustrate what the club, the cars and the people can bring out of people. WCC is not just a Corvette club; it's a lot more -- a family of great friends.

I think "Thanks..Vetting" says it all, and maybe this could be the inspiration for your club to start your own tradition.

*Submitted by Terry & Inge Heidmann, NCCC & Wisconsin Corvette Club Members*

I have to give credit to my wife, Inge, who came up with the idea. But I lay claim on the word "Thanksvetting." We thought, "How could we thank club members for the Four Fs of life?" "Have a turkey dinner, sort of a pre-thanksgiving," Inge said. "Brilliant," I said -- thinking maybe we could get 10-20 people to attend. That was in 2010 when we had about 45 people. In 2012, it grew to 64 people. I guess we have a lot to be thankful for. We grilled four 20 lb. turkeys and a nine lb. pork roast, with all the trimmings including Inge's famous slow-cooker garlic mashed potatoes, homemade

