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MILWAUKEE AREA CORVETTE CLUBS ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

It all began one fall evening back in 1992 when a club member (who had recently transferred from a Corvette club in Minnesota) asked the Social chairman of Badger State Vettes when the annual Chili Cook-off was scheduled. It seemed that Chili Cook-offs were a common thing among the Corvette clubs in Minnesota where he was from.

So began Milwaukee's tradition of holding an annual Chili Cook-off Competition among the area's Corvette clubs, a tradition which has been held annually every year since 1993.

It began slowly in '93 with Badger State Vettes challenging Wisconsin Corvette Club to the first annual Chili Cook-off and the tradition blossomed from there. What started as a competition between two clubs opened up to include seven local clubs in the southeastern Wisconsin area before settling down to the five clubs that currently participate. While the first few competitions were a Chili only affair it soon expanded to include not only Chili but also a Salsa Competition and a Chocolate bake off as well. The current clubs contending for Chili Master of Southeastern Wisconsin are Badger State Vettes (BSV), Brew City Corvette Club (BCC), Muskego Corvette Club (MCC), Ozaukee Corvette Club (OCC) and Wisconsin Corvette Club (WCC).



This event is always held in the dead of winter, usually February or March and is a wonderful way to forget about the frigidly cold weather and the fact that your poor neglected Corvette is cocooned away in its annual winter hibernation. It's also a wonderful social event where the local clubs gather for an evening of camaraderie and

partying. Judging is done via a people's choice where everyone gets to vote for their favorite Chili, Salsa and Chocolate. Of course, the real fun of the event is that you get to sample all the wonderful entries before voting so everyone gets a hearty and satisfying meal during the evening.

This year one hundred and five people attended the Cook-Off which was held March 1st, 2020. There were thirty different Chili's to taste, fourteen Chocolates to savor and eight different Salsas to keep you warm.

To wash all this goodness down the Delafield Brewhaus, where the contest was held, dispensed soda, adult beverages and their own special brand of freshly brewed beers.

This year's contest winners were:

For Chili:	Lisa Burkhart from the Wisconsin Corvette Club
For Salsa:	Steve & Chris Miles from Badger State Vettes
For Chocolate:	Brandy Muex from Brew City Corvette Club

Along with the tasting, a silent auction as well as a 50/50 raffle was held to raise money for the designated charity. Each participating club also donates \$50 to get the pot started.

Traditionally each year the club hosting the Cook-Off is rotated among the participating clubs so that every club gets a chance to host the event. The club hosting the event has the honor of selecting the charity to which all proceeds raised are donated. This year the Cook-Off was hosted by Badger State Vettes at the Delafield Brewhaus and the charity chosen was the Wisconsin Honor Flight which charts planes and escorts veterans on special trips to Washington DC. Between the silent auction, club donations, 50/50 raffles and donations by several generous individuals a total of \$2530 was raised for the Wisconsin Honor Flight, enough to send four veterans on trips to Washington DC.

And as always, a good time was had by all.

