

## FALL COLOR RUN '23

Tempting fate, Suburban Corvettes of Minnesota scheduled the 42<sup>nd</sup> annual Fall Color Run Charity Event for September 29<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup> in LaCrosse WI, which happened to be the same weekend as Oktoberfest. We moved our Headquarters, changed our routes through the backroads of Wisconsin and had new caterers. Otherwise, nothing changed.

On Friday the 29<sup>th</sup>, some of the group met in Bayport MN on the banks of the St. Croix River and Vette-a-vanned down to LaCrosse, WI stopping at the Pickle Factory in Pepin WI, to greet the boaters on Lake Pepi. Moving on to the Stoney Creek Hotel in Onalaska WI, we greeted the rest of our group and danced the night away with the band, Double Take, a club favorite.



Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>, we met at Rowe Park next to Onalaska High School and were escorted out of town by the Onalaska police. We drove 95 miles through hill and dale to Richland Center and lunched at the Phoenix Center, where the owner greeted us in his 2022 Fall Color Run sweatshirt. Our return trip was only 71 miles, although the roads were much more challenging and rarely did we see more than three or four Vettes at a time. We ended up at Features Bar to wet our whistle. Once back at the hotel, we had dinner and bid on silent auction items and held a raffle. All the gifts were donated, and all proceeds go to the club charity. A DJ provided music and entertainment late into the night.

Sunday morning October 1<sup>st</sup>, we met at Cedar Creek Golf course for Brunch and Suburban Corvette Jeopardy, testing participants knowledge of the run. Being well fed we headed for home. That was Michigan, Iowa, South Dakota, and of course Minnesota.

Our 43<sup>rd</sup> FCR '24 is planned for the weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. Make your reservations at Stoney Creek early - our unique SCM code: SuburbanCorvette24.

Thanks to all who helped with FCR '23 and to everyone who attended.

Steve Heasley

