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# Vette Waves

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LOCC Meeting ~ July 8, 2018 ~ Smith's Restaurant  
Hwy 13 at US Hwy 54 ~ Collins, MO 64735

## Presidential Exhaust



Hello Corvette lovers. I'm still down, but my knee is getting better. I wanted to thank those of you who sent cards, emails and speaking with me about my knee replacement.

Now, on to LOCC news. There was a lot that went on in June.

The month started off with a trip to Edmond Ok. for the Corvette show there. We had a great trip and members Kaimann, Cooper and Noble took home awards. There were 168 cars in the show. On the trip I learned you don't mess with Dana Noble when she's driving their Corvette. On the way back, we visited a custom car museum (Darryl Starbird), a casino and had dinner at The White Grill in Nevada, Mo. (White Grill would be a wonderful place to drive for lunch on a Saturday or Sunday) The next event was the trip to the fish hatchery in Warsaw, Mo. Bill Kaimann and Gary Waisner did an excellent job on this trip. We were given a tour of the fish hatchery and witnessed the hatching of Sturgeon fish which was very informative! Lunch was at the Common Ground Café, in downtown Warsaw. It is a converted old hotel that overlooks the dam and park. It has tasty food and Mary Bell Darr got her root beer float.

The next two events are ones I really wanted to go to. I heard Jerry's big bash was outstanding! Thanks Jerry and Kim! All three car clubs were there, and no fights broke out. (just kidding)

The final trip, one of my favorites, was to Lucas Oil Speedway in Wheatland, Mo. Eleven Corvettes attended this fun event. Thanks to VP Kaimann for pinch hitting for me. We have lots of things to do in our club and it's an awesome way to meet more people.

The July meeting will be at Smith's in Collins, Missouri, for lunch and then a stop at his home and museum. Rsvp coming soon.

On the August meeting, we will have pizza at Jerry and Kim Ehlmann's. The club will pay for pizza from JJ Twigs and provide soft drinks. I would like to ask members to bring a salad or dessert. I want to thank those of you who responded about meeting places. I look forward to seeing members in July.

Keith Suchman, LOCC President

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# LOCC Secretary Report

## Bennett Springs, June 10, 2018



**BITS**

FROM

### BENNETT SPRINGS

After a beautiful convoy to Bennett Springs, and a meal to stuff us for a while, Keith brought our June meeting to order by asking for birthdays. Of course if we were 49 like Jerry Ehlmann we'd be first to raise our hand too, right? Then there was Larry Hendrix celebrating his number 72. Happy birthday guys! Anniversaries included Pete and Melony Spanos, who celebrated their 31<sup>st</sup> and the Pennington's celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup>!



There was also the announcement of a wedding in Eureka Springs. A big congrats was given to Bob and Sue Mason.

Whoop Whoop! How 'bout that 2012 red Grand Sport with the black top driven by Larry Hendrix. We're happy for ya Larry. Oh there is another one, how could I forget the Sebring Orange 2019 Grand Sport shipped from New Hampshire for Melony Spanos. You go girl! Hope I got those facts right.

Our membership is growing. It seems we're up to 183, and there were 30 cars present at this meeting. The friendships get stronger and the fun gets longer.

Day trips were discussed, including the Lost Valley Fish Hatchery in Warsaw and, the July 11th Rocheport Winery tour.



## LET'S ROLL!!!

Keith gave the Treasury Report, followed by Judy Massey's report of the thank-you cards from the Scholarship Recipients. Melody discussed updates for the LOCC Website and Keith emphasized new members submitting pictures for the newsletter .

NCM update- Parker talked about the change in the build of future Corvettes and some things that may hopefully keep the \$ down.

In old business blanket orders were discussed.

There was a big "Thank-You" for the Veterans Day Parade at Lands Inn and the turnout for the Cardinals Game.

New Business- Looking ahead being prepared to carry a veteran on the strip for the Nov. 11th Elks Veterans Parade Event. A couple discussed the importance of participation and meaning.

Brian reported on the Edmund Oklahoma trip. Fun, unplanned events, included 5 cars, and 3 members won plaques. Sounded like fun.

Discussion took place on the upcoming Karl's trip, Wheaten trip, and Jerry's Bash. Also, the July 14 trip coming up to Bob's Gas Alley for dinner requires an RSVP to Fred please.

Larry Hendrix offered to lead a side trip as our meeting adjourned.

Another productive day of the LOCC.

Judy Massey, Secretary



## Fireworks by the numbers

*Fireworks start an average of 18,500 fires per year, including 1,300 structure fires, 300 vehicle fires, and 16,900 outside and other fires. These fires caused an average of three deaths, 40 civilian injuries, and an average of \$43 million in direct property damage.*

*In 2017, U.S. hospital emergency rooms treated an estimated 12,900 people for fireworks related injuries; 54% of those injuries were to the extremities and 36% were to the head. Children younger than 15 years of age accounted for more than one-third (36%) of the estimated 2017 injuries. These injury estimates were obtained or derived from the [Consumer Product Safety Commission's 2015 Fireworks Annual Report by Yongling Tu.](#)*

*Source: NFPA's Research, Data & Analytics Division*



*Parker & MaryBell Darr  
NCM Co-Ambassadors*

Chevy tossed the "sunburst" design for their Corvette logo – in 1977 and went with



this clean, graphically-stylized update on the original crossed flags.

1978 was the Corvette's 25th Anniversary, and cars released that year got this fancy badge:



Corvette's from '79, however, reverted to the design of the '77.

The aftermarket "Moon Roofs" (glass T-tops for Corvettes) were supposed to be optional equipment in 1977, but the manufacturer had a marketing dispute with Chevrolet. GM developed their own glass panels for the 1978 model year.



1977 CORVETTE

\*\*1977 was the last year for the notch back roof line.

\*\*The 500,000th Corvette, a white 1977 coupe, rolled off the St. Louis assembly line at 2:01 P.M. on March 15th, 1977.

1978 Anniversary  
Corvette (is it an Indy 500)  
TIRES ON YOUR CORVETTE  
WORK HARD FOR YOU:



A tire rolls about 835 times each mile. At 30 mph that's 7 times per second. At 70 mph that's 16 times per second.



*Parker & MaryBell Darr  
NCM Co-Ambassadors  
(Continued)*

- ◆ A tire has a maximum life for use of 10 years.
- ◆ If you're looking for deals on tires, the best discounts around Memorial Day, Labor Day, and just before winter.
- ◆ The contact patch on a tire is what gives the vehicle steering control and road grip. Typically, only 4" x 6" is what touches the ground per tire at one time.

\*\*\* *This tire information credit to Michelin.*

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY CORVETTE!!!

On this day in Corvette history, the very first Corvettes were being assembled in Flint, MI with June 30, 1953 being the day the first completed production car rolled off the assembly line. Only 300 were made, all Polo White with red interior, and all convertibles.

\*\* Credit Corvette Museum

## Upcoming Museum Events

- \* [MiM R&R Roanoke, WV](#) | August 26-28, 2018
- \* [24th Anniversary Celebration](#) | August 30 - September 1, 2018
- \* [Monterey Racing Banquet](#), Monterey, CA | September 8, 2018
- \* [MiM Pacific Coast Highway](#), North California | September 10-15, 2018
- \* [MiM National Parks Tour 1](#) (AZ/UT) | September 16-22, 2018
- \* [MiM National Parks Tour 2](#) (AZ/UT) | September 23-29, 2018
- \* [MiM Kentucky 1 Lap Tour 1](#) | October 9-13, 2018
- \* [MiM Kentucky 1 Lap Tour 2](#) | October 16-20, 2018
- \* [MiM Kentucky 1 Lap Tour 3](#) | October 23-27, 2018
- \* [Vets 'n Vettes presented by Mobil 1](#) | November 8-10, 2018

# *Corvette Adventures Chula Vista Resort Wisconsin Dells, WI*

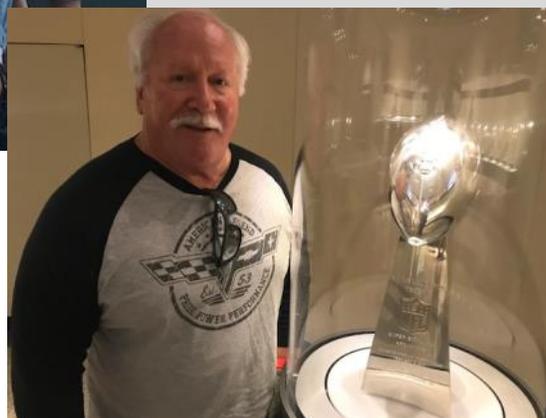
On a bright sunny day early in June six LOCC members (Jay/Pat Pick, Don/Peggy Sturn, Marlin/Barb Hammond) began an eight-hour journey to join over 250 other Corvettes for the annual Corvette Adventures trip to Wisconsin Dells in Wisconsin. The group stopped for lunch at Mark Twain Brewery in Hannibal, MO before traveling on to Davenport for an overnight stay at River City Casino, which is a first-class resort. Iowa LOCC members Mark & Joellen Sperflage's joined the group for dinner and cocktails. The group then continued north into God's Country (Wisconsin) to sign into Chula Vista Resort, one of the premier Wisconsin resorts, which hosted the event. The rooms offered spectacular views of the adjacent Wisconsin River. Dinner was simply the best at the Resort's Kapinksy Chophouse which is rated one of the best restaurants in the state.

Early the next morning the trio of LOCC Vettes travel alone to Green Bay's Lambeau Field, the crown jewel of the National Football League. The back roads to Lambeau were perfect with hills, valleys, forests and little traffic enabling the Vettes to tackle the roads as they wanted. As far as Lambeau Field itself, it underwent a dramatic facelift in 2003 and has been transformed into a year-round tourist destination with a host of exciting amenities and attractions.

Members visited the gorgeous Atrium which houses the Packer Pro Shop, the Packer Hall of Fame and dined at the 1919 Kitchen & Tap. Members toured the stadium from the luxury suites to the field and the tunnel. The Packer Hall of Fame was fascinating, including the Five Super Bowl Trophies and especially the first Lombardi Trophy which is the Holy Grail to most Packer and other NFL fans. Members took some different back roads on the way back to Wisconsin Dells which included some unfriendly gravel roadways which the group meandered onto. However the day ended well with adult beverages on the balcony back at the Resort, watching the sunset over the Wisconsin River.



Wisconsin  
gorgeous  
backroads



Corvette Adventures (continued)

The next day brought 20 Vettes together on a very pretty scenic drive to Taliesin, in Spring Green Wisconsin. Taliesin is the home, studio and country estate of world-renowned architecture Frank Lloyd Wright and is in the hilly Driftless Region of Southwest Wisconsin. It is the name of Wright's house as well as the colorful 800 acre estate that includes buildings from all decades of his incredible career. Taliesin, in its three iterations (1911, 1914, 1925), represents the most complete embodiment of Wright's philosophy of Organic Architecture. The tour leader has been there 20 years and her almost encyclopedic knowledge of Wright was fascinating to follow and made the tour the highlight of the visit. Following the tour was lunch at a nearby lodge. Although rain fell during the return to the Resort, it did not dampen the beauty of the roads and area.

Later that night 120 people boarded a Tour boat from the Resort dock and headed down the Wisconsin River amidst slabs of sandstone piled precariously atop one another forming the majestic cliffs lining the river. The boat docked at Witches Gulch, a magnificent rocky set of cliffs with a narrow canyon running between them. A wooden walkway with amber lights reveals the walls filled with ferns and whirlpool chambers. Kind of a cross between eerie and romantic. The return to the boat was to feature a "steak & lobster" dinner onboard as the finale for tours however Mother Nature played her witchy hand and a down pour ensued which necessitate the 60 people on the top open deck to join the 60 people already with assigned seats on the lower, covered deck. Now we knew why it was billed as Corvette Adventures! We were lucky to be on the lower level, so we had seats albeit with more people than ideal, but it worked out until they ran out of red wine!

The following morning 200 Vettes participated in the Annual Corvette Adventures Parade to downtown Wisconsin Dells. Police blocked cross traffic to allow the seemingly unending flow of beautiful Vettes in two lanes side by side to the appreciative crowds along the streets. After exploring a couple watering holes on "the strip" most headed back for the final afternoon road tours.

Nineteen Vettes headed to Devil's Lake, a park area about two hours away. It was another scenic drive behind a leader who was more challenging to the caravan. The last night included a not so intimate banquet for over 500 people where members shared stories and libations with other attendees met on the trip. All in all, a very good trip and a some new experiences as we continue to see the USA in our Chevrolets!



Don't miss out  
next year!  
Dates have  
been set for  
June 6-8, 2019



Mark Twain Brewery in Hannibal



Green Bay  
Lambeau  
Field

## **Route 66 Corvette Roundup Show Edmond, Oklahoma June 1-2, 2018**

Five LOCC members; the Noble's, Suchman's, Dillard's, Kiamann's & Newlun's traveled to Edmond, Oklahoma for the Central Oklahoma Corvette club air show. As we traveled to Edmond we made a stop at Pop's Ranch and had dinner. Pop's Ranch is in Arcadia, Oklahoma along with the Round Barn. Both are located on Route 66. After dinner we drove to the host hotel, Holiday Inn.

That evening we picked up our registration packets. The next morning, after cleaning the cars, we left on a cruise. The Skeletons Museum of Osteology, was our first stop. Yes, it was full of skeletons. Not your thing? You'd be surprised how interesting it was. We continued our lunch stop at Hollywood Corners. We had great food including sandwich wraps and salads. After lunch, we cruised to Arcadia to stop at the Round Barn and Pop's Ranch. Both are great Route 66 icons. That night, a pot luck dinner was provided by the Central Oklahoma Corvette Club at the host hotel. Oklahoma people are really great cooks!

Saturday was the car show. Every one of our cars were cleaned and polished. The Noble's were in the judged class and earned a first-place award in the C7 from 2014 to 2019. The Kaimann's were in the Show and Shine class and earned a class award in the C7 Grand Sport class. Gary Cooper also earned a class award in the C6 class. The car show was in Hafer park which was a great venue with lots of shade. That evening, the Suchman's & Nobles ate dinner with some of the Central Oklahoma Corvette Club members at a restaurant called The Garage. The Newlun's, Dillard's & Kaimann's ate at the Cattleman Steakhouse.

Sunday we left for home. On the way home we toured Darryl Starbird's Car Museum. After touring the museum we drove to the Cherokee Casino for lunch and then continued on to Nevada, Missouri.

The Dillard's left us at this point for their drive to their home. The rest of our group stopped at the White Grille which is in Nevada Missouri. Some had never been to the 1938 hamburger grill. We took pictures and went our separate ways. We had a great time and really enjoyed the Central Oklahoma Corvette Club's car show.

The link below is a Dave Noble video about our trip to the central Oklahoma Corvette club car show.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=smE442GWrWc&t=11s>



**Bill Kaimann**



**Dave and Dana Noble**



**Gary Cooper**

# Lost Valley Hatchery

On June 14, 2018, the Lake Ozark Corvette Club visited the Lost Valley Hatchery in Warsaw Missouri. The hatchery is the largest state owned warm water hatchery in Missouri. The hatchery also has an outdoor pond which provides fishing for children in a beautiful setting. Our group was lead on a tour of the facility (indoors) and observed the activities of the hatchery and was quite interesting how they create and maintain the environment for many species of fish. We also observed the 12,000-gallon aquarium which contained the many species of fish in Missouri.

Our group enjoyed a terrific drive over Highway 7 to Warsaw, the many hills and curves made it a fun trip. Those attending the event were: Ralph/ Stephanie Struzina, George/Debra Bosshart, Gary/Cheryl Waisner, Bill/Donna Kaimann, Keith Suchman, Parker/Mary Darr, Bob/Linda Mason, Dennis Wedding/Terry Lembach, Gary/Nancy Carlson, Ron Wehmeyer/Kathie Daggett, Jason Parnnell, Paul/Nancy Jensen, Al/Debra Howard, Marlin/Barb Hammond, and Randy Gross.

Our trip concluded with a lunch at the Common Ground Cafe' located in Warsaw, overlooking the Osage River. The interior of the café is quite unique, handmade furniture made from timbers and a beautiful finish. Special thanks go out to Gary and Cheryl Waisner for planning this trip which was enjoyed by everyone.

The Corvette Club has 186 members, and has meetings the second Sunday of every month. Further information can be found on our web site, [www. locc2010.com](http://www.locc2010.com)



# *Jerry's First Annual Big Bash June 16, 2018*



*Thanks Kim  
and Jerry for  
a wonderful  
event! Can't  
wait until  
next year!!!*



On Saturday, June 23, 2018, the Corvette club visited the Lucas Speedway in Wheatland, Missouri. Considering the recent inclement weather, this day was absolutely perfect. Our trip there was quite peaceful except for an individual, on a crouch rocket, who decided to pass all of our Corvettes in one swoop, going well over 100 miles per hour, followed by an orange hell cat at a similar speed, not paying much attention to the double yellow lines. As he passed our cars, it sounded like jet causing alarm by most. That was enough excitement for the day and we all reached our destination safely.

Upon arrival we were greeted by a speedway associate, who lead us to our assigned parking area. We were lead to the upper level in clear view for all guests to observe our Corvettes which they thoroughly enjoyed. Many made comments about the beauty of our cars. The speedway was quite busy on this day because they had two events. When one concluded it moved on to the second event which explained the heavy volume of guests. We enjoyed watching the second event, which was the stock cars. This is a very nice club event to attend and our group enjoyed the day completely. Those attending were: Gary and Cheryl Waisner, Bob and Sue Matula, Bob and Linda Mason, Dave and Marlene Sniff, Jerry and Kim Ehlmann, Larry and Leann Hendrix, Dennis Wedding and Terry Lembach, Randy Gross, Bill and Donna Kaimann, Mack Propst, John Shepherd, and Steve Lorne and Judy Massey.

The club will have this event again in 2019, so look for it and make it something you'd like to do! It's well worth the time for something you'll enjoy.





*June 10th  
Meeting  
Dining at  
Bennett Springs*



**July Meeting**  
**Smith's Restaurant**  
**Hwy 13 at US 54**  
**Collins, Mo**



# Save the Date

## 2018 Corvette Events

**July 11, 2018**  
Day Trip To Les Bourgeois Winery  
Rocheport, MO

**July 14, 2018**  
Bob's Gas Alley Diner  
Cuba, MO

**July 18-21, 2018**  
2018 Black Hills Corvette Classic  
Sioux Falls, SC

**August 23-26, 2018**  
Vettes on the Rockies  
Steamboat Springs, CO

**October 4-7, 2018**  
27th Annual Eureka Springs  
Corvette Weekend

Did you know that the legal separation of the Thirteen Colonies from Great Britain actually occurred on July 2, 1776—not on the 4th of July?

Did you know that John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, both of whom not only signed the Declaration of Independence but went on to serve as President of the United States, died on July 4th, 1826? Another Founding Father who became President, James Monroe, died on July 4, 1831, becoming the third President in a row to die on Independence Day.



### Listed below is the 2018 Schedule for LOCC Meetings and Luncheons

July	8th	Smiths (Collins)
August	12th	Jerry & Kim's Place
September	9th	R&R BBQ Clinton (possibly)
October	14th	Captain Ron's
November	11th	Lake Valley
December	1st	Christmas party (tba)

## Membership Count

As of this issue of Vette Waves, the Lake Ozark Corvette Club has 186 members!

## Local Events

**September 16, 2018**  
5th Annual Benefit Car Show  
Osage Beach, MO

**Daily**  
Route 66 Car Museum  
Springfield, MO



# July

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1	2	3	4  <i>Bob Matula</i>	5	6	7  <i>Steve Lorne</i>	
8  <i>LOCC Meeting Smith's Restaurant Collins, MO 11:30</i>	9	10	11 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"><i>Day trip to Rocheport Les Bourgeois Winery</i></div> <i>Yupin Rice</i>	12	13 <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px;"><i>It may be Friday 13th, but it is still Friday and a reason to dance!</i>  <i>Good Morning</i></div>	14 <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;"><i>Bob's Gas Alley Diner Cuba, MO</i></div>	
15  <i>National Ice-Cream Day</i>	16	17	<i>2018 Black Hills Corvette Classic—Sioux Falls, SC</i>				21
22 	23 <i>Judy Pease Eric Rosenthal</i>	24	25  <i>Bill Franklin</i>	26	27  <i>Dianne Ayers Ken Nickless Johnny Reser</i>	28 <i>Bill Dotson</i>	
29	30	31 					