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# Vette Waves

LOCC Meeting ~ Captain Ron's ~ Lake Road 5-50  
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## Presidential Exhaust



Well September was a busy month and it seemed like there was something to do every weekend. Oh wait, there **was** something to do most every weekend. We started out with the "Fall Follies" which was rained out but we were able to have the meeting at R&R BBQ. We had lots of Corvettes there and the food was excellent (imo). The drive there was awesome. New member Ron Ruff was able to tell the group about another car he owned. If you were into drag racing in the 60's he owns a "Gumpy's Toy", a 1967 Camaro that was driven by Bill Jenkins, who was a very famous drag racer for Chevrolet.

Then a group of us went to Warsaw for dessert. The next weekend there were two events. The cruise in at Sonic in Versailles and the fund raiser on Osage Beach Parkway. The Sonic show was on the same time Mizzou played, so I watched the game. On Sunday, ten Corvettes showed up at the fund raiser and a good time was had by all. Jack Rice won a tool box with tools and bread at Panera's for 1 year. Other members won items also, but Jack was the big winner from the club and graciously donated the toolbox to LCTC for their silent auction. Way to go Jack!

The next weekend, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, was the LCTC Show in Camdenton. Three members from the club were judges at the event. They were, Parker Darr, Jack Rice & Keith Suchman. Two members won their class. Marlene Wormsley took first in the Stock class, with their beautiful 57 Chevy. Judi Suchman took first in the Corvette class, with her 2016 Corvette.

Fall is now upon us and that means the following to me. Days get shorter and winter is not far behind. Give me spring and summer and I'm happy.

The next meeting will be at Capt. Ron's on the 14th of October.

Until then, "Happy Corvetting"

A little trivia: What type of Corvettes did Paul Drake drive in the Perry Mason series?  
He drove a white 57 and a '65 (it was in black and white).

Keith Suchman, President



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## LOCC Secretary Report

### R&R BBQ, September 9, 2018

#### Sept. 9 R &R CLINTON MINUTES

Keith welcomed everyone, announcing that we had 69 in attendance with 31 cars present. Once again we welcomed new members. Today, Ron Ruff and Cindy Brown joined us for the first time. Birthdays for the month of September included Judy Massey, Keith Suchman, Barb Hammond, Joe Dillard, and Donna Field.

Bill recapped the successful trip to the Bass Pro Aquarium, and there was discussion of the upcoming Eureka Springs trip. Marlin gave the Treasurer's report as well as reporting that there are still afghans and other items for sale. Melody spoke briefly about the web-site, followed by Brian's coverage of the newspaper.

Parker Darr, a Master Ambassador, talked about the 2019 Corvette stats. As of August 1<sup>st</sup> this year there have been 14,112 Corvettes built! Artic white is the leading color (20%) of these new beauties. Another interesting fact is that there was a total of 1,295 ZR1's built. Of these, 34% purchased the Sebring Orange design package. Lastly, a mid-engine Corvette rumor; they will not build C7 once they build the mid-engine. Parker ended by encouraging everyone to attend Karl's next year.

We gave a special welcome to the Beech's and the Swanson's. It was a treat to have them back with the group again!

In new business, Jerry E. gave a big shout out to Fast Lane for their service which was followed by some "Amens."

Brian noted that eight couples signed up to attend the two hour tour of the penitentiary on October 20th for a \$15 fee. Afterward the couples will convoy to Madison's for dinner at 5:00. Brian reminded us that there are no current details as of yet on the Detroit Auto Show. Thank you Brian for your follow up on these upcoming events.



Upcoming Events:  
Fundraiser and car show,  
Sept 16 Osage Beach Parkway  
3:00-6:00 P.M.

LCTC show Sept.22 10:00-2:00P.M.  
Keith asked for judges.  
One person volunteered.

Air & Car Show- Airport South 5  
September 22

Last Sonic car show in Versailles  
Saturday, September 15

There was an invite to travel to a local hotel in Warsaw to have dessert following the meeting and announcement that the next meeting will be at Captain Ron on October 14.

The monthly cash drawing was held and the meeting was adjourned.



## FALL TRIVIA

*According to a UK Department of Education report, human children born in autumn (September through December) are more likely to excel in school than those born at other times of the year.*

*According to a University of Chicago study of 1,500 centenarians, children born between September and November are more likely to live to be 100 than those born at other times of year,*

*Many factors determine how and when a tree changes colors, but the species of the tree determines the basic colors a tree's leaves can be. Red maples turn scarlet, sugar maples are orange-red, and aspens turn gold.*

*Runny nose? Autumn sneezes?  
Blame ragweed!*





*Parker & MaryBell Darr  
Master Ambassador and  
Co-Ambassador NCM*

## **1989 was the year of the first phone text message**

It was also the year that the Corvette adopted the six-speed manual transmission. The transmission was a collaboration between the German firm ZF and Chevrolet. Its computer-aided gear selection (CAGS) helped the Corvette meet EPA standard for fuel economy by electronically disabling intermediate gears under certain driving conditions.

In previous years, the Corvette had been available in three different suspension trims, but in 1989, introduced RPO FX3 Selective Ride and Handling, which, when optioned with the Z51 Performance Handling package, allowed the Corvette owner to choose one of three suspension presets to customize his ride.

The '89 Corvette was the first Corvette produced in fourteen years which was available with a removable hardtop. The '89 convertible, in base form, sold for \$36,785. Out of the 26,412 Corvettes sold in 1989, 9,749 were convertibles. 1,573 buyers optioned for \$1,995 hardtop option.

## **1989 Corvette Specifications**

**Total Production = 26,412 (16,663 Coupe, 9,749 Convertible)**



The ZF 6-speed manual transmission was introduced along with a state-of-the-art FX3 adjustable suspension option which permitted shock valving changes via a rotary dial mounted on the interior console between the seats. Corvette Challenge race cars totalled 60 while 69 Callaway twin-turbos were produced.

**FIBERGLASS FACT:** The ZR-1 was originally announced as a 1989 option, but actual production would have to wait until 1990 due to insufficient supply of engines.



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

**1989 Corvette Options**

<b>RPO#</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>QUANTITY</b>	<b>\$ RETAIL</b>
1YY07	Base Corvette Sport Coupe	16,663	31,545
1YY67	Base Corvette Convertible	9,749	36,785
AR9	Base Seats – Leather	23,364	400
AQ9	Sport Seats – Leather	1,777	1,025
AC3	Power Driver Seat	25,606	240
AC1	Power Passenger Seat	20,578	240
B2K	Callaway Twin-Turbo	69	25,895
B4P	Radiator Boost Fan	20,281	75
CC2	Auxillary Hardtop (convertible)	1,573	1,995
C2L	Dual Removable Roof Panels (coupe)	5,274	915
24S	Removable Roof Panel, blue tint (coupe)	8,748	615
64S	Removable Roof Panel, bronze tint (coupe)	4,042	615
C68	Air Conditioning, Electronic Control	24,675	150
D74	Illuminated Driver Vanity Mirror	17,414	58
FX3	Selective Ride and Handling, Electronic	1,573	1,695
G92	Performance Axle Ratio	10,211	22
K05	Engine Block Heater	2,182	20
KC4	Engine Oil Cooler	20,162	110
MN6	6-Speed Manual Transmission	4,113	0
NN5	California Emission Requirements	4,501	100
UJ6	Low Tire Pressure Warning Indicator	6,976	325
UU8	Stereo System, Delco-Bose	24,145	773
VO1	Heavy Duty Radiator	20,888	40
V56	Luggage Rack (convertible)	616	140
Z51	Performance Handling Package (coupe)	2,224	575

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

**1989 Corvette Exterior Color Choices**

CODE	EXTERIOR	QUANTITY
10	White	5,426
20	Medium Blue Metallic	1,428
28	Dark Blue Metallic	1,931
41	Black	4,855
68	Dark Red Metallic	3,409
81	Bright Red	7,663
90	Gray Metallic	225
96	Charcoal Metallic	1,440

**1989 Corvette Interior Color Choices**

CODE	COLOR
19C	Black Cloth
192	Black Leather
212	Blue Leather
60C	Saddle Cloth
602	Saddle Leather
732	Red Leather
902	Gray Leather

**UNIQUE C4 (1983-1996) TIDBITS:**

- In 1987 you could buy a Corvette without an engine installed by the factory.
- A total of 16 exterior colors were available for both 1982 and 1987 Corvettes, the highest number of exterior color choices offered in Corvette history.
- With the CB craze dwindling, the last year a CB radio was offered as a Corvette option was 1985. Only 16 Corvettes were so equipped. while never offered to the public. A total of 43 - 1983 model Corvettes were built. There were so many quality problems with them it was decided to halt production until they could be corrected. By the time the problems were corrected, it was so late into the model year that the car was brought out as a 1984 model and was run for a year and a half. The only verifiable 1983 Corvette still known to exist is on display in the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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

- The 1984 Corvette had the steepest windshield rake angle of any previous American production automobile at 64 degrees.
- 1991 was the 10th anniversary of Corvette production at the Bowling Green, KY plant.
- The 1996 Grand Sport is readily identified by its striking Admiral Blue and Arctic White stripe paint scheme. What many do not know, however, is that the pinstriping on either side of the large white center stripe, actually a two-color decal, both blue and white. This was done to ensure a perfectly straight line.

## **TIBITS TO THINK ABOUT CONCRETE, ASPHALT & RACE TRACK:**

Asphalt is cheaper than concrete to install but concrete lasts longer. Maintenance is a different story. Racing puts a lot of stress on the surface - so; they use concrete for longevity.

Concrete is stronger, so - asphalt has to be thicker to get the same rigidity. Asphalt does have an advantage; its flexibility allows it to expand and contract during temperature changes with less cracking. Concrete is more durable - - lasting 10-15 years longer than asphalt.

Changing temperature determines how hot the tires get. Let's say the track is 45 degrees vs. 90 degrees, that right there will make an increase change in the tire grip. Bitumen (the binder in asphalt) is a oil product. When temperatures rise, oils in the asphalt get hotter and that makes the track very slippery. Portland cement is pulverized rock, and is not slippery - except when it's wet.

Concrete track surface doesn't change over the course of a race nearly as much as an asphalt track. Mark Martin pointed out "... when you lose grip on a concrete surface, you feel like you just got cut loose from a rope. It's amazing. It's like losing half of your grip, rather than about 20 or 30 percent that you lose on asphalt".



## VETS 'N VETTES PRESENTED BY MOBIL 1

November 8, 2018 – November 10, 2018

National Corvette Museum  
350 Corvette Dr  
Bowling Green, KY 42101  
USA

Karen Renfrow or Bryce Burklow  
270-467-8804 or 270-777-4506

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*“Let us always meet each other with a smile for the smile is the beginning of love” – Mother Teresa*

### *Corvette Trivia*

*New Corvettes are fast in reverse, in fact, a 2014 Corvette Stingray clocked in at 53 miles per hour.*

*Almost Half of all Corvette Owners have College Degrees, A 2013 survey by the Specialty Equipment Market Association found that 48% of all Corvette owners held some type of degree.*

*The 1953 Debut Only Had Two Options, a heater and an AM radio.*

*There Were No Manual Corvettes in 1982*

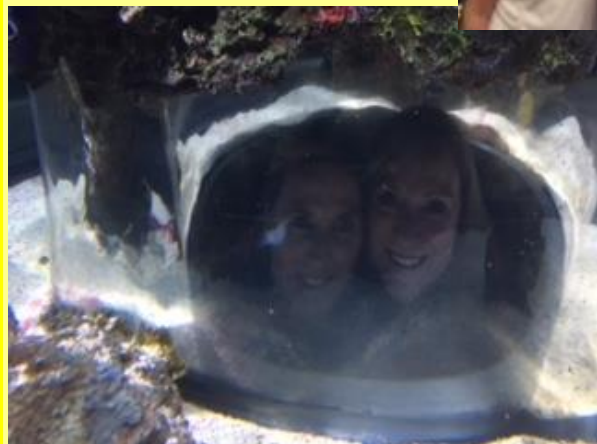
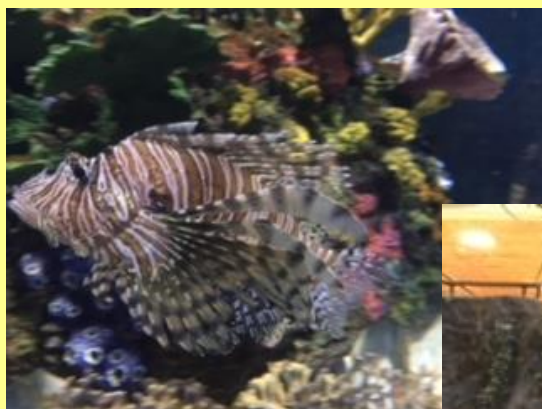
*Corvette is the Official Sports Car of Kentucky, on April 26, 2010, Governor Steve Beshear signed the official bill naming the Chevrolet Corvette as the official state sports car.*

*The Corvette ZR1 Had a Motor Designed by Boat Engineers, The ZR1's LT5 motor was originally designed by Mercury's MerCruiser division in Stillwater, Oklahoma.*

## *Bass Pro Trip*

Lake Ozark Corvette Club had a very enjoyable day trip to Bass Pro in Springfield, Missouri on September 6, 2018. We arrived just in time to dine in the Hemingway's Blue Water Cafe' which provided an extraordinary buffet. At the conclusion of the meal, we proceeded to the Aquarium Adventure which I affectionately nicknamed "Water land of beauty". The tour is self traveled and takes about two and half, to three hours to cover. It is absolutely beautiful and enjoyable. It's like going snorkeling but you don't get wet. At some points, fish are swimming over head and again your not wet. Along the travels you'll see a huge alligator, large snakes, exotic birds, bears and aquariums filled with a large variety of fish and sharks. The sharks must be well fed because they weren't eating the other fish. The aquarium filled with beautiful scenery, boats, reptiles, mammals and all presented in elegant taste. This exhibit is well worth the time and expense to visit. Attending the event were Ellen Ensminger, Parker and MaryBelle Darr, Don Bates/Debbie Linneman, Dave and Donna Field, Doug Riffel, Dennis Wedding/ Terry Lembach, Gary and Cheryl Waisner, Bill and Donna Kaimann, Keith and Judi Suchman, Gary and Nancy Carlson, Steve Lorne/ Judy Massey, Ron Wehmeyer/ Kathie Daggett, James and Patricia Weeks, Danny and Pat Brown, David and Diane Ayers and Bob and Judy Pease.

The Lake Ozark Corvette Club meets at various locations on the second Sunday of each month. For further information visit our email address at [locc2010.net](mailto:locc2010.net)





September Meeting  
R & R BBQ  
Clinton, MO  
September 9, 2018





# ***25th Annual Corvette Funfest Effingham, Illinois September 20th–23rd***

On Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, LOCC members David/Linda Schroeder, Diane Lewis and Rick Horsman headed for Effingham, IL to attend the 25th Annual Corvette Funfest. Mike Yager and his staff hold Funfest every year at Mid America Motorworks. There are vendors, music and two large tents. One holds the fun dome that has everything from Corvette apparel to things for your man cave. The second tent holds the install dome. You can have exhaust, X-pel clear protectant, LED lighting, WindRestrictors, and many other items installed most with free installation.

Funfest is a four-day event starting Thursday night with a parade that ends up in downtown Effingham. Friday-Sunday has many events going on including seminars on Corvettes. This year the Corvette mechanic was on site with seminars at his own tent.

The event is a good event, but I wish they had more vendors.

The event is held over several acres so it's hard to get very many pictures.

Mike has reported that over the 4-day event, there are close to 15,000 Corvettes come through the gates.

Mike has another building that holds a few of his Corvette collection that you can visit. It takes around 4.5 hours to get there but well worth the trip. The hard part is getting motel reservations. Most rooms are booked year to year. We have yet to attend Funfest that we don't run into LOCC members



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# Save the Date

## 2018 Corvette Events

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

**October 13, 2018**  
Hotel Bothwell 1st Annual  
Corvette Show & Cruise-In  
Sedalia, MO  
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

**October 20, 2018**  
Missouri State Penitentiary  
Tour and dinner at Madison's Café  
Jefferson City, MO

Check out Dave Noble's video from  
Corvettes at Karls!

[https://www.youtube.com/attribution\\_link?  
a=Qf6dHBLT9EZ37t9X&u=/watch%3Fv%](https://www.youtube.com/attribution_link?a=Qf6dHBLT9EZ37t9X&u=/watch%3Fv%3D)

**Welcome to  
LOCC!**  
**So glad to meet you!**  
**Ron Ruff and Cindy Brown**



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

October	14th	Captain Ron's
November	11th	Lake Valley
December	1st	Christmas party (tba)



## Local Events

**November 10, 2018**  
Veteran Parade  
Osage Beach, MO

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

## Membership Count

**As of this issue of Vette Waves, the Lake  
Ozark Corvette Club has 190 members!**



# October

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	1  <i>David Ayers Marlene Wormsley</i>	2  <i>J.C. Pennington</i>	3	4  <i>27th Annual Eureka Springs Corvette</i>	5  	6
7  <i>Weekend</i>	8   <i>Bud Hill</i>	9  <i>Laura Cooper</i>	10  <i>Steve Johnson Bill Stone</i>	11   <i>Gregg Daly Richard Mohl</i>	12	13
<i>LOCC14 Meeting Captain Ron's 11:30</i>  <i>Ellen Ensminger</i>	15	16	17  	18  <i>Connie Swanson</i>	19	20  <i>State Penitentiary tour and Dinner</i> 
21	22  <i>Terry Lembach</i>	23  	24	25	26	27  
28  	29	30	31  	 <p><i>Happy Birthday to all those born in October! If I accidentally left you off the calendar and you were not recognized for your birthday, please contact me at mtlembach@gmail.com</i></p>		