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# Vette Waves

LOCC Meeting-January 13, 2019 - Tuckers Shuckers  
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## Presidential Spark Plug



Happy New Year everyone and hoping everybody had a terrific holiday season. The Lake Ozark Corvette Club must have been very good in 2018 because Santa sent a gift. Come to the club meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup> at Tucker Shuckers and see the gift. It is amazing, and you'll be surprised.

2019 will be a busy year starting in April 2019. Pete has already put into motion a three-day trip to Bowling Green, Kentucky for the Michelin NCM Bash, April 25<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Registration will begin on January 2, 2019. Because of its popularity, events and activities fill up quick. Hotel space also becomes very tight. Pete will be sending out the details of the trip very soon.

Looking ahead, there are three local shows in 2019 that I would like to bring into focus, those being the Jefferson City show in May 2019 (actual date not available), Westlake Fall Follies, Laurie Missouri September 2019 (actual date not available) WK Chevrolet, Sedalia Missouri, October 12, 2019. If anyone would like to lead these trips, please let me know and I will help any way that I can. Another very nice show is Hannibal, Missouri and requires one over night stay. About 150 cars show up for this event and in past years, as a club, we have done very well in awards.

Through out 2019, we will have club meetings near home, during inclement weather and then road trips to various locations within driving distance utilizing a caravan. Two meetings will be in the direction of Kansas City to allow a shorter driving time for our Kansas City members. In May 2019 the club will travel to Springfield, Missouri for our annual Cardinal game and fun day trips will be arranged by Brian Newlun and details will follow as we get closer to the trips. As you can see, a lot of activity, a lot of fellowship and fun.

In closing, if there is something you would like to see happen, let me know and we'll see if we can make it happen. 2019 is about to start, so let's have some fun.

Bill Kaimann, President

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## *Museum News and Views*

*by*

*Joe and Ruth Dillard*



Over the next twelve months I plan to keep you all up to date on the latest museum news and events as well as happenings in the Corvette world. The biggest talk right now is the upcoming mid engine Corvette. Above is an artists rendering pulled from [midenginecorvetteforum.com](http://midenginecorvetteforum.com). This forum is the best right now for information on the new Corvette.

As of now GM has not even acknowledged that the mid engine exists but there have been numerous mule sighting and the cars have been seen testing at the Nurburgring. Also the C8R video that I put out testing at Sebring is suspected to have been set up by GM since they feel no spy photographer could have got in there and got so much footage from different angles.

Some thoughts right now are that it will use a version of the current LT1 the first year and possibly a version of Cadillacs DOHC engine it developed for the CT6V. Will have a DCT transmission only, that the base engine will have 485-500+ hp and there will be both a coupe and hard top convertible at some point. Also John who is the founder of the forum believes the base price will be \$70,000.00 or less.

Trivia question- what year did Corvette first offer Sun visors as an option?

*Joe and Ruth Dillard  
NCM Co-Ambassadors  
(continued)*

*Now the person who really got the Corvette Museum up and running.*

*Dan Gale*

*Enthusiast 2004, Corvette Hall of Fame*

“Dan Gale was driven by a passion for the Corvette unlike any I have ever seen,” wrote Jerry Burton, Editorial Director for Corvette Quarterly. “I first met him on the pit wall at Laguna Seca. ... He talked incessantly about Corvette history and his love for a man named Zora Arkus-Duntov.” “Dan ate up everything having to do with the car,” recalls Karen Gale, who first met her future husband when he sold her a Corvette. They were married 24 years until his death in 2000.

Gale was a cofounder of the Northeast Chapter of the NCRS and a charter member of the Library, Archives and Museum Committee formed in 1986. As the idea evolved from a simple library to a multifaceted museum, Gale became increasingly excited with the possibilities. He was spurred on by Zora Arkus-Duntov’s plea to preserve the artifacts of the Corvette’s history. “He wanted to get it up and done so that Zora could actually see it,” said Karen. “Dan loved him. Nobody could match that friendship.”

The friendship began with a phone call. With a number he had obtained from directory assistance, Gale phoned Grosse Pointe, Michigan, and was ecstatic to hear a Russian-accented voice answer. When he finally hung up the phone, he turned to Karen and said, “I just talked to God.”

Gale was elected president of the NCM Foundation’s board of directors in 1991 and oversaw the “Capital Campaign” that sought to raise the remaining millions still needed to build the museum. In March of 1992, impatient to see the dream realized, Gale left behind his family and business in Massachusetts and moved to Bowling Green to bring the project to completion — by sheer force of will, if necessary. As a man totally consumed by the vision of getting the National Corvette Museum built,” commented Burton, “Dan was often misunderstood. He had a style that was easily off putting if you didn’t know where he was coming from. ... But Dan knew that nice guys weren’t going to get the museum built, especially during the early 1990s when the economy was in terrible shape and corporate donations were sparse. Dan knew the job had to get done within a certain window of time in order to maintain credibility with the corporate donors. He had a sense of urgency on the project unmatched by anyone.”

To Gale’s great satisfaction, on June 5, 1992, Zora mounted a bulldozer with a Corvette cutout on the side and broke ground for the National Corvette Museum. More fund-raising hurdles were cleared, the structure was raised, exhibits were created, a national Corvette caravan was organized, and amidst great fanfare, the Museum opened on September 2, 1994. Zora was there. The night before the grand opening, Gale told a reporter: “It has not been an easy trip, but seeing the museum become a reality has been a source of great pride and accomplishment.”

From the Corvette Museum Hall of Fame

## **Kaye Wagner Joins NCM Board**

November 29, 2018

“Yes, this really is my car.”

It’s a sentence Kaye Wagner finds herself repeating at various car shows and events when she rolls up in her 2015 Laguna Blue Convertible Z06. And a sentence that people she encounters are not only surprised by, but very supportive of. When Kaye jumped into the Corvette hobby, she jumped in with both feet.

Kaye grew up in a small town in Northern Minnesota on a farm with her parents and brother – the same farm her dad grew up on and where her parents still reside. Her mom is a nurse, and being a Pediatric Hematologist and Oncologist herself, the medical field was something that Kaye had in common with her mom. But when it came to her dad, it was cars and motorcycles that they would connect on. “I fell in love with cars because of him,” said Kaye. “He was always interested in and talked about cars well before he owned a Corvette. It took a while to find what he was looking for, but for almost 20 years he’s owned a red 1981 T-Top,” said Kaye. “I’d drive his car and get a feel for it, and then said it was something I had to get. It was a bucket list present for myself.”

Shortly after purchasing her C7, Kaye visited the National Corvette Museum, doing a V.I.P. Plant and Museum tour. Since then, she travels to car shows on her own, including the Corvette and Camaro show her club, the Sioux Falls Corvette Club, holds each June. Kaye has held several offices in the club, including Vice President and most recently President. It was Kaye’s involvement with her club that caught the eye of National Corvette Museum Board Chair Lon Helton. “Our club plans an opening event to kickoff Hot Summer Nights and then drives in a caravan to the Black Hills Corvette Classic where 800-900 participants from all over the country gather. Lon introduced himself, so I invited him to be a dignitary and lead the 400+ mile drive to Spearfish,” said Kaye. “We chatted off and on all weekend. He asked me to consider applying for the board position, and here we are!”

Kaye is looking forward to serving on the Museum’s board, and already has ideas to keep Corvette owners engaged with the Museum, and to encourage women becoming more involved with the hobby. “I like the activities the Museum has in the Education section of the website, so I’ve printed some off to use at a club meeting,” said Kaye. “I’d love to see more interactive modules on the website, like a virtual tour and the option to click and see some exhibits.” Kaye also shared ideas like offering track days for women. “A lot of people don’t know the role women have played with Corvette and the Museum. It would be nice to showcase that in the Museum, but to also have track days with a few female instructors. That can take the intimidation factor down a little.” We’re looking forward to working with Kaye on growing online engagement with enthusiasts and growing our relationship and offerings for female enthusiasts. With more female Corvette enthusiasts, the question won’t be “is that your Corvette?” but rather a comment of “Nice Corvette!”

Welcome, Kaye, and thanks for donating your time to serve on the NCM Board. Chuck Fast also joined the board. To keep this from being too long his info next month

## **About NCM Motorsports Park**

Our vision for the Motorsports Park is to create a safe and challenging environment where drivers of all ages, interests and skill levels can become more proficient behind the wheel.

Whether the goal is teen driver safety or the excitement of high performance recreational driving, participants can participate in classroom instruction and on-track training with a certified instructor, designed to help students increase their ability and build skills that can be applied to the track and the real world.

With over 1.5 miles of frontage on Interstate 65 and located across from the National Corvette Museum (NCM) and the Corvette Assembly Plant, the Motorsports Park is one of the most centrally located and easily accessible driving facilities in the country. The First Phase of the Park is situated on 200 acres. The adjoining 219 acres is under option and have also been incorporated into Phase II of the Master Development Plan, and may be used for future development. The track was designed by Crawford and Associates with input from Pratt & Miller Engineering and Corvette Racing. The top priority of the NCM Motorsports Park is education and safety for participants of all ages.

The National Corvette Museum located in Bowling Green, KY is a 501 (c) (3) not-for-profit foundation, and the sole owner of the NCM Motorsports Park. As the largest car museum in the world dedicated to a single model, the NCM is committed to preserving the Corvette's past, present and future. Learn more about the National Corvette Museum at [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)

## **History of Project**

The idea of building a Motorsports Park to complete the Corvette Museum experience began in 2007. The success of our High Performance Driving Events (HPDE) and feedback from enthusiasts who enjoyed exercising their cars, got the attention of Museum Executive Director Wendell Strode. When an opportunity came up to obtain some property adjacent to the existing NCM campus, the suggestion was first made to use it for a track, until it was decided that there wasn't enough room there to do it properly. Still, it seemed like a good idea worth pursuing later.

At that time the Museum expansion was the priority so the track plan went on the back burner. This changed when a nearby property owner with 20 acres on the other side of the interstate, contacted the Museum offering to sell her land for future growth. An adjoining 50 acres came available as well adding up to 70 acres. Strode and the Museum Board of Directors agreed that the land should be purchased as it would be a good investment even if the track didn't wind up getting the support it needed to be built.

When the expansion was complete, the strong business case for a Motorsports Park prompted the NCM leadership to bring in track designer Alan Wilson (Miller Motorsports Park, NOLA Motorsports Park, Barber Motorsports Park and others) as a consultant, along with others who determined that more property would be needed to make this the world-class facility it had the potential to be. A total of 184 acres were eventually purchased and as member support grew, so did the momentum and excitement. Track designer Steve Crawford (Thunder Hill, Ridge Motorsports Park) was hired to design the road course with input from Corvette Racing, resulting in a multiple, reconfigurable, track layout with features from Le Mans, making the NCM Motorsports Park the track that every motorsports enthusiast would want to drive

*Joe and Ruth Dillard  
NCM Co-Ambassadors  
(Continued)*

## **2019 NCM BASH SPONSORED BY MICHELIN**

**APRIL 25-27, 2019**

Kickoff of the NCM on site event season – Bash traditionally marks the rollout of the next model year Corvette; the place where you can see them up close and in detail. Bash 2019 will provide enthusiasts the chance to see the new 2020 Corvette Stingray and ZR1 up close as well as the getting all the latest information about the all new 7th Generation Corvette.

Seminars will feature speakers discussing 'What's new in the 2020 model year', the awardwinning body structure, as well as using your 7th generation navigation system. As in past years there will be a large contingent of GM engineers and designers from Warren Tech Center, and the Bowling Green Assembly Plant ready to answer your every question. giving a seminar. Also, back to Bash is our LT5 engine building demonstration by BGAP Bryan Lee & team. Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technicians Paul Koerner.

Enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, the Ladies' Oasis, and the expanded Garage Party with women of the GM Corvette Team. The ladies will cover all aspects of Corvettes including maintenance, engineering and even highperformance driving (ladies only) **Registration to open January 2, 2019**

### **NCM BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **CORVETTE EVENTS January—October 2019**

- \*Jan 23-28 MiM Daytona Rolex 24 presented by Michelin @ Daytona International Speedway
- \*Apr 25-27 Michelin NCM Bash @ National Corvette Museum
- \*Apr 28-May 1 MiM Dragon Run @ Biltmore Estate
- \*May 16-18 C4 Gathering @ National Corvette Museum
- \*Jun 4-8 MiM Branson Experience
- \*Jun 6-18 MiM Le Mans @ Le Circuit de la Sarthe
- \*Jun 15-16 Le Mans Race Weekend @ National Corvette Museum
- \*Aug 28-31 Anniversary Celebration @ National Corvette Museum
- \*Sep 30-Oct 5 MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky 2019 Tour (1)
- \*Oct 14-19 MiM 1-Lap of Kentucky 2019 Tour (2)

**Trivia Answer—1959**

# *Lake Ozark Christmas Parade*

*We had a great turnout, 14 cars. The sunshine helped! After the parade we warmed up at Fat Polly's Bar & Grill.*



# *Christmas Parade ~ continued*



Save  
the  
Date

## 2019 Corvette Events

St Patrick's Day Parade Tentative Mar 16  
Mid Missouri Corvette Show Apr 5  
Hot Springs Corvette Show Apr 20  
Michelin Bash Bowling Green Apr 25-27  
Dogwood festival Parade (Convertibles)  
Corvettes Of Enid Oklahoma Apr 5-6  
Cardinal Game, Springfield Tentative May 22  
Jefferson City Mo. date to be determined  
Lctc Lake Career and Technical Center,  
Scholarship Presentation  
Central Oklahoma Corvette Club Show,  
Edmond Ok June 1  
Jerry Elhmann Party June 1, 2019  
Carl Chevrolet, Ankeny IA Date not  
determined  
Westlake Fall Follies, Laurie Mo, date not de-  
termined  
WK Chevrolet Car Show, Sedalia Mo Oct 12  
Eureka Springs Ark Car Show Oct 3,4,5 (El-  
len doing the reservations)



## 2019 Meeting and Luncheon Schedule

Jan 13, 2019 Tuckers Shuckers  
Feb 10, 2019 Old Kinderhook  
Mar 10, 2019 Tentative Regalia Hotel  
Apr 14, 2019 Wicked Willies  
May 5, 2019 (week early)  
109 Restaurant Clinton MO  
June 9, 2019 Oscar Diner Jefferson City Mo.  
July 14, 2019 Dowds, Lebanon Mo  
August 11, 2019 Smiths Collins Mo  
Sept 8, 2019 R&R Barbecue  
October 13, 2019 Angelos Italian Buffet KK/54  
November 10, 2019 Lake Valley Country Club  
Dec-Christmas Party, Tentative Old Kinderhook



## Membership Count

**As of this issue of Vette Waves, the Lake  
Ozark Corvette Club has 193 members!**

# JANUARY

**Mon**

**Tue**

**Wed**

**Thu**

**Fri**

**Sat**

<p><b>Reminder</b> If you have not paid your LOCC dues, mail to Marlin Hammond 320 Lacey Ave Lincoln MO 65338</p>	<p><b>1</b> <i>New Years Day</i></p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Doug Riffel</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Dave Schroeder</p>	<p><b>5</b></p>
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Miriam Tyrcha</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Gary Carlson Randy Gross</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Mark Sperflage</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>13</b></p> <p><b>LOCC Meeting Tuckers Shuckers</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Sue Matula</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Don Sturn</p>
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<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Happy Birthday to all those celebrating birthdays in January!</p>	