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Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club

VETTE WAVES

January 2025 Newsletter



On The Cover: LOCC members participate in the annual Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Party at the Encore Event Center December 7th. More pictures from the event inside.

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President Myers'

Monthly Report



HAPPY NEW YEAR to all LOCC Members!

I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas, spending the holidays with family and friends. As we wrap up 2024, may we remember the magic of Christmas never ends; its greatest gift is family and friends!

Another year has come and gone under the leadership of club President David Lantz. On December 7th, LOCC held it's annual Christmas party at the Encore Event Center. We had 61 members and guests attending. These folks enjoyed a evening of fine dining, a enthralling gift exchange and lots of socializing that continued on to the after party. Special 25th Anniversary coins were given out to those attending. These coins will be available to all current and new members throughout the year at the monthly meetings. A big thank you goes out to club members Merlin & Dawn Vandervort who donated the use of the event center for our party. Also, thank you to the Christmas party committee for the efforts of ensuring all had a great time: Dave & Sherry Lantz, Rudy Willingham & Kathy Needham, Parker & Marybelle Darr, and Jim McMillan.

On December 14th, LOCC participated in the 40th Annual Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade. This year's theme was a "80's Christmas". We had seven Corvettes decked out in Christmas decorations to help all get into the Christmas spirit. In addition, Ed Tostenrud had the privilege of driving the Grand Marshall, Carol Cummings in his C8. The weather wasn't favorable as the forecast was for rain all day. We delayed our meeting time in the hopes the rain would stop, which it did once we arrived at the staging area. The cars were wiped down, decorations put on and the parade was on its way. Some from the group ended up at the Encore after the parade for a bite and socializing. All in all, the day turned out great and we got our toys home before the next round of rain started.

As the club nears our 25th Anniversary, I am excited to work with all as we plan events, incorporating new and maybe some past events. The goal of LOCC was to enjoy the "camaraderie of other Corvette owners, to drive our cars and enjoy them on the road." I feel this membership does a good job and I welcome all ideas for any club activities or drives.

May we all have a blessed New Year. I look forward to seeing many of you on January 12th for our monthly meeting at Tucker's Shuckers.

Brenda

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Date: December 7, 2024

Location: Encore Wedding Pavillion, 3080 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark MO 65049

Time Meeting Started: 7:05pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Pepper Guthrie



Dave Lantz outgoing President:

- ◆ Commemorative Coin (LOCC 25 year Anniversary) with LOCC logo are on the tables for each to take home.
- ◆ Dave announced that after this quick meeting there will be the white elephant gift exchange with the after party upstairs in the Sky Bar.

Raffle: 50/25/25

- ◆ Last month's winner **Jim McMillian** collected \$260 with \$130 going to **George Woodrum**, \$65 going to **Malcom Marsh** and \$65 going to **Ed Tostenrud**.
- ◆ Everyone that brought a white elephant gift was given a ticket to participate in a drawing for a Gift Basket that was created and donated by **Dave & Sherry Lantz**. **Tish Mueller** was the winner.

Thanks to all attending and special thanks to the Christmas Party Committee:

- ◆ Parker & Marybelle Darr
- ◆ Dave & Sherry Lantz
- ◆ Steve & Brenda Myers
- ◆ Rudy Willingham & Kathy Needham
- ◆ Mark & Gina McLachlan

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dave expressed what an honor and a privilege it was to serve as LOCC President and especially wanted to thank the 2024 board, asking them to stand:

Vice President: Brenda Myers

Treasurer: Jim McMillan

Secretary: Sherry Lantz

Public Relations: Brian Carrara

Newsletter Editor: Sandy Funk

NCM Ambassador: Ed Carr

Project/Event Manager: Gina McLachlan

Webmaster: Melody Spanos (not present)

Club Communications: Ron Wehmeyer (not present)



Special Thanks: Our unofficial Social Coordinators: Rudy Willingham & Kathy Needham, special thanks for organizing many after meeting cruises & the excellent "Socializing" skills.

Thanks was given to all members for their participation with meetings and events. Dave stated that is the Club Members that make the Club and thanked everyone for being members of LOCC.

Passing of the gavel (Brenda Myers steps forward)

Dave offered his support and confidence to LOCC's 2025 President, Brenda Myers, and wished her Best of Luck.

New LOCC 2025 Board is introduced:

- ♦ President—**Brenda Myers**
- ♦ Vice President—**George Woodrum**
- ♦ Treasurer—**Jim McMillan**
- ♦ Secretary—**Sherry Lantz**
- ♦ Public Relations—**Sandy Funk**
- ♦ Newsletter Editor—**Tammy Walker**
- ♦ NCM Ambassador—**Ed Carr**
- ♦ Project/Event Manager—**Gina McLachlan**
- ♦ Webmaster—**Melody Spanos**
- ♦ Club Communications—**Ron Wehmeyer**



SECRETARY'S REPORT

New Business:

December 14 – Christmas Parade

9 cars are currently signed up to attend. We are to meet at Kohl's at 11:00am then caravan to the waiting area to decorate our cars around 11:45. This is a candy throwing event.

April 26 – 5th Annual Corvettes in Paradise Car Show

Currently have 136 cars registered and 60+ pre-ordered t-shirts.

June 1 – Corvettes for Cancer

Partnering with Lake Regional Hospital to organize a car show and honor those that have survived cancer. More information to come as details develop. This will be a great way for LOCC to increase community involvement. This is a new event for 2025.

In 2025 **Brenda** stated that she plans to focus on LOCC's past 25 years and in preparing for this she enjoyed reading old newsletters. In November 2005 **Rudy Willingham** was president and the Christmas Party was discussed. A trivia question was asked, "What was the first year a corvette was owned by Santa Claus?" The answer will be in our next Newsletter.

Brenda then presented outgoing President, **Dave Lantz**, with parting gifts. Each gift had a back story. The first gift was a wooden wall hanging etched of the back end of his 2021 Corvette Coupe. The second gift was opened (and it was not Omaha Steaks!). Brenda spoke about meeting **Ron & Dede Page** at Eureka Springs and discovered they were the parents of **Jeff Page** who is building a 1961 Restomod for **Dave**. She contacted **Jeff** to ask if there was anything from the "donor car" that could be used to create a gift for **Dave**. **Jeff** not only shipped the C1 front Emblem but provided the exact color mix that will be used on Dave's finished Restomod! With the help of **George Woodrum** and **Steve Myers** they created a handsome plaque.

Dave thanked **Brenda, Steve, & George** for their thoughtful gifts that included his existing and his new car.

Club Members were thanked for making LOCC 2024 such a success.

Next Meeting:

January 14 - Tucker Shuckers, 1339 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark MO 65049

Meeting adjourned: 7:26pm

Christmas Party 2024



The Christmas Party at the Encore Event Center at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri was an unforgettable celebration filled with Corvette enthusiasts. Guests enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner followed by exciting games that brought everyone together. The atmosphere was lively with plenty of drinks flowing and the gift exchange added a fun, festive touch. Afterward, the after-party kept the energy high, with everyone enjoying each other's company. It was the perfect blend of good food, great people and unforgettable moments.



LOCC Christmas Party 2024



Christmas Parade

December 14, 2024

Pictures By Ed Tostenrud and Brenda Myers

The Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade, with its vibrant 80s theme, was a heartwarming celebration. Seven beautifully decorated LOCC Corvettes, shining with festive lights and holiday cheer, cruised down the route. Leading the parade was the Grand Marshall, Carol Cummings, a beloved retired music teacher for the School of the Osage. Ed Tostenrud, who was honored to be her chauffeur in his beautiful Seawolf Grey C8 Corvette, described Carol as a, "delightful sharp woman of 93 years young and it was evident by the spectators reaction to her that she was loved by all."





Looking In The Rear View Mirror

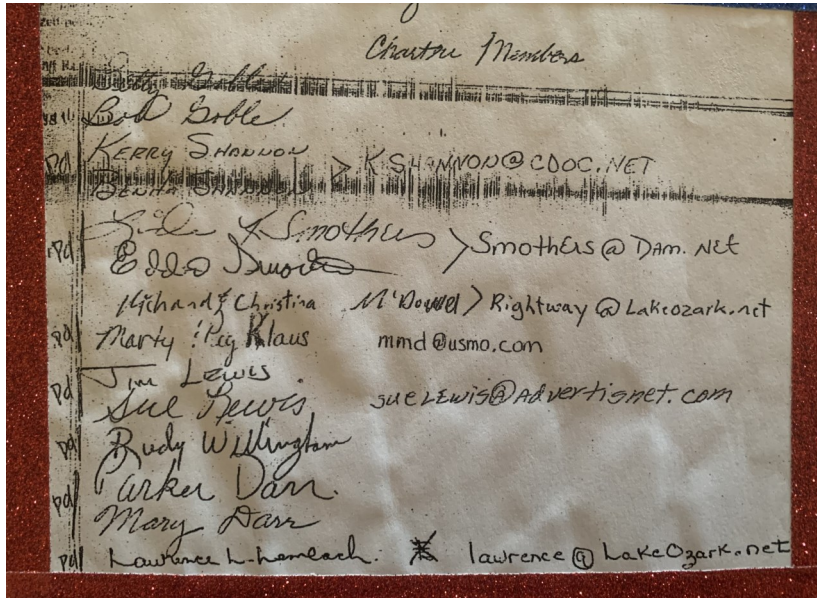
The new year is a monumental one for the Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club. Twenty-five years ago, on January 10th local residents Parker and Marybelle Darr, along with the late Larry Lembach, held the first meeting of the club with two Corvettes in attendance. LOCC had its first "official" meeting on April 9, 2000, with a total of 16 people in attendance and dues were \$25. Since then, the club has grown to 253 (at the end of 2024) and 190 Corvettes. Throughout this year, we are going to highlight the past 25 years in segments called "Looking in the Rear View Mirror". We'll highlight activities that the club did and pictures through the years.

This month we start from the beginning: 2000 through 2002. Since the first official meeting was in April, 2000, the board served April through March, instead of calendar year. Our first President was Parker Darr and he held the position from 2000 through 2001. In 2002, Rudy Willingham took over the President spot which he held for three consecutive years. Rudy was the only President in the history that served three terms. Though there were newsletters in the early years which detailed meeting minutes and club activities, the first "Vette Waves" was published in 2002. The newsletters included "Presidential Exhaust" and the "Octane Report". Earlier editions also had "My First Ride" written by various club members. Quotes such as "Smoke 'Em if You've Got 'Em!" and "Save the Wave" were pretty dominant in the monthly newsletters. And there were trivia questions sprinkled throughout the newsletter.

Stay tuned for next month's segment on the next few years.

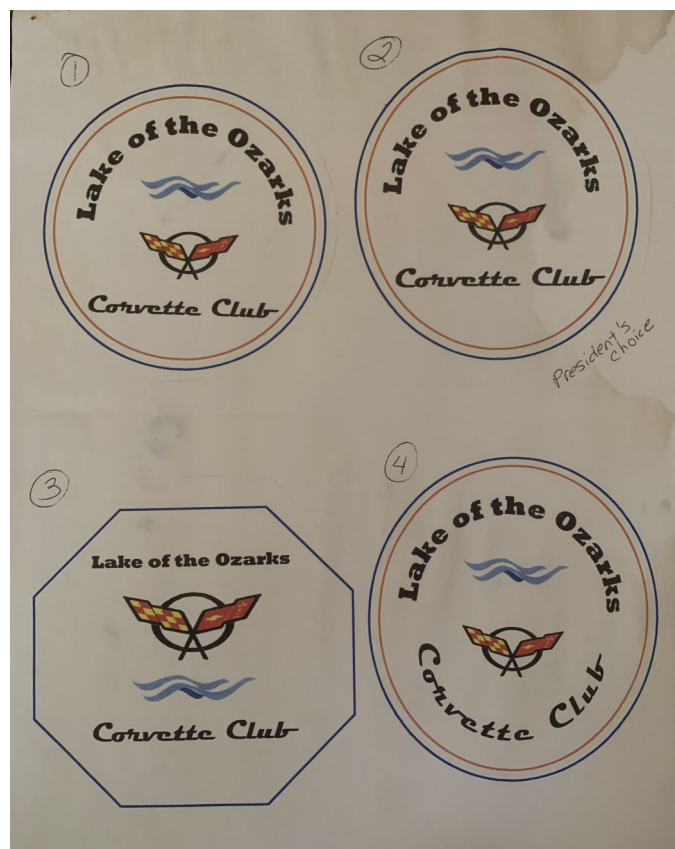


Looking In The Rear View Mirror



Charter Members included: Betty and Bob Goble, Kerry and Benita Shannon, Linda and Eddie Smothers, Richard and Christina McDonald, Marty and Peg Klaus, Jim and Sue Lewis, Rudy Willingham, Parker and Mary Darr and Lawrence Lembach.

Member, Jean Fickle, came up with some neat logo designs. The official logo for the club was chosen at the December 2002



EXTRA! EXTRA!

If you are in need of LOCC club gear and want something more than a t-shirt, Traci Kahrs in Osage Beach has our club logo and can embroider the logo on most types of clothing you bring to her, including polo shirts, jackets, button down shirts, even tote bags! Not only does she have the club logo, but she can do special requests if you get the logo to her, just give her time to create it. Recently, she created the Grand Sport logo for our Collector Edition and the C8 Z06 as seen below. Head to Marshalls, get on Amazon, wherever you buy your shirts, jackets, etc. and get those Christmas gifts or get yourself something for upcoming club events! Call Traci at (573) 280-7107 for further details.



A Favorite Recipe for the Holidays

In the southern United States, the symbolic food of choice for New Year's celebrations is a bowl of black-eyed peas, which are really a type of bean. Black-eyed peas are believed to bring good luck or **money** in the new year.

New Year Day Black-Eyed Peas

- 1 pound dry black-eyed peas
 - 2 tablespoons olive oil
 - 1 large yellow onion, diced
 - 2 cloves garlic, minced
 - 2 (32 ounce) cartons chicken broth
 - 8 cups water
 - salt and pepper to taste
 - 1 pound smoked ham hocks
 - 1 (14.5 ounce) can diced tomatoes
 - 5 pepperoncini peppers
 - 1 bay leaf
 - ½ teaspoon garlic powder
 - ¼ teaspoon ground thyme
1. Soak the peas overnight.
 2. Cook the onions and garlic in oil, then cover with broth and water.
 3. Bring to a boil, then reduce to a simmer.
 4. Stir in the remaining ingredients.
 5. Cook until the peas are tender and the meat falls off the bone.



Ed Carr
NCM Ambassador
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“Adrenaline Meets Tradition”



The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to celebrate the Corvette’s invention and preserve the legendary automobile’s past, present, and future. The Museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy.

Find the NCM at www.corvettemuseum.org. Subscribe to the “Corvette Campus Connection”.
For museum happenings and information at: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/subscribe/>
Follow all of the National Corvette Museum’s existing social media channels



National Corvette Museum Membership

Lifetime Membership	\$2000.00
Senior Individual Membership	\$750.00/valid for 20 years
Family Membership	\$100.00/year (5 years) \$350.00
Individual Membership	\$65.00/year
Next Generation Member	Children ages 0-9-\$400/Children ages 10-18-\$200

Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club NCM Members

If you need to have your name added or removed or any changes, please let Ed Carr (Email: edcarr@earthlink.net Text: 417-718-0824) or Brenda Myers (Brendajoymyers@comcast.net Text 651-283-5006) know.

Watch for the Survey in your emails from Ron!!!

Annual LOCC trip to the National Corvette Museum will soon distribute a survey for our trip to NCM hoping to pick up some suggestion, new ideas, new activities, even new dates for this trip. Nothing wrong with what we have been doing it is just kind of nice to give everyone in the club a chance for some input



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Museum in Motion

Museum in Motion events aren't just about the destination—they're about the journey.

Join fellow Corvette aficionados for unforgettable tours that blend the thrill of driving with socializing, sightseeing, and exclusive access to VIP and behind-the-scenes opportunities. Past excursions have granted participants rare glimpses into typically off-limits locations such as the Milford Proving Grounds, Consumer Reports Auto Test Division, GM Heritage Center, and Pratt & Miller. Experience the Corvette lifestyle like never before with the National Corvette Museum's Museum in Motion program.

2025 MiM Daytona Rolex 24 – January 22, 2025 to January 27, 2025

28th Annual Michelin NCM Bash – April 24 to April 26, 2025

MiM Dragon Run at Biltmore Estate – April 27 to April 30, 2025

MiM Branson Experience – June 24 to June 28, 2025

MiM Colorado Springs – Jul 13 to Jul 17, 2025

2025 NCM 31st Anniversary - August 28 to August 30, 2025

MiM 2025 National Parks Tour – September 21 to September 27, 2025

NCM STORE MERCHANDISE

Need some new threads for your new C8, or any year, to replace your old worn out stuff with some new? Check out the NCM Store at www.corvettestore.com.

NCM Members get a 10% discount and free shipping on orders over \$75.00

Cross the Finish Line in Corvette Simulators

Race your friends in Corvette Simulators. Get behind the wheel of a C7 or C8 Corvette and pilot it around a virtual racetrack with you friends and family. Experience the thrill of high-speed racing in our state-of-the-art Corvette Racing Simulators! Feel the adrenaline rush as you navigate iconic tracks and push the limits of performance. Get ready to race!



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2025 LOCC 25th Anniversary NCM Banner

We are still looking for a design for our club submitted banner at the National Corvette Museum to be displayed in April of 2025.

The banner is 29.5 inches x 60 inches
Acceptable file formats: PDF, JPG, TIFF, EPS, AI Resolution 300 dpi
All images flattened and outline all text

Suggested images for the banner:

LOCC Logo w/ or w/o oval 25th anniversary logo/mention
LOTO dragon/lake
Corvettes in Paradise Logo/Banner
25 years of crossed flag logos
Corvette outline C5 (founding year) C6, C7, or C8, ETC

Want to see photos of all the banners on display at the museum go to this site
<https://corvettemuseum.smugmug.com/2024-Parking-Lot-Banners>



CORVETTE EVENTS CALENDAR

March 15 – St. Patrick’s Day Parade
April 25-26 – Corvettes in Paradise
May 9 – Hot Summer Nights
May 14 – Springfield Cardinals Game
June 1 – Corvettes for Cancer
June 13 – Hot Summer Nights
July 11 – Hot Summer Nights
August 8 – Hot Summer Nights
September 5 – Hot Summer Nights
September 25-26 – Eureka Springs
December 6 – Christmas Party

Next Meeting
January 12



2025 LOCC Meetings

Social Hour 11:00 am
Lunch 12:00 Noon Meeting 1:00 pm

January 12 – Tucker Shuckers
February 16 – Wicked Willies
March 9 – Boat Town Brewing (tentative)
April 6 – JB Hooks
May 18 – Huelletts
June 8 – TBA
July 13 – TBA
August 10 – TBA
September 14 – TBA
October 12 – Willows
November 9 – Lake Valley Golf Club
December 6 – Christmas Party

“The Corvette is more than just a car; it’s a feeling. It’s the rush of adrenaline as you press the pedal to the metal and feel the power of the engine roar beneath you.”

JANUARY 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 Gary Elwick	4 Dave Schroeder Don Dettman
5	6	7	8	9	10 Vanessa Randolph	11 Randy Gross Gary Carlson
12 David Taylor Mark Sperflage	13	14 Steve Bischoff	15	16 Steve Costigan	17	18 Don Sturn Marsha Naught
19	20	21 Nancy Jenson	22	23	24 Pat Brown	25
26 Shelly Biggs	27 Bob Young	28 Brenda Myers	29	30	31	

What was the year of the first Corvette owned by Santa Claus?

Answer: In 1968, Hertz released a classic ad which shows Santa leaving his sleigh behind for a C2!

