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LOCC April 2021 Newsletter

President's Report

Happy Spring! It is hard to believe that one-fourth of the year is already gone and LOCC's big event – Corvettes in Paradise – is fast approaching! I would like to thank those that have signed the volunteer sheet that was passed around during the March meeting. If you were not at the meeting and still would like to be part of this fun event, contact Don Sturn so that he can add your name to the list. It will be an awesome time and a great way to make lasting friends from the Club or with those that have entered the show!

Those of you that did not come to the March meeting missed a great one full of laughs! A lot of blarney was spoken and I'm sure everyone was in agreement with Kathy saying of Rudy that she "can't take him anywhere!" When Rudy is in the room, you never know what will happen!

Speaking of Kathy and Rudy, they hosted a LOCC Bowling Night on March 20th. Surprise bowlers Laverne and Shirley were at the lanes. Shirley showed her lack of bowling expertise and may have a name change to Gutterball Gertie for the next bowling night! Good exercise along with a lot of cheering and banter filled the air. Another great get together for LOCC members. Thanks Kathy and Rudy!

The St. Pat's Parade on the Strip proved to be another fun time for LOCC members that attended. Amidst the speculation of possible torrential rain, hail and high winds, God held back the weather and 15 beautifully decorated, treat throwing Corvettes graced the parade with their presence. It was the largest parade to date with over 170 entries and scores of people crowding both sides of the road. It felt good to be back to normal!

Local April events include the Dogwood Festival on April 17, cruise-in at the new McDonalds at 6p on April 16, Hot Summer Nights "Spring Fling" on April 17 from 11a-4p. Club day trips are still being formulated. Due to covid restrictions, trip captains are having difficulty in securing dates. There may also be limitations on the number of people the places will allow in a group. So, if a trip is posted and you would like to go, don't hesitate in letting the trip captain know. Use the email provided in the body of the letter for RSVP. Do not hit reply as it will go to Ron who distributes LOCC email news. It may be days before he is able to forward your email to the trip captain and the trip may already be filled. It is not his responsibility to forward your emails to the right person in a timely manner. Also, as the days become more "Corvette Friendly" call your LOCC friends and enjoy a beautiful spring weather road trip. Make your own Corvette memories!

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 11th at Dog Days, 1232 Jefferies Road, Osage Beach. Gathering at 11 – lunch at noon – meeting around 1. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Save the Wave!

Ellen



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

The March meeting of the Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club was held at H. Toads in Lake Ozark, MO on March 14, 2021. President Ellen Ensminger opened the meeting at 12:34p. Ellen welcomed everyone and introduced new members Darryle & Lois Modesto; new member Tom Hohnecker introduced himself later in the meeting along with the rest.

Officer reports:

Vice President, Pete Spanos: Membership is at 171; Pete will send out a new membership list after the March 31st cut off. We have one new membership today.

Treasurer, Marlin Hammond:

Beginning bank balance – 02/01/21:	\$7,153.46
Deposits:	268.00
Disbursements:	1,145.19
Ending bank balance – 02/28/21:	\$6,276.57

Most of the disbursements was for insurance for the year. The car show account started at \$9,333.11 with deposits of \$1,660 and no disbursements ending with a balance of \$10,993.11. We have not had to get into the \$3,000 seed money that will be returned to the club treasury. We have 82-83 entries at this time. Marlin has club t-shirts, name tags, lapel pins, afghans and flags for sale. For club logo shirts, you buy your own shirt or jacket and bring it to Tracy Kahrs. Marlin will put out an email to everyone with details re club logo apparel.

The Springfield Cardinals plan to have a schedule starting in May. They will not do the 11a game with kids that we usually attend so the game will probably be 3-4p or at night. Will send out dates that are available and go out to see what interest we have.

So far have 8 members who have made hotel reservations for the show. Let Marlin know if you have made yours and he will try to get everyone in rooms that are together.

Secretary Peggy Sturn: We have 47 people here and 5 Corvettes.

Webmaster Melody Spanos: March newsletter is posted, and Melody has all events on there.

Newsletter Editor Sandy Funk: If anyone has any ideas to add to the newsletter, let Sandy know. Send any photos taken at events to Sandy and Melody.

Public Relations, Don Sturn: We had a good month in terms of recognition for the club. Don showed the full-page color ad of the show flyer that LO Profile listed in their March/April issue. On Friday, Don did an interview on KRMS radio and talked about the club and the show. They will do another one in a couple weeks. Don thanked Randy Engel, who knows Missy, for getting LO Profile involved with the show. Also, thanked Rich Mohl who sent the owner of KRMS our way re the show. Don is working with KRMS on the advertising spots, interviews, as well as their live broadcasting from the event. Members are encouraged to provide any contacts they may have for publicity opportunities to Don, which he will gladly pursue.

NCM Ambassador Dave Chapman: Dave is still working with NCM on formalizing activities. Trip dates are July 14-17, 2021. Track opportunities have been scheduled and details were reported. Dave will need a firm number and names of those interested. Track rates, hotel information and contact info for Dave and other trip details will be provided in an email. Hopefully will be able to tour the plant by then, but it is not available yet.



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Secretary's Report Continued....

Old & New Business:

- Ellen was contacted by LCTC and Eldon regarding our scholarships that go to trade school students continuing their education in the automotive field. It looks like Eldon will have people this year. Scholarships will be awarded in May.

- St. Patrick's Day parade was yesterday. Turned out to be a beautiful day despite the forecast and thousands of people lined the streets. We had 10 Corvettes.

- Car Show: Don Sturn and Marlin Hammond. The Steering Committee will meet tomorrow to lay out the operational plan. The key thing we do not have is commitment from members. Sign-up sheets for volunteers were passed around. Will need teams for parking, registration tables, judges and more. We already have 80+ registered cars with a rush expected in April. Outdoor parking spaces for overflow have been identified and will be reserved. Members are welcome and encouraged to attend the Meet and Greet on Friday night. People in the show arriving Friday can park in their spaces in Wingate Hall. There will be trailer parking at the resort golf course parking lot or The Oaks parking lot with shuttles.

- Sponsorships. Mike Funk. There are over 50 sponsors as of today: either \$100 plaque sponsors, class trophy sponsors or contributors for the goodie bags. A sponsor plaque was passed around for everyone to see. Mike will send out thank you's and instructions to sponsors about 3 weeks out and will follow up with a phone call. Members are asked to show our support to the sponsors (see the newsletter for list). Marlin would like to get the plaques by April 1, but can accept one or two that may come in after.

- Rudy announced we are having an LOCC Bowling Night on Saturday, March 20th at Eagle Lanes at 6p. We are bowling a couple games and can eat there or go somewhere else.

- Marlin has 8 people interested so far in the LOCC Golf Tournament. He still needs to get that set up. Will be the 2nd or 3rd week in June.

- Trips/Day Trips. Don Sturn is still waiting for a response from Ozark International Raceway and for a date for the Whitman Air Show. Mike Funk called on the prison tour but they aren't open yet or scheduling tours. Kurt Steidley volunteered to contact Warm Springs; will wait to hear from him. Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend is still on the 2nd weekend in October. Bothwell is doing their car show the first weekend in October. Go to their website to register and find the special room rate. Usually stay Friday night with the show on Saturday.

- Hot Summer Nights will have a "Spring Fling" cruise-in on Sat., April 17th from 11a to 4p. HSN dates are the 2nd Friday of May-Sept, ending with an "Autumn Days" cruise-in on Sat., Oct. 16. LOCC will have parking again next to the Indian. Thank you, Randy Gross for arranging that.

- We had sad news. Former member Lee Ellmaker passed away May 7th at home. Please keep Max and family in your thoughts and prayers.

The 50-50 drawing for the \$65 pot went to Ellen. Congrats!

The next meeting will be April 1st at Dog Days. The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Starn,

Secretary

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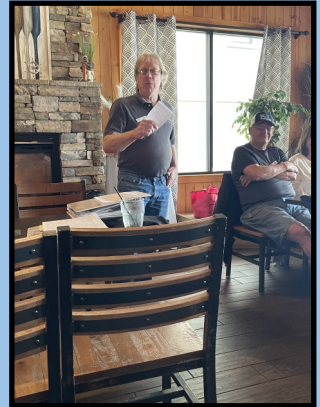
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Candid Moments from the March Meeting and St. Patrick's Day Parade



President Ensminger
leads the March Meeting
at H. Toads



Treasurer Hammond
giving report



Many Thanks to the Ehlman's for allowing us to
stage for the Parade at the Rock Solid garage!





Dave Chapman ***NCM Ambassador***



Stars and Cars Exhibit Now Featured in the Skydome

By [Mariah Hughes](#) March 9, 2021

The National Corvette Museum is proud to present the new *Stars and Cars* exhibit now on display in the Skydome. The featured cars include George Jones' 1978 Corvette and Roy Orbison's 1967 Corvette Stingray. Along with their shared love for music, Jones and Orbison loved their Corvettes. The Museum is proud to honor the legacy of these two amazing musicians. In the words of Director of Collections/Curator, Derek Moore, these Corvettes "help us talk about the cross-cultural impact that the Corvette has. It is an affordable car that the masses can purchase, but it is also a car that celebrities own, love and drive."

Country music singer George Jones special-ordered his 1978 two-tone Corvette to feature a one-off paint scheme of Corvette Dark Brown and Corvette Light Beige. Jones chose the two-tone paint because he was fond of the 1978 Corvette Pace Car's two tone job. The iconic front license plate remains to this day, showcasing his nickname, "Possum". A musical genius, he had more than 160 chart singles throughout his career. At the National Corvette Museum's Grand Opening celebration in 1994, Jones performed his best-known hit, "He Stopped Loving Her Today". George's love of Corvette also inspired his song, "The One I Loved Back Then (The Corvette Song)". George Jones' car is the first celebrity-owned Corvette now permanently displayed the National Corvette Museum.

Also on display, is a red 1967 Stingray once belonging to musician and six-time Grammy winner, Roy Orbison. With close to two dozen Billboard Top 40 hit singles including, "Only the Lonely", "Crying", and "Pretty Woman", Roy Orbison's talent and success in the music industry would earn him a spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Throughout his life, Orbison owned many Corvettes, but the red '67 Stingray was his personal daily driver. He would commute to the studio to record albums such as *The Traveling Wilburys* and *Mystery Girl*. The car's features include factory side pipes, air conditioning, chrome step plates, 4-speed manual transmission, electric windows, and power steering. This 1967 Stingray was the last Corvette purchased by Roy before his passing in 1988.





International Women’s Day – Honoring the Women in Corvette History

By [Mariah Hughes](#) March 8, 2021

Today the National Corvette Museum celebrates International Women’s Day by honoring several iconic women who’ve made a positive impact throughout the Corvette community. Three of the four honorees are in the Corvette Hall of Fame, while the fourth is representative of a newly-founded women’s organization here at the NCM. The contributions Dollie Cole, Donna Mae Mims, Betty Skelton, and Elfi Wolfe Duntov have made to Corvette world are each significant in their own right.



Dolle Cole, 2019 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee

While the world at large first came to know Dollie as the wife of Edward N. Cole, President of General Motors, she wasn’t the kind of automobile executive wife to let that be the one thing that defined her. Colorful, beautiful, driven and outspoken, she truly did live life to the fullest, building up a resume of accomplishments that included: accredited test driver and pilot, Senior Editor for a publishing company, author, television host, and she was even a model in print ads for Dr. Pepper. She could work out in the barn all day, and step into the most elite social situation without missing a beat. She was engaging and comfortable with anyone she met regardless of their station in life. She made it a point to make people feel valued whether it be an underprivileged child, the elevator operator, a Hollywood celebrity, top race car drivers, powerful business icons, or even the President of the United States. They all mattered to her, especially those who were defenseless—mainly children and animals. It would be the goal of her life to use her

resources, abilities, time and energy to help them rather than looking for ways to be entertained. After her husband’s tragic death, Dollie became a cheerleader of sorts for Corvette.

Dollie passed away on August 24, 2014, leaving behind her children, William Jefferson McVey, III, Anne Cole Pierce, Esq., Robert Michael Joseph Cole and Edward Nicholas Cole, Jr., as well as a grateful family of Corvette enthusiasts who will always be in her debt. Dolle Cole was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2019, where she joined her husband, Ed Cole, Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee from 1998. [To learn more about Dolle Cole click here.](#)

Affectionately known as “The Lady in Pink,” the late Donna Mae Mims became a true Corvette enthusiast from the first moment she spotted one, a 1957 Corvette, for sale on a dealership lot. At the time she and husband Mike had never heard of the model, but ended up purchasing a brand new one from Don Yenko Chevrolet. An invitation from a fellow motorist to a sports car meeting is what got Mims involved in SCCA, and in 1961 she started racing, winning the B Production national race that same year at Cumberland. While Mims liked her Corvette, she was not fond of the color. Her husband would not let her paint it pink, so she painted ‘Think Pink’ on its side. Her subsequent race cars bore the same name, while Mims sported pink coveralls, a pink crash helmet, and full pink wig behind the wheel. In her championship driving year, she was part of the Yenko/Chevrolet race team that dominated A/Production and B/Production SCCA racing with Corvettes, all while she was driving her little pink H/Production bug-eyed Sprite. Her dedication to racing was not only recreational, but also professional, serving as Manager of Hi-Performance at Yenko Sports Cars.

After retiring from racing in 1974, Mims stayed busy as a worker in Race Control at three Ohio race courses, and remained active in events of the Steel Cities SCCA Region, Corvette Club of Western Pennsylvania, Three Rivers Corvette Club (which she founded), Steeltown Corvette Club, and the Tri-Rivers Car Club Council. Donna Mae Mims was inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2016. [To learn more about Donna Mae Mims click here.](#)



Donna Mae Mims, 2016 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee



Betty Skelton, 2001 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee

Betty Skelton (Frankman), frequently referred to as the “first lady of firsts”, worked side-by-side with some of the biggest names in Corvette, and established unbelievable records of her own in racing, aviation and automotive history. The first woman to be inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame was also the first woman in the world to drive racing cars to new records through the famous NASCAR measured mile on the sands of Daytona Beach. Skelton established records for Chevrolet behind the wheel of the Corvette, and appeared at major auto shows, as well as national ads and TV commercials.

Harley Earl at the GM Tech Center along with Bill Mitchell, designed a special Corvette for Betty in 1956-57. Skelton drove the translucent gold Corvette to Daytona for Speed Week and then paced all the NASCAR races with it in 1957. In 1959, she was invited by NASA to become the first woman to undergo physical and psychological testing for the first seven astronauts, and was directly involved with arranging America’s first astronauts to become Corvette Owners. Betty Skelton is represented in Hall of Fames and Museums throughout the United States but way inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in 2001. [To learn more about Betty Skelton click here.](#)

Elfi Duntov is considered the Godmother and First Lady of Corvette. She would often accompany Zora Arkus-Duntov, the first Chief Engineer of Corvette, to car shows and special events. Everyone who met Elfi was immediately impressed with her grace, enthusiasm and knowledge of America’s Sports Car. She attended the Grand Opening of the National Corvette Museum in 1994 and plays a pivotal role in the story of the Corvette. It is an honor to attach her name to this new society – to continue her legacy of philanthropy among like-minded women in the Corvette family. In 1965, Corvette introduced a new and exciting color – Silver Pearl. It was sleek, elegant and powerful, much like the women who love Corvette! Pearls symbolize wisdom acquired through experience as well as generosity, integrity and loyalty. While pearls make the perfect complement to flashier gemstones, they also possess an elegance that can shine alone. Although Elfi is not a member of the Corvette Hall of Fame, a special women’s organization was named in her honor, Elfi’s Silver Pearl Sisterhood.

Elfi’s Silver Pearl Sisterhood is a group of women with a shared passion for Corvette, who enjoy celebrating the Corvette experience, uniting with other Corvette enthusiasts, promoting the traditions of America’s Sports Car, and collaborating to advance the mission of the National Corvette Museum. Members pool their financial gifts and allocate the funds to a project or program at the Museum to maximize the impact of their philanthropy. Each member of the group has a unique opportunity to be connected to other women who are enthusiastic about all things Corvette, and to learn about the Museum’s priorities and initiatives in a group setting specifically geared toward women. Members have an equal voice on how the pooled funds are utilized annually. A member may be as involved as she wishes, from serving as an ambassador to simply making a financial gift. [To learn more about Elfi’s Silver Pearl Sisterhood click here.](#)



Elfi Duntov, wife of Zora Arkus-Duntov and Inspiration for Elfi’s Silver Pearl Sisterhood

In the end, each of these four women represented the connection between women and Corvette. Presently, women like Nora Roper, Assistant Plant Manager of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant, Laura Klauser, Sports Car Racing Program Manager at General Motors, and Mary Barra, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer at General Motors continue to pave the way for the next generation.

Save the DATE™

ON DECK:

Dogwood Festival Apr 17

Parade

COMING UP:

Michelin NCM Bash Apr 22

LOCC Corvette Show May 1

Cardinal Game TBA

Jeff City Prison Tour Jun 5

Ozark Raceway TBA

Whiteman AFB TBA

Lucas Oil Spdwy TBA

NCM Bowling Green Jul 14-17

Hermann Winery TBA

Eureka Springs Oct 7—10

*See you May 1, 2021
at our 1st annual:*



2021 LOCC Meetings

Lunch 12:00 Noon

Meeting 1:00 pm

- Jan 10 Tucker Shuckers
- Feb 7 JB Hooks
- Mar 14 Camden on the Lake
- Apr 11 Dog Days
- May 16 Ehlmann's Garage
- Jun 13 Bee's Knees Ale House
- Jul 11 TBA
- Aug 8 Little Big Horn*
- Sep 12 Smith's Café
- Oct 17 Canterbury Hills Winery
- Nov 14 Lake Valley
- Dec 4 LOCC Christmas Party
Camden on the Lake

*Tentative Meeting Sites

LOCC is 171 Members Strong!

*Hoping for sunny weather on
April 11 so we can show off our
beautiful Corvettes at
Dog Days...
See you there!*

The *Corvettes in Paradise* show reached capacity for indoor parking, before the end of March. Any additional entries received will be parked outdoors, overlooking the Lake! Here's to success!



Please support those businesses on the next page who are helping to make our first annual LOCC, Corvettes in Paradise Car Show on May 1, 2021 a success!

LOCAL BUSINESSES

**Am Family Ins, Angie Uptergrove
Big Oak Storage, Camdenton
Drain Masters, Montreal
Five Star Fitness, Osage Beach
Lake Patio & Spas, Lake Ozark
Laura Keim State Farm, Laurie
Margaritaville Resort, Osage Beach
Ozark Homes, Laurie
Prestige Services, Osage Beach
Rock Solid Concrete, Lake Ozark
Steens Salon, Laurie**

**Bank of Versailles
Big Surf Waterpark, Linn Creek
Envision Signs & Wraps, Eldon
Inn at Harbour Ridge, Osage Beach
Lake Printing, Osage Beach
Leatherman Dogpatch, Lake Ozark
McGrath Ins. Group, Camdenton
Pinnacle Real Estate, Osage Beach
Prime Lending, Missouri
Snap-On Tools, Osage Beach**

MEDIA

KRMS Radio, Osage Beach

L O Profile Magazine, Lake Ozark

RESTAURANTS

**Culver's, Osage Beach
Half Sauced BBQ, Osage Beach
Lake House 13, Sunrise Beach
1932 Reserve, Osage Beach
Stogie's Tavern, Camdenton
Upstream Fish Company, Camdenton
Wobbly Boots, Osage Beach**

**Dog Days, Osage Beach
JB Hooks, Lake Ozark
Redhead Lakeside Grill, Osage Beach
Shorty Pants, Osage Beach
Tucker Shuckers, Lake Ozark
Willowes Bar & Grill, Camdenton**

AUTOMOTIVE

**Auto Appraisal Group, Ashland
Cable-Dahmer Chevy, Independence
Clark Tire, Versailles
Gold Eagle CO, Chicago
Lake Auto Glass & Detail, Camdenton
O'Reilly Autoparts, Osage Beach
Purcell Tires, Osage Beach
Sunset Tire and Service, Osage Bch
W K Chevrolet, Sedalia**

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Clark Tire, Camdenton
Classic Cars, Lake Ozark
Hulett Chevrolet, Camdenton
Northtown Collision Ctr, Camdenton
Parkway Plaza Tires, Osage Beach
Riley Chevrolet, Jefferson City
Vette View Magazine**

MARINE

Hawkeye Boat Brokers, Sunrise Bch Premier 54 Sports, Osage Beach

CAR CLUBS

Antique Auto Club of America

National Corvette Museum

April 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Danny Brown Mack Propst	2 Good Friday	3
4 	5	6 Melody Spanos	7 Helen Gross	8	9	10
11 LOCC Meeting @ Dog Days 	12	13 Pete Spanos Mark McAdams	14	15 Dogwood Festival	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25 Betty Goble	26 Jim Hubbard	27 Krista Shackelford	28	29	30	

Did You Know....The Corvette ZR1 motor was originally designed by boat engineers? The ZR1 LT5 motor was originally designed by a division of Mercury MerCruiser in Stillwater, OK.

