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Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club

VETTE WAVES

April 2022 LOCC Newsletter



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CORVETTES IN PARADISE



2nd Annual Car Show - April 30, 2022

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Indoor show parking
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Judging 10am-1pm
Show 10am-3pm
Awards 3pm-4pm

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local charities

Registration form
on back

Corvettes in Paradise is upon us! As of publication, we have 118 Corvettes currently registered and we can expect to see a surge of entrants just before the show.

The response by area businesses in supporting our show has also been amazing. Thank you to the many LOCC members who have taken the time to solicit for sponsors, goodie bag materials and door prizes. We can expect not only a great show, but to surpass last year's contributions to the community!

See You There!

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President Spanos' Monthly Report



Happy Spring LOCC!

Well, we have made it through Winter! The temps are starting to get warmer, and our Corvettes are coming out of hibernation. Unfortunately, the temperatures were not in our favor for the St. Paddy's Parade, but we were still able to enjoy each other's company at Saturday's happy hour at Mama Cita's.

We hosted the Boone Trail Corvette Club at Encore with a great turnout from the Club. I really appreciate everyone who was able to come out. Their club leads in registrations for Corvettes in Paradise, so it was good that we took the opportunity to meet them and show them some LOCC hospitality.

Corvettes in Paradise is really shaping up to be a huge success. We have 78 volunteers, and the Car Show Committee is working hard to make the 2nd annual show even better than last year. We have surpassed the \$10,000 mark for sponsorships and inside parking is already full!

In addition to the Car Show, Melody Spanos is leading a small group to Enid Oklahoma Car Show in April. Don't forget about the Dogwood Parade in Camdenton on April 23 as well. If interested, let Sandy Funk know.

We have a lot going on this year, so please keep an eye on the website and newsletter for future events. Our next meeting will be at Horny Toads on April 10th. Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Thanks!

Pete



After much waiting, the Spanos's new addition has finally arrived, and it was well worth the wait! Pete and Melody are pictured with their new, 2022 Red Mist Metallic beauty. Congrats Pete and Melody!

Find us on the web at:

<https://locc2010.net>



SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club held their monthly meeting on March 13, 2022, at Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar in Lake Ozark, MO. President Pete Spanos opened the meeting at 1:00p and welcomed new members and guests. New members Wayne and Kathy Warfel introduced themselves and their 2013 Grand Sport Convertible. Next were March birthdays and anniversaries followed by the passing of the microphone for introductions of members and their cars.

Car Show Update:

Don Sturn reported we have 113 entries in the show, already surpassing the 100-car cutoff for indoor parking in March. We have also already, as of the end of February, exceeded the number of rooms contracted for the special rate. Anyone booking rooms will no longer get the reduced rate. Registrations are still coming in. Don went over to the hotel to meet with Renee and Dennis. We will have both Parasol I & II for both days which is an important addition; plus we got the extra room at no charge.

PR: KRMS is selling ads that will cover the costs for our on-air show announcements. Probably within two weeks will have the first interview and will also have live spots from the show. LO Profile has a full-page ad for the show in this month's magazine, which would cost \$2,000 if we were paying for it. They will put one magazine in each goody bag.

Peggy Sturn commented that of the 111 cars, 57 were at the show last year. Currently 9 states are represented.

Sponsors: Mike Funk reported that we have exceeded our goal of \$10,000. We currently have \$10,310 in sponsorship money. We still have trophy sponsor money on the way and probably another dozen \$100 sponsors. We still have time to get more. If you know a business, contact them. For \$100 they get their name on a plaque, on the sponsor banner and they can pick their own cars and award their plaques. If unable to be there, someone will do that for them. Thank you for all the help with the sponsors.

Peggy earlier asked if anyone wanted to be added to the volunteer sign-up sheets. We will be going over the various jobs and making assignments and will put out an email to everyone in the next couple weeks.

Officer reports:

Vice President, Mike Funk: Mike reported our membership is at 214; however, the deadline for paying dues is today. We have 17 members who have not paid who will be removed from the membership and email lists, leaving us with 197 members.

Newsletter Editor Sandy Funk: Sandy thanked those who reached out with birthday corrections. She went through the membership list and checked everyone's, so you will see a lot more birthdays on the upcoming calendars. There are a lot of March events that will be covered in the April newsletter which comes out the end of the month.

Webmaster Melody Spanos: Website is all up to date except for the weekend event photos.

NCM Ambassador Dave Chapman: Pete announced that there is no update on NCM. He went on to say that the letter sent to NCM with our response to their pulling their support of our show was published in the March newsletter. As soon as there is a response, we will let everyone know. Ellen Ensminger commented that the letter was very well written, which Pete acknowledged was a joint effort from members of the board. The board will be discussing the NCM at our next board meeting.

Treasurer, Marlin Hammond: Marlin is out of town and asked Peggy Sturn to deliver the following monthly report:

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Secretary's Report Continued

Beginning bank balance – 02/01/22:	\$10,607.62
Deposits:	635.00
Disbursements:	2,136.91
Ending bank balance – 02/28/22:	\$ 9,105.71

The car show account beginning balance was \$9,469 with \$2,035 deposits and no disbursements with an ending balance of \$11,504.

Secretary Peggy Sturn: Peggy announced we have 63 people and 19 beautiful Corvettes here today ...what a difference a day makes!

New Business:

- Randy Weber reported on the 36th annual St Louis Street Rod Association all-car show held on Easter Sunday. It used to be held in St Louis but was moved last year to St Charles due to covid restrictions at the St. Louis venue. There were 770 cars last year. The entry fee is a \$20; you get a t-shirt; also, cars are judged by peers. If enough LOCC members are interested in showing their cars, Randy will request a designated area for the club to park together. If you want to come up on Saturday, you can stay over and enjoy historic St. Charles. Show will be done at 2:30 on Sunday.

- Ed Carr announced he is planning a day trip to the Bixby General Store in Bixby, MO on Saturday, May 14. It is a beautiful scenic, 150-mile drive that's 3 hours down 42 to 17 to 32. More details to follow. Becki and Ed are going to the Mid-Missouri CC Annual Corvette Cup on April 23rd in Columbia. Registration is \$50 before April 8 and includes a banquet dinner for one; \$15 for additional. Ed encouraged others to join.

- Rudy Willingham reminded everyone of the day trip to Hermann, MO on Saturday, May 21st to visit wineries, breweries, and distilleries in a quaint town. You don't have to worry about driving your Corvettes as they will take a bus, which holds 26 people; 14 have signed up so far. Cost will be about \$25-\$30 a person for the bus. There is no planned lunch. Any questions, or to sign up, see Rudy.

- Ellen has set up a trip to Warm Springs Ranch in Booneville, home of the Budweiser Clydesdales, on Sat. June 18. It is a one-hour walking tour with beer sampling after. Cost is \$16.50 each. Already have 20 (max) for the first tour at 10:30a; and nine for the second tour at 11a. Ellen had to prepay for everyone so paying Ellen now is fine. There are 11 spots open, let Ellen know if interested. Both groups will travel together. The 11a tour group can shop and enjoy the grounds for 30 minutes while waiting for their tour; the first 10:30a group can do the same after theirs. Ellen will look for a place for lunch for everyone after.

- Pete announced that Marlin is still trying to confirm the schedule for the Springfield Cardinals game. There will only be one day game on May 10 or 11, but they don't know which yet.

- Pete also reported that we have 20 cars signed up for the Hot Springs show, which is Oct. 20-23. He was able to clear the three on the waiting list for hotel rooms. Anyone still interested in going, email Pete and he will see if he can get another set of rooms. We are staying at the Hot Springs Hotel with a \$135++ rate. We usually stay at the Embassy Suites, but we were unable to get in there.

- Jerry Elhmann reminded everyone of the 3rd Annual Hot Rod Party at their house on June 4th. All three car clubs at the lake are invited. Bring your own drinks, a side dish and chairs. A DJ is scheduled.

The 50-50 drawing was next with Melody Spanos winning the \$71 pot. Way to go, Mel!

The next meeting will be at Camden on the Lake H. Toads on April 10th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Sturn, Secretary



LOCC and Boone Trail CC Mixer—March 11, 2022

The Boone Trail Corvette Club reached out to President Spanos indicating they were going to be in the area the weekend of March 11 and would like to join LOCC members for Happy Hour. Of course LOCC never turns down a chance to socialize with other Corvette enthusiasts! President Spanos took the opportunity to welcome the visiting club to the Lake of the Ozarks and to thank them for reaching out. LOCC members were able to mingle with the visiting club members as well as each other. In all, it was a great time and THANK YOU to the LOCC members who showed up to welcome Boone Trail to the Lake!



Club Presidents are pictured above with their First Ladies: Bob Marsh with Carol Gardner and Pete and Melody Spanos



St Patrick's Day Shenanigans at Mama Cita's



Due to frigid temperatures the morning of March 12, LOCC decided to not risk driving their Corvettes in the annual Lake Ozark St. Patrick's Day Parade. This did not stop a group get-together at Mama Cita's in Osage Beach! The food (which was great) may not have been the traditional corned beef and cabbage, but with most everyone wearing green, it was a St. Paddy's Day celebration!



C'mon Pete, don't leave Jerry hanging! WOOO!



March SDCC Meeting

The March 2022 meeting was held at The Encore Lakeside Grill and Sky Bar. With 63 members present it was a packed room but Encore staff did a super job serving everyone's lunch. Nineteen Corvettes were brought out to the meeting as well. After a few frigid days, the weather broke and it was finally Corvette weather! You can view a YouTube video by Dave Noble at this link: <https://youtu.be/E2kNPk8OMwc>



Jerry and Kim Ehlmann surprised everyone with their new Corvette. Upon delivery in December, they kept the car under wrap as it was transported to Illinois for a wide body kit install. The result is a mean, but beautiful looking Corvette. Congratulations Jerry and Kim!





Dave Chapman
NCM Ambassador
News & Views



1956 Daytona Trophy Presented To Betty Skelton

By [Mariah Hughes](#) March 17, 2022

As we celebrate Women in History Month, there are those in the Corvette world who immediately come to mind, such as Dollie Cole, Elfi Arkus-Duntov, Donna Mae Mims, and most recently, Racing Program Manager, Laura Klauser. In going through our collection of artifacts though, Betty Skelton's trophy stood out as a great object for this Artifact of the Month installment.

First Lady of Firsts



Known as "The First Lady of Firsts" and "The Fastest Woman on Earth" Betty Skelton was born in Pensacola, Florida in 1926. She took an interest in airplanes very early in her childhood. By the age of eight, after years of watching aircraft from the Pensacola Naval Air Station from her backyard, Betty told her parents that she wanted to be a pilot. Her parents began taking her to the local municipal airport where Betty would hop a ride with any pilot that would take her. During these flights she met Navy Ensign Kenneth Wright who would teach her to fly. Ensign Wright let Betty take the controls of his plane when she was only 12 years old! On her 16th birthday, Betty would make her first legal solo flight, which would lead her to become one of the most successful female pilots in both aerobatic flight and in setting speed records.

After an amazing career in aviation, Betty moved to North Carolina and would meet Bill France, the legendary founder of NASCAR. Bill would convince Betty to drive at the Daytona Speed Weeks where, from 1954 to 1955, she would set numerous records. In 1956, Betty would find herself working at the Campbell-Ewald advertising firm for General Motors' Chevrolet Division. She was GM's first female technical narrator at auto shows and appeared in television and print ads. She continued driving and returned to Daytona in a 1956 Corvette specially prepared by Zora Arkus-Duntov and Smokey Yunick, and ran the flying mile at 137 mph.

1956 Daytona Trophy Presented to
Betty Skelton



This trophy was presented to Betty for this record setting run.

Although Betty Skelton was never an astronaut, she was given the respect of an astronaut by most, including the Mercury Seven. The Mercury Seven were the seven men who would become America's first astronauts that flew in all Mercury missions. Betty had met Wally Schirra, one of the Mercury Seven, in 1948 at a hangar in Pensacola. Wally was impressed by Betty and her capabilities as a pilot, which he never forgot about. When LOOK magazine wanted to write an article on women being in space, they worked with NASA to put Betty Skelton through the same tests as the Mercury Seven. Betty had already accomplished numerous firsts in her career, but as the first woman to pass through astronaut training, Betty proved that women were just as capable as men, in a rocket or in a Corvette.

Author: Bob Bubnis, Associate Curator at the National Corvette Museum

1956 Daytona Trophy Presented to Betty Skelton

Grady Davis/Don Yenke Croton Watches

By [Mariah Hughes](#) February 17, 2022



Long before the 8 victories at Le Mans and the 14 Championships won by the factory-based Corvette Racing team, there were only the "privateer" race teams campaigning Corvette. Because of a voluntary ban on racing by GM, it took people like Tommy Morrison, John Greenwood, Tony DeLorenzo, Jer Thompson, Doug Bergen, Bob Johnson, and others to build Corvette's reputation as a competitor. Before all of them though, it was the Grady Davis Gulf Oil Racing Corvettes driven by Don Yenke and Dick Thompson, that were making history...

Grady Davis/Don Yenke Croton Watches



On June 11, 1955, Le Mans became the site of the worst disaster in motorsports history, when a car went off track into the crowd, killing 83 spectators and the driver. In response to this tragedy and a desire to avoid government intervention, GM joined others from the Automobile Manufacturers Association, and agreed to a ban on motorsports activity.

The desire to see and experience sports car racing continued though, so it was then that “privateer” racers took the wheel. Privateers bought their Corvettes from the dealership with whatever performance options they could get, and then modified them for racing. For teams that did well, they might begin to see “heavy-duty” parts show up from Chevrolet Engineering for “testing” on track.

Grady Davis, Vice President of Gulf Oil, was one such privateer. Using Gulf Oil research and development resources, and some clandestine heavy-duty help from Chevy engineers, he was able to give his drivers Corvettes that could win.

For drivers, he connected with Chevrolet dealer and racer, Don Yenko. Don was fiercely competitive, and a person who could understand what his cars were doing mechanically. Later he would become best known for his Yenko Camaros.

Dick Thompson, aka the “Flying Dentist” was on the team as well. Together Dick and Don began driving Corvettes for Gulf Oil Racing in 1961 and won the National Championship that year.

On February 11, 1962, Davis, Yenko and Thompson brought their Corvettes to the opening race in the World Sports Car Championship series at Daytona International Speedway. The two Gulf Oil Corvettes came in 1st and 2nd, with another Corvette privateer taking 3rd for a Corvette podium sweep. The team would go on to take the B Production class championship in 1962 and 1963 with Gulf Oil Corvettes.

This Croton watch was given to Don Yenko by Grady Davis after the 1963 racing season. The watch is engraved “To Don from Grady ‘63” on the back.

Author: Bob Bubnis, Associate Curator at the National Corvette Museum



*...and more
from the
March
meeting*



(Above) Don and Peggy Sturn with their 2020 Torch Red beauty. (Right) Ellen Ensminger and her sharp, 2014 Night Race Blue Metallic Vette.



Save the DATE™

CORVETTE EVENTS COMING UP:

Enid OK Corvette Expo	Apr 2
Dogwood Festival Parade	Apr 23
Mid Missouri Corvette Cup**	Apr 23
Corvettes in Paradise	Apr 30
All Car Meet @ Pancake House/O'Reilly's	5/7 6/4 7/2 8/6 9/3
Spfld Cardinals Game	May 10 or 11
Hot Summer Nights	5/13 6/10 7/08 8/12 9/09
Bixsby General Store Drive	May 14
Hermann MO Bus Trip	May 21
Ehlmann's Hot Rod Party	Jun 4
Warm Springs Ranch	Jun 18
Eureka Springs	Sep 29-Oct 2
Hot Springs Corvette Show	Oct 21-22

Corvettes in Paradise is
April 30th



2022 LOCC Meetings

Social Hour 11:00 am
Lunch 12:00 Noon

Jan 9	Tucker Shuckers
Feb 13	JB Hooks
Mar 13	Encore
Apr 10	Camden on the Lake/Horny Toads
May 15	Ehlmann's Garage
Jun 12	Day Traders Grill Lebanon
Jul 10	The Rock Bar & Grill
Aug 14	Smith's Cafe
Sep 11	Captain Ron's
Oct 09	Willowes Bar and Grill
Nov 13	Lake Valley
Dec 3	LOCC Christmas Party @ Margaritaville

LOCC is 195 Members Strong!

**For more information regarding the Mid Mo Corvette Cup, including entry information and hotel click on the below link:

[CORVETTE CUP - Mid-Missouri Corvette Club \(weebly.com\)](http://CORVETTE CUP - Mid-Missouri Corvette Club (weebly.com))



It's finally here! Corvettes in Paradise is April 30th and we have many sponsors this year. The following businesses have shown LOCC a great deal of support as we prepare for an awesome show and to give back to the Lake Community. Please make sure you support the following businesses!

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Friday Evening Meet and Greet Sponsor and Advertising



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\$500 or More

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(C5) WK Chevrolet	Sedalia	(C6) Rusty Drowing Chevrolet	Jefferson City
(C7) Rick Ball Chevrolet	Boonville, MO	(C8) Rock Solid Concrete	Lake Ozark

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Lake Valley Golf Club	Camdenton	McGrath Insurance Agency	Camdenton
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Steens Salon	Laurie	Stover Carpet & Drapery	Camdenton
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Vince Kolb Auto Sales	Lake Ozark	Waves and Wheels	Osage Beach
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Napa Auto Parts	Eldon	Redhead Lakeside Grill	Osage Bch
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Stoner Car Care	Summit Racing		
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APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1  Danny Brown Becki Carr	2 Jim McMillan Mack Propst Michael Deponte
3 Rick McFarland	4	5	6 Melody Spanos	7	8 Helen Gross	9
10 LOCC at CAMDEN on The LAKE 	11	12	13 Pete Spanos Mark McAdams	14	15	16
17  Dawn Cooper Sherry Devine	18	19	20	21	22	23 Kathy Hodits
24	25 Betty Goble	26 Jim Hubbard Mike Cruzen Pat Shelley	27 Krista Shackelford	28	29	30

“America’s Sports Car” - According to Automotive News, ‘the Corvette became linked with freedom and adventure’ after being featured in the 1960’s television show Route 66, eventually becoming both ‘the most successful concept vehicle in history and the most popular sports car in history’.