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# VETTE WAVES

LOCC AUGUST 2021 Newsletter



## President's Ponderings



August Greetings LOCC!

We had a fun and rowdy bunch at The Willows Bar & Grill on July 11<sup>th</sup>. The lunch was tasty and trying to serve 56 meals is a monumental feat, but they did it! The Willows was one of this years' sponsors of the Corvettes in Paradise Show and were excited to host our July meeting. Even though the sky threatened rain, we had a good turnout of Corvettes to show sponsorship appreciation.

Once again, our Club is growing and we are excited about it! We seem to get 2 – 3 new members every month. LOCC welcomes new faces and fresh ideas. Disclaimer...please forgive me for not remembering your names for the first few months. It takes a while for the recall part of my brain to kick in!

Hot Summer Nights lived up to its name in July. Boy, was it HOT! I would like to thank those who came and braved the sweltering heat and also help put up the tent. Kathy Needham scoped out the area and she is thinking there is electricity to the old building. Hopefully there is and we will be able to have a fan under the tent! Fingers crossed! Only two HSN are left – Aug. 13 & Sept. 10. If you have not made it to one of them yet, I urge you to do so. It is fun to visit with other Corvette enthusiasts, young and old, who come to admire America's Iconic Sports Car – the CORVETTE!

It is hard to believe that August is upon us and three-fourths of the year is almost gone! The fall season will soon be here along with crisp air and beautiful, colorful drives in the country. I encourage each and every one of you to get a group of LOCC friends together and take a scenic drive. Stop along the way for a group or individual pictures against a background of fall foliage and send them to Sandy and Melody along with a few sentences explaining the 4-W's (who, what, when and where) of your drive. We live in the most gorgeous part of the State – let's enjoy it to the fullest!

Speaking of August, our next meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup> at The Rock Bar & Grill, Indian Rock Golf Club on Route O out of Laurie. We will meet at Woods Supermarket to caravan and cross the toll bridge. Departing at 10:30 sharp! Gathering at 11, lunch at noon (menu choices will be sent out and will need to be included with your RSVP) with the meeting following lunch. Don't forget your two-way radios (set on channel 4).

On a sad note, one of our own, very dear, LOCC member passed away July 17<sup>th</sup> after an extended illness. Dennis Wedding was a kind gentleman in every sense of the word. A true Corvette person in the fact that he drove his Corvette like it should be driven – FAST! Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Terry, as well as his family and friends. RIP, my Corvette friend!

Save the Wave!

*Ellen*



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# SECRETARY'S REPORT

The July meeting of the Lake of the Ozarks Corvette club was at The Willows Bar & Grill in Linn Creek, MO on July 11, 2021. President Ellen Ensminger opened the meeting at 12:23p and thanked everyone for coming. New members Pat & Jane Shelley introduced themselves, saying they came to join the club through the Corvette show. July birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged, and the microphone was then

passed around the room for introductions of members and their cars.

## Officer reports:

*Vice President, Pete Spanos:* We have 186 members. An updated membership list was sent out this morning. Please email Pete with any corrections, including any corrections to your NCM membership status. With two new members joining at Hot Summer Nights, we are now up to 188.

*Secretary Peggy Sturn:* We have 59 people here with 14 Corvettes braving the rain outside.

*Treasurer, Marlin Hammond:* (Marlin is out of town, so Peggy provided the Treasurer's Report)

Beginning bank balance – 06/01/21:	\$5,667.60
Deposits:	877.00
Transfer from Show Account:	3,000.00
Ending bank balance – 06/30/21:	\$9,272.67

The car show account started at \$9,187.48 with deposits of \$2,061 and \$3,920.41 in disbursements for a balance of \$9,237.48 with disbursements to the selected charities: Survivors of Blue Suicide-\$1,500; Citizens Against Domestic Violence-\$1,500; Food for Morgan County-\$500 and Hope House Food Pantry-\$500. \$3,000 transferred back to general account for a balance as of July 1<sup>st</sup> of \$2,187.48.

Peggy commented that new members can order name tags or car flags and other items from Marlin when he returns.

*Webmaster Melody Spanos:* Melody has posted all the information about events that she has so far. An email came in re the Veteran's Parade so it will be included. She is working on reformatting all the photos from the car show and will add the photos of the check presentations to charities once they are completed.

*Newsletter Editor Sandy Funk:* If you have pictures from any club events, send them to the LOCC newsletter email and to Melody at the LOCC.webmaster email. You can find the email addresses for sending photos on the side banner of the newsletter.

*Public Relations, Don Sturn:* Don is working on two things: Met with 3 of the charity directors and Ellen and Pete presented checks to them on Thursday. One more will be on Monday. Don will do a write-up for the newspapers. The funds were really well received. We already have two people registered for the car show next year. Will email the new flier with the show newsletter that Sandy did to last year's show participants.

*NCM Ambassador Dave Chapman:* We are approaching our trip to Bowling Green this week. The starting point and route have changed. Will meet at Home Depot at 7:15 and leave at 7:30 sharp. Will be taking 42, which is more scenic. If anyone going wants to do the track, we have one spot left. Let Dave know. An email with the revised route and itinerary will be sent to participants.

## New Business:

- Trips/Day Trips. Sandy is looking for a September date for Hermann. At Stone Hill can get a room for \$100 with a limited menu at about \$20 a plate or just drive down as a group on a weekend and find a place. Show of hands indicated going on our own was preferred. Sandy will get date set and send out an email.

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# Secretary's Report Continued...

Hot Summer Nights on Friday was hot. Had 12-15 cars in our area. A lot of people stopped by to look at the cars and visit. We have two left: Aug 13 and Sep 10 with a Saturday, Oct 16 day cruise-in from 11-4. We have a tent for our area and may be able to hook up a fan.

Hotel Bothwell Corvette Show is Oct 2. They have opened up from 50 to 100 cars. Don't know if it is filled up yet. Those going usually get a room for Friday night for the show on Saturday. Show participants have a special rate for the hotel.

The Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend is Oct 7-10. Rudy Willingham advised it is a fun club trip. People arrive Thursday and some on Friday. Dinner on your own Thursday and Friday, but we all hang at The Lodge afterwards. Will be road trips Friday afternoon; the car show is Saturday, but we're not sure where exactly it is. Ellen will lead an LOCC parade thru downtown Saturday afternoon and Saturday evening is the cookout at the Lodge, with comedy, bean bag tournaments and levity afterward. Ellen commented that The Lodge is full of LOCC people, but if anyone would like to join, contact Ellen, not the hotel. If a cancellation comes up, she will go to the waiting list. In the meantime, make a reservation at a hotel nearby and come join us at The Lodge for social hours and the cook-out.

- Mexicali Blues' next Cruise Ins are July 21 and Aug 18, 4-9. A couple car show fliers handed out at HSN were Tucker Shucker's car, bike and truck show on Thurs., Aug 26. \$25 to enter and \$15 more to be judged. Starts at 10a; trophy presentation is 8p. Seven Springs has a car show on July 31.

Our next meeting is on August 8 at Indian Rock Golf Course. We will meet at Kohl's to caravan across the toll bridge, leaving at 10:30a. Don't forget your walkie-talkies.

The lucky winner of the \$65 50-50 pot went to Mike Funk. Way to go, Mike!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peggy Starn*, Secretary



Lunch in the old Train Station in Bowling Green

Find us on the web at:

<https://locc2010.net>



# SUPPORTING THE LAKE OF THE OZARKS COMMUNITY

The 1st Annual Corvettes in Paradise show was a success for LOCC. After hours of hard work put into the show, and with support from the LOZ community, the Club was able to donate \$4,000 to local charities. On July 8 and July 12, board members met with the charity representatives to present donation checks from LOCC.



(Top Left) President Ellen Ensminger and Vice President Pete Spanos present \$1500 to Laurie Putnam of Survivors of Blue Suicide. (Top Center) Donna and Kirk Chapman are presented \$500 for the Morgan County Food Pantry. (Top Right) Sharon Kouch of the Hope House Food Pantry is presented with a \$500 check from LOCC President and Vice President. (Left) Sheree Keeley from Citizens Against Domestic Violence is presented a \$1500 check by Secretary Peggy Sturn and Public Relations Coordinator Don Sturn. All recipients expressed great appreciation of the much needed donations. To all the volunteers of this year's Corvettes in Paradise, THANK YOU again for helping make the show a success as we look forward to helping our community again next year!

**Second Annual  
Corvettes in Paradise  
Show is April 30, 2022  
Save the Date!**





# LOCC JULY MEETING

## 7/11/2021

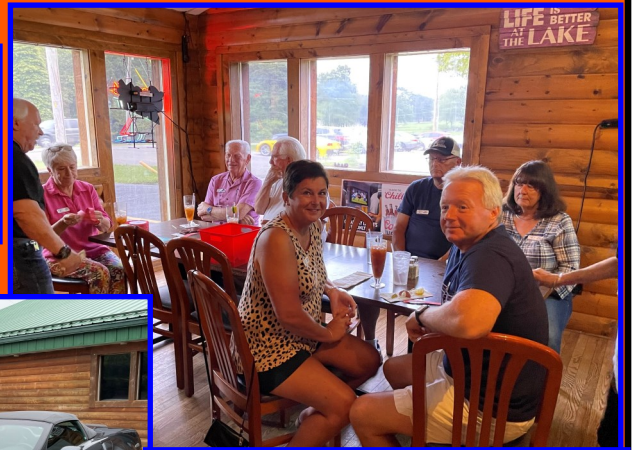
The July meeting was held at Willowes in Linn Creek with 59 Club members in attendance and 14 Corvettes parked outside.



Corvettes in Paradise Sponsor



Ellen addresses members



NCM Ambassador, Dave Chapman (right) addresses group headed to Bowling Green in July, while Don Sturn (far right) discusses charity recipients



ONCE UPON A...

# HOT SUMMER NIGHT

IN JULY

Several LOCC members met at the Big Indian on the Strip during the monthly, Lake Ozark sponsored car cruise on July 9. While it was H-O-T, it looks like a great time was had by all anyway! America's Sports Car was well represented by LOCC. There is only two more HSN left, August and September, on the second Friday of the month. Thanks Peggy Sturn for the fun pictures!





**Dave Chapman**  
**NCM Ambassador**  
*Ambassador*  
*News & Views*



Greetings LOCC Members,

On the morning of Wednesday July 14, 2021, eleven beautiful Corvettes, and one elegant SUV from the Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club gathered at the Home Depot in Osage Beach to make their way to Bowling Green, KY, the home of America's Sports Car. As we began the scenic drive on State Hwy 42, one couldn't help but notice the splendor of the various generations of Corvettes rolling thru the hills of Missouri. As we continued on our journey we would have two more LOCC members join the caravan. In all, a total of 17 members vehicles made the approximate 454 mile pilgrimage to Bowling Green, KY. Upon arrival at the Towne Place Suites by Marriott, members checked in and prepared for a relaxing evening of food, beverages and camaraderie at the hotel's outside gathering area. The white glove catered dinner was provided by the Donatos Pizza owner. The proprietor of Donatos Pizza welcomed us and explained his background into the food service industry and his charitable enterprises. Members of the LOCC decided to take up an impromptu collection and presented a cash donation of \$132 with an additional member giving \$100 to the Donatos Pizza charity that serves the youth in the surrounding community. What a truly warm and generous gesture by the members of the LOCC. Way to go!!!

On Thursday morning it was off to the National Corvette Museum to begin a very busy schedule of events. Upon arrival we were greeted by Debbie Eaton, who is the group coordinator at the NCM. Many thanks go to Debbie for her help in planning and coordinating various activities. The NCM especially welcomes the Corvette Clubs who attend and participate in activities related to the museum. We started off with a group picture with members standing beside their own Corvettes. After pictures were completed, we proceeded into the museum where we were treated to enter the museum restoration area. This particular section of the museum is not open to the general public. Members were given a private tour of the workings and procedures for restoring, or in some cases preserving, the various performance cars that are received. The next stop was Motorsports Park, which is located less than two miles from the museum. Motorsports Parks offers visitors the opportunity to drive their own car, or a C8 Mid-engine located on the premises. The track is a 3.2 mile long course with varying elevations, twists and turns. After some quick instructions it was time to feel the need for speed. The first group took to the track in their own vehicles, and the track became alive with the grand rumblings that are uniquely Corvette!! Up next, were the club members who chose to drive the world class C8 Mid-engine Corvettes provided by Motorsports Park for a set fee. Once more, Motorsports Park was graced by the speed, beauty, and agility, that the new Corvette Mid-engine designers accomplished. Oh by the way, all LOCC members crossed the finish line safe and sound, and represented the club with distinguished driving abilities.

The evening festivity would include a scenic country drive that would lead us to Boyce General Store, where we would be greeted by "The Pie Queen". Boyce General Store, and The Pie Queen, have been featured in Women Cook, Southern Living, USA Today, Country Living, and Garden and Gun, along with regional shows and cookbooks. In addition to eating the award winning pies, we all chowed down on some good ol' southern cookin', while listening to a local musician's duet fill the air with their renditions of great country classics. After a group picture on the patio at Boyce General Store, it was time to travel back to the hotel for a relaxing evening, recapping the day's adventures and activities.

Friday morning began with a short drive to Aviation Heritage Park. Upon arrival we were warmly welcomed by the museum hosts and it's local veterans. The outside aviation museum is a noble effort by the local community to preserve and restore older aircraft to keep alive the stories of its original heroes. We salute and thank all of our veterans for their service and sacrifices for our great country. To keep on schedule we departed for the Historic Rail Park and Train Museum. This historic landmark brings alive days gone by of railroading. This tour allows you to see, touch, hear, and explore important railroad artifacts that were significant to the region's heritage. As we meandered thru the rail cars, and various segments of the museum, it was apparent to recognize the significance that the railroad played in the transportation industry. After finishing up at Rail Park, members had some free time to re-visit the NCM or return to the hotel to freshen up for the evenings final festivities.



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# Bowling Green NCM Ambassador Report continued...



For a final time together, we caravanned in our magnificent Corvettes on a beautiful Kentucky scenic drive to Mammaws Kitchen and Rockn' B Horse Carriage Farm. Upon arrival we were greeted with red, white and blue balloon bouquets, and rows of small American flags. A very fitting entry for America's Sports Car. We were welcomed by Mammaw herself. The atmosphere was warm and inviting as we were seated in the outdoor barn area in close proximity to the various livestock. Tables were set with white linens and a mixture of antique china; it was obvious we were in for some good ol' southern cookin'. The meal was served buffet style in roasters, and several offerings of pies, cobblers, and desserts to top off the evening meal. After dinner, we assembled to hear the house band play some of their Kentucky favorites. It was a fitting way to conclude the days activities. At the hotel, members of the LOCC gathered together to reminisce and celebrate the many memories and accomplishments of the Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club. A concluding toast was made to all members of the LOCC past and present.

I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation to all 30 members who joined and participated in the LOCC's trip to the National Corvette Museum. Also, I would like to thank Peggy Sturn for her help and guidance in navigating a scenic and safe travel route.

Mary and I hope all of you had a fun filled memorable experience, and developed new friendships with fellow club members.

*Dave Chapman*

NCM Ambassador



LOCC cars on circle outside the museum on Thursday.



The entire Bowling Green group is pictured in front of the graffiti wall outside of the Boyce General Store after dinner. If you google, The Pie Queen, the owner ships her delicious bakery items nationwide, and they are delish!



Mike and Sandy Funk outside NCM.



# National Corvette Museum Bound!

## July 14–17, 2021



Dave Chapman, LOCC's NCM Ambassador, addresses the group leaving from Home Depot in Osage Beach early



From beef jerky sticks to oatmeal pies, nuts and fruit chews, the Chapmans gave each member a "snack bag" for the road. Don and Peggy Sturn (above) with their bags.



The group poses for a picture before hitting the road. Steve Myers graciously showed up to see the travelling group off and take some of these great photos.



Cliff and Tish Mueller with their C7, ready to go!



Bringing the sunshine as always, Gary Carlson waits for the "Load 'em up" signal.





# BOWLING GREEN & NCM HIGHLIGHTS



The owner of Donato's speaks to the group on night one after serving his delicious pizza and salad.



A special tour of the restoration shop was arranged for the group where this classic sign was found.



The group eats Donato's on the hotel patio.



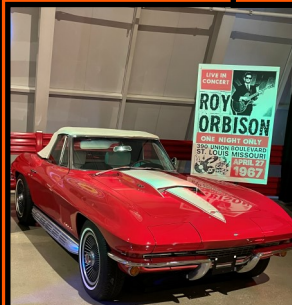
No caption needed....



1953 preservation Corvette stored in the restoration shop.



Original 1963 Z06 raced by Don Yenko in the restoration shop.



LOCC Corvettes pictured below and below right at the NCM track.



The wonderful museum displays included Roy Orbison's 1967 Corvette and the nostalgic service station scene. The yellow C7—R #4 car is on display, but one of the most interesting stories was of the 1954 entombed Corvette. The wife of the owner was not a fan of the car, so the grocery store owner had a tomb built for the car a year after he purchased it new. It remained until 1989 when the daughter had the car moved into her living room in Florida. With 2,344 miles, the car remains unrestored and in original condition.



# BOWLING GREEN & NCM HIGHLIGHTS



Becki Carr prepares to take the track above with Ed in tow; Gary Ray Cooper (above right) and Jerry Ehlman (right) on the track. Everyone looks like pros!



Live entertainment (yes, that's Ellen joining in!) and a great meal was enjoyed at Boyce's General Store. Don Sturn and Pete Spanos looking on (left).



The Aviation Heritage Museum included retired aircrafts as well as a couple of Veterans/Heroes from Kentucky who flew them.



A step back in time at the Historic Rail Park in Bowling Green (left two pics). Note, Marlin did not hesitate to play engineer for the group!



(Left) LOCC was welcomed at Mammaw's Kitchen & Bar for outdoor dining, some live entertainment and even some bags being thrown.

(Below) Dave and Mary lead the group in a final toast to a successful trip with plenty of camaraderie, fun and of course, A MUTUAL LOVE OF AMERICA'S SPORTS CAR!



# Save the DATE™

## COMING UP:

**NW AR Corvette Summer's End Show** Aug 27-28

**Corvettes at Karl** Sep 9-11

**Hermann Winery** TBA

**Eureka Springs** Oct 7-10



## 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	Willowes Bar and Grill
Aug 8	The Rock Bar & Grill
Sep 12	Smith's Café
Oct 17	Canterbury Hills Winery
Nov 14	Lake Valley
Dec 4	LOCC Christmas Party Camden on the Lake

LOCC is 188 Members Strong!

*\*LOCC August meeting will be at  
The Rock Bar & Grill  
100 Indian Lake Ave*

*Gravois Mills*

*Caravan meets at Woods at  
10:30 a.m.*

*Don't forget to RSVP to Ellen!*



# AUGUST 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Dana Noble Rudy Willingham	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Marlin Hammond	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Diane Long Paul Jensen	17 Peggy Sturn Jim Gillham Fred Mueller	18	19 Terri Mercurie Craig Beach	20	21
22 Jack Rice Lois Modesto	23 Don Bates	24 Chris Ling	25	26	27	28
29	30 Sandy Funk Joe Smelser	31				



David Schwimmer (Friends sitcom star) once said, "Can I tell you how strange it is to look in your rearview mirror and see guys in cars tailing you?"  
Am I right LOCC, to say the sight is not strange, but EXCITING to us?