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Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club

# VETTE WAVES

## AUGUST 2022 LOCC Newsletter



### On the Cover:

The bluest of skies provided a gorgeous backdrop for LOCC Corvettes lined up outside the new Jones Chophouse. With the anticipation of awarding charity donations at the July meeting, a record member turnout provided an illustrious gauntlet of striking Corvettes. More July meeting memories are found on pages 7 & 8.

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# *President Spanos' Monthly Report*



Hello Members,

The July meeting had a record attendance of well over 100 members and a record number of 48 Corvettes! What a great showing as we awarded this year's Corvettes in Paradise proceeds to seven well deserving local charities, totaling \$8,500. Six of the seven were in attendance to receive their donation. All were extremely appreciative, especially since many are cash strapped due to the high inflation.

Plans are well underway for the Club's signature trip to Eureka Springs and a return to Hot Springs on October 22nd. Also, I will also be working on seeing if we can get parking at the Camdenton Air Show on September 10<sup>th</sup>. More to come on the Air Show as I get details.

The next Hot Summer Nights will be on August 12th and our next meeting will be on August 14<sup>th</sup> at Smith's Restaurant in Collins MO. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

*Pete*



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<https://locc2010.net>



# SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club held their July meeting at the new Jones Chop House in Osage Beach, MO on July 10, 2022. President Pete Spanos opened the meeting at 12:45 and welcomed everyone, commenting that we all were excited to try out this restaurant. Many thanks to Jones Chop House for hosting our meeting after only 3 days in operation and for doing such a great job!

Before starting the meeting, Pete made the sad announcement that member Doug Riffel unexpectedly passed away on June 30<sup>th</sup>. A visitation will be held on Saturday, June 16 at Porter Funeral Home in Kansas City. Please keep the Riffel family in our prayers.

New member Fred Catcott was introduced, who many already know from the Lake of the Ozarks Car Club and Fun Runners Club. Fred currently has a 2019 Grand Sport and has an order in for a new one he hopes to get later this year. Due to the large number in attendance, individual member/car introductions were waived. We did hear from and recognize all the July birthdays and anniversaries.

## **Old Business:**

Ellen Ensminger commented that we had a great trip to Warm Springs Clydesdale farm and Don Sturn did a great write up in the newsletter.

Mike Funk reported on the benefit car show for Keely Prater that was held on Saturday, July 9 at the Elks Club. Keely was in a very serious accident in March and the show proceeds went to help with all her expenses. We had 12 cars from LOCC there. Keely picked out her three favorite cars, Gary Ray Cooper's 2015 Z06 got 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Also, Gina Carrara won the 50-50 pot which she, as well as the other prize winners, generously donated back to the family. It was a fun show where we got to meet folks from other car clubs for a very worthy cause.

Rudy Willingham stated that the Eureka Springs trip is coming up Sep 30 to Oct 3. If you don't have a room at The Lodge, you need to get a room reserved somewhere soon. Thursday will be Happy Hour, there will be a road trip with a lunch stop on Friday, and the show is Saturday with the club cookout that evening. There will be plenty to do on your own or with the club. Any questions, see Rudy. More info will be coming out. Ellen added that she is the point person for reservations at The Lodge, which is completely full. She is going through the names of all who have reservations to confirm they are going. If you decide you are not going, even if right up to 2 days before the trip, let Ellen know. Do not contact The Lodge; Ellen has the waiting list for any cancellations. If you want to go to Eureka Springs and would like to be put on the waiting list, contact Ellen. When making hotel reservations elsewhere be sure to check their cancellation policy in the event a room at The Lodge becomes available for you. Ellen has nothing to do with any other hotel reservations, just The Lodge. It will be first come, first served for those on the waiting list.

Sandy Funk sent out an email about the car show in Rogers, AR that is Aug 25-28. She read off the list of those who have indicated they're going. Sandy can send to anyone interested a link to the hotel but isn't sure what is available now. Entry fee is \$45, which includes a banquet the last night. There are 3 spots left at the two tables of 10 she reserved for the banquet. We will leave Thursday, have drive-outs on Friday and the show and banquet on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>.

## **Officer reports:**

*Vice President, Mike Funk:* Membership has increased every week for the past few weeks. We are up to 218 members. Paul McGowan, who is here at the meeting as a guest, was at Hot Summer Nights and is considering joining the club.

*Treasurer, Marlin Hammond:* Marlin is glad to be back from his travels the last couple of months. For new members, he explained that the club has two accounts, giving the general account info first:

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# Secretary's Report Continued

## General account:

Beginning bank balance – 06/01/22:	\$9,100.21
Deposits:	357.00
Disbursements:	45.19
Ending bank balance – 06/30/22:	\$9,412.02

The second account is the car show account, which started June with a balance of \$10,544; there were no deposits and we had disbursements of \$17.63, leaving a balance at the end of June of \$10,525.37. We have written quite a few checks for today, leaving a balance of \$2,253. It was decided to keep \$2,000 in the fund as seed money for next year. We have done really well and are able to give out \$8,500 to charities. Since Marlin has been gone, he wanted to congratulate everyone for all the work done for the show. The volunteers are most appreciated. Marlin has been happy to go see a few people during his travels to hand out trophies. He had great interactions and high compliments of our show. Thank you to everyone for that.

For the “Hammond Industries” report: We have shirts available. There are a few show shirts left, but only in L and XL. What we don't sell will be offered for sale at next year's show. We also have the grey 20th anniversary shirts available. All shirts are \$15. Also there are afghans for \$25; key fobs or money clips, lapel pins, LOCC flags for your cars, window decals and embroidered patches. If you need name tags, Marlin can place the order tomorrow and have them next time he sees you. If you need any of the merchandise mentioned, see Marlin after the meeting.

*Newsletter Editor Sandy Funk:* Sandy is very excited for this meeting. The special show newsletter has been ready for over a month, just waiting for the charities to be announced and presented their checks. Not only will you get the August newsletter but will *finally* get the car show edition newsletter.

*Secretary Peggy Sturn:* Peggy announced that we have blown the record for cars out the window with 48 Corvettes filling the parking lot! We also have a record-topping 100 people (and some beautiful dogs!) here getting their first look at this fine restaurant.

*NCM Ambassador Dave Chapman:* Dave reported on the upcoming trip to Bowling Green on July 26<sup>th</sup> to the 29<sup>th</sup>. We have 34 members going which includes a very good blend of old and new members. It will be a relaxing, fun trip that we will be doing as a group. If any are planning to but haven't booked their track time at the NCM Motor Sports Track on Wednesday, please do so immediately. They will release those times if not filled. We will have a full agenda. Dave has sent out the details to those going. Everything is confirmed. Bowling Green is having some problems, as is happening everywhere, with help and employees and have asked that we prepay for the reservations. It is all taken care of. Dave will be sending out other emails. Meet time on Tuesday is 7:15 at Home Depot with a 7:30a departure.

*Webmaster Melody Spanos:* Melody stated that everything is updated on the website. If she missed anything, let Melody know.

## **New Business:**

- Pete Spanos announced that all the proceeds from the show will be going to seven charities. Representatives from six of the charities were at the meeting. The LOCC officers gathered by the LOCC banner for the check presentations to Hope House, Survivors of Blue Suicide, Citizens Against Domestic Violence, Dogwood Animal Shelter, Kid's Harbor, and Wonderment Service Dogs, who brought 4 of their service dogs to the event. Each gave us background information about their organizations. Unfortunately, Food for Morgan County Food Pantry wasn't able to attend the presentation. Pete thanked everyone who made this all possible.

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# Secretary's Report Continued

- Pete asked if there was any interest in the club going to the air show in Camdenon on Sep 10. A show of hands indicated enough interest that Pete will see if he can get that arranged.

- David Lantz reported on the veterans parade happening on Sep 9 at Hot Summer Nights. He doesn't have a lot of veterans signed up yet but hopes to get more. Dave will be sending something out shortly looking for drivers for carrying veterans in their cars for the parade. Ellen asked if it was ok to bring a veteran you know and David said yes, to just let him know.

The 50-50 pot of \$125 was won by the ever-lucky Kathy Champion. Way to go, Kathy! Three more tickets were drawn for gift certificates: One from Fish & Co. went to Dawn Cooper, and the two car wash gift certificates went to Sandy Williams and Kurt Steidley. Congrats!

Rudy announced that he and Kathy will lead a drive-out after the meeting, taking A Road and ending up at The Willows. Line up behind their car in the parking lot after the meeting.

The next meeting will be at Smith's Restaurant in Collins, MO on August 14<sup>th</sup>.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Peggy Sturn*, Secretary

With much discussion surrounding the inevitable E-Ray version, click on the below link to watch a spy video of three hybrids taking the track at Nurburgring.

<https://apple.news/AJamtKtCoQbKfzGgHclQENg>



# *LOCC Shows Up To Help Out*

On July 9, 2022, LOCC members attended a benefit for a local young lady, Keeley Prater, at the Elks in Osage Beach. The benefit featured a car show with three local car clubs invited to participate. Keeley herself picked her top three cars and she did a great job! LOCC was represented by 12 cars at the event, with Gary Cooper Jr. receiving 2nd place with his stealth, 2015 Z06/Z07. All three show recipients donated their cash prizes back to the cause. Another LOCC winner, Gina Carrara was the lucky 50/50 winner, choosing to donate the \$300 pot back for Keeley's benefit. With several members participating in both the live auction and silent auction, attending LOCC members had a great time helping out such a fine young lady!



# JULY Meeting

## JONES CHOP HOUSE

July 11, 2022

LOCC was among the first to experience the new Jones Chop House during their soft opening. With a record number of members attending the meeting, we certainly put them to the test and we were not disappointed! With the pressure of having to serve over 100 people all arriving at the same time, the Jones team did a great job and LOCC is thankful to have a business that can handle a group such as ours!

After a great meeting led by President Spanos, Entertainment Coordinators Rudy and Kathy, led members on a jaunt down A road, passing by Ozark Caverns, to the sights of McCubbins Point and then stopping at Willowes back on A road for refreshments. ...and they had fun, fun, fun, 'til they had to put the Corvettes away! 🤔 You can watch a quick video by Dave Noble by using this link: <https://youtu.be/fjFPhFrfZgM>



**(Left)** Dean Burchette and Sandy stand by their new, 2023 red mist convertible and it's BEAUTIFUL! **(Right)** New member, Fred Catcott introduces himself, Welcome to LOCC Fred!

**(Above)** Joviality inside Jones Chophouse



# JULY Meeting .. continued

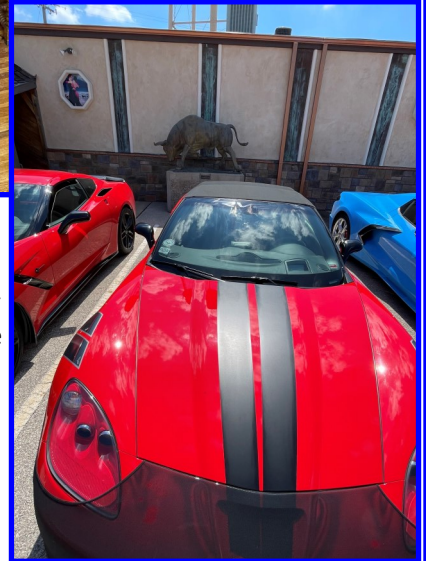


Left, Marlin Hammond gives the Treasurer's Report with President Spanos looking on.

Below left, Secretary Peggy Sturn delivers the record breaking number of cars and members present.



Left, Dave Chapman, NCM Ambassador, discusses the upcoming annual pilgrimage to the NCM museum in Bowling Green, KY.







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



## **National Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park To Receive \$2.4 Million in Improvements**

**By corvettemuseum July 14, 2022**

Today, the National Corvette Museum announced plans for \$2.4 Million in improvements to the museum's Motorsports Park. In December of 2021, the NCM Motorsports Park was heavily damaged when an EF-3 tornado touched down in Bowling Green. The National Corvette Museum and its board of directors decided to leverage the unfortunate circumstances of the tornado to create opportunity. Instead of simply restoring the Motorsports Park to pre-tornado conditions, the National Corvette Museum is planning significant improvements to the park's facilities.



National Corvette Museum President and CEO Sharon Brawner said of the planned improvements, "The National Corvette Museum, along with our board of directors, looked at the extent of the damage to the Motorsports Park and decided to find the silver lining in a really difficult circumstance. The improvements we have planned will take our already world-class racing facility to the next level, including much-needed indoor and outdoor event spaces, bar and restaurant offerings in our track observation areas, and upgraded garage facilities."

The NCM Motorsports Park, which is located on 185 acres of property adjacent to I-65 in Bowling Green, opened in 2014. Designed by legendary race track designer Steve Crawford, the road course was created with input from Corvette Racing, resulting in a multiple, reconfigurable track layout with features from Le Mans. According to Greg Waldron, Executive Director of the NCM Motorsports Park, the planned improvements will allow track participants, observers, and other guests to experience a level of facilities on par with the excellence of the track itself. "We want all of the guests who visit the Motorsports Park to have an exceptional experience," said Waldron. "With the addition of these new amenities and reimagined spaces, the Motorsports Park will be the foremost racing and karting destination in the Southeast."



The NCM Motorsports Park will remain open during construction, and the project is currently slated for completion by early 2024. Visitors can currently enjoy C8 Corvette driving experiences, track rentals for personal vehicle driving and racing, and high-speed go-karts. The Motorsports Park also offers league racing and group karting in addition to corporate and private events. More information on the NCM Motorsports Park can be found at [MotorsportsPark.org](https://MotorsportsPark.org).





# 2022 Model Corvette Year End Stats Now Available

By Mariah Hughes July 18, 2022

Final production statistics for the 2022 Corvette are now available for viewing. Of the 25,831 cars produced, 52.1% were coupes, while convertibles came in just under the halfway split at 47.9%.

Torch Red was once again the most popular color choice for 2022. The complete color lineup is as follows:

Torch Red 4,147  
Arctic White 3,603  
Hypersonic Gray 3,291  
Red Mist 3,274  
Black 2,766  
Rapid Blue 2,261  
Elkhart Lake Blue 1,412  
Amplify Orange 1,375  
Ceramic Matrix Gray 1,202  
Accelerate Yellow 1,193  
Silver Flare 922  
Caffeine 385

The most popular performance package was the Z51 Performance Package selected for 68.6% of the 2022 model year Corvettes. Front Lift was chosen on 58.8% of the total model cars while option NPP Performance Exhaust came in at 86.9%. Carbon Flash was the most popular exterior stripe option and can be seen on 1,542 of the cars. Right-hand drive Corvettes accounted for 442 of total cars produced. Australia/New Zealand received 212 deliveries, 693 went to countries in Europe, and 1,146 were option [R8C for Museum Delivery at the NCM](#).

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**CORVETTE EVENTS COMING UP:**

**All Car Meet @ Pancake  
House/O'Reilly's**                      **8/6    9/3**  
**Hot Summer Nights**                      **8/12   9/9**

**NW Arkansas Summer's End Show**  
**Aug 26—27**

**HSN Veterans'/First Responder  
Parade**                                      **Sep 9**

**Hillbilly Car Show—Laurie**              **Sep 10**

**Corvettes at Karl**                      **Sep 15-17**

**Eureka Springs**                      **Sep 29-Oct 2**

**Hot Springs Corvette Show**  
**Oct 21-22**

**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** — **Canterbury Hill Winery**  
**Jul 10** — **Jones Chop House**  
**Aug 14** — **Smith's Restaurant**  
**Sep 11** — **Captain Ron's**  
**Oct 09** — **Willowes Bar and Grill**  
**Nov 13** — **Lake Valley**  
**Dec 3** — **LOCC Christmas Party  
@ Margaritaville**

**LOCC is 222 Members Strong!**

**Our August 14th Meeting will be held at  
Smith's Restaurant  
on MO 13, Collins Missouri**

**We will be caravanning from Bear Market  
in Camdenton. Stay tuned for further  
details from President Spanos.**



# AUGUST 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Dana Noble	2 Rudy Willingham Leo Wilson	3	4 Tish Mueller	5	6
7	8 Marlin Hammond	9	10 Debra Howard	11	12	13
14 LOCC Meeting: <b>SMITH'S CAFE</b>	15	16 Diane Long Paul Jensen Pete Leyva	17 Peggy Sturn Jim Gillham Debbie Weber	18	19 Craig Beach	20
21	22 Jack Rice Lois Modesto	23 Don Bates	24	25	26	27
28	29 Chris Ling	30 Sandy Funk Joe Smelser	31 Bob Pease			

***The 2022 final production numbers are out and only 385 Corvettes were produced in caffeine, with only 4 of those having morello interior. The most rare color combination was a tie with only one amplify orange with morello interior and one Elkhart blue with morello interior.***