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Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club

VETTE WAVES

January 2023 Newsletter



On The Cover: The 2023 Board was introduced during the annual Christmas Party. From left to right: Brenda Myers, Melody Spanos, Ed Carr, Sandy Funk, Brian Carrara, Sherry Lantz, Marlin Hammond, Dave Chapman and Mike Funk. Not pictured, Ron Wehmeyer. You can read more about each member on pages 4—7.

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President Funk's Monthly Report



Seasons Greetings LOCC Members,

I hope you all enjoyed a very Merry Christmas! We wrapped up an extremely busy and exciting 2022 under President Pete Spanos's lead. We had an exciting December with our annual Christmas party and the Lake of the Ozarks Christmas parade. We had 68 members attending our party at the lake's Margaritaville Resort enjoying fine cuisine, entertaining gift exchange and fun filled activities during the after hours party. A big thanks goes to Rudy Willingham, Kathy Needham, Parker and Marybelle Darr, Pete and Melody Spanos and Ellen Ensminger for coordinating a great club event. December 10, 2022 brought chilly/rainy weather for the Lake's annual Christmas parade. We watched the weather minute by minute which cooperated with us enough to decorate the ten festive Corvettes as scheduled. The parade went off without a hitch. Thanks to those who braved the unfavorable weather to represent our club. Several gathered at The Encore Lakeside after the parade for continued social fun.

As we ring in 2023, we start an exciting year with our new board. We certainly welcome your thoughts and participation to continue the positive growth of our club. We will continue to plan fun filled Corvette events throughout the year. If you have new club activity ideas you wish to lead, please let us know as we welcome a change of pace. The 2023 Corvettes in Paradise planning is going very well. We currently have 94 Corvettes registered for the show. Members are encouraged to seek show sponsorships if possible. This information is available at every meeting and on our club website. A little bit from everyone would make for a huge charitable contribution. I look forward to seeing you at the January 8, 2023 monthly meeting at Tucker Shuckers.

As always, thank you as members for your continued participation in such a fun and successful club.

Have a safe and Happy New Year!

Mike



Find us on the web at:

<https://locc2010.net>

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club held this year's Christmas Dinner on December 3, 2022, at Margaritaville Resort in Osage Beach. At 7:04p, outgoing President Pete Spanos opened the last abbreviated meeting for 2022. Pete stated that the shot glasses on the tables with the LOCC logo as well as the car show koozies are for everyone to take home. Pete announced that after this quick meeting there will be dancing and the gift exchange with the after party in Room 1703 in the Edge-water Building.

Pete expressed what an honor and a privilege it was to serve on the LOCC Board for the past four years and especially wanted to thank the board, asking them to stand: Mike Funk, VP; Marlin Hammond, Treasurer; Peggy Sturn, Secretary; Don Sturn, PR; Melody Spanos, Webmaster; Sandy Funk, Newsletter Editor; Dave Chapman, NCM Ambassador; and Ron Wehmeyer, Inter-Club Communications, who is not here tonight. Pete offered special thanks to the spouses who support the board, asking Mary Chapman and Barb Hammond to stand. Next, Ellen, Rudy & Kathy, and Parker & Marybelle were recognized as members who give so much, leading trips and organizing events. Thanks to you all for your support. It was then time to pass the gavel with thanks for all his help this year and congratulations to 2023 President Mike Funk.

Mike thanked Pete for the enormous job done under his leadership and for all that was done this year. Pete was always there for the trips, Hot Summer Nights, every meeting, and day trips. Mike is happy to have served with him and is looking forward to 2023. He also thanked the 2022 Board and then asked Pete to return to the podium to receive the club's farewell gift - a C8 logo wall art - and a gift from Mike & Sandy glass Chevy bowtie engraved with a C8 and LOCC logos and the inscription "2022 LOCC President".

Mike next introduced the 2023 LOCC Board and their back-ups: Dave Chapman, Vice President; Sherry Lantz, Secretary / Back-up: Sandy Funk; Brian Carrara, Public Relations / Back-up: Mike Funk; Sandy Funk, Newsletter Editor / Back-up: Melody Spanos; Ed Carr, NCM Ambassador / Back-up: Dave Chapman; Ron Wehmeyer, Inter-Club Communications / Back-up: Sherry Lantz; Melody Spanos, Webmaster / Backup: Brenda Myers; Brenda Myers, Project Events Manager / Back-up: Melody Spanos; and last but not least, Marlin Hammond, Treasurer / Back-up: Brenda Myers. A great group of motivated individuals. Mike thanked everyone and is looking forward to a very successful 2023.

Next up was Ellen's special drawing for the one jacuzzi room at The Lodge that is available for the Eureka Springs weekend in 2023. Ellen asked the Darrs to do the drawings, commenting for the benefit of new members that Parker & Marybelle were the original founders of our club and that Rudy Willingham was also there for its formation. Nine people submitted their names. The first name drawn gets the room; subsequent names drawn determined their place on the waiting list for 2023: The lucky winners are the Tostenruds. Congratulations! The 2023 Waiting List order is: 1) Walker 2) Mellen 3) Burchette/Williams 4) Skjerseth 5) Dugas/Kite 6) Wedding 7) Stone 8) Lantz.

Mike reminded everyone that the Christmas Parade is Dec 10; and our first meeting of the year is Jan 8 at Tucker's Shuckers. Mike wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

The meeting ended and the festivities continued at 7:25p.

Respectfully submitted with a very fond farewell and best wishes for the new year.

Peggy Sturn, Outgoing Secretary



Meet the New LOCC Officers and Exec Board



Mike Funk, President

Mike and his wife Sandy joined LOCC in 2020 after moving to the Lake full time in 2019. He and Sandy have been married for 31 years and have two children, a son Evan who resides near Springfield, IL and daughter Ashton who lives in Overland Park, KS. They enjoy two dachshunds to fill the void as empty nesters. As prior boaters on the Mississippi River, the Funks began vacationing at Lake of the Ozarks and have owned property at the Lake since 2006. As a 30+ year employee of the State of IL, including the IL Dept. of Corrections, he rose through the security ranks and eventually retired in 2018 from an administrative position over Employee Services. Through the years, the Funks have owned several Corvettes, and Mike enjoys sharing his love of America's Sports Car with other LOCC members in the beautiful Lake of the Ozarks.

Dave Chapman, Vice President

As long time residents of Kansas City, Dave and Mary have been members of LOCC for 8 years and have been coming to the Lake for 29 years, with residences in Gravois Mills, Camdenton and most recently in Laurie. Growing up, Dave's parents brought the family to the Lake of the Ozarks for family vacations, and to visit long time family friends. Dave fell in love with the lake and the water and repeatedly told his parents growing up - that he was going to someday have a place at the Lake of the Ozarks. When Dave met Mary he said two things - 1. have to love the lake. 2. have to love going to Chiefs games. The rest is history, they will celebrate 31 years of marriage in June, 2023.

They enjoy all animals, especially dogs. They have a 6 year old black and white cocker spaniel who enjoys boat rides and sitting on the dock listening to classic rock. Retired from the grocery industry and years in retail service, the Chapmans volunteer on a regular basis for various charities while contributing and volunteering for various animal organizations. Why they love LOCC? Because they enjoy the comradery, meeting new friends, sharing thoughts, ideas and all things Corvettes, learning from and attending club functions and road trips.



Marlin Hammond, Treasurer



Marlin and Barbara have been LOCC members since 2009 and Marlin has graciously taken on the Treasurer duties since 2012. On June 10, 2022 Marlin and Barbara celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary! They have two sons, Tracy (wife Kathy) of Washington D.C. and Kelly (wife Molly) of Leawood, MO. They also have two beautiful granddaughters, Alexandra (7) and Finley (5) who are future Corvette owners! The Hammonds have lived in Lincoln since 1978 and both grew up in Weaubleau, MO. Marlin retired from the education field, working as a teacher of history, government and physical education for 7 years, eventually becoming the principal at Lincoln Elementary before retiring from teaching full time in 2007. While working as a teacher, he also coached girls basketball, softball, volleyball, baseball and was the Athletic Director at Lincoln. Since retiring, he still officiates volleyball, softball and basketball. Barbara was an elementary and Title 1 reading teacher for a total of 31 years before retiring in 2004.

Marlin states he loves LOCC members more than anything else, they are absolutely fantastic. The individuals have such varied backgrounds, it is great finding out about them. The trips which the LOCC take are fun and very enjoyable. You get to spend time with the members and have great fellowship with them.

Sherry Lantz, Secretary



Sherry and her husband Dave became LOCC members in May of 2021, immediately following the first Corvettes in Paradise show where Dave won 1st place in his C8 category. Sherry and Dave will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary this February and are proud parents of twins, Ian Simons and Hannah Simons. They are also blessed with two grandchildren, 15 yr old Kenna Simon, and 16 month old John Cruz Kalman, with another grandson expected in May of 2023! In 2015, Sherry and Dave moved to the Lake after living in Columbia for 17+ years. Sherry is originally from Northeast Missouri and Dave is from Illinois. Currently retired, Sherry worked for 10 years in each the optical, insurance and banking industries. She currently enjoys an active lifestyle as a water aerobic instructor, walking and working out. Sherry states she has enjoyed getting to know other LOCC members and while she admits to not knowing a lot about Corvettes, she is finding other common topics to converse about. She looks forward to helping LOCC in anyway needed and acting as LOCC's Secretary for 2023!

Brian Carrera, Public Relations Director



Brian and his wife Gina lived in the Chicago Land area of Frankfort, IL for 50 years before moving to the Lake area in March, 2021. Wanting to get a jumpstart on their retirement home, they decided they wanted to live on the water and moved here as their work allowed them to work remotely. They both are still working, Brian is a sales representative for Premiere 54 Boat Sales and Gina currently works for a railroad company called UTLX.

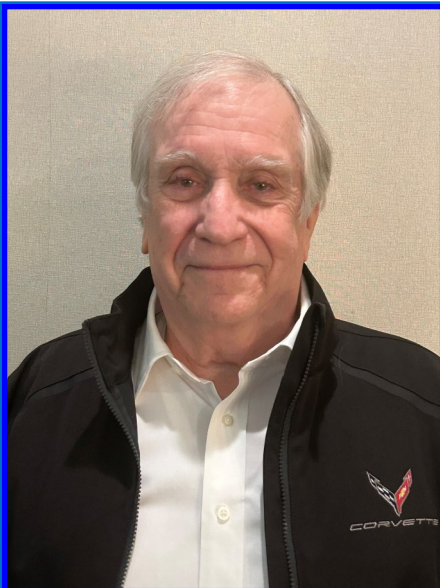
Brian and Gina have been married for 27 wonderful years and have two children. Their son Kyle (25) works at JB Hooks while their daughter Quinn (23) is currently a student at Mizzou.

As a member for exactly one year now, Brian states he loves the people of LOCC! He has made life long friends with some of the members and he is forever grateful for their support.

Sandy Funk, Newsletter Editor



Growing up in Central Illinois, Sandy enjoyed visiting the Lake of the Ozarks as a child each summer, vacationing with her family. That tradition continued with Mike and their two children, Evan and Ashton, until they eventually moved to the Lake full time in 2019. Sandy retired in 2019 with 28 years in the IL Dept. of Corrections where she worked her way up to become the first female, Chief of Operations for the Department. As Sandy is proud of how Evan and Ashton are flourishing as young adults, she now dotes on her fur babies, Ezzie and Dexter the dachshunds. She also spends her time working on the Club's newsletter, with 2023 being the 3rd year as the newsletter editor. While growing up around muscle cars all her life, Sandy credits her Dad for her avid interest in cars and Corvettes, being that Sandy and Mike purchased their first Corvette from her father. Sandy loves all the new friends she has made through the Club and travelling to new places with LOCC. There is nothing better than seeing a line of Corvettes on the road!



Ed Carr, NCM Ambassador

The Carrs have belonged to Lake of the Ozark Corvette Club for about 2 years. Ed previously belonged to a Corvette club at the lake back in the late seventies with my 1976 corvette, his first of six. While they don't live at the lake They are still close enough to enjoy it. Ed states they have done the lake, boat and cabin scene in the past.

He enjoys being around club members and parading his Corvette around the countryside with others. Short trips or long trips like (NCM) are all great. Ed has been a president and volunteer of several organizations and is a retired U.S. Army officer.



Melody Spanos, Webmaster

Melody, along with her husband Pete, have been LOCC members for approximately 13 years. She has also served the Club as the webmaster for several years. She and Pete have been married for 35 years and have four children, Adam, Tyler, Justin and Morgan and two beautiful, young granddaughters, Mallory and Scarlett.

Melody is originally from Moline, IL and met Pete in Davenport, IA where they celebrated their nuptials. They began vacationing at the Lake when their kids were little.

She currently splits her time between the Lake and their home near St. Louis as she currently still works for Enterprise Rent A Car in the IT department.

Melody states she enjoys the friendships she has made by going on trips with other LOCC members.



Brenda Myers, Project and Event Manager

Brenda and her husband of 27 years Steve, have been LOCC members since May of 2021. They joined after entering their C5 Corvette in the flagship, Corvettes in Paradise show. They have one daughter, Stephanie (Spouse, Krist) and are blessed with two grandchildren, 10 year old Fia and Teddy who is 8 years old. Originally from Minnesota where they enjoyed boating, they moved to the Lake in 2020. They had vacationed many times with Steve's family at LOTO and when they were thinking of retiring, they decided they could enjoy the longer boating season and milder winters here. Brenda currently works for the same company where she was a Controller for 20 years. As Steve hints to her frequently, she may just make the move and retire in 2023! When asked what she enjoys about LOCC, Brenda says since they live so far away from family, they enjoy their "Corvette Family" as well as meeting people from other clubs through shows and events.



Ron Wehmeyer, Club Communications

With little information about Ron available, the time he has donated to LOCC over the years is very much appreciated. He manages a cumbersome distribution list and promptly forwards emails from board members to all 235 LOCC members to keep them informed of upcoming events. While we don't often see Ron, he is certainly a valued member of the 2023 board!

As LOCC heads into its 23rd year of existence, the new Board is looking forward to a fun-filled year with group trips to shows, local venues and road trips in our Corvettes. We would also like to ensure you have a chance to voice your suggestions for the Newsletter, Facebook and Website.

Vette Waves (Newsletter) - Contact Sandy Funk at: loccnewsletter@outlook.com or (217)622-7923. All members are encouraged to submit a write up and any pictures if you attend a Corvette event, or participate in a drive with other club members. As a reminder, the Newsletter will list **member** Corvettes or Corvette related items for sale if submitted with descriptions. Items for the Newsletter should be sent to Sandy no later than the 26th of each month for publication in the next month.

LOCC Facebook Page—Contact Brian Carrara at bjcarrara@aol.com if you have suggestions and/or ideas for the Facebook Page as he transitions into the Public Relations position. Brian encourages members to use the Facebook Page to communicate Corvette and LOCC related topics with each other.

LOCC Website—<https://locc2010.net>—Members can reach out to Melody Spanos at loccwebmaster@gmail.com for questions, ideas, suggestions regarding the website. Members are also reminded there is a section on the web page for members to sell their Corvette related items. You can find upcoming event information, our annual car show results and club charity contributions as well past newsletters information.

LOCC Celebrates the End of a Successful Year at Annual Christmas Party



December 3, 2022 at Margaritaville



Tables were perfectly set, presents were wrapped and smiles were abundant at the annual Christmas party. As evidenced by the table of presents below, many participants enjoyed a white elephant gift exchange. Below right, Rudy Willingham proudly shows off his gift of Rumchata, which was promptly stolen, all in the spirit of the game.

2022 President, Pete Spanos shows off his well deserved gifts below. On the bottom, Ellen raffles off the last room for the Eureka Springs fall trip.



More From the LOCC Christmas Party



So much to unwrap here, pun intended.

Top left, Harry and Marsha Naught at the mixer. Top right, dance instructor Rudy leads a group of women in some disco moves, as Ellen and Sandy help him with the Sprinkler. Middle left, Jim Brewer and Vanessa warm up the dance floor. Middle, Wayne Warful did such a magnificent wrapping job on Cathy, they won the Wrap Your Partner game at the After Party. Middle right, Jason Zolecki and others enjoy the buffet line. Right, a snap of the after party is an example of the fun LOCC has when we get together.





Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade

December 10, 2022

While the weather was less than perfect for a parade, it was typical for a December day in Missouri. Meeting as a group at the Kohl's parking lot for staging before arriving at the parade line up, the drizzle did not last long. The group then moved to their designated area to decorate and wait for the parade to begin. Joined by nine other festive Corvettes and their jolly drivers/passengers, Mike Funk lead the LOCC group through the parade route, as Sandy and Brenda Myers walked the route, handing out goodies to the kids (and even some dogs!) on behalf of the LOCC group. After the parade, many in the group met at Encore for continued frivolity and a little sustenance. It was a great ending to the parades of 2022!



Top Left: The group meets in the drizzle to discuss the short drive to the line up destination. Top Right: Corvettes line up to decorate. Center, Left to Right: The Horsman car, the Myers with their red sled and Keith Mellen in the Stingray R. Bottom Left: Ellen and Winston are ready to show off the Grand Sport on the Strip.

More Parade Fun...



Top Row, left to right: The Woodrums gift wrapped C6, The Darrs brought out the C4 and the Spanos's went topless in the C7. Left, the Sturns spread cheer with an elf sitting on the console; Right: Leo Wilson and his friend Grego added to the fun in the silver C7; Bottom Left: The Funk C5 is ready to hit the route; Bottom Right: The group enjoy the get together at The Encore.





Ed Carr

NCM Ambassador

News & Views



R8C Museum Delivery

NCM Delivery is referred to as OPTION "R8C" and is available through any Chevrolet Dealer at a cost of \$995.00. It must be specified at the time the order is finalized and a special Ship Code of "184590" must also be used to identify your Corvette for Museum Delivery.

The Delivery: The customer arrives at the NCM with up to three additional guests of age 10 and up, total (4) and is welcomed with signs commemorating the event. A personal, special VIP guided tour of the NCM is conducted where they will see their Corvette on display. Next, a member of the NCM Delivery Team provides a quality orientation followed by a thorough delivery presentation of their new vehicle. A unique gold decal is placed on the inside of the drivers' door jamb to signify the importance of this memorable occasion. Customers also receive a personalized interior dash plaque, personalized wall plaque and an individual photograph in front of the Museum – weather permitting. Additionally, customers can purchase exclusive showcasing the "R8C Museum Delivery" logo, bricks in a special commemorative merchandise section, and build sheets/window stickers if available, during the program presentation. Deliveries can also be viewed world-wide via our live webcams.

The National Corvette Museum proudly uses Adam's Polishes products on all R8C Museum Delivery Corvettes. Adam's Polishes is the official car care product of PDI (pre-delivery inspection). The full line of Adam's Polishes products is available for purchase from the Corvette Store in-person or online.

The customer is presented with an individual one-year NCM membership. Memberships which come with our R8C Museum Delivery program are upgradeable.

R8C customers can get on track in OUR Corvettes at the NCM Motorsports Park by purchasing touring laps at a discounted rate. Laps are not available during private events, or while the track is in use by an event. Track availability is also dependent on weather. You can contact MSP 270-777-4509 to inquire about lap availability on delivery day.

The Communications: The National Corvette Museum will contact the customer and offer a reasonable time frame in which the customer can choose a date for delivery. The first available date for delivery is approximately two (2) weeks from the offline date of the car. Once the car is built and its release from GM is confirmed a representative from the NCM Delivery Department will contact the customer to schedule their delivery date. The Museum will confirm the date, agreed upon by the customer, through email and will handle all further communications. If at any time the selling dealer and/or customer should have any questions regarding the delivery, they may contact the Museum at 1-800-205-4248.



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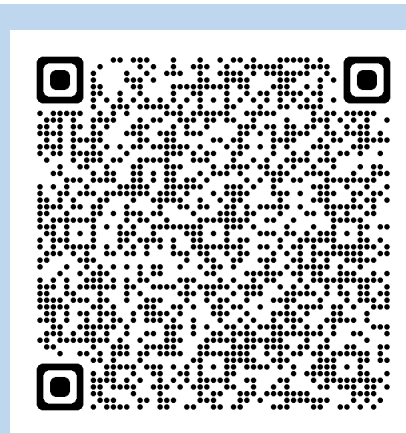


Post Delivery: A commemorative nameplate (with the customer's name, date of delivery and VIN) is ordered that can be applied to the wall plaque. The nameplate will then be shipped directly to the customer approximately 4-6 weeks after delivery.

Shane Webb manages this one of a kind program for the NCM. He will be happy to assist you with any questions or concerns using the special NCM Delivery Hotline of 1-800-205-4248 or 270-777-4505. He can also be emailed at: shane@corvettemuseum.org. Becky Beach can be reached at becky.beach@corvettemuseum.org or call (270) 467-8851 or Ethan Mefford at ethan.mefford@corvettemuseum.org or call (270) 777-4503.

All-Wheel Drive Goodness: Short but Sweet Clip of Corvette ERAY Frolicking in the Snow

By [Joe Kucinski](#) - December 28, 2022



(Point your phone's camera at the QR Code above to see the short video and article)



The 3rd Annual Corvettes in Paradise Show is April 29, 2022!

Use the following link to go directly to the Corvettes in Paradise Show information on the LOCC website: [LOCC Annual Car Show \(locc2010.net\)](http://locc2010.net) You will find a copy of the show registration as well as a Sponsor Form on the page. Contact Mike Funk at (217)622-7514 if you would like to have copies of registrations or sponsor forms.

If you support a local business, please take a sponsor form with you and ask if they would support our show for \$100. Remember, all proceeds are returned to the community and last year's charities are found on the sponsor form. In return, the sponsor will have a plaque made with their business name, to be awarded to a participant of their choice. The sponsors who show up to the show have a great time picking out which Corvette they feel best deserves their plaque. The 2023 plaque is being designed at this time, stay tuned!

The following businesses have already supported Corvettes in Paradise with paid sponsorships:

Hulett Chevrolet

Sunset Tire and Service

Jim Falk Motors

Willowes Bar and Grill

Cable Dahmer Chevrolet

Leman Chevrolet

Pinnacle Real Estate Partners—Parker Darr

A Smarter Move Real Estate Group—Annamarie Hopkins

Your assistance in making this another successful show is appreciated!

Save the DATE™

CORVETTE EVENTS CALENDAR:

St. Pat's Day Parade	Mar 18
Enid OK Corvette Expo	Apr 1
Dogwood Festival Parade	Apr TBA
Mid Missouri Corvette Cup	Apr 22
Corvettes in Paradise	April 29
Hot Summer Nights	May 12, Jun 9, Jul 7, Aug 11, Sep 8
Springfield Cardinals Game	TBD
CCKC Summer Fling Show	Jun TBA
NCM	Jul TBA
NWArkansas Show	Aug 25-26
Corvettes at Karl	Sep 14-16
Eureka Springs	Oct 5—8

CORVETTES IN PARADISE

Saturday

April 29, 2023



2023 LOCC Meetings

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

Jan 8	Tucker's Shuckers
Feb 19	JB Hooks
Mar 12	Encore
Apr 16	Camden on the Lake/Horny Toad
May 21	Hulett Chevrolet Dealership (Smokin' Jones Catered)
Jun 11	Jones Chop House
Jul 9	The Bistro
Aug 13	Wicked Willies
Sep 10	TBA
Oct 15	Willowes
Nov 12	Lake Valley
Dec 2	LOCC Christmas Party @ Encore

We look forward to seeing you at the first meeting of 2023 at Tucker's Shuckers on the Strip January 8th. Don't forget to RSVP to outlaw496s@gmail.com by January 2nd!





JANUARY 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 	2	3	4 Dave Schroeder	5	6	7
8	9	10 Vanessa Randolph	11 Randy Gross Gary Carlson	12 David Taylor Mark Sperfslage	13	14
15	16 Steve Costigan 	17 Sue Matula	18 Don Sturn Marsha Naught	19	20	21 Nancy Jensen
22 Marlene Sniff	23	24 Pat Brown	25	26	27 Larry Camenzind	28
29 Brenda Myers	30	31				

Did You Know: What year of Corvette contained under seat tool storage?
 In 1963, GM was determined to put power seat adjustments in the C2 Corvette. This idea was scrapped and the area was converted into under seat tool storage. Halfway through 1963 production year, the storage compartment was eliminated. (CorvSports May 25, 2020)