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January 2024 Newsletter



On The Cover: LOCC was well represented at the annual Lake Ozark Christmas Parade. New member, Linda Elliot and daughter Shelby were festive in Linda's C6 Grand Sport. See more on page 12.

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President Lantz's

Monthly Report

Seasons Greetings to LOCC Members,

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I hope you all had a Merry Christmas and were able to spend time with your friends and family. We have just finished another exciting year under the leadership of club President Mike Funk. On December 2nd, we had a wonderful annual Christmas Party at the Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar event venue. We had 71

members attend the annual Christmas Party who enjoyed fine dining, musical entertainment, a gift exchange, and an after party. A special thanks goes out to LOCC member Merlyn Vandervort who generously donated the use of his event venue for the party. I would also like to thank Mike & Sandy Funk, Sherry Lantz, Rudy Willingham & Kathy Needham, Steve & Brenda Myers, Parker & Marybelle Darr, and Marlin Hammond for their efforts in coordinating the annual Christmas party.

On December 9th, LOCC participated in the 39th Annual Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade. This year's theme for the parade was "Christmas In Paradise" which coincides nicely with our annual "Corvettes In Paradise" car show. We had 13 Corvettes that were beautifully decorated in Christmas themes for the parade. The weather turned out nice and club members enjoyed tossing out lots of candy to all the kiddos who lined the parade route along Bagnell Dam Blvd. Many of the club members who participated in the parade gathered at the Encore Lakeside Grill & Sky Bar after the parade to enjoy drinks, food, and socializing.

On December 21st, several LOCC members participated in a Road Trip coordinated by Ed Tostenrud to the new Buc-ee's in Springfield, MO which had its Grand Opening on December 11th. This is the first Buc-ee's convenience store to be opened in Missouri. It is located just off I-44 in northeast Springfield. It is 53,000 square feet of merchandise and food. It also has dozens of gas pumps and electric vehicle charging stations. For those who have never been to a Buc-ee's (myself included) they are very popular in the southern U.S. and have almost a cult-like following. They have become a destination on their own.

As we kickoff an exciting 2024, I look forward to working with the new board. We will plan some new events for 2024 as well as continuing our participation in successful events from 2023. We welcome everyone's thoughts and participation in 2024 to ensure a fun-filled year. If you have a new idea for a club activity that you wish to lead, please let us know. The 2024 Corvettes In Paradise car show planning is going extremely well. We currently have 135 Corvettes registered for the car show. I encourage all members to seek out new show sponsors if possible. You can find the sponsorship forms on our website at the following address: https://locc2010.net/locc-annual-car-show

Remember all the profits raised from the show are donated to local lake area charities and make a huge impact on our community. Thank you all for your continued participation in our club. Our members are the key in making this such a fun and successful club.

I wish you all a Safe & Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you on January 14th for our monthly meeting at Tucker's Shuckers.

Dave

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https://locc2010.net



Date: December 2, 2023

Location: Encore Wedding Pavilion, 3080 Bagnell Dam Blvd., Lake Ozark MO 65049

Time Meeting Started: 6:45pm

Pledge of Allegiance: Don Dettman

Don duplicated a moving 1969 reading by Red Skelton explaining the meaning of the words of the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mike Funk Outgoing President:

Thanks to all attending and special thanks to the Christmas Party Committee:

Parker & Marybelle Darr Dave & Sherry Lantz Steve & Brenda Myers Rudy & Kathy Sandy & Mike Funk

Wine Tumblers with LOCC logo are on the tables for each member to take home.

Mike announced that after this quick meeting there will be dancing and the gift exchange with the after party upstairs in the Sky Bar.

Thanks was given to all members for their participation with meetings and events. The teamwork paid off!

Mike expressed what an honor and a privilege it was to serve as LOCC President and especially wanted to thank the board, asking them to stand:

Dave Chapman, VP Marlin Hammond, Treasurer Sherry Lantz, Secretary Brian Carrara, Public Relations Melody Spanos, Webmaster Sandy Funk, Newsletter Editor Ed Carr, NCM Ambassador Ron Wehmeyer, Club Communications (not present) Brenda Myers, Project/Events Manager

Mike shared Club highlights during 2023:

- 1. Donations of over \$20,000 to local charities
- 2. Organizing many Trips, Parades, Day Trips & Meetings
- 3. Increasing LOCC membership to 255

Mike shared how growth is important to any organization and with growth comes change. LOCC has had some subtle changes in 2023 and with that has produced positive change. He feels confident that the 2024 Leadership & Board will continue to bring positive change to LOCC.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Special thanks was given to Rudy & Kathy for organizing many after meeting cruises & their excellent "Socializing" skills. They are greatly appreciated by LOCC.

Brenda Myers & Dave Lantz presented Marlin Hammond a gift of a wall hanging of Corvettes that included C1 - C8s on behalf of the LOCC membership. Marlin has done an outstanding job as Treasurer for the past 13 years. Marlin's motto has been "It's going to be OK!"

It was then time to pass the gavel with thanks and congratulations to 2024 LOCC President, Dave Lantz.

Dave Lantz 2024 President: Thanks Mike for his accomplishments as LOCC 2023 President

- 1. Several trips to NW AR, Eureka Springs AR, Bowling Green KY, & Ankeny IA
- 2. Becoming a 501(c)(3) charitable organization
- 3. Another successful CIP Car Show and adding the Silent Auction
- 4. Organizing multiple meetings, day trips and parades

LOCC 2023 VP, Dave Chapman presented Mike Funk with personalized crystal engraved plaque as a token of appreciation on behalf of LOCC membership for his leadership and dedication.

Dave & Mary Chapman on behalf of LOCC then presented Sandy Funk with a 70th Anniversary Corvette sign as a token of appreciation for her hours and dedication given to LOCC during 2023.

Recognition and Thanks to the 2023 Board for their service.

Club Members were thanked for making LOCC 2023 such a success.

New LOCC 2024 Board is introduced and asked to come forward:

Vice President - Brenda Myers Treasurer - Jim McMillan (B/U - Brenda Myers) Secretary - Sherry Lantz (B/U - Sandy Funk) NCM Ambassador - Ed Carr (B/U - Ed Tostenrud) Newsletter Editor - Sandy Funk (B/U - Kim Ehlmann) Webmaster - Melody Spanos (B/U - Gary Elwick) Public Relations - Brian Carrara (B/U - Mike Funk) Club Communications - Ron Wehmeyer (not present) (B/U - Sherry Lantz) Project/Event Mgr - Gina McLachlan (not present) (B/U - Don Dettmann)

New Business:

December 9 - 39th Annual Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade Lineup 11:30 with 1:00 start Candy Toss event 13 currently signed up with more verbal commitments.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dave Lantz pledged to do 2 things in 2024:

1. Always do what is fair and treat people with respect

2. Everything done by the Board will be transparent by either email to LOCC membership or by posting information on the website.

50 Drawing - \$167 - Debra Weber

25 Drawing - \$ 84 - Tammy Walker

25 Drawing - \$ 84 - George Woodrum

2 - \$100 gift certificates to Camden on the Lake - Dave Miller & Brenda Myers

Next Meeting:

January 14 - Tucker Shuckers, 1339 Bagnell Dam Blvd, Lake Ozark MO 65049

Meeting adjourned: 7:29pm





Meet the 2024 LDCC Officers and

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The 2024 LOCC Officers and Executive Board were introduced at the Christmas Party. From left to right: Brian Carrara, Public Relations/Cards; Melody Spanos, LOCC Webmaster; Sandy Funk, Newsletter Editor; Ed Carr, NCM Ambassador; Sherry Lantz, Secretary; Jim McMillan, Treasurer; Brenda Myers, Vice President; David Lantz, President. Unavailable: Ron Wehmeyer, Club Communications and Gina McLachlan, Project/ Event Manager;

President—David Lantz

Dave and Sherry Lantz joined LOCC after the inaugural, Corvettes in Paradise in 2021 where Dave won 1st place in the C8 coupe class with their 2021 Torch Red Stingray. Dave recently acquired a 1961 convertible which is currently undergoing modifications at Heartland Customs in Purcell, OK. The restomod will eventually be candy apple red with platinum silver inserts and black interior.

Dave & Sherry will celebrate their 26th anniversary in February 2024 and are the proud parents of twins, Ian Simons who lives in Overland Park, KS and Hannah Simons who lives in Arvada, CO. They have 3 grandchildren (16 year old Kenna Simons, 2 year old Cruz Kalman, and 7 month old Declan Kalman). Dave & Sherry enjoy working out at the Fitness Center, going on 4 mile walks through their neighborhood, boating, fishing, and spending time with their kids & grandkids.

Dave is retired after working in the Nuclear Power field for 33 years. He is a Navy Veteran and served on the nuclear powered submarine USS Haddo. After serving in the Navy Nuclear Power program for six years, he attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL receiving his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He then began his 27 year career at the Callaway Nuclear Plant near Fulton, MO where he held multiple management positions in Engineering, Operations, and Training.

Dave said his favorite experience with LOCC in 2023 would have to be coordinating the 2023 Salute To Veterans parade in September. It was great to meet so many fellow veterans and to have the opportunity to give something back to these men & women who served our country. The Veterans really appreciate the opportunity to ride in the parade with LOCC members in their beautiful Corvettes and to hear the cheers and thanks from all the people who lined the street during the parade.

Vice President—Brenda Myers

Brenda and her husband Steve became LOCC members in May of 2021,after having a great time at the inaugural Corvettes in Paradise show. Brenda and Steve have both been active in the club since joining LOCC. Brenda served as the Project/Event Manager in 2023 and backing up the Treasurer position last year. She was instrumental in setting up the Square credit/debit card payments for LOCC in 2023.

Brenda and Steve have one daughter and son in law, Stephanie & Krist who reside in Minnesota with 2 grandchildren, Fia 11 and Teddy 9. As Brenda recently retired in 2023, she says she and Steve keep very busy attending LOCC functions, travelling to see family in Iowa and Minnesota as well as being active with their church family. They enjoy "Tritoon Tuesdays" and Brenda finds delight in her garden club and doing lots of crafting activities.

Brenda shared one of her favorite Club activities in 2023 was the "powder puff track day" during the NCM trip as she got to take the track with just the pace car. During the same trip, she was enthralled during the tour of the Corvette plant and seeing all the new Corvettes on the assembly line.

Treasurer—Jim McMillan

As an LOCC member since 2021, Jim has two adult children, Andrew and Lana. He also has a seven year old Corgi named "Dewi".

Jim retired from a 37 year healthcare finance career and currently volunteers with the Capital Region Medical Foundation. In his spare time, he enjoys the local wine tasting club and playing bocce.

Jim states his favorite LOCC 2023 event was the Eureka Springs weekend as he enjoys the camaraderie at the event.

Secretary—Sherry Lantz

In her second consecutive year serving as the LOCC secretary, Sherry and her husband Dave became LOCC members in May of 2021. The Lantz's celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in February 2023 and are proud parents of twins, Ian Simons and Hannah Simons. They are also blessed with three grandchildren, 16 year old McKenna Kay Simons, 2 year old John Cruz Kalman and 6 month old Declan C. Kalman.

Sherry retired after 30 years of management in the optical, insurance and banking industries and has enjoyed leading a water aerobics class for the past 6 years. Since moving to the Lake in 2015 Dave and Sherry have developed a routine that includes trips to the fitness center and 4 mile walks in their neighborhood.

Sherry has enjoyed many of the LOCC activities in 2023 with the tour of the NCM production plant and viewing the collections in Ankeny, IA being the highlights.

Ed Carr—NCM Ambassador

Ed and Becki joined LOCC shortly after picking up their 2020 C8 at the National Corvette Museum in November of 2020. They call three young adults their children and have six grandchildren (most of you have met Ozzie).

Ed volunteered for and with many organizations in the past, school board, chamber of commerce, etc. He also served for almost 30 years in the Army and Army Reserve. Ed has been involved in some form of manufacturing all his life and is currently semi-retired at their own little fab shop. They recently returned to the boating world at the lake.

When it comes to Corvettes, they are on their sixth one, the best one yet. Back in the mid-seventies the Carrs belonged to a club of a small group of Corvette owners at Lake of the Ozarks so returning once again to the lake with a Corvette in a Corvette Club is grand. When they first searched clubs, they joined and attended several meetings with two clubs. LOCC won out. They have had too many memories with LOCC to single out any one as the best and they look forward to more fun times with the club.

Newsletter Editor—Sandy Funk

Sandy and Mike joined LOCC in January of 2020, with Sandy beginning her fourth year serving as the newsletter editor for the Club. The Funks have been married for 32 years and have two great kids. Their son Evan lives in central Illinois while their daughter Ashton lives in Lenexa, KS. They also have two, entertaining wiener dogs, 7 year old brothers, Ezzie and Dexter.

As a political science and history major, Sandy started a 28 year career in the Illinois Department of Corrections working in a prison library which included a law library. She worked her way up to an executive level position in corrections before retiring in 2019. Despite both Mike and Sandy retiring from corrections, theirs was not a "prison romance". They actually met prior to both working in the system.

Outside of LOCC and their fascination with Corvettes, the Funks enjoy life on the Lake which includes entertaining family and friends, UTV trail riding and travelling to Florida in the winter.

With LOCC having so much going on in 2023, Sandy finds it hard to find just one favorite moment. From the ladies trip to Cole Camp, the NCM trip to the Ankeny, IA trip, Sandy says she has enjoyed sharing too many great times with other LOCC members to single one out.

Melody Spanos, Webmaster

Melody, along with her husband Pete, have been LOCC members for approximately 14 years. She has served the Club as the webmaster for the last several years. She and Pete have been married for 36 years and have four children, Adam, Tyler, Justin and Morgan and two beautiful, young granddaughters, Mallory and Scarlett. In 2023, they were also blessed with two new grandsons, Kannon and Beckham.

Originally from Moline, IL Melody 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.

Special Events/Project Manager—Gina McLachlan

Gina and her husband Mark joined LOCC in April of 2022. Gina and Mark have two sons Ryan and Alex. Ryan is married, he and his wife Rachel had their first baby, Nolan, in 2023. Alex, will marry his fiancé, Jessica in April.

Gina retired as a high school business teacher and currently works for Missouri Future Business Leaders of America. In their spare time, Gina and Mark are avid Mizzou fans and enjoy traveling, especially cruises!

As a newer member, Gina states she looks forward to creating memories with other LOCC members.

Public Relations—Brian Carrara

Brian and his wife Gina joined LOCC in December of 2021. Brian and Gina have a son, Kyle and daughter, Quinn. Brian assumed the public relations duties for LOCC in 2022, creating a new LOCC Facebook page administered as a page owned by LOCC. Brian also works with local media outlets to publicize LOCC events as appropriate.

Brian is currently employed at OCDetailers in Osage Beach, but as one of his hobbies is restoring muscle cars, he also volunteers his time at a local mechanics shop at the Lake. He also enjoys boating on LOTO along with his family.

Brian says his favorite thing about the Club is the life long friends he has made as a member.

Ron Wehmeyer, Club Communications

Ron has been a long time member of LOCC and has served as the Club Communications Director for a number of years. With an ever growing membership, currently at 255, Ron is steadfast in making sure LOCC events and announcements are distributed promptly to LOCC members. Ron and his wife, Kathie enjoy travelling and make it to meetings and events when available. In the mean time, we are truly appreciative of the time Ron dedicates to LOCC!



LOCC Checks Out the New Buc-ee's Submitted by Ed Tostenrud

On December 21st, a small group of LOCC members travelled to Springfield, MO to visit the newly opened Buc-ee's Convenience Store just off I-44 at exit 84. Lead by the Ed and Lourdes Tostenrud, the group included Gary & Nancy Carlson, Steve & Brenda Myers, Parker & Marybelle Darr and Stefanie Wiskur with Pepper Guthrie.

After driving in on and off rain, the group arrived to a full parking lot as well as 100+ fuel pumps, all full. After finding a row in the back were they could park together, the group checked out what the convenience store had to offer. As it seemed everyone turned out to visit the new business, the store was packed with people and after an hour of shopping, the LOCC group decided to head to Ruby Tuesdays for lunch. It was a fun group for a short day trip!

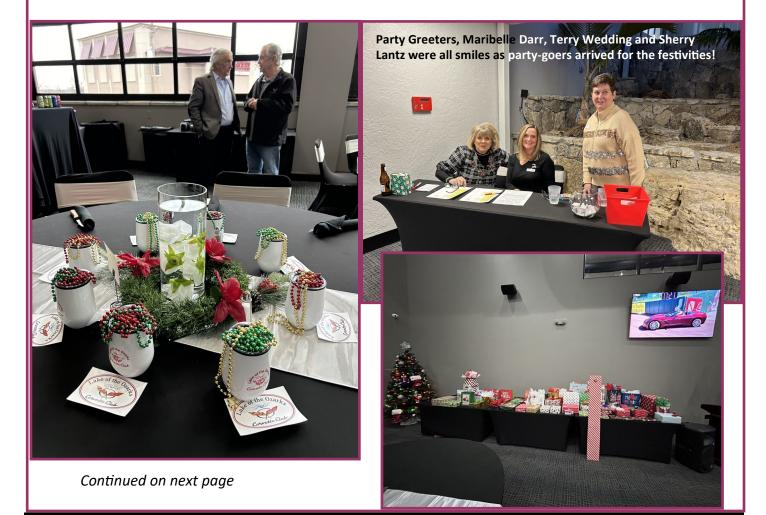


Pictures submitted by Brenda Myers and Ed Tostenrud

LDCC Celebrates the 2023 Christmas Season and a Great 2023 Corvette Year



On December 2, 2023, the new Encore Event Center was the site of the 2023 LOCC Christmas Party. LOCC members dined on a deluxe buffet featuring a carving station with prime rib, chicken Oscar and pork loin, while two, large screened tv's showcased pictures from the LOCC events of 2023. Members had time to mingle with each other as local entertainer, Adam Powell played live music throughout social hour and dinner. Following dinner, 2023 President Mike Funk started the short business meeting as he graciously thanked the 2023 board and introduced the 2024 President, David Lantz. After Dave introduced the 2024 LOCC board and brought the meeting to a close, Rudy and Kathy soon took over and began the white elephant gift exchange. As presents were opened, some went home with their original choice while others had their's stolen. It was all in fun and everyone was a good sport, making the gift exchange a great time for all that participated. Quickly following the end of the gift exchange, attendees were invited to continue the celebrations in the upper event center where the merriment continued. The evening was a fun ending to another successful year. Special thanks to Mike Funk for arranging the event at The Encore, the 2023 party committee and to Rudy Willingham and Kathy for devoting their time for the LOCC event!



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More From the LOCC Christmas Party







Winners of the annual Wrap—A –Boo, Stephanie Wiskur and Pepper Guthrie took home bragging rights for 2023!

Above, middle: Ed Carr hands out candy canes as Mike Funk smiles in the background. Above, right: Randy Weber opens a large Lantern during the white elephant event as Rudy provides the play by play.

Lana Elwick opens a nicely framed C5 emblem, a perfect addition for the Elwick collection!





Left: Tish Mueller exercises her right to steal a very nice set of Christmas, country churches from Terry Pohrer.

2023 VP, Dave Chapman presents Mike with a gift, for his dedication as the 2023 LOCC President.



Lake of the Ozarks Christmas Parade

December 9, 2023

This year's parade day was a sunny, beautiful December day with temperatures reaching 52 degrees at parade time. LOCC thrilled the crowds with 13 club Vettes and their owners adorned with festive Christmas decorations. Both parade participants and parade observers were thrilled to see candy being thrown from the floats and vehicles, after all, that's the American way! Following the parade, LOCC members met at The Encore for lunch and additional frivolity.

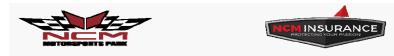


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"Adrenaline Meets Tradition"



The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The Museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy.

Find the NCM at www.corvettemuseum.org and on Facebook. Subscribe to the Corvette Campus Connection to receive free information of museum happenings.

In case you haven't heard????

GM Assembly Plant tours at Bowling Green, KY are suspended, ended, delayed, stopped, etc. starting February 5, 2024 until who knows when. It is not the end of the world. A lot of us have made trips to bowling green just to see the museum, pick up a new Corvettes, drive some corvettes on their racetrack or just get to know fellow LOCC members by going to Bowling Green. No doubt about it the plant tour adds to the trips, but it is not everything just one of the many things to do while there.

Start the year off right	Renew or Join the National Corvette Museum today.
Lifetime Membership	\$2000.00
Senior Individual Membership	\$750.00/valid for 20 years
Family Membership	\$100.00/year (5 years) \$350.00
Individual Membership	\$65.00/year
Next Generation Member	Children ages 0-9-\$400/Children ages 10-18-\$200

CorvetteStore.Com

Great place to pick up some Corvette accessories while supporting the National Corvette Museum. Remember orders over \$75.00 get free shipping and if you are a NCM member you get 10% off the everyday price.





CORVETTE EVENTS CALENDAR:

St. Pat's Day Parade	Mar 16
Enid OK Corvette Expo	Apr 6
Mid Missouri Corvette Cup	Apr 13
Corvettes in Paradise	April 27
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Rte 66 Corvette Club Show	May 11
Springfield Cardinals Game	May 14
CCKC Summer Fling Show	ТВА
NCM Club Trip	ТВА
KCCA Vettes on the Plains	Aug 10
NWArkansas Show	Aug 30-31
Salute to Veterans Parade (HSN)	Sep 6
Camdenton Air Show	Sep 7
OB Rehab Ctr Cruise In	Sep TBD
Corvettes at Karl	ТВА
Eureka Springs	Oct 3—6
Trunk or Treat Arrowhead Senior Center	Oct TBD
Veterans' Day Parade	Nov TBD
Lebanon Christmas Parade	Nov TBD
LO Christmas Parade	Dec TBD



2024 LOCC Meetings

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

Jan 14	Tucker's Shuckers
Feb 18	JB Hooks
Mar 10	TBD
Apr 14	Camden on the Lake/H. Toad's Bar & Grill
May 19	Hulett Chevrolet Dealership (Catered)
Jun 9	Jones Chop House (Tentative)
Jul 14	The Bistro in Lebanon
Aug 11	Wicked Willies (Tentative)
Sep 8	Short Street Tavern in Montrose (Tentative)
Oct 13	Willowes
Nov 10	Lake Valley Golf Club
Dec 7	LOCC Christmas Party (TBD)

We look forward to seeing you at the first meeting of 2024 at Tucker's Shuckers on the Strip January 14th. Don't forget to RSVP to Dave at DaveCloud9@aol.com by Friday January 5th!



Bornin January 2024

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 *Happy* New Year	2	3 Gary Elwick	4 Dave Schroeder Don Dettman	5	6
8	9	10 Vanessa Randolph	11 Randy Gross Gary Carlson	12 David Taylor Mark Sperfslage	13
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Did You Know: One of the Main Attractions at the 2024 Kissimmee Mecum Auction in January is The Split Window Colorama Collection, featuring 1963 split windows of every color ever produced! You will be able to catch the Kissimmee Mecum Auction, beginning January 5th on Motortrend TV, Motortrend+ or Discovery. Check your local listings.