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LOCC Meeting ~ October 13th ~ Angelo's
KK/54 ~ Osage Beach MO

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Presidential Spark Plug

Yesterday was the first day of fall and in my opinion the best season of the year. We still have activities going through the rest of the year. But first lets review a couple of events which occurred in September. First there was a benefit car show in Osage Beach for a Two Year old girl named Melanie Wyrick, who is fighting cancer. The benefit provided a donation of \$5000 to her cause. The Lake of the Ozark Corvette Club was present doing what it could to help. I am very proud of those participating to help this little girl. Those attending were Bob and Judy Pease, Don and Peggy Sturn, Ellen Ensminger, Jerry and Kim Ehlmann, Rudy Willingham/Cathy, Jack and Yupin Rice, Randy and Helen Gross, Keith and Judi Suchman, and John Shepherd. Thank you everyone for your participation.



On Saturday September 21, 2019, the LCTC (Lake Career & Tech Center) held it annual show. This is a judged car show and three of our members came out on top. Those who earned an award were Jerry Ehlmann for his 2016 Z06 Orange Corvette, best in his class. Also Richard Hodits won his class with his beautiful Black C1,1957 Corvette. Additionally Keith Suchman had two cars in the show winning the class for his 1995 white Bloomington Gold ZR1 coupe and he also won Best in Show and best in paint with his 1967 Red Stingray. Congratulations to all of you for your terrific showings. Next year the LCTC show will have more classes and awards along with more awards for Corvettes. Thanks go out to others that attended as well.

Also on Sunday September 22, 2019, Pete Spanos lead a group of members to Kansas City and joined with some members from KC to visit Hendricks Chevrolet, to see the new C8 Stingray Corvette in the flesh. It appeared that they were very impressed by the styling and comfort of the new car.

October starts out with a bang with the Eureka Springs car show on October the 3rd to 5th 2019 and then the Sedalia car show on October 12, 2019 and then the monthly club meeting on October 13, 2019 at Angelo's. Try saying all that quickly. The Sedalia Car Show is just about filled up, but if interested, call and see if they can fit you in, 866-826-5588.

Don't forget the Veteran's Parade on November 9, 2019, come out and support our military.

In closing, Don Sturn said today on FB that the Corvette Museum was selected as the best Museum in the State of Kentucky. Nice recognition for the Museum.

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LOCC Secretary Report R&R BBQ, September 8, 2019

Sept. 8 R &R CLINTON MINUTES

Bill opened the meeting by welcoming new members Dale Hanslow and his girlfriend Kay, and asked Dale to send in a letter telling how he acquired his first Corvette.

September birthdays were acknowledged, Donna Field Sept. 14th, Judy Massey Sept. 1st and Dave Devine celebrates his birthday on Sept. 28th.

Pete Spanos, our Public Relations representative counted 22 cars today and 39 people present. We now have 174 members. Pete also announced the need for a new PR person and a newsletter editor.

Parker's report- Melanie Spanos submitted our 25th anniversary website at the National Museum and won 3rd place! This is an awesome experience and great start for 1st place next year.

Gary Weisner talked about Downtown Warsaw, the Common Ground Restaurant, and the Maples Ford Dealer car show on Sept. 19th. The proceeds will go to a local charity.

Marlin gave our financial report showing an ending balance of \$5827.98. Our club provides a \$1000 scholarship to the LCTC. Don Wormsley announced that the classes will be expanding this year with more activities. There will be a car show on Sat., September 21st.



Ellen gave an update on the upcoming Eureka Springs trip. If there are any questions, call her.

The Sedalia Car Show is October 12. Nov. 9 is the Salute to Vets Parade and will start at City Hall and end at the Elks Lodge.

Jack led a discussion about the charity car show for a 2 year old on September 15 in front of Panera from 3 to 6 P.M. He shared that there will be lots of raffles and encouraged everyone to attend.

The next meeting will be on October 13 at Angelos on KK & 54.

The 50/50 drawing was held at the end of the meeting and Judy Massey won \$70.00.

FALL TRIVIA

According to a UK Department of Education report, human children born in autumn (September through December) are more likely to excel in school than those born at other times of the year.

According to a University of Chicago study of 1,500 centenarians, children born between September and November are more likely to live to be 100 than those born at other times of year,

Many factors determine how and when a tree changes colors, but the species of the tree determines the basic colors a tree's leaves can be. Red maples turn scarlet, sugar maples are orange-red, and aspens turn gold.

*Runny nose? Autumn sneezes?
Blame ragweed!*





*Joe and Ruth Dillard
Co-Ambassadors NCM*

We went to the Museum over Labor Day weekend to see the C8. We thought it was an amazing car. I know several of the group went to see it the end of September and hope you all enjoyed seeing it. I know Parker liked it and said he didn't hear any negative comments. The Museum was definitely busy but seemed to be doing a good job of handling the crowd as I didn't see or hear any grumbling.

Trivia question- What was the first year to have three different hood styles?

The Museum has three new inductees into the Hall of Fame this year. Also had a surprise addition to the Hall of Fame of Wendell Strode to honor all he has done for the Museum. Please see below.

NCRS SPONSORS HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP THROUGH MUSEUM

September 3, 2019

Without NCRS, there would not be a National Corvette Museum. It was their idea to build a facility to house the history of Corvette, and now, they are once again offering an educational opportunity through the Museum. This time that opportunity is to benefit the future of the automotive hobby.

The National Corvette Restorers Society has provided funding for the National Corvette Museum to offer a scholarship annually in the amount of \$2,500.

As always I encourage you to support the Museum as it is a great asset to the Corvette community and the history of Corvette and the people associated with it.

Trivia answer- in 1967 three hood styles were offered- small block, big block and L-88. Big block and L-88 looked externally the same.

Save the Wave

Funfest 2019 ~ Effingham Illinois



The morning of September 20th, 2019 LOCC members Dave/Linda Schroeder, Diane Lewis and Rick Horsman loaded the Vettes and headed for Funfest 2019 held at Mid America Motor Works in Effingham, Illinois.

Friday was warm but the rest of the weekend was really nice. I have to say I was somewhat disappointed with the lack of vendors. We were told that some vendors didn't show because of conflicting schedules. Who really knows.

The trip was still good. We were in the Vettes and not at work. Funfest still had their Install Dome for installing exhaust, X-PEL, Wind Restrictor and LED lighting. The Fun Dome has shopping for all. Other vendors include Ron Fellows, Lingenfelter, American Car Craft and others.

Saturday night consist of a catered dinner which is always delish. A concert in which this year was a Beatles tribute band. There are daily drive outs to different locations.

It's around a 4 hour drive but still nice. The big thing is lodging. Most attending reserve rooms for the next year while checking out. So because of that the rooms go fast and the closer the event gets the more they cost.

Mike and his family put on a good show. If we get to go back I hope they get their vendors lined up.

Kentucky Bourbon Trail Adventure

There's nothing better than a good 'ol classic road trip and four LOCC related couples hooked up for a tour of the Kentucky Bourbon Trail as they sipped, strolled, and savored their way across the Bluegrass on a nine distillery adventure in their sparkling Corvettes, through the rolling hillsides, the galloping thoroughbreds, with the smell of bourbon wafting through the valley...

Mark and Joellen Sperfslage, Don and Peggy Sturn, as well as former members Gary and Linda Markus and Mike and Janell Jones started their odyssey in several of Louisville's legendary distilleries, including Evan William's and Jim Beam. A walk around touring of these places and the group learned just how much whiskey history has occurred on these hallowed grounds.

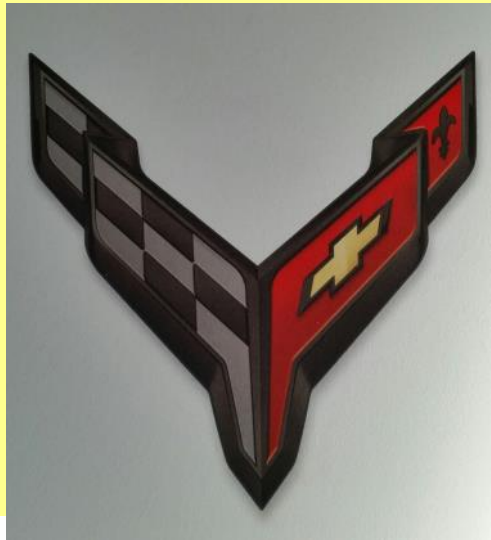
The group also toured Churchill Downs which provided an in-depth look at the home of the Kentucky Derby. The breadth of the racetrack and scope of the entire supporting elements is staggering. On Derby day, the number of spectators on the infield grass alone - makes it the 4th largest city in Kentucky. Two separate tours revealed all aspects of the history and inner-workings of hosting America's premier horse race.

The group continued on a tour of the Four Roses Distillery with its unique Spanish Mansion architecture and onward to the Wild Turkey Distillery which sits on top of the Kentucky River. Legendary Master Distiller Jimmy Russell, who has been crafting bourbon for 60 years was on site and happily signed a bottle of Rare Breed Bourbon for Mike Jones and had a picture taken - as Jimmy might be the oldest person in Kentucky - while Mike was the oldest person in our group! The trip continued on as the vette caravan drove thru the scenic beauty of the Lexington area, home of beautiful thoroughbred farms. A breathtaking drive past some of the world's fastest horses brought the group to the historic Woodford Reserve Distillery. Tasting Bourbon is similar to wine tasting except the tastes can be a lot stronger and harsh on the tongue and the complexities are what distinguishes one bourbon from another.

Maker's Mark Distillery was a very special visit for Don and Gary as they had each sponsored a barrel over six years ago and the bourbon had matured this year as they were able to purchase individual bottles from their barrels and hand dip them in sealing wax which is traditional to Maker's Mark Bourbon. So several dollars lighter, both left, each with several bottles labeled with their names on them. The group celebrated at a top steak house that night and cheered Peggy on her birthday. An excellent meal with ample adult beverages (no Bourbon!) capped this portion of the trip as the Jones broke off and the rest of the group prepared for the following day's challenge - the Tail of the Dragon - and parts south!



LOCC members check out the new C8!!



September Meeting
R & R BBQ
Clinton, MO
September 8, 2019



September LOCC Meeting



More September Meeting Pictures



Corvette Trivia

New Corvettes are fast in reverse, in fact, a 2014 Corvette Stingray clocked in at 53 miles per hour.

Almost Half of all Corvette Owners have College Degrees, A 2013 survey by the Specialty Equipment Market Association found that 48% of all Corvette owners held some type of degree.

The 1953 Debut Only Had Two Options, a heater and an AM radio.

There Were No Manual Corvettes in 1982

Corvette is the Official Sports Car of Kentucky, on April 26, 2010, Governor Steve Beshear signed the official bill naming the Chevrolet Corvette as the official state sports car.

The Corvette ZR1 Had a Motor Designed by Boat Engineers, The ZR1's LT5 motor was originally designed by Mercury's MerCruiser division in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

My Corvette Story

Rick Horsman

I decided at 16 years old that I wanted a Corvette. I had my 66 Impala and a 74 Monte Carlo at 18 years old and wanted my Corvette. My family was behind me 100%.

So the year was 1977, 18 years old and looking for my first Corvette.

January 1978 I found a 1974, Red, 4 speed, T-Tops Corvette with 14,000 miles. I called the owner on a Saturday night and he told me I could come and look at it the next morning. So here it is Sunday and I'm on my way to Kansas City to look at the car. Not just me but my Mom, Dad, both brothers and my uncle. We looked like something off of National Lampoon's Vacation.

I figured out pretty quick that I wanted the car. I think we scared the owner to death when we rolled up. I was raised in a very small town so I had mentioned to my banker that I was looking at a Corvette and I was going to look at it on Sunday. So I called and spoke with him and he told me write the check and bring it by his house and give him a ride when I made it home.

Yes, on a Sunday the owner spoke with my banker on the phone, I wrote him the check and headed home. It took for ever to get home because we had to stop many times to make sure everyone had a turn in riding in the Corvette. Here I just turned 19 and rolling down the road in my Vette. As proud as I was I really believe my dad had as big as smile as I did.

I enjoyed that car but at 18 I don't think I realized what I had. That's my story of my first Corvette

Kathy Needham

I grew up with a older brother, 9 years older than me who loved cars. His passion for cars seemed to rub off on me. I used to tag along with him and his friends when they worked on their cars and raced them (and I never told my parents about the racing part). My brother was fortunate enough to get a job at the Corvette Assembly Plant in St. Louis. I was very excited when I learned that my 4th grade class was going to tour the plant. As we walked in the front doors there was a Mako Shark! WOW!!!! That was the the best field trip ever! However, I think it was the beginning of my admiration for the Corvette. Many years and many cars went by until 2011 and I could not stop looking. I finally found THE Corvette for me. I found a 2003 50th Anniversary Edition with 10K miles on it located in Hollywood, Florida. After many phone calls and photos I bit the bullet! I had the car shipped in an enclosed carrier. When the truck arrived at my house, MY Corvette was on the truck parked above a Maserati! Made me feel even better knowing they would have never parked a vehicle above a Maserati that might leak! The unloading process was amazing in itself. The driver wore white gloves and never touched MY Corvette with his bare hands. The moment I saw the tail lights come on, the engine start I was instantly in love! The car was backed off and lowered to the ground. I had to do a walk around of the vehicle to inspect for any damages that might have occurred during shipment. I don't think I would have been able to see any imperfections due to the tears in my eyes. I could not believe that this Corvette was mine! I opened the door, started the engine and took it for a drive. This was my very first time to ever ride in, better less drive a Corvette. MY VERY OWN Corvette! I kept the car until 2015 when I decided I really did not need 2 cars (Really?). The car had 28K miles on it at that time. I sold the car to a man in Dallas, TX who flew to Springfield, MO. to pick it up. He has started a collection of Anniversary Edition Corvettes and MY old Corvette now sits proudly between



his 40th and 60th Editions in his garage. We have become friends and he even sends me pictures once in a while. I sometimes regret letting it go especially now that I have been welcomed into such a great club as the LOCC and have developed so many wonderful friendships. Plus, I still get the pleasure of riding in a Corvette with my best friend Rudy Willingham! Can't say I will never get another Corvette but just being able to ride in one with someone who shares your love for the car is pretty special.

Driving a Corvette is a thrill in itself however, the friendships that develop as a result of a car is priceless!!!
Long live the Corvette!!!

Save the Date

2019 Corvette Events

October 3-5, 2019
27th Annual Eureka Springs
Corvette Weekend
Eureka Springs, AR

October 12, 2019
Hotel Bothwell 2nd Annual
Corvette Show & Cruise-In
Sedalia, MO
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

November 9, 2019
Veteran Parade
Lake Ozark, MO



Listed below is the 2019 Schedule for LOCC Meetings and Luncheons

October	13th	Angelo's
November	10th	Lake Valley
December	7th	Christmas party Margaritaville



Membership Count

**As of this issue of Vette Waves, the Lake
Ozark Corvette Club has 174 members!**



October

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

		1	2	3	4	5
		<i>David Ayers Marlene Wormsley</i>				
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		<i>Bud Hill</i>	<i>Laura Cooper</i>		<i>Gregg Daly Richard Mohl</i>	
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	<i>Ellen Emsinger</i>				<i>Connie Swanson</i>	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		<i>Terry Lembach</i>				
27	28	29	30	31		