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Vette Waves

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Presidential Spark Plug

The sun comes up a little later in the morning and the sun goes down a little earlier in the evening, must mean fall is near. Daylight savings comes to a close on November 3, 2019, so enjoy what is left. Our September 8, 2019 meeting will be our last road trip for a meeting in 2019. As a club we still have some dates to remember and mark our calendars.

September 8, club meeting R&R Barbecue
October 3 to 5th, Eureka Springs, Arkansas
October 12, Corvette Show, Sedalia, Missouri
October 13, club meeting Angelos Pizza and Café, Osage Beach
November 9, Veterans Parade, Osage Beach
November 10, club meeting, Lake Valley, Camdenton, Mo
December 7, Locc Christmas Party, Margaritaville Resort. Details will follow.
There it is folks and a lot to do, fun, fun, fun.

On a serious matter, Pete sent out a request to the club, looking for help with jobs that have to be done to keep the club operating. A hand full of people can't keep everything going. These jobs are not designed to be done by a few and not forever. This is your club and our club and it's only fair that we share those responsibilities. Having said that, contact Pete and see what you can do to support the club and create strong fellowship. Thanking you in advance and please be part of the big picture.

At our club meeting at Smith's Restaurant, in Collins, many of us picked up our 20th Anniversary, commemorative T-shirts. Everything from the quality of the shirt, to the design, and comfort is fantastic. Thank you to everyone who worked on this project, and a special thanks goes to Marlin Hammond for everything he did. Marlin helped with the design, acquired the shirts for sizing, placed the order, set up a delivery station in Osage Beach, collected the money and made deliveries at the meeting. We should give Marlin a Superman t-shirt as a sign of our appreciation. Thank you again Marlin.

Bill Kaimann, President

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LOCC Secretary Report
Smith's Restaurant, August 11

A convoy of Corvettes made their way in a beautiful convoy on Highway 54 West to meet up with other Corvette friends at Smith's Restaurant to enjoy a beautiful day and a wonderful meal of home-cooked food. Following the meal Bill Kaimann, club president, opened the meeting by introducing two new guests, Dean Burchett and Sandy Williams who were also welcomed as new members.
August birthdays were recognized:
Marlin, Tish Miller, Rudy Willingham, Peggy Sturn, Dana Noble
Anniversary celebrations for August include Chris and Patty Houghton, Dave and Donna Field, Keith and Judi Suchman, Brian and Barb Newlum.

Bill said that the club had not had a "roll call" in a while, an activity where we went around the room and each Corvette owner said his/her name, shared something, and the car that they drive.

The Staff Report followed, beginning with Pete Spanos with info on the Hendrix Chevrolet day trip on September 22, the time of the tour(10:00-5:00), 12 cars have signed up so far, and reminded us that participants must sign up on line.

Marlin – In other info, the club has 170 members. We had 26 cars and 55 members attending the meeting. Marlin distributed our anniversary t-shirts and gave the treasurer's report, closing with a ledger balance of $6892.01. He thanked those who attended the Lincoln Car Show and reminded those who needed badges etc. to let him know.

Judy Massey asked that someone consider the secretary position of taking the minutes at the meetings, as this coming January will be two years that she has held the position. She feels that someone else will benefit from the experience.

Parker Darr asked for someone to take over the position of getting articles to the local paper. Regarding human trafficking he asked the question "Do we want to get involved in this or not?", referring to donating money to the cause. The question/opinion was raised whether the purpose of our club was to have fun vs. get involved in community crisis.' Feelings were expressed to support both sides of the issue and a motion was made to vote on the club's interest and involvement in area human trafficking. A vote was taken and the majority rule was that LOCC would drop the issue of human trafficking at LOA.
*Parker redirected his announcements and further recognized Dave Noble for setting 2 national records in a recent Senior Swimming Competition.

Joe Dillard announced that the prices of the new C8 will be online Thursday the 15th.

Melody said that the pictures from the Iowa trip are posted.

To commemorate the 20th Anniversary of LOCC Don Wormsley recognized the past presidents, discussed the beginnings of the articles that we now enjoy, their authors, and presented Rudy with a plaque as the beginning author of the Presidential Exhaust article.

LOCC had four winners in the Hannibal Car Show: John Shepard, Gary Waisner, Bill Kaimann, and Keith Suchman, who won 1st place.

The next meeting was announced for Sept. 8 near Clinton and was adjourned following the 50/50 drawing.

Judy Massey, Secretary

Condolences go out to the families of Mike Craig and Bob Mason for their loss this past month

Joe and Ruth Dillard
Co-Ambssadors NCM

Well the C8 pricing is out and orders are supposed to start going in in September. Not real sure yet when cars will start being delivered. Brian Newlun and one of his friends are going to be at the Caravan festivities as will we. Brian and his friend are volunteering while there and will be there longer that we will so he should have some good info.

Trivia question - What did the first five C1 Corvettes ever produced not have when they came off the assembly line?

The National Corvette Museum has purchased the 7.5 acre Fraternal Order of Police Lodge No. 13 property at 150 Corvette Drive. The land, adjacent to Museum owned property, was originally owned by the NCM but has been home to the 8,000 square foot FOP Lodge for the past 17 years. The new NCM Collections Building will be used for office space for the Collections team, and storage of a growing collection of donated cars and other items.

Rare Color 1993 ZR-1 Donated The National Corvette Museum has been gifted a 1993 Black Rose ZR-1. The donor, who wishes for the focus to be on the car and not himself and has chosen to remain anonymous, was drawn to the car's history. "I was a history major and that car is a piece of history. When I was in the military, Desert Storm, this car came out, and aww man I just had to have it! They only made seven like this one. I drove the car until I had my leg amputated, so I couldn't drive it anymore. I'm a member of the Museum and I thought you would be the best recipient of the car."

Trivia answer - An outside rear view mirror.

Please support the Museum and as always save the wave.

Hannibal Car Show

A group of members from the Lake of the Ozark Corvette Club packed their bags and headed for Hannibal Missouri for the Mark Twain Corvette Club's annual Corvette Show.

Those attending the show were Gary and Cheryl Waisner, Bob and Betty Goble, Keith and Judi Suchman, Don and Marlene Wormsley, Randy and Helen Gross, Al and Debra Howard, Bill and Donna Kaimann, John Shepherd and Pete Spanos. The weather couldn't have been better, an absolutely beautiful day. When we arrived for the show, we were greeted by a photographer who took a picture of our cars as we entered. We were then positioned along Main street in downtown Hannibal, where we began the preparation of our cars which would be judged and being a judge at the show is very difficult because all the cars are beautiful. There were 163 Corvettes, lining the street, a fantastic sight.

Around 3PM the award show began and the Lake of the Ozark Club was well presented by receiving three awards by Gary and Cheryl Waisner, Bill and Donna Kaimann, and John Shepherd. The top award was earned by Keith and Judi Suchman for a first place award for their Red Z06 Corvette. It was a fun day and everyone enjoyed the all Corvette Show.

Congratulations!!

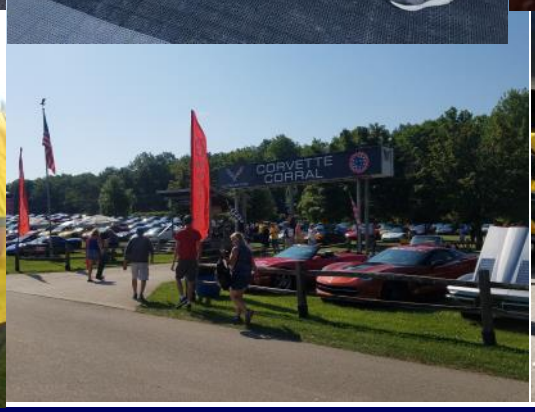
Road Trip to Road America!

On the morning of August 1, 2019 LOCC members Dave Schroeder, Diane Lewis and Rick Horsman headed to Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin to watch the Corvette teams race at Road America. We didn't know what to expect but were pleasantly surprised when we arrived. Road America sets on 642 acres. The Corvette Corral sponsored by Chevrolet was a big hit. I'm not sure how many Corvettes were at Road America but the total registered at the Corral was over 300.

Saturday and Sunday Chevrolet provided breakfast and lunch. They also had speakers from Chevrolet, Michelin tires, Mobil oil, Ron Fellows and Dan the head crew chief for both Corvette teams. An auction was held consisting of car parts, tires, Fellows driving school, driver fire suits which raised over $20,000. After the auction all four drivers signed autographs which was nice.

On Friday we went to the infield to check out the new C8 Corvette. It looks different up close and personal. We were able to walk around and check out the different teams and watch their crew at work. I would say walking the infield and being able to get that close to the action was a big hit. Great food and shopping. The Corvette Corral was located on turn number 3 to watch the race and what you couldn't see was on a big screen.

Another big moment was being able to take 2 laps on the track. Yes, there was a pace car but we were able to turn them loose on the straight away. A great way to see the whole track.
Weather was great. I would like to mention all there was to do at Road America but I would fill up the news letter. Another surprise was the blue C8 that showed up at the Corral. We were told they couldn't display the blue C8 so it was just parked in the parking lot. Worked for us.



My Corvette Story

During the August club meeting, we discussed asking the club members to write up their story about how they got their first Corvette. Everyone has a story, about their first Corvette and it would be neat to share those stories. Purchasing a Corvette isn't an every day event and an unusual acquisition, they are made for two people, not a family, they are a pampered car and they usually are not daily drivers. We will ask anyone who is willing to share their story, to write it up on their computer and send it to our newsletter editor.

Please send by the 25th of the month to loccnewsletter@outlook.com

If Leanne receives an abundance of letters, she will pick one or two each month until they have all been published in the club newsletter.

Bill Kaimann

I will start it out by telling you my story. I have always liked cars all of my life. I was very lucky to have an occupation in the automotive industry. I worked for Ford Motor Company for 32 years and loved by job. I retired in 2000 and started playing more golf. I played with two guys who are in the Corvette Club and always spoke highly of the club.

My youngest daughter Debbie lives in California, USA and she inherited by love of cars and always wanted a Corvette. She called me one day and asked me what kind of car did she always want and I replied a Corvette and I was right. That was the start and putting it all together, I revealed to Donna that I wanted another car, a sports car and not just any sports car but a Corvette. I had a two car garage and a high ceiling, similar to my daughter who had a lift for her corvette.

Ron Wehmeyer drove his Vette to my house to see if he could get down my steep driveway and it fit. Needless to say, Donna looked at me like I had two heads and totally against it. I started looking on Auto Trader and found a 2009 Base Corvette with only 5000 miles. Negotiated a deal on the Corvette and put the money together, with Keith and Judi Suchman more than anxious to drive us to Kansas City to take delivery. Much to my surprise, Donna settled in and has grown to love it.

Everything Ron and Keith said about the club was right on and we have met a lot of nice people.

Ron Long

When we were in our first Corvette club, "The Touch Of Glass" of Overland Park, each of the members was asked to write about how they got their first Corvette, like we're doing now. Following is what I wrote then.

For those of you who have raised a family, you know that when the kids finally leave home, it's like getting a big, fat raise. As each of our 3 girls graduated from college and got married, like many we used the new money to buy or do something we couldn't do before. After our second daughter graduated from college and got married, we decided to buy a sports car, possibly even a Corvette. Looked for a used one at first, but had no luck. We went by a local dealer in KC frequently and noticed a Vette in his back lot that continued to be there for a long time and was so dirty you could hardly see the color. One day we decided to stop and inquire about it and see why it hadn't moved. It was a new 1985 and for no reason he said he knew of, it just hadn't moved. We asked him to clean it up and it was a gorgeous light metallic blue with matching leather interior and loaded. It was love at first sight. Took it for a spin on the freeway and we were hooked. Bought it! Took delivery at 9:30 on a beautiful May Saturday morning and, of course, drove around to show off. Stayed in the car for lunch at a drive-in, and finally in late afternoon drove to our daughters home to show her what we replaced her with. She ood'ed and awe'd, but our son-in-law slowly walked around the Vette, stopped, looked at us and in a somewhat envious tone exclaimed, "What a disgusting display of wealth!" Took off again to cruise some more and ate dinner at another drive-in. Saturday night in Johnson County (western KC) we heard the kids congregated in Shawnee Mission Park to have fun and show off their cars, so we decided to drive over and see what it was all about. The kids were cruising the park and at one point there were a large group of people congregated with six boys sitting in chairs along the road, and as the cars cruised by, they held up cards scoring each car. When we came by, they held up their cards, the kids yelled and cheered, and we got perfect 10's from all the judges. Feeling we had successfully confronted our mid-life crises, we drove around several hours more, visited another drive-in and after cruising for over 15 hours finally went home. Can hardly wait for that new C-5!

I've had a Vette ever since, now going on 35 years, had a lot of fun, new experiences, made many good friends and plan to continue that tradition for years to come

August LOCC meeting
Smith's restaurant, Collins MO

Meeting pictures, cont'd

LAKE OF THE OZARKS CORVETTE CLUB

Listed below is the 2019 Schedule for LOCC Meetings and Luncheons

September	**8th**	**R&R BBQ Clinton (possibly)**
October	**13th**	**Angelo's, KK/54**
November	**10th**	**Lake Valley**
December	**7th**	**Christmas party Margaritaville**

Membership Count

Currently the LOCC has 170 members!

2019 Corvette Events

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

October 12, 2019
2nd Annual Corvette Show
Downtown Square
Sedalia MO

September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat

1 *Judy Massey* *Dennis Horsman*	2 *Keith Suchman*	3	4	5	6	7 *MaryBell Darr*
8 *R&R BBQ* *Clinton, MO* *11:30*	9	10 *Barbara Hammond*	11 	12 *Mary Chapman*	13	14 *Donna Field*
15	16	17	18 *Junella Haitt*	19	20	21
22 	23	24 *Margie Stafford-Franklin*	25	26	27 *David Sniff*	28
29	30 *Bob Goble*	***Happy Birthday to all born in September***				

Being Born in September Means You're Smarter Than Everyone Else. A study in 2017 investigated how the month of birth affects academic success and found that children **born in September** tend to **do** the best in school, while those **born** in August tend to struggle the most.