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The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

Club Officers...

Kendall Willis, President

Randy Volmer, Vice- President

Dennis Osterhorn, Treasurer

Mike and Suzanne Koenen, Membership Directors

Richard Brewer, Sgt. At Arms

Larry Dann, Club Secretary

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The President's Report by Kendall Willis.

I wish to thank the membership for a great January meeting and that I totally appreciate all the energy moving forward.... *Kendall Willis*



Newsletter Editors Note.

I welcome any and all suggestions for the Vette Gazette. If there is something you would like to contribute as a member, please feel free to contact Larry Dann at his listed phone or email address in the Buzz Book.

Important Club Information

OCC Website:

www.occofstl.com

Mailing Address:

OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box725, Manchester, MO 63011

OCC Meetings: Are held on the **2nd Tuesday of every Month**

Are there any items you would like to see on a regular basis?

Last year I added a few new member biographies and would like to continue that. If you would like to have your bio added to the newsletter please contact me as I have a questionnaire you can fill out and add whatever else to it you may like our members to get to know about you.

This is a great way for you to introduce yourself to the OCC.

Do you like the format of the Vette Gazette? Is it easy to read and understand? It is very easy to change this if it is not

working for the bulk of the membership.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Larry Dann, Newsletter Editor

and are open to all members and guests.

Our Next Meeting Will

Be: February 12, 2019

Meeting Location:

Jilly's Café & Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049, Phone: (636) 449-4500

www.jillyscafeandsteakhouse.com

(for directions, go to their website and click on "Contact Us" at the top of the page)

Old Business and New Business at O.C.C. December 2018



Spring is just around the corner! It won't be long and we all will be out enjoying the beautiful weather. Put your thinking caps on now and plan an event for the club! It will be fun!



Under Old Business, Randy Vollmer presented out going president, John Miceli, with a beautiful framed and mounted photograph of him in his beautiful Indy Pace Car Edition on the track at the National Corvette Museum Track for his past 4 years of service on the board of the OCC. Thank you John for all you have done and will most certainly continue to do!

President Kendall Willis dove right into the New Business.

Jim Ford explained the group about the upcoming St. Louis Auto Show. He thanked everyone for signing up and for filling the work roster. He explained that you could only enter the facility with 1/4 tank or less of gasoline in your car.

Mike Koenen said that John Miceli should have no problem with that.

Unfortunately the show has been cancelled for the OCC because of impending weather.

John Miceli handed out the beautiful engraved

beer glasses to many of the club event coordinators for their service this past year.

The floor was opened to discussion as to new ideas for club outings. Don Delonjay said there were several events that have gone by the wayside in the past few years. He mentioned poker runs, Fox and Hound, Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend, A Pot Party where everyone brings a dish and going to the horse races at Fairmount Park.

Membership Chair, Suzanne Koenen, suggested a 'Drive-In Night'. Just \$11 per person at the Belleville Drive-In or \$8 if we can get more cars to go. She also suggested we do an auction of items that you may have around the garage or house at meetings and use the money to donate to charity.

Kendall Willis also suggested we pick a charity to be "Our Baby" that we take ownership of and responsibility for.

Another suggestion was the club extend a one year free membership to anyone who purchases a Corvette from Jim Butler Chevrolet. Our friends at the dealership can offer this to anyone who buys a Corvette from them as a sales tool.

Rick Poepping has painstakingly updated our website. So go and check it out! Nicely done sir!

Steve Majino is working to make our Facebook page a more user friendly page. It will be more like a personal page than a business page.

It was also suggested that folk's really look at the calendar before creating an event as so not to overbook our activities. It is understood that there is only so much nice weather but at times there can be as many as 3 or 4 events on the same day.

The board is concerned why we have lost some long time members the past few years. Your input is highly valued, so any suggestions are very welcome.

Dennis Osterhorn gave a report on the By-Laws and changes that are being suggested by the board. These proposed changes are on Page 4 in detail. There will be a vote on these changes at the February meeting. They basically deal with the changing of dates for nominations for officers/board members and the pending elections thereof, and the way checks are handled by the treasurer.

Respectively Submitted...Larry Dann





And Now from Bowling Green... The National Corvette Museum Ambassadors Report by Byrle Layman

January 2019 Ambassadors Report.

Well, another year has passed and gone. Spring will be here soon and another year of events filled with fun and adventure are just around the corner.

As always the NCM Spring Bash officially kicks off the season at the National Corvette Museum. Plans for this year's Bash are set and ready to go. This event presents a host of road trips, track time, and seminars and banquets. Opportunities to learn from the experts and to meet new friends. This in house event will be conducted on April 25 to 27, 2019.

Immediately following the Bash is the Tail of the dragon event. April 28, May 1, 2019. Drive Tennessee Route 129, known as "Tail of the dragon". Lodging will be at the beautiful Biltmore Estate Lodge. For information contact Bryce Burklow @ 270 777 4506 or 270 407 8804.

This is an event I have been thinking about and would love to sponsor it as a club event if there is interest. Branson, MO. June 4 – 8, 2019. This event features shows eating opportunities and road trips to Eureka Springs and other interesting places. For information contact Bryce Burklow @ 270 777 4506.

Count Down to the 25th Museum Anniversary Celebration. It's coming up soon. The Grand Corvette Caravan of 2019, August 28-31, 2019. We have five cars committed to drive in this event, We will join a group from the South west on August 27, in Cape Girardeau, Mo, for a kick off celebration hosted by the Corvettes of Southeast Missouri and the city of Cape. We will depart for Bowling Green the following morning,. As new information available I will pass it along.

Hot Wheels Night AT OCC. Once again we will be collecting Hot Wheels Corvettes to support the educational outreach program for younger future Corvette drivers. Our goal is to collect 300 this year. March 12, 2019 is the Hot Wheels at OCC night. So go Hot Wheels Shopping.

\$\$\$ Ten dollar Raffle Tickets, I have \$10.00 raffle tickets for a 2019 Artic White Coupe, the drawing is on February 7, 2019. I need to sell these off quickly.

Article IV

SECTION 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. A nomination committee shall be named by the executive committee in September **August** of each year. This committee shall provide a slate of candidates for elective offices. If a member of this committee decides to run for an office, they will be required to end their participation on this committee.

B. Recommendations of candidates for office shall be made at the October **September** meeting by the nominating committee. Nominations can also be made from the floor, with a seconding nomination. Nominations for all offices will be closed at the end of the November **October** meeting. Nominations shall not be reopened unless only one candidate has been nominated for any given office. **An official list of all candidates shall be published in October OCC newsletter following the meeting. Nominations for these offices only shall be reopened at the November meeting if required. Upon nomination closure at the November meeting by the presiding president, elections shall be held immediately prior to adjournment of the November meeting. This will allow the new officers to be introduced at the December / Christmas party.**

C.. Nominations shall not be reopened at the December meeting.

C. Election of officers shall be determined by a majority of the valid ballots (paper and /or show of hands) cast at the December **November** meeting. Primary and associate members active for a period of less than three months or non-paid members shall be ineligible to vote.

D. An active primary or associate member for a period exceeding three months shall be eligible to run for any office, but only one office. Members shall be allowed to run as a team for the office of President and Vice-President, only if they choose to do so.

E. No person shall be placed on the election ballot that currently holds, or is a candidate for, an office in any other Metropolitan St. Louis Corvette organization.

F. Dues must be current by the December **November** meeting. All persons on the election ballot must be current in their dues. The membership officer(s) will validate if the nominee on the ballot is current with their current year dues for that year, they will hold office at the December meeting.

G. Absentee "Paper" ballots will be allowed if submitted to the Membership Chairman at least one week prior to the December **November** meeting. Membership Chairman shall validate all absentee ballots prior to the election.

H. The results of the election will be published in the November OCC newsletter

I. The retiring officers and the newly elected officers shall be recognized at the annual OCC club December meeting / Christmas party.

SECTION 4: DUTIES OF TREASURER

The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the members and officers. The Treasurer shall, subject to conditions and restrictions made by the officers, have custody of all moneys, debts, and financial obligations of the club. He or she shall make all payment of club debts upon approval of the President. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other payments shall be signed in the name of the club by any two **one** of the following three officers: Treasurer, President or Vice President. He or she shall give a bond, at club expense, if required by the officers. The Treasurer shall file a report as to the financial status of the club at each monthly meeting and, if so requested, at any officers meeting. No obligation, debt, or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without specific approval of the officers.

January 2019.... Meeting Minutes.....

President, Kendall Willis, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm on January 8, 2019.

Sergeant at Arms, Richard Brewer, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kendall Willis introduced the new board and volunteer members. Himself, Kendall Willis as President, Randy Vollmer as Vice President, Dennis Osterhorn as Treasurer, Larry Dann as Secretary, Mike and Suzanne Koenen as Club Membership Chairs, and Richard Brewer as Sergeant at Arms.

Volunteer positions are as follows. Rick Poepping as webmaster, Byrle Layman as NCM Ambassador, Esther Brewer as Club Outreach, Karen Mericle as Club Historian, Karen and Dick Mericle as Trash Pick Up Coordinators, Jan and Doug Flader as Wednesday Night Dinner Coordinators, Larry Dann as Newsletter Editor.

Treasurer, Dennis Osterhorn, gave a very detailed end of the year report of expenditures and income; and variable and fixed costs for 2018. If you would like a copy of the report you can contact Dennis.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by John Miceli and seconded by Sidney Hirsch.

As Byrle Layman was under the weather, Ann Nickelson-Jennings gave the NCM report in his stead. A detail of this report is on page three of the Vette Gazette.

Club Secretary, Larry Dann, read thank you cards and letters. There are some that were unfortunately missed that will be shared at the February meeting.

Mike Koenen, Club Membership Chair, reported that there are 92 regular members and 72 associate members. At the time of the meeting only 3/4 of the membership has **paid** their dues for 2019. He also said he had receipts for those who have paid and not received one for their dues payment.

John Miceli reported that Jim Ford's brother had passed away the previous week.

There was no JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET report.

Jan Flader thanked everyone for the many get well cards and well wishes she received while recuperating from her leg inju-

ry. She said she really appreciated the support and thanked her 'wonderful husband, Doug'.

Rich Brewer offered the 50/50 and Esther Brewer won \$62. Eric Stephens won the Jilly's gift card.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Doug Flader and seconded by John Miceli. The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectively submitted by.....Larry Dann



Events, Past and Present.... Vice President, Randy Vollmer

As it was the end of the year and beginning of the new year there were just a few things to report.

The Christmas party/December meeting was held on December 11 and was well attended.

The St. Louis Auto Show is scheduled for January, 24-27 however the pending weather has had too many folks not want to participate so that will not be happening this year. The Wednesday night dinners are listed on the calendar.

The St. John's Gildehaus Chicken Dinner is scheduled for Sunday, March 10. Rich Brewer says we will meet at the McDonald's/Motomart in Eureka at 10 am for a 10:30 am convoy to the church and some fine victuals.... *Randy Vollmer*

Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Additions.....

John Miceli 1/3

Michael Koenen 1/3

Bill Prewitt 1/18

Janet Methany 1/19

Russell Murphy 1/19

Richard Brewer 1/20

Wayne Lepper 1/20

Mary Heeley 1/21

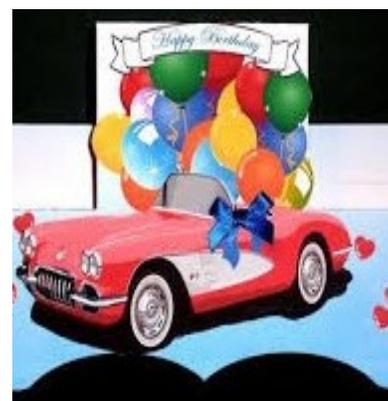
Ron Zimmerer 1/22

Mike Krechel 1/27

Larry Strassburger 1/27

Mark McDonnell 1/29

Cindy and Eric Stephens welcomed their first Grandson! Congratulations Grandma and Grandpa!



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Karen Mericle- Club Historian
Dick and Karen Mericle- Trash Pick-Up
Doug and Jan Flader- Wednesday Night Dinners
Rick Poepping- Webmaster
Larry Dann- Newsletter

We are on the Web!
www.occofstl.com



The first Corvettes were produced in Flint, Michigan beginning on June 30, 1953. Only 300 Corvettes were built for that year, all were Polo White with red interiors.

The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis Is Corvette Strong!

Meeting at Jilly's Café
and Steakhouse-
Second Tuesday of
the month
1630 Gravois Road,
House Springs

