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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

The President's Report by Kendall Willis.

OCC President Kendall Willis has nothing to report to the club in the Vette Gazette for February 2018

Editors Note:

David Peebles had surgery to have a tumor removed and is recovering at home. Cards and well wishes can be sent directly to him and Carol

Former member Joe Halaus passed away this February. Many of the long time members of the OCC shared some nice memories of Joe on the Club Yahoo Site. Rest in Peace Joe.



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Important Club Information

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

and are open to all members and guests. Our Next Meeting Will Be: **March, 12 Meeting**

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



Under Old Business the Floor was opened to Dennis Osterhorn by President Kendall Willis.

Dennis went on to discuss the By-Law changes published in the January Vette Gazette.

The first change essentially proposed to change the dates new candidates for club officers would be nominated to the September meeting instead of the October meeting. Also that all nominations would be closed at the October meeting. An official list of candidates will be published in the October Vette Gazette with the election of officers to be held at the November OCC meeting. The change was voted and ratified by the membership.

The second change to the by-laws was to allow a single signature on a check issued by the Treasurer. It also stated that no obligation, debt, or other liability shall be incurred by the Treasurer without specific approval of the officers. Dennis went on to state that the bank doesn't ever look at the signatures on a check unless there is some kind of issue regarding the check. Also that most of the Club's banking is done with the debit card so signatures aren't required on most transactions. Dennis added that he is in constant communication with the board about every expenditure that arises and gets a verbal or written agreement, mostly through emails, on whether to appropriate the monies or not. He added that modern communication is far different and obviously much more rapid than it was 10-15 years ago. Dennis said he went back sev-

eral years with the bank to see if two signatures had indeed been signed and they had not.

A third by-law change was brought forth about adding the Wednesday night dinner planners to the Official Volunteer list.

Rick Poepping stated that it should be the President presiding over the discussion on the new by-laws according to Robert's Rules of Order. He pointed out that the addition of the Wednesday night dinner planners to the by-laws, however well intended, was not following the protocol of said rules. Dennis agreed, but defended himself stating he was trying to help out. The vote on whether or not to change the by-laws regarding the two signatures was tabled as was the change for the dinner planners and Dennis handed the paperwork off to President Kendall Willis.

Bill Prewitt added that it didn't matter if the bank required the two signatures or not on a check. It was a club mandate to do so for our own protection.

Dave Newell added the current by-law should be followed as is, and when he and his friends were on the board, the club was about the people, and more fun, and that it should go back to being the club. He threatened not to pay his dues.

Lori Bleitner added that she believed the club members should be kept interactive in the decisions about how much money is spent and for what. She mentioned she was disappointed when she discovered the club had appropriated funds for the new club computer. She had two or three old ones she would have donated. She also was concerned the club spent \$400 on glasses for gifts for the event organizers.

Mary Heeley added that major expenses in the past always had two signatures when she was on the board. She also echoed that it was for the Club's protection and that pretty much any organization requires two signatures for expense approvals. Mary was in the opinion the by-law remain as

written.

Steve Majino agreed that when he was president two signatures were required and always signed and the by-law should not be changed.

John Miceli added that Denny has brought forth a very detailed budget for the club to see at any time. Dennis has upped the ante to assist the club to remain solvent by doing so. Also that the expense for the computer was discussed during earlier meetings before the computer was purchased and all attendees seemed to be in agreement. John also stated that old computers are just that, old, and probably not a good investment. John also said the 99% of all money went back into the club for events or to donations that were agreed/voted on by the club membership. He also stated that he certainly did not wish to alienate any club member by decisions made by the board.

Discussed by the membership was an amount that must be brought forth to the membership before money is spent. The number most people seemed to agree on was \$200 to \$250 or more had to be discussed with the membership before funds would be appropriated. This has not been sent to the board for review or the newsletter editor for publication as of this printing.

After some very lively debate there was no vote on whether the proposed by-law change for the signatures on checks be changed or not. The addition of the Wednesday night dinner planners was not further discussed. There was no new business discussed,

Editors Note: If I missed anything someone would like printed please contact me. I was writing as fast as I could.

*Respectively Submitted,
Larry Dann*



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

While attending the Ambassadors meeting in November of 2018 we were given some interesting information which I had intended to use in my January meeting report but as you know my life and that of our family was turned upside down and this was put on the back burner. I hope you will find it to be of interest at this time. The Museum is growing in popularity as a destination attraction having been designated one of the best places to visit while on vacation by various media groups. Membership is growing as well with 36000 members as of November 2018. As you are aware the museum is a nonprofit and is operating debt free. The Motorsports Park represents a huge investment is operated as a for profit attraction and does carry debt load. It too is growing in popularity and every weekend of 2019 is booked with events.

The remodel of the front entrance is underway and is scheduled to be completed in time for the 25th. Anniversary and Grand Caravan weekend. It will bring a more up to date look and an inviting welcome to the museum. The architectural renderings look great.

Many of the exhibits have been refreshed and new exhibits have been developed with more interactive displays. A new exhibit being developed will a Tribute to Women in Corvettes. This will pay honor to the many outstanding contributions women have made to the Corvette sport over the years. About time!

The Kids Zone has been remodeled with many activities and games for the young Corvette drivers to get involved with the great Sport of Corvette.

There was no word on Plant tours. No word on Mid-Engine. Hopefully by the 25th Anniversary celebration??

OCC has had a commemorative stone planted in the portico paving just outside the main entrance to the Museum. Over the years it has become worn and faded and was showing the effects of weather and other stress. We have authorized the replacement of this stone and the new one will be in place soon. The cost for this was \$250.00.

The Museum has two types of events throughout the year. Some are on museum property and some are MIM events, these take place as destination events and are held in a number of interesting locations, all coordinated to enhance the Corvette experience while exploring new adventures. I covered several at the meeting. I would encourage you to look these over and get involved.

HOT WHEELS NIGHT AT OCC. March 12, 2019, It has been a challenge this year but we will get there if we keep looking. Thank you for your efforts.

Events, Past and Present.....

Vice President Randy Vollmer

January events were somewhat limited with the inclement weather we experienced. The St. Louis Auto Show didn't happen for the OCC this year because of the forecasted weather. Wednesday night dinners went off really well with good attendance.

Tom Nickelson was able to put together an event at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church on Lemay Ferry Road for their 65th Annual Sausage Dinner on February 10. He said they sold 600 pounds of sausage. He said 10 people attended the dinner.

Rich Brewer announced the St. John's Gileadhaus Chicken Dinner in Villa Ridge is March 10. The OCC will meet up at the Moto-Mart/McDonald's in Eureka at the Six Flags exit to have a coffee around 10 am and will depart at 10:30 am sharp. Please contact Rich if you wish to attend as he coordinates special parking at the church for all of your beautiful Corvettes. If you have never attended this event, it is a nice drive, great food, comradery, and just a heck of a lot of FUN.

Karen Mericle says the first trash pick up of the year is March 31. Meet at Antire Road and I-44 on the westbound ramp to get your gear. 8:30 am is the time to be there for the Rubbish Rumble and breakfast will follow.

Kenny Schaeffler brought info for the Superstars and Supercars event at the Family Arena on April, 7. Looks to be a Who's Who in the supercar world. Check it out!

May 4 is the Rockwood Summit HS car show we have participated in the past few years. Always a fun event. Contact Kenny Schaeffler on this one as well.

His Excellency, Mr. Jim Ford, announced the registration for the Lone Star Corvette Classic at the Texas Motor Speedway trip is open. This always promises to be a fantastic trip as long as you don't run out of gas!

Summer Picnic Info: Doesn't July sound good right now? Back at Jefferson Barrack's Park in the Blackhawk Shelter by popular demand. Tentative date is July 28. Larry Dann will have this locked up by the next meeting in March. He has to talk to Yogi, Boo Boo, and Mr. Park Ranger.....

As always, the Wednesday Night Dinner Club is a happening to behold. The conversation is lively and food good.

Feb 27- Circle 7 Ranch Taphouse March 6-Bravo Cucina Italiano March 13- Cir-
ca StL

March 20-Rib City March 27- O'Charlies-Gravois Bluffs- Free Pie!

Submitted by Randy Vollmer

December 2018 Meeting Minutes.....

President Kendall Willis called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Sergeant at arms Rich Brewer led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kendall introduced the OCC Board and Club Volunteers.

Kendall presented a flyer for an upcoming car show Superstars 'N Supercars at the Family Arena on April 7. Kendall then offered condolences for the club remembering Lynn and Chuck Watson's daughter, Jamie.

Treasurer Dennis Osterhorn gave the treasurers report. Dennis thanked Rick Mestre for his diligence in securing the JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET sponsorship for the OCC. He stated that the club is in good financial condition moving forward and is on budget. A motion was made by Doug Flader to accept the report as read and it was seconded by Tom Nicklelson.

Club Secretary, Larry Dann read the mail received for the club. There were two requests for donations and a thank you letter from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for the OCC's donation of \$50.

The membership report was presented by Club Membership Chair Mike Koenen. He reported that the OCC currently has 90 members with 71 associate members for a total of 161. He said that at the time of the meeting 20% of the membership had not paid their

2019 dues. Mike introduced new member Gary Messenger. He has a 1994 red coupe. He is a retired police officer and is married with 4 children. His son was also in attendance.

Byrle Layman then gave the NCM report in his usual charming style. You can see his report on Page 3 in its entirety. Byrle reported that on the date of the meeting was the 5 year anniversary of the NCM sink-hole disaster. Byrle added that when you buy a Corvette, you are not only buying a car but a lifestyle. Ain't it the truth! Another tidbit if information Byrle shared was that the most popular color for new Corvettes was the Sebring Orange. A full 40% of all new ZR1's are Sebring Orange. You either love it or you don't. He did report he has 145 Hot Wheel Corvettes collected so far. His goal is 300. The final collection date is March 12 at the meeting. Let's get some more!

Kendall Willis reported that the Club Facebook Page was being updated by Steve Majino and Webmaster Rick Poepping has made significant progress with the Yahoo site.

Esther Brewer, Club Outreach volunteer, was not in attendance to give a report. Rich Brewer did state that Joyce Dann had knee replacement surgery. Larry Dann reported that she is healing fast and is moving and grooving really good. She thanks everyone for their kind

wishes and cards.

There was no JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET report.

Rich Brewer offered the 50/50 and Kenny Schaeffler won \$62. Cindy Stephens won the Jilly's gift card.

President Kendall Willis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Byrle Layman and seconded by David Peebles.

*Respectively submitted by
Larry Dann*

A note from Chuck and Lynn...

"Lynn and I feel so grateful and humbled by all the emotional support that we've received from our extended family and friends. The outpouring of love and support that everyone has expressed has given us the strength and courage to face the difficult days ahead. Losing a child has been one of the most painful experiences imaginable.

Thank you for being there for us in our time of grief."

Chuck and Lynn Watson



Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Editions.....

Walt Yaeger 2/5

Charles Isenberg 2/6

June Breen 2/7

Julie Willis 2/9

Cindy Murphy 2/13

Caryl Wilson 2/10

**Kenneth Schaeffler
2/19**

Kendall Willis 2/20

Art Delhougne 2/21

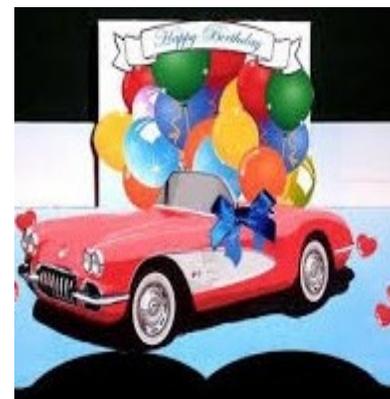
Ernie Stephens 2/26

Kent Morgan 2/27

**Happy Birthday to all
from the OCC!**

**Tom Nickelson
said that he and
Liz will celebrate
3 years together
the 29th of February.**

CONGRATS!



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Two years after Jan & Dean created the hit song "Dead Man's Curve," Jan was in a devastating car accident, hitting a parked truck with his silver 1966 Corvette. The wreck didn't occur on the actual stretch of road known as **Dead Man's Curve**, as is often claimed; however, it did take place very close to that location. Jan survived, though he endured a long recovery.

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Second Tuesday of
the month

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