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The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

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Proposed Meeting Site Change for the July Meeting

OCC Members,

I am proposing that our July, 2019 membership meeting be moved from Jilly's to the Anheuser-Busch Brewery facility



located at 1127 Pes-

talozzi Street, St. Louis, MO, for the July general membership meeting ONLY. I am also proposing that the meeting start time be changed to 6:30 PM for this meeting only as well. so it is still light outside upon arrival.

The facility has secured, fenced and lighted parking. AB will provide us

with a meeting room and AV equipment will be available if needed as well. They will provide the meeting for food and drink service at no cost to OCC (other than the cost for the food and beverage).

I have selected the July 9th meeting date as it is the meeting immediately preceding the AB/OCC Car Show date (Sunday, August 11). We can review the staging area as well as the show area before the start of the meeting, if interested.

The poll is located on the OCC Yahoo page under the "POLL" tab. In regards to accessing the poll on the website, I realize there have been

some issues for some of our members in accessing the OCC website. If you are having a problem accessing the website you can vote YES or NO by return email to me. **PLEASE SEND YOUR RESPONSES DIRECTLY TO ME AT johnpmiceli@gmail.com**. This will insure that all our members won't be receiving a boat load of responses. You can also include any questions or comments you may have regarding the change of meeting venue or about the car show.

I appreciate any comments or feedback.

THANKS,
John Miceli

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**

and are open to all members and guests. Our Next Meeting Will Be: April, 9 Meeting

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

www.jillyscafeandsteak

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. March 2019



There was no Old Business discussed at the March meeting.

President Kendall Willis opened the floor for New Business.

John Miceli gave the Club some exciting news. Anheuser Busch wants us back for another car show! The date will be Sunday August, 11. There will be a brewery tour for all members and food discounts. All participants and passengers will receive a ticket for a free beer! There will be a Peoples Choice Award which Tommy Messina won last year although Dick Mericle did some outstanding campaigning on his own behalf.

At least he got a phone number! The show is tentatively scheduled from noon until 4 pm.

On another note the A.B. has offered to let the Club have it's July meeting at the brewery. There will be a bar and food available. John suggested that we meet a half hour earlier. ([See more information on page one](#)).

Bill Prewitt offered up his idea of having a 'Mouse Race' for an evening of fun and fundraising for the Club. A quick raising of hands indicated that he go ahead with the idea. He is going to get the information together to present to the Club.

Kent Morgan had a great idea of members sharing any experiences or tricks or viewpoints on working on your Corvette. Have you used a good auto shop, or detailer, or

done something yourself you would like to share. After all, this is a car club. If anyone has anything they would like to share with the club- please do so.

Kendall said that Rick Poepping and Steve Majino are still working on the Club Facebook page.

Jan Flader said that as soon as she is able to get in out of the Vette she will be setting up some 'Runs' for all to enjoy as she has in the past.

Art Delhougne asked for folks to sign up to be a greeter. Kendall echoed this.

Respectively Submitted by Larry Dann



The Corvette Pipeline... Spring Has Sprung- Things to Check on Your Vette!

Give the tires a good gander and check the pressure. Look for any anomalies from setting for an extended period of time. Look for dry rot. Replace if necessary.

Charge that battery. If a tender was used- check the charge on the battery and hook the cables back up checking for any corrosion.

Check all fluids. Look for any leaks and make sure all fluids are topped off. If your Corvette

has been idle for more than a year, change the oil. Take a look at your hoses and belts to ensure they are in good condition. Check the spark plug wires.

Firing that baby up. Start your Corvette. Do not rev the engine- I know, I know, just resist. Let the engine idle and come up to temperature. Watch all gauges to make sure everything is as it should be- oil pressure, coolant temperature, amperage. Take the Vette out around the neigh-

borhood for a little cruise. Check the braking by stopping several times. This should remove any moisture that may have accumulated while storing. When you return to the casa check the engine once more for leaks or any other anomalies.

Okay, you should be ready to roll! Shine that baby up with your favorite detailing spray and polish those wheels. Fill it up with some fine premium fuel and it is time to head out to your favorite little two lane and eat up some pavement!

Remember to wave.....

Happy Spring to all of our O.C.C. Members!

Sooo... Time to get the Vette out?





Ambassadors report March, 2019.

As I discussed in my report to the club at this time the museum is only selling raffle tickets to visitors at the museum, by phone to residents of Kentucky, Kansas and Montana, or online to purchasers located in those states.

Unfortunately this means they cannot currently supply Ambassadors with consignment tickets unless they are in those three states.

Currently there are two raffles ongoing, one for \$100.00 and one for \$10.00. Save your money and when they open up to us you can buy more tickets.

The museum is working diligently to add other states and will let us know when they are added.

Bash registrations are available on line for the 2019 Bash and will close April 2, 2019. You still have time to get in on the fun and hear the latest from the factory and museum. Hotel rooms fill up fast. So if interested act now. We have a group from OCC going this year and they would welcome any and all who wish to join us.

I have signed on for the Museum In Motion National Parks tour September 22, thru 28, 2019. I plan to take my time in driving to and from the event. The tour begins in Williams Arizona and will end in Moab, Utah. I would welcome some company from my OCC friends if any are interested.

As always be safe out there and don't forget to wave

Byrle Layman

Events, Past and Present.....

Vice President Randy Vollmer

March past events consisted of the ever popular St. John's Gildehaus Annual Chicken Dinner. Rich Brewer reported that there were 11 Corvettes and 34 people who participated.

The only scheduled upcoming event in March is the Trash Pick-Up Day on March 31. We will meet at the Westbound Exit off of I-44 at Antire Road at 8:30 am. Breakfast will immediately follow the Rubbish Rumble!

More Upcoming Events:

In April the Supercars and Superstars event at the Family Arena in St. Charles on April 7th. Ken Schaeffler is the man to connect with for more information. This promises to be a day of some pretty amazing automobiles!

April 25-27 is the NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY. Byrle Layman is the lead on this great trip. He will decide where we are going to meet and keep everyone notified.

May 4 is the Rockwood Summit HS Bio-Diesel Fund Raiser Car Show. This is always a very fun event and located in the parking lot at the high school at 1780 Hawkins Road in Fenton. Ken Schaeffler is once again the man to see on this event. We will be meeting at the QT just up the street at 9 am to caravan into the show. Ken is working on a great parking area for the OCC.

May 18 is the Spina Bifida Rides in Babler State Park. We are scheduled to begin at 3:30 pm and will have dinner at the Big Chief Restaurant. Please see Karen Mericle for additional information.

May 16-20 is the Lone Star Corvette Classic in Fort Worth, Texas. Jim Ford expressed that the host hotel has been completely renovated and the construction on the turnpike is done. Should be smooth sailing all the way there. There is an outlet mall for shopping close by and some fine restaurants to enjoy. Jim has also contacted a detailer who will detail your car for \$65. So far he has eleven cars confirmed and there is room for more. If you want to get on board for this trip see Jim Ford for all the juicy details.

May 19 is once again the Rubbish Rumble. You know what to do!

May 27 is the Alton Memorial Day Parade. This parade is attended by thousands of spectators and they really enjoy the Corvettes. We meet on the west side of the Alton Bridge and caravan over to the staging area. Remember to bring something to drink as it usually gets pretty warm. Fred and Carol Gronemeier always host a spectacular lunch with Fred's famous bar after the parade. See Fred or Carol for more information.

Judy Turner said that there will be no Garage Tour this year. She is hoping someone will still host the poker run. Mike and Suzanne Koenen indicated they might be doing it.

Larry Dann gave some information on the Annual OCC Picnic. We have decided on a date of September 29. More information will be forthcoming...

Submitted by

Vice President Randy Vollmer

March 2019 Meeting Minutes.....

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

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

Kendall then introduced the Club board members and Appointees.

Treasurer Dennis Osterhorn was absent. Vice President Randy Vollmer gave the treasurer's report in detail.

Administrative Assistant, Larry Dann, read thank you letters from St. Jude's and shared a Certificate of Appreciation from them. The Club also received a note from Chuck and Lynn Watson on behalf of their daughter Jamie for a thank you for donating to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Kendall Willis asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes as published in the February Vette Gazette. A motion was made by Rich Brewer and seconded by Karen Mericle.

Membership Chair Mike Koenen reported that there are currently 77 members and 60 associate members. He introduced Thomas Dierkes as new member. Thomas owns a 2003 50th Anniversary Convertible and it is red.

There was no JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET update.

Jan Flader told the group that on March 15, it was one year since her injury and she had had 6 surgeries and still has a year of rehab. Kendall Willis also added that it was about the same time that he had his accident when a fork truck driv-

er ran into him. He is also still in recovery/rehab.

Rich Brewer offered the 50/50 and Doug Flader won \$73. Mike Koenen won the \$25 Jilly's gift certificate.

Kenny Schaeffler gave the Club four tickets to a Cardinal Baseball game in April. We offered them to the highest bidder. Rich Brewer bought them for \$40— Thanks Kenny and Rich!

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

Respectively Submitted by Larry Dann



Bad Corvette Days- Whoops!!!!!!



Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Editions.....

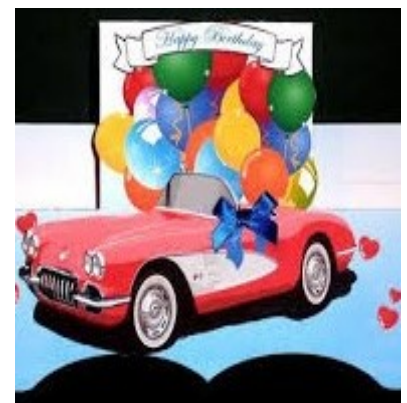
Rick Poepping 3/2

Mike Walter 3/2

Judy Silvagni 3/16 *Happy Birthday to*

Lynn Watson 3/19 *Everyone from*
Terri Ford 3/25 *your OCC Family!*

Enzo Steffano
3/31



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Dick and Karen Mericle- Trash Pick-Up
Rick Poepping- Webmaster
Larry Dann- Newsletter

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www.occofstl.com



1973 was the final year the Chevrolet Corvette was offered with chrome bumpers.

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Second Tuesday of
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