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The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

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Past and Future Events- Vice President Randy Vollmer

Vice President Randy Vollmer gave the following report.

Past Events included the trash removal from the OCC site on I-44 at



Antire Road on

March 31 and Superstars and Supercars event at the Family Arena on April 7.

Future Events include the NCM Bash April 25-27.

The St. Charles High School Corvette Display April 27.

Kenny Schaeffler is sponsoring the Rockwood Summit HS Bio-

Deisel fund raiser car show on May 4.

The Lone star Corvette Classic May 16-20- see Mr. Jim Ford for all the juicy details. Always promises to be a good time!

Dick and Karen Mericle are once again sponsoring the Spinal Bifada Ride-Along on May 18.

Carol and Fred Gro-nemier are sponsoring the Alton Memorial Day Parade with a bash at their house immediately following the parade. If you have never participated in this event, it is great fun.

June 20-22 is Bloomington Gold at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

Unofficially, the July 9 Meeting will be moved to the Anheuser Busch Brewery on Pestalozzi Street- details are forthcoming.

The Anheuser Busch OCC Car Show, sponsored by John Miceli and Randy Vollmer will be on August 11. Hey, Free Beer!

Mr. Byrle Layman is sponsoring the 25th Anniversary Corvette Caravan for the OCC August 28-31. Destination: The NCM in Bowling Green, KY.

Rich and Ester Brewer have locked up the St. John's Gildehaus Sausage dinner on October 27.

The Annual OCC Picnic will be September 29.

Important Club Information

OCC Website:

www.occfstl.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: **May 14. 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. April 2019

Under Old Business:

Kenny Schaeffler re-viewed the Superstars and Supercars event. He stated that there was no judging he could see and no winners announced. He said it seemed very disorganized and the parking was not good. However, he did state that the weather was perfect and he saw his first ever Rolls Royce S.U.V.

Under New Business:

Jim Ford said he has 13 cars signed up for the Texas Trip. Nice Job Jim!

It was discussed that the OCC become re-involved with the PUB 231 car show. This did not seem to get a lot of traction.

Other events mentioned was the group getting together to do an Escape Room and Jim Ford suggested the group have an outing at Top Golf. This

was well received by the attending membership. Jim also said he has applied for the July 4th parade downtown but had not heard anything back yet.

Kent Morgan told the group that Magic Dragon was coming up May4-6.

A Sky-View Drive-In Movie night is in the works as well. There will be more info coming on this fun event.

The Texas Roadhouse Car Show is on but is not on the calendar yet. Lori and Erv Bleitner say it will be on June 9 for those who love peanuts, are a fan of Erv, and would not say no to a free appetizer!

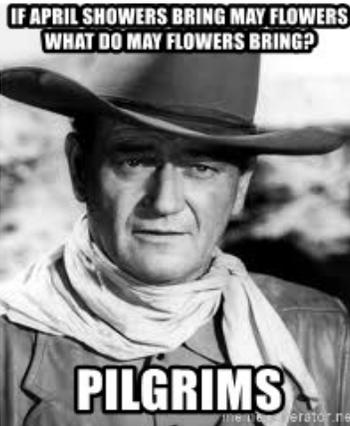
Rick Poepping and others have resurrected the OCC Facebook Page and it seems to be working flawlessly. Go to the page and check it out!

Art Delhougne has brought forth the subject of Club Jackets. Apparently there were jackets in the past but he is looking into an updated style jacket for the club. Tommy Messina brought two examples of the jackets to the meeting and they were really cool. See below. Kent Morgan said that Midwest Monogram on Telegraph used to do the jackets.

Kendall Willis stated he has been in contact with members who chose to not renew their OCC membership. He said some just were not happy with the club and another was a logistical reason.

Respectively submitted,

Larry Dann



Did someone say jackets? Check out these jackets that Tommy Messina brought in to share with the membership. These are so cool!





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

Well spring is finally here, and the Spring Bash is ready to roll. We have five Vettes going down this year. Keep your fingers crossed for a rain free drive. We will depart for Bowling Green on Wednesday, April 24. Meet at the Hooters South County parking lot at 8:45 for a 9:00 AM departure. See you there. BE SURE TO BRING YOUR TWO WAY RADIOS.

This year's Hall of Fame inductees have been announced: Dollie Cole (wife of Ed Cole): Dollie gained a reputation as a respected business woman and staunch defender of the automobile industry. She was a strong supporter of the Corvette and the NCM, She served on the board and was very helpfully in getting the museum up and running.

Briggs Cunningham, the very definition of the American Sportsman, he was born into wealth his father was a very wealthy financier. Briggs became one the most prominent figures in racing.

Tom Peters imagination and hard work and the ability to inspire, led Peters to become Director of design for performance car exteriors for the Corvette and the Camaro. The date for Hall of Fame meeting has not yet been announced.

The C-4 Gathering will be on May 16-18, 2019. Registration is open for this event. If you C-4 owners are interested you can book now.

Well it is official the new mid-engine Corvette is here. It will be unveiled on July 18, 2019, this has been long awaited, but did you know that this is not a new concept for Corvette? Zoro Duntoff was pushing for a mid-engine from almost the first day he came to General Motors. As far back as 1973 a mid engine Corvette was built in Europe. The engine was a rotary engine and was not very efficient. This car was designated as XP 897. It was saved from the crusher by Tom Falconer of England. This car is in display at the museum. I am anxious to see it as the styling was great.

The LeMans Race weekend and viewing party, June 15, 2019 is open for registration. This event allows you to see the entire race, while seated in the Museum Theatre. For you race fans this is a great weekend of fun food and racing.

National Corvette Anniversary and Grand Caravan August 28-31, 2019. Registration is open, you still have time to get on board. Several new activities have been added to the agenda and many of them are free. The museum checks weekly on hotel room availability and rooms can be booked in some of the small towns near Bowling Green. More information as it becomes available.

For information on a full listing of activities contact the Museum @ www.corvetemuseum.org Click on the events calendar.

Meet a New Member– Mr. Gary Messenger

Gary and his wife, Jackie, have been married for almost 44 years. High school sweet-hearts, they reside in South St. Louis on Fillmore in the home that Gary was raised in. He purchased the home after his parents passed. Gary was born June 11, 1952, a very good year!

Married in October of 1975, Gary and Jackie have four children: Gary Jr., Steven, Jason, and Elizabeth. Steven, Jason, and Elizabeth are married and have provided eight little bundles of joy. 7 are boys and one is a girl. Gary Jr., who is handicapped, lives at home with his parents

After graduating high school Gary became a draftsman for a South St. Louis company. While working his way through college he started designing dies, machinery, drilling and welding fixtures, and doing fixture assembly

After 30 years in the engineering field, Gary became a police officer. He started out with the City of St. Louis Police Department and worked for other police departments during his second career. He retired from the Metro (Bi-State) Public Safety Department.

Gary and Jackie own a 1992 Base Model Corvette. It is red, of course, with a black interior and he has both tops. This is the first Corvette Gary has owned. Although he also owned a red 1970 Opel GT with a black interior which was his mini Corvette. He watered it every day thinking it would sprout into a C-3 Corvette one day. Those were pretty cool little cars back in the day.

Gary says all of the cars he has owned were his favorites. He has had quite the collection including Opels, Thunderbirds, a Pontiac Firebird, GMC's, and Oldsmobiles.

Gary has only made one road trip with his prized Corvette winding down the back roads to Branson. His dream trip: Cruising Route 66 all the way to the Santa Monica Pier in California. Sounds like a great plan! The Messengers enjoy vacationing in the Black Hills, on the East Coast around Lake Erie, and in Branson.

Gary enjoys bowling, photography, and auto racing from Indy and F-1 to road racing. He also enjoys the shooting sports and model railroading.

Old movies in the war and gangster genre are his faves along with anything with cars or aircraft! Television faves are anything to do with cars. Wheeler Dealer; Black, is the New Speed; Fantom Car Works, Chasing Classic Cars, and My Classic Cars just to name a few.

Gary grooves to Vintage Country Western, 50's and 60's Rock and Roll, Blue Grass, and Folk Music perhaps while enjoying one of his favorite libations which are Coors Beer, Gentleman Jack, Jack Daniels Black, Moonshine, or a nice refreshing iced tea.

Dinner will be a little Tex-Mex, Italian, or Chinese but he says he is open to suggestions and likes to try any new type of food. **WELCOME TO THE OCC GARY!**



April 2019 Meeting Minutes.....

The April meeting was called to order at 7:30 sharp by President Kendall Willis.

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

Kendall welcomed everyone and gave the floor to Kenny Schaeffler who introduced Brian Eskridge, Owner of Blue Line Auto Detail.

Brian, a St. Louis County Police Officer, told the membership about CQuartz Professional, an industry leading premium ceramic coating. He explained in detail the process of the application and work that goes into the process. First they clean the finish, then decontaminate the surface, then paint correction/leveling the paint is done. Next is refining by polishing the surface to a mirror finish. And lastly the CQuartz Professional coating is ap-

plied leaving a perfect surface. The finish will no longer need any washing other than rinsing with clear water. No waxing, No clay bar process. Only an occasional detail spray that he provides is all that is required. Brian said he has processed about 1200 cars of all types and models and has never had one returned. Thanks to Brian for the presentation. It seemed that there was quite a lot of interest after the meeting. Kendall then told the group that Mike Orzell had just completed 'Tuning School' and that he might be doing a presentation in the near future.

Kendall then introduced Dennis Osterhorn, OCC Treasurer, and he submitted the treasurer's report. Dennis stated he had paid for the Blackhawk Shelter at J..B. Park for the upcoming picnic in September. He had also paid the club insurance and the club

had purchased a projector from Lori Bleitner. Kendall made the motion to accept the treasurer's report. There was no second.

OCC Secretary, Larry Dann, read mail from Friends of Kids with Cancer. There was no motion to accept the March Meeting minutes as published in the March 2019 Vette Gazette.

OCC Membership Chair, Mike Koenen, then gave the membership report with 77 members and 60 associate members. He did pass around a new sign in sheet.

NCM Ambassador Byrle Layman gave the NCM report. He noted that there were 2 pink Barbie Hot Wheel Corvettes in the 351 cars he had collected for the NCM. His report is on Page 3.

Outreach chair, Esther



Brewer, had nothing to report.

There was no JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET report.

Kendall thanked everyone for participating in the trash pick up. It was his first opportunity to do it and he enjoyed it.

Rich Brewer offered the 50/50. Lori Bleitner drew and Dennis Osterhorn won \$76. Byrle Layman won the Jilly's Gift Card.

Kendall Willis made the motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Dick Mericle.

Respectively submitted by,

Larry Dann

Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Editions.....

Larry Dann 4/2

Darlene Williams 4/2

Ken Muskopf 4/9

Cheryl Osterhorn 4/10

Joe Stanton 4/13

Fred Gronemeier 4/14

Floyd Johnstone 4/15

Jerry Wilson 4/17

Vince Miles 4/22

Rod Silvagni 4/24

Dennis Schickedanz 4/25

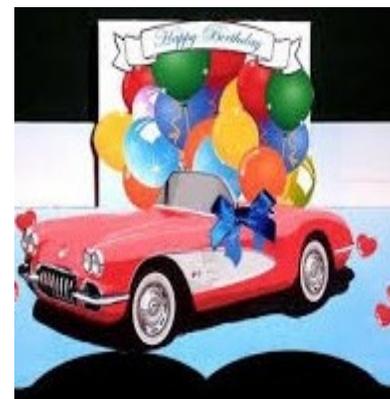
Barbara Stefano 4/26

Mike DeRienzo has roped in a 2016 Stingray Convertible...so nice!

Dennis and Cheryl Osterhorn welcomed home their new 2019 Corvette Z06 into the fold! Watkins Glen Grey. What a beauty!

Frank Visconti said he and his wife, Susan, are celebrating 58 years of marriage! Congrats!

Joan Walter said she and Mike had two new grandchildren born the previous week- WOW, that is awesome! And,, She is retiring in July....CONGRATS!



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!Its radical fiber-glass body was the only really new component on the 1953 Corvette. Everything else was directly off the Chevrolet parts shelf. Because of this, the first Corvette was essentially a regular 1952 Chevrolet

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