

# The Vette Gazette

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## The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

### Past and Future Events- Vice President Randy Vollmer

#### 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 Annual NCM Bash was a smashing success. Ambassador Byrle Layman said the bash was well attended.

The St. Charles West HS BBQ and Corvette display was not as well attended. Jim Ford



had no comment.

The Rockwood Summit HS Bio-Diesel Fundraiser car show went off great. Kenny Schaeffler announced that 19 cars were present from the club and they won a total of 6 plaques and trophies. Erv Bleitner won two trophies and Kendall Willis won Best of Show.

Upcoming Events are:

June 9- Texas Roadhouse Corvette Show- South Kirkwood- Lori and Erv Bleitner. Tommy Messina said he



wouldn't come so someone else could win! So funny!

June 20-22 Bloomington Gold at Indy

July 4- July VP Parade pending acceptance- coordinator is Jim Ford.

July 9- Club meeting at Anheuser Busch Brewery.

August 11- Anheuser Busch OCC Car Show- coordinators

are John Miceli and Randy Vollmer.

August 28-31 NCM 25th Anniversary and Caravan - coordinator is Byrle Layman.

Corvette Fun-Fest is September 19-22 in Effingham, IL.

September 29 is the OCC Picnic at Jefferson Barracks Park. Coordinators are Larry Dann, Ann Nickleson-Jennings, Kenny Schaeffler.

October 27 is the St. John's Gildehaus Sausage Dinner- Coordinators are Rich and Esther Brewer.

Respectively submitted by,

*Vice President,*

*Randy Vollmer*

### Important Club Information

#### OCC Website:

[www.occfstl.com](http://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: June, 12 Meeting**

**Location:** Jilly's Café & Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049, Phone:

(636) 449-4500

[www.jillyscafeandsteak](http://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. May 2019



**Under old business:**

John Micelli gave more detailed information on the July meeting at the AB Brewery. It will be July 9 at the brewery. There will be dinner available and a bar. Dinner will be available until 7:30 pm. He is suggesting we arrive at 6 or 6:30 pm to get dinner and meeting in by 8 pm. There will be parking available. We should also be able to see where the car show is going to be held for this year. John stated that he has been Sgt at Arms, Vice-President, and President serving a total of four years and his legacy will be running out of gas on the way to Texas.

**Under New Business:**

Byrle Layman presented a Powerpoint presentation on the NCM Bash.

Apparently officials line everyone up in lines of four 5 lines deep. During the instructions it is stressed to leave your car in 'Track Mode'. Someone from another group did not do so and

slammed into the wall and totaled his Corvette.

Byrle had pictures of the sulphur bathes that were all the rage once upon a time. He also had photos of the restaurant 'The Lighthouse'. He said the food was less than stellar.

He also showed the club the banners that other clubs have at the NCM. He suggested that the OCC purchase a banner to be displayed. The cost of the banner is \$500. Kendall Willis said he would discuss with the board and present to the club at a later date. It seemed like the idea was received with a positive response.

Byrle had photos of the camouflaged C-8 Corvette making a lap around the NCM entrance driveway. It will be awesome when finally unveiled.

Byrle also had photos of the new 'OCC Brick' at the museum along with some member bricks. It looks very nice. He has the old brick for the club. He stated perhaps we auction it off or have a raffle for it.

Byrle did announce that Tom Nickleson, his grandson, became a Lifetime Member while

at the Bash. Kudos to Tom.

Byrle also has raffle tickets for a C-8 Corvette for \$25 each. The proceeds go to a children's charity.

Kendall Willis and Rick Poeping both thanked Byrle for the presentation and his hard work. Dennis Osterhorn led the club in thanking Byrle for taking the initiative to replace our old worn out brick at the NCM.

Club jackets were another topic of discussion. Art Delhogue brought his jacket he had made- cost is about \$125. Kent Morgan, Frank Visconti, and Tommy Messina all said they would look into some other options.

Jim Ford gave out all the final information for the Texas Trippers. He said Wednesday was the official 'Gas up your car day'. He also said they were stopping for pie on the way home.!

Respectively submitted by,

*Larry Dann*

*The  
O.C.C.  
Bricks!*





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

Ambassadors Report, May 2019

If anyone still thinks that rain will melt a Corvette we have nine living proof that it doesn't happen. In spite of the rain and storms we all survived and made it home safe. Thanks to Jim Ford for his leadership and planning for this annual Texas event.

Now for museum stuff.

Once again we can sell raffle tickets in every state. However the process is a little different. You can order raffle tickets by using a coupon order form. This form must be filled out and paid by credit card. If you do not want to use your credit card you can give me cash and I will put the coupon request on my card. The raffle ticket will be in your name. Four new raffles are available. They are as follows. 2019 Black Stingray Corvette Coupe. Raffle Drawing 6/20/19 Tickets are \$100 each/ limited to 1500 tickets.

2019 Artic White Grand Sport Convertible. Raffle drawing 7/25/2019. Tickets are \$200.00 Limited to 1000.

"Build Your Own" Next Generation (C8) Corvette. Raffle drawing 8/30/19. Tickets are \$250.00 Limited to 1500 tickets.

VIN 25 Next Generation C8 Corvette. Raffle Drawing 8/31/2019 Tickets \$25.00/ Unlimited Raffle. I have tickets for this one and have sold three so far.

Grand Caravan. I have inquiries about joining the Caravan and driving for part or all of the event. You are welcome to join at any point and drive as far as you wish. If you are not registered for the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand Caravan you will not be able to attend any of the events at the Museum. We know that about 500 cars will be driving in the MOKAN group they will depart Booneville MO. Follow I-70 to the I-64 cut off in Wentzville MO. and proceed to I-270 to I-55. And in to Cape Giraudoux MO. I will arrange a merge point with the caravan at a later date. We may join other clubs in the area for blending into the Caravan

Up Coming Museum Events.

MIM Branson Experience, June 4-8, 2019.

MIM Hours of LeMans Paris France and London, England June 6-18, 2019 LeMans Race Weekend and viewing Party, June 15-16 (Registration Open).

National Corvette Caravan & 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration August 28-31, 2019 (registration open)

Corvette Racing Banquet in Monterey, CA. September 14, 2019 (Registration Open)

MIM National Parks Tour. September 22-28, 2019 (Wait List)

Corvette Racing Weekend presented by Michelin in Hershey. PA. October 25-26, 2019. (Registration Open).

*Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador*

# The NCM Bash and Texas Motor Speedway!

Fun times with the OCC all over the country.

'See the U.S.A in your Chevrolet'



**Looky at all of  
Those OCC winners!**



**Chow Time!**



**Off to the Races!**



**Bashing, OCC Style!**

## May 2019 Meeting Minutes.....

President Kendall Willis called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

Rich Brewer lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance which was followed by "LET'S GO BLUES!"

Treasurer, Dennis Osterhorn, gave his report on the finances of the club. There was no motion to accept the report as read to the membership.

Club Secretary, Larry Dann, had nothing to report. There was no motion to accept the meeting minutes as printed in the April Vette Gazette.

Club Membership Chair Mike Koenen reported the OCC now has 137 total members. Mike introduced new member Loren Burstein. Loren stated he was retiring the following week. He has a 2014 Black Corvette.

Esther Brewer, Club Outreach

Volunteer, has mailed a sympathy card to Tom Nickleson for his Grandmother's passing.

Kendall Willis opened the floor for birthday and anniversary announcements.

NCM Ambassador, Byrle Layman, with the assistance of Dennis Osterhorn made a Power Point presentation about the NCM Bash. It was very interesting— more in the Old Business portion of the Vette Gazette.

Byrle also gave his monthly NCM Ambassador's report. See page 3.

Rich Brewer offered up the 50/50 prize. Cindy Stephens pulled Dick Mericle's name and he won \$86. Mike Orzel won the Jilly's gift card.

Kendall Willis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Flader made the motion and David Peoples seconded the motion.



Respectively submitted by,

*Larry Dann*



## Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Editions.....

Lori Franke 5/5

Frank Visconti 5/6

Connie Finch 5/7

Sharon Bleitner 5/9

Frank Jackson 5/14

Dan Turner 5/14

Kelvin McMillin 5/15

Mike Orzel 5/20

Jane Buehler 5/21

Bob Shissler 5/21

Suzanne Koenen 5/22

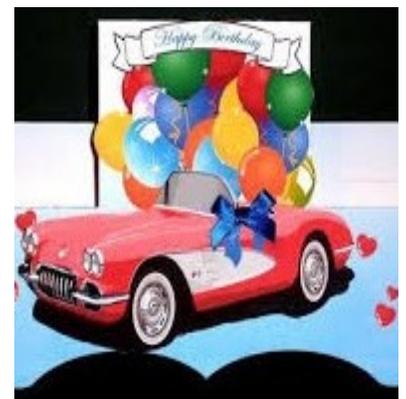
Lois Yeager 5/22

**Dennis and Cheryl Osterhorn celebrated their 51st anniversary on May 4!**

**Congratulations!**

Not exactly an new edition yet....

Ron Londe put his deposit in on a new C-8!



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We are on the Web!  
[www.occofstl.com](http://www.occofstl.com)

***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



Although the Powerglide transmission was listed as a \$178 option, no 1954 Corvette was ever shipped with a manual transmission.

