

# The Vette Gazette

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## The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

### Club Officers...

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Randy Vollmer, Vice-President

Dennis Osterhorn, Treasurer

Mike and Suzanne Koenen, Membership Directors

Richard Brewer, Sgt. At Arms

Larry Dann, Club Secretary

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

May 16 was the Lone Star Corvette Classic at Texas Motor Speedway. 16 members attended with 10 Corvettes. Everyone that went won an award and John won best of show. The OCC took



second with the most cars in

attendance by a club. The Show 'N Shine was rained on and everybody tried to stay dry under the bleachers. To no avail with the sideways rain. The LSCC judged every car in the torrent and hung in to finish the judging. Track Day was greeted with perfect weather. Some folks reached between 112 and 133 mph on the track. Jim Ford was pulled over by a MO Statie on the way down. He was warned that the

outer lane was for passing only. Tom Nickelson sent Byrle a photo of a car just like the silver '95 that hit the wall. Byrle was stunned but Tom quickly owned up that it was a different car.

Karen Mericle said they had 10 cars for the Spina-Bifada ride alongs. Kendall stated that it was well worth meeting the kids that were funny and full of life. Steve Willis had a kid ask if his car was as fast as a Cheetah!

Fred and Carol Gronemeier had 20 cars attend the Memorial Day Parade in Alton this year. It was a perfect day of weather and Erv's famous dessert did not disappoint. The new starting position was a welcome change.

Erv Bleitner said the Texas Roadhouse Show was a hit although the weather was 'iffy'. Erv got 1st place, Fred

Gronemeier 2nd, Mike DeRi-enzo 3rd, and Jason Messenger 4th. Bob Shissler won \$80 in the 50/50 raffle. \$285 was raised in total for The Circle of Concern Food Pantry in Valley Park.

June 23 will be the next trash pick up. Rained out!

June 29 is the Marine Homecoming Parade in Marine, IL. Kendall Willis is the contact and the meet up area is the Marine Elementary School at 725 West Division St. at 5 pm. The actual parade staging address is South Duncan and Union Street if you are running late.

The July 4th parade is on. More details to follow from Jim Ford. Watch the Yahoo site.

The July 11 meeting is moved to the A.B. Brewery, 1127 Pestalozzi Street. Start time is 6:30. See page two.

### Important Club Information

#### OCC Website:

[www.occofstl.com](http://www.occofstl.com)

#### Mailing Address:

OCC of St. Louis, P.O.  
Box 725, 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: **July, 9 Meeting**

Location: Anheuser Busch Brewery, 1127 Pestalozzi Street, St. Louis, MO. Meeting to start at 6:30- please arrive early. There is

gated parking available.



## Old Business and New Business at O.C.C. June 2019



Under old business President Kendall Willis gave the floor to Byrle Layman. Byrle spoke about the NCM banners to be displayed at the NCM as described in the May Vette Gazette. The cost is \$500 for the entire year. The OCC receives the banner after the said year is over. Suzanne Koenen is working on a design for the banner. Rick Poepping made a motion to move forward with the banner and payment to the NCM. The motion was seconded by Dave Peebles. The ayes confirmed the motion.

Once again there was talk about the communication of

events and club members.

There is the Yahoo site to use and the club calendar. If you wish to announce an event like a winery run or some other event feel free to put it out on the Yahoo site. It works pretty good if you are signed up on it. Or send emails out.

Under new business John Miceli, as past president stated that it takes a village to make things happen in the club. The club calendar is a bit lite and he asked for the membership to help out try to come up with ideas for new events.

It was also noted that the Jim

Butler Car Show had yet to be scheduled. Hopefully a date will be forthcoming soon.

President Kendall Willis brought forth the idea of a 'Corvette Ladies Day'. The idea being that someone put together a date and set a time and place for the ladies of the OCC to have an event just for them and have a ladies luncheon that the OCC will pay for. If some one would like to volunteer to set this up it will be voted on during the next meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Larry Dann

## July OCC Meeting is moving to Anheuser Busch Brewery!

How cool is this? Thanks John!

Anheuser Busch Brewery located at 1127 Pestalozzi St., St. Louis, MO, on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup>, starting around 6:30. I know it's a little earlier than our usual start time but I'd like to get done by 8 PM, which is the time that AB facility closes. Food and beverage service will be available beginning around 5:30, food service will end at 7:30. The bar will close approximately 15 minutes prior to the end of our meeting. I have attached a copy of the AB menu for your convenience.

The parking lot is fairly large and should have spaces available. I will be there early myself in the event there are any parking issues we will be allowed to park in the employee parking lot, if needed. You enter the parking lot off

Lynch. It is the first gate on the right as you turn right onto Lynch. If you need to contact me you can call my cell (231-357-4483).

AB is providing us with a meeting room with sound system, AV capabilities, a head table for our illustrious board and membership table. They will also have an American flag for us for the pledge. They are also providing wait and bar staff. The meeting room is located in the rear of the Visitors Center, you can ask at the Visitors Information Desk for directions.

**These folks are "donating" their time for our meeting, so please be generous when settling your tab.**

There will be an opportunity (should time permit) to look over the staging area as well as the show area. AB has expanded the show area should we need it (I hope we do). I will be looking for a car count for the car show, so if you can't make this meeting please let me know via email, text or phone call if you plan to participate in the car show!

We will cover more material and information regarding the car show (Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>) at this meeting. You can call or email me or Randy Vollmer if you have any questions or comments.

Hope to see you all there!

There is a menu sampling on page 4.

Great food and great prices!

Respectively submitted,

John Miceli

## Past and Upcoming Events- Vice President Randy Vollmer



Future events include the Pacific Missouri Car Cruise. June 29<sup>th</sup> all day long. You can come and go as you please. There will be live entertainment all day long, food, refreshments, and a fireworks show after dark. Contact Tom Nickelson for info.

The Meals for a Million car show and food packing day

is August 23 and 24.

The OCC annual picnic is now chaired by Ann Nickelson-Jennings. It is scheduled for September 29 at Jefferson Barracks Park in the Blackhawk Shelter.

The St. John's Gildehaus Sausage Dinner is upcoming on October 27. Always a great time!

Fred and Carol Gronemeier are sponsoring a winery run to the Copper Dock Winery. At the time of publication it already happened. Good times had by all with 14 folks attending.

There was a plea for folks to step up to sponsor events. More good times on the horizon.

Respectively submitted,

Randy Vollmer



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

June 2019 Ambassadors report.

Recently I had the opportunity to experience one of the Museum In Motion events. Branson Experience. Like many of you I had been to Branson many times this one was different, a chance to drive some wonderful Corvette roads and visit some interesting sites. As with any planned trip all the basics were taken care of by the museum. Hotel rooms, meals and activities were all well planned and executed. I will certainly do another trip and am thinking maybe Tail of the Dragon next year. Check out the many offerings which can be found on the museum web site [Corvettemuseum.org](http://Corvettemuseum.org). Click on events. Make your choice, you will not be disappointed.

We have raffle tickets available, however the process for ordering is different from in the past. We currently have four raffles available. In order to purchase a ticket you can download the order form from the museum web site ([corvettemuseum.org](http://corvettemuseum.org)) click on raffles and print your order, or you can get them from your Museum Ambassador. Fill in the requested information and mail your form to the museum. They will record your order and place a ticket in the drum for the raffle you have chosen. See the raffles available by clicking on raffles on the museum web site.

Museum Parking Lot Banners. It was proposed at the May meeting that we create a parking lot banner to be flown in the parking lot or one of the drive ways at the National Corvette Museum. This would be for the year 2020. At the June meeting a motion to go forward was approved by membership vote. The cost will be somewhere around \$500.00 (last year's price). Put your creative imaginations together and come up with a design, Suzanne Koenig has some great ideas. All designs will be considered. I have all the information regarding size and how to submit our offering.

25<sup>th</sup>. Anniversary & Grand Caravan. Registration is still open until July 11, will close at 5:00 PM. There are hotel rooms available through the MOKAN group. These are at the Comfort Suites in Bowling Green. A brand new hotel. At this time there are 6000 plus corvettes registered for this event. I would suggest you order reserved parking the fee of \$500.00 is for the entire event and counts as a donation to the museum therefore is tax deductible. More information will be available regarding "merge sites" as we join the column of over 500 corvettes that will pass through St. Louis on Tuesday August 28, 2019. I am thinking in Arnold as you turn south from 141 onto I-55 there is a wide shoulder just as you enter the interstate. I am certainly open for any suggestions that you may have. We welcome any and all Corvettes if you only want to drive part way that is OK, in the words of our MOKAN captain "the more the merrier". More to come.

Be safe out there and don't forget to Wave.

Byrle Layman, OCC Museum Ambassador

## *Dinner Samplings at Anheuser Busch Brewery.....*

Shocktop Salad– spring mix, strawberries, grapes, feta cheese, candied pecans, Shocktop Lemon Dandy Dijon Vinaigrette- \$7

Crown Salad– Romaine hearts, bacon, cheddar cheese, tomatoes, Budweiser Ranch dressing- \$6.50

Bavarian Pretzel Sticks– Flash fried pretzels with Shocktop mustard and Amberbock cheese sauce- \$7

Chicken Wings– Smoked with beechwood chips and served with your choice of Budweiser sauces- \$10.50

Beer Battered Onion Rings– served with Budweiser Chipotle Ranch- \$6

Biergarten Brat– G&W Bratwurst poached in Budweiser on a pretzel bun, parmesan fries and cole-slaw-\$8.50

Polish Sausage and Sauerkraut– Poached in Amberbock on a bed of warm sauerkraut-\$7.50

The King– 8 ounce sirloin, brisket, short rib burger with cheddar, smoked pork, fried onions with Budweiser sweet and spicy sauce- \$14

School House Chicken Sandwich or Wrap– grilled chicken with lettuce, tomato, pickles, Budweiser sauteed onions and Budweiser chipotle ranch– or wrapped in a tortilla- \$10.75

Bevo Pork Sandwich– Smoked Pork with fried onions Budweiser BBQ sauc and coleslaw- \$10.50

Brewed in the Lou Club– Smoked turkey, bacon, cheddar, lettuce and tomato, Bud Select honey mustard on country hearth bread- \$10.75

Trolley Dog– All Beef Frank served on a traditional bun- \$7

Fish and Chips– Beer battered Alaskan Pollock with chips, coleslaw, and Michelob Lime Cactus tar-tar sauce- \$8.50

This is just a sampling of the offerings that night. There are more sandwiches and burgers and salads available with some desserts and kids meals. See the attachment in the email on the Yahoo site provided by John Miceli.

## June 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. President Kendall Willis gave the Treasurer's report. Rick Poepping made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Byrle Layman seconded the motion.

Administrative Assistant, Larry Dann, shared information for the Corvette weekend in The Dell's in Wisconsin. He has that info if anyone is interested.

There was no motion to accept the May meeting minutes as published in the May Vette Gazette.

Membership Chair Mike Koenen reported that there are currently 80 members and 61 associate members. He introduced four new members, Dennis & Mary Ann Kinworthy and Jim & Carol Lanzafame. Dennis and Mary Ann own a 2004 Lemans Blue Commemorative Edition Corvette. Jim and Carol own a Daytona Orange 2005 Corvette Coupe with only 5,000 miles on it.

There were no visitors.

There was no JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET update.

Byrle Layman gave the NCM Report in his usual flair. Please see page 3.

Esther Brewer, the club outreach

volunteer, had nothing to report.

The 50/50 raffle was offered up by Rich Brewer. Larry Strassburger pulled the winning tickets and Norma Bahr won 82 big ones. Tom Nickelson won the Jilly's gift card.

President Kendall Willis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Kent Morgan.



Respectively submitted,  
Larry Dann

## The Branson Experience- Byrle Layman

An extension of the Museum in Motion, The Branson Experience, was a great time.

Ann was concerned that I might not be making the trip at my age... I'm glad to be anywhere at my age!

The trip was chocked full of things to do. There was a side trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. There was a tram to sight see many beautiful restored Victorian era homes.

The Crescent Hotel, certified as haunted,

and a previous insane asylum, offers nights to sleep with ghosts.

We had a dinner with 50's and 60's music which was most enjoyable.

There was a trip to Dogwood Canyon, a nature reserve, with many wild animals including LongHorn Cattle. Everyone associates Long Horn Cattle with Texas but they are originally from Spain.

The beautiful vistas along with waterfalls and operating mill are among the

other attractions offered. The reserve is owned and operated by the owner of the Tracker Boat Company.

There were cars in attendance from New York to California.



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Joyce Dann 6/10

Gary Messinger 6/11

Bob Carnaghi 6/12 J

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Paul Ritter 6/20

Jackie Messenger 6/21

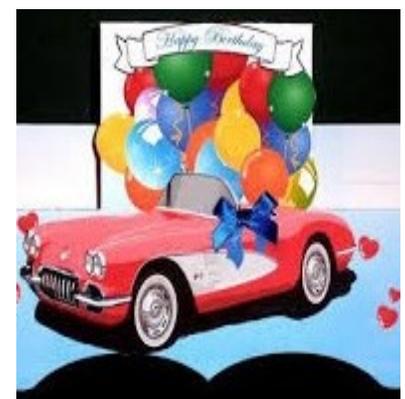
Doug Flader 6/28

Jo Strassburger 6/28

Paula Miceli 6/30

**Ron Zimmerman and Norma Bahr were celebrating a Wedding Anniversary. Congrats!**

**Jan and Doug Flader were celebrating their 45th Wedding Anniversary. Congrats!**



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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!***



1968 was the first year an AM/FM stereo radio was offered as an option.

Meeting at Jilly's Café  
and Steakhouse-

Second Tuesday of  
the month

1630 Gravois Road,  
House Springs

