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The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

Past and Future Events- Vice President Randy Vollmer

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Randy Vollmer, Vice- President

Dennis Osterhorn, Treasurer

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Past events for OCC in June were Bloomington Gold at Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

June 22 was the wine run at the Copper Dock Winery. Dennis Osterhorn reported



that it was well

attended and was fun! Thanks Fred and Carol Gronnemeier.

June 29 was the Marine, II Homecoming Parade which was also well attended. The club is invited back next year with more accommodating parking to be provided for the Corvettes. Thanks Kendall Willis.

July 4 was the VP Fair Parade coordinated by Jim Ford. The club got great recogni-

tion on TV. We had 10 cars which was the limit. Great job all!

July 7 was trash pick-up on Interstate 44 and Antire Road. All was good but the grass was really high. Breakfast was awesome.

Future Events are as follows. August 11 is the Anheuser Busch Car Show. More details are on page 2.

August 24 is the Meals for a Million at the St. Charles Arena. Steve Willis is the coordinator for this event. See more info under New Business.

August 28-31 is the NCM 25th Anniversary and Caravan. All are welcome to drive along to Cape Girardeau.

September 29 is the OCC Picnic at Jefferson Barracks Park. The coordinator is Ann Nickleson-Jennings.

October 20 is the JIM BUTLER Car Show coordinated by Lori Bleitner. Always a great time.

October 27 is the St. John's Gildehaus Sausage Dinner. Come hungry! Coordinated by Rich and Esther Brewer.

Respectively Submitted by

Randy Vollmer

Important Club Information

OCC Website:

www.occofstl.com

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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: **August, 13**

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. July 2019



The staff and event coordinator for AB welcomed the OCC to the brewery. They were most accommodating.

The service was great, the beer was cold, the soft drinks were plentiful, and the food was wonderful! A job well done!

Due to time constraints old and new business was kept to a minimum. However, the upcoming Anheuser Busch Car Show was discussed in detail by Mr. John Miceli.

The show is Sunday August, 11. The show starts at noon and goes until 4 pm.

The staging area is on Pestalozzi Street and opens at 10 am. Actual staging starts at 11 am.

Absolutely no cars will be allowed into the staging area after 11:30 am. There will be no exceptions to this rule.

As of the meeting John has 31 cars signed up. "We would love to have as many as we can", he said.

Personal canopies are allowed but will only be allowed at the discretion of AB. All drivers and riders will be given wrist bands. This wristband will get you 10% off of the food provided that day. Every car gets 2 drink tickets. There will be live music and brewery tours. It is suggested that you book your brewery tour online if possible. They tend to fill up quickly.

The Clydesdales will be on site as well for your viewing enjoyment.

Once into the show you may not move your car until after 4 pm. There will be no exceptions to this as well. So come for the day and enjoy some great food and drink and wonderful Corvette comradery.

Thanks John and Randy for all of your hard work putting this great event together!



*It is
Finally Here!
The 2020
Mid-Engine
Corvette
Stingray!*





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

July 2019 Ambassadors report.

It was announced earlier in the year that after 23 years of service Wendell Strode was retiring on July 1, 2019. Wendell came to the museum with a background in banking and finance. We wish him well as he embarks on a new journey. His replacement was selected after an intensive search. Dr. Sean Preston took the driver's seat on July 1, 2019. Dr. Preston comes to NCM well qualified. Has many years of leading other non-profit organizations. And he is a car guy he has an impressive stable of collector cars including two corvettes, a 1954 and a 1972, we look forward to the future under his leadership.

Raffles. July 25, 2019 Artic white GS convertible \$200. Dollar tickets. Limited to 1000.

August 30, 2019 Build your own next Gen Corvette, \$250.00 Limited to 1500 tickets.

August 31, 2019 Next Generation corvette VIN #25, \$ 25.00 unlimited tickets to be sold.

I have order forms or you can order them from the museum. Corvettemuseum.org click on raffles.

Registration for the 25th anniversary and national caravan has closed. The caravan plans are coming together. There are over 6000 corvettes expected to be in Bowling Green for this celebration.. For those drivers who are only going to Cape Girardeau be sure to let me know so that I can forward information regarding meeting place and time. In a face book posting I saw an estimated over 900 Vettes in town for the block party. It should be a great time for all.

As I say be safe out there and don't forget to wave.

Byrle Layman

OCC NCM Ambassador

Summer Is Parade Time for OCC!

Smithton, Illinois



July 2019 Meeting Minutes.....

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

Rich Brewer lead the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitor Sam Rowley was in attendance representing Meals for a Million. He explained how all of the meals stay in the STL area and that you only pack meals for an hour or two. The car show is August 24 at the St. Charles Arena.

Treasurer, Dennis Osterhorn, gave his report on the finances of the club. He reported the donation of \$285 to the Circle of Concern food pantry from the proceeds of the Lonestar Car Show. He also reported income from the Marine II. Parade of \$150. A motion was made by Rick Poepping to accept the Treasurer's report and it was seconded by Randy Vollmer.

Secretary, Larry Dann, reported the St. Anthony High School 22nd Corvette Raffle is still available. Tickets for The Grand Prize of a 2020 C8 Stingray can be had for a mere \$100 with any additional tickets only \$20. There was no motion to accept the meeting minutes as printed in the June

2019 Vette Gazette. Larry also thanked the staff at AB for the use of their beautiful facility for the meeting.

Club Membership Chairs Mike and Suzanne Koenen were absent so Dennis Osterhorn gave the membership report. The OCC now has 142 total members. There are 81 members and 61 associate members. Our newest member is Alex Rethy. He owns a 1987 Silver/Beige/Brown Coupe.

Dennis also went on to explain to the club the costs for a printed membership directory. The cost comes to \$14.90 per copy. The costs seemed to prohibitive to move forward with printing the directory out for everyone.

Esther Brewer had nothing to report. There was no JIM BUTLER report. There were no new members present.

Kendall Willis opened the floor for birthday and anniversary announcements.

NCM Ambassador, Byrle Layman, reported that there is a new CEO named at the NCM. Dr. Shawn

Preston is a Corvette enthusiast and owns both a 1954 and 1972 Corvette. You can read the rest of Byrle's report on page 3.

Byrle also gave announced the meeting place to join the NCM Caravan at I-55 in Pevely, MO.

Rick Poepping announced that the Looking Glass Corvette Club was looking for judges for Fords and Mustangs on July 20 in Alton, Il at Robert's Ford Dealership. Judges do eat free.

Both John Miceli and Dennis Osterhorn offered their appreciation and thanks to the AB staff for a wonderful evening.

Rick Poepping made motion to donate the \$150 received from the Marine, II parade to the Meals for a Million charity. Larry Dann seconded the motion and it was passed.

Rich Brewer offered up the 50/50 prize. Kendall Willis won \$70 and very graciously donated it to the service staff at AB. What a guy! Karen Mericle won the Jilly's gift card.

Kendall Willis made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Cheryl Osterhorn seconded the motion.

Respectively Submitted by

Larry Dann



Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Editions.....

John Carver 7/7

Janet Flader 7/7

Joe Williams 7/8

Esther Brewer 7/12

Erv Bleitner 7/15

Zane Latham 7/22

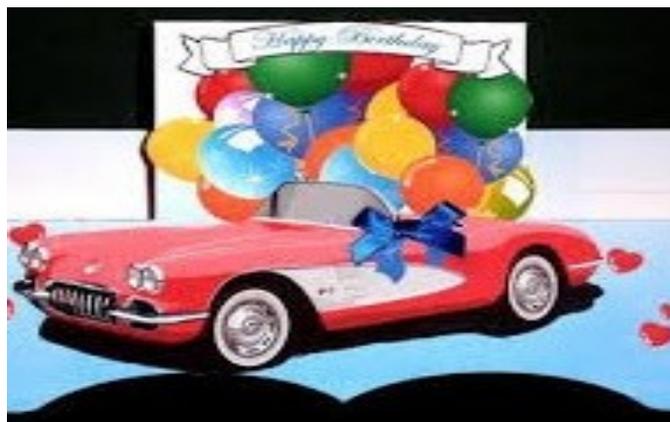
Byrle Layman 7/22

Karen Mericle 7/23

Nancy Hirsch 7/24

Steve Willis 7/29

Tom Nickelson 7/30



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www.occofstl.com

The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis Is Corvette Strong!



The idea of a [mid-engined Corvette](#) is not new. In fact, it was 60 years ago this year when the first functioning prototype based on that very idea was put together. Known as 1959 CERV I (Chevrolet Engineering Research Vehicle), this open-wheel single-seater rocket was the brainchild of Zora Arkus-Duntov, a Belgian engineer of Russian descent who joined [Chevrolet](#) in 1953, just after the birth of the first Corvette.

Meeting at Jilly's Café
and Steakhouse-

Second Tuesday of
the month

1630 Gravois Road,
House Springs

