

The Vette Gazette

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The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

Past and Future Events- Randy Vollmer-Vice President

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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PAST EVENTS

24 August: Meals For A Million, St. Charles Arena, Coordinator: Steve Willis. Arrive 9 AM- Steve Willis said that



916,000 meals were packed.

24 August: Worldwide Technology Raceway Indy Race, Kendall Willis

25 August: Trash Pickup, 8 AM, Karen Mericle- Dick found a large pry bar.

28 - 31 Aug.: NCM 25th Anniversary and Caravan,

Coordinator: Byrle Layman, NCM Bowling Green, KY . Randy toured the plant and witnessed both C-7 and C-8 models being built.

2 September: Hidden Lake Winery, Fred and Carol Gronemeier said it was hot but fun

FUTURE EVENTS

19 - 22 September: Funfest, Anybody going? Caravan?

29 September: OCC Picnic, Jefferson Barracks Park, Coordinator: Ann Nickelson,

6 October: Hwy I44 Trash Pickup, 8:30 AM, I44 and Antire Road exit, Karen and Dick Mericle- last one of the year.

20 October: Jim Butler Car Show, Coordinator: Lori Bleitner, 9 AM - Noon, **Sign Up Sheet**

27 October.: St. John's Gildehaus Sausage Dinner, Coordinator: Rich and Esther Brewer, Meet at 10:15 AM. Leave at 10:30 AM at MotoMart

November7-9: Vets and Vettes at the NCM.

10 December: OCC Christmas Party- Larry Dann- at Orlando's on Hoffmeister Avenue in South County

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: October 8. 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. September 2019

There was no old business to discuss.

Under New Business:

Herb Clark said that Archway Restoration will be having demonstrations in the future on restoring automobiles. There will be more information coming on this. The goal is to motivate kids to become involved in the Car Hobby!

Doug Flader gave a big shout out to Club President Kendall Willis. Kendal will detail your car like no other and he comes to you! Doug said he is the very best!

Karen Mericle said that Santa's Helpers will be back in November for any donations for the kids for Christmas.

John Miceli gave notice that the club board member elections are right around the corner. If you

would like to run for office please put your name in to the proverbial hat. The nominations will close after the October meeting and the election will be held at the November meeting. Please contact John Miceli.

We did have some visitors at the meeting but regretfully I was unable to catch their full names so I am going to take a stab at them. Curt and Joann Pols, Steve Gamber and Mike Manzella. I apologize if I murdered the names.

Ken Schaefer said that there was a fundraising dinner at the Brewhaus on 141 on Monday Sept. 30 that is going to donate 15% of the revenue that night to Rockwood Summit HS.

Lori Bleitner did talk about the Jim Butler Car show and mentioned that it would be a good idea to invite the Looking Glass Corvette Club to the show to maximize the amount of Corvettes attending. The St. Louis Camaro Club will also be there.

Jan Flader said that when the leaves are getting ready to turn into their Fall colors she is planning a trip to Lambert's Café in

Cape Girardeau for a fun run and dinner.

Respectively Submitted by Larry Dann



For your Board Members, they serve the club proudly!



The Jim Butler Chevrolet Car Show is coming soon!

October 20— Sign up now! See Page 5 for all of the juicy details.



Come and See the All New 2020 C-8 Chevrolet Corvette.

Where: Club Sponsor, Jim Butler Chevrolet in Gravois Bluffs

Time: 2 pm 8 pm—Time subject to change

A Special Thanks to Fuzz Steinlage and Jim Butler Chevrolet



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

September 2019

As I sat down to write this report I remembered it is September 11, 2019. Anniversary of the cowardly and vicious attack on our nation and the people of this great country. One in which we are free to travel across state lines and enjoy the freedom to drive our Vettes as we choose. I took a minute to pray for our nation and the preservation of our freedoms. God Bless America.

As they say the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the National Corvette Museum and Grand Caravan is now history. It was a great celebration. Reportedly there were 10000 plus Corvette in town. They came from far and wide. Hawaii and Australia as well as Canada. Our celebration began with a street party in Cape Girardeau MO. The Southeastern Corvettes did a great job. Restaurants and shops were open for our enjoyment. (Randy posted several clips on face book for your enjoyment). Thanks to everyone who helped to launch us on our adventure,

The sessions were well attended they were repeated over the course of the event so if you missed one you could have a shot at it at another time. I enjoyed one on the early beginnings of the museum, it had humble beginnings and went through some lean times. Wendell Strode recently retired CEO President was hired. His back ground in banking and finance served him well as he guided the museum to become the faculty as we know it today. Wendell will be in the 2020 class of Hall of Fame inductees. An honor he well deserves.

There were "New Generation" corvettes for us to sit in, drool over, and opportunities to visit with the engineers and designers of this truly magnificent Corvette. I fell in love with a Silver one, NO I did not put my name on the list.

There were three raffles during the week and one winner was present. He won a 2019 Shadow Gray Grand Sport coupe. The other winners were informed by phone and their reactions were mixed, sometimes they can be quite colorful. There are several raffles coming up you can down load order form's from the museum web site. National corvette museum. Org. Click on raffles.

The Vets N Vettes event is coming in November, dates are Nov, 7 through 9. This a time when veterans from across the nation are invited to Bowling Green , for a day of fun getting rides in Corvettes owned by fellow veterans. It is a wonderful tribute to those who have served their country. If you are a veteran or just want to say "thank you" to a veteran, this is a great event. I urge you to sign on registration is open. This is a popular event it fills up fast.

As always be safe out there and save the Wave

Byrle Layman

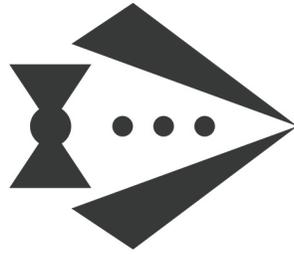
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September 2019 Meeting Minutes.....

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.

Vice President Randy Vollmer gave the Treasurer's Report. Treasurer Dennis Osterhorn was absent.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by John Miceli and seconded by Dick Mericle.

We had visitors from The Car Audio Shop. Cameron Noland introduced himself and his crew. His shop is right next door to Jilly's for all of your audio, radar, and upholstery needs. He offered to become a club sponsor.

Membership Chair Mike Koenen gave the membership report. We now have 83 members and 64 associate members. Jason Messenger and his wife Rebecca have joined the club. They just pur-

chased a 2000 Silver C-5 Coupe. Mike also said that membership name tags are available for \$3. Payable in advance, he will order after the October meeting so see Mike if you need a name tag. Mike also reminded everyone that he will be collecting 2020 dues starting in October.

William 'Fuzz' Steinlage from club sponsor Jim Butler Chevrolet told the membership about the 2020 C-8 Corvette being on display at Jim Butler Chevrolet on October 10 from 2 pm on. He also said he has twelve 2018/2019 Corvettes still in inventory to sell. So if you are in the market for a new Vette—go see Fuzz.

Byrle Layman gave the National Corvette Museum Report. Please see page 3 for complete details. Byrle also mentioned that we are going ahead with the banner at the NCM so get your ideas in!

Esther Brewer was not in attendance but Rich Brewer said the Ann

Nickleson-Jennings had broken her nose but was recovering. Ann was there and confirmed she was on the road to recovery.

Rich Brewer offered the 50/50 and Jason Messenger won 83 bucks. Then Rich offered the Jilly's gift card and none other than Jason Messenger won that too. What a way to join the club!

President Kendall Willis asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Doug Flader made the motion and it was seconded by Erv Bleitner.



*Respectively Submitted
by Larry Dann*



Ken Schaefer has generously donated this pair of bar stools to the club for a raffle. They have the C-5 logo on them and are in perfect condition. Tickets are 5 for \$10 or 2 for \$5. Awesome addition to that Corvette Garage or Bar. The proceeds will be donated to St. Jude's Hospital. See Larry Dann for tickets. The winner will be drawn at the November 13 meeting. Good Luck!!!

Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Editions.....

Jim Ford 9/3

Sidney Hirsch 9/6

Cindy Stephens 9/6

Dennis Osterhorn
9/9

Nancy Muskopf 9/11

Carol Peeples 9/13

Paul Denninger 9/19

Mike DeRienzo 9/23

Dick Mericle 9/23

Faye Denninger 9/28

Tom Messina 9/29

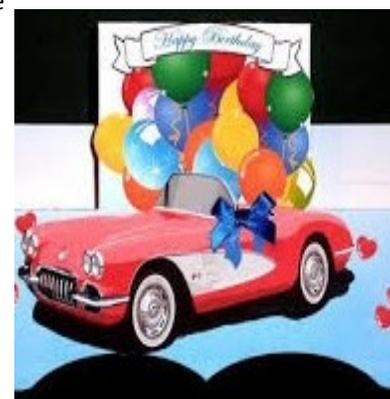
Jason and Rebecca Messenger have added a 2000 Silver Corvette to their collection!

Rick and Kathy Poepping are celebrating their 27th wedding anniversary!

Art and Jeanette Delhougne are celebrating their 51st wedding anniversary.

Erv and Sharon Bleitner are now Great Grandparents!

Congratulations to ALL!!



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Larry Dann- Newsletter

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www.occofstl.com

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Meeting at Jilly's Café
and Steakhouse-
Second Tuesday of
the month

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