

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 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 EVENTS:

19 – 22 September: Funfest-no report.

29 September: OCC Picnic, Jefferson Barracks Park, Coordinator: Ann Nickelson. The event was well attended and the



weather was great. Everybody had a great time

enjoying the food and music. A special thanks to Ken Schaeffer for providing the live music!

3 October: Lindbergh Homecoming Parade, Coordinator: John Miceli. John said we had plenty of cars and the parade went fine. Dinner was enjoyed afterwards.

6 October: Hwy 144 Trash Pickup, 8:30 AM, 144 and Antire Road exit, Karen and Dick Mericle. Karen said, "We had six couples and we picked up trash and went to a winery afterwards." Trash pickup resumes

in April 2020.

6 October: Montelle Winery run, Coordinator: Fred and Carol Gronemeier. Fred reported good wine and good music.

FUTURE EVENTS:

10 October: C-8 on display at Jim Butler, 11 AM – 7 PM. Fuzz Steinlage said that this would be the first C-8 in Missouri. Food available from 4-6 pm.

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.

7 – 9 November: Vettes for Vets, NCM, Coordinator: ?? **5 – 7**

December: Mecum Auto Auction, Kansas City, MO. Coordinator: Doug Flader. Doug says tickets are \$20 per day in advance and \$30 at the door. See Doug for more exciting info!

3 November: Jan Flader is organizing a run to Lambert's Restaurant in Sikeston. Everyone is to meet at the Texas Roadhouse in Arnold Commons

at Hwy's 141 and 55 to form the Corvette Convoy.

10 December: OCC Christmas Party. Larry Dann reported the price at \$25 per person with OCC picking up the balance. It will be at Orlando's Banquet Center in South County at 4300 Hoffmeister Road. The event will begin at 6 pm. There will be a premium open bar for cocktails and beer and passed hors d'oeuvres. The cocktail time will be followed by an abbreviated meeting introducing the new club officers before dinner and dancing. We are going to have a live band this year. Dress is business casual. Ugly Christmas sweaters are encouraged. Larry needs to have your money in by November 30 to make your reservation! Thanks in advance!

Respectively Submitted,

Randy Vollmer

Important Club Information

OCC Website:

www.occfstl.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: November, 12

Meeting Location:

Jilly's Café & Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049, Phone: (636) 449-4500

www.jillyscafeandsteakhouse.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. October 2019



Randy opened the floor for old business. There was no old business to discuss.

Under New Business:

Jim Ford talked to the group about the upcoming Thanksgiving Day Parade. He needs 8 cars for the queens and there is room for an additional 6-9 cars in the parade. Contact Jim ASAP if you want to be in the parade.

Karen Mericle told us about Santa's Helpers coming in November to collect toys for the kiddos.

Cash is always accepted as well.

Herb Clark told us about the Archway Restoration Club and with a little arm twisting and beer drinking that we may be able to visit the facility as a club. See page 4 for more information about this very exciting project.

John Miceli, Chairman of the Nomination Committee of one shared with the club who is currently on the roster to run for board member positions for 2020.

The following folks have thrown their hat into the ring to serve our club.

President: Kendall Willis

Vice President: Gary Messenger

Administrative Chair: Ken Schaefer

Treasurer: Ann Nickelson

Membership Chairs: Mike and Suzanne Koenen

Sergeant at Arms: Tom Nickelson

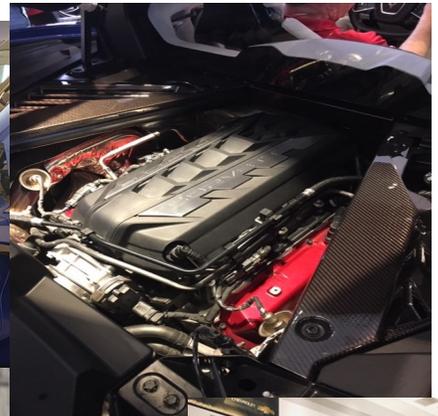
There is still time to volunteer your service to the club if you would like to become a board member. Voting will be held at the November meeting!



HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

And the All New 2020 C-8 Corvette has arrived.....

Thank You Jim Butler Chevrolet!





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

October 2019 Ambassador report.

Before I proceed to write the October Ambassadors report I just want to say how proud I am of my daughter Ann Jennings and grandson Tom Nickelson for their interest in supporting OCC by serving on the board. Way to go guys.

Tom Dierkes and myself along with my son in law Brian took off for the far west and visited a total of nine National parks. We began our tour by stopping at the Painted Desert and Petrified Forest as well as the Meteor Crater in Arizona. These were not part of the organized tour but were on the way we couldn't pass them by. We spent time at the Grand Canyon both the South and North Face. Other parks were Zion and Bryce Canyon. The Arches and Monument Valley. The trip was well organized and our leaders were great. Who by the way were volunteers? The word is that the next season will be in Colorado Springs area. I can't wait to see the full agenda. If God willing I will do that trip too.

Raffles:

There are currently four raffles going on. They are for four 2019 Vettes and one for the new 2020. They all have different ticket prices and drawing dates. As you know the gaming laws in Kentucky will no longer allow me to sell tickets. You may order tickets for any of the raffles or all of them by going on the Museum web site nationalcorvettemuseum.org Click on raffles and follow the instructions for printing the order forms.

Plant tours:

Plant tours are still not available to the general public, but the word around town is they will be available for the 2020 Spring Bash. Not official but keep your fingers crossed.

Vets N Vettes.

This the time of the year to pay tribute to all our veterans who have served our country and helped to preserve our freedoms. Many are not as lucky to own a Corvette as we are. We can share a little our time and Corvettes by giving rides to those who want to have a few minutes fun. Veteran's come from all over the country to take part in this special day. For you there is unlimited track time you can go as many times as you want. There is always a tribute to some branch of service and a free lunch. The registration is only \$20.00. I know we have some great people who are going to Bowling Green for this event. Thank you for helping to make this special day even more special. If you have not signed on, now is the time to do so. We will be using the Drury Inn for our hotel choice.

Museum:

While you are in Bowling Green be sure to take some to go through the museum. It is an ever changing experience. Many of the old standbys have been refreshed with better lighting and new additions. There are many that will be on display for a period time and moved on for a new feature. It's a great way to spend an afternoon

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

Respectively Submitted,

Byrle Layman



Archway Restoration Club – for Kids of all ages! From OCC members Herb and Pat Clark

Most of us have always loved cars! Some like the true antiques, while some enjoy classics, muscle cars, and of course Corvettes. Today the cars coming off the assembly line are all looking about the same whether they are foreign or domestic?

Kids today are not exposed to the great automobiles we all grew up with. Look at ALL of the car clubs and you will find the average age of the members will be 60 plus. It is also notable the clubs are shrinking. So, I asked myself why? What could be done? What caused this change?

In 2011 in Sun City West, AZ, I started the Automotive Restoration Club. It now has 800+ members (all seniors), and a new \$1.5 million dollar full restoration center. The primary goal is to teach people of all ages how to do restoration, and to get and keep future generations interested in the “golden ages” of cars in the US. Our talented members (at NO Charge) teach the local high school kids how to restore cars. They love it. We also do a lot more! We instruct and assist our members who want to learn how to restore their own cars. ARC has been recognized by several local and national organizations for the work done for the community.

My wife and I lived in Arizona for the last 15+ years for six months and in St Louis the remaining six months. We sold our AZ home this summer to enable us to spend more time here with our grandchildren. In late spring, I started a new club in the St. Louis area called Archway Restoration Club. My goal is to make it a club that invites families to enjoy the fun of knowing and working on cars. Most technical schools are now gone. Kids are engaged in baseball, soccer, dance, and their computers. ARC is for the family. We will provide training and family events for all to enjoy and learn. There is SO MUCH more to tell. Maybe I can present ARC to the OCC some-time? I’d love to tell you the whole story!

Herb Clark



October 2019 Meeting Minutes.....

Vice President, Randy Vollmer promptly called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. President, Kendall Willis, was absent due to a family emergency.

The owner of Jilly's addressed the membership and sincerely apologized for the poor service at our prior meeting. He said he was going to offer members some sort of discount but hadn't exactly decided what it will be yet.

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

Randy then introduced the Club board members and Appointees.

Treasurer Dennis Osterhorn gave the treasurer's report in detail. A motion was made by Doug Flader to accept the report and David Peebles seconded the motion

Administrative Assistant, Larry Dann had no mail or asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes as published in the February Vette Gazette. A motion was made by Rich Brewer and seconded by Karen Mericle.

Membership Chair Mike Koenen reported that there are currently 83 members and 65 associate members. Jason Messenger and

his wife Rebecca are the newest members of the OCC. Mike also said he and Suzanne are ordering a batch of new name tags. They are \$3. Get your order in soon and payment is required before ordering the name tag. Your annual membership dues are due. They are still \$35 per year. Christmas party payments are \$25 per person. Payment for the Christmas Party is due by November, 30. You can pay either in person at the November meeting or mail to the OCC P.O. box.

Fuzz Steinlage gave the JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET update. The C-8 Corvette will be at the dealership on Thursday October, 10 from 11 am until 7 pm. It will be the first one in Missouri. Come one, come all.

Byrle Layman gave the NCM report with his usual enthusiasm and flair. He also relayed his experience about his recent Museum in Motion Tour. He visited nine National Parks and said "we are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful country." In all, Byrle said he put 3,500 miles on his Corvette. Next year the tour visits Colorado Springs. Byrle also shared that Artic White was the most ordered Corvette color the last three years running.

Out Reach Volunteer, Esther Brew-

er, had nothing to report. However, Rich did convey that she had taken a spill and broken her wrist and hand. Heal up fast Esther!

There was a first time visitor. His name is Todd (sorry, I couldn't catch his last name) and he is a friend of Herb and Pat Clark. He has a 1995 green Corvette with 22,000 miles on it.

Rich Brewer offered the 50/50 and Larry Dann won \$83. Tom Nickelson won the \$25 Jilly's gift certificate. There were several T-shirts raffled off as well.

Vice President Randy Vollmer asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by David Peebles and seconded by Art Delhougne.

*Respectively Submitted,
Larry Dann*



The OCC Christmas Party is December 10!

\$25 is due by November 30 to make your RSVP.

6 pm at Orlando's in South County at I-55 and Union Road.

Call Larry Dann

636-575-8506



Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Edi-

Chuck Watson 11/2

Debbie Strathman 11/3

Bob Walter 11/4

David Van Mill 11/12

William Steinlage 11/15

Carolyn Johnstone 11/16

Lori Bleitner 11/19

Shannon Stanton 11/22

Rick Mestre 11/24

JoAnn Jost 11/27

Anniversaries!

John and Paula Miceli- 21 years

Don and Judi Delonjay- 28 years

Walt and Lois Yeager- 43 years

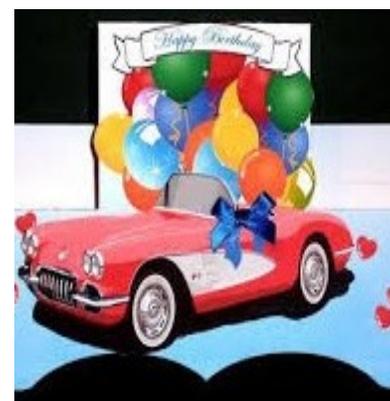
Jim and Terri Ford- 43 years

New Edition!

John and Paula are now the proud owners of a 2011 Callaway Z06. Even if it didn't have any gas!

Congratulations!

(the Pace Car is still for sale)



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We are on the Web!
www.occofstl.com



The famous "split" rear window for the new Corvette almost never came to be. It seems that Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov argued over the design. Bill Mitchell won out for the 1963 Model, but it was removed for 1964 never to be seen again.

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

