

# 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:** The C8 Corvette was unveiled at Jim Butler Chevrolet and it seemed that most of the membership made it out to check it out. The Jim Butler Chevrolet Car Show was well



attended. The OCC raised \$1100 for Breast Cancer Research. Fred Gronemeier won 1st place, Bryan Hartmann won 2nd place and Byrle Layman won 3rd place. The St. John's Gildehaus Sausage Dinner was a smashing success. It was a beautiful day with 17 cars and 33 people in attendance. The Lambert's Fall Run had 9 Corvette with 14 people in attendance. Doug Flader said he 'may' have hit 160 mph on the trip home.

**17 November: Supercars for**

**Alec:** Meeting at the Six Flags parking lot at 8:30 am. Stage at the Bob Evans at Hwy 141 and 44 at 7 am.

**28 November:** The Thanksgiving Day Parade. Coordinator is Jim Ford. All slots are filled right now but if any become available he will contact those who have demonstrated interest.

**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!

**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 Ave. 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!

**15 December:** Shopping and Fun in St. Charles on Main Street. Meet at 12 pm at the Trailhead Brewery. Contact is Ann Nickelson.

**23-26 January 2020 St. Louis Auto Show:** More information will be coming forthwith. Jim Ford is the fearless leader on this!

Respectively Submitted,

Randy Vollmer

### 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: December, 10**

#### Meeting Location:

Orlando's Event Center  
4300 Hoffmeister Ave,  
St. Louis, 63125

In South County



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



There was no Old Business discussed.

Under New Business:

Dennis Osterhorn gave a detailed explanation on how to sign into and use the new GROUPWORKS page for our club news and happenings. It is very easy to do. Yahoo Groups is basically doing away with all sites like ours that allow us to store pictures, files, and other items. The

GROUPWORKS site is much cleaner and easier to use. If you have any questions at all Dennis said to contact him and he will help you with what you need. Herb Clark and the rest of the club recog-

nized all of Dennis' hard work and diligence on getting this set up for the OCC. Great Job!

Ken Schaeffler brought in two different jackets that can be had for \$30. They are lighter weight but are fleece lined. They come in light and dark gray and black. You will be responsible for having a logo put onto the jacket. Contact Suzanne Koenen for that and she will set you up.

Kendall Willis brought up the subject of perhaps finding a new place to hold our monthly meetings. The idea is to find something a bit more centrally located in the Metro Area. Many folks have expressed that Jilly's is not convenient for them (too far away). Others have been disappointed with the food and service. John Miceli vouched for remaining at Jilly's. The owner has told the group that either he or his wife will be at the restaurant during every meeting to make sure everything goes as it should. He also said the service and food will be expedited much faster. Tom Nickelson echoed that the past two months have been much improved. Many of the group agreed. Kendall stated that the topic will be tabled for now and discussed at the Executive Board meeting in

January. The new board will bring something to the membership. ALL INPUT from all members will be considered so please let your ideas be heard and discussed.

The vote for new Board Members is to be held at the December meeting. Richard Brewer nominated Dennis Osterhorn for president and nominations were closed as there were no other nominations. Kendall Willis bowed out of running so there is no position that will actually be voted on.

Kent Morgan asked if you have to pay to attend the December meeting. Great question. The answer is an emphatic no. There will be wristbands for those who have paid for the party. Others will not be served. If you wish to attend but not enjoy the dinner and drinks you are still required to RSVP by November 30 so seating is accommodated. If you do not reserve a seat, unfortunately, you will not be allowed into the event. The OCC apologizes for any inconvenience.

The new Board will be announced at the December meeting.



### Karen and Dick Mericle and Santa's Helpers...It truly is a Wonderful Life!



Karen and Rita!



Dick, working hard!





November 2019 Ambassador report.

As the year 2019 begins to wind down and we begin to focus on holiday celebrations we also start looking ahead to the New Year 2020. The National Corvette Museum begins to kick off the New Year with a full schedule of events. I will show a partial list in this report. The remainder I will list later in future reports.

MIM listings are Museum in Motion events and are held off site.

Daytona Rolex 24, Daytona Fl. January 22-27.

MIM Hew Orleans La. April (TBA)

NCM Michelin Bash, on site April 23-25.

MIM Tail of Dragon, April 26-29, Ashville N,C.

The Gathering, May 13-16 Onsite.

MIM Branson, MO. June (TBA).

MIM Lemans France, London, Paris, Lemans.

Onsite Lemans viewing. June 12-14.

June 5-6.

MIM Colorado Springs, Colorado, July (TBA)

Complete information and registration will be available on the NCM web site-click on events and scroll to the event of interest.

I am excited that the club banner project has created so much interest. I have received four designs and I know there are more being worked on. I recently published an e mail with details on the selection process. We will be competing with other clubs for display space be sure to follow the time lines for selection. Thank you for your interest.

Raffle tickets sales are on important part of the fund raising efforts for the museum. I have order forms that can be used to purchase tickets for upcoming raffles. You can also go the museum web site click on raffles and order tickets of your choice, All out of state (Kentucky) must be purchased using a credit card.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday be safe in your travels and DON'T FORGET TO WAVE.





The OCC Christmas Party Reminder... December 10, 2019



At 6 o'clock in the evening at Orlando's South County

4300 Hoffmeister Avenue

Includes:

Top Shelf

Cocktails

Hors

D'oeuvres

Prime Rib

Buffet

Gourmet

Desserts



Live  
Music  
And  
Dancing!

\$25 per person needs to be in by November 30, 2019

Please contact Larry Dann (636) 575-8506 with any questions and for information.

Money can be paid at the November meeting or sent to the P.O. Box.

## November 2019 Meeting Minutes.....

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

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

Treasurer Dennis Osterhorn gave the treasurer's report in detail. A motion was made by Tom Nickelson to accept the report and John Miceli seconded the motion

Administrative Assistant, Larry Dann had no mail. There was no motion to accept the minutes as printed in the October Vette Gazette. He mentioned that this was the last night for the Bar Stool Raffle

Membership Chair Mike Koenen reported that there are currently 84 members and 66 associate members.

Mike announced that Ian and Jama Rendell are the newest members of the OCC. They own a Shark Gray 2014 Z-51.

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 mail to the OCC P.O. box. Contact Larry Dann to make your RSVP as soon as possible please.

There was no JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET update.

Byrle Layman gave the NCM report. You can see his report in its entirety on Page 3. Byrle went on to talk about Vets and Vettes. He said how honored he was to be able to participate in such a wonderful event. Dennis and Cheryl Osterhorn and Tom Dierkes also attended. He also said he would be able to arrange a private club visit to the NCM. He said we would need about 15 cars and 30 folks to make it happen. He will research what the exact cost might be. Sounds like fun!

Out Reach Volunteer, Esther Brewer, had nothing to report.

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.

Karen and Dick Mericle talked about Santa's Helpers. There were enough toys, bicycles, and cash to fill the North Pole.

Rich Brewer offered the 50/50 and Karen Mericle won \$103. Ron Zimmerer won the \$25 Jilly's gift certificate. John Miceli won the Corvette Bar Stool Raffle— A big thank you and shout out to Ken Schaeffler for the donation!

President Kendall Willis adjourned the meeting.

*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

**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!

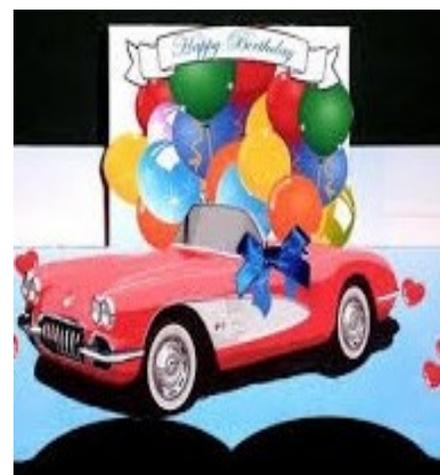
**Esther and Rich Brewer**

**51 years!**

**Joyce and Larry Dann**

**35 years**

**Congratulations!**



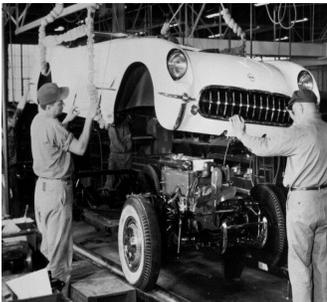
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Larry Dann- Newsletter

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



The first Corvettes were literally "rolled" off the assembly line. The early production line was not prepared for grounding to a fiberglass body and thusly the first cars would not start.

