

# ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

## September 2024 Newsletter



## **The Vette Gazette**

### OCC 2024 Board Members

President— Kenneth Schaeffler

Vice President— Larry Dann

Treasurer— Sidney Hirsch

Administrative Assistant— Sharon Young

Sgt. at Arms— John Miceli

Membership— Bill Prewitt



### **Volunteers:**

Club Outreach—Connie Finch

Club Historian— Jason Messenger

Webmaster— Dennis Osterhorn

NCM Ambassador— Rick Poepping

Groupworks Admin— Randy Vollmer

Facebook Admin—Randy Vollmer

Publication and Newsletter—Jim and Peggy Thacker

### **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.**

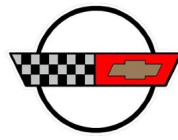
### **Our Next Meeting**

#### **Will Be:**

**October 8th, 2024**

### **Meeting Location:**

**The meeting is going to  
be at: Saucy's  
1630 Gravois  
High Ridge MO 63049  
Doors open at 6 pm to  
order dinner. Meeting  
starts at 7:15 pm.**



**For Additional Information See  
Clubworks**



## *The President's Report September 2024*

*Kenneth Schaeffler, President*

*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*



### PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

- Welcome back to Saucy's. The parking lot had 22 Corvettes, most of them Red. Our servers picked their favorite and Congratulations goes to John Miceli.
- Last month we had a few events. The Ladies Luncheon at JoeyB's. Thank you, Suzanne, for organizing the lunch. The Guy's lunch was at Maggie O'Brien's in Sunset Hills. Thanks, Bill, for putting that together. Then on the 17<sup>th</sup> we had 7 cars at WWT Raceway for the Corvette Corral, followed by the Indy race. On the 18<sup>th</sup>, we had 7 Corvettes and a Camaro at the Meaystown F.D. Car Show. Members won a total of 5 Awards. Jim Ford, 1<sup>st</sup>, Mike Koennen 2<sup>nd</sup>, Gene Castellanos & Jim Thacker each took a 3<sup>rd</sup>. Bill Prewitt took home a 1<sup>st</sup> with his Camaro.
- On August 31st, we had 7 Corvettes caravan to Casey, Illinois and had a great time. We started with lunch at Richards Farm restaurant and the food was great. The restaurant was really cool. Then we walked around town checking out all of the BIG Things, Like "World's Largest Mailbox", "Largest Pitchfork", "Largest Pencil", "Mousetrap" and so much more. We all had a great time. Thank you, Toni and James for Organizing this trip. And also, for ordering the perfect weather.
- A new item in the OCC Store – Baseball cap with OCC LoGo. You can also get the Polos and Tee Shirts and Poker Chips for each generation of Corvette.
- We are still taking orders for name tags if anyone needs to order. Your cost is \$3.00 and the Club picks up the other half of the cost.
- Hopefully, everyone has been able to access the CLUBWORKS Calendar of events. I have had a few instances where members were experiencing problems, but I'm just a text, email or phone call away to help you get logged in. We are getting more events listed on the calendar, and I hope our members are able to attend more of these. The events are mostly car show sponsored by other car clubs that support our show, or they are car shows organized by our members looking for support for the organization they support, like their church, Knight's of Columbus, etc. Larry will be talking about upcoming events later.
- I need to stress that members need to access the CLUBWORKS Calendar and make sure you RSVP to the events. It is important so we can get a head count for attendance, especially for events like lunches, day trips and club events like the picnic. It is important that everyone sends an RSVP so we know how much food to order and set the arrangements for the events. It's really not difficult at all. Just click RSVP, then 2 more clicks and you're in. Easy Peezy!! If anyone is still having difficulty getting access to the CLUBWORKS, let me know. It makes it much easier to hold parking spaces for car show, especially the "Butler Show" and the "Annual Picnic" To date we have 23 people signed up for the picnic. It's less than 2 weeks away and we need to get food ordered. I hope you can understand the importance of registering for these events. Many people take the time to volunteer to set up these events.
- In August, I sent a copy of the Member Directory to everyone via email. Hopefully, everyone received it for reference and contact information of other members. If you didn't receive the Directory and Newsletter, please let me know so I can verify your email. Also, check your spam or junk folders for the emails. I am still working hard on the new website to add pages for photos and comments of events attended by members, and a Blog (Forum) where members can correspond with the club like the old groupworks.

- I would like all members to add my email: ken-mar@sbcglobal.net and my cell number (314)956-2945 to have quick access to me directly to email or text, in the event you want to plan an event (winery run, day trip, etc.) and I can group email all members for RSVP's to assist in making your event happen. My email and Phone# are in the membership directory too.
- September 15, 2024, is our annual Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show. Members are delivering their donations of baskets tonight for the show. I have gift basket components here tonight for your use in assembling a basket. The Camaro Club has collected their donations at their September 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. We could also use a few more volunteers to help work the show by selling tickets, working registration or working the Prize raffle, by setting up the prizes and selling tickets. Members and volunteers will be at Butler's by 7:30 the morning of the show to get set up and ready for the 9:00 open of registration. Please keep in mind that this is OCC's big event and over the past three years the show has grown really well. It would be great to see more OCC members cars at the show as the Camaro Club has had more cars each year than OCC. Last year they had 30 cars.

Participation has increased in the number of cars and also the number of other Clubs showing up to support the Jim Butler charity, "Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis". So let's make this years show even better and show our sponsor that we appreciate their support. I would really appreciate a big OCC turnout for this event. Please register on CLUBWORKS calendar so I can reserve parking spots for members to sit together.

- And as always, if we have the chance to support our sponsor, please do. Butler has a parts department and offer full service on all your cars.

Thank you again for your support and together 2024 looking to be a spectacular year for OCC.



*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*  
*Meeting Minutes – September, 2024*  
*Sharon Young - Administrative Assistant*

**Minutes by Sidney Hirsch**

Meeting called to order 7:20

John Miceli led the Pledge

Ken introduced the officers missing Sharon Young and Jim/Peggy Thacker

Presidents Report

Treasurers Report approved by Walt and Art

Last month minutes approved by Sidney and Gene

Administrative Assistant Report none

Coming Events

9/15 Butler car show

10/12 St. Elizabeth

10/19 Fall Cruise

10/26 Fall Bonfire and Party

10/27 Gildehaus Sausage Dinner

12/10 Holiday Party

Membership 139 Total Members

NCM Ambassador Rick Poepping gave report

Birthdays/Anniversaries

Old Business none

New Business none

Adjourn Ed and Dennis 8:43



*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*  
*NCM Report - September, 2024*  
*Rick Poepping - NCM Ambassador*



**NA**

**Presenting:** The Annual Jim Butler **ALL CHEVY CAR SHOW**

**LOCATION:**  
Jim Butler Chevrolet  
759 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard  
Fenton, Missouri 63026

**TIME:**  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2024  
(RAIN or SHINE)  
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM  
Registration 9:00-12:00 Noon  
AWARD PRESENTATION @ 2:30:

**AWARD PRESENTATION @ 2:30:**  
Corvettes  
Camaros  
All Other Chevys  
All Trucks  
All Modified  
Best of Show  
Butler Pick (Sponsor Award)  
Peoples Choice  
Best Club Participation

**ENTRY FEE:**  
Judged \$25.00  
Display Only \$15.00  
Dash Plaques to first 100 Entries  
50 / 50 RAFFLE  
Other Prize Raffles

**ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT**  
**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS**  
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS

**SHOW! Kenneth Schaeffler.**

The Jim Butler Car Show is Next Weekend on the 15<sup>th</sup>! The club sure can use your help. We are still looking for donations for the silent auction! Thanks Everyone!

### Some scheduled calendar events:

- **September 13:** Men's Lunch. Sharpshooters Pub and Grill on Gravois. Get your lunch and gun shot residue all in one place!
- **September 14:** East View Baptist Church Car Cruise. 2-6 pm. 211 Sherman St. (RT 161) Belleville, IL. James and Tony Baston.
- **September 15: Annual Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show- Gravois Bluff. This is OUR OCC CAR**

**September 18:** Laps for Charity at World Wide Technology Raceway Corvette Night.

**September 20:** Ladies Luncheon at Joey B's in Concord Plaza. Suzanne Koenen

**September 22:** OCC Annual Club Picnic. Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park in South County. 642 Cliff Cave Road. Larry Dann.

**September 28:** Kustom on the Lake Car Show. St. Peters, Lake St. Louis. See the Clubworks calendar.

**October 5:** Knights of Columbus Car Show. Columbia, Ill. Immaculate Conception. Registration is 8-11 am. Gene Castellano

**October 5:** Lindberg High School Parade- 8-11 am. Meet at Concord Bowl at 8 am. Lunch afterwards

**October 19:** Fall Color Tour hosted by Bill Prewitt and Connie Finch. Riding down Hwy 21 to Elephant Rock State Park and Johnson Shut-Ins. 8 am to 5 pm.

**October 26:** Jim and Peggy Thacker Fall Bonfire. 3608 Kelly Drive, Arnold. 6-9 pm.

**October 27:** St. John's Gildehaus Annual Sausage Dinner. Meet in Eureka at McDonald's at Six Flags at 9 am. Rich and Esther Brewer

**December 10:** Annual OCC Christmas Gala. Orlando's Event Center, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave, St. Louis. 6 pm. Larry Dann.

**BATTER UP!** The Annual End of Summer Club Picnic is Sunday September 22. We are having a baseball theme this year. Come and enjoy a day at the Riverside Shelter in Cliff Cave Park with your Corvette friends and family. Kids and Grandkids are welcome. Please RSVP with Larry Dann as soon as possible please. Thanks!

August was a busy and fun month for the OCC. The Corvette Caravan was a big success, and I saw so many groups of Corvette heading down the highway. Truly a thing of beauty!

The National Museum or Transportation Annual All Chevy Show had a great turn out from the OCC once again this year. Always a good time.

The Casey, Illinois trip to a small town where everything is big was a fun time had by all that attended. It is definitely a one of a kind little town. So fun. Thanks to Toni and James Batson for putting that trip together.



**IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF A NEW CORVETTE OR VEHICLE OF ANY TYPE  
GO AND SEE THE OCC'S GOOD FRIEND AND CLUB SPONSOR AT  
JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!**  
**FROM ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS IN THE OCC!**

***September Birthdays***

Julie Willis	9/2
Jim Ford	9/3
Sidney Hirsch	9/6
Cindy Stephens	9/6
Christian Wiggins	9/7
Dennis Osterhorn	9/9
Sue Castellano	9/10
Carol Peeples	9/13
Mark Navratil	9/18
Robert Flynn	9/22
John Carrigan	9/23
Mike DeRienzo	9/23
Dick Mericle	9/23
Cedric Cobb	9/24
Deb Teague	9/25
Tom Messina	9/29
Jeanne McKenna	9/30



***SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES***

Gary & Sharon Messenger	9/13/2021
Michael & Michelle Bolton	9/24/2023
Rick & Kathy Poepping	9/26/1992
David & Amanda Dalton	9/26/2004
Art & Janette Delhougne	9/28/1968

***October Birthdays***

Linda Lepper	10/3
Mathew Giordano	10/4
Toni Batson	10/7
David Peeples	10/9
Mike Gallaher	10/11
Gene Castellano	10/15
Rich Gibson	10/16
Ruth Chesley	10/22
Melissa Vogt	10/23
Lonnie Teague	10/26

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**When I first got my Vette, friends said I should find a back road and open it up all the way. Still don't know why they said that.**



Ten Commandments  
of  
**CORVETTE**  
Owners

- I. Thou shalt not loan a Corvette to anyone.
- II. Thou shalt not bring a Corvette to an automatic Car Wash
- III. Thou shalt not fail to wave to a fellow owner.
- IV. Thou shalt not swear at Corvette — for it is very temperamental.
- V. Thou shalt not cruise on an unpaved road.
- VI. Thou shalt not pass a fellow Corvette owner in distress.
- VII. Thou shalt not feed with budget grade fuel.
- VIII. Thou shalt not expose Corvette to severe weather conditions.
- IX. Thou shalt not forget to activate alarm.
- X. Thou shalt not acknowledge a Porsche or 280 Z as being true sports cars.

Author unknown... Courtesy of S T Corvettes

*Not to be confused with the actual Ten Commandments.*