

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

February 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
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Mailing Address

**OCC OF ST. LOUIS
P.O. BOX 725 MAN-
CHESTER, MO 63011**

OCC Meetings

Are held on the 2nd
Tuesday of every Month
and are open to all
members and guests.

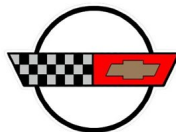
Our Next Meeting

Will Be:

March 12, 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 7:30 pm.



For Additional Information See

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February 13, 2024

**PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT
HAPPY VALENTINES DAY**

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome back to Saucy's.

Membership Dues need to be paid by end of February.

We had our annual Executive board meeting on January 23. A number of things were discussed that evening.

I presented information about acquiring an Employer ID Number (EIN) that could possibly help with situations like banking, insurance, various accounts that need to have officers changed from time to time. The banking especially. When Sharon Young termed out of the Treasurer position, the bank informed us, that to put Sid Hirsch on the account as Treasurer, it would be necessary to close the current account and open a new one. With an EIN, that would not be necessary. It is just a matter of updating officers. There was a lot of concern about tax filing with the EIN. I was told that in a case like ours it's pretty much a post card form online. Should not be a big deal. I am still having conversation with the accountant getting questions answered so I can provide the best information to the Board, as well as the members.

We talked of relocating our Post Office Box to Fenton. We have had issues with the current Post Office in removing past members names and sending invoices to past members that are no longer in the Club. We can eliminate that with the relocation. I was told that any unused portion of the term of boxholder would be transferred to the new account. Currently, Dennis is listed as the owner of the account. Dennis has also taken charge of other accounts like GoDaddy and Insurance Policy. I believe with the EIN, these accounts can be handled by officers and easily updated.

We discussed how to get more members involved in Club activities, and volunteering to organize or chair events and/or Club functions.

We discussed ways to increase revenue for the Club to help cover some of the costs for things that the Club covers. One suggestion was to put on a Trivia Night Fundraiser. It was discussed that we could charge a minimal fee (\$10) per person and also have 50/50. It was suggested that we could also have prizes to raffle. I checked with a local company that Emcees trivia nights and they do a great job. Their charge is \$525 and they provide the person asking questions, tallying scores, music, video of the questions and answer sheets. Arch Rivals Company is very professional in their presentation.

It was suggested to have a couple planning meetings per year. To put together schedules for the year, determine organizers and volunteers, and also to put together other events like day trips, fun runs, etc.

The final item discussed was dues and the possibility of a small increase to help cover the increased costs for the club to do business. For instance, the 2023 picnic costs were up about 10% over 2022. The same hold true for the Christmas Party. So, we need to get more people involved in putting together revenue events, raise dues slightly or reduce the costs of these events.

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 we will make 2024 a spectacular year for OCC.

OCC Meeting -Meeting minutes – February 15, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm with Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of officers

Ken's opening statement started out with board meeting discussions.

E.I.N. number is being looked into, to simplify the changing of officers when necessary. This could help with a number of things like banking, Insurance, Internet, etc. when Club Officers change at election time.

It is being discussed to move the Club PO Box to Fenton location which will be more convenient for people to get the mail.

Ken also baked a cake for all the birthdays and anniversaries for the month of February. Everyone loved it and the cake pan was empty.

How can we get more members involved in activities?

Jim Ford suggested having a planning committee meet twice a year – suggestions included trivia night, mouse races, bingo, etc. We would like the person or persons who suggested the event to please chair.

Ken also mentioned that the two police that helped get the club picture down by the Arch were interested in doing it again and it would be a little easier to do, since the one police officer is a licensed drone pilot.

Everyone was asked for suggestions to generate revenue to handle direct club expenses – the Christmas dinner and picnic expenses that come out of our bank funds.

Sid presented the Treasurers report. Motion to accept made by Gene Castellano and seconded by Cheryl Osterhorn.

The published minutes of the January meeting were posted on Groupworks. Motion to accept by Walt Yeager and seconded by Sid Hirsch.

Bill Prewitt presented his Membership Report. There are still members with outstanding dues. Ken will send emails to try and get members current.

Connie Finch asked to please keep her updated on everyone that is under the weather. Paula Miceli is doing well after her spinal fusion surgery.

Rick Poepping announced that the CEO of the NCM left unexpectedly, and they are looking for a replacement. The banner is being sent to the museum. Not a lot of voting from the club on the banners – not a lot of interest in them. Mike Koennen suggested that due to low member interest, we discontinue a banner submittal. For later discussion – should we continue doing the club banner since they are so expensive and it would save the clubs funds if we did not do.

We welcomed new members – George Ditter from Barnhart, Richard Kircher and Jeana McKenna, Barb LeMay and Mike and Beth Orzel are rejoining. No one celebrated anniversaries this month.

Due to a family emergency Fuzz wasn't able to join us.

Larry (VP) explained that he worked most weekends, but would help when he can and is always available by phone. He did talk about all of the upcoming events. He asked that members try to participate especially at the give Back Pack Car Show in June, Salute to the Troops in May, Pacific Car Show and the Jim Butler Car Show in September.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Barb LeMay – new member. She won \$81.00 and \$81.00 went to the club.

Ken won the Saucy's gift card this month.

Rick Poepping motioned to adjourn the meeting and Rich Brewer seconded.

There were 44 people at the meeting.

The End
Sharon



The Original Corvette Club

of St. Louis

NCM Ambassador Report

Feb 13, 2024

Latest News:

- **NCM President & CEO leaving her position**

Sharon Brawner informed the museum that she was leaving her position immediately. Interesting... She served for 2 1/2 years. In the short term the National Corvette Museum Board has assumed the duties of President and Bryce Burklow is serving as interim Chief Operating Officer.

(from Corvette Blogger: This move comes as a surprise to many and without too much speculation, I would bet that Sharon was surprised as well based on some of the feedback we are receiving. We saw an increase of departures from longtime employees so perhaps something was amiss behind the scenes. We'll probably never know for sure.)

- **New Board Members**

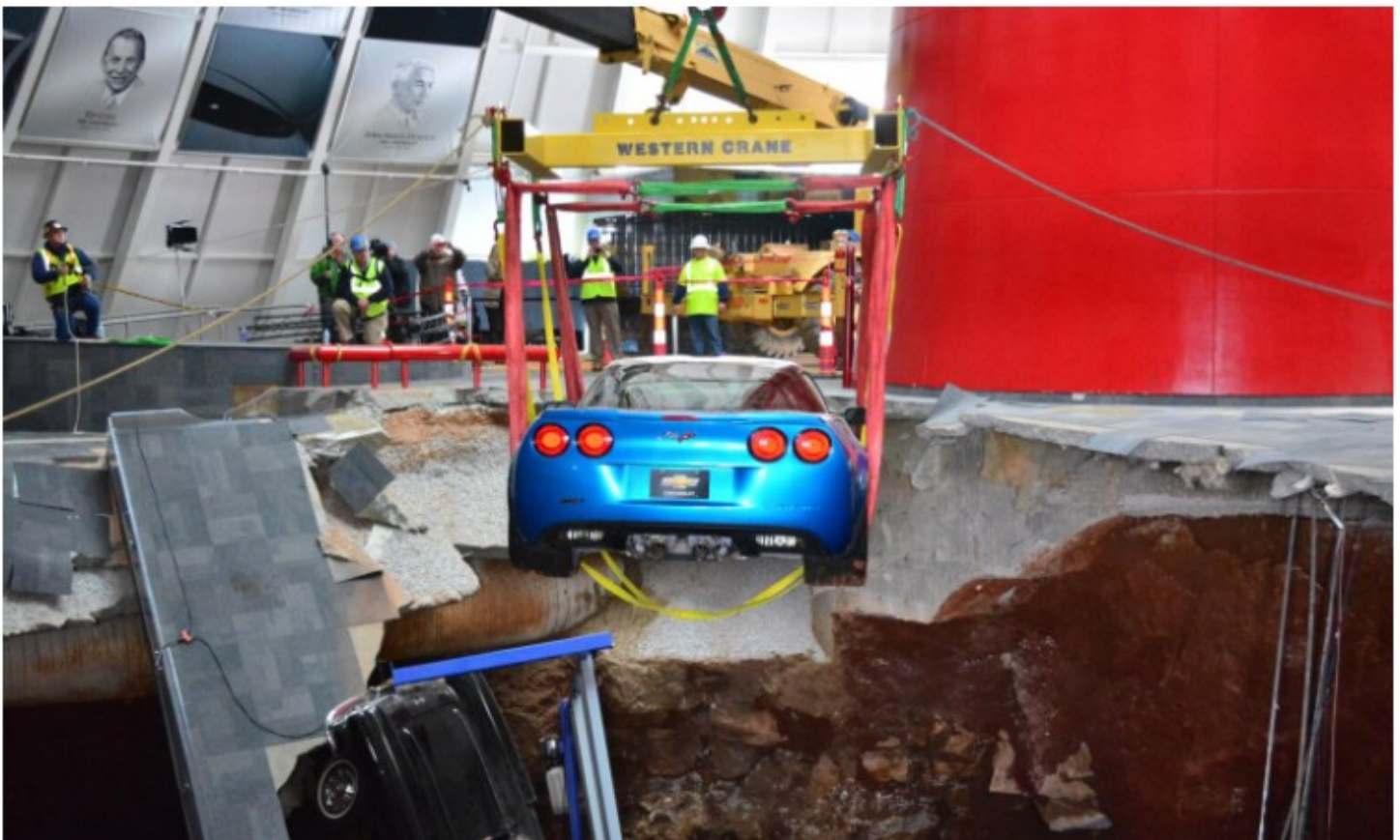
Since we are learning about new Board members, I thought it was interesting to look at what are the backgrounds of our Board Members. Currently, we have a Pediatric Hematologist/Oncologist, Previous Corvette Plant Manager, Business owner of with a love for cars (also on NCM Motorsports Strategic Planning committee, CFO OF A Video Streaming company, Business Manager for Hendrick Motorsports Program. We are adding: Public school educator (local), President of a family-owned site development company, graduate of MO S&T (Yay!) Director of Motorsports Competition at GM, and current Corvette Plant Manager. Kind of interesting to see the walks of life of the people who are at the helms of our Museum.

- **Upcoming Michelin NCM Bash**

- April 25-27 Registration is open. Events/Tours fill up. Hotels too
- They will have Seminars, product demonstrations, Corvette Donation ceremony, track time and other general fun being surrounded by fellow Corvette Enthusiasts. Follow the link and click on the '+' at the end of the event rectangle to see details
On-Site Events - National Corvette Museum
- There are driving/tours: Distilleries, Grand Ole Opry – Backstage Tour, General Jackson
- Track Events: Drive your own car Touring laps, HPDE (High Performance Driving Event) w/ your own car
NCM Motorsports Park Spring 2024 HPDE (motorsportreg.com)

- **NCM Events/News**

- June 14th – Opening of New Exhibit honoring the 10 year Anniversary of Sinkhole (Feb 12, 2014). It will document the moments, memories, and machines that made history that fateful day.



- 2024 National Corvette Caravan

Aug 29-31, 2024 Registration is open. Events/Tours fill up. Hotels too
More events/tours and demonstrations. This is a big event. If you want to see the museum full and be surrounded by lots of fellow enthusiasts, this is the event to go to.
Follow the link and click on the '+' at the end of the event rectangle to see details
On-Site Events - National Corvette Museum

The Caravan that we would connect up with is once again stopping in Cape Girardeau. We had a great time in Cape on a previous Caravan. The Corvettes of Southeast Missouri do a wonderful job.

Kansas and Missouri - 2024 Caravan - National Corvette Museum

- 2023 Model Corvette Year-End Stats.

53,785 cars produced, 52% were coupes, while convertibles came in just under the half-way split at 48%.

2023 Model Corvette Year-End Stats Now Available - National Corvette Museum

- Upcoming Raffles

- **2024 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 3/7/2024** Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1211
Drawing: Mar 18, 2024 2:00 PM
- **2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 3/28/2024** Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1695
Drawing: Mar 28, 2024 2:00 PM
- **2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024** Price: **\$20.00** Tickets: Unlimited Available: 1695
Drawing: Apr 27, 2024 3:00 PM

Greetings all and welcome to 2024, another exciting year for the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis.

Our January meeting had just 15 people attend and so I just want to recap my intentions for 2024 as your new vice president. I am very much looking forward to working with the board and all members.

As Vice President I am supposed to be responsible for helping to organize activities for the membership. Because my day job requires that I work almost every weekend it is difficult for me to attend a great many of the activities you great folks organize for the club. That being said, I will be more than happy to assist you with any endeavors you may have to bring joy and fun to the club in the way of activities and will do what I can to attend more events as my schedule allows. So please keep organizing any cruises, parades, car shows, winery runs, etc. that you all have become so famous for. I will help you as best I can if needed.

The Jim Butler Car Show in 2023 was a smashing success. So many of you worked so hard to make it so. I know Ken has big plans for this year for a bigger and better show so I will let him elaborate on that. This is OCC's largest event of the year so please keep your calendars open for September 15.

As most of you know, I have spearheaded the Pacific Car Show judging committee the past two years. They have asked if we could judge their car show once again in 2024. I would love to do this again if possible but the weather can be very hot as it is the last Saturday of June. The year before last was miserable but last year was much nicer. We have also streamlined the process and the judging was much easier in 2023 as well. I ask that you consider helping with this if you can. We arrive at 7 am and judge until noon. For our efforts the Pacific Partnership donates two \$1000 scholarships to the local high school for students going into the automotive fields. I will revisit this at the February and March meeting.

The Riverview Shelter at Cliff Cave Park has been reserved for the OCC picnic. The date is September 22, 2024. Just an early heads up so you can make plans.

Here are a few things that are coming up in the near future.

- **March 5: 10 am Bigfoot Monster Truck facility tour.** This is a Tuesday morning and is tentative as of 2/12 Lunch at a nearby restaurant afterwards will be planned. Larry Dann
- **March 10: 10:15 am Meet at McDonald's in Eureka at 10:15 am to caravan out to St. John's Gildehaus Church in Villa Ridge at 10:30.** Rich and Esther Brewer
- **March 15-17: Corvette Expo— Pidgeon Forge, TN**
- **April 7: St. Clair Elks Kruse-In.** Free of charge. 10 am—3 pm. 35 North Street, St. Clair, MO. Lewis Café is a great place to eat! Call Ron Eads at 636-584-9875 or Steve Cook at 314-795-4700 for more info.
- **May 3 and 4: Magic Dragon- Lake Ozarks, MO**
- **May 18: Spinal Bifida Rides at Babler State Park— more details to follow.** Lois Yeager
- **June 16: Father's Day Car Show— Kimmswick, MO**
- **June 27: Pacific Car Show—7 am until noon.** All of downtown Pacific. Please contact Larry Dann if you would like to judge that day. Thank you!
- **September 15: Jim Butler Car Show— Gravois Bluffs**
- **September 22: OCC Picnic. Riverside Shelter. Cliff Cave Park.**

59th ANNUAL CHICKEN DINNER

St. John's Gildehaus

Parish Center, Villa Ridge

5567 Gildehaus Rd
Villa Ridge, MO 63089

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

Cafeteria Style & Drive-Thru Service from 10:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

DEEP-FRIED CHICKEN • MASHED POTATOES •
GRAVY • GREEN BEANS • CORN • CABBAGE
SLAW • PIE • MILK • COFFEE

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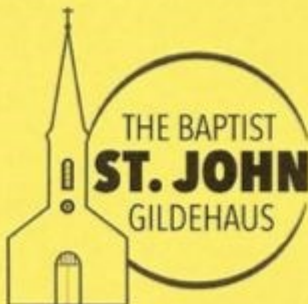
Handicap Accessible • Bus Parking

Prices

- ADULTS _____ \$17
- CHILDREN UNDER 12 _____ \$8
- PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN _____ FREE
- DRIVE-THRU CARRY-OUT _____ \$17

Activities

- QUILTS FOR SALE
- RAFFLES
- COUNTRY STORE
- BAKE SALE
- GAMES
- CRAFTS



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SUNDAY MASSES

7:00 - 8:30 - 10:30

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REVEREND DONOLD MORRIS ASSOCIATE PASTOR
DEACON RANDY MAUNE



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 whichever occurs first

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2023 Local Charities Supported:

- Citizens Against Domestic Violence
- Dogwood Animal Shelter
- Meeow Town
- Lake Area Counseling Behavioral Health
- Survivors of Blue Suicide
- Share the Harvest Food Pantry
- Missouri Forget Me Not Horse Rescue

Register Early:
 First 100 Cars Guaranteed
 Indoor Parking
 \$50 Registration Fee by March 14th
 \$60 Registration Fee after March 14th
 No Refunds after March 31st

Trophies
 22 Trophy Classes (1st, 2nd, 3rd place)
 plus Best in Show, Mayor &
 Margaritaville Choices and Farthest
 Driven Corvette Trophies.

Show Schedule

Friday April 26, 2024
 Indoor Parking 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
 Registration 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 Meet & Greet 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
 Silent Auction 5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Saturday April 27, 2024
 Indoor Parking 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Outdoor Parking 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Registration 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Coffee Pit Stop 7 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.
 Show 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 Judging 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Awards 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION AVAILABLE AT:
[LOCC Annual Car Show.lacc2010.net](http://LOCCAnnualCarShow.lacc2010.net)

LAKE OF THE OZARKS CORVETTE CLUB
 PO Box 20
 Cave Springs, MO 65021-0020
www.locc2010.net

LAKE OF THE OZARKS CORVETTE CLUB
 494 Two-Ter-A Dr.
 Osage Beach, Missouri 65055
 (573)348-3131

Presente the 46th Annual
Corvettes in Paradise
April 27, 2024

2023 Best in Show

Magic Dragon

Street Meet Nationals

Lake of the Ozarks, Mo.



May 3rd & 4th, 2024



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THE TROOPS**

CORVETTE

SHOW

MAY 11TH 2024

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Corvette Club

POAGE CHEVROLET

851 W PEARCE BLVD, WENTZVILLE, MO

Charity Car Show

RUSSELL BRAFFORD

June 23, 2024



Russell is a 6 year old boy who has beat all of the odds. He was born with a genetic condition called Cornelia deLange syndrome with SMC3 depletion and a secondary brain condition called Semi lobar Holoprosencephaly. He was given slim odds to make it to birth, much less 6 years old! He has a tracheostomy to help him breathe and a Gtube to eat. He is a very happy boy who loves to make friends, play with cars, and dance! He has his own Facebook page called Little Man, Big Hope where you can follow him and his updates.

**Registration 8am-12Noon
\$20 to Show \$10 to Display**

**35 Classes, Specialty Awards
50/50 and Baskets**

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Contact John @ 618-444-4146 for further info**

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Presents:

Along with:

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)**

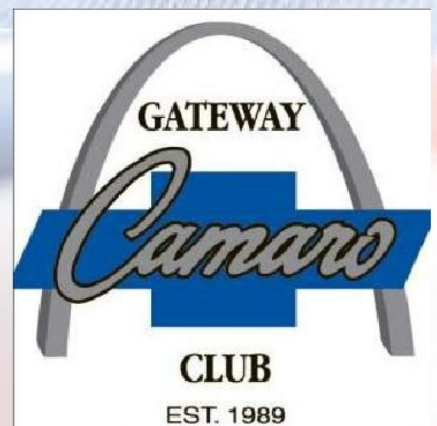
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Registration 9:00-12:00 Noon

AWARD PRESENTATION @ 2:30:

- Corvettes**
- Camaros**
- All Other Chevys**
- All Trucks**
- All Modified**
- Best of Show**
- Butler Pick (Sponsor Award)**
- Peoples Choice**
- Best Club Participation**

Independent Judging by:



ENTRY FEE:

Judged \$25.00

Display Only \$15.00

Dash Plaques to first 100 Entries

50 / 50 RAFFLE

Other Prize Raffles

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

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GO AND SEE THE OCC'S GOOD FRIEND AND CLUB SPONSOR AT
JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET
IN FENTON IN THE GRAVOIS BLUFFS COMPLEX!**



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

February Birthdays

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|----------------------|------|
| Walt Yeager | 2/5 |
| June Schmidt (Breen) | 2/7 |
| Julie Willis S | 2/9 |
| Caryl Wilson | 2/10 |
| Cindy Murphy | 2/13 |
| Kenneth Schaeffler | 2/19 |
| Art Delhougne | 2/21 |
| Eric Stephens | 2/26 |



March Birthdays

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|------------------|------|
| Rick Poepping | 3/2 |
| Dennis Kinworthy | 3/15 |
| Judy Silvagni | 3/16 |
| Donald Bingaman | 3/21 |
| Thomas Dierkes | 3/21 |
| Terri Ford | 3/25 |
| Barbara Flynn | 3/27 |
| Leslie Hoosier | 3/29 |

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| Bill & Amy Mulder | 3/11/1999 |
| Roger & June Breen/Schmidt | 3/18/2020 |
| Gene & Sue Castellano | 3/21/1992 |



Right Ken?

Can you find the cat in this scrap yard
full of old Mustang parts?

If not the answer will be in next months Vette Gazette



As always, please send any interesting Corvette pictures or topics
and I'll try to put them in the newsletter, Jim