

# ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

## June 2024 Newsletter



## **The Vette Gazette**

### OCC 2024 Board Members

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### Mailing Address

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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:  
July 9th, 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

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**The President's Report June 2024**  
***Kenneth Schaeffler, President***  
***Original Corvette Club of St. Louis***



Thank you all for coming out tonight.

- Welcome back to Saucy's.
- This month we celebrate Father's Day, so Happy Father's Day to all.
- Thank everyone for participating in the Show & Shine. Our servers will be making the pick for the Saucy's Vette of the Month and the winner will receive a Saucy's \$25 gift card a little later tonight.
- This past month had a few events cancelled due to weather and rain, but we have a lot of good stuff coming up. Larry will talk about that a little later.
- I would also like members to submit photos of their cars, as we had a suggestion to create an OCC calendar which I will work on to get printed copies that can be ordered. You can email your pictures directly to me.
- There were inquiries about purchasing Club name tags. The members cost for the magnetic tags will be \$3.00. If you give me the name for the tags, I will order them tomorrow and have by the July meeting. For those not familiar with the name tags see members that have them for example.
- I've also had members ask about club shirts. I have picked some shirts that we will have as Official Club shirts. The cost for the shirts is \$34.00 and includes embroidered OCC Logo. You can order shirts online from Christy and have them shipped directly to you. Eventually, I will have an OCC Store "Everything OCC and Corvettes" setup on the website, just an easy click to go shopping. I am anticipating a full line of merchandise that can be ordered, Polo's, Tee Shirts, Pullovers, Hoodies, Baseball Caps, Mugs, Tumblers and much more. All of these items can be personalized as you want. I am uploading many different things Corvette related. I'm uploading Generation emblems and Badges and silhouettes for you to choose from and you can upload your favorite picture of your Corvette to have printed on your own personalized mug, tumbler, shirt, etc. Unfortunately, this is taking some time, a lot of time to organize. I'm hoping that the Club Shirts will be available by the end of the week to order. WEBSITE: [www.shopdsg.us/OCCStore.com](http://www.shopdsg.us/OCCStore.com)
- The next major endeavor is the Groupworks debacle. As most are aware, Groupworks will be going away on June 21<sup>st</sup>. I want to thank those members that took the time to look around and see what is available. I have made an Executive decision to use a software package called TENDENCI. If you have time, you can look it up on the internet and see the features that the club has access to when I get it all up and running. With this package will be a new website. I am working with a good friend of Sharon's in Kansas City that has been a Computer guy for over 40 years and this is his business and he has many corporate clients across the Country. Him and his wife Christy have been working with me for almost a week now helping me understand as much as my non-geek brain can absorb. The reason I chose this one had a lot to do with the costs of a new app similar to groupworks. As we reviewed many of these, the costs for the Groupworks-like app ranged from \$35 to \$100 per month. That doesn't include the cost of the GoDaddy website of just under \$200.00 per year. The cost for the TENDENCI platform has costs as well. Since we own this we need to have a host server. The cost for that is \$25.00/month. (\$300.00 per year). that \$100.00 per year more than GoDaddy, but it gets us a Groupworks-like platform that is more powerful than Groupworks. Oh, I forgot to mention that the cost to OCC for the complete package is FREE for the first year. This included maintenance and instructions by Rick in KC. I have had extensive conversations with Rick Poepping and a little bit of conversation with Dennis and we are hoping that after everything is up and running smoothly, that KC Rick can educate us enough to maintain it ourselves. But, if we need his help, he will be available for a fee. His fee will be determined after a year, and there are other things I am researching to help keep those costs as low as possible.

When all of this is up and running, we will be able to see a calendar of events available to all members. You can click on the date, open the event, RSVP for the event and if it is something that needs registration, a form will be available and registration fees can be paid right from the site. It can track membership and send reminders for dues, and those too can be paid on the site. It has a section for members to post photos from events as well as a comment section from other members. Another cool feature is that the "OCC Store" is just a click on the site and the website and Facebook will have a link that can automatically update the website with event photos and comments as we choose to allow. These website posts can also be scheduled for specific dates to auto-update so the website look like it's evolving and current. All of this is slightly more than a few button clicks. We can also link the website to Facebook, so a click on Facebook will take someone directly to the website. Keep in mind that everything on the new TENDENCI will be private, controlled by **US** (Administration). The website will be public, same as it is now, but, with the link between features it makes it easy for people that follow OCC on Facebook to have quick access to the website, showing our history, events, etc. I could go on about the features, but I won't at this time. As soon as we believe this is ready to Publish and go Live, you will be invited to join. It will be simple to join (Much easier than Groupworks) because I will have everyone's account set up. All you will need to do is create a personal password. I would encourage you all to simply read through the features on Tendenci.com to see these features.

- We are registered for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade downtown. If you are interested in participating, please let me know. It is currently on Groupworks under "EVENTS" for those interested. We currently have 12 cars signed up and I'm hoping for 20. Once again, I would like to try and get all 8 generations in the parade. Based on other groups of vehicles that participate, I'm not going to limit the number of cars we have. Please select "GOING" on the event. I will keep track and update my list so I can email everyone with any new information
- There is a copy of the current Membership Directory on Groupworks under the "POSTS" tab. I would suggest that everyone download the directory to use until the new site is up and running. It's easy to do and convenient to have on your home computer or phone for easy viewing
- I would like all members to add my email: [ken-mar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ken-mar@sbcglobal.net) and my cell number 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.
- 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.

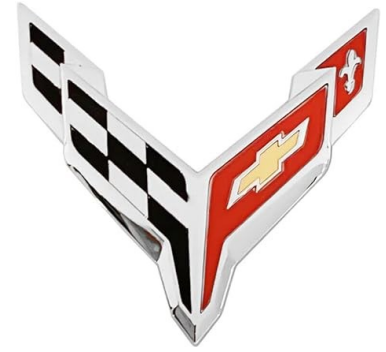
Thank you again for your support and together 2024 looking to be a spectacular year for OCC.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "K Schaffner". The signature is stylized and fluid.

# **Original Corvette Club of St. Louis**

## **Meeting Minutes– June, 2024**

### **Sharon Young - Administrative Assistant**



Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of Officers

There were 43 members present

Ken gave the opening statement – welcoming everyone back to Saucy's.

Went over the Vette of the month. Would like to have members submit pictures of their cars for a calendar. Send them to Ken for consideration.

Name badges are available if wanted – cost to members \$3.00 and let Ken know.

Ken also went over some suggested club shirts for the OCC logo that will be available to order on line on our own official website. Other items will be added to the site later. Stay tuned for up and coming news and items.

The club has been invited to participate once again in the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade downtown. Please let Ken know if you are planning on being there.

Ken suggested to everyone to download the directory on Groupworks for future reference until the new site is up and running.

Ken also gave everyone his email address and phone number to contact him directly to get any information out to the masses until our new website is running.

And, please remember to support our sponsor, Jim Butler for parts and service!

Ken then went over the Groupworks ordeal and what we are working on to take its place – bigger and better things are coming!!! Ken went over the basic costs of Tendenci to the club. More coming later.

Sid gave the treasurers report which was approved by Connie and seconded by Rich

Motion to accept the published minutes of last meeting – May was Jama and seconded by Bob.

Larry Dann gave an update on the upcoming Pacific car show – June 29<sup>th</sup> If you are volunteering to work, please make sure to give him your shirt size. There will be a meeting tomorrow night at the corner of Osage and Columbus Street to go over a few changes, how cars will be lined up some changes to judging and how to make things run a little quicker. Still looking for volunteers.

We are planning to do a run to Meramec Caverns for a day trip for Saturday, July 13, 2024.

Don't forget the OCC picnic is on September 22<sup>nd</sup> and Larry is looking for ideas and volunteers to make it another fun and successful event.

Bill Prewitt gave quick membership report and is working on a Fall Color Run with lunch at the end.

Connie gave us an updated report for the members recovering. (She is sending the names of everyone)

A big thank you to Connie for making and bringing the birthday cakes for this month's birthdays and anniversaries.

Rick Poepping gave us an update on what is going on at NCM and posted a petition about new board members. He also talked briefly about the new 2025 coming up starting in September.

Intermission cake time and car judging time on the Show and Shine cars that showed up – 29 cars!! WOW

We had 2 new visitors come tonight and Ian and Jama brought their new addition!! Don't they look good in red going down the road?

Jim Butler update by Fuzz said they had 9 Corvettes on the lot come take a look! Also, mentioned the upcoming car show on September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Larry Dann went over upcoming events –

Kimmswick Father's Day Car show on June 16<sup>th</sup>

Give Back Pack car show – June 23<sup>rd</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

Meramec Caverns – July 18<sup>th</sup> – meet at Eureka McDonalds 8 am

Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show – September 15<sup>th</sup>

As a reminder please submit your events to Ken via email and he will send to all members

No Old business to discuss

No new business was brought up

The winner of the Shine and Show was Mike Koenen with a \$25 Saucy gift card



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



## Latest News:

- **New approach**

I'm trying to think like a regular OCC member.

I'm not here just for a social club, but because I am a Corvette Enthusiast. I love the history and to be [aware](#) of all the new things related to Corvettes. So, my view is tainted.

- I will try to give the highlights of what is going on with our Corvette Museum when talking and interested members (both of you) can read more in my report in the Newsletter or talk to me directly.

- **Museum Petition**

I posted a summary of what has many members of the Museum in turmoil. It has to do with observed changes in the direction of the Museum in the last 2-3 years. I have verified many of the concerned areas personally and by contact with other members. There has been no action on our concerns at this time.

- **Museum Added a New Board Member**

This gentleman is deeply involved in the Corvette Community, and it is apparent through his work with the National Corvette Restorer's Society (NCRS), which preserves the legacy and history of the Corvette.

The members think his voice will be a good one for the Museum.

- **New Sinkhole exhibit to Open June 14**

It will include Corvettes recovered from the Sinkhole

- **The Skydome Exhibit: An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette**

It is a continuous video moment that captures the energy, sight, sound, and experience of Corvette on the new Skywall (the 8.5 ft tall, nearly 300 ft long LED display).

- **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

[Caravan - 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](#)

- **Corvette/Plant News**

We are entering the last couple of months for this model year.

4087 Corvettes were completed the month of May

Breakdown:

Stingray 2785      total to date: 24120

1187 Z06          total to date: 7220

115 E-Ray         total to date: 419

31759 Corvettes produced for 2024 model year so far; 40000 projected.

Looks like Model year has shifted from July to July to Sept to Sept

Mon Sept 09 is the 1st day of 2025 production

1st allocations for 2025 model year will come out during the July cycle 1  
ordering most likely open up on Thur July 18

2025 Corvette order Guide should have already been released.

If you want a 2024, you better run to see Fuzz, because the final ordering date is most likely this Thur.

Latest ZR1 teaser - Knowledgeable sources say they saw reference to the LT6 engine with twin turbos.  
This has been one of the rumors and now it looks like GM may be teasingly acknowledging it. It is suspected of making 850HP.

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- **- Upcoming Raffles**

- **2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 6/13/2024 Price: \$100.00**

Tickets: 2000 Available: 605 Drawing: June 13, 2024 2:00 PM

- **2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 4/26/2024 Price: \$250.00**

Tickets: 1500 Available: 996 Drawing: June 27, 2024 2:00 PM

- **2024 Black Corvette Coupe 7/18/2024 Price: \$150.00**

Tickets: 1500 Available: 1206 Drawing: July 18, 2024 2:00 PM

- **2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 8/8/2024 Price: \$200.00**

Tickets: 1500 Available: 1392 Drawing: August 8, 2024 2:00 PM

- **2025 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 8/31/2024 Price: \$20.00**

Unlimited Raffle Drawing: August 31, 2024 3:00 PM



The pre-car show meeting for the Pacific Car Show is tomorrow Wednesday June, 12. 6 pm in Pacific at the intersection of Columbus and Osage St. (Rt. 66). We will have dinner at the Brew Haus afterwards. We are not changing very much from last year and am open to suggestions to make it even better. I sent out a judging sheet to all that I know have volunteered. I will have additional copies at the meeting on Wednesday. Again, there are not any significant changes from last year. Thank you for your continued support. Please let me know your t-shirt sizes so I can get them ordered. Thanks.

**Ken Schaeffler:** I would like to set up an event to tour the cave and other activities they offer. The attached file shows what they offer and they offer group discounts. We can have lunch at the diner there. The two activities that I would like are the cave tour and riverboat ride. For those more adventurous, they have a zip line.

We would meet at McDonalds at six flags at 8:00 and leave for the cave at 8:30.

Please email or text me for the activities you would like to do so I can make the necessary reservations. Hoping for a big turnout and a fun day.

[ken-mar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ken-mar@sbcglobal.net)

[\(314\)956-2945](tel:(314)956-2945)

Some scheduled calendar events:

- **June 14:** Ladies Luncheon. Joey B's Concord. Suzanne Koenen
- **June 16:** Father's Day Car Show- Kimmswick, MO. Jason and Gary Messenger.
- **June 23:** Russel Bradford Charity Car Show- hosted by the Give Back Pack! Westpark Bowl, Valmeyer Ave. Columbia, Illinois. Registration starts at 8 am.
- **June 28:** Guys Luncheon. Big Chief Roadhouse- Manchester Rd. Wildwood. 12:30 pm. Bill Prewitt.
- **June 29: 22nd Annual Pacific Car Show and Block Party, Downtown Pacific, MO. 8 am-4 pm. Larry Dann**
- **July 4:** St. Louis Independence Day Parade. Downtown St. Louis. Ken Schaeffler
- **July 13: Meramec Caverns Day Trip-** Meet at 8 am at McDonalds in Eureka. Ken Schaeffler
- **July 14:** Hot Rods for Hero's Car Show. 208 Rapp St. Columbia, Ill. Benefits Backstoppers.
- **August 4:** Roxana Park Auto Show. 40 classes. Registration 8 am til Noon. Awards at 3 pm. Judging by Give Back Pack. Roxana Community Park, Roxanna, Illinois. **September 8:** All Chevy Show hosted by the Fabulous 50's Car Club. National Museum of Transportation. Registration 9-Noon. Awards at 3 pm. Sponsor: Sapaugh GM Country.
- **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 SHOW! Kenneth Schaeffler.**
- **September 22:** OCC Annual Club Picnic. Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park in South County. 642 Cliff Cave Road. Larry Dann.
- **October 5:** Knights of Columbus Car Show. Columbia, Ill. Gene Castellano
- **December 10:** Annual OCC Christmas Gala. Orlando's Event Center, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave, St. Louis. 6 pm. Larry Dann.
- **Bob's Drive-In Cruises**-first Saturday night of the month through October. 5-9 pm.
- 5166 US Hwy 61-67, Imperial, MO. 50/50, food and drink specials, music.
- **Culver's Car Cruise- Crystal City**-third Saturday night of the month through October.
- 200 South Truman Blvd. Crystal City. 5-9 pm. 50/50, music.
- **Cloverleaf Sports Lounge Car Cruise**-every second Saturday night through October.6070 Telegraph Road. 5-9 pm. 50/50, food and drink specials, music.





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**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

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# 22ND ANNUAL PACIFIC CAR SHOW

**MAIN EVENT SPONSOR:**



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**+ BLOCK PARTY**



**REGISTRATION  
8AM-NOON**

**\$20 JUDGED  
\$15 DISPLAY ONLY**

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**SATURDAY JUNE 29, 2024**  
**DOWNTOWN PACIFIC, MO**

**CAR/TRACTOR SHOW 8AM-4PM ○ BLOCK PARTY 4-11PM**

**FOOD/DRINK VENDORS ○ FREE SPECTATOR ENTRY ○ KID'S ZONE**

**DYNO 10AM - 6PM  
KSHE95 11:00-1PM  
Awards @ 3PM**

**Little Blue Pill 4-6:30PM  
QUEENS BLVD 7:30PM-11PM  
Fireworks @ 9:30PM**

**FIND MORE INFO @ [WWW.PACIFICMO.ORG](http://WWW.PACIFICMO.ORG)**

**AWARDS SPONSOR: SHOW ME AUTO BODY**

**No outside coolers - please support local vendors**

**Logan Hanna is the young man who received the scholarship award from last year's Pacific Car Show.**

**He is going for Precision Machining at State Tech, and has been taking classes for Collision Repair at Four Rivers Career Center.**







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

***June Birthdays***

- Brian Ames 6/1
- Peggy Thacker 6/2
- Sandy Van Mill 6/3
- James Batson 6/7
- Judi DeLonjay 6/8
- Joyce Dann 6/10
- John Everett 6/10
- Gary Messinger 6/11
- Jeanette Delhougne 6/12
- Gary Jr.Messenger 6/19
- Ed Lang 6/22
- Sharon Messenger 6/27
- George R. Ditter 6/28
- Diane Everett 6/28
- Doug Flader 6/28
- Jo Strassburger 6/28
- Debra Ivy 6/29
- Paula Miceli 6/30



***JUNE ANNIVERSARIES***

- Ron & Norma Zimmerer/Bahr 6/15/2010
- Mathew & Donna Giordano 6/18/
- Sidney & Nancy Hirsch 6/20/1976
- Larry & Josie Strassburger 6/20/1964
- Doug & Jan Flader 6/29/1974

***July Birthdays***

- Jason Messenger 7/5
- Jonathon Carver 7/7
- Brian Jennings 7/7
- Janet Flader 7/7
- Joe Williams 7/8
- Judy Lang 7/11
- Esther Brewer 7/12
- Frank Sedmak 7/20
- Zane Latham 7/22
- Byrle Layman 7/22
- Karen Mericle 7/23
- Chad Osborne 7/23
- Nancy Hirsch 7/24
- Valerie Brendel 7/25
- Tom Kreyling 7/26
- Steve Willis 7/29
- Tom Nickelson 7/30

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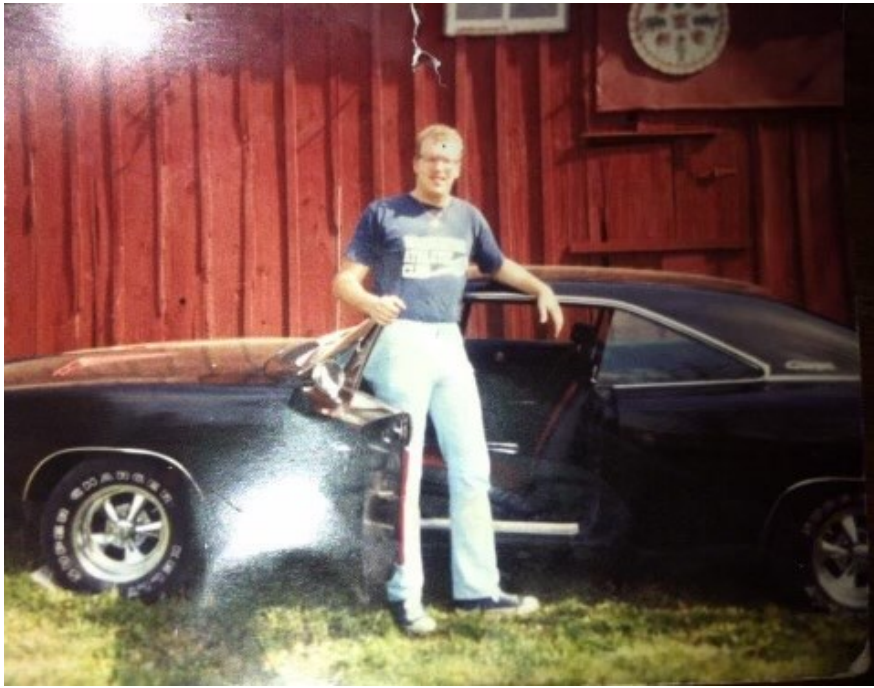
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# The Funnies and other cool stuff

*Who is this with their 1968 Dodge Charger 440 R/T?*

*Circa 1981*



*Guess what kind of car Barbie drives in her movie?*

*And no, it's not a mustang!*



Thanks Jama