

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

May 2024 Newsletter



The Vette Gazette

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OCC Meetings

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

Our Next Meeting

Will Be:

June 11th, 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.



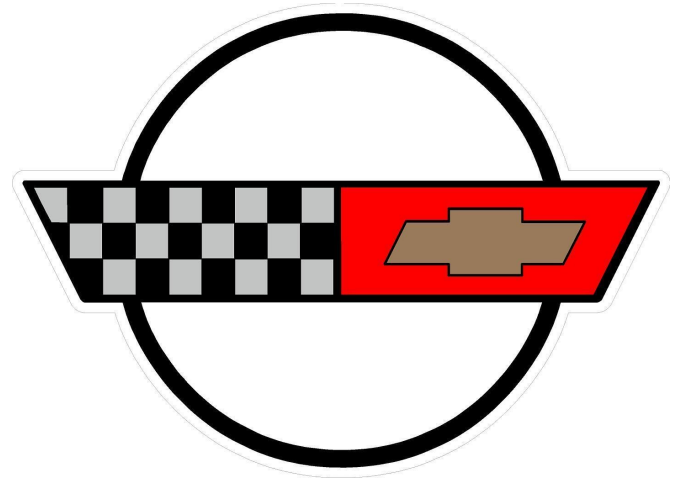
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The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis



May 14, 2024

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome back to Saucy's.

- This past Sunday was Mother's Day, so Happy Mother'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.
- It has been an exciting month since the last meeting.
- A few members attended the Corvettes in Paradise at Margaritaville at Lake of the Ozarks I'll have some of them talk about the event later.
- Those same members as well as a few others also attended Magic Dragon on the Strip at Bagnell Dam. There were 800 cars along the strip, both sides of the road and in the middle left turn lane. We had a little bit of rain Friday morning on the way but then the weather was perfect. Had a great dinner at Delmonico's on Friday and celebrated Connie's birthday at JB Hooks on Saturday evening. I know the old saying "You just need to get back on the Horse". Well, Prewitt decided the best way to go to the lake and back was highway 50 through Gasconade County. He kept me at bay, so no problems there.
- This past Saturday was the "Salute to the Troops" car show hosted by Route 66 Corvette Club. They did a great job with the show, had great prizes to raffle and had members grilling burgers, brats & hot dogs. It was a very nice day again. We had 5 members caravan together and met others at the show. Thanks to the members that participated.
- There were inquiries about purchasing Club name tags. I have pricing information and will post on Groupworks. We'll get an order together once I have names of those that would like to purchase.
- I've also had members ask about club shirts. Here's my thoughts. I will keep the Board and Volunteers shirts the same. I'd like to see if we choose new shirts for next year. As far as member shirts, there are a couple ways we can go. Each member can bring in a shirt of their choosing and we will send out for the embroidery work to the gal that does it for us. Color of shirt doesn't matter. Or, we could take a vote on a color for all, and then have the embroidery work done with the logo. John Miceli can talk about the cost of the embroidery. I would like to present the shirts after the June meeting. So if we all go with the same color we need to decide this evening. If we go multi-colors we just need to bring the shirts to the June meeting with your name.
- I received the email invitation for this year's July 4th Parade downtown. If you are interested in participating, please let me know. I will post on Groupworks under "EVENTS" for those interested. 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 then add a comment as to the car generation.
- 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.

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

Meeting Minutes– May, 2024

Sharon Young - Administrative Assistant



Meeting called to order 7:15 pm with Pledge of Allegiance

Introduction of officers

Ken gave the opening statement

There were 43 members in attendance

Sid gave the Treasurer's report and motion to accept by Jim Thacker and Seconded by Randy

The minutes of the meeting were approved by Gene Castellanos and seconded by **XXXXXXX**

Larry Dann was not present but Ken touched base on the recent car show events – Magic Dragon at Bagnell Dam, Salute to the troops hosted by Route 66 club which was great! Ken also mentioned the upcoming events – Worldwide Technology Raceway Toyota 200 Corvette Coral- June 1st, Piere Marquette Park run- June 8 – see Bill Prewitt- Kimmswick Father's day car show- June 18, Give Back Pack car show- June 23, 4th of July Parade downtown, possible trip to Meramec Caverns – July ? and of course the Jim Butler All Chevy car show Sept 15th, All of these event and more are on Groupworks for details and dates.

Rick Poepping gave a short update on what is going on at the NCM and changes.

Intermission time featured a Dreamsicle cake baked by Ken Schaeffler. It received rave reviews.

Jama said that there is a company in Valley Park that offers name badges at a reasonable price and the club picks up half the cost.

We are also researching club shirts for those who are still interested. Hopefully by June we will have a selection to choose from

We had a first tonight, a double winner!! Valerie Brendel won the 50/50 drawing – winning \$88 and the \$25 Saucy's gift card!

And speaking of winners, Connie Finch won the Show and Shine this month worth a \$25 Saucy gift card.

A big thank you to Bill Prewitt our membership director for keeping us updated on new members and Connie Finch our Outreach director for letting us know who might need a helping hand or prayer, of course.

And as a reminder please support our sponsor Jim Butler for any cars, parts or services that you might need.

Of course, a big hand for the waitstaff who did a great job of taking care of us tonight.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rich Brewer and seconded by Walt.

Sharon



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



Latest News:

- **Short Report this month**

The Museum is in a bit of a turmoil after terminating one of the most beloved employees. From what the general public knows, they did not offer her cause, just that they no longer needed her services. She was a mainstay with membership. Been at the Museum for 27 years and finally rising up to the title of Director. We may never know why this happened. There were two ladies who resigned as a result of her termination. Both of these ladies also worked in membership. It is a pretty common feeling by the membership that our hearts are broken and we are not sure what comes next. We will have to wait and see.

- **Bash Summary**

GM loves it because this is when they get to showcase their new stuff to customers and talk to customers.

Tadge (Juechter, retiring Executive Chief Engineer) was saying that the engineers kind of live in a bubble up in Michigan, so when they can show products that they worked on 4 years ago and share them with everybody, then they can finally get the feedback. He tells people that want to come to the auto industry that it is not for impatient people. It is delayed gratification.

2024 Corvette wins Consumer Reports Most Satisfying Car Award - It is first at 93% for cars a person would buy again. Tadge likes to say that the other 7% are waiting for their Z06 or their E-Ray.

It also wins J.D. Power's Residual Value Award. But, Tadge says that is pretty easy to win when you can sell your car for more than you paid for it as a used vehicle! But that is coming to an end as they produce more. They are approaching having produced as many C8's as they have C7s. Currently building 300 Z06s a week.

2024 E-Ray in the Car and Driver 10Best. And many more awards in other publications.

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](#)

- Upcoming Raffles 2025 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 8/31/2024

Price: \$20.00 Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: August 31, 2024 3:00 PM Central Time

- **2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 4/18/2024** Price: **\$150.00**
Tickets: 1500 Available: 1172 Drawing: April 18, 2024 2:00 PM
- **2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$85,000 4/26/2024** Price: **\$250.00**
Tickets: 1500 Available: 1308 Drawing: April 26, 2024 3:00 PM
- **2024 Black Corvette Coupe 7/18/2024** Price: **\$150.00**
Tickets: 1500 Available: 1396 Drawing: July 18, 2024 2:00 PM
- **2024 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Convertible 5/16/2024** Price: **\$200.00**
Tickets: 1500 Available: 1229 Drawing: May 16, 2024 2:00 PM

Vice President's Report.... Larry Dann

May, 2024

The Route 66 Corvette Club Car Show was a smash! Rick Poepping said the weather was perfect and Randy Vollmer's Car was just too shiny and blinded the judges. Ken Schaeffler reported there were 147 Corvettes at the show. Gary Messenger and Rich Kircher won awards. Congratulations!

I am asking that all who have already volunteered to help with the Pacific Car Show on June 29th please contact me so I can schedule a Pre-Show meeting. ldann@orlandogardens.com I already have a list of most but am asking for more volunteers if you can help. We are not changing very much from last year and am open to suggestions to make it even better. I will send out an email to all this week with the judging sheet so you can make yourself familiar with it. It is only six weeks away. Again, there are not any significant changes from last year. Thank you for your continued support.

I am going to schedule a Drive-In Movie Night if anyone is interested. I was thinking of an evening sometime in August as the calendar is fairly light. The Skyview Drive-In in Bellville seems to be our best option. More information to follow.

Some scheduled calendar events:

- **May 17:** Ladies Lunch– Joey B's. Concord Plaza. Suzanne Koenen
- **May 17:** Men's Lunch-Hot Shots-12:30 pm. 1239 Laclede Station Road
- **May 18:** Spinal Bifida Rides- Babler State Park. Lois Yeager.
- **May 18:** St. Louis Corvette Club Car-ing Show for Veterans at World Wide Raceway. Set up is noon to 1 pm. Live music all day. There are two exit windows- at 6:45 pm and 9 pm. Check out their website.
- **May 18:** Hillsboro Lions Club Car Show. Main St and Business 21. Noon until 4 pm. 6 classes
- **June 2:** White Rose Café 2024 Cruz-N-24. 208 E. Main Street, Union, MO. A great diner from the 1930's is still serving it up!
- **June 8:** Mehlville High School Car Show– benefits Mehlville Wrestling Team, Football Team, Cheerleading. \$10 early bird registration– go to their website.
- **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 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 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 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.



22ND ANNUAL PACIFIC CAR SHOW

MAIN EVENT SPONSOR:



+ TRACTOR SHOW
+ BLOCK PARTY



REGISTRATION
8AM-NOON

\$20 JUDGED
\$15 DISPLAY ONLY

TRACTOR SHOW SPONSOR
BEETTER BROS & COMPANY

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

AWARDS SPONSOR: SHOW ME AUTO BODY

No outside coolers - please support local vendors

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**

**All monies given to family at awards!!
Contact John @ 618-444-4146 for further info**

**Westpark Bowl/
Columbia City Saloon
1101 Valmeyer Rd
Columbia, IL 62236**

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**No Coolers - No Burnouts
Not Responsible for personal property or accidents**



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 IN FENTON IN THE GRAVOIS BLUFFS COMPLEX!



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

May Birthdays

Brenda Navratil	5/2
Connie Finch	5/7
Kelvin McMillin	5/15
James Joyce	5/18
Chris Davis	5/19
Michael Orzel	5/20
Jane Buehler	5/21
Bob Shissler	5/21
Suzanne Koenen	5/22
Lois Yeager	5/22
Barb Lemay	5/31



June Birthdays

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

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Jason & Becky Messenger	5/4/2014
Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn	5/4/1968
David & Carol Peeples	5/6/1999

The Funnies

THIS IS HOW YOU
SLEEP AT NIGHT



WHEN YOU KNOW
YOU OWN A
CORVETTE



Who dat guy?

