

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

March 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:

April 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 7:30 pm.



For Additional Information See
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The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President **Original Corvette Club of St. Louis**



March 12, 2024

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

- Thank you all for coming out tonight.
- Welcome back to Saucy's.
- Membership Dues deadline is tonight's meeting. If you are not current, it needs to be taken care of tonight to avoid a lapse in membership.
- It has been an exciting month since the last meeting.
- February Guys Lunch.
- The March guys lunch took place a little earlier than usual. It was a twofer Tuesday.
- March ladies luncheon.
- This past Sunday was the annual Chicken run to St. John Gildehaus in Villa Ridge. We had 33 members and friends for dinner with 11 member vettes and 4 guest vettes. Thanks to Rich Brewer for organizing the event and thanks also to Richard and Jeanne for inviting your friends for the trip. It has to be, by far, the best fried chicken I've ever had. And the pies are in a class of their own.
- Larry Dann will be talking about the past months events and going over upcoming events a little later.
- I would like to mention the Route 66 Corvette Clubs "Salute to the Troops" Car Show on May 11th. It would be great if we could get a lot of members to participate considering they had a number of members at our Butler Show. This will be posted on Groupworks as well for sign up and we'll determine a place to meet so we can arrive together as a group.
- It was decided to start up the Meet & Greet before the meetings. Let's fill the parking lot with our beautiful Corvettes. These will happen from April to October. (weather permitting). I am going to talk with Saucy's to see if our servers can vote on their favorite and we will give away a gift card each month to the vette of choice. I will provide numbers for each car to track the winners each month.
- It was also suggested that we start the meetings at 7:15. Everyone is usually finished with dinner and we could possibly take a 15 minute break in the middle of the meeting to meet with new members and visitors.
- There were inquiries about purchasing Club name tags. Bill Prewitt will fill everyone in on getting them if interested.
- I received the email invitation for this years July 4th Parade downtown. If you are interested in participating, please let me know. I will also post on Groupworks 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.
- 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.

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



Meeting called to order at 7:30 by Ken Schaeffler followed by Pledge of Allegiance

Opening statements read by Ken.

Reminder membership dues by end of meeting to avoid any lapse.

Went over events that have taken place – Guys luncheon with visit to see Big Foot operations, Ladies luncheon and the St John Gildehous . dinner which was a huge success. We had 33 members and friends riding in 15 Corvettes.

Ken asked to get some participation for the Route 66 Club car show on May 11th since they had participated in our Butler Chevrolet car show.

Meet and Greet car shows will start in April and go thru October before our monthly meetings. Winners will receive a gift card.

The suggestion of meetings starting at 7:15 was talked about and accepted.

Name tags and Bill Prewitt will handle. Info on Groupworks. There will also be a note about club shirts.

We were invited to the July 4th downtown parade this year and Ken is handling

Sid read the treasurer's report which was approve by Doug and seconded by Randy

Larry Dann talked about Mouse Races for St Jude – \$20 per person – 3/22 info on Groupworks. The Vetts car show is 5/18. He also talked about the Butler car show and how he wants to see us beat last year's donation of over \$5000.

The Men's luncheon to see Big Foot.

it was a huge success – Ken talked about the history of it.

The Corvette Expo in Pigeon Forge is coming up if anyone still wants to go. Bill and Connie and Ken are planning to go.

There is an Easter Car show in Forest Park coming up.

Bill Prewitt gave an update on our membership and we now have 140 members and associates.

John Miceli said that he wife was recovering nicely from her surgery. Jane Brewer (I think) was diagnosed with leukemia.

Rick Poepping talked about NCM looking forward to new board & the travelling exhibit called the Lustre. More information in the newsletter. Also, he would be glad to help if anyone wanted tickets for upcoming raffles.

Fuzz said that they had a lot of new cars available and appreciated our business.

Larry went over upcoming events

Corvette expo in Pigeon Forge. TN on March 15-16th

Corvettes in Paradise, Margaritaville, Lake Ozark – April 27th

Magic Dragon, Lake of the Ozarks – May 3-4

Salute to the Troops – Route 66 Car Club – May 11

Spina Bifida rides May 18th – see Lois Yeager

Give Back Pack Car show – June 23rd – please support

Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show – Sept 15th

See Groupworks for all details

There weren't any discussions of old or new business.

Jason Messenger won the 50/50 drawing for \$84.00

Sharon Young won the \$25 gift card for Saucys

Motion to adjourn meeting at 8:13 by Rick and seconded by Art.

Welcome

March 2024 New Members To The OCC

*Richard Kircher and Jeanne McKenna
2019 Stingray Coupe - White (Sold) Buying a new C8
Probably red mist metallic tintcoat!*

*Barb Lemay
2008 Coupe - Red*

*John & Carrie Carrigan
2007 Coupe - Red*

*Harold & Debra Ivy
2014 Convertible - Red*



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



Latest News:

- **NCM Search for New Leadership**

We will be moving forward with a search for new leadership of the National Corvette Museum, with the focus on continuing the forward progress and accomplishments of the past 30 years, while honoring our connections to our staff, donors, members, and the Corvette community. The National Corvette Museum Board is undertaking this search in close collaboration with Museum staff to ensure the criteria will not only respect our storied past, but also create an exciting future reflective of the desires and direction of our stakeholders.

Together, we have made the National Corvette Museum a home for those who share a passion for Corvette, and together, we will continue to drive forward, honoring our heritage while embracing the future.

- **New Exhibit: LUSTER Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting.**

With the emergence of photo-realism in the 1960's, motor vehicles assumed a special place of distinction as subject matter in the iconography of American art. 'LUSTER: Realism and Hyperrealism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting', is a traveling museum exhibition comprised of over 55 paintings by nearly 15 of today's realists and hyperrealists who specialize in automobiles and motorcycles as their primary subject of choice.

Art will be juxtaposed against Corvettes, motorcycles and other automotive icons that served as the inspiration for the work, including a 1937 Cord 812 on loan from the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum in Auburn, IN.



Reminders

- **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](#)

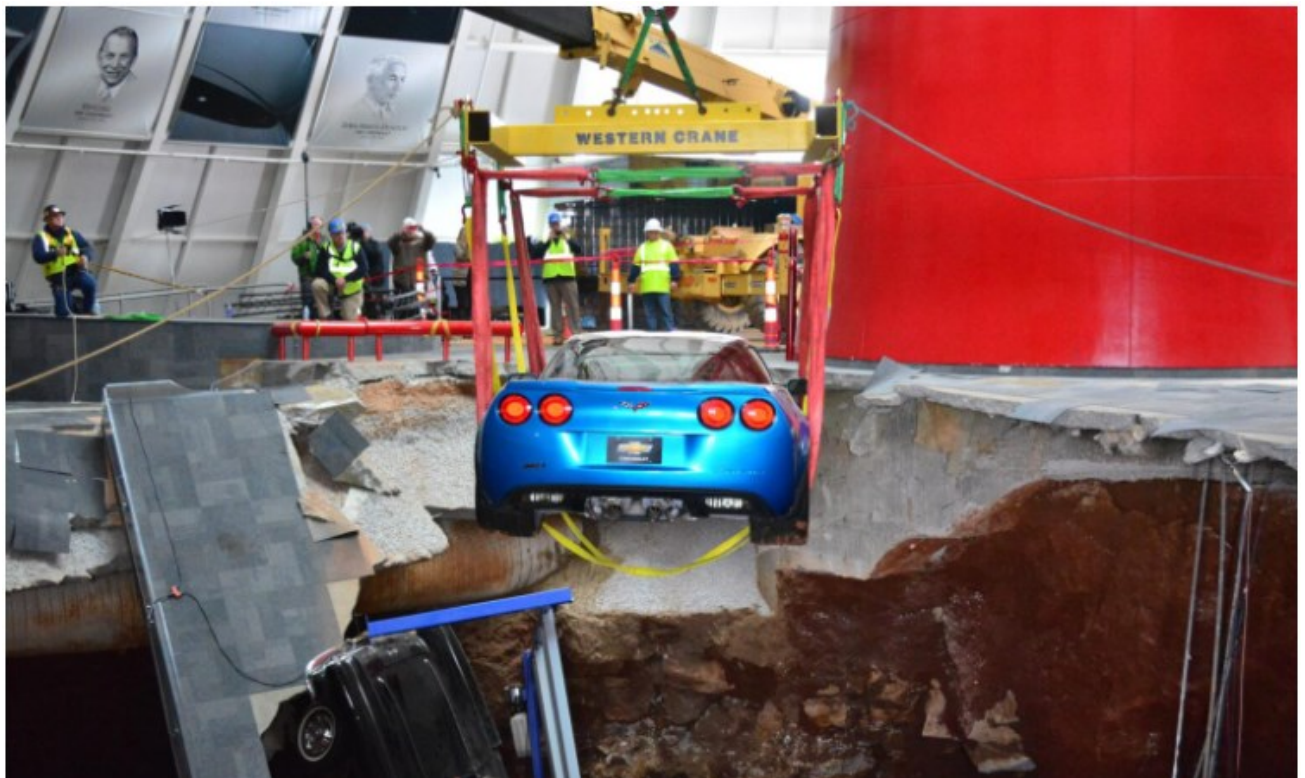
There are driving/tours: Distilleries, Grand Ole Opry – Backstage Tour, General Jackson

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

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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**

2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 3/28/2024 Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1695 Drawing: Mar 28, 2024 2:00 PM

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 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024 Price: **\$20.00** Tickets: Unlimited Available: 1695 Drawing: Apr 27, 2024 3:00 PM

Greetings Fellow Corvette Enthusiasts!

Spring is upon us! It's time to pull the covers off, make sure the battery is fully charged, and enjoy your beautiful Corvette once again.

As most of you know, The OCC is once again sponsoring the Jim Butler Chevrolet Car Show. Last year we raised over \$5000 to donate to the Boy's and Girl's Club of Greater St. Louis. We are hoping to top that this year! All club members are encouraged to participate in the event. It is always a great time, and it is obviously for a wonderful cause. The date of the show is September 15 so mark your calendars now.

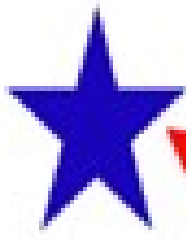
The Ladie's Luncheon was held on Friday March 8 at Joey B's. New members, Barb and Jeanne, attended and received a warm welcome from all the ladies. Many thanks to Suzanne for making all the arrangements.

The Men's Luncheon was held on Friday February 23 at the Blarney Stone in South County. The food was good, and we had a very colorful waitress. Thank you to Jim Thacker and Bill Prewitt for setting that up for us. A second Men's Luncheon was held at the Pacific Brew Haus in Pacific, MO. We had a private room and once again the food was superb. Before enjoying lunch, we were treated to a tour of the Bigfoot 4x4 Monster Truck HQ. Bigfoot started the monster truck phenomenon 49 years ago and is still going strong. Danny was our host, and we were able to speak with one of the drivers, Cody, for quite a while. It was very interesting. Thanks Bill Prewitt!

Some scheduled calendar events:

- March 15-17: Corvette Expo- Pidgeon Forge, TN.
- March 24: Sunrise Show-Off Event: 7 am. At Sunrise Restaurant. 1277 Imperial Main St. Imperial, MO.
- March 31: The Annual Easter Car Show. Forest Park, St. Louis, MO.
- April 7: St. Clair Elks Kruse-In. Free of charge. 10 am-3 pm 35 North St. St. Clair, MO.
- April 7: Fox Bulldog Band Boosters Car Show at the Fox Service Center. 849 Jeffco Blvd. Arnold, MO. 12-4 pm.
- April 27: Corvettes in Paradise- Margaritaville Lake Resort, Lake Ozarks, MO. Lake of the Ozarks Corvette Club for more info.
- April 25-27: 2024 Michelin NCM Bash- Bowling Green, Kentucky. See Rick Poepping for more info or visit NCM website.
- May 3-4: Magic Dragon- Lake Ozarks, MO.
- May 11: Route 66 Corvette Club Salute to the Troops Corvette Show. Poage Chevrolet. 851 W. Pearce Blvd, Wentzville, MO.
- May 18: Spinal Bifida Rides- Babler State Park. Lois Yeager.
- 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 16: Father's Day Car Show- Kimmswick, MO. Mike Koenen.
- June 29: 22nd Annual Pacific Car Show and Block Party, Downtown Pacific, MO. 8 am-4 pm. Larry Dann
- 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.

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB



**SALUTE TO
THE TROOPS**

CORVETTE SHOW



Missouri

**Saturday
May 11th 2024**



ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT USO MISSOURI



22ND ANNUAL PACIFIC CAR SHOW

MAIN EVENT SPONSOR:



+ TRACTOR SHOW

+ 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

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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

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
 OF GREATER ST. LOUIS**





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!**

March Birthdays

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



April Birthdays

Larry Dann	4/2
Darlene Williams	4/2
Richard Kircher	4/6
Cheryl Osterhorn	4/10
Angie Davis	4/12
Bill Mulder	4/12
Joe Stanton	4/13
Fred Gronemeier	4/14
Jerry Wilson	4/17

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ian & Jama Rendell	4/3/1993
Ed & Judy Lang	4/24/1963
Rich & Ruth Reim	4/28/1962

When does that “You’re old enough to know better” kick in?

2/22/2024

***Corvette driver evades police during high-speed pursuit
in downtown L.A.***

I got this from the internet and thought that it was pretty interesting, I watched this pursuit which lasted for well over a half hour chris crossing back and forth on highways around L.A.

Authorities were in pursuit of a driver who reportedly failed to yield after officers in Pomona attempted to stop the suspect for vehicle code violations Thursday.

The driver, in a C7 Z06 Chevrolet Corvette, was leading authorities on a chase on the west-bound 210 Freeway shortly after the pursuit was initiated. The suspect transitioned to the southbound 60 Freeway and later exited in downtown Los Angeles.

The driver, who was clocked at speeds of 160 miles per hour while on the freeway, was also seen driving the wrong way on a one-way street in the downtown area.

The suspect eventually pulled into an underground parking area and had, so far, been able to evade police when Sky5 was forced to return to base.



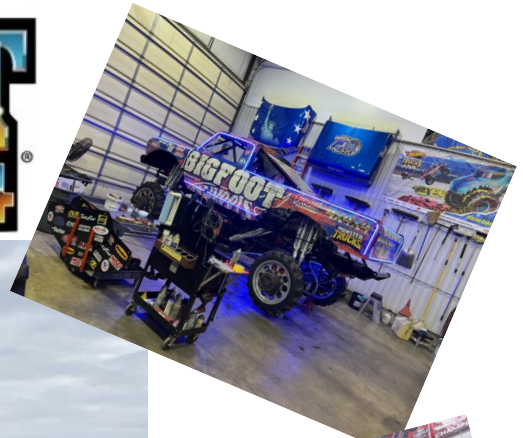
Even way back when, some families were able to afford two Stingrays!

What a great day touring the Bigfoot headquarters!

Thanks Larry Dann!

BIGFOOT

AMAZA
TRUCK



3/05/2024



Thanks to Ken for the pictures.



Men's Luncheon at Pacific Brew Haus 3/05/2024



Ladie's Luncheon at Joey B's 3/08/2024



From what I've heard a great time was had by all!

Isn't it amazing how "exercise and extra fries" Sound alike?

*Another Great Day at the Chicken Run
Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves and to my knowledge,
no one left hungry.*



Photos by Ken Schaeffler



Once again, if anyone has an idea or something that you think would be interesting to share with other members of the club please send it to me so that I can put it in the Gazette.

Thanks,
Your friendly Publication, Newsletter, Editor and Chief
Jim

Here's the answer to where the cat was hiding from the February newsletter.



This was bound to happen, it was only a matter of time!



I did not edit this picture unlike some pictures from the royal family.