

THE ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS



OCC 2020 Board

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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: February 11 Meeting Location: Jilly's Café & Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049, Phone: (636) 449-4500 www.jillyscafeandsteakhouse.com (for directions, go to their website and click on "Contact Us" at the top of the page)

VETTE GAZETTE

January 2020



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The President's Report----Dennis Osterhorn

What is a Corvette club?

Corvette owners who like and appreciate the same things tend to pull toward one another. This is understandable because they have a mutual interest in Americas number 1 sports car the "Corvette". In everyday life that tendency is particularly noticeable in groups. Instead of taking a chance on drifting together from time to time individuals organize into formal groups called clubs. One such group is the (OCC) Original Corvette Club which has a mutual meeting place on a set date and time. The OCC meets every second Tuesday of the month with a meeting time of 7:30PM. However, to provide a more social atmosphere members are invited to come as early as 6:30PM for dinner with their friends.

There are many clubs in the St. Louis area that a corvette owner could join and be part of unique group of individuals with the same interest in mind. It is the goal of the OCC leadership to strengthen the organization through common interests in Corvettes and social events. But once organized, members see their enthusiasm slip away until there are a few faithful ones remaining. This happens when members have the notion that belonging to a club is all fun and no work. There is no doubt the more fun we have the better our interest is being in the club. Clubs need to establish their interest in community events and charities, as such OCC does an excellent job but, there is always room for improvement. Member sometimes lose interest when asked to serve as upcoming officers or committee members they are a little gun-shy. As a matter fact, club membership entails considerable work which must be shared by 'all' the members. There are meetings to run, dues to be collected, records to be kept and programs and social events to be planned. OCC is fortunate that we have members who are willing to step up and undertake these tasks. However, it would be nice if more members would volunteer to assist a committee member on such social events, so it doesn't fall on just one person. So, when you are asked to participate in an event or to assist the committee chairman planning an event please step up and say I will help. We recognize that some members feel I did my time so let the new people take over. Ok but, assistance from experience individual's goes a long way bringing a new person up to date on how it should be done.

The quality of a club is wholly dependent upon its leaders and members who have the passion to make the OCC the "Best" in the St Louis area.



NCM AMBASSADORS Report----Byrle Layman



The National Corvette Museum Report

January 17, 2020.

Club Banner project. Thank you to all the members who submitted proposed designs for our banner to be flown on one of the parking lot and driveway light posts. We have a reserved spot as I got our payment in early and we captured a spot. We will reveal all designs at the February meeting. At that meeting we will select our final entry. Voting will be by ballot. Hopefully, this will keep any bias out of the project. All decisions will be final. I will work with the winner to get their design t the museum. After one year the banner will be returned to OCC and we do with it whatever we decide.

Museum Survey forms:

The museum survey forms have been counted and the results were as follows. I received twenty forms. I had hoped for a higher number but here is the breakdown. Of the twenty returned eight (8) were not members of the National Corvette Museum. Eleven (11) said they were members. One marked a question mark (not sure if they were members). Three (3) wanted information on joining. However one did not provide their name. I have ordered new packets and will have them available at the next meeting



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The National Corvette Museum Report cont

Artifacts from the Corvette manufacturing plant in St Louis:

As I stated the museum has almost nothing relating to the old St. Louis Corvette plant. The Corvette did not get its beginnings in Bowling Green. If you or some other person you know has any souvenirs or artifacts from the plant, please think about donating them to the museum or even loaning them if you don't want to lose them. It is believed that many things were destroyed and that some were destroyed in a fire. Let me know and I will see that anything you have will get to the right people at the Museum.
NCM spring bash:

The BASH will be held on April 23-25, 2020. This is the first onsite event that kicks off the season at the National Corvette Museum. Registration is open. Fees are as follows. Life members, \$20.00 per person. Members \$25.00 pp. and Nonmembers are \$35.00 pp. this is a fun and informative meeting. Activities include seminars and displays. Vettes on display with engineers from the plant to answer any questions. Road trips. Banquets. Ladies only events there is something for everyone. OCC members usually stay at the Drury Inn. Rooms are going fast. Hope to see you there. There are several MIM (Museum in motion) trips available this year. One such is Tail Of the Dragon. This is immediately after Bash. Departing for So. Carolina from Bowling Green. Please see events selections on the museum web site. nationalcorvettemuseum.org. click on events. There are many more I will discuss later.

As always be safe out there and don't forget to wave. Byrle Layman



Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Additions

Happy Birthday to all from the OCC!



John Miceli 1/3
Michael Koenen 1/3
Carol Lanzafame 1/3
Bill Prewitt 1/18
Janet Methany 1/19
Russell Murphy 1/19
Richard Brewer 1/20
Wayne Lepper 1/20
Mary Heeley 1/21
Ron Zimmerer 1/22
Mike Krechel 1/27
Larry Strassburger 1/27
Mark McDonnell 1/29

Anniversaries

New Additions



Old & New Business –Club Admin. Ken Schaeffler

Yahoo Groups Webpage is no longer functioning as before we have lost files, pictures newsletters, members cars and classified. This change in our webpage is due to Yahoos policy. The webpage needs to be updated to show current officers/ pictures. The bylaws and membership tabs are working. We will be working to update the entire webpage look. Groupworks now has the calendar for all upcoming events.

New Business:

The Board will hold quarterly Board meetings and report to members at the next meeting. Asked members for any thoughts, ideas or other input to enhance the Club meeting and to bring forward possible events for all members to enjoy.

➤ **Open for New Discussion :**

Herb Clark stated that associate members should be members. After all most of the associates are spouses.

➤ Jim Ford presented the details for the St. Louis Auto Show. He will send out all info and schedules to members and volunteers. Jim was down 1 car to fill the total space and Mark McDonald offered up to take one of his down. Thank you to all who are entering their cars for the show.

➤ Tom Nickelson will be organizing a day trip to Grafton, Illinois to view the Eagles. Details to follow on Groupworks.

➤ Saturday, May 16, 2020 is the Route 66 Corvette Club event supporting the troops. Information to be on Groupworks for time, fees, meeting places, etc.

➤ Rick Mestre reported on Steve Majino. He is back in the hospital. He wanted to come to the meeting to thank everyone for their generous support. John Miceli still has bracelets to help support Steve and his family. Any donation will be appreciated.

➤ One member suggested starting an “Owners Cars segment”. A short segment to have members talk about their cars, what they have done to them, the work involved, etc.



Mark your Calendar for these fun events

Eagle Watch	2/8/2020	Tom Nickelson
Defiance Ridge Winery Run	2/22/2020	Ken Schaeffler
Trivia Night for Steve Majino	3/7/2020	Rick Mestre
St John's Gildehaus Fried Chicken Dinner	3/8/2020	Rich Brewer
St. Car Museum	4/4/2020	Herb Clark
NCM Bash	4/22- 4/26 2020	Byrle Layman
OCC Trash Pick up	4/26/20	Dick & Karen Mericle
Magic Dragon Lake of the Ozarks	5/1-5/3 2020	Dennis Osterhorn

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ST. Lois Auto Show set up & final Display

