

# ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

April, 2022 Newsletter

## The Vette Gazette

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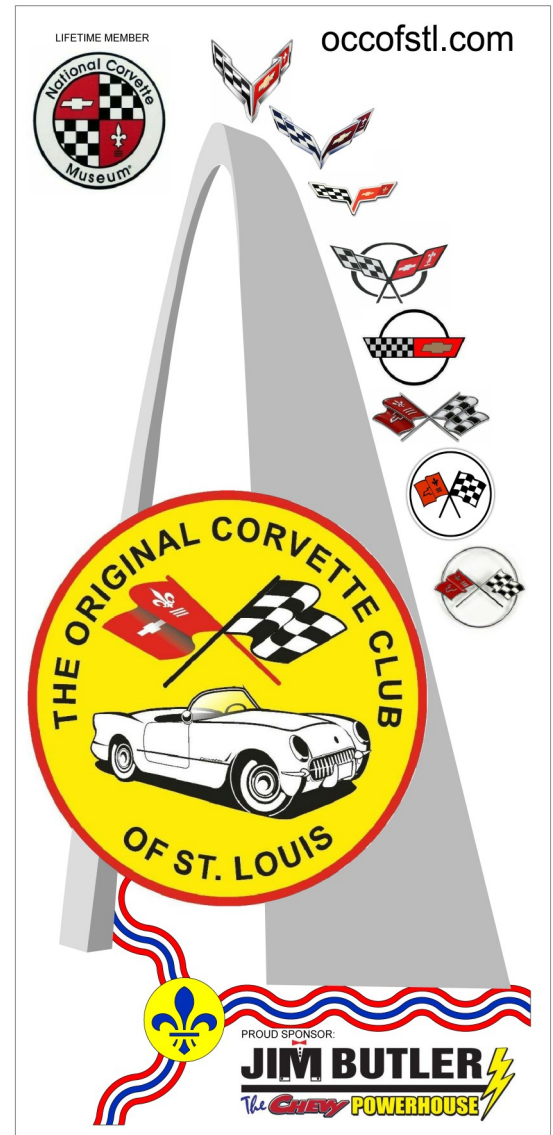
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**OCC Meetings:** Are held on the **2nd Tuesday of every Month** and are open to all members and guests.

**Our Next Meeting Will Be:** **May 10, 2022 Meeting Location: Dogwood Social House. 15682 Manchester Road, Ellisville, MO 63011. [Cape Girardeau MO Premier Sports Bar and Social House \(dogwoodsocialhouse.com\)](https://www.dogwoodsocialhouse.com) This does lead to their Ellisville location for a look at the menu! [636-323-4227](https://www.dogwoodsocialhouse.com) Right behind Freddy's Frozen Custard**

## The President's Report

*Kenneth Schaeffler, President*

*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*



**CORVETTE**

April 12, 2022

### PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thanks everyone for coming out tonight.  
Welcome to our temporary home here at 1356 Public House.

At the March meeting we had 38 members present.

There were quite a few topics discussed at the meeting and I will go through everything so everyone is kept up-to-date.

First, I want to thank 1356 Public House for providing this room to us for our meetings. We have this room booked for the May meeting, with the ability to extend if it becomes necessary.

This month's greeter is Rick Poepping. Next month will be Connie Finch & Judy Silvagni. We still have openings for September and November.

We are currently looking for a larger venue for our meetings. I have not received any reports on the status of Jilly's at this time. John Miceli has been able to get info periodically, so I will let him talk about that later. John Miceli has found a location to hold meetings. The name of the establishment is Detour Grill and Bar. It is located at 2855 Seckman Road, Imperial, Missouri 63052. This is near the intersection of Old Lemay Ferry Road and Seckman Road across the street from Seckman High School. Old Lemay Ferry is the traffic signal to get off for the Lowes and Dierbergs in Arnold off Highway 141. This is about 10 minutes from the Lowes store. The Osterhorns went there to eat and said the venue was very nice, had a good menu, full bar and more than enough room in the event we have a larger attendance than 40-45 members. (And the Tuesday weekly special is Taco Tuesday; 3 beef, pork or chicken tacos for \$9.99). I also went to Dogwood Social Club with Byrle, Ann & Brian and Tom to check out their room. The room there can easily seat 60 to 65 people. They have a full menu and bar which includes a number of craft beers. Dogwood is located at 15682 Manchester Road in Ellisville. It is 1-1/4 mile west of Elco Chevrolet. We have tentatively reserved June 14, 2022 for the monthly meeting.

John Miceli has taken care of the board members shirt and distributed them tonight.

At the March meeting, the members voted to recognize Long standing members as Honorary Members. I will be making a short presentation to those members tonight.

### **UPCOMING CAR SHOWS AND EVENTS;**

Ann will be going through all upcoming events and Car Shows later in the meeting

Byrnes Mill Police Department Special Olympics of Missouri Car Show was scheduled for April 2, 2022. The event was postponed due to weather and has been rescheduled for May 7, 2022.

Loafers 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show will be taking place on May 6 & 7, 2022 in Hannibal, Missouri.

Rockwood Summit High School Bio-Diesel Program will be planning their car show this year. I have taken the lead on this event again this year. I took it over from Karen Mericle in 2018. The date is Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The show will be at the High School as in the past. The last time we did this show we had 25 cars. It would be great to go bigger this year. As a side note, to help the cause for the school program, I have invited the Gateway Camaro Club to this event. This will be a great showing for the club as well as Jim Butler, our club sponsor. I have also reserved the same parking spots as I did in 2019 for us to set up as a club. And it's the closest spaces to the food and restrooms.

Pacific Car Show/Car Cruise is happening on June 25, 2022. This is an opportunity for the CLUB to put ourselves out there in front of a lot of people. They draw 4-6,000 people every year and block off about 8 city blocks of streets. This is a great opportunity for the Club and I would like to see a huge turnout of our members. Larry will go into further detail about this later.

## *President's Report Continued.....*

Please follow Groupworks for more details on all of these events and more.

The suggestion /USO Donation Box is at the door. So if anyone has an extra buck or two or if you have any suggestion, complaints or other thoughts, please drop me a note in the box.

John and Yvonne Renz participated in the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Rolla recently and were the first to use the new vinyl cling logos. They had some issues with them clinging, and John thinks it may be the ceramic coating on his car. I'm hoping this won't be an issues moving forward. We'll see. I haven't uncovered mine yet to try it.

Last month the Club portion of the 50/50 raffle (\$83.00) was designated to go to Wounded Warrior Foundation. I will prepare a letter to send with our club donation. Sharon will mail the check.

I mentioned that I would accept suggestions from members for charitable organizations to donate to. I would like to do this every other month, as I think the bulk should go to the USO fund for snacks and treats for the military. With that, tonight's Club portion of the 50/50 will be going to the USO at Lambert Airport. Cheryl and Esther will also be accepting additional donations from members tonight for the USO. They will use the donations for the purchase of snacks and goodies for the troops going through the USO at Lambert. Please be generous in our endeavors to provide this for the men and women of our armed forces. I know a few people that volunteer at the USO and they have made me aware of the Clubs donations and are extremely grateful for our donations.

I will open up any of the topics I talked about later in the meeting for questions or comments from the members during the open discussion.

Thank you again for your support and let's work together to make 2022 a banner year for the Club.



**Jason & Becky Messenger 5/4 8 Years**  
**Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn 5/4 54 Years**  
**David & Carol Peeples 5/6 23 Years**

# Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

## April, 2022



The meeting was called to order at 7:31 pm by **President Ken Schaeffler**.

Sgt. At Arms **Tom Nickelson** led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken introduced the Club officers and volunteers.

Ken presented his opening statement– Please read the Presidents Report.

Ken presented the Honorary Member framed certificates for Byrle Layman and Don and Judi Delonjay.

He announced the new location for the next meeting in May. It is the Dogwood Social Club on Manchester Road. He announced that we have 42 members in attendance this evening.

Ken then turned the meeting over to **Sharon Young** for the Treasurer's report. The report was accepted by Sidney Hirsch (spelled correctly) and seconded by Dennis Osterhorn.

Ken then made a motion to accept the March meeting minutes as published in the Vette Gazette. It was seconded by Rick Poepping and Randy Vollmer

Ken then turned the meeting over to Admin Assistant **Larry Dann**. The St. Anthony High School has its raffle for a new Corvette for \$20. Otherwise, we have no other mail for the club.

Ken then turned the meeting over to Membership Chair **John Miceli**. He told us we have 66 paid members with 54 associate members for a total of 120 total members. He also mentioned he had met some folks in the parking lot with Corvettes and said they may come to a future meeting. Apparently Rick was doing a mini membership drive.

Ken turned the floor over to **Esther Brewer**, our Out-Reach Volunteer. She reported that Don Delonjay had been admitted to the Woodlands of Arnold for rehabilitation. Judi, who has been experiencing renal failure, is doing better. She has a "visiting angel" who helps her immensely two days per week. Ann Nickelson reported Jan Flader is doing really well and is able to get out and drive, grocery shop, etc. Doug Flader is not doing any better. He has lost 60 lbs and unfortunately it is all muscle mass that he has lost. He very well may have to have knee, back, and hip surgery in the near future. Steve Willis is taking it one day at a time. He is still doing his Chemotherapy but it takes all of his energy out of him and he has to rest for a few days after each treatment. He then has to continue treatment every six weeks for the next two years. He is working his physical therapy and is hoping to be walking in 2-4 weeks. Jama Rendall has broken her leg at the Lake of the Ozarks. Ian said she had to have surgery and she is doing better. Karen Mericle said Dick does what he can do but gets tired in 15-20 minutes and has to rest. She also said if you would like to visit, you are welcome. Tom Messina is recovering quickly after his hip replacement. Mike DeRienzo updated us about Erv Bleitner. He has had a stroke and is recovering slowly. He is walking and talking. He and Sharon have decided to sell their C7R Corvette.

Ken then turned the meeting over to **Rick Poepping**, our awesome National Corvette Museum Ambassador. He told us about the damage at the Corvette museum/plant from the recent tornadoes. His report can be read in the NCM section of the Vette Gazette.

Ken then asked about first time visitors or new members. John Miceli introduced Joe Vitale as a new member. Joe is a retired US Air Force Lt. Colonel and owns a black C5 Corvette.

Ken then asked there were any birthdays, anniversaries, or new additions. Art and Jeanette Delhougne said they had purchased a Torch Red C7 Z06 with 3500 miles. Cheryl Osterhorn said she was celebrating her 76th birthday.

## Meeting Minutes Continued.....

There was no Jim Butler Chevrolet Update for April.

Ken then introduced **Ann Nickelson-Jennings**, Vice President, for upcoming events.

Ann provided a detailed list of upcoming car shows and parades. Notably, is the May 14, Rockwood Summit HS Bio Diesel show, the May 21 Spinal Bifada rides at Babler Park, the Memorial Day Parade in Alton hosted by Carol and Fred Gronemeier, and the June 25, Pacific Partnership Car Show. Tom Nickelson announced a Sausage dinner at his church for the Gethsemane Lutheran church on Sunday April 24. Judy Silvagni is still sponsoring the monthly Wednesday night dinners on the third Wednesday of the month. The ice cream socials are at 6:30 every Sunday evening. Lambert's will be rescheduled for this Fall sometime.

John M. then reported that we have a new member who has a 1953 and 1954 Corvette.

**Ken then opened the floor for Old Business.** He reported that we had donated \$100 to the Junior Research Foundation, \$350 to Backstoppers, and that we had \$148 in the kitty for the USO so far.

Dennis Osterhorn asked for Fred and Carol Gronemeier that you please email Fred –NOT through Groupworks– if you are attending the Memorial Day Parade and dinner at their home in Alton. fredgronemeier@sbcglobal.net

**Ken then opened the floor for New Business.**

Frank Visconti reported about the upcoming Fun Fest at Mid-America Motorworks in Effingham, IL. The theme this year is 'Clubs'. If you have never attended this event it has some incredible entertainment, information sessions, swag, and car parts for sale or even installation. Registration is only \$19!

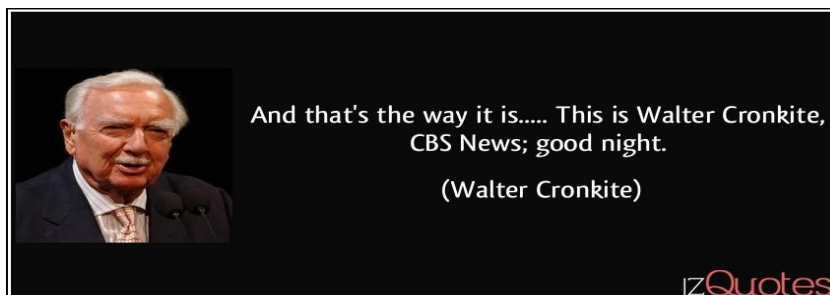
Larry Dann then spoke about the upcoming Pacific Partnership Car Show. The classes have been narrowed down to 28 classes. We added a Corvette class, a Mustang class, and a Camaro class. We are actively looking for members to volunteer for the show. We will be judging the cars as they enter the show. There will be 3 plaques per class; First place, and two runners up. The date is June 25th. Judging will be from 7-11 am and the trophy presentation will be at 2 pm. The event takes place all day with food, drink, music, and fireworks. Our club has the entire 3 block entrance area to park our cars and put up our information booth and banner. The Pacific Partnership will donate two \$1000 scholarships to students wishing to pursue a career in auto-technology on the behalf of the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis for our efforts.

Ann Jennings reported about the trip to Sullivan to see the Shamrock Court Motel neon sign relighting ceremony. This is a motel from the heyday of Route 66 that is being completely restored by Rich Dinkela, the president of the Route 66 Association of Missouri. There were approximately 600-700 people in attendance. That concluded the new business and discussion.

Ken then read a thank you letter from a 10 year old Benjamin with the Juvenile Diabetes Association. Ken also mentioned how much the USO appreciates the donations we make from the OCC.

Tom Nickelson then drew the 50/50. The pot was \$164. Valerie Brendel won \$82 and donated half back to the club for the USO.

A motion to adjourn was made by Rich Brewer and seconded by Judy Silvagni. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.







## From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

### 1.) Loafers Car show- Hannibal

May 6-7 Limited to 350 cars, 30 judged classes including specific Corvette classes. 3 trophies for each class, 8 special awards, door prizes, if you pre-register you get a t shirt and a special invite to a bbq on Friday night. \$25.00 entry fee. contact info is 573-822-2927 or [acwply@gmail.com](mailto:acwply@gmail.com) (Dennis)

### 2.) Bash at NCM in April- information on website

### 3.) Byrnes Mill Police Dept. show- Saturday May, 7 (Ken)

### 4.) Wednesday Night Dinner- Wednesday May, 11- Red Robin in Gravois Bluffs (Judy)

### 5.) Rockwood Summit HS Bio-Diesel Car Show- Saturday May, 14 (Ken)

### 6.) Spinal Bifada Rides- Babler Park- Saturday May, 21 (Karen)

### 7.) Alton Memorial Day Parade- Monday May, 30 (Carol and Fred Gronemeier)

### 8.) Lone Star Corvette Classic - Fort Worth

June 10-12 information on website

### 9.) 20th Annual Pacific Partnership OCC Car Show- Saturday June, 25 (Larry)

### 10.) Chevys Silent Auction- September - Raises money for charity to be announced- start getting donations

### 11.) Mid America Motorworks Funfest- September, 16-18 (Frank)

### 12.) OCC Annual Picnic- Sunday October, 2 (Larry) NOTE: Looking for themes that you would like to have!

### 13.) Reoccurring events that start in April-

A.) Sonic every Friday

B.) Faith Church Sunset Hills First Friday of each month

C.) Fritz ice cream - Valley Park 2nd Sunday of month @6:30

**Ann**

THE PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS:  
**The 20th Annual Car/Truck/Bike Show**  
 Downtown Pacific, MO  
 SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2022

REGISTRATION 8AM - NOON  
 \$20 Car/Truck/Bike Entry Fee  
 \$10 Display Only (no judging)  
 Judging at Registration Awards @ 1:30PM  
 25+ Car/Truck Classes  
 NEW - 4 Motorcycle Classes  
 Registration Entrance: Osage & Columbus  
 \*Trailer parking available - visit website for locations

**Block Party to Follow**  
 Kid's Zone Noon - 7PM  
 KSHE95 Live Broadcast - 11AM-1PM  
 Steven Woolley 2:30-4:30PM  
 Magnificent Mullets of Lonedell 5:15-7:15PM  
 PARALANDRA 8:00-10:45PM  
 FIREWORKS @ 9:30PM

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 In Association with the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

28 Exciting Classes

**The Pacific Car Show 2022**

1. Stock Car to 1954	17. Pro Street Cars/Trucks-ALL
2. Stock Car 1955-1963	18. Special Interest- Military, Race, Emergency- ALL
3. Stock Car 1964-1969	19. Rat Rod-ALL (modified class)
4. Stock Car 1970-1991	20. Jeep- Stock
5. Stock Car 1992-2004	21. Jeep- Modified
6. Stock Factory Muscle Car 1964-1984	22. Mustang- Stock- ALL
7. Stock Factory Muscle Car 1985-present	23. Mustang- Modified-ALL
8. Stock Truck- ALL	24. Tuner Car- Modified Class-ALL
9. T-Buckets	25. Camaro- Stock- ALL
10. Street Rods- ALL	26. Camaro- Modified- ALL
11. Modified Car- to 1963	27. Corvette- Stock- ALL
12. Modified Car- 1964-1969	28. Corvette- Modified- ALL
13. Modified Car- 1970-1991	
14. Modified Car- 1992-2004	<b>Specialty Awards</b>
15. Modified Car 2005-Present	Best of Show- Stock
16. Modified Truck- ALL	Best of Show- Modified
Modified equals more than 3 modifications	Sponsor's Choice
	Sponsor's Choice
	<b>Motorcycle Classes</b>
	Chopper
	Custom
	Touring
	Sponsor's Choice

## [The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[April 2022](#)



### Latest News:

Still, lots of Tornado cleanup going on in Bowling Green.

The sign at the corvette Plant is crooked, bent from wind

The Shell station at the entrance to the Museum Has no pumps and appears to be closed.

Motorsports Park is still repairing their main building and tower and I believe some of the garage areas are still in need of repair.

I will survey these areas and let you all know the status

### **2022 Michelin NCM Bash - April 28-30, 2022**

**Online/Advanced Registration closed this morning (4/12 9am CDT)**

**You can still register onsite in person**

**2023 Z06 will be there!**

**Still plenty to see. The Museum is a great place to visit. Even better when it is bustling with people, vendors and extra exhibits.**



**BRAND NEW Artifact Pit Stops with up close views of artifacts including the original**

**letter written to GM by Zora!**

**Historic Z06 & '63 Split Window Corvette Demonstration. Michelin Tire**

**Tech Talk: New C8 Z06/Z07 Tires and Corvette Racing with a Tire Giveaway**

**You can place your bid to be on the cover of America's Sports Car Magazine in the Live Auction!**

**Info I will bring back to you**

**Bowling Green Assembly Plant Update, Last Year's Parking Lot Banner.**

### **. Exhibit Special - Corvette Powered (current thru Bash 2022)**

What does it mean to be "Corvette Powered"? Visitors to the National Corvette Museum will have the opportunity to learn exactly what it means when they step into an exciting new exhibit by the same name: Corvette Powered. The exhibit showcases vehicles, specifically mid-century non-General Motors/non-Corvette vehicles, that utilized Corvette engines and drivelines

## NCM Report continued.....

### Can't join us in Bowling Green? Watch the virtual stream!

**April 28, 2022 @ 10:00 am – April 29, 2022 @ 4:00 pm**

VIRTUAL Bash Registration is \$25 per household. Virtual registration does not get you into ANY onsite activities or the Museum during the event weekend.

Virtual registration will provide access to the virtual feed of seminars and presentations Thursday April 28th & Friday April 29th.

If anyone wants me to purchase raffle tickets for them while I am there, I can:

**2023 Build Your Own Corvette or \$80,000 4/29/2022**

Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 908

Drawing: April 29, 2022 3:00 PM Central Time

**2022 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 4/30/2022**

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: April 30, 2022 3:00 PM Central Time

**2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 5/19/2022**

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1224

Drawing: May 19, 2022 2:00 PM Central Time



## Upcoming Museum in Motion Events

### **Museum In Motion Dragon Run – May 1-4, 2022**

Spring in the Smokies, Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore all combined in one great MiM tour. Once again, we hit the road, leaving Bowling Green and heading East to run the famous TN-129, aka Tail of the Dragon. This year again, we will be staying at the beautiful Biltmore Inn on the Biltmore Estate grounds. The Monday Biltmore visit includes a specially arranged early morning photo op of the cars in front of the manor house followed by breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café adjacent to the house. New friends will be made while enjoying one of the most beautiful areas of the country during the colorful spring season.

### **Branson Experience – May 31-June4, 2022**

Stay at the Hotel Grand Victorian. Centrally located on the 76 Strip, less than 3 miles from world class shopping at the Branson Landing, and walking distance from all the best shows, restaurants, and attractions. This MiM will include a day drive to beautiful Eureka Springs as well as a Dogwood Canyon drive. Enjoy 'The Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise and a Spectacular Branson show. Free time is also on the agenda to explore Branson as you wish!



## [NCM Report Continued.....](#)

### Motorsports Park Driving Events

Want to drive your corvette a bit more enthusiastically than what we get for Touring Laps? NCM Motorsports Park (MSP) HPDE and HPDI may be for you.

#### **HPDI** - High Performance Drivers Introduction - \$400 1 day (7:30 – 4:00)

The premise of the program will be small, concentrated groups cycling between a Lead/Follow on-track program paired with classroom sessions on what to expect from performance driving events, as well as teaching basic technique and terms needed for success in performance driving.

Drive your own vehicle – Convertibles need special consideration (ask me).

#### **HPDE** – High Performance Driving Event - \$550 2 Days

Our program has a different approach to driving events, investing more downtime into training and community, not just a pay to drive track-day. With a curriculum cultivated in partnership with pro driver Andy Pilgrim, the NCM HPDE helps retrain your approach and technique to performance driving to maximize the biggest variable in a car's performance. With special attention to the Performance Data Recorder.

This is a serious driving event. It requires a Helmet, closed toed shoes and long pants. No fooling around. Drive your own vehicle.

Convertibles must pass special safety requirements.



#### **National Corvette Museum**

350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY  
42010

(270) 781-7973

President: Sharon Brawner



## The Road Trip From



## Fred and Carol's 2022 Corvette Break-In Apocalypse.....

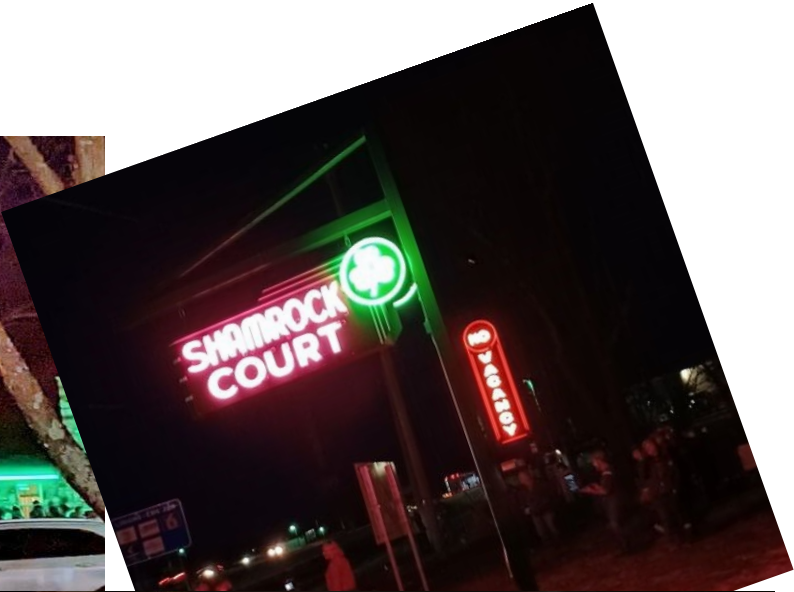
Hi all. Well we just got home from a 2700 mile trip and as I said at the meeting, up to that point our 13th Corvette had been unlucky 13. Nothing has changed. While in the parking garage in Myrtle Beach someone scraped something across the front of the car and tore the Clear Bra. Numb nuts at Clear Bra wants \$500 to replace that one piece. While in Panama City Beach it was so windy that the car has sand everywhere inside and out. Then on the way home today while driving 65 mph I hit an Armadillo. I'm sure I don't have to tell you how much damage one of the creatures can do to a Corvette. I sure hope it gets better when we go to Branson in two weeks. I forgot to add that on the way home today it got down to 37 degrees and we had a blizzard. Snowing so hard it was freezing on the windshield.



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April and March Happenings





## April Birthdays

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

## May Birthdays

Brenda Navratil 5/2  
Connie Finch 5/7  
Kelvin McMillin 5/15  
James Joyce 5/18  
Chris Davis 5/19  
Jane Buehler 5/21  
Bob Shissler 5/21  
Lois Yeager 5/22



**Happy Birthday to Everyone!**

**From all of your friends in the OCC!**



If you are in need of a new Corvette or vehicle of any type go and see our good friends at Jim Butler Chevrolet in Fenton in the Gravois Bluffs Complex!

## Corvette Trivia!!

The 2005 model first introduced the keyless access and start. It also featured headlights that didn't pop up, which hadn't been seen on a Corvette since 1962.

