

# The Vette Gazette

## OCC 2020 Board

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### OCC Website:

[www.occofstl.com](http://www.occofstl.com)



**It's NCM Bash Time,  
and Randy is in Love!!!**

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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 11, Meeting Location:**

Jilly's Café & Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road, High Ridge,  
MO 63049, Phone: (636) 449-4500

[www.jillyscafeandsteakhouse.com](http://www.jillyscafeandsteakhouse.com) (for directions, go to their  
website and click on "Contact Us" at the top of the page)

## The Presidents Report ... Dennis Osterhorn– April, 2021



Well, it is hard to believe that April is coming to an end. Then you hear **SNOW** in the forecast “WHAT”. They say the older you get, the time goes by faster, I believe this is true. I just wish this pandemic would come to a complete end and whatever the new normal is would get in place. It was nice to hear that many our members have completed their covid shots or getting their second one shortly. Also, we are seeing businesses opening up with minimal restrictions, mostly a mask to enter but then you can remove it once your seated. Starting to see they are seating up to 20 people in a party. Maybe we can get the Wednesday night dinners started again.

Speaking of opening up, the OCC just completed the 2021 St. Louis Auto Show at the dome. We had a great turn out with 15 cars and plenty of workers to cover the long hours. However, the walk from the parking garage to where our cars were located was a bit of hike, so we all got our exercise in for the day. It was an easy in and out location for staging the cars this year. There were 5 groups in the dome area, OCC had the second most cars, and this area ended up with more cars than the OEMs in the convention area. Good traffic overall and a lot of people wanting to know about the corvettes. Need to view the pictures posted in Groupworks. We did get a couple of inquiries about membership and did get a new member signed up and another going to mail in their application. A BIG thank you goes to Jim Ford for organizing this event for OCC. Also, not to forget those members willing to bring their cars down for the show and worked the show.

As I mentioned we had two new members at this month’s meeting Tom & Valerie (2005 C6 Victory Red Coupe), James and Sean (2020 C8 Yellow) we are glad to see them become part of the OCC.

As some of you may have noticed we did not have this month’s meeting on Zoom, the reason was we were showing slides of various events and with one computer it is a little hard to do both. As the weather is getting better, we may do less zoom meetings to encourage members to attend the meeting in person. The first meeting we did with zoom we only had 4 members join in.

A little update about Jilly’s: first of all, they are in the process of remodeling the room where we meet. The screen which we show slides and other presentations was taken down plus other items changed around. As I was told their going to do something with the ceiling, change some of the walls to brick, window changes and painting.

As you know, we are starting our annual 4 times per year trash pickup. Due to the rain on April 11<sup>th</sup>, it was postponed to the April 18<sup>th</sup>.

As always please watch Groupworks for the latest postings and events.

## April 2021 Meeting Minutes

Kenneth Schaeffler, Administrative Assistant



April 13, 2021

Meeting Location – Jilly's - 7:30

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

Board and Volunteers present: Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn, Randy Vollmer, Karen Mericle, , Esther Brewer & Ken Schaeffler

There were about 30+ members participating in the meeting as well. Thanks to those members for taking the time and making the effort to attend.

Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement:

First of all, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming out tonight at Jilly's for our April Meeting. Hopefully we have started to turn the corner and will see more attendance and enjoy those corvettes at upcoming meetings.

Mike and Suzanne are in California visiting with their daughter. Having to come home early due to COVID flight cancellations.

Ken Schaeffler put together the slide show being projected. It was put together for the Auto Show but things didn't pan out with electric.

Want to thank Jim Ford for another excellent jobs on the car show at the dome. There was a lot of activity downtown that weekend.

- A. Auto Show at the Dome
- B. Vaccination event the whole week
- C. Cardinals baseball
- D. Blues hockey

A special thanks to those who brought their cars to the Show.

Fred Gronemeier, Rich Brewer, Randy Vollmer, Doug Flader, Byrle Layman, Jim Ford, Dave Peeples, Ann Nickleson-Jennings, Tom Nicholson, Jason Messenger, Gary Messenger, Dick Mericle, Tom Messina and Cheryl Osterhorn.

Also, Thanks to all the members that came to work the show. Long hours.

Again, we would like to encourage those who have not paid their dues, please do so or let Mike and Suzanne if you will be dropping out.

It was necessary to reschedule our first trash pickup of 2021. See Groupworks for update.

The OCC Banner for 2021 is flying at the NCM ready for the 2021 BASH. There is a picture on Groupworks. Check it out. And a special Thanks to Byrle for the donation to the NCM of \$500.00 to have the OCC Banner hung at the NCM for another year.

Please watch Groupworks for upcoming events.

The OCC Board and I are always looking for ways to get more members to attend the meetings. So again "THANK YOU" for attending our monthly meetings.

### **TREASURERS REPORT – Cheryl Osterhorn**

Cheryl presented her report to the members. Motion to accept was made by Rich Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Peebles.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Ken Schaeffler**

Ken read a thank you card from St. Jude Children's Research Hospital from The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis in the memory of Pauline Stine, mother of Karen Mericle. Thoughts and prayers are with the family

### **MEMBERSHIP – Cheryl Osterhorn** (Presented for Mike and Suzanne in their absence)

We currently have 73 paid members and 68 associate members. Total membership is 127.

### **OUTREACH – Esther Brewer**

Bob Shissler is doing great. Don DeLonjay is in the hospital

### **NCM REPORT – Byrle Layman**

Pre-Registration for the Live Bash is now closed

- i. Virtual Sessions are available:  
April 22, 2021 @ 10:00 AM  
April 23, 2021 @ 9:00 AM

(Includes all sessions for Thursday and Friday. Also included with the virtual registration is the "Hall of Fame" induction ceremony on Friday night.

A full seminar schedule will be available soon.

MIM (Museum In Motion) National Parks Tour September 19, 2021.

Registration is open.

There are 7 National Parks on the drive west, including Painted Desert, Petrified Forest and Meteor Crater. Byrle, Brian Jennings and Tom Dierkes went last year. A great time and much fun.

CLUB BANNERS are flying high at the NCM. The new banners are in place. The NCM website has Pictures and a map showing the locations of all the banners. OCC banner is at Location #19 on one of the main parking lots. Looks great. Old banners are ready for pickup.

BRANSON EXPERIENCE June 1 thru 5, 2021. There is a wait list available.

VETS N VETTES – November, 2021. Dates to be determined. This is a fun and popular event.

There is much more to see and do at the NCM. Check it out on the web – [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org) for all the news and events.

### **NEW MEMBERS/1<sup>st</sup> time visitors**

The club welcomes new members tonight

Tom and Valerie Brendle; 2008 Mercury Red Coupe

James Joyce & Sean Shannon; 2020 Accelerator Yellow Coupe

### **Birthdays / Anniversaries / New Addition**

Birthday - Cheryl Osterhorn

Anniversary – Fred and Carol Gronemeier

### **Jim Butler Update**

Bill “FUZZ” Steinlage provided information about production of the new Corvettes and the hold-ups at the plant. Still waiting on Smart Chips.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS – Gary Messenger**

Nothing to report in Gary’s absence. Please see Groupworks for upcoming events.

### **ST. LOUIS AUTO SHOW – Jim Ford**

The show was a success with 15 members cars on display. We were in the Dome this year. OCC has participated in the St. Louis Auto Show since 1997. Jim stated the show will probably go back to the January date next year. Jim thanked everyone for displaying their cars and their help with the show. Jim also stated that this would be his last year organizing the show.

### **New Business Discussion**

NCM Bash – Leaving for Bowling Green on Thursday morning, April 22, 2021

Witness Distillery – Saturday, May 15, 2021 in Vandalia, Illinois. Fred and Carol Gronemeier are the organizers for this event. The event is also listed on Groupworks.

Alton Memorial Day Parade – Fred Gronemeier will have details and meeting times prior to the event

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade through Downtown St. Louis – Dennis Osterhorn will be coordinating this event. Details forthcoming.

### **Attendance Prize**

Eric Stephens won this month’s prize of \$50.00

Motion to adjourn was made by Karen Mericle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Carol Gronemeier

Meeting adjourned at 8:30



**The Alton Illinois Memorial Day Parade is always a great time. The crowds are huge and really appreciate the Corvettes being there. Of course, Fred and Carol Gronemeier are always the ultimate host and hostess with a party in the home after the parade! May 31, 2021.**



# *The National Corvette Museum Report*

## *By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador*



April 2021. Ambassadors Newsletter Report.

This month I decided to do something a little different. As you may know I have always been inspired by the educational outreach programs offered by the NCM.

I am highlighting some of the programs and how you and OCC can help to support these very worthwhile programs.

The NCM is actively building its reputation as an educational facility.. Below are a few of the programs that are offered and how you can be involved.

**MECHANICS** \$20.0 PER STUDENT INCLUDES ADMISSION..

A two class where students of all ages will learn basic car care from changing a tire to checking fluids in an engine, changing head light bulbs and more.

**SPECIAL EMPHASIS TOURS** GROUP TOUR RATES APPLY. Carrere Awareness..

During this tour students meet with our professional staff and discuss their carrier requirements and job opportunities.

**MUSICAL PERFORMANCE.** NCM provides an outlet for choirs, bands and ensembles to not only take a tour of the NCM but to showcase their musical talents. **SCOUTS,** Includes museum tour and scavenger hunt with a "fun" patch for completing it.

**CLASSROOM OUTREACH.**

The museum takes to the road to visit the classroom in one of the NCM Corvettes. They speak about the museum and how to be safe passengers with the "Back Seat Driver program.

**TEACHER RESOURCES:**

NCM provides not only automotive activities for the classroom but also lesson plans for always changing exhibits and displays.

**WAYS WE CAN HELP**

Fund a field trip. It is becoming increasingly difficult for schools to fund learning opportunities outside the classroom. With our help it is possible to send students on a field trip to the Museum that cannot afford to take trips.. Our contributions goes toward admission, box lunches and /or transportation. \$300,00 funds a single classroom, \$1000,00 funds An entire grade,

**HOT WHEELS/MATCHBOX CARS,**

The future of Corvette starts with the kids. What better way to spark that excitement than to send kids home with a toy Corvette? Whether a few or a hundred they are appreciated and make some great little guys smile.

As always be safe out there and don't forget to WAVE.



# St Louis Auto Show 2021







Jason Messenger



Dave Peebles



Fred and Carol Grönemeier



Gary Messenger



Dick and Karen Mericle



Tom Messina



Tom Nickelson

**The 'Stars of the Show' all assembled at the Dome for the St. Louis Auto Show 2021!**  
**A huge heartfelt THANK YOU to all who brought your Corvettes out and worked the Show.**



## May Birthdays

Frank Visconti 5/6  
Connie Finch 5/7  
Sharon Bleitner 5/9  
Dan Turner 5/14  
James Joyce 5/18  
Kelvin McMillin 5/15  
Jane Buehler 5/21  
Bob Shissler 5/21  
Suzanne Koenen 5/22  
Lois Yeager 5/22

## April Birthdays

Mike Manzelli 4/1  
Larry Dann 4/2  
Darlene Williams 4/2  
Cheryl Osterhorn 4/10  
Joe Stanton 4/13  
Fred Gronemeier 4/14  
Jerry Wilson 4/17  
Vince Miles 4/22

## Corvette Trivia!!

Side mounted exhaust systems first appeared in 1965.



**Happy Birthday to Everyone!**

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

**JIM BUTLER**  
JimButlerChevrolet.com 

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!

