

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2020 Board

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www.occofstl.com



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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: **September, 8** **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)

Sept. meeting is tentative depending on CDC guideline

The Presidents Report: Dennis Osterhorn

I want to take this opportunity to thank those members who came out for the August 11th meeting. It was a good turn out in view of the unusual circumstances with COVID 19. All safety precautions were taken. Thanks to Esther on the updates about members who under the weather Don DeLonjay and his ongoing thereby, Art Delhounge addressing his eye situation, Bob Shissler on the road to recovery and thereby and Byrle Layman on his test for his heart. Please keep these members in your thoughts and prayers. Please see the Groupworks posts to get the full information. We went through the "NEW" Website and based on the comments everyone seems pleased to the new look and amount of information describing the OCC for potential new candidates to join. We are in the process of getting the domain transfer to Go Daddy we should be totally complete in about 3 to 5 days. Also, at the last meeting Herb Clark addressed the utilization of the word Associate about being a member. Please see the groupworks post that defines the possible update to the words that will ultimately once approved by the members will go in the by-laws. These changes will be in this newsletter and again addressed in the September meeting then voted in the October meeting. Look forward to seeing you all at the September meeting. And as always please check Group works for new updates on a event.

Dennis



OCC Meeting Minutes.....

Kenneth Schaeffler



August 11, 2020, 7:30 PM Meeting Location – Jilly’s Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn Tom led the Pledge of Allegiance Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement: Dennis introduced the Board Members present. Board members present: Dennis O., Ken S., Cheryl O., Mike K., Larry D., Karen M., Esther B., and Randy V. Welcome back to everyone and to those here for the first time since pandemic. We need to really thank Danny for getting things back open for us to have our meetings. Would appreciate we support him and his staff. Not much new news as there is still a lot of cancellations of events. We will have a presentation of the new website later by Dennis O. and Ken S. They took on the task of setting up a GoDaddy account and have worked for the past three weeks getting the site together to present tonight. Herb Clark will make a presentation concerning the term Associate Member in the By-Laws. Also please note that all of Jilly’s employees are wearing masks while in the room with us, very much appreciated. As I mentioned on Groupworks and the club Yahoo site if you do not feel comfortable coming to these meetings “PLEASE” stay home. Even now if this setting is bothering you can leave, I understand. We have several items to discuss on the agenda tonight:

- Ann Jennings Resigned as Treasure for personal reasons. In accordance with the Club’s Approved Bylaws is the following: SECTION 3: RESIGNATION OR VACANCY In the event an officer resigns or has to vacate office before his/her term expires, a majority of the remaining officers shall appoint someone to fill the office for the remainder of the term. In that light I appointed Cheryl Osterhorn to fill the remaining time as Treasure, I am trying to make this change as seamless as possible to the club. This has been approved by the officers of OCC with a vote by e-mail. The vote was in accordance to the bylaws
- Cheryl Osterhorn presented the treasurers Report. A motion was made by Karen Mericle to accept, seconded by Mary Heely.
- There will be” NO” more Wednesday night dinners due to the current situation and the restrictions placed by the restaurants in accordance with State and local coun-

ties mandates. Report by Doug and Jan Flader

- It was also determined there will be “NO” Annual OCC picnic this year. At this time, we are waiting to determine if we should have our annual Christmas party at Orlando’s. Comment was made, saw considerable decrease last year’s attendance and not sure why.
- Esther said Bob Shissler is doing therapy 3 days/week. Bob said thanks for the prayers, calls, etc. Art is still dealing with his eye problems so keep him in your prayers.
- Mike gave the membership report. 89 members / 70 Associate members. 159 total.
- In Byrle’s absence, Dennis presented the highlights of his NCM report. The full report will be posted in the upcoming newsletter. • The next trash day is August 23, 2020 at 8:00 AM.
- Ron Londe had his new Silver 2020 there and it was awesome looking.
- Herb Clark made his presentation for eliminating the title of “Associate Member”. Instead of the spouse being referred to as the “Associate” all members would be treated and referred to as “Members”.

The proposal to change the OCC ByLaws is: A membership in the OCC is a single membership, or a membership for a couple. “A Couple” would include married couples, partners, and those in a relationship as long as they are residing at the same address. All rights of the OCC would be available to both members as long as they own a Corvette. If they sell the Corvette, they will continue to members as long as they keep their Membership Dues up to date. OPTIONAL: The term “Associate Member” would be for those who wish to be part of the OCC but do NOT own a Corvette. The Associate member has no voting right. Sponsors and those who contribute to the OCC could become Associate Members.

Dues would be determined by the OCC Officers. This will be up for discussion at the September meeting. As with any change to the ByLaws, it will be necessary for ALL members to vote on any change.

Dennis and Ken presented the new website to the members present. They used the GoDaddy “Website Builder” available as a free trial and then decided to sign up, as the tools available made the process pretty easy. The website presented had a “Home Page” as well as the History of the Club, a sponsor page, Club Events page (calendar), photos and link to news-

letters, membership application. They told members the temporary IP address to view the website originalcorvetteclub.com, until GoDaddy can transfer the new site to the existing IP address www.occofstl.com. It was also noted that the GoDaddy “Website Builder” creates a smart phone version at the same time. A number of members were logged on at the meeting. The presentation was received well by the members. Dennis stated that he would initiate the transfer of the domain name on Wednesday. (At the time of preparing these minutes, there was a minor glitch They used the GoDaddy “Website Builder” available as a free trial and then decided to sign up, as the tools available made the process pretty easy. The website presented had a “Home Page” as well as the History of the Club, a sponsor page, Club Events page (calendar), photos and link to newsletters, membership application. They told members the temporary IP address to view the website originalcorvetteclub.com, until GoDaddy can transfer the new site to the existing IP address www.occofstl.com. It was also noted that the GoDaddy “Website Builder” creates a smart phone version at the same time. A number of members were logged on at the meeting. The presentation was received well by the members. Dennis stated that he would initiate the transfer of the domain name on Wednesday. (At the time of preparing these minutes, there was a minor glitch with the transfer, but it is straightened out and the process is moving forward.). Hopefully, it will be up and running by August 20, 2020.

- The Vets n Vettes event at the NCM is still To Be Determined. • The Jim Butler Cars show has been cancelled.
- St. John Gildehaus sausage dinner is October 25, 2020
- There was no 50/50 drawing this month. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM by motion from Larry Dann, seconded by Randy Vollmer.

Submitted by Kenneth Schaeffler.... OCC Administrative



[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

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Well the Covid 19 still plays havoc on the country and the ability to do certain things. But as I have seen most people are making the best they can out of a bad situation. Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn went to Bowling Green KY Aug 2nd through the 4th for a vette run and see something different than St Louis. They mentioned that there were several changes to the museum including a new Rat Fink display of cars. While they were there, they witness the drawing of a 2019 corvette. If you ever wonder about the drawing for these cars, this whole process is out in the open for everyone there to witness. A gentleman from New York won, and when they called him to let him know, he was not sure this was an official call from the NCM. In addition, there were around 9 - 2020's being delivered and a lot of big smiles as they drove through the tunnel. Another key factor about the trip was between the Drury Hotel and the museum both did a great job of keeping things constantly clean in addition the local restaurants follow all guidelines. To top their trip was chance to get on the track to participate in a ride along with some exotic cars. John Carver a member of OCC works for Extreme Exotic cars as an instructor and driver. So, they had chance to go out in Lamborghini and Dodge Hemi while of course John drove with speeds over 130 mph. The track event would cost anywhere from \$299.00 to 799.00 depending if you were riding or driving and it was only 3 laps. Driving to Bowling Green and back to St. Louis was about 85% rain both ways actual time there was good.

Several Key events coming up next month:

1. Registration Open for 1-Lap of Kentucky 4 dates are available

Enjoy fall in the mountains of Eastern Kentucky! This year's Kentucky State Police-led 'One Lap' event includes visits to Corbin (home of Col. Sanders, of KFC fame), Paintsville, Pikeville, Benham, Whitesburg, Cumberland, Winchester, and Slade. The trip will take participants to some of the most beautiful sights including Natural Bridge and Kingdom Come State Parks, plus unique Kentucky attractions including the Bluegrass Heritage Museum, Coal Mining Museum, Big Sandy Heritage Museum, Austin City Saloon and J. Spanky Bunch Art Gallery plus a bourbon tasting session. Kentucky is known for its food and there is no short of that with many local favorites to enjoy throughout the trip.



NCM Report Continued.....

2. Celebrate NCM's 26th Anniversary September 3rd-5th

In just weeks we will welcome enthusiasts to NCM for the 26th Anniversary Celebration. While this year's event will look a little different from past events, the content and camaraderie will be what you have come to love from Museum events.

The Museum has implemented a number of measures to keep our guests safe, including the option to attend seminars outdoors, spread out seating indoors with chairs being wiped down between seminars, additional road tours giving the option to socially distance in your own car, hand sanitizing stations throughout the museum and encouraging the use of masks when it's difficult to socially distance.

In addition to on-site activities, we are once again offering a virtual component to the event - giving you the opportunity to tune in to seminars from home! Many of the seminars will be delivered live, but via SKYPE or ZOOM, allowing for Q&A and other interaction among guests.

3. MIM Branson experience, Sept 8, thru September 12. I did this event it was a fun time.

As always check the National Corvette Museum web page for more details and prices.

4. The Vets n Vettes has yet to be determined if this a go TBD

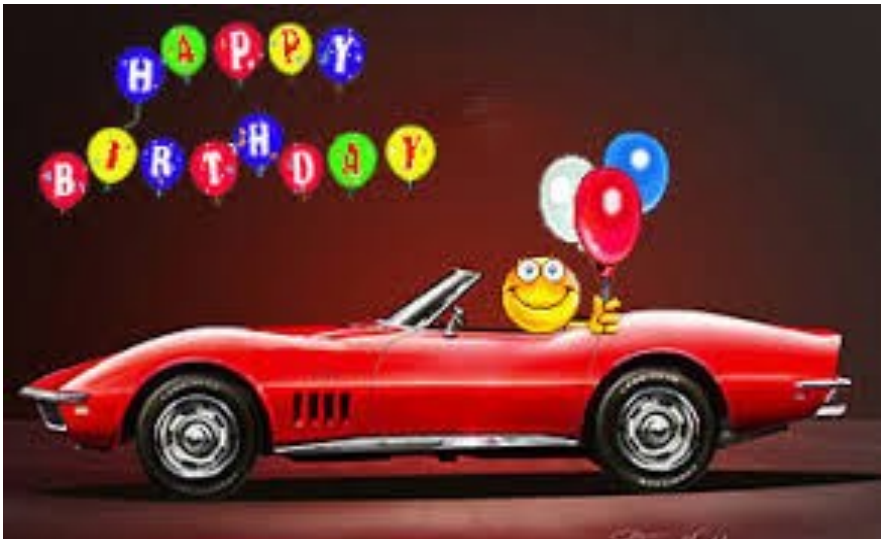
As I always say, "be safe out there and don't forget to wave."

Submitted by Byrle Layman– OCC NCM Ambassador



August
Birthdays!

- Mary Morgan– 8/4
- Norma Bahr– 8/5
- Jack Buehler– 8/13
- Larry Strathman– 8/15
- Richard Renz– 8/16
- Jama Rendell– 8/17
- Eric Stephens– 8/19
- Pat Clark– 8/25
- Don DeLonjay– 8/25
- Jim Lanzafame– 8/26



Happy Birthday to Everyone!
From all of your friends in
the OCC!

September
Birthdays!

- Julie Willis– 9/2
- Jim Ford– 9/3
- Sidney Hirsch- 9/6
- Cindy Stephens- 9/6
- Dennis Osterhorn– 9/9
- Carol Peeples– 9/12
- Mike De Rienzo– 9/23
- Dick Mericle– 9/23
- Tom Messina– 9/29



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.....

Want the rarest Corvette? In 1953 the first two Corvettes, VINs 0001 and 0002, were said to have been destroyed, but no records prove that fact and there are no witnesses to the destruction. Who knows? They still might be out there some-



Some Really Brand New Additions!!!!!! Wow, What a Machine!!!

Ron Londe's Silver C8.

\What a Beauty! Beautiful photos Ron.



Congratulations on the New Additions !

Rick and Liz Ann Mestre's Red C8. Born to be a classic! Lil' Red Corvette!



National Get Out and Drive Day

**October 4,
2020.....**

Herb Clark



October 4th is the National designated Get Out and Drive Day. I am planning to put together a cruise either down Route 66, or through Southern Illinois. I want to drive both courses again to make a selection. Both are nice cruising routes. Realistically we can only accommodate 20-25 cars. I will make lunch reservations along the way once we have the course decision... and when I know how many would like to participate.

For fun we will play a camera "Trivial Pursuit" game.

So, I am asking any of you who might like to be a part of this National event to let me know, and I will put you on the list. I hope to make the course decision in the next week...your thoughts?

Sponsored by Herb Clark





September 2020 By Laws updates

Section 2 Membership Status

Current:

- A. Primary - Any person duly approved, as provided for in SECTION 1 of this article and having paid the required dues in accordance with Section 3. **NO CHANGE**
- B. **Associate – an additional member designated by duly approved active primary member. CHANGE** see under new item B
- C. Charter - All members who organized the Club on July 21, 1979. **NO CHANGE**
- D. Honorary - Any person who had commended themselves to club esteem and/or has been named an Honorary Member by a majority vote of club members present at any regular meeting. **NO CHANGE**

Reason for change:

The Following proposal is to change the OCC Bylaws: Currently the bylaws membership allows for a member to choose an “Associate Member” to be a part of the “Member’s” membership. This is unclear in many ways as to their status and functionality. The name “Associate” also is offensive or downgrading to many. In most cases the OCC Member’s spouse, or partner is the ‘Associate’ The following amendment would allow for all Members and their spouse, or partner to be equally called “Members” of the OCC. The proposal is to change the current bylaws to simply state:

B. A membership to the OCC is a single membership, or a membership for a couple. A couple would include married couples, partners, and those in a relationship, or if their name is on the title. All the rights of the OCC Club would be available to both Members as long as they still own a Corvette. If they sell their Corvette, they could continue to be members as long as they keep their membership dues up to date.

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES Effective January 2018 membership dues for Corvette owner members shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per member annually to include **an associate couple membership**. Dues are to be paid at or before the December meeting. Members who have not submitted their dues by February **28th 1 st** of the current year will be suspended from the organization and no longer have privileges. Honorary members and club sponsors are exempt from these dues. New members joining after July 1, will pay \$20.00 for the balance of the calendar year. Lapsed members will pay thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) any time during the year.

Honorary members are entitled to all club privileges except the right to vote or hold office.

SECTION 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

D. Election of officers shall be determined by a majority of the valid ballots (**paper and /or show of hands**) cast at the **December November** meeting. **Primary and associate** Active members for a period of less than three months or non-paid members shall be ineligible to vote.

E. An Active **primary or associate** members for a period exceeding three months shall be eligible to run for any office, but only one office. Members shall be allowed to run as a team for the office of President and Vice-President, only if they choose to do so.

Section 11: OUT REACH VOLUNTEER The Club may ask for a Volunteer (**a member / associate member**) to handle Outreach duties. These duties would include the following:

1) Send get well cards to members and associate members when notified of hospitalization or surgeries.

2) Flowers will be sent on loss of club member, **associate member** or immediate family (defined as parents, spouses and children). Floral arrangements are limited to \$75 for members **or associate** members excluding delivery charges. Floral arrangements are limited to \$50 for immediate family excluding delivery charges.

These changes in no way affect our Dues or other items of the Bylaws.

One other change that needs to be corrected to fall in line with another section regarding elections is:

SECTION 2: ELECTION OF OFFICERS

C. Elections shall be held at the **December November** meeting. Nominations shall not be reopened at the December meeting.

Items denoted in **RED** are the current item to be changed.