

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

August , 2022 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2022 Board

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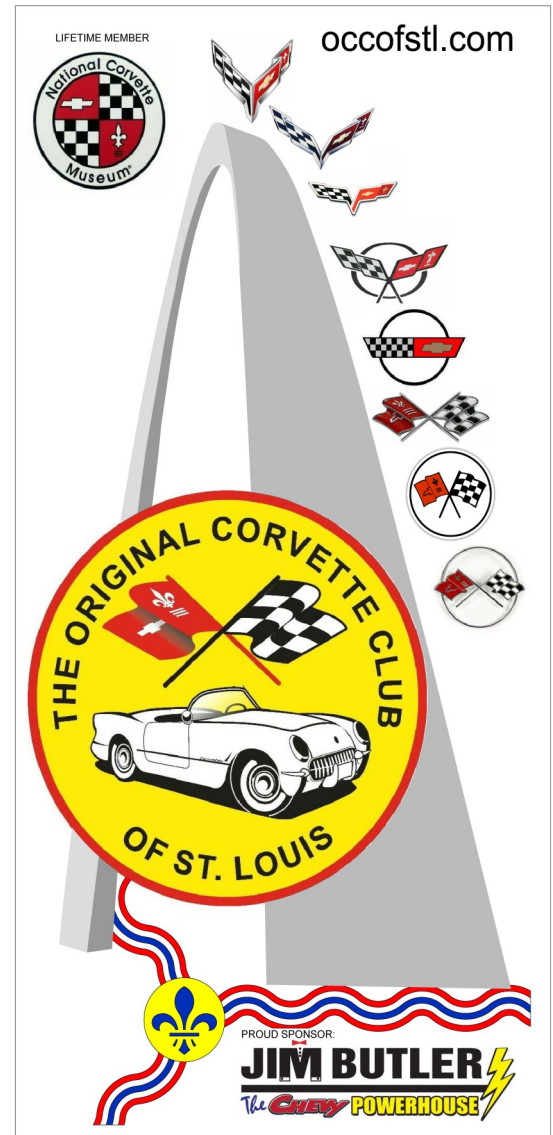
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OCC Meetings: Are held on the **2nd Tuesday of every Month** and are open to all members and guests.

Our Next Meeting Will Be: **Sept. 13, 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**

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis



CORVETTE

July 12, 2022

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

At the July meeting we had 38 members present.

And we had 15 cars that came early for the meet & greet on the parking lot. Thanks to all that participated.

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

I want to thank Ann for taking over for the July meeting in my absence.

As everyone is aware, I set out on a 3,926-mile road trip with the Pinnacle being at the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School in Pahump, Nevada. What an experience it was. I went through 10 states (Missouri twice). I'll talk about the trip later in the meeting.

It's been a busy month. Members met for Wednesday dinner at Bandana's, went to LaChance Winery in Kimswick to help Valerie celebrate her birthday and, had ice cream Sunday at Dairy Queen on S. Lindbergh. Thanks to Judi, Valerie and John and Yvonne Renz for organizing these events.

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

America's Birthday Parade was a success. I received an email from the parade committee thanking OCC for participating again this year. I also spoke of the Thanksgiving Day parade for this year and they are happy to have us back. I'm hoping this year we can do what has not been done before, and provide 8 generations of Corvettes in the parade. I want to thank Bill Prewitt again for helping to carry the banner. We believe it was a success, as we both had a number of people call and state that they saw us and the banner. I will be searching for a couple members to carry the banner for the parade. I am also working on small banners for the cars to designate the year and generation of the car. Also, we typically need to provide 5-6 convertibles to transport VIP's and dignitaries.

I have a couple of other events that I will talk about later as well.

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

Last month the Club portion of the 50/50 raffle (\$69.00) was designated to go to the USO Fund. Dave Dalton was the winner in June. Congratulations to Dave.

Byrle won the second drawing for 4 tickets to a Cardinal game. Congratulations Byrle.

I want to thank the members that participated in the procession for Erv Blietner.

On June 27, 2022, I called an Executive Board meeting to discuss a number of topics of concern. The Executive Board has made some changes and recommendations to the By-Laws. I will go into those later in the meeting.

I sent an email to Brad Sowers reaching out to him on a number of topics. First was to invite him to the Club Picnic and the Christmas Party. I will talk about other things we discussed as part of the Executive Board meeting topics.

Thank you again for your support and let's keep working towards a great 2022.

Sundaes
On
Sunday!



The next "Sundaes on Sundays" is at 6:30pm on Sunday August 28th at the Dairy Queen at 6070 S. Lindbergh Blvd 63123. Please RSVP on Groupworks so Mike Koenen can get a good headcount and try to get an area large enough for the group. Yvonne and I will be touring Colorado at that time so Mike has graciously stepped up to take the lead. Be there or be square! Regards, John Renz

Wednesday Night Dinner for September

At this time the date is Sept 21. Location to be announced. Watch in Groupworks for the updates.

Judy Silvagni

Happy
August
Everyone



BACK TO SCHOOL

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

August, 2022



The meeting was called to order promptly at 7:30 by President Ken Schaeffler.

Sgt. at Arms, Tom Nickelson led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken then introduced the OCC Board and Volunteers. Ann Nickelson was absent as she and Brian were moving into their new home.

Ken briefly regaled the club with his 3900 mile road trip to the Ron Fellows Driving School.

Ken then read his opening statement. Please see the President's Report.

Ken then introduced Treasurer Sharon Young who gave the treasurers report. The OCC has a significant amount in the USO fund as well. A motion to accept the report was made by Dennis Osterhorn and seconded by Rich Brewer.

Ken then asked for a motion to be made to accept the July meeting minutes as published in the Vette Gazette. A motion was made by Tom Nickelson and seconded by Sharon Young.

Administrative Assistant, Larry Dann had no report.

John Miceli, the Membership Chair person reported that the club now has 70 members and 56 associate members for a total of 126 members. John is taking orders for name tags as we have had several new members join recently. If you want a name tag, please contact John. John also said that we have had 15 new members join the OCC this year. He also asked for any updates for email addresses, phone numbers, or photos. Dennis Osterhorn asked if you send a photo to make sure it is a Jpeg image. John then suggested creating an "In Memoriam" section of the membership roster to honor deceased members. The idea was overwhelmingly accepted and approved upon. John also reported the Grant's Farm Car Show is probably not going to happen. Apparently they are just crazy busy and do not have time to organize the show.

Esther Brewer announced through Ken that she had not received any telephone calls reporting any members were injured or ill.

Ken then turned the floor over to Rick Poepping for the National Corvette Museum Ambassador's report. Rick guaranteed there would no chicken stories. Larry Strassburger asked Rick if the factory tours were available yet, and he reported they are not. To see Rick's full report please refer to the NCM Report section of the newsletter. Dennis asked about Vettes and Vets and apparently a firm date has not been set yet.

Under new business, Bill Prewitt offered to have a Tech Day at his home. He has two lifts and tools for any items that you may like to look at. He really wants to inspect what the underneath of the new C8 looks like. He has scheduled Saturday September 24 for the date and the time will be announced. Bill has also set up a Fall Color Run. He has already set up a route starting at the commuter lot at Gravois and 270 with lunch at Meramec State Park and other stops along the way.

How great is that! Bill is going to make a map as well. The date for this is Saturday October 1. Time is to be announced but will start fairly early in the morning.

Kent Morgan reminded the membership the Mid America Fun Fest is September 17 in Effingham Illinois.

Jeannette Delhounge asked about looking for a new venue for the meetings. Dogwood is just so very loud with all of the other activities going on there. The board has investigated over 45 locations trying to find some one who will not charge a room charge. Valerie Brendel said the Caruso's on Telegraph Rd and John Miceli have also found Detour in Imperial for us to possibly have the meeting but those may not work as they are fairly distant for most people to attend. Ken addressed how much all of the places wanted \$3-\$500 per month for the room rental. Vivano's in Fenton may be an option.

Meeting Minutes Continued.....

Ken then introduced first time visitors Jim and Peggy Thacker. They met at the Kimmswick car show. Jim ordered a 2020 C8 and it has been delayed several times and now is expected to be delivered later this year as a 2023 model. It is a red mist color. Ken and Peggy are hopefully going to be new members.

Fuzz Steinlage gave the Jim Butler Report. He reported the Butler Chevy Car Show will be October 16. They are having a food truck available. It will be an all Chevy Show along with the Corvettes, Camaros, and other vintage Chevrolets. Fuzz also reported Butler has deals with up to \$4000 rebates on new cars.

Ken said Lori Bleitner was contacted by Becky for the Manchester Parade. It is September 10. It begins at 10 am and if you are interested please contact Ken Schaeffler.

Larry Dann reported on the OCC Picnic Sunday October 2. It is at Cliff Cave Park at the Riverside Pavilion. We having a groovy time with a 1960's Theme. Please see the flyer on Groupworks. If there is any one interested in helping with the picnic please contact Larry. Volunteers will arrive about 9 am and the picnic starts at 11 am with the food being served at noon. **Everyone is invited.** Please RSVP to Larry if you are planning on attending so he can assure we have enough food. Ken will be playing music for us. Sounds like a blast!

Ken then spoke briefly about the Thanksgiving day parade. There will be more details to follow. He asked for volunteers to carry the banner if possible. He is hoping to have every generation Corvette in the parade from a C1 to C8. The Thanksgiving day parade is a rain or shine event! This is always a great event and you are on TV!

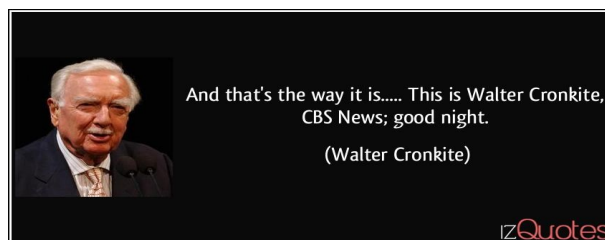
Ken then discussed, in detail, the Executive Board meeting and the upcoming proposed OCC By-law changes. The by-law changes primarily define a new status as a Member Emeritus and the definition thereof. There are also other changes on expenses the club has ongoing and what changes need to be made. Please read these changes as they are to be voted on in the September meeting. If you can not make the meeting please feel free to reach out to any board member to express your concern or suggestion.

Ken also spoke about the club taking on new sponsorships. He had a meeting with Brad Sauers of Jim Butler Chevrolet. Brad expressed his views on the other sponsors and that the OCC will not make any decisions on any sponsors without his approval. These new sponsors may be able to provide prizes for car shows, or other items for the membership in general.

Tom Nickelson then offered the 50/50 to be drawn. Jama Rendell was the lucky winner of \$61.

Ken then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Osterhorn made the motion and it was seconded by John Renz.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 pm.



Proposed By-Law changes for the OCC. September 2022

Member Emeritus– New By-Law

To be bestowed upon a member who meets the following criteria upon the suggestion of the board or club member. A member may not nominate him or herself for this distinction.

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the OCC for a minimum of ten years. There shall not be any lapse in dues paid for membership.

The nominee must have served as an elected board member for a minimum of two full terms. A single term is defined as one full year of service for any board position.

The nominee must have contributed exceptional service over and above what is normally expected from an OCC member.

Examples of exceptional service include, but are not limited to the following: Hosting pop up events, chairing volunteer positions (Member Outreach, Club Historian, Webmaster, Facebook Admin, Newsletter, Wednesday night dinners, ice cream socials, etc.), volunteering to assist during events, chairing major events (car shows, parades, picnics, parties, major road trips), and serving as a board member more than the required two terms.

Once the individual has been nominated, the nomination must be brought forward to the current Executive Board. Only the Executive Board has the full responsibility of determining if the individual meets the required criteria. All current Executive Board members, as described in the OCC by-laws, must be invited to attend this meeting. A quorum of eight people must be in attendance during this meeting.

If the Executive Board determines the nominee meets the criteria, they may, or may not confirm the nominated member as Member Emeritus through a required simple majority only vote. In the event the nominee is indeed a member of the Executive Committee, he or she is not eligible to vote and is not included in the quorum. A tie vote will be broken by a second vote by the sitting president of the OCC.

If the nominee is confirmed, it will be announced at a membership meeting, published in the Vette Gazette, and published on Groupworks (or other social platform, if Groupworks falls from favor). Then, and only then, the confirmed nomination will be brought before the membership during a normal monthly meeting for a vote by the general membership. There is a required simple majority only vote to award the nominee status as Member Emeritus.

A Member Emeritus will not be required to pay yearly dues. The Member Emeritus retains all privileges and voting rights as

Article II Section 3– Proposed change

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Effective January, 2018 membership dues for Corvette owner members shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per member annually to including an associate member. Dues are to be paid at or before the December meeting. Members who have not submitted their dues by February 28th of the current year will be suspended from the organization and no longer have privileges. Honorary members, **Members Emeritus** 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.



Article V Section 11: OUT REACH VOLUNTEER– PROPOSED CHANGE

The Club may ask for a Volunteer (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) Send sympathy cards for loss of members and immediate family.
- 3) 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.~~ **Floral arrangements are limited to \$150.00 for members, associate members and immediate family members, excluding delivery charges**
- 4.) In lieu of flowers the Out-Reach volunteer may consider donations to the member's charity of choice within the same financial guide as flowers.

Article VI Section 3– Proposed Change

The club is willing to subsidize an OCC-sponsored event from the club treasury up to ~~\$100.00~~ **(\$200.00)** if funds are available. Any amount above ~~\$100.00~~ **(\$200.00)** but less than ~~\$250.00~~ **(\$350.00)** requires pre-approval from the Current Board. Non-recurring expenses over ~~\$250.00~~ **(\$350.00)** will require pre-approval from the Executive Committee.

Tech Day at Bill Prewitt's House Saturday October 15



Bill has two lifts. Get your car up in the air and check it out. Get some expert advice! Good times!



The Annual OCC '1960's Vibe' Picnic 2022

Sunday October 2

11 am until you get your Groove On!

Calling all of you Crazy Cats and Groovy Gals out for an OCC Clam-bake on the beach of the Mississippi River. Frankie and Annette will be there in spirit!



Menu:

Freaky Fried Chicken Legs, He Ain't Heavy All Beef Franks, Hanging Loose Hamburgers, Far Out Four Cheese Mac and Cheese, Can You Dig It Coleslaw, Mary Ann's Devilled Eggs, All the fix-in's, and OCC Decorated Cake.

And its all free! Leave your bread at home man.....

Served at Noon

**In Cliff Cave Park at the Beautiful Riverside Shelter overlooking the Mighty Mississippi River
806 Cliff Cave Road in South St. Louis County**

So dust off those GO-GO boots, grab your tie dye, squeeze into those bell bottoms, and join us for a groovy party. Its gonna be a gas!

As Always- B.Y.O.B.



Everyone is welcome. Everyone is allowed a guest. Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon!

Love, Peace, and Chicken Grease!

GM Has About 5.5K Corvette Orders

Demand for the [C8 Corvette Stingray](#) has been strong since the moment the mid-engine sports car was released and remains extremely high to this day. *GM Authority* has learned Chevy currently has 5,573 orders on the books for the C8 Corvette, which is equivalent to roughly two and a half months of production based on the current output at the [GM Bowling Green plant](#) in Kentucky. These 5,573 Corvette orders range from 2500 to 3799 status, with the former meaning the orders have been processed for production and the latter meaning the vehicle is currently in production but the VIN has yet to be booked. GM managed to produce 25,831 examples of the [2022 Corvette Stingray](#) and 26,16 units of the [2021 Corvette Stingray](#), so it should take [Chevy](#) about two years to clear out this order backlog.

Last summer, Chevy’s director of car and crossover marketing, Tony Johnson, told *GM Authority* executive editor Alex Luft that the automaker was working around the clock to ramp up Corvette production output to try and meet the unexpectedly high demand for the vehicle. Johnson said at the time that Chevy was “[not even close](#)” to meeting demand for the nameplate and that the automaker has “more orders than we can handle.”



Written by:



— **Sam McEachern**

Sam loves to write and has a passion for auto racing, karting and performance

“I can’t give you a number (on how many orders we’ve received), but I can tell you it’s significant,” Johnson said. “We’re working on meeting that demand. We know there’s a lot of customers who really, really are excited to get their hands on a Corvette.”

Bad luck has compounded with high demand to hamper output of the C8 Corvette Stingray from the get-go. A [UAW strike](#) pushed the start of production from late 2019 to early 2020, with the [COVID-19 pandemic](#) then forcing GM to temporarily shutter the Bowling Green plant shortly after production began. The subsequent months have been marked by the [semiconductor chip shortage](#) and other components shortages, further affecting output. A tornado also touched down in the Bowling Green area earlier this year, forcing GM to temporarily close the plant for repairs. The tornado damaged partially-completed Corvette models that were being stored around the plant, as well.



[Corvette sales](#) increased 8.27 percent to 8,630 units in the second quarter of this year. GM sold 8,811 examples of the Corvette in Q1 for sales of 17,441 units in the first six months of the year. That means GM is on pace to build roughly 30,000 Corvettes this year, which would be a much higher production output than in 2021 or 2020.



From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

- 1.) Boone Trail Corvette Club charity car show. August 24, 2022 Calvary Church, 3998 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, MO
- 2.) All Chevy Show– National Museum of Transportation. September 11, 2022– Mike Koenen, flyer in Groupworks
- 3.) **TECH DAY!** At Bill Prewitt’s house. Time to be determined. Saturday September, 24
- 4.) Chevys Silent Auction- September - Raises money for charity to be announced- start getting donations
- 5.) Mid America Motorworks Funfest– September, 16-18 (Frank)
- 6.) Chain of Rocks Car Show. September 18. Mike Koenen
- 7.) OCC Annual Picnic. Sunday October 2. Cliff Cave Park, Riverside Pavilion– 11 am til? Contact Larry Dann
- 8.) Fall Color Run– Bill Prewitt and Connie Finch– Saturday October 15. Time to be determined
- 9.) Jim Butler Car Show– Corvettes, Camaros, and vintage Chevy’s. Sunday October 16
- 10.) November 24, Thanksgiving Day Parade. Please see Ken. We need folks to carry the banner!
- 11.) Reoccurring events that start in April-
 - A.) Sonic every Friday, South Lindbergh at Big Bend
 - B.) Faith Church Sunset Hills First Friday of each month

Ann



Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!



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| Gary & Sharon Messenger | 9/13 |
| 1 Year | |
| Rick & Kathy Poepping | 9/26 |
| 30 Years | |
| David & Amanda Dalton | 9/26 |
| 18 Years | |
| Art & Jeanette Delhougne | 9/28 |
| 54 Years | |

AUGUST WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

During August the only Wednesday night I have available is the first one. We are going Wednesday, August 3rd at 5:30 pm to Lester’s 9930 Clayton Road. They need a head count by Tuesday, August 2nd. So please RSVP by noon on the 2nd. Thank you.

Judy Silvagni (636) 851-7701 or on GroupWorks



The All Chevy Show– Sponsored by the Fabulous Fifties Car Club is being held at the Transportation Museum at 3015 Barrett Station Rd. on Sunday Sept. 11. We can meet before and caravan so we can all park together. If you want to do this we can meet at a large beige building which is very near to the entrance. To get there turn off of Dougherty Ferry on to Barrett Station Rd. then travel about 2 tenths of a mile and turn slight right onto Old Dougherty Ferry and you will see the

beige building. We can meet around 8am and leave around 8:15am. Last year we won the club participation award. Let's win it again with a bunch of Vettes! If you plan on meeting with us please respond to this post or call/text me [314 540 0816](tel:3145400816) There is a registration fee of \$20 the day of the show.

Chain of Rocks Car Show

Sunday September 18..... Mike Koenen

Once again I am heading up the meet time and location to caravan to the car show on the Chain of Rocks bridge. The show is on Sunday September 18th. I wanted to get this out there so you have enough time to register. The pdf attached has an application and information. We will meet at Motomart 11005 Riverview Drive. It is just north of I 270 on top of the hill. We can leave Motomart at 8:30am and caravan to the bridge. They said they will start letting cars in at 9:00am Several of us attended last year and enjoyed it. Any questions please me call at [314 540 0816](tel:3145400816)



The old **Chain of Rocks Bridge** spans the [Mississippi River](#) on the north edge of [St. Louis, Missouri](#). The eastern end of the bridge is on [Chouteau Island](#) (part of [Madison, Illinois](#)), while the western end is on the [Missouri](#) shoreline. Its most notable feature is a 22-degree bend occurring at the middle of the crossing.

Originally a motor route, the bridge was for a time the route used by [U.S. Route 66](#) (US 66) to cross over the Mississippi, but the bridge now carries only walking and biking trails over the river; the [New Chain of Rocks Bridge](#) carries vehicular traffic to the north.



The old route to the bridge is now called Chain of Rocks Road and ends near Roman Road. Parking is available at the start of the now-pedestrian route. The bridge was added to the [National Register of Historic Places](#) in 2006.^[2]

From Wikipedia.....



[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[August 2022](#)



Latest News:

- **Driven By Design Exhibit** (to open to the public on Sept 21, 2022)

This exhibit will focus on the history of Corvette's design process and the stories of the diverse group of individuals responsible for the most iconic sports car design of all time.

This exhibit will reveal the significance of individuals like Larry Shinoda, an Asian-American designer, and Tony Lapine from Germany, who both worked together on Corvette not long after World War II.

It also shares the history of women in design, from the 'Damsels of Design' in Corvette's early days to GM Creative Designer Darby Barber.

This exhibit also provides a full overview of the intricate and exciting process of designing a car, from sketches and renderings to clay and prove-out models.

Driven by Design will include a 1963 Corvette donated specifically for this exhibit by Manny Balale, the 1957 Corvette SS designed for racing under Harley Earl, and the 1961 Mako Shark concept Corvette.

[The National Corvette Museum Announces Driven by Design Exhibit – National Corvette Museum](#)

- **Motorsports Park To Receive \$2.4 Million In Improvements**

In December of 2021, the NCM Motorsports Park was heavily damaged when an EF-3 tornado touched down in Bowling Green. The National Corvette Museum and its board of directors decided to leverage the unfortunate circumstances of the tornado to create opportunity. Instead of simply restoring the Motorsports Park to pre-tornado conditions, the National Corvette Museum is planning significant improvements to the park's facilities.

The NCM Motorsports Park, which is located on 185 acres of property adjacent to I-65 in Bowling Green, opened in 2014. Designed by legendary race track designer Steve Crawford, the road course was created with input from Corvette Racing, resulting in a multiple, reconfigurable track layout with features from Le Mans.

With the addition of these new amenities and reimagined spaces, the Motorsports Park will be the foremost racing and karting destination in the Southeast.



[National Corvette Museum's Motorsports Park to Receive \\$2.4 Million in Improvements – National Corvette Museum](#)

NCM Report Continued.....

- 2022 Model Corvette Year-End Stats

Of the 25,831 cars produced, 52.1% were coupes, while convertibles came in just under the halfway split at 47.9%.

Torch Red was once again the most popular color choice for 2022. The complete color lineup is as follows:

- Torch Red 4,147
- Arctic White 3,603
- Hypersonic Gray 3,291
- Red Mist 3,274
- Black 2,766
- Rapid Blue 2,261
- Elkhart Lake Blue 1,412
- Amplify Orange 1,375
- Ceramic Matrix Gray 1,202
- Accelerate Yellow 1,193
- Silver Flare 922
- Caffeine 385



More info:

[2022 Model Corvette Year-End Stats Now Available – National Corvette Museum](#)

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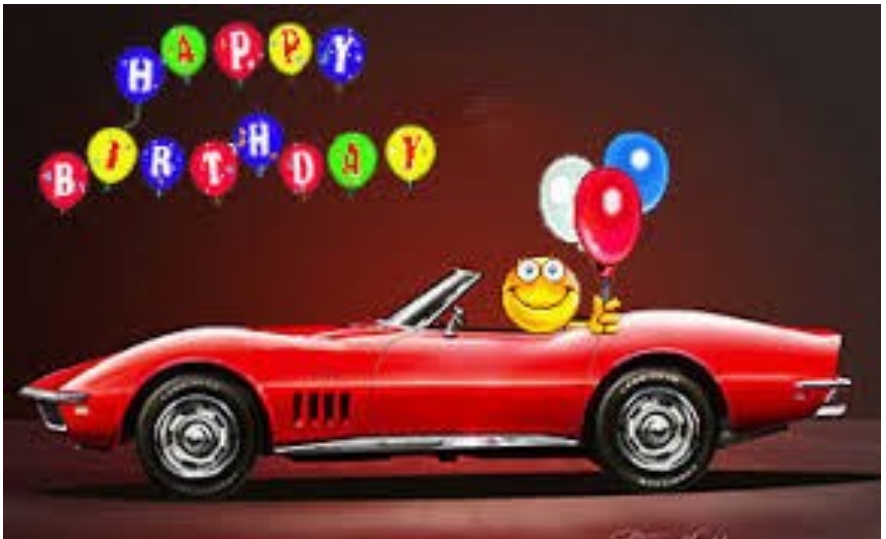


August Birthdays

Mary Morgan 8/4
Norma Bahr 8/5
Brandon Hoosier 8/12
Jama Rendell 8/17
Eric Stephens 8/19
Jim Lanzafame 8/26

September Birthdays

Julie Willis	9/2
Jim Ford	9/3
Sidney Hirsch	9/6
Cindy Stephens	9/6
Dennis Osterhorn	9/9
Sue Castellano	9/10
Carol Peebles	9/13
Mark Navratil	9/18
Robert Flynn	9/22
Mike DeRienzo	9/23
Dick Mericle	9/23
Yvonne Renz	9/26
Tom Messina	9/29



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 The OCC's good friend and Club Sponsor at Jim Butler Chevrolet in Fenton in the Gravois Bluffs Complex!

Corvette Trivia!!



The code name for the Corvette project (pre-production) was "Opal". When it started to hit the show circuit as a concept, it was known as "EX-122".

