

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

August, 2023 Newsletter

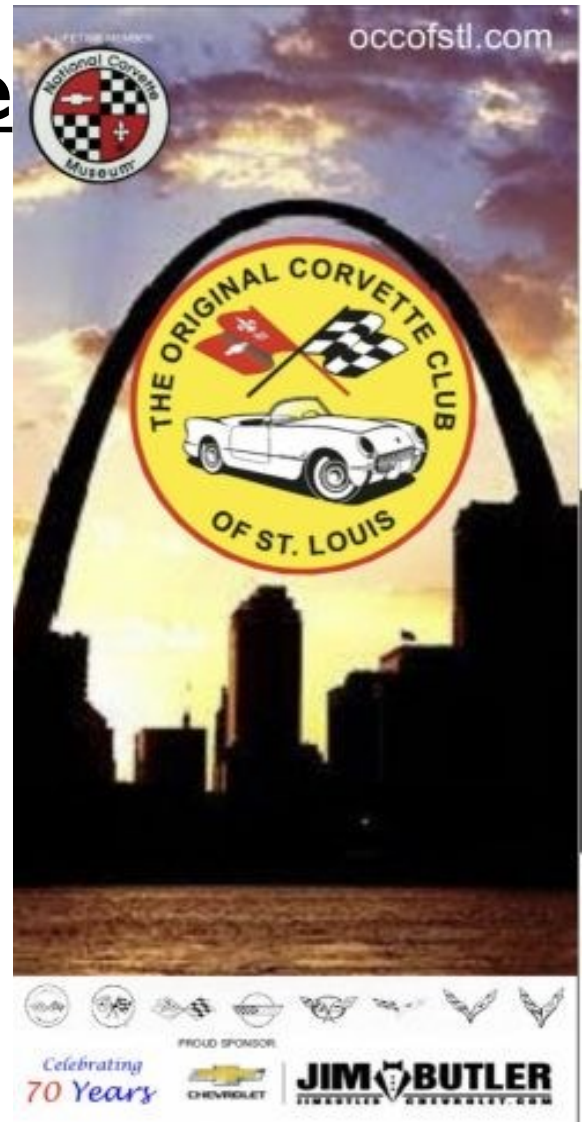
The Vette Gazette

OCC 2023 Board

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Mailing Address:

OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box 725, Manchester, MO 63011

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 12, 2023**

Meeting Location: The meeting is going to be at Saucy's (the old Jilly's location). 1630 Gravois in High Ridge. Doors open at 6 pm to order dinner. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

August 8, 2023

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome to Saucy's. It's been a long wait, but hopefully we're back. Since the last meeting, we had a few events that took place.

Guys lunch; July 19, 2023 (Bill Prewitt)
Wednesday Night Dinner, August Edition (Judy Silvagni)
Sundaes on Sunday: August 6, 2023 (Sharon Young)

There are a number of upcoming events that will be discussed later

Ladies Lunch: August 11, 2023, Joey B's (Suzanne)
Cars & Coffee: August 12, 2023 (Jim Thacker)
Guys Lunch, August 23, 2023, Johnny's Hideout (Bill Prewitt)
All Chevy Show, Museum of Transportation, Kirkwood (Gary Messenger)
Butler All Chevy Car Show (Ken Schaeffler)
Club Picnic (Larry Dann)
Halloween Party (Jim & Peggy Thacker)

I will be asking members to make an effort to participate in this years Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show. Your cars will be judge if you choose, as we have an independent judging group doing the judging this year. They charge a reasonable fee for this, but they use those funds to support their cars shows and fund raising efforts throughout the year. We've stepped it up a bit this year and added more Classes and awards. 14 total classes, including 5 Corvette classes, 4 Camaro, 3 all other chevy, a truck class and a modified/hot rod class. We will be needing volunteers to assist with registration, Selling 50/50 tickets, selling raffle tickets and assisting in tallying up the scores from the judging. I'm hoping that this year will be even more successful than last years show where we judged 147 cars, and had around 25 that were display only. One other thing we added this year is a fee for display only. I'd also like to ask members to help us secure donations for the raffle. I have brought with me tonight a letter to present to merchants requesting a donation. Things like wine baskets, booze baskets, car detail kits and tools seemed to draw a lot of attention at a previous show some of us attended. They raffled off around 35+ prizes. Along with the letter, I would ask that you present a copy of the flyer to post at their business. I have posted the event and flyer on numerous Facebook pages, and a number of groups have offered to post on other sites as well. I have seen an increase in interest for this years show compared to last, so I'm hoping we top last years event and donation to Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis.

I'm going to keep it short tonight as Rick was unable to make the July meeting and he's probably has a big NCM report tonight. And as always, if we have the chance to support our sponsor, please do. Butler has a parts department and offer full service on all your cars.

Thank you again for your support and together we are on our way to a great 2023.



Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

August, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



August 2023 Meeting

Meeting called to order 7:35

Pledge of Allegiance led by Eric Stephens

All officers present except Randy Vollmer

Presidents opening statement

Treasurers Report Motion to accept Doug Flader and Rich Brewer

Published minutes Motion to accept by Rick Poepping and Dennis Osterhorn

Admin Asst nothing so boring

Membership Report 140 members 80 fulltime and 60 associates

Outreach Karen Mericle is doing fine except for the heat

NCM Info short report from Rick

No new members or visitors

Upcoming events Museum of Transportation Sept 8

Butler Show Sept 24

Picnic Oct 8

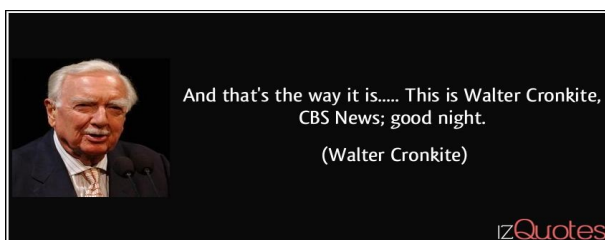
Halloween Party Oct 28

Old Business none

New Business seeking donations for Butler car show

50/50 USO fund Jo Strassburger- \$90

Adjourn 8:25 Rick Peopping and Sidney Hirsch



Hot Off The Press-

BY [JONATHAN LOPEZ](#)

• – AUG 10, 2023



Dropping in as the fifth model year for the eighth-generation [Chevy Corvette C8](#), the [2024 Corvette](#) is set to roll off the production line in Kentucky very soon. In fact, 2024 [Corvette](#) production will take place a little sooner than originally anticipated.

According to *GM Authority* sources, the start of regular production (SORP) for the 2024 [Corvette Stingray](#) and 2024 [Corvette Z06](#) is now scheduled to begin September 11th, 2023. Both models were previously believed to be scheduled for production on September 12th, 2023, per previous *GM Authority* coverage.

Last month, *GM Authority* reported that the 2024 Corvette production start date had been [pushed back](#). Previously, 2024 Corvette production was scheduled to begin September 5th, 2023, but was later moved to September 12th, 2023. Now, production of the 2024 Corvette Stingray and 2024 Corvette Z06 is set to begin September 11th.

Meanwhile, production of the 2024 [Corvette E-Ray](#) is currently scheduled to begin October 23rd.

The official 2024 Corvette [online configurator tool](#) is now available at [Chevrolet's](#) website. Orders for the 2024 Corvette Stingray and 2024 Corvette Z06 began July 27th, while orders for the 2024 Corvette E-Ray will open August 17th. All Corvette C8 variants are produced exclusively at the [GM Bowling Green plant](#) in Kentucky.

As *GM Authority* covered previously, the 2024 Corvette destination freight charge (DFC) is [more expensive](#) than that of the preceding 2023 model year, increasing \$200 to \$1,595.

With regard to the technical specs, the 2024 Corvette Stingray features the naturally aspirated [6.2L V8 LT2](#) gasoline engine, which produces 490 horsepower and 465 pound-feet of torque. The 2024 Corvette Z06 cradles the naturally aspirated [5.5L V8 LT6](#) gasoline engine, rated at 670 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque. Finally, the new-for-2024 Corvette E-Ray cradles both the 6.2L V8 LT2 gasoline engine and a front-mounted electric motor, the combination of which produced 655 horsepower. The GM Y2 platform provides the underpinnings across the Corvette C8 lineup.

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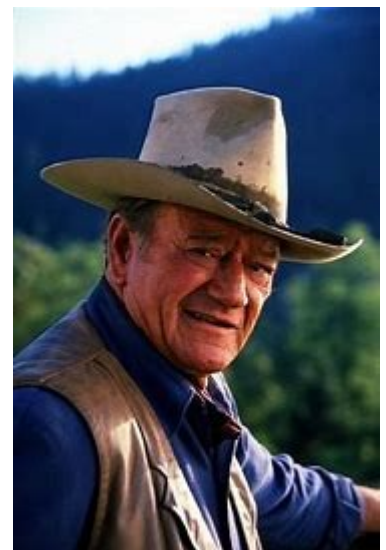
Celebrity Corvette Owners

John Wayne

If charisma and charm really are prerequisites to Corvette ownership than it's no surprise that John Wayne, world famous American actor, also happened to own a snazzy Corvette. In fact, his car was so iconic that it now sits in a museum along with his likeness.



John Wayne is an American icon so it's only fitting that the vehicle he loved to drive became an icon in and of itself. Ironically, John was unable to drive the Corvette for very long because climbing into and out of the chassis became difficult for him. Acting and the physical toll that goes with it can take a lot out of a man. A car as compact as the C1 Corvette wasn't flexible enough to accommodate someone who had been performing his own stunts for decades.



All Kinds of Fun Stuff Coming Up... Mark Your Calendars!



Peggy and I are going to have a Halloween party and bonfire at our place for the OCC on **October 28**. This is just a heads up and I'll have someone post this later as an event so we can get a headcount. We used to have this every year for the kids and grand-kids but they seem to have other things to do with their friends. We always fitted our car trailer with sides and straw bales and I would pull them around the adjacent subdivision with our tractor to see the Halloween decorations but I'm not sure if anyone would be interested in that. The kids loved it. We will provide my mild chili and hotdogs and drinks, beer and soft drinks. We have quite a few chairs and tables. We also have a couple of patio heaters that we set up in our building in case it's chilly, you can get warm by the bonfire also. I'm sure we can park at least 50 cars in our backyard and the driveway down by our building. We hope to see you there!
Jim and Peggy Thacker



OCC Annual Picnic

Sunday October 8

10 am til ????

Lunch served at Noon

The All Chevy Show— September 10, 2023

In a few months will be the Fabulous Fifties car club, all Chevy Show at the **National Museum of Transportation**. Sunday, September 10, 2023, let's make this year the best club participation ever. So, mark your calendar. Rain date will be September 17, 2023. Registration 9 am to 12 noon \$20.00. Awards at 3pm

Gary Messenger





Presents:

Along with:

The Annual Jim Butler ALL CHEVY CAR SHOW

LOCATION:

**Jim Butler Chevrolet
759 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard
Fenton, Missouri 63026**

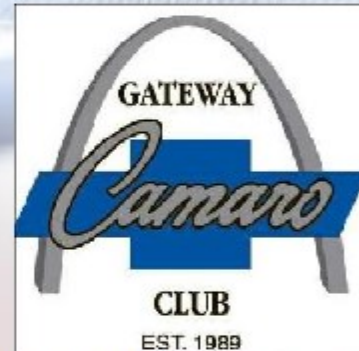
TIME:

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
(RAIN or SHINE)
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Registration 9:00-12:00 Noon**

AWARD PRESENTATION @ 2:30:

- Corvettes**
- Camaros**
- All Other Chevys**
- All Trucks**
- All Modified**
- Best of Show**
- Butler Pick (Sponsor Award)**
- Peoples Choice**
- Best Club Participation**

Independent Judging by:



ENTRY FEE:

Judged \$25.00
Display Only \$15.00

Dash Plaques to first 100 Entries

50 / 50 RAFFLE
Other Prize Raffles

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS**



Save the Date!

September 24, 2023



Guy's Lunch is Wednesday August 23 , 11 am

Johnnie's Hideout- 3367 High Ridge Blvd., High Ridge, MO



Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!

Sundaes

On

Sunday!

Sharon Young



Wednesday night dinner will be September 20 at 5:30 PM at Bandana's BBQ, 11750 Gravois. Please RSVP on Groupworks by noon on Tuesday Sept. 19. Hope to see you there.

Judy Silvagni

**Wednesday
Night
Dinner!**



**The Original Corvette Club
of St. Louis'**

2023

**Banner at the National
Corvette Museum in**



Corvette Funny Papers...





From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) August 17-20, Woodward Dream Cruise— Rick Poepping for details
- 2.) August 20, Maeystown Car Show, meet at Taco Bell in Columbia IL at 8 am— Mike Koenen
- 3.) August 23, Guy's Lunch, Johnnie's Hideout, High Ridge, Bill Prewitt
- 4.) September 8, Ladies Lunch, Joey B's Concord Plaza, Suzanne Koenen
- 5.) September 10, All Chevy Show, Transportation Museum, Gary Messenger
- 6.) 7.) September 10, 2023— All Chevy Show— National Museum of Transportation, Gary Messenger
- 7.) Hillsboro Car Show, September 16, Hillsboro Christian Church, Hwy 21 and Hwy B, 9 am, Art Delhougne
- 8.) September 24, OCC All Chevy Show, Jim Butler Chevrolet, Ken Schaeffler
- 9.) October 8, Annual OCC Picnic, Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park. Larry Dann
- 10.) October 28, Bonfire and Halloween party, Jim and Peggy Thacker. More details to come.
- 11.) December 12, Annual OCC Christmas Party. Orlando's, Larry Dann

[Check Groupworks Calendar for more upcoming events!](#)



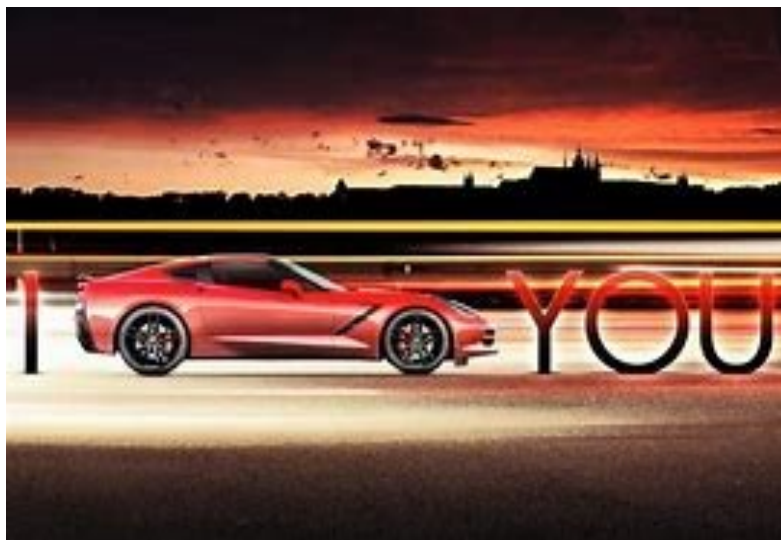
Tom and Mary Heeley 8/11

Kent and Mary Morgan 8/14

Russ and Cindy Murphy 8/20

Tom and Valerie Brendel 8/24

Chris and Angie Davis 8/28





The Next Ladies Lunch is Friday September 8th

Joey B's Concord Shopping Plaza

JOEY B'S
FOOD & DRINK



[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[August, 2023](#)



Latest News:

Very Light news.

The Museum has opened its latest exhibit: [An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette](#). It is included with Museum admission.

The 29th Anniversary Celebration Thur. Aug 31-Sat. Sep 02

Registration is OPEN. No refunds or cancellations after Advance Registration closes on August 18.

Tours

James Beam Tour & Lunch

Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum / Fetta Specialty Pizza Lunch

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage & FKS Kitchen Lunch (w/wine Tasting and Mansion Tour)

Casey Jones Distillery & Lunch

General Jackson Showboat – Nashville

2023 Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Track

Drive your own car \$132 for 4 laps

Drive a C7 and C8 4 laps each \$529

And other options

2023 Corvette Hall Of Fame Induction Ceremony Sep 02

The 2023 members-elect are:

John Amgwert – Enthusiasts, Dan Binks – Racing, and David Wickman – GM/Chevrolet.

Museum continues its pursuit the American Alliance of Museums accreditation process.

That's pretty much it.

- Upcoming Raffles

2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 8/10/2023

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1396

Drawing: August 10, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 9/1/2023

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1336

Drawing: September 1, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/2/2023

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: September 2, 2023 3:00 PM Central Time

[Rick Poepping](#)

National Corvette Museum

350 Corvette Dr.

Bowling Green, KY 42101



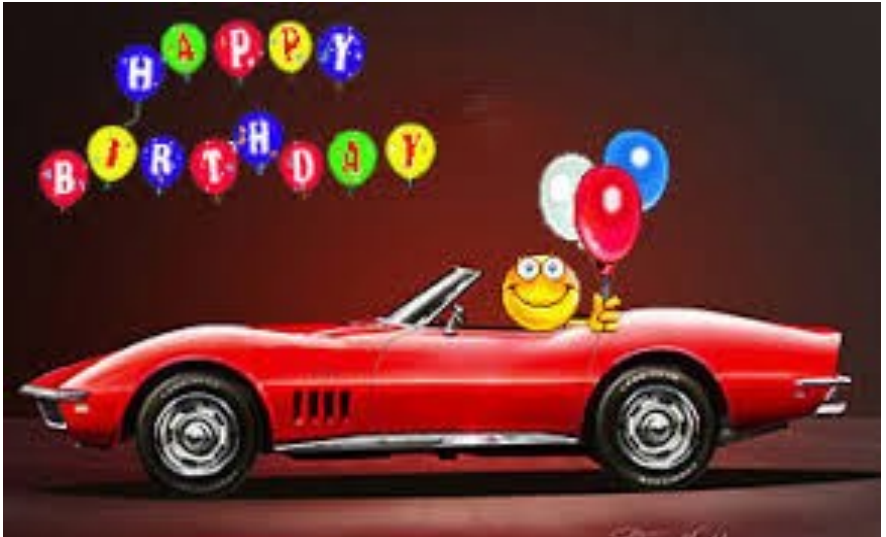
www.corvettemuseum.org

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
Lisa Coombs 8/27

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 Navaratil 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!



Corvette Trivia



In 1953, a total of **300 Corvettes** were produced. The first Corvette came off the assembly line on June 30, 1953. The first two were destroyed as they were engineering test cars. This is still the rarest of all model year production Corvettes. It is estimated that less than two hundred 1953 Corvettes still exist.

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!

