

# The Vette Gazette

## OCC 2020 Board

President: Dennis Osterhorn  
Vice President– Gary Messenger  
Treasurer– Ann Nickelson-Jennings  
Sgt. At Arms– Tome Nickelson  
Membership– Mike and Suzanne Koenen  
Administrative Assistant– Kenneth Schaeffler  
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Club Outreach: Esther Brewer  
Trash Pick-up– Dick and Karen Mericle  
Club Historian– Karen Mericle  
Webmaster– Rick Poepping  
NCM Ambassador– Byrle Layman  
Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer  
Wednesday Dinner Club– Jan and Doug Flader  
Newsletter Editor– Larry Dann

**OCC Website:**

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



***Hello Summer Time!***

For Additional Information...

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**Mailing Address:**

OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box725, 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:** **July 14, 2020 Meeting Loca-**

**tion:** 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)

## **Presidents Report**

A lot has taken place over the past 3 ½ months, which affected our lives in many ways, that we could never imagined. Many things were altered, cancelled or major restrictions on what we do when we leave our homes, businesses closing their doors or changing how they operate. Major runs on items in the grocery stores, which lead to more chaos than we are used too. With restrictions starting to loosen up, hopefully society will get back to some new normal. Now the protests and rioting in the communities, you wonder sometimes if it is safe to venture out at all. Hopefully, this will settle down. With the pandemic going on, the OCC like many other organizations have experienced our share of disruptions. Our meetings have been cancelled to due to capacity issues within Jilly's and the mere fact he was closed early on. Now that Jilly's is open, it is still under capacity restrictions. As I pointed out in one of my Group Works posts, he (Danny) had to close off the dining room on the right side and just use the area where the club meets. Again, Danny stated this is only temporary until they expand the capacity levels. These restrictive levels also affected the Wednesday night dinner group. There have been numerous Corvette trips /events which were planned but were either moved to later dates or cancelled altogether. We understand the NCM is now reopened and if you check Byrle's GroupWorks post you find the latest information. No doubt you recognize this has taken a toll on various organizations including our personal lives.

If there is a good side to some of this, it is the long overdue projects some of us accomplished. (Painting the deck, painting a room or two, cleaning closets, cleaning out the basement, waxing the cars and cleaning out the garage) .

One-way Cheryl and I tried to break the monotonous lockdown, especially on the weekends, we got in the vette with drinks, snacks and took a long drive, sometimes going 150 to 300-miles. We were not bothering anyone or near other people, it was enjoyable and had a great time burning some fuel. It was strange in the beginning, no traffic on the highways and mostly only gas stations were open, but it was a chance to get out and enjoy the scenery. Since the reopening is going on now in stages, we have had the opportunity to go out to eat numerous times and there have been no problems, different but still ok.

Hopefully, the OCC can start to experience some reopening, beginning with normal monthly meeting in July. Also, we can hopefully pick up on some car shows and other social gatherings. As I pointed out earlier, a lot will depend on Jilly's position of hosting larger crowds and maintaining his dining facilities at the same time. I will stay in contact with Danny to see if the July meeting can be held and with what restrictions.

Now for some club updates: 1) The OCC Board has had 2 virtual meetings to discuss club business and what we can and cannot do in these uncertain times to include the Club Picnic, car shows, Trash Pickup, wine runs, dinners and just plain social gatherings and possible trips to Bowling Green. 2) I submitted information to the Auto-Urge car magazine, which was published in the June edition. You can only view this on the web, since they are no longer putting out a paper copy. You can find the link in the groupworks post area. 3) The club did several birthday drive byes for the youngster and I have to say it was fun and to see other club members and kids including parents really enjoy it. Lindberg High School requested 4 corvettes to lead their 2020 graduation parade. 4) We successfully did the first OCC trash pickup and did we ever we have the trash. We could not do the normal breakfast afterwards, but it was still great seeing other members. By the way, we have another pickup scheduled on June 28<sup>th</sup>, check out groupworks for more info.

5) Rick has been making updates to the current web page, we are going to discuss this at the next in person meeting. Some members have suggested we try and redo the current site and others feel we should leave it alone. This is going to be a member's decision. 6) The club trifold was updated with the members inputs and approved and printed to hand out to perspective members or events. 7) On the financial side our Club insurance and yearly web payment have been paid. 8) We have a couple club members who have been hospitalized for either surgery Bob Shissler or heart related problems Rich Brewer. This has been difficult times for them and their families since they cannot visit under the current virus-related circumstances. Please, if you know of someone, please, communicate this to Esther Brewer.

Other items:

We keep getting calls about members email not working, please make sure the club membership has your latest email address. We are finding out the person has changed it and not told anyone. Sorry we cannot read minds

At our next meeting, it was suggested we discuss using the title associate member for either a member's spouse, girlfriend, sister, boyfriend, brother etc.

Some good news---Groupworks status, first this has turned out to be a great communication tool for OCC; in the last 30 days, 75% of the members have signed in with a total of 871 actions. Of the 871---16 new posts, 773 posts viewed by members, 31 events viewed and 51 comments by members. Still have 10 members who have not joined Groupworks yet.

Well, I hope this Presidents report brought you up to date on what has been going on with the OCC, since this craziness started. I will always try to get the news to you as fast as possible. If members have suggestion on issues to present or discuss, please send me an email: [drcao@sbcglobal.net](mailto:drcao@sbcglobal.net)

I hope this finds you and your family healthy and safe, I really believe there is a light at the end of this tunnel.

**Dennis Osterhorn, Club President**

### **MEETING MINUTES– MARCH 2020**

March 10, 2020, 7:30 PM

Meeting Location – Jilly's

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

Tom Nickleson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement:

Board Members were introduced by the President.

I would like to take this time to recognize those 2019 officers and volunteers for events be recognized. I understand that the previous president didn't

acknowledge these people. So, I will. Please accept this small token of thank you for what you did as they always say it's not the gift it's the thought.

Mike and Suzanne Koenen – Membership

Ken Schaeffler – Rockwood Summit HS Car Show

Byrle Layman – NCM Ambassador

Rich and Esther Brewer – St. John's Sausage and Chicken dinners

Doug and Jan Flader – Wednesday night dinners

Jim Ford – Auto Show and Parades

John Miceli – AB Car Show

Randy Vollmer – 2019 V.P. and Car Show

Dick and Karen Mericle – Historian, Trash Pickup and Spinal Bifida rides

Larry Dann – 2019 Secretary, and Monthly Newsletter

Ann Jennings – 2019 Club Picnic

Rick Poepping – Webmaster

Steve Willis – Meals for a Million

Fred and Carol Gronemeier – Alton Memorial Day parade

Erv and Lori Blietner – Car Shows

Board Members were introduced

I been contacted by 2 members about logging in but not getting any email notification. I have contacted Groupworks for their input., I sent out a notice to resolve this. Your email provider may see Groupworks as a non-trusted site for you

I should remind everyone that when posting items on Groupworks, they must be related to the members interest/ especially corvettes and other club related functions.

After 30 days some items will come off of Groupworks so as not to overload the system. Should your item be removed, and you believe there's value to reposting you can do so.

Byrle will bring us update on the Banner status. Plus, other NCM Items of interest.

Gary Messenger will be reading off several OCC Events coming up. I understand that you can't make them all but those you can, please participate.

The final numbers for members not renewing their dues is 19. They have been removed from the roster/ yahoo and Groupworks. A loss of \$655.00 per year.

We will discuss the NEW Club Newsletter layout later so hold your comments until we

get there.

To those requiring a special paper copy we are going to have to eliminate this to the rising cost of printing and mailing. To mail a copy out of the newsletter it will cost \$9.10 per month. Taking in account 12 issues per year that would be \$54.60 per member. In addition the photo directory to be sent out to a member will be \$17.70 per copy

I would like to thank all those members who participated in the Steve Majino trivia Night Rick & Liz Ann Mestre and Tom & Mary Heeley who worked the event. Jim Ford, Steve & Julie Willis, Rick and Kathy Poepping & Cheryl There was a lot of laughing to determine the answers. It's very interesting with everything going on today in the world, Political junk and the virus scare etc., people with good hearts came out to support a very worthwhile cause

In addition, those who joined the group heading up on Sunday to St. John Gildehaus for the annual Chicken dinner—Thank You Rich and Esther Brewer for setting this up.  
21 corvettes and 2 steel cars with 44 people

And Finally, Mother's Day is in May 8th. To help celebrate this we will have a special gift to **one** lucky Lady. **"ALL" ladies present will have a chance to win at our May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

You will get a special ticket that will be drawn during the meeting. So, gentlemen get your ladies out that night

Ann Jennings presented the Treasurer's report:

A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Rich Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Messina.

Dennis made motion to accept minutes of last meeting: Motion made by Sharon Young, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Dann.

Mike Koenen presented the membership report:

Currently we have 71 members and 56 Associate members for a total of 127 members.

Esther Brewer was not in attendance, but if you know anyone that you would like to be contacted due to illness or anything, please let Esther know.

NCM Report was presented by Byrle Layman:

Club Banners. Thank you to everyone who submitted your designs. A congratulations to Jason Messenger for your design which was the one selected by membership.

And a big thank you to the folks who stepped up at the February meeting to set up the poster boards and counted the votes

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Spring Bash. April 23-25, 2020. Registration is still open.

National Corvette Museum Membership.

You can now purchase memberships for your grandkids.

Lots of perc's for the kids at the museum.

There are three upcoming raffles that are available. Byrle has ticket order forms available.

Colorado Springs MIM trip Registration is open Winner will be announced at the end of February meeting

AS ALWAYS BE SAFE OUT THERE AND DON'T FORGET TO WAVE.

Dennis asked if any new members were in attendance:

February birthdays and anniversaries.

Rick Poepping, 03-02, Mike Walter, 03-02, Loren Bursten, 03-06,  
Dennis Kinworthy, 03-15, Judy Silvagni, 03-16, Tom Dierkes, 03-21,  
Terri Ford, 03-25, Enzo Steffano, 03-31.

**We wish them all a Happy Birthday and that their day be special.**

New cars or additions:

None.

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Presentation by Tom Messina: Tom made a great presentation on his 1966 Black Corvette. It was obvious by his presentation that he is extremely proud. After the meeting, Tom had binders of pictures, receipts, and documentation for everything that was done to the vehicle. Thank you, Tom for the presentation. Great job on the car and the presentation. I, for one wished there was more time to look at everything.

Old Business discussion by Dennis Osterhorn:

Web Page is making progress. Thanks Rick Poepping

The new and improved has been published. Looks great and

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Asked members for any thoughts, ideas or other input to enhance the Club meeting and to bring forward possible events for all members to enjoy.

Thanks again Tom for your presentation. The inaugural kickoff of the "Members Cars" segment was a success. Hopefully, it will become a regular thing.

Tom Nickelson held the 50/50 drawing:

Herb Clark won the 50/50 drawing. \$81.00

Jim Ford won the Jilly's gift card

Dennis asked for motion to adjourn:

Sharon Young made the motion

Herb Clark made the second

Meeting adjourned at 9:00

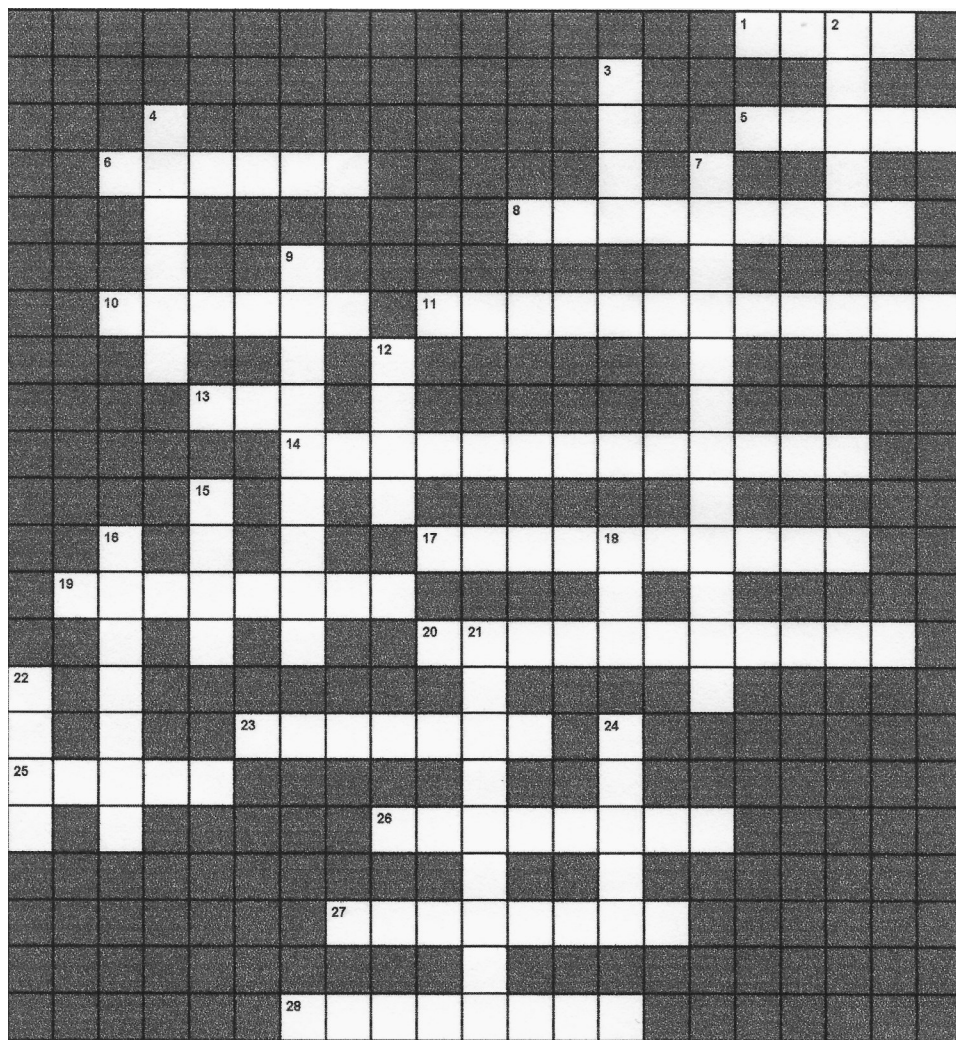
## ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT NOTE:

At the time of the meeting and these minutes we had no idea of the effect of the COVID-19. Since that time, there have been a number of event cancellation, including Car Shows, Wednesday night dinners and more. Please refer to Groupworks for the most updated list of cancellations and postponements.

Thank you,

Ken Schaeffler, Administrative Assistant

## THE CAR KNOWLEDGE CROSSWORD PUZZLE.. FROM KENT MORGAN



### ACROSS

- 1 CARPET SAVERS
- 5 \_\_\_\_\_HYDRAMATIC
- 6 4150
- 8 AUTO TUNING RADIO
- 10 FOUR SPEED
- 11 LIMITED SLIP DIFFERENTIAL
- 13 ELECTRONIC IGNITION
- 14 MORE PRECISE FUEL METERING (2 WDS)
- 17 AUTO TRANSMISSION
- 19 097
- 20 1963 SPECIALTY (2WDS)

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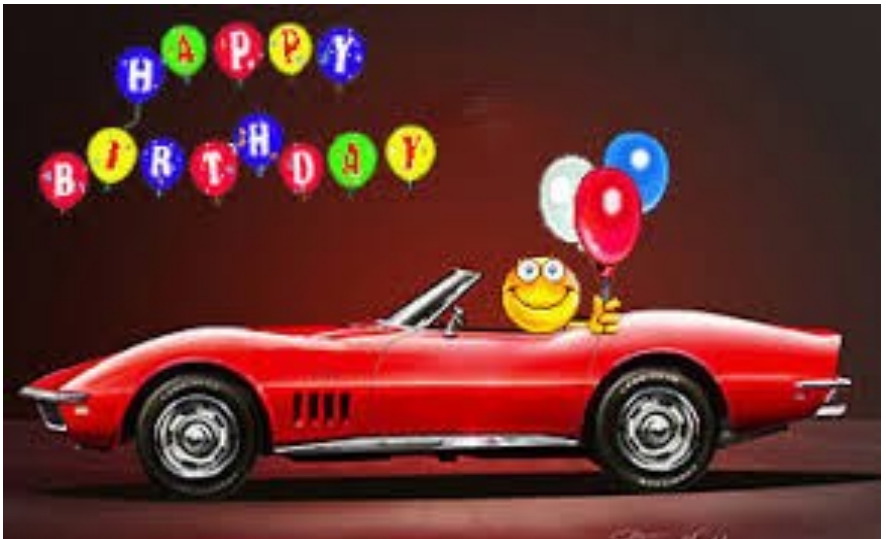
- 23 ROLLER
- 25 CODE NO. UA6
- 26 NEW HEADS IN 1986
- 27 ENGINE COOLER
- 28 EVERY MAN'S DREAM
- 2 SINGLE PIECE REMOVABLE ROOF SECTION
- 3 CYLINDER DISPLACEMENT
- 4 CONVERTER
- 7 BRAKE LININGS IN 1958
- 9 CAM USED WITH FI

### 12 ROCHESTER CARBURETOR

- 15 PISTON TYPE
- 16 THREE SPEED TRANSMISSION
- 18 BIG BLOCK
- 21 TYPE OF HEAD USED ON BIG BLOCKS
- 22 ANTIKNOCK ADDITIVE
- 24 DOMINATED CLASS B RACING THROUGH '64

### 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  
Rod Silvagni 4/24



### May Birthdays!

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

**Happy Birthday to Everyone!**

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



### June Birthdays!

Sandy Van Mill 6/3  
Sandy Krechel 6/5  
Judi DeLonjay 6/8  
Joyce Dann 6/10  
Kirk Pohl 6/10  
Gary Messenger 6/11  
Bob Carnaghi 6/12  
Jeanette Delhougne 6/12  
Paul Ritter 6/20  
Jackie Messenger 6/21  
Doug Flader 6/28  
Jo Strassburger 6/28  
Paula Miceli 6/30

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!



## The National Corvette Museum Report

By Byrle Layman– NCM Ambassador



### Ambassador's newsletter March 17, 2020

As many of you know the NCM Spring Bash has been re-scheduled to May 28 – 30, 2020. If you were registered for the original date and plan to attend Bash on the new dates you will not be required to do anything your registration will be rolled to the new dates. If you had not previously planned to attend this will give you an opportunity to reconsider. Registration is still open.

As reported at the March OCC meeting GM has begun shipping the new generation Vettes. They are showing up at the dealerships. What an awesome car. The wait was worth it. I had hoped the plant would be open for tours, but no word yet. Several will be on display at Bash,

For all you who have young kids or for the grandparents. How many times have you heard "Can we take a ride in the Vette?" The future of the Corvette world is the hands of the Vette loving children. There is a new membership available for the future Corvette drivers. You can give your child or grandchild their own membership to the National Corvette Museum, there are programs designed just for the kids the proceeds from these membership go to help support the educational programs available at the museum. For more information contact Bobby Jo Lee @ 270 467 8833.

I have order forms for raffle tickets. There are three raffles available at this time. Friday April 24, 2020 .Build your own or a \$60,000.00 cash payout. Tickets are \$250.00 limited to 1500. The second is Saturday 25, 2020 Black coupe. Tickets are \$20.00. Unlimited sales. The third is April 30, 2020. Tickets are \$150, 00 limit to 1500.

The Museum in Motion trip to Colorado Springs CO. is now open for registration. This trip will be held July 12 thru July 18. The itinerary is filled with some very interesting places and a trip to the summit of Pikes Peak. I have signed on for this trip and would love to have some company. I will have more details at future meetings

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2020 MICHELIN NCM BASH  
THURSDAY 5/28 – FRIDAY 5/29



As recommendations on travel and social distancing remain in place travel to the NCM is unlikely for awhile. If you refer to the Groupworks page you will see weekly updates from the NCM Newsletter from Byrle. The Bash is going to be virtual this year. Many other events are either cancelled or changed. Please refer to the weekly NCM Newsletters for all of the latest information. Great Job keeping everyone informed Byrle!

