

# The Vette Gazette

## OCC 2020 Board

President: Dennis Osterhorn

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Treasurer– Cheryl Osterhorn

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Club Outreach: Esther Brewer

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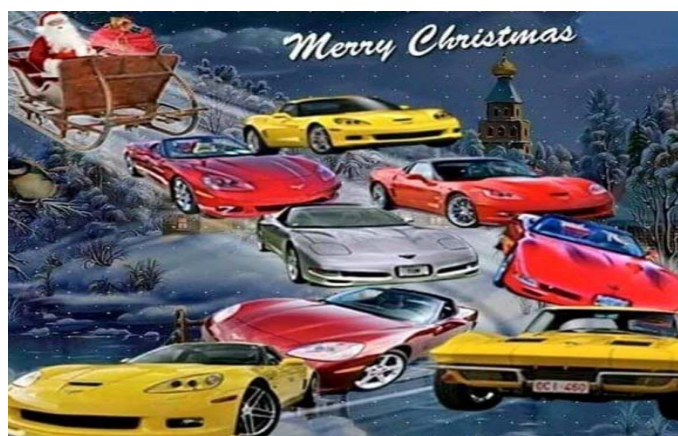
Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer

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### OCC Website:

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



**MERRY CHRISTMAS!!**

For Additional Information...

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### Mailing Address:

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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: To be decided. 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)

**Nov. meeting may be tentative depending on CDC guidelines.**

# A Heartfelt Christmas Message from Dennis Osterhorn

## OCC Club President



*Christmas Message from the President of the Original Corvette club December 2019*

*I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Original Corvette Club Members and their families a very Merry Christmas and Happy Holiday Season. We all know this year has been exceedingly difficult for your family and friends. I pray that the coming year brings more positive times and good wishes for better days ahead. As lovely as the Holidays, they can also make people feel down and stressed. I know this can be a difficult time of year and I want you to know you are not alone. Each family has had to deal with the pandemic in their own way. Hopefully, these new vaccines will help turn the corner and put us back on the road to a normal life. As I mentioned before in a way 2020 has been somewhat of disappointment as President of the OCC, since most all of our plans and events were cancelled or modified. This was for good reasons in order to protect our members safety and wellbeing. I would like to thank all of the officers and volunteers who have stood by and supported me as we dealt with key decisions to keep the club going. As for the members, I appreciate your support in attending the meetings and few events we could have.*

*Your 2021 officers will be getting together shortly to look at any changes we need to make and start an event calendar. As always, any suggestions you have, please email those to me, so we can discuss them at the officers meeting. One thing I try to remind myself is "the past is the past" --look to the future with an open mind (it may be hard) but we have to stay positive.*

*In closing, may this Christmas season melt away your sadness and offer the consolation and peace that you need. Soon, you will be able to walk into the New Year with purpose and joy.*

*Merry Christmas from Cheryl and I to all of you and we look forward to seeing you in 2021.*

*Dennis Osterhorn*

*President of the Original Corvette Club*

*The National Corvette Museum Report*  
*By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador*

SEASONS GREETINGS FROM YOUR AMBASSADOR TO THE NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM. IT IS MY PRAYER THAT EACH OF YOU HAVE AND HEALTHY HOLIDAY. MAY 2021 BRING A SAFE HIGHWAYS AND FUN DAYS IN OUR CORVETTES. ALWAYS BE SAFE OUT THERE AND DON'T FORGET TO WAVE!



## **An old fashioned Christmas Parade in Waynesville, Missouri**

*A special "Thank You" goes out to Jim Ford for organizing the Waynesville Missouri Annual Christmas parade. In addition, to those OCC members who came out with their cars--thank you. It was great day and weather was just awesome and not too cold. It was about a 100 mile trip up there from the Six Flags Mc Donald's where we met. Stop at the Diner in St Roberts for a good lunch, by the way we did social distance at the restaurant since they had a special area for us. . So if you didn't go, missed a great day out with the corvettes and celebrate the holidays with these appreciative folks in Waynesville . As for the small town the people were very excited to see the cars and of course the kids picking up the candy we were distributing. **Again THANK YOU JIM FORD and everyone who attended.** By the way we were at the front of the line.*



**He sprang to his Corvette, to his ignition gave a whistle, And away they flew like the down of a thistle. But I heard him exclaim, 'ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"**



## **Corvette Trivia:**

The Corvette was originally designed as a prototype car for the 1953 Autorama display at the New York Auto Show....



### **A note from your Vette Gazette Editor....Larry Dann**

*Once again it was my honor to be the Vette Gazette newsletter editor for 2020 and am looking forward to a much better year in 2021 as I am sure you all are. Joyce and I wish to extend our warmest Christmas wishes to all members. We intend to enjoy and appreciate the holiday season even more than normal this year albeit it will be a very small one with just a few close family members. So spike the eggnog and to all of our friends in the OCC.... CHEERS!*



## December Birthdays

Carol Burroughs 12/1  
Bill Birkenmeier 12/2  
Carol Gronemeier 12/3  
Liz Ann Mestre 12/5  
Shirley Muller 12/6  
Margaret Messina 12/7  
Russ Lauer 12/13  
Kathy Poepping 12/16  
Lori Chesley 12/16  
Linda Carnaghi 12/17  
Ron Londe 12/18  
Judy Turner 12/18  
Jacob Stanton 12/19  
Randy Vollmer 12/22  
Mary Ann Kinworthy 12/24  
Ian Rendell 12/25  
Richard Reim 12/31



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

## January Birthdays

Carl Spalinger 1/1  
John Miceli 1/3  
Michael Koenen 1/3  
Carol Lanzafame 1/3  
Mike Manzelli 1/4  
Bill Prewitt 1/18  
Janet Methany 1/19  
Russell Murphy 1/19  
Richard Brewer 1/20  
Wayne Lepper 1/20  
Mary Heeley 1/21  
Karen Spalinger 1/21  
Ron Zimmerer 1/22  
Sharon Young 1/23  
Mike Krechel 1/27  
Larry Strassburger 1/27  
Mark McDonnell 1/29



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!

