

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

December, 2023 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2023 Board

President: Kenneth Schaeffler

Vice President—Gary Messenger

Treasurer— Sharon Young

Sgt. At Arms— Eric Stephens

Membership— Bill Prewitt

Administrative Coordinator—

Sidney Hirsch

Volunteers:

Club Outreach: Connie Finch

Club Historian— Jason Messenger

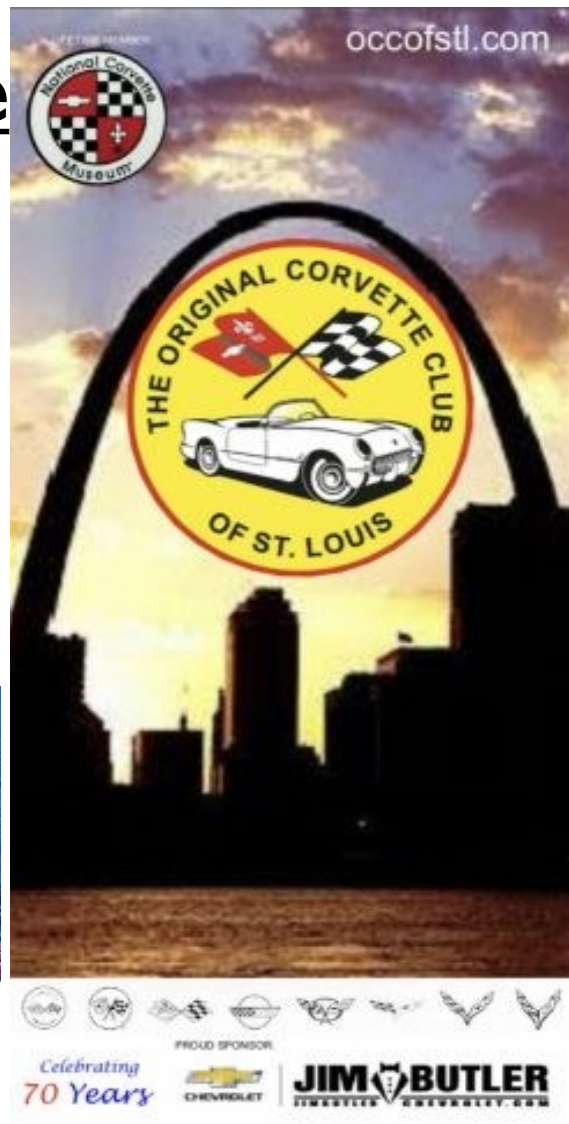
Webmaster— Dennis Osterhorn

NCM Ambassador— Rick Poepping

Groupworks Admin— Randy Vollmer

Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer

Wednesday Dinner Club— Judy Silvagni



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: **January 9, 2024**

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



December 12, 2023

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome to Orlando's for the Annual OCC Christmas Party.

I will try to keep this as short as possible. I want to recap this past year, as it was a banner year for OCC. We're meeting at Saucy's Pizzeria in High Ridge and finally feels like we're back home. It was a long run of hopping from venue to venue, trying to find a place that was agreeable to all.

As I recap 2023, a few things stand out. Earlier in the year we lost our dear friend Dick Mericle, and later in the year Karen moved to Arizona to be near her son. Please pause for a moment of silence in remembrance of our friend.

As I stated, it was a banner year for OCC. Many members participated in numerous car shows and quite a few awards were won.

We made a good presence at the Auto Show at the Dome in January.

We participated in both downtown parades again representing the Corvette and celebrating it's 70th anniversary.

We judged the Pacific Car Show again and were much more efficient this year after learning a few things from the 2022 show.

The Butler Show was a huge success this year as well.

Ladies Luncheons, Guys Lunches and Wednesday night dinner were well organized and great participation by the members.

Our annual donation of snacks and treats were delivered to the USO.

To sum up this years donations:

\$350.00 to Santa's Helpers in the name of Dick Mericle and 50/50

\$2,000.00 in Scholarships from Pacific Car Show

\$1,004.00 to USO from 50/50 drawings

\$3,000.00 in toys and donations to Santa's Helpers at the November meeting

\$5,036.00 to Boys & Girls Club from Butler car show.

OVER \$11,000.00 IN DONATIONS FOR 2023

Thank you to all of the members that bought tickets, donated gifts and worked so hard at events to get us to this amount. Last years total was just over \$8,000.00. WELL DONE!

Jim Ford was been appointed as Chairman of the Nomination committee. When I'm finished here, I will have Jim present last years Board Members and Volunteers. He will then present next years Board Members that volunteered unopposed, and we will have one position up for a vote by the members present.

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 made 2023 a spectacular year for OCC.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

December, 2023

Sidney Hirsch– Administrative Chair



This edition's abbreviated minutes prepared by Larry Dann

Thank you everyone for attending the annual OCC Christmas Party. It seemed to be a huge success and was enjoyed by all. Even Santa made a special appearance. The new officers were announced and a vote for the Sgt at Arms was conducted between Eric Stephens and John Miceli. John Miceli was elected.

Hors d'oeuvres, a prime rib buffet, and assorted desserts were served by Orlando's Banquet Center. The Band providing the music was once again magnificent– thanks to you for that.

The new board members are as follows:

Ken Schaeffler– President

Larry Dann– Vice President

Sharon Young– Administrative

Sidney Hirsch– Treasurer

Bill Prewitt– Membership

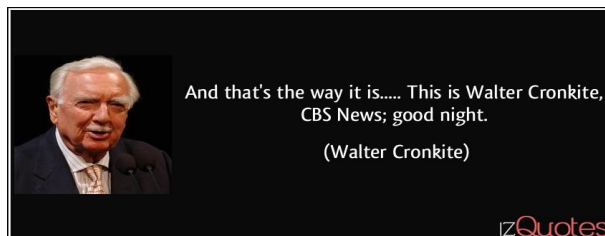
John Miceli– Sgt. At Arms

Volunteer positions are as follows– Groupworks/Webmaster– Dennis Osterhorn, Facebook– Randy Vollmer, Outreach–Connie Finch, NCM Ambassador– Rick Poepping, The Vette Gazette– Jim and Peggy Thacker, Club Historian– Jason Messenger.

There is no NCM report for December.



***Merry
Christmas!***



Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!!

It has been my absolute pleasure to be The Vette Gazette newsletter editor for the past six years. My goal was always to continue improving the look and content of it. I know I leave it in very competent hands with Jim and Peggy Thacker and am looking forward to the future Vette Gazettes.

It has also been my pleasure to chair the OCC picnic for the past seven years as well and I would like to pass that responsibility along to someone who would like to chair that as well. I have been very fortunate to have had a very loyal group of members (you know who you are) who have consistently assisted, guided, and overall participated in with the planning and execution for our picnic every year. I will book the shelter once again so we have it because it books up fast. If anyone is interested in chairing the picnic please let me know. The themes we have done in the past include: Route 66, Corvette Racing, Hawaiian Luau complete with a roasted pig, Groovy 1960's, Country/Southern Charm, Western/Cowboy/Cowgirl, and we even went shooting sporting clays one year.

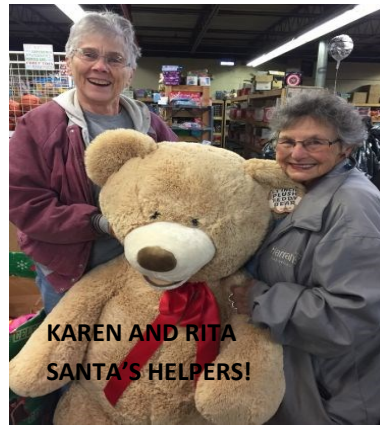
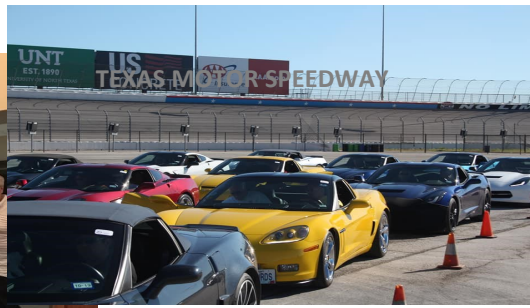
I was Sgt at Arms for two years and Administrative Chair for three years. As upcoming Vice President I want to devote more time to helping with other things for the OCC.

Some Photos of the Past



HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!!!!

More from the past.....



More Memories.....

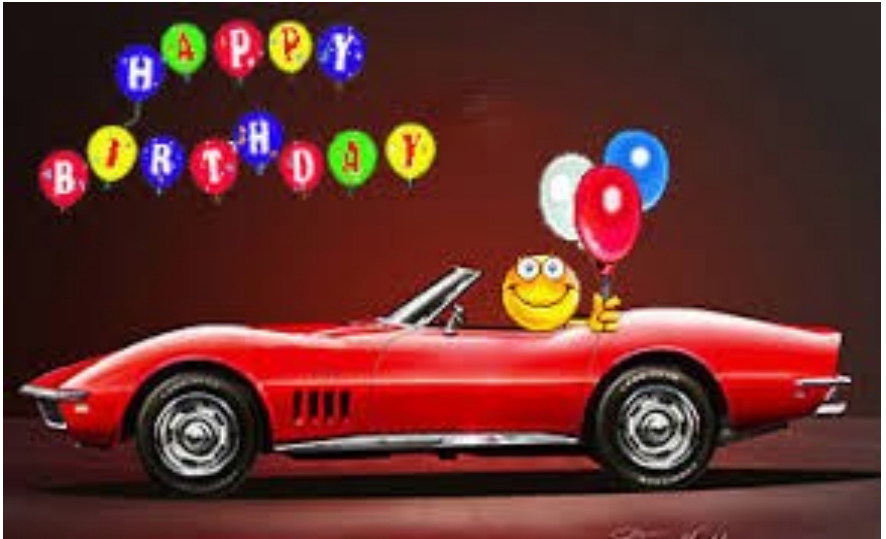


GREAT PICS.....



December Birthdays

Carol Burroughs 12/1
John Holmes 12/2
Carol Gronemeier 12/3
Liz Ann Mestre 12/5
Shirley Mueller 12/6
Margaret Messin 12/7
Tom Brendel 12/9
Lori Chesley 12/16
Kathy Poepping 12/16
Ron Londe 12/18
Jacob Stanton 12/19
Randy Vollmer 12/22
Mary Ann Kinworthy 12/24
Ian Rendell 12/25
Joe Vitale 12/28
Richard Reim 12/31



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

From all of your friends in the OCC!

January Birthdays

John Miceli 1/3
Carol Lanzafame 1/3
Mike Koenen 1/3
John Scarborough 1/6
Bill Prewitt 1/18
Janet Methany 1/19
Russ Murphy 1/19
Rich Brewer 1/20
Wayne Lepper 1/20
Mary Heeley 1/21
Ron Zimmerer 1/22
Jennifer Holmes 1/24
Jim Thacker 1/25
Amanda Dalton 1/26
Sharon Young 1/23
Larry Strassburger 1/27



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 Corvette is the world's longest running production car. Chevrolet has been pumping out Corvettes since 1953 or 70 years. Approximately 1,580,000 Corvettes have been produced to date.

