

# THE ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

## OCC 2020 Board

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## VETTE GAZETTE

February 2020



On the way

**OCC Meetings:** Are held on the 2nd Tuesday of every Month and are open to all members and guests. Our Next Meeting Will Be: March 10 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)

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## ***The President's Report----Dennis Osterhorn***

**Interesting saying, I read:** We should be honest with ourselves. People don't care about the expensive clothes you wear, how big is the house you own, your success or the car you drive. That's not to say they don't respect your success, achievements or possessions. Instead, they care about you as an individual and they support you no matter what because they believe in you as a good person.

Well another month is passing us by, which hopefully means we are getting closer to Spring. However, in St Louis that could be debatable when we can uncover those Corvettes and get back on the road. I would like to express my appreciation on the support I received at our first two meetings of the year as your new OCC president. I look forward to a productive and active year. As I mentioned, if you have any suggestions or thoughts please don't hesitate to bring them to me, or the other board members. This is "our" club and our goals are to continue improving and make even better. During and after the last meeting several members came up to me with great ideas and we are going to implement these. I had the opportunity at the Auto Show to meet other officers from Missouri Corvette clubs and discussed the possibility of doing an event together. I will be researching these in the coming months.

I'm not sure how many you know that we have more members with health issues in the club: 1) Jan Flader broke her leg again, she is on the mend and back home, 2) Rich Brewer suffered a minor stroke and he is back home taking orders from Esther, 3) Byrle Layman is having hearing problems and has undergone surgery to help correct this, Ann and Tom are taking care of Byrle. 4) Carol Peeples fell and broke a bone above her ankle in 2 places, she's on the mend and Dave is being a great nurse and last is Bob Shissler and Steve Willis undergoing Cancer Treatments. When these life changing things happen, it reminds us all to take one day at a time and live it to the fullest. Our thoughts and prayers go out to these members for a speedy recovery. Another simple reminder, if you know of anyone who is sick, or a loss of a family member, "Please" reach out to Esther Brewer and notify her so the appropriate action can be taken. There will be a Trivia night for Steve Majino to help defer some medical expenses. It will be held at the Embassy Suites in St Charles on March 7<sup>th</sup> 6:30 PM to 10:00 PM.

The OCC attended the STL Auto show in January and it was a great success. We were able to have at least one or more cars from each C class generation. Our location was front and center right across from Chevrolet, who was displaying the 2020 Corvette. I would like to take this time to thank **Jim Ford** for his effort in organizing the OCC entry into the STL Auto show. Plus, to all members who took the time to bring their cars down and get them ready. Again, we lucked out and the weather held for coming and going to the Dome. These were long and tiring days and evenings for the car owners and volunteers to work the display. THANK YOU all. Our Sponsor Jim Butler Representative Fuzz was working the show which was great, and we appreciated it. Opportunities like this gives us the chance to promote the OCC to future corvette members. We did receive several people who took applications. Again, Thank You Jim Ford for an awesome job. As you can tell from the February 11<sup>th</sup> meeting Gary mentioned several OCC events. We are trying to get the club more active and with your participation will be possible. I totally understand you cannot make them all but those that fit your schedule we appreciate your participation.

Work is progressing on updating the OCC Web site, it appears we will have to change providers since Yahoo limits the information we can display. Currently working with Rick Poepping to understand the steps to fix what we have or move forward with a new provider. I would like to thank all the members who took the time to create and submit the banner design for the NCM. Congratulations to Jason Messenger for the winning design. It has been submitted to the NCM, so it will be hanging for the 2020 Bash.

# **NCM AMBASSADORS Report----Byrle Layman**



## **The National Corvette Museum Report**

January 17, 2020.

Club Banner project. Thank you to all the members who submitted proposed designs for our banner to be flown on one of the parking lot and driveway light posts. We have a reserved spot as I got our payment in early and we captured a spot. The designs were judge by the attending members at the February meeting and Jason Messenger's design won. The design and all paperwork has been submitted to the NCM, so we are good to go.

## **Museum Survey forms:**

The museum survey forms have been counted and the results were as follows. I received twenty forms. I had hoped for a higher number but here is the breakdown. Of the twenty returned eight (8) were not members of the National Corvette Museum. Eleven (11) said they were members. One marked a question mark (not sure if they were members). Three (3) wanted information on joining. However one did not provide their name. I have ordered new packets and will have them available at the next meeting



## **MEETING MINUTES**

February 11, 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:

Thanks to all members who attended the services and procession for Steve Majino. Thanks to Esther Brewer the club's outreach person for the beautiful flower arrangement she took care of.

Please keep all ill members in your prayers.

Thanks to Jim Ford for a job well done in organizing the St. Louis Auto Show. "Outstanding Job". Also, thanks to all of the members that took the time to help work the show. Thanks to "Fuzz" for coming to the event n behalf of Jim Butler Chevrolet. It was truly one of our best showings. With at least one car from each generation.

Dennis suggested purchasing a stand-up banner for future events. Also suggested using the new NCM banner once it is voted on and selected by the members.

We would like to thank those members who spoke out at the last meeting and for your thoughts and suggestions. There will ALWAYS be a time set aside for open discussion and ideas from all members.

Please sign in to groupworks for automatic updates of Club Events and Functions. Posted event will automatically be deleted after thirty (30) have passed after the event. In the past month, 115 members signed in to view events and posts. 23 did not sign in. 63% of those who signed in reviewed post. There were 1,300 views of posts.

The NCM Banner will be selected tonight. There were 13 entries. Byrle has been working very hard on this and it has become his pride and joy. The banner will be displayed at the Museum for one year. After that year, it has been suggested the banner be donated to Jim Butler Chevrolet for display in their showroom.

It was mentioned again the 2020 dues must be paid by February 28, 2020.

Larry and Dennis will be working on reformatting the monthly newsletter. Some members were having issues with the small print. They are working to resolve those issues.

Rick Poepping is working on the new website. Rick spoke of a number of problems with the old site that are getting fixed with the new site. Rick asked for suggestions of what members would like to see. You can e-mail suggestions to Rick at [rickpep@gmail.com](mailto:rickpep@gmail.com). Some suggestions brought up at the meeting were a calendar of public events (car shows, benefits, etc.) Event photos for public viewing. Rick said he is working on photos organized by dates and event in albums. Open album and scroll through all pictures of the event or function.

Paula Miceli is doing well after her surgery. Keep her in your prayers.

Rich Brewer had a stroke. He is doing well and at home. Prayers his way also.

We are working on a revised and updated tri-fold flyer for upcoming events as handouts.

Dennis would like to have some special recognition for event organizers and coordinators for their efforts in events and functions.

Board Members were introduced by the President.

Ann Jennings presented the Treasurer's report:

A motion to accept the Treasurers report was made by Dick Mericle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Miceli

Dennis made motion to accept minutes of last meeting: Motion made by John Miceli, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Randy Vollmer

Mike Koenen presented the membership report:

Currently we have 82 members and 67 Associate members.

Please have dues paid by February 29, 2020 for the 2020 year

NCM Report was presented by Ann Jennings in Byrles' absence:

SPRING Bash: April 23 thru 25, 2020

Membership is still open

Some events and road trips are "Sold Out", but there are still lots of things to see and do.

OCC uses the Drury Inn in Bowling Green, but there are many choices

National Corvette Museum Membership

3 people expressed interest in NCM membership from the handouts at last month's meeting.

Ken Schaeffler is now a member

Banner Selection

Each member to select a favorite

Ballots will be collected and tallied

Winner will be announced at the end of February meeting

Byrle will provide information sheet with instructions for submission.

Dennis asked if any new members were in attendance:

Sharon Young – was an associate but got her own car. 2004 Black Coupe

Carl and Karen Spalinger – 1999 Silver Coupe

February birthdays and anniversaries.

Walt Yeager, 2/05; Charles Isenberg, 2/06; June Breen, 2/07; Julie Willis, 2/09; Caryl Wilson 2/10; Cindy Murphy, 2/13; Herb Clark, 2/14; Ken Schaeffler 2/19; Art Delhougne, 2/21; Ernie Stephens, 2/26; Kent Morgan, 2/27

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

New cars or additions:

Sharon Young recently purchased a 2004 Black Coupe

Kirk Pohl, 1966 White Convertible

Tom and Mary Heeley – 2017 Admiral Blue Metallic Grand Sport Coupe.

Gary Messenger reported on past events:

St. Louis Auto Show - Jim Ford

River Road Cruise – Tom Nickelson

Steve Majino funeral and procession

Thank you all for attending and representing the OCC

Gary Messenger reported on upcoming events

Wednesday Night Dinners – Doug and Jan Flader

Defiance Ridge winery Run – Feb. 22, 2020 – Ken Schaeffler

TRIVIA Night for Steve Majino – March 7, 2020 – Rick Mestre

St. John Gildehaus Chicken Dinner – March 8, 2020 – Rich Brewer

Go Kart Fun Day at Gateway KartPlex – April 18, 2020 – Ken Schaeffler

NCMK Bash – April 23 – 25, 2020 – Byrle Layman

OCC Trash Pickup – First of the year – April 26, 2020 – Dick and Karen Mericle

Magic Tail of the Dragon, Lake of the Ozarks – May 1 – 3, 2020 – Dennis Osterhorn

Lonestar Corvette Classic – May 22 – 24, 2020 – Jim Ford

Alton Memorial Day Parade – May 25, 2020 – Fred Gronemeier

Scott Air Force Base Airshow – May 30 & 31, 2020 – Dennis Osterhorn

Spinal Bifida rides in the park – May 30, 2020 – Karen Mericle

Warm Springs Ranch – no date yet – Looking for interested party's

St. Louis Aquarium at Union Station – no date yet – Looking for interested party's

All upcoming events can be viewed on Groupworks. Visit the site often to know what's happening.

Old Business discussion by Dennis Osterhorn:

Groupworks now has the calendar for all upcoming events.

New Business discussion by Dennis Osterhorn

Looking for a volunteer to eventually take over the website from Rick

Would like a couple additional people to assist in the new website

Larry will be working on new layout for "The Vette Gazette"

Looking for new stand up banner for car shows and events

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.

Tom Messina will be making a short presentation about his Corvette at the March meeting. The inaugural kickoff of the "Members Cars" segment. Hopefully, it will become a monthly thing.

Open for New Discussion

Kent Morgan would like to bring back the "Vette Vendors" addition to the newsletter or e-mails to members for all your Corvette needs

A member suggested bringing back the crossword puzzles and seek and find word game to the newsletter

A member suggested a "For Sale" section added to the newsletter

A member suggested Jim Butler ads in the newsletter.



BANNER DRAWING: Herb and Patty Clark tallied ballots.

And the winner is: Jason Messenger – Entry #11 Congratulations Jason

Thanks to ALL the members for their entries and efforts. You all did a great job and the voting was difficult.

Tom Nickelson held the 50/50 drawing

Dennis asked for motion to adjourn:

Herb Clark made the motion

Dick Mericle made the second

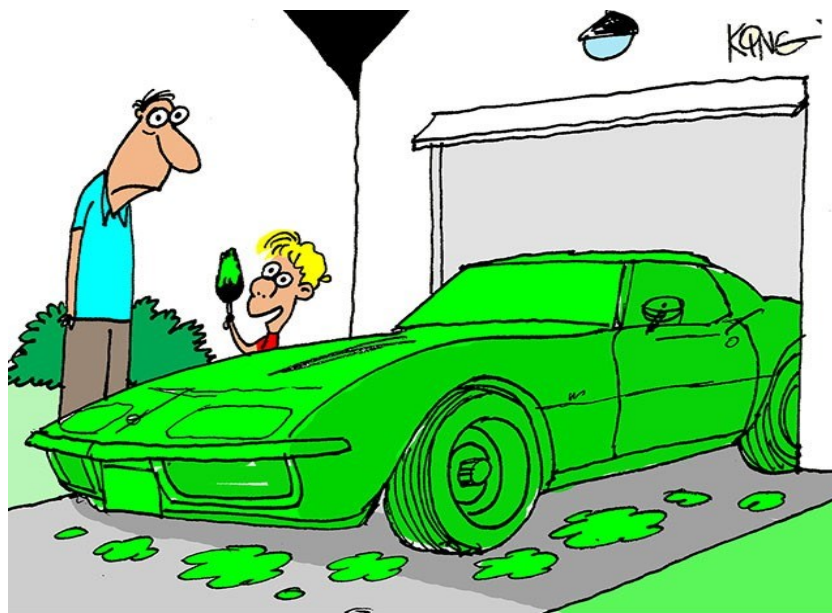
Meeting adjourned at 9:00

Respectively Submitted by Kenneth Schaeffler

### **Editors Corner**

I want to thank Dennis Osterhorn for his help in creating this newsletter format. I use the same Microsoft Publisher program but was using a new template last month and it didn't come out as good as I had intended. I went over to Dennis and Cheryl's house last Sunday and we worked on it for a couple of hours although Dennis had done most of the groundwork already. Hopefully this is easier to read and the font is large enough. The next Vette Gazette will even be better as I add more graphics and OCC personalized items to it. If any member wishes to have something published in the Vette Gazette please, please, reach out to me and I will get it in. I am always open to new and fun ideas.

Respectively Submitted by Larry Dann



*“In honor of St. Patrick’s Day, I painted  
your car green. I knew it would leave you  
speechless, dad.”*

## **NCM AMBASSADORS Report----Byrle Layman**



### **The National Corvette Museum Report cont**

#### **Artifacts from the Corvette manufacturing plant in St Louis:**

As I stated the museum has almost nothing relating to the old St. Louis Corvette plant. The Corvette did not get its beginnings in Bowling Green. If you or some other person you know has any souvenirs or artifacts from the plant, please think about donating them to the museum or even loaning them if you don't want to lose them. It is believed that many things were destroyed and that some were destroyed in a fire. Let me know and I will see that anything you have will get to the right people at the Museum. NCM spring bash:

**The BASH will be held on April 23-25, 2020.** This is the first onsite event that kicks off the season at the National Corvette Museum. Registration is open. Fees are as follows. Life members, \$20.00 per person. Members \$25.00 pp. and Nonmembers are \$35.00 pp. this is a fun and informative meeting. Activities include seminars and displays. Vettes on display with engineers from the plant to answer any questions. Road trips. Banquets. Ladies only events there is something for everyone. OCC members usually stay at the Drury Inn. Rooms are going fast. Hope to see you there. There are several MIM (Museum in motion) trips available this year. One such is Tail Of the Dragon. This is immediately after Bash. Departing for So. Carolina from Bowling Green. Please see events selections on the museum web site. [nationalcorvettemuseum.org](http://nationalcorvettemuseum.org). click on events. There are many more I will discuss later.

**As always be safe out there and don't forget to wave. Byrle Layman**





## ***Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Additions***

***Happy Birthday to all from the OCC!***

***Walt Yeager 2/5***

***Charles Isenberg 2/6***

***June Breen 2/7***

***Julie Willis 2/9***

***Caryl Wilson 2/10***

***Cindy Murphy 2/13***

***Herb Clark 2/14***

***Kenneth Schaeffler 2/19***

***Art Delhougne 2/21***

***Ernie Stephens 2/26***

***Kent Morgan 2/27***



***Rick Poepping 3/2***

***Mike Walter 3/2***

***Judy Silvagni 3/16***

***LorenBurstein3/7***

***Dennis Kinworthy 3/15***

***TomDierkes 3/21***

***Terri Ford 3/25***

***Enzo Steffano 3/31***

### ***Anniversaries***

Please notify the Larry Dann so we can make sure it's posted for everyone can see.

### ***New Additions***





***Mark your Calendar for these fun events***

Event	Date	Coordinator
Trivia Night for Steve Majino	3/7/2020	Rick Mestre
St John's Gildehaus Fried Chicken Dinner	3/8/2020	Rich Brewer
St. Car Museum	4/4/2020	Herb Clark
NCM Bash	4/22- 4/26 2020	Byrle Layman
OCC Trash Pick up	4/26/2020	Dick & Karen Mericle
Magic Dragon Lake of the Ozarks	5/1-5/3/ 2020	Dennis Osterhorn
Lonestar Corvette Classic	5/21- 5/25 /2020	Jim ford
Alton Memorial Day Parade	5/25/2020	Fred Gronemeier

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## MARCH 2020

### OCC Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Trivia night for Steve Majino at Embassy Suites St Charles
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
St Gildehaus Fried Chicken Dinner		OCC monthly meeting at Jilly's 7:30 PM	Wednesday night dinner			
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			Wednesday night dinner			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			Wednesday night dinner			
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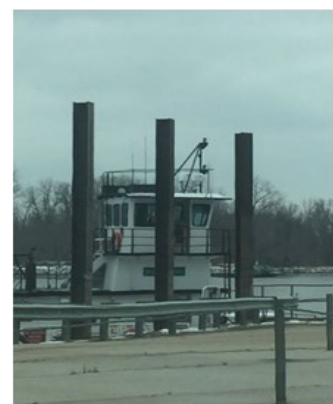




## ***February Club Meeting at Jilly's***



## ***Pere Marquette Lunch / Ferry / Fast Lane***





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The 1961 Corvette  
was the last year to  
feature "wide white-  
wall" tires

