

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2020 Board

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www.occofstl.com



**A new set of Snow Tires and you
are good to go!**

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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: Hopefully March 9! **Meeting**

Location: Jilly's Café & Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road,
High Ridge, MO 63049, Phone: (636) 449-4500
www.jillyscafeandsteakhouse.com (for directions, go to their
website and click on "Contact Us" at the top of the page)

The Presidents Report ... Dennis Osterhorn



President Report for January – February

Well, here we are in a new year and the pandemic continues, plus now we are dealing with the crappy weather and cold temperatures. Keep your fingers crossed that spring comes soon and the ground hog was wrong. As I have been posting, we now have Zoom meetings in our communication tool kit. Due the weather, I cancelled our monthly meeting at Jilly's on February 9th, instead we had our first OCC Members Zoom meeting. I was a little disappointed that we did not have more log in but a very special thanks goes out to those who did join us. I realize it will get easier as time goes on for members to use this valuable tool. Going forward, we will always do both in person at Jilly's and Zoom for those who feel safer to be home.

Please continue to check in with Groupworks, as we will post the latest club information.

The OCC club would like to extend its condolences to the Rod Silvagni family as Rod passed away. Let us keep Judy and her family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

As you can imagine there is still a lot of cancellations or restrictions being implemented on events this year. So, continue checking Groupworks to see the latest status.

Looking forward the NCM will be hosting its annual BASH April 22nd through the 24th, the Texas trip for this year is off, since they eliminated the track event. Some of us are looking into attending the Talladega Memorial, event since they will have track time. See below for more information.

Rescheduled: May 29, 2021
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Hosted by "Vettes4Vets"

Our signature Memorial Day weekend fundraiser draws over 250 Corvettes, muscle cars, street autos, and Talladega enthusiasts. This year, 700 plus diehard Corvette, NASCAR fans and Patriots are expected to attend.

Drive your own Corvette, sports car or muscle car on the world's fastest super speedway.... Five laps for \$100.



MEETING MINUTES

February 9, 2021

Meeting Location – ZOOM - 7:30



Members participating: Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn, Gary Messenger, Rick Poepping, Randy Vollmer, Karen Mericle, Mike & Suzanne Koenen, Byrle Layman, Tom Nicholson, Larry Dann, Esther Brewer & Ken Schaeffler

There were about 10 - 12 members participating in the meeting as well. Thanks to those members for taking the time and making the effort to join in this inaugural ZOOM meeting.

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement:

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

The club now has a ZOOM account that is capable of handling up to 100 guests. We are still working on having regular meetings at Jilly's and when we do the meetings will also take place on ZOOM in order to accommodate members who have concerns with COVID and the weather.

Thanked all of the board members who have worked hard over the past year for their efforts in bringing a new web page, Groupworks and ZOOM meetings. Gifts for the Board members and Volunteers will be handed out at the March meeting.

OCC insurance is now due and will be paid. Since it is an occurring expense, there was no need for a member vote.

Groupworks is working great.

The new website is up and working great.

At the upcoming meeting, February 9, 2021, each member and associate in attendance will be given a ticket for the attendance prize drawing. The prize will be \$50.00 cash.

TREASURERS REPORT – Cheryl Osterhorn

Jim Butler submitted his check as Club Sponsor.

MEMBERSHIP – Mike and Suzanne

Membership is down this year (2021). Membership will remain open until the end of May as decided by the Board. We have 45 paid members. Compare to 2020, we had 71 members paid and total membership was 127.

OUTREACH – Esther Brewer

Mike Koenen is getting better and feeling better.

Bob Shissler is still using walker, but hope to move to a cane soon.

Rod Silvagni is not doing well at the date of the meeting. *(At the time of preparing these minutes I was informed the Rod has passed. Please keep the family in your prayers)*

BY-LAWS UPDATE – Tom Nicholson

Tom is working on an outline and draft. Will be making contact to select people to assist him with preparing a draft of their ideas. Upon completion of the draft he will submit to the Board for further review.

NCM REPORT – Byrle Layman

Byrle has mentioned the status of the banner at the NCM. The cost to club to maintain our banner will be \$500.00. This will have to be voted by the members if we want to submit the banner. It should be noted that Byrle donated the submittal fee last year.

If anyone wants to submit a banner design for consideration, the deadline for getting them to Byrle is the end of February.

If no new designs are submitted Byrle and Dennis will decide which banner design from last year will be submitted.

The Spring Bash at the NCM is April 22 thru 24, 2021. Registration is still open. Anyone interested talk to Byrle for Hotel and event information. The newsletter will have Byrle's report in it.

After the Bash there will be an organized trip to drive Tail of the Dragon.

UPCOMING EVENTS – Gary Messenger

March 19 & 20, 2021; Pidgeon Forge Corvette Expo

April 16 & 17, 2021; Branson Car Auction

Weekend of May 1, 2021; Lake Ozark Car Show and Magic Dragon. Car show to be held at Margaritaville (formerly Tan-Tar-A). It is a 2-day indoor show. Details regarding moving cars in and out will be forthcoming.

1st week in June; Museum in Motion event in Branson. He will verify date and time as well as provide information on Groupworks

The Lonestar Corvette Classic is scheduled for May 21-23, 2021. It is noted that there will be NO track day this year due to rising insurance costs.

May 1, 2021; Car and Truck show at St. Pius X church in Festus, Missouri.

May 28 & 29, 2021; Vettes4Vets car show on Friday and track day at Talladega Super Speedway on Saturday. More information to follow as it becomes available.

The St. Louis Auto show is scheduled for April, but we have not received an invite at this time. Jim Ford is following up on the event.

Jim Ford has also made contact with the powers that be for the status of the upcoming parades. Jim will inform as information comes forward.

Please check Groupworks for updates to all of these upcoming events.

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

Meeting adjourned at 8:15.

St. John's Gildehaus Annual Chicken Dinner is still on! Probably a drive through event. March 14, 2021.



[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador](#)



Ambassadors Report, January and February, 2021.

Spring will be here soon and we will be eager to hit the road. A good road trip along with informative sessions and fun events is calling.

The BASH is the kickoff event for each year at NCM. This year the dates are April 22, thru 24 2021. Registration is open. Sign up early as events fill up fast. Immediately following the BASH is the Dragon run, April 25 thru 28, 2021. Those who choose to do this event will depart from NCM on Sunday morning and caravan to Asheville SC. You will stay in the beautiful Biltmore Inn which is located on the grounds of the Biltmore Mansion which was the home to the Vanderbilt's. You will enjoy guided tours of this enormous structure. The mansion is still owned by the Vanderbilt family. You will do the Tail of the Dragon a fun event in itself. Choose BASH and Dragon run as your get out and drive spring event.

OCC will participate in the Club Banner Project again this year. All banners from last year are being taken down and will be presented to the clubs at the BASH. The new banners will go up in April before BASH. As in the past orders are being accepted thru February. ALL ENTRIES ARE DUE BY February 28, 2021. All banners must be formatted to fit a 29.5 by 60 inch banner. They MUST be submitted in high resolution PDF, JPG or EPS. When you have created your entry please send it to Dennis and we take it from there. A contest will not be held this year due to COVID concerns. I hope to see a club banner from OCC flying over the NCM grounds in 2021. Please refer to my post in Group works for more information.

I am proud to serve OCC as your Ambassador and thank you for your support. If you have suggestions regarding how I can best represent our proud club please feel free to let me know. As always be safe out there and don't forget to wave!

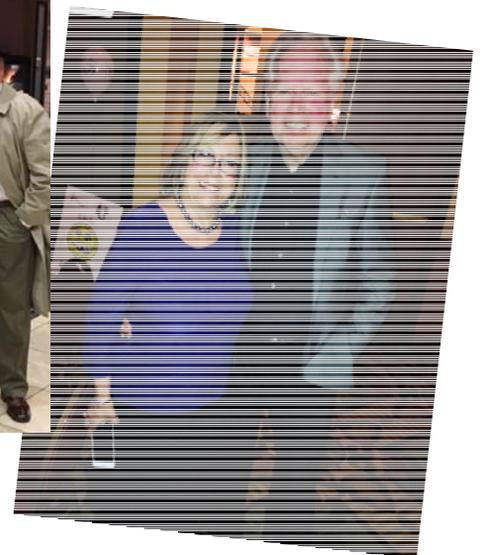


In Memoriam....Rod Silvagni

Most anyone that attends the Wednesday night dinners knew Rod well. He and Judy were staples there almost every week before they moved to Palm Springs. That is where I first met Rod and Judy. Little did I know that we would become such fast and great friends. It was meant to be. We enjoyed the same music, cars, good food and drinks, and generally having a good time. He was very intelligent, well versed, and taught me a great deal. Rod, always the gentlemen, was never without his warm slightly mischievous smile and a twinkle in his eye. He was a snappy dresser and a true romantic. I will never forget the day he called me and wanted to open a nightclub ala 1940's style. Good food, good drinks, while Sinatra was crooning on stage. Maybe I should have taken him up on it. What a ride that would have been! Rest in peace my friend. Thanks for all of the good times. I will see you again some day...

*Judy, you and your family
are in our constant prayers.*

Larry Dann



Corvette Trivia:

The original front emblem and horn button on the "Autorama" Corvette featured crossed American and Checkered flags. It was discovered that using *an American* flag on a product trade mark was against the law and the emblem was changed before the New York Motorama.



Hope everyone had a romantic Valentines Day!!



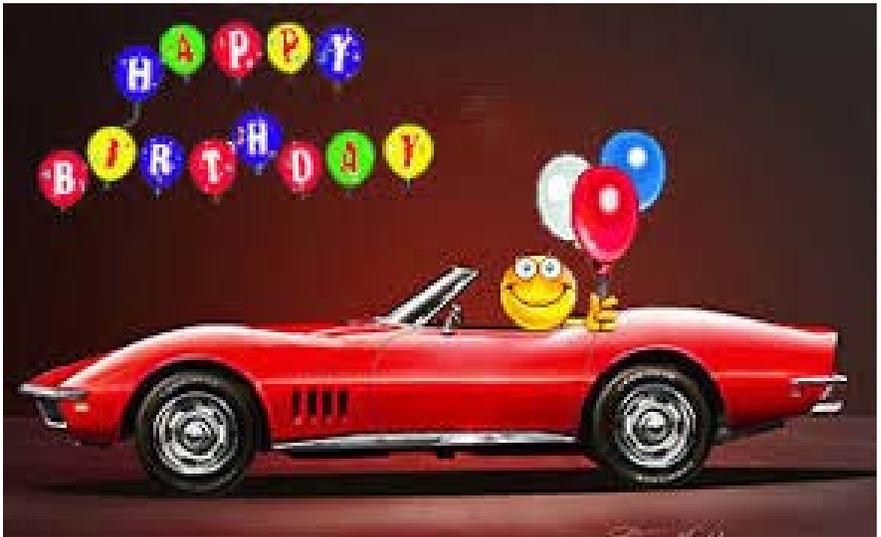
Happy St.
Patrick's Day!



February

Birthdays

Walt Yeager 2/5
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



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

From all of your friends in the OCC!

March Birthdays

Rick Poepping 3/2
Judy Silvagni 3/16
Dennis Kinworthy 3/16
Tom Dierkes 3/21
Terri Ford 3/25



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!

