

## ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

February 2022 Newsletter

# The Vette Gazette

## OCC 2022 Board

President: Kenneth Schaeffler

Vice President– Ann Nickelson-Jennings

Treasurer– Sharon Young

Sgt. At Arms– Tom Nickelson

Membership– John Miceli

Administrative Assistant– Larry Dann

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Club Historian– Karen Mericle

Webmaster– Dennis Osterhorn

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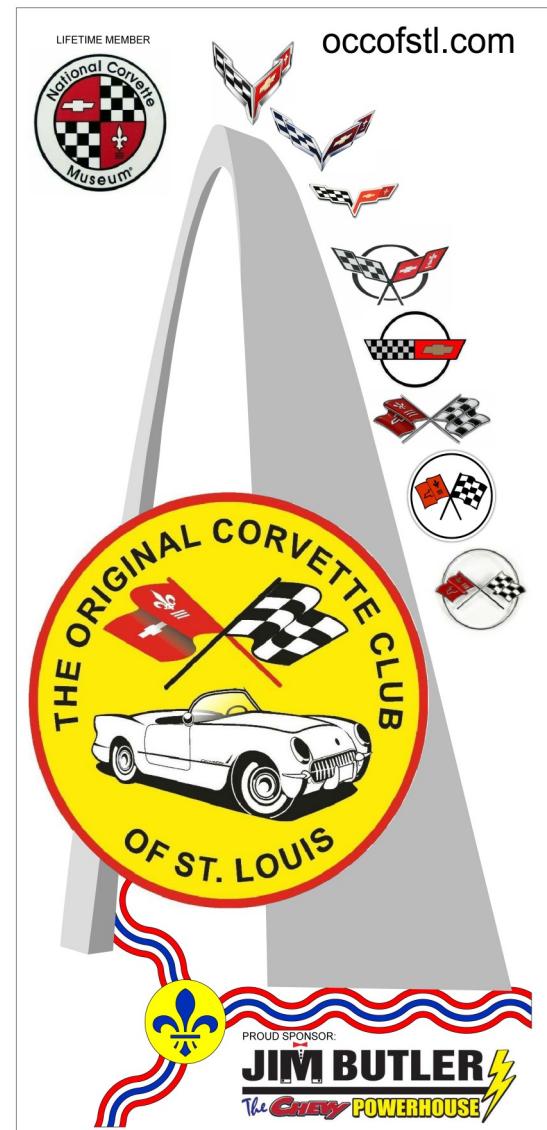
Wednesday Dinner Club– Ann

Nickleson-Jennings

Newsletter Editor– Larry Dann

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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: March 8 Meeting Loca-**

**tion:** 1356 Public House, 1356 Big Bend Road, Ballwin, MO 63021. (636) 861-1688. For directions go to their website: [www.1356publichouse.com](http://www.1356publichouse.com) and scroll down to 'Get Directions' on the home page. You can also view their menu.

## The President's Report

**Kenneth Schaeffler, President**

**Original Corvette Club of St. Louis**



February 8, 2022

At the January meeting we had 33 members present and two guests visiting to check out the club.

There were quite a few topics discussed at the meeting and I will go through everything so everyone is kept up-to-date. Later in the meeting I will ask for any member comments about the Board meeting during the open discussion segment. Again, My biggest objective for this year is to get more members involved in more club events.

First, I want to thank 1356 Public House for providing this room to us for our meetings due to the unfortunate incident at Jilly's. We have this room booked for the next 4 months with the ability to extend if it becomes necessary. I want to thank Ann for her effort making calls to various venues after we learned of the fire. She spent better the half of a day making calls to get us a place to meet and we decided on this venue the following afternoon.

This month's greeter is Sharon Young. Next month will be Ann and Brian Jennings. We still have openings for September and November.

I had a phone call with Steve Willis. He was hoping to be at tonight's meeting as well as last months, but he's had an unfortunate situation. He is currently riding around in a wheel chair. He was having issues with his leg and some pain and went to doctor. They did an MRI and it showed he has a mass that showed up. The doctors want him to stay off of his leg, hence, the wheel chair. They are going to start radiation therapy to see if they can shrink the mass before doing surgery to remove what remains. With that said, he was going to ask the members tonight if we could put together a few corvettes to do a birthday run for a friend. His friend, Dan Buck, used to be on Channel 5 for a while and currently owns or partners in St. Louis Mills. Dan Buck's father-in-law is an avid Corvette fan and Dan asked Steve if he could pick him up and give him a ride to his Birthday Party at Fast Lane in St. Charles or Top Golf in Chesterfield. So, I'm looking to see if we can get a few cars together to make this happen. He lives off Page Avenue extension just inside St. Charles County. Steve appreciates anything we can do and told me to thank everyone.

The Club bank account has been moved from Bank of America to Commerce Bank.

New Board Member shirts were ordered and have arrived and were distributed to those who needed them.

Tonight, is the deadline for Banner submittals for the NCM. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone's design. We will choose a design later this evening and Rick will submit the banner to the Museum. Submittal deadline to the Museum is February 28, 2022, but Rick said that locations are booking up fast, so we want to have our design submitted tomorrow.

Rockwood Summit High School Bio-Diesel Program will be planning their car show this year. The date is Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The show will be at the High School as in the past. I have made arrangements to have our Club display in the same spot as we had in 2019. They cancelled the show in 2020 & 2021 due to COVID. Darren Peters, the teacher that heads up the Car Show has provided copies of the Flyer and Registration Forms to me. These have been posted on Groupworks. When we get closer, I will print copies for you to register. To help support this event further, I contacted Jeanne with the Gateway Camaro Club. This is the same Club that participated in the Jim Butler show last October. She indicated to me that they will be participating at the event also.

The suggestion /USO Donation Box is at the door. So if anyone has an extra buck or two or if you have any suggestion, complaints or other thoughts, please drop me a note in the box.

At last month's Meeting I brought up the fact that unless you watch the parades on TV, those at the parades don't have a clue who we are. I suggested that we should have two people carry our banner (the one we hang at car shows, etc.) ahead of the group in the parade. So if any members kids or grandkids would be interested in being in the parades with us, leading us down the street let me know. I contacted Marks Quick Printing about large Club Logos (Static vinyl) for use in parades. These will be 12" diameter, full color matching the window decals that many of the members display. They are the type that cling to the car without tape or other types of fasteners.

## ***President's Report Continued.....***

We need to start thinking about the Annual Memorial Day Parade in Alton. Fred and Carol will be organizing this, but I want to make sure we put it out there in plenty of time so everyone can plan on attending. This is the longest continuous running Memorial Day Parade in the Country. Last year was the 154<sup>th</sup>. Even when the parade was officially cancelled in 2020 due to Covid, a small group of people decided to make their own parade to keep the streak going. Fred and Carol have now posted this event on Groupworks. So let's make this a parade to remember. Fred will talk about this later to provide more information

The Board also decided to keep last years banner and I will make a stand to display it at club events.

Membership dues will be in accordance with the by-laws this year. 2023 dues will be due by January 1<sup>st</sup> but no later than February 28, 2023.

Last month at the meeting, I suggested that I would accept suggestions from members for charitable organizations to donate to. I would like to do this every other month, as I think the bulk should go to the USO fund for snacks and treats for the military. With that, tonight's Club portion of the 50/50 will be going to the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. This suggestion was made by Art.

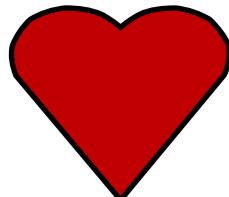
**Thank you again for your support and let's work together to make 2022 a banner year for the Club.**



**Happy Anniversary!!!**

**Eric & Cindy Stephens 2/28/81 41 Years**

**Brian & Ann Jennings 3/92/03 19 Years**



## January 2022 Meeting Minutes

### Larry Dann, Administrative/Publications

## **Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis**

### **February 2022**



The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Sgt. At Arms Tom Nickelson.

The Pledge of Allegiance was reluctantly forgone because of space restrictions.

President Kenneth Schaeffler welcomed everyone and introduced the officers and volunteers for the OCC.

President Kenneth Schaeffler gave his opening statement. (See the President's Report)

#### **Treasurer's Report– Sharon Young**

The floor was then given to Treasurer, Sharon Young. Sharon gave the treasurer's report in detail. She relayed Jim Butler Chevrolet had once again given their generous support for 2022. She also reported the OCC had changed banks from The Bank of America to Commerce Bank. A motion was made by Cheryl Osterhorn to accept the Treasurer's report. It was seconded by Rich Brewer.

Ken then asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting. The motion to accept the minutes recorded was made by Sharon Young and seconded by Dennis Osterhorn.

#### **Administrative– Larry Dann**

The floor was then given to Admin. Assistant, Larry Dann. He reported that we had received requests for donations from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Wounded Warrior Foundation. We had also received a request from BackStoppers to support the family of the recently deceased STL Firefighter Benjamin Polson. Polson, 33 years old, was killed when the roof of a vacant building collapsed while he and other firefighters were inside on January 13, 2022. The membership who was present voted to donate \$250 to BackStoppers in his honor. The motion to accept was made by Dennis Osterhorn and seconded by Tom Nickelson.

#### **Membership– John Miceli**

The floor was then given to Membership Chair, John Miceli. John reported we currently have 58 paid members with 47 associate members for a total membership of 105 members. John also told everyone he has added wedding anniversaries along with the birthday list. John kindly reminded members the 2022 dues are due by the end of February.

#### **Jim Butler Report-Fuzz Steinlage**

The floor was then turned over to Buzz Steinlage, OCC Jim Butler Chevrolet Representative. Buzz stated they are getting new cars in and have them coming in almost every day. He also said, "They sell as fast as they arrive", so if you are in the market for a new Chevrolet contact him directly and he will make sure you are taken care of. He also said Butler had about 300 used cars inventory if you are looking for something used. He then relayed that the Service Department is somewhat backed up. They are short on techs and getting parts can be a challenge. He said once again to contact him personally and he would do what he could to help.

#### **Outreach– Esther Brewer**

The floor was then given to Outreach Volunteer, Esther Brewer. Esther sadly reported Don Delonjay is unable to walk and is doing rehab and exercises at home so he can regain his strength to stand and walk. Karen Mericle also said Dick is doing better but was a little dehydrated and she was trying to get him to drink more water. Note: Dick has since been hospitalized for dehydration.

## **Meeting Minutes Continued.....**

### **New Members/First Time Visitors**

Ken then introduced 3 new members to the club. **David Dalton** has a 1986 Corvette Coupe. It is red on red. He said he is really enjoying it. **John and Yvonne Renz** are taking ownership, through the National Corvette Museum Delivery on Saturday 2/12, a red metallic mist 2022 Corvette. John said it has every option available! He also said it is sort of a retirement present as he is retiring on February 18. John said he and Yvonne have owned two Corvettes in the past but went over to the 'Dark Side' into the Porsche community for a time. Apparently, they sold the Porsche about 3 years ago and decided it was now time to get another Corvette. Yvonne told him to just DO IT! Nicely done Yvonne. Congrats to the Renz's on their new Corvette. Welcome to the OCC to David, Yvonne, and John.

### **Vice President– Ann Nickelson-Jennings**

Ken then turned the floor over to Ann Nickelson-Jennings. Ann regaled the club with the adventures the previous weekend on a road trip to Pierre Marquette State Park. She said they saw at least 14 bald eagles with probably more out on the ice of the Mighty Mississippi River and enjoyed brunch at the Lodge. Tom Nickelson explained that Ann decided to walk as close to the river to get a better photo shot and sank waist deep in a snow drift. He said he didn't help her get out either. Shame on you Tom! Ann went on to explain the event at Big Dick's BBQ was cancelled as well as at the Main Event in Chesterfield. Understaffing is a big issue and they felt they would not be able to service us very well. Ann also said the 'run' to Lambert's in Sikeston was changed to Saturday March 12<sup>th</sup>. She also mentioned other upcoming car shows including the Easter show at Forest Park as well as The Family Arena on Easter day. She continued about the upcoming show in Hannibal as well. (Make sure to check out Groupworks and the Upcoming Events Page in the Vette Gazette for the latest and greatest)

### **National Corvette Museum Ambassador– Rick Poepping**

Ken then gave the floor to NCM Ambassador, Rick Poepping. Rick told the group that he saw on the NCM website all the club banner allocations had been taken. He then confirmed they had been. He immediately called the NCM and was able to convince the powers that be to allow the OCC one additional day to accept our submission for approval. They agreed, and our banner will once again shine at the NCM. There were five submissions for the club NCM banner from the membership. The #3 banner submitted by Ken Schaeffler was the winner and is now the focal point of the front page of your newsletter.

**Old business** was covered by Ken in his opening statement.

### **New Business**

Ken restated the need for the friend of Steve Willis, the Rockwood Summit HS car show, and the Alton Memorial Day Parade- sponsored by Carol and Fred Gronemeier. Karen Mericle reported Jan and Doug Flader are doing much better and were able to get out and do grocery shopping without any assistance. Great news for sure! Jim Ford reported the Lonestar Event at Texas Motor Speedway is DEAD. It is now basically just a car show without any track time or events. Perhaps when the Endemic comes it will resume as before. Chris and Angie Davis told the club they had purchased sweet a 2015 Z51 Corvette- Black on Black. Congratulations! Ann Jennings said the Wednesday night dinners are still on hold until further notice. Larry Dann asked the club how many members read the newsletter and the response was an overwhelming majority. His thought was if the newsletter had perhaps outlived its usefulness because all the information in it, is almost entirely shared on Groupworks. Dennis pointed out that the newsletter is also published on our website for potential members to read to get a sense of what the OCC is and what we do. Long live the Vette Gazette! Larry Strassburg said he always checks the spelling, and we are doing a good job.

## Meeting Minutes Continued.....

### **50/50 Drawing- Tom Nickelson**

Last month the OCC portion of the 50/50 raffle went to the USO Fund that Sharon is keeping an account of. Last month's winner was Ann Jennings. She donated her winnings to the USO fund. When we get to the point we have adequate donations, we will purchase snacks and treats for the troops and deliver to the Lambert facility. The Club's 50% of the raffle for February will go to the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation. This was suggested by Art Delhougne at the January meeting. If anyone has a suggestion, the club will gladly add it to the list. The winning ticket for the 50/50 was chosen by Yvonne Renz and the winner was Jason Messenger. Jason donated his \$93 in winnings back to the club to go BackStoppers. Nicely done sir! The 50/50 for March will go to The Wounded Warrior Fund.

Ken asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting and Rich Brewer obliged. The motion was seconded by Walt Yeager.

The meeting ended at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Larry Dann



**LET THE GOOD TIMES ROLL!**





From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

1.) Lambert's- Sikeston

Saturday March 12 @ 8AM Meet at the commuter lot 30/270

2. Easter Show April 17th- Forest Park- No details at this time

3.) Easter Show April 17th - Family Arena \$20.00 participation fee, \$2.00 spectator fee

4.) Loafers Car show- Hannibal

May 6-7 Limited to 350 cars, 30 judged classes including specific Corvette classes. 3 trophies for each class, 8 special awards, door prizes, if you pre register you get a t shirt and a special invite to a bbq on Friday night. \$25.00 entry fee. contact info is 573-822-2927 or [acwply@gmail.com](mailto:acwply@gmail.com)

5.) Bash at NCM in April- information on website

6.) Lone Star Corvette Classic - Fort Worth

June 10-12 information on website

7.) Chevys Silent Auction- September - Raises money for charity to be announced- start getting donations

8.) Reoccurring events that start in April-

A.) Sonic every Friday

B.) Faith Church Sunset Hills First Friday of each month

C.) Fritz ice cream - Valley Park 2nd Sunday of month @6:30

**Wednesday night dinners are on hold until Covid calms down. All events subject to change or cancelation.**

**Ann**



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

**Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador**

**February 2022**



## **2022 Michelin NCM Bash - April 28-30, 2022**

Kickoff of the NCM onsite event season with us here in Bowling Green, KY! Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, and the Ladies' Oasis.

Seminar schedule and a more detailed agenda will be made available as we can confirm presenter's ability to be onsite. Those that are not with us here at the Museum will be doing live interactive sessions similar to those held at the 2021 Michelin NCM Bash.

## **Museum In Motion Dragon Run – May 1-4, 2022**

Spring in the Smokies, Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore all combined in one great MiM tour. Once again we hit the road, leaving Bowling Green and heading East to run the famous TN-129, aka Tail of the Dragon. This year again, we will be staying at the beautiful Biltmore Inn on the Biltmore Estate grounds. The Monday Biltmore visit includes a specially arranged early morning photo op of the cars in front of the manor house followed by breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café adjacent to the house. New friends will be made while enjoying one of the most beautiful areas of the country

during the colorful spring season.

## **Branson Experience – May 31-June4, 2022**

Stay at the Hotel Grand Victorian. Centrally located on the 76 Strip, less than 3 miles from world class shopping at the Branson Landing, and walking distance from all of the best shows, restaurants, and attractions. This MiM will include a day drives to beautiful Eureka Springs as well as a Dogwood Canyon drive. Enjoy 'The Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise and a Spectacular Branson show. Free time is also on the agenda to explore Branson as you wish!



## **Special Exhibit - Corvette Powered**

What does it mean to be "Corvette Powered"? Visitors to the National Corvette Museum will have the opportunity to learn exactly what it means when they step into an exciting new exhibit by the same name: Corvette Powered. The exhibit showcases vehicles, specifically mid-century non-General Motors/non-Corvette vehicles, that utilized Corvette engines and drivelines.

## NCM Report Continued.....

### Motorsports Part Events

#### **KING of the Heap - March 5, 2022**

The Mr. Gasket King of the Heap is a multi-discipline team-based race program for “Heap” cars valued at \$1,000 or less. KOTH consists of an autocross and 1.1-mile track time.

#### **BINGETOKYO HPDE – March 12-13, 2022**

All makes/models are welcome to register for open track as usual. This registration is for open track for Novice, Intermediate, and Advanced classes.

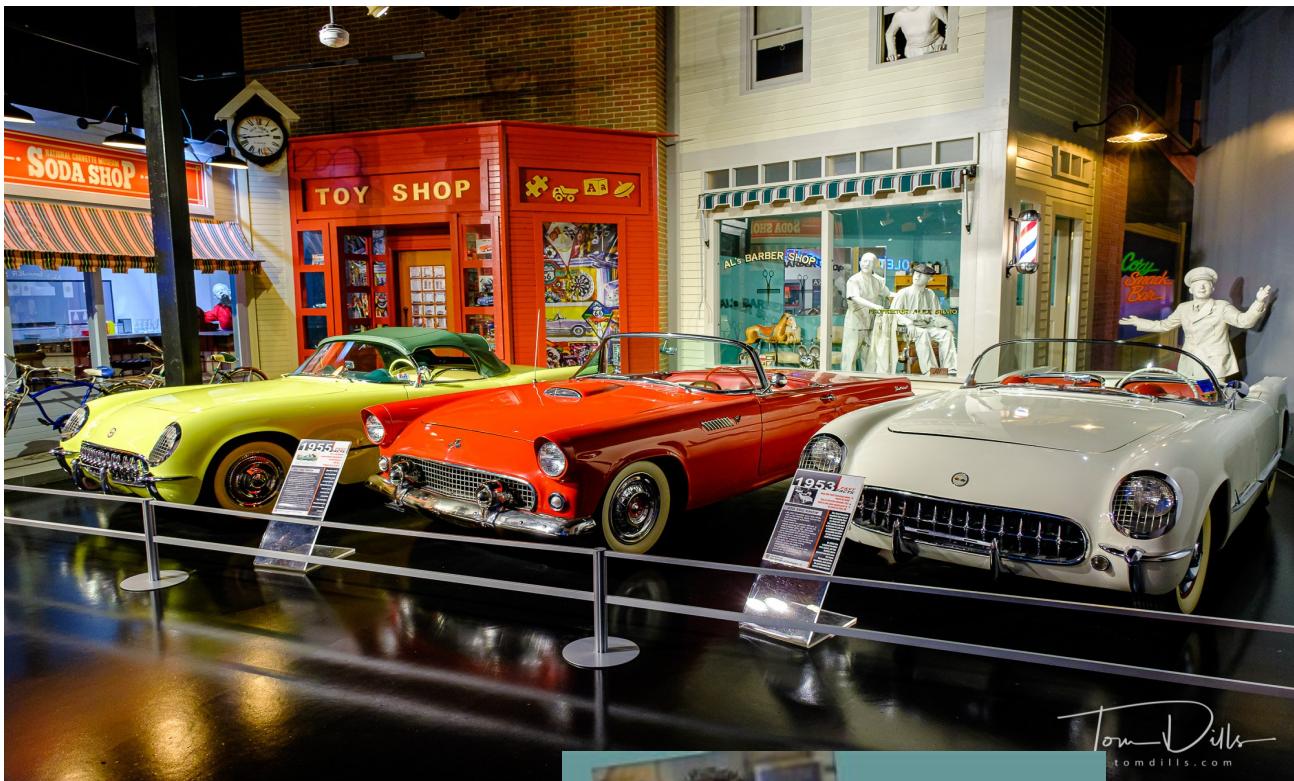
We run 4 Classes to provide minimal traffic throughout the day each class is capped at 30 drivers:

**Novice – will start with lead/follow sessions, and then allowed to pass on straights w/ point by, 0-5 track days**

**Intermediate 1 – passing with point by in straights, 5-10 track days**

**Intermediate 2 – passing with point by anywhere, 10+ track days**

**Advanced – open passing, 25+ track days / race experience**



*Tom Dills*  
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### National Corvette Museum

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**(270) 781-7973**

**President: Sharon Brawner**



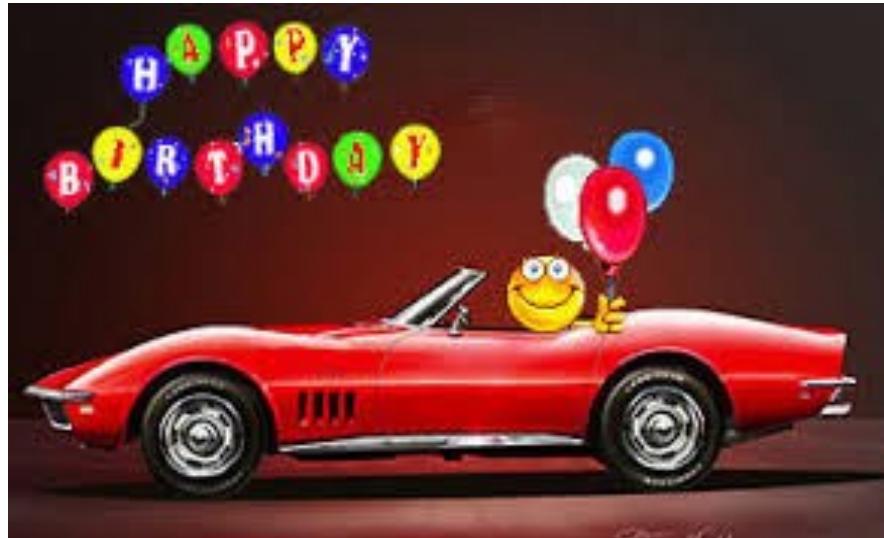
**Sharon Brawner  
New President and  
CEO of NCM**

## February 2022 Meeting at 1356 Public House



## February Birthdays

Walt Yeager 2/5  
June Breen 2/7  
Julie Willis 2/9  
Caryl Wilson 2/10  
Cindy Murphy 2/13  
Kenneth Schaeffler 2/19  
Art Delhougne 2/21  
Ernie Stephens 2/26  
Kent Morgan 2/27



## March Birthdays

Rick Poepping 3/2  
Dennis Kinworthy 3/15  
Judy Silvagni 3/16  
Donald Bingaman 3/21  
Thomas Dierkas 3/21  
Barbara Flynn 3/27  
Terri Ford 3/25  
Leslie Hoosier 3/29

**Happy Birthday to Everyone!**

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



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!

## Corvette Trivia!!

The Corvette was originally designed as a show car for the 1953 Motorama for the New York City Car Show.

