

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

February, 2023 Newsletter

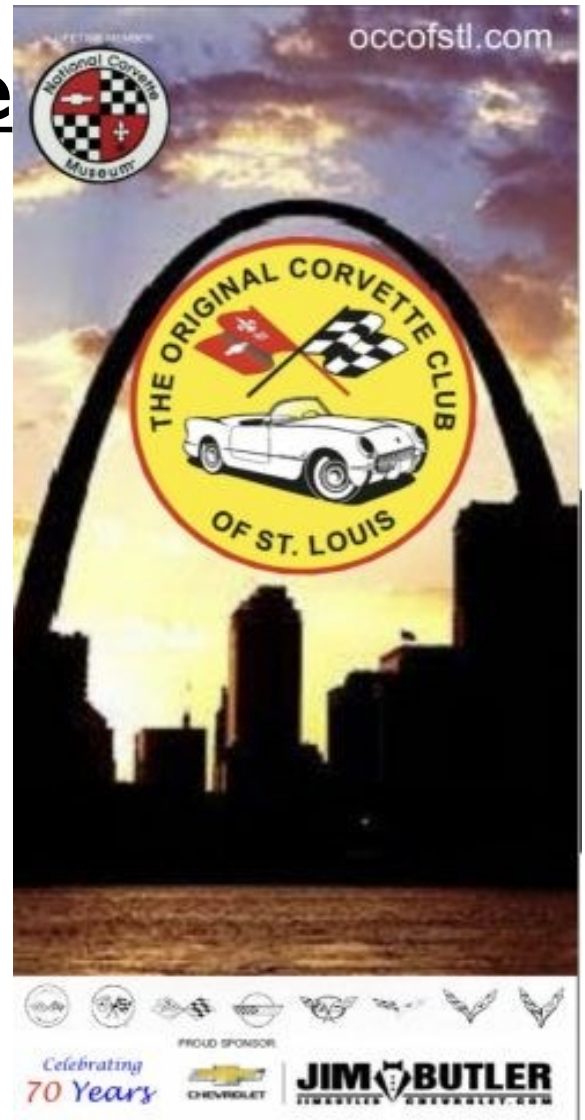
The Vette Gazette

OCC 2023 Board

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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 14, 2023**

Meeting Location: Cruseo's Restaurant and Bar, 5591 Oakville Shopping Center, South St. Louis County. Telegraph and Baumgartner Ave.

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

February 14, 2023

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thank you all for coming out tonight.



As you are all aware, we had experienced problems with Dogwood Social House, they implemented a \$250.00 rental fee, a \$500.00 minimum food & beverage and it all has to be on one tab, so I gave them my credit card. So that brings us to tonight. John Miceli is in contact with Saucy's for meeting location coming up. It's looking like their opening will be delayed and at best, we can't get in until the April meeting. I know from past experience that a few members were unhappy with meeting at 1356 Public House. When I received word from Dogwood of the changing policy, I immediately started looking for a meeting place. It was either here or cancel the February meeting. Cindy Stephens gave me the contact for Crusoe's in South County. They are located at Telegraph and Baumgartner in South County. They have 3 meeting rooms that hold 35, 50 and 65 people. They have a full menu, full bar, NO DEPOSIT or a minimum food and beverage. This will be a bit more of a drive for most members, but they have more room if that's what you want. So, I will leave it to the members tonight to determine if the March meeting will be there. Then hopefully, we will be at Saucy's in April.

Rick Poepping and Randy Vollmer have successfully created a Public Facebook page for the Club. I'm not sure how many people have joined the page, but being public, it is not for Club Members only. There are rules for the page as well as 3 simple questions that people need to answer in order to join the public group. There have been a few people that joined that are not Club members, and my hope is that it catches on, and let's people see what we do, what we're about as a club, and hopefully draw new membership. I would urge all members to join this page. You can post, share and invite other corvette enthusiasts.

We have recently added new members and have some returning members. This year, I would like to see more day trips as a group.

With that said, I had recently posted a weekend trip to Memphis. With the current state of situations, I cancelled that trip. However, I'm working on a couple of day trips for April. I'd like to get feedback tonight on these. One is a day trip to Fulton, Missouri. It's about 75-80 mile from I-270 & I-70. They have the National Churchill Museum that displays a section of the Berlin Wall as well as the historic memorabilia pertaining to World War II. Auto World Museum. Sault's Drug Store where they have an old-fashioned soda fountain.

Another day trip would be to Booneville (110 miles) to visit Warm Springs Ranch, where they breed and raise the famous Clydesdale's. They are closed until April.

I was not able to make the fall color run last year, and I understand it was a huge success. I would like to have more day trips like this in 2023. I would like to get suggestions from members for more events like these. After all, we have corvettes, why not drive them.

I am working on a couple of events at WWT Raceway for a Club outing. One would be Go-Kart racing. They have a group deal that provides 1 hour of racing for up to 24 people. The cost for this runs around \$50.00 per person with 24 people. Next item would be a road course track day. One of our members, John Carver, stated that he is working there as an instructor, and can get a day of fun on the track. Keep in mind that if you do this, it may be suggested that some alterations to your car may be necessary. The first that comes to mind is replacing the brake fluid with DOT4 fluid to keep the car safe from very hot brakes, overheating and brake failure. I will follow up with John to find out all the particulars for this experience. They also have the dragstrip open to the public on Wednesdays starting at 5:00 PM. After each run you will receive a ticket with your times and speed through the 1/8 and 1/4 mile run. All runs are 1/4 mile, but the ticket shows the 1/8 mile time and speed. I'm gathering information from management at the track for all of these events and ultimately, I would like to get us on the oval track as part of a fundraising event. Unfortunately, with all of the things necessary to put something like this together, it probably won't happen until 2024.

President's Report Continued.....

I would also like to have volunteers to head up various committees and to help organize these trip and events. We need to get these positions going early, so as to not try and organize at the last minute for everything, and usually by the same members over and over. We need a Picnic Committee to help organize and decorate for the Picnic. To make decisions on a theme, the food, and maybe games like cornhole. I would also like a day trip committee to assist in getting some of the trips organized, like those I'm working on. Find interesting places to go, and enjoy what Missouri and Illinois has to offer in only a day and a nice drive.

I want to also create a car talk segment at the meetings for members to talk about there cars, their experiences with their cars and anything else they have to share with the members.

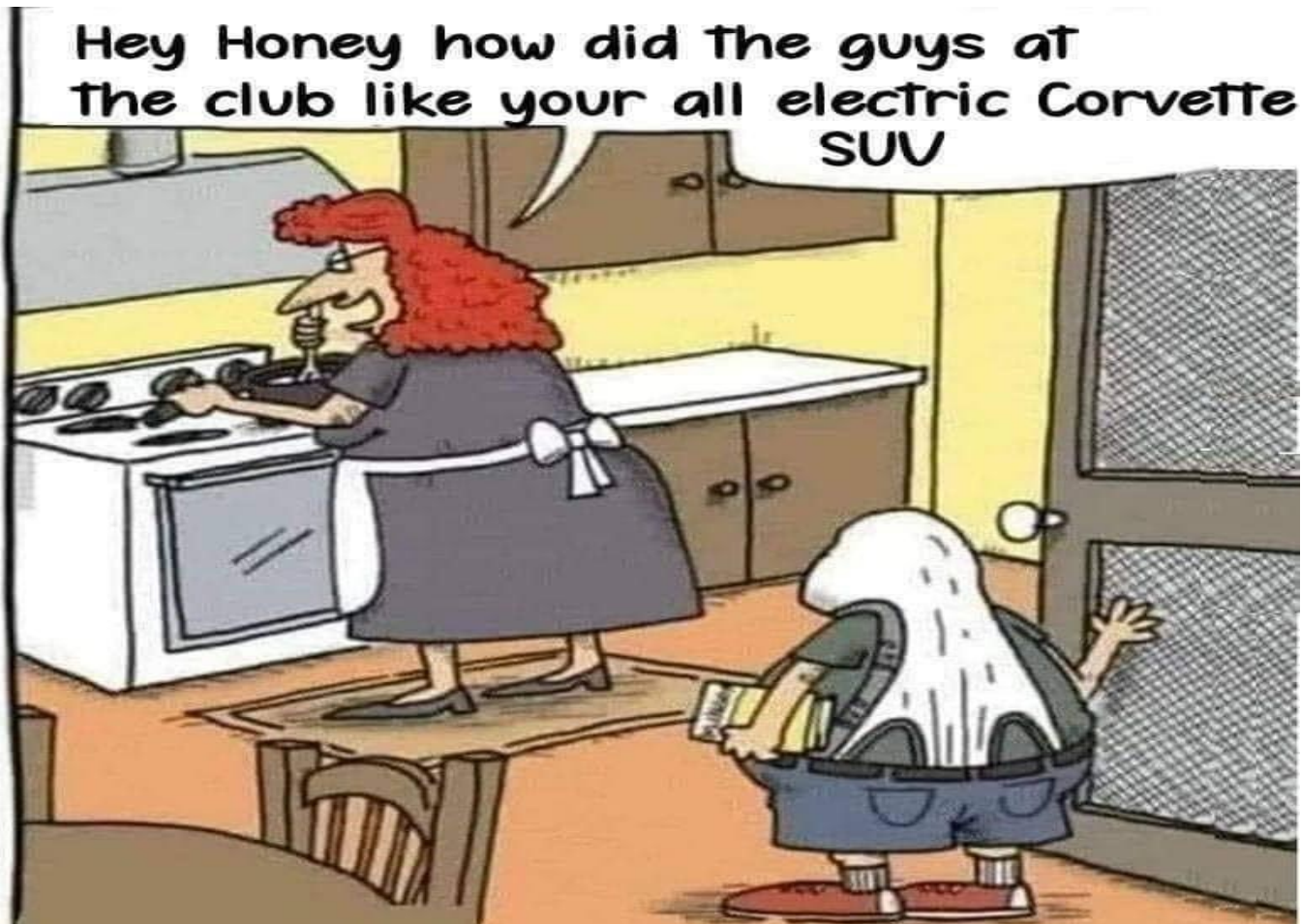
If any member has an idea for a guest speaker to discuss cars, repairs, accessories, maintenance or customization, please bring it up. Some topics that come to mind would be Ceramic coating, clear or custom wraps, stereos, lighting and detailing.

Last year Bill Prewitt suggested the meet and greet in the parking lot before each meeting. We averaged about 16 cars each time and received a lot of good feedback about this and I would like to start it up again at the April meeting, weather permitting.

The deadline for the banners to represent OCC at the NCM is February 28th. Rick has already paid for and secured our entry. Now we just need to vote one to go. I brought this up at the January meeting and also posted on Groupworks. I received one members thoughts, Sharon Young, and held up my offer to assist in putting together the artwork. There are two examples that I will pass around. If any other member has created an entry for voting, It needs to be voted on tonight.

Last year I had a conversation with Brad Sowers regarding the possibility of soliciting additional Club Sponsors. He was very receptive to that idea as long as they are not any direct competition to Jim Butler. We will outline costs for new sponsors and see what we can get. I will clear any additional secondary sponsors with Brad before signing anyone up.

Thank you again for your support and together we will make a fabulous 2023.



Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

February, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by Ken Schaeffler.

Eric Stephens led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken introduced board and volunteers. Everyone was in attendance.

Ken presented his opening statement. Please see President's report.

Administrative Chair, Sidney Hirsch had no report.

Treasurer Sharon Young gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept was made by Larry Dann and seconded by Cheryl Osterhorn

A motion was made by John Miceli to accept the Published Minutes from January meeting. It was seconded by Ed Lang.

Membership report was presented by Bill Prewitt. We have 60 members and 50 associate members.

Outreach Report by Connie Finch. Prayers for Dick and Karen Mericle they need all the support we can give them. Russ Murphy and his wife Cindy were in attendance and said he is getting stronger every day. It was great to see you!

NCM Ambassador Rick Poepping gave his report, see page. We voted on the banner for the museum. The winner will be submitted to the NCM.

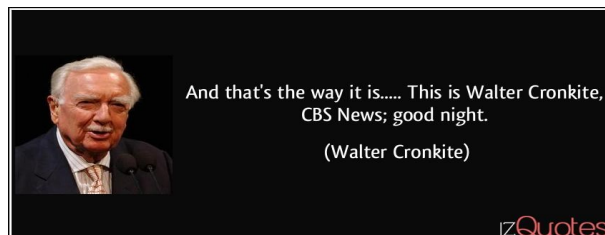
Gary Messenger told us about upcoming events including Sept 24 Butler car show.

New Business: Saucy's, formally Jilly's, will not be ready for the March meeting. We will be meeting at Crusoe's in South County @Telegraph and Baumgartner March 14.

The first men's lunch happened January 26. The second lunch will be held at a different location contact John Renz for further information.

The 50/50 drawing won by Ed Lang (who outbid everyone for the remaining 42 tickets) the USO Fund will get a share of the drawing. The winner got \$75.

Motion to adjourn at 9:05 by Cheryl Osterhorn and seconded by Sidney Hirsch.



Recipe of the month– submitted by Gary Messenger

Ingredients:

18 Jalapeno Peppers, 2 3/4 - 3" long
1/2 tsp Dried Oregano Leaves
8 oz. package Cream Cheese
2 Egg Whites
1 Cup Sharp Cheddar Cheese, Shredded
1 TBSP Skim Milk
1/4 Cup Mayonnaise
2 Cups Corn Flake Cereal, Crushed
1 Garlic Clove Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Method:

Cut each pepper in half lengthwise, remove seeds and membranes. In medium bowl, add cream cheese, cheddar cheese, mayonnaise, pressed garlic and oregano. Mix well and pipe mixture into each pepper half. Lightly whisk egg whites and milk together, crush corn flakes in sealed plastic bag. Dip each pepper half into egg mixture, then into corn flake crumbs to coat. Place peppers in baking dish and lightly spray with nonstick cooking spray. Bake 30 minutes. Serve with Salsa or Ranch Dressing. Enjoy!!



This is a new monthly feature suggested by Gary Messenger. If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share please forward to ldann@orlandogardens.com



Sundaes

On

Sunday!



Please see Groupworks for upcoming Wednesday night dinners!

Judy Silvagni

Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!

**IT'S SO HARD TO FIND THAT
ONE BEDROOM FIVE CAR GARAGE**





Chevrolet Corvette Z06 Debuts As Pace Car For 2023 Daytona 500

By: [Chris Bruce](#)

The Chevy Camaro and Silverado 1500 RST will be at the track as the pace vehicles for other races over the weekend.



The Z06 won't be the only Chevy pace car at Daytona. A [Camaro SS 1LE](#) will lead the competitors for the Nascar Cup Series Blue-green Vacations Duels, ARCA Menard Series race, and Nascar Xfinity Series "Beef. It's What's For Dinner" 300.



Plus, a [Silverado 1500 RST](#) will be the pace truck for the Nascar Craftsman Truck Series NextEra Energy 250.

Chevy vehicles have won 49 Nascar Cup Series races at Daytona International Speedway. Twenty-four of those victories came at the Daytona 500.

The brand just used the Daytona International Speedway as the venue for [unveiling the Corvette Z06 GT3.R race car](#) in January. It won't be racing in Nascar, though. Instead, this machine will go sports car and endurance racing in the GT3 class starting in 2024.

Because of the rules, the 5.5-liter DOHC V8 makes less power in the race car than in the road-going version. The track variant can't make more than 600 horsepower (447 kilowatts), versus 668 hp (498 kW) in the road car.

[The E-Ray is the latest Corvette variant to debut](#). Its ethos is a bit different than the Z06. The model uses a 6.2-liter V8 with an electric motor driving the front wheels. This provides a total output of 665 horsepower (481 kilowatts). It can hit 60 miles per hour (96 kilometers per hour) in 2.5 seconds, according to Chevy. This is just a split second better than the Z06.

The Chevrolet Corvette Z71 SUV Looks Ready To Destroy Raptors And Broncos

We know the Corvette SUV is coming and the expected hardcore Z71 version will take the fight to the desert if it looks as unhinged as this!



Just look at what the [Lamborghini Urus did for the Italian supercar-maker's sales](#), or how [the Porsche Cayenne pulled the company back from the brink of collapse](#). It's no wonder GM want to cash in on the SUV craze, with the 2025 [Chevrolet](#) Corvette SUV. It may be blasphemy for some. But we think all will be forgiven if the 'Vette off-roader actually ends up as mental as this concept.

The work of [3D artist, Timothy Adry Emmanuel](#), created exclusively for HotCars Car Renders, this isn't even just some ordinary concept of what a Corvette SUV could look like. This goes straight for the kill, with the expected [ultimate version of America's sweetheart sports car](#) turned SUV – the Corvette Z71.



From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) March 12, St. John the Baptist Gildehaus Chicken Dinner. Villa Ridge, MO - Rich Brewer
- 2.) May 13. Loafers Car Show. Hannible, MO– Dennis Osterhorn
- 3.) April 16, Warm Springs Ranch Cruise and Tour– Jim Thacker– respond in Groupworks
- 4.) 3rd Annual Flag Day Car Cruise– Scott AFB- **Sat Jun 10 2023 at 08:00 am to 2:00 pm**—park your car next to historic and vintage aircraft! Dennis Osterhorn
- 5.) June 24, Pacific Car Show– Larry Dann
- 6.) October 8, Annual OCC Picnic, Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park. Larry Dann
- 7.) December 12, Annual OCC Christmas Party. Larry Dann

Reoccurring events that start in April-

- A.) Sonic every Friday, South Lindbergh at Big Bend weather permitting.
- B.) Faith Church Sunset Hills First Friday of each month



Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!



**Amy and Bill Mulder 3/11, June and Roger Schmidt 3/18
Sue and Gene Castellano 3/21**

ST. JOHN'S GILDEHAUS
Parish Center, Villa Ridge
636-583-2488
www.sjg-parish.org

Located on Hwy. V between Union, MO and Hwy. 106. At St. John's Road.

SUN., MARCH 12, 2023

Cafeteria Style & Drive-Thru Service from 10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
ADULTS \$17.00 — CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$8.00 — PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE

DRIVE-THRU CARRY-OUTS \$17.00

DEEP-FRIED CHICKEN • MASHED POTATOES • GRAVY
GREEN BEANS • CORN • CABBAGE SLAW
PIE • MILK • COFFEE

PREPARED AND SERVED BY
Men of St. John's Gildehaus Church
Handicap Accessible • Bus Parking

DATE: SUNDAY MARCH 12, 2023

We will meet at the MotoMart by Six Flags at 10:15 AM and will leave at 10:30 AM

PLEASE LET RICH BREWER KNOW YOU ARE COMING: either the sign up on Groupworks or Email rbebvette@msn.com

Warm Springs Ranch - Day Trip



Jim Thacker is working on putting together a day trip to see the Clydesdales at Warm Springs Ranch. Tentative date is April 16th. We would have a meet up location at the Commuter lot at I-270 and Hwy 30 to leave at 9:00 AM. Proceed to a second meet up near Chesterfield or St. Charles County for West County members. Then head to Columbia for Lunch at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen. Should be there by 11:00 AM. Then leave around 12:30 for Warm Springs Ranch (about 20 minute ride) for 1:30 guided walking tour that takes about 1 hour.

Please respond in GroupWorks if you would be interested in participating and how many guests.

We would like to get a count in the next week, as tours are filling up quickly. The cost is \$16.50 per person.



Guys Lunch Location Change



**Lunch Location is 8169 Big Bend Blvd,
Webster Groves, MO**

The good news and the bad news.

First the bad news. Cousin Hugo's / Deer Creek has closed its doors abruptly without notice. Luckily we aren't huddled on the parking lot this time trying to figure out where we could go.

Now for the good news.....we will now meet at the same time and date but at a different location. The new lunch location is Weber's Front Row at 8169 Big Bend Blvd, Webster Groves, MO 63119. Thanks to Mike Koenen for the location suggestion. I have a reservation under my name and the OCC for 11:30am on Wednesday, February 22nd. It's probably best if you go ahead and respond to this posting so I can be assured all 11 members who had rsvp'd have seen this change. Thanks, John

OCC Ladies Lunch Wed. March 1

11 AM at Liliana's Italian Kitchen, 11836 Tesson Ferry Road, St. Louis , MO 63128

Please let me know by February 24 on GroupWorks so I can confirm our reservation.

Thanks, Suzanne Galli Koenen [314-799-5009](tel:314-799-5009)



LILIANA'S
ITALIAN  KITCHEN

[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[February 2023](#)



Latest News:

*** Happy Valentines Day to all our Ladies ***

- MUSEUM MISSION

The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to celebrate the Corvette's invention and preserve the legendary automobile's past, present, and future. The Museum will serve as an educational and research model for all to enjoy.

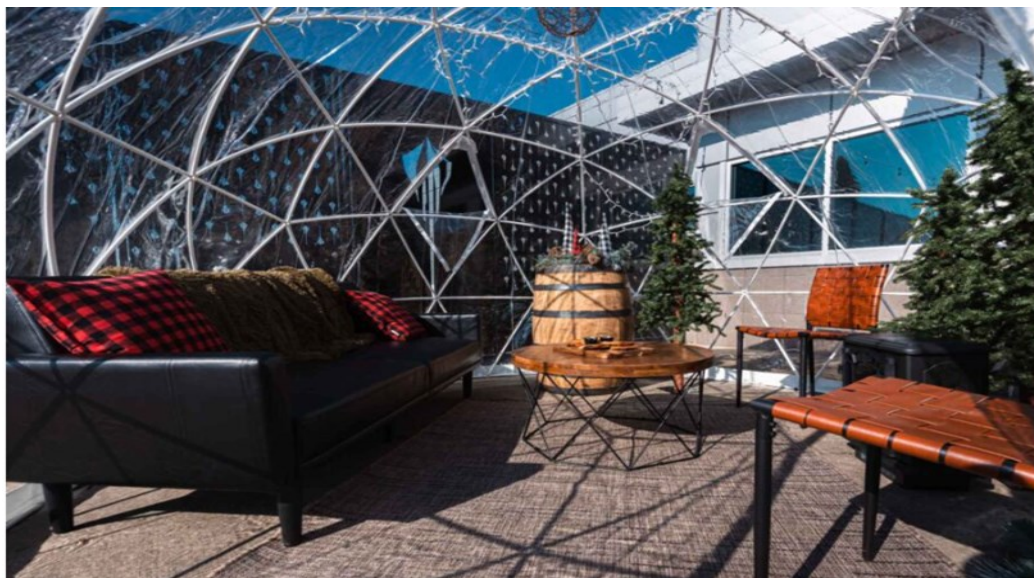
Back to Valentines day.

Interestingly the Museum is hosting a Valentine's Day 5-Course Dining Experience At The Museum

Instead of falling flat on high expectations, you can set the bar high this year with more than a meal to make it a night of experience. The National Corvette Museum is opening for a special Valentine's dinner event built around unique sights, exquisite taste, and a fine dining experience.

For a classic dining experience, enjoy a 5-course meal with specialty wine pairings in the Stingray Grill. After indulging in the final dessert course, wrap up the evening with a stroll down Corvette Boulevard and seize the photo opportunities to document your date night.

A one-of-a-kind dining experience at a one-of-a-kind Museum! Reserve one of our beautifully furnished dining igloos for a cozy yet private feel while you treat yourself to delicious bites, decadent beverages, and stunning views this Valentine's Day.



- Upcoming Events/Displays

The 7th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 29-31, 2024.

April 27 – 29 – 26th Annual Michelin NCM Bash

Registration is now open

April 28 – The McMichael Family Education Gallery Opening

May 11th – 13th - Vets 'n Vettes Event

Registration is now open

June 30 – Corvette's 70th Anniversary Exhibit Opening/National Corvette Day

August 31 – September 2 – The National Corvette Museum's 29th Anniversary Celebration

NCM Drive a Corvette Details

I was asked for more information of costs and what was available. I compiled this list. These prices were from a May 2023 track time. I noticed they have come down \$50 since last year. You will see the current price when you sign up or check for availability.

Go to the link below and click on Book Now for any of the offerings.

[Drive A Corvette | NCM Motorsports Park](#)

This will take you to a real-time calendar of what is available. This shows all offerings, not just the one you want. Once you pick the type of driving you want to do, it takes you to another calendar. That is where you pick the day and time. It is safe to do all this without actually booking a drive. It is the only way you see the price. You finally get to the price once you select a day and time. You can backout after that by using your back arrow or just closing the page.

What's available:

C8 Corvette Experience - 3 Hours

Get behind the wheel of a C8 Corvette Stingray Z51! The Corvette Experience includes (3) on-track sessions in a lead/follow format and (3) classroom sessions, alternating. Must be 18 years or older to participate.

\$799.00

C8 Corvette Touring Laps

Drive a C8 Corvette on track in a lead/follow format for 4 laps. Drivers are welcome to have a passenger. You must be 18 years or older to participate with a valid driver's license. Passengers must be 14 years or older.

\$316.94

C7 Corvette Touring Laps

Get behind the wheel of a C7 Corvette and take it for a drive on four laps around our 3.2 mile track. This is a high-speed, high adrenaline experience you'll never forget! Our C7 fleets have manual shift transmissions

\$265.00

Corvette Bundle Touring Laps

This is your chance to save money and drive both a C7 and C8 Corvette! With this bundle, you get four laps around the track in each car for a grand total of 8 laps! C7 Corvettes are manual shift

\$528.94

Camaro SS 1LE Touring Laps

Want to feel the power & handling of the SS 1LE? Well-suited for the track, the SS 1LE features a standard 6.2L V8 engine with Magnetic Ride Control™ that helps channel that power into fast and precise cornering.

\$291.50

Camaro & Corvette Package

Experience 12 laps split between the C7 & C8 Corvettes and the Camaro SS 1LE on our 3.2 mile track! This bundle is sure to show you all how capable these cars on track!

\$740.94

C8 Z06 Touring Laps

Test the power and performance of the new Z06 Corvette by driving four laps in a lead/follow format around our 3.2-mile, 23 turn road course.

\$1058.94

C8 Z06 Fast Pack

Designed to showcase the car's performance, the Z06 Bundle allows guests to experience four lead/follow laps, a 0 to 60 launch, and a Hot Lap driven by an MSP professional.

\$1482.94

[Rick Poepping](#)

www.corvettemuseum.org

***National Corvette Museum
350 Corvette Dr, Bowling***



February Birthdays

Walt Yeager 2/5
June Breen 2/7
Julie Willis 2/9
Caryl Wilson 2/10
Cindy Murphy 2/13
John Renz 2/18
Kenneth Schaeffler 2/19
Art Delhougne 2/21
Eric 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 Dierkes 3/21
Barbara Flynn 3/27
Terri Ford 3/25
Leslie Hoosier 3/39

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 The OCC's good friend and Club Sponsor at Jim Butler Chevrolet in Fenton in the Gravois Bluffs Complex!

Corvette Trivia!!

Glass T-tops were first offered as an option in 1978. They are still an option today.

