

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

Volunteers:

Club Outreach: Esther Brewer

Club Historian– Karen Mericle

Webmaster– Dennis Osterhorn

NCM Ambassador– Rick Poepping

Groupworks Admin– Randy Vollmer

Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer

Wednesday Dinner Club– Ann Nickelson-Jennings

Newsletter Editor– Larry Dann

OCC Website:

www.occofstl.com



A Blast from the Past– August 2018 Black Hills Trip!

For Additional Information...

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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: February 8 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)



We didn't publish meeting minutes for December because it was just a very short meeting followed by the OCC Annual Christmas Party. I had left for vacation by time the minutes were completed and then got a nasty case of Covid. Ken put this together for everyone. Short and Sweet.....



MEETING MINUTES

December 14, 2021

Meeting Location – Orlando's South

As is typical, the December meeting is part of the annual OCC Christmas Party and will be brief

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

Board and Volunteers present: Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn, Gary Messenger, Ken Schaeffler, Tom Nicholson, Mike and Suzanne Koenen, Byrle Layman, Larry Dann, Rick Poepping, Karen Mericle, Esther Brewer & Randy Vollmer.

There were 63 members attending the Annual Christmas Party this year.

Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement:

I would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight.

I want to thank each one of these members for stepping up to assume a position for 2022. Even though the volunteers are not an elected position, I always counted them as part of the full board. They will be announced along with the officers.

This is my last meeting message as President and again, Thank You to the members for your support throughout the past two years.

With that, I would like to introduce the new Board and Volunteers for the 2022 year.

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Appointments by Current Board:

Publications / Newsletter – Larry Dann

Groupworks / Facebook – Randy Vollmer

NCM Ambassador – Rick Poepping

Webmaster – Dennis Osterhorn

Historian – Karen Mericle

Outreach – Esther Brewer

With that, I would like to call on your new President for the 2022 year, Ken Schaeffler

December 2021 Meeting Minutes continued:

2022 Presidents Statement – Ken Schaeffler

First, and foremost, I would like to thank Dennis and the entire Board and Volunteers for their commitment to the Club for the past two years.

I also want to thank the members for your support.

I look forward to the coming year, working with the new Board and volunteers and the hope that we can get back to some form of normal and many events together as a Club

My first task as president will be setting up a meeting with past Presidents and Board members to discuss the upcoming years plans and activities. This will be scheduled before our first Club meeting on January 11, 2022.

With that said, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Enjoy the party and great food , drinks and live music. I will see everyone ant the January meeting.



**Your 2022 President, Board, and Volunteers wish you a
Very Happy and Prosperous New Year!**

January 2022 Meeting Minutes

Larry Dann, Administrative/Publications

Thanks Ken for taking the notes and transcribing in my absence!



MEETING MINUTES

January 11, 2022

Meeting Location – Jilly's

Meeting called to order by President, Ken Schaeffler, 7:30 PM

Board and Volunteers present: Ken Schaeffler, Ann Jennings, Sharon Young, Tom Nicholson, John Miceli, Rick Poepping, Dennis Osterhorn and Esther Brewer.

There were 33 members and 2 visitors attending the meeting.

Ken Schaeffler presented his opening statement

In accordance with the By-Laws, we had the Executive Board meeting on January 4 at Jilly's. In attendance were myself, Sharon Young, John Miceli, Tom Nicholson, Rick Poepping, Dennis Osterhorn, Esther Brewer, Gary Messenger and Jim Ford.

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. My biggest objective for this year is to get more members involved in more club events.

I talked to Karen Mericle and they are doing OK. Just staying away from crowds for the time being. Dick is doing OK, at least not any worse than a month ago. His legs seem to be healing. She also wanted me to thank everyone for your generosity to Santa's Helpers. Everything was appreciated as they sure help a lot of families.

I also talked to Doug and Jan. They are on the mend and doing well. They are both using walkers for the time being and hoping to make the February meeting.

The process is in the works for changing signature cards at the bank for Sharon and myself. We also discussed, and voted on changing banks from Bank of America to Commerce Bank. The motion was carried by a show of hands 9 yea, 0 Nay.

I submitted the letter to Brad Sowers at Jim Butler Chevrolet requesting their annual donation and Mr. Sowers stated that he will send a check.

It was also decided to keep the same shirts this year for the Board members. I need to have those Board members to let me know sizes so Sharon or I can order this week. I have sizes from Esther, Ann and John already.

Jim Ford will be talking about the St. Louis Auto Show.

I have decided to start up the Greeter again this year. I did it tonight, and I have a sign-up sheet up here. So I am looking for volunteers to be greeter for this year.

As it has been mentioned on numerous occasion, a lot of members don't speak up about things at the meetings but will have conversations about thing after the meeting on the way out the door. Starting next month, I will have a suggestion box that will also serve as a donation box for the USO.

Hopefully this year we will have more opportunities for parades. I'm assuming we'll be doing the July 4th and Thanksgiving parades. I will work with the members that have made arrangements in the past for other parades (Lindbergh High School, Manchester Homecoming, etc.).

At the Board 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 banne (the one we hang at car shows, etc.) ahead of the group in the parade. This was met positively and discussed that maybe members kids or grandkids would be interested in being in the parades with us, leading us down the street.

The Waynesville, Missouri Christmas parade was a big success. We had 14 cars that participated.

The Christmas party was a huge success also. We had 67 members in attendance, live music and, as usual, the food and drinks were great. Thanks go out to Larry for getting that set up again. Orlando's did a spectacular job.

I contacted Marks Quick Printing about large Club Logos (Static vinyl) for use in parades. These will be about 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. I will follow up with them in the near future to place an order. I plan on contacting the go-kart track at Gateway to set up a day for the Club to race the karts. We can't reserve the venue, but they said they would do their best to get club members racing together. They also have concessions at the venue.

Club Banner at Museum. It's that time that we need to work on a Club banner for display at the museum. As I mentioned earlier, I want to get more members involved. We discussed this at the Board meeting and rather than have a competition and to get more members involved, I want any and all members to submit IDEAS for the banner. Even if it's just a simple stick drawing or a bunch of circles. I understand that not all members have artistic talents or graphic experience, but the members that do can do the drawing part. Even if you can't draw, you can still have great ideas. Then we can submit a banner that was created by the CLUB.

The Board also decided to keep last year's 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 1st but no later than February 28, 2023.

The Board also discussed adding Jilly's as a supporter to the Club. The reasoning is that Jilly's donates this room to the Club each month. Other venues charge anywhere from \$200 to \$400 a night for the room. On average, Jilly's support is worth over \$3,000 each year. We also discussed the possibility of having other supporters through an advertisement in the monthly newsletter and other recognition at Club Events.

I will open up any of the topics I talked about later in the meeting for questions or comments from the members during the open discussion.

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

TREASURERS REPORT – Sharon Young

Sharon presented her report to the members. Motion to accept the report was made by Dennis Osterhorn 2nd by Syd Hirsch. (Report approved)

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Larry Dann

In Larry's absence there was no report tonight

Ken Schaeffler did double duty and asked for 2 motions.

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Motion: Judy Silvagni, 2nd by Cheryl Osterhorn. (Minutes approved)

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2022 Executive Board meeting. Motion: Cheryl Osterhorn, 2nd by Esther Brewer. (Minutes approved)

MEMBERSHIP – John Miceli

We currently have 52 **paid** members and 41 associate members. Total membership is 93 to begin the 2022 year.

Letter will be going out regarding membership and that 2022 dues will be due by February 28, 2022.

Will be looking into a Venmo account for payment of Club Dues, etc.

The check from Jim Butler Chevrolet, Brad Sowers was received.

The Check from OCC to Jim Butler in the amount of \$1,464.00 was deposited.

Please let John know if your information is correct or needs to be updated in the member directory.

OUTREACH – Esther Brewer

Doug and Jan Flader are doing better. Both are using walkers, but getting around.

Karen said Dick Mericle is about the same as a month ago.

JoAnn Jost has a brand-new shoulder as of January 4 and is doing well. She started physical therapy today.

Please keep them in your prayers



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

NEW MEMBERS/1st time visitors

Robert and Barbara Flynn (new members)

Birthdays / Anniversaries / New Addition

Birthdays – John Miceli-Jan 3, Mike Koenen-Jan 3, Russ Murphy-Jan 19, Rich Brewer-Jan 20, Ron Zimmerer-Jan 22, Sharon Young-Jan 23, Ann Jennings-Jan 27

Jim Butler Update

No report

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jim Ford – Waynesville Christmas Parade: The parade was a huge success again this year. There were 14 cars that participated this year. We had a great lunch at the Route 66 Diner before the parade.

Jim Ford - St. Louis Auto Show – January 13 – 17, 2022. Due to the rise in COVID cases, the show stated that there were a number of cancellations by manufacturers and vendors. Because of that they Dome (where we were set up last year) would not be open. This would have meant a smaller area for the club leading to a reduced number of vehicles showing. It was mutually agreed to withdraw from the show. They did however, extend the invitation again for next year.

Jim Ford has expressed a desire to turn over the duties of coordination of the St. Louis Auto Show. We will need a volunteer to head this up for next year.

Ann presented a list of upcoming events and car show. Please follow on Groupworks for the latest updates and listings.

Old Business

None

New Business Discussion

Ken opened the floor for any member comments or questions. Syd asked about the Vinyl logos for the cars participating in the parades. Concerns about how they attach to the cars. Tom explained that they were cling and WILL NOT affect the paint in any way.

Ken also stated that since the Club is a non-profit, we should use the proceeds from the 50/50 to be donated to a charity. Ken said we could add a list of supporters to the web page and show in the newsletter.

Ken Schaeffler spoke again of the possibilities for adding supporters of the Club. These could be by monetary donations by selling ads in our monthly newsletter or by accepting products or services for various events. These supporters will be noted on the OCC website. The Board will discuss this further and inform the membership as to procedure and how to implement. Proceeds from these supporters can be used as donations by the club to various charities (Santa's Helpers, USO, etc.)

It was discussed that the Club SHOULD include Jilly's as a supporter considering they donated the room for our meeting every month and for the Board meeting. This is a donation to the Club, based on inquiries from other facilities that has a worth of \$3,000.00 - \$4,800.00 per year. This was put to a verbal vote and show of hands and passed unanimously by the membership at the meeting. Ken will make arrangement with Danny at Jilly's to finalize the arrangements. John Miceli made contact with the gentleman that ran the Car Show at A-B. He was reassigned at Grants Farm. He stated that he would love to host a Club Car Show at Grants Farm this year, and also, would host their facility for a meeting like we had done at A-B. John will follow up and keep everyone informed.

Ken has a greeter signup sheet. Please volunteer a little bit of your time before the meeting.

50/50 Drawing

This month's winner of \$74.00 was Ann Jennings. Ann donated her winnings to the USO. We will determine how to send the donation, either by check or purchasing snacks and goodies as we have in the past. The \$74.00 club side of the 50/50 will also go to the USO for a total of \$148.00 going to the USO fund.

Art donated a C3 shirt (Large) that was also raffled. The winner is Gary Messenger.

Ken asked for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Poepping, 2nd by John Miceli.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50



From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

1.) Montelle Winery - Augusta

Saturday, January 29th 12-4PM Live entertainment in the Parliament Room with a fire and food/drinks available for purchase.

2.) Alton Eagles Run with lunch at Pere Marquette Lodge-

Sunday, February 6th @9AM Meet under the dove at West County Mall

3.) The Main Event - Chesterfield

Sunday, February 20th @2PM

Meet up for some fun, bowling, pool, adult video games, drinks, food

4.) Big Dicks Bar B Que - Farmington

February 27th @10AM Meet at the commuter lot 30/270 Drive down for some amazing bbq.

5.) Lambert's- Sikeston

Sunday March 13th @ 8AM Meet at the commuter lot 30/270

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

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

8.) 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

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

10.) Lone Star Corvette Classic - Fort Worth

June 10-12 information on website

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

12.) 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](#)

[January 2022](#)



NCM REPORT – Rick Poepping

New banners must be submitted to the museum by February 28, 2022.

Banner Program Update

2022 Parking Lot Banner Registration is NOW OPEN!!!! This year, there are 2 different options, and each have limited availability so be sure to make the right banner choice for your club.

Club SUBMITTED banners will operate similarly to the former banner program. Banners will cost \$500 and the art, created by the organization purchasing ONLY, will be submitted to the NCM by February 28th along with payment and the reservation form. The art MUST adhere to the guidelines outlined (I will get this). If you have questions, please feel free to reach out. Banners submitted in this category will be judged for club awards.

Club SPONSORED banners are our newest available option. Banners will cost \$250, and no art is required to be submitted, only 2 lines of text. This option makes banners more accessible for those who may not have the ability to design their own banner. Text will be featured along with Museum promotional artwork for the 2022 calendar year. The reservation form must be sent to the NCM by February 28th. The paying organization will not have any input on what Museum artwork will accompany the text as it will be assigned at random. I will get a sample is included in the attached document. Banners submitted in this category will NOT be eligible for club awards.

As always, banner location will be determined at random, and all banners will be given back to the club for both categories after the term. Club representatives will have 3 opportunities to collect their old banner: Bash, Anniversary, and Ambassador Convention. After these 3 chances to claim the banner, it will be shipped or unless otherwise told.

REMEMBER – Save The Wave!



January Birthdays

Carl Spalinger 1/1
John Miceli 1/3
Michael Koenen 1/3
Carol Lanzafame 1/3
Mike Manzelli 1/4
Bill Prewitt 1/18
Janet Methany 1/19
Russell Murphy 1/19
Richard Brewer 1/20
Wayne Lepper 1/20
Karen Spalinger 1/21
Ron Zimmerer 1/22
Sharon Young 1/23
Jennifer Holmes 1/24
Ann Nickelson-Jennings 1/27
Larry Strassburger 1/27

February Birthdays

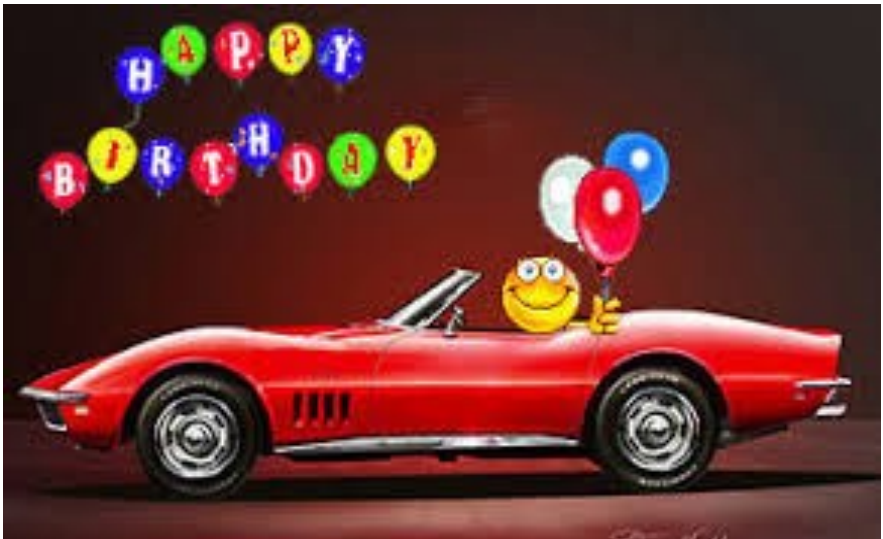
Walt Yeager 2/5
June Breen 2/7
Julie Willis 2/9
Caryl Wilson 2/10
Cindy Murphy 2/13
Kenneth Schaeffler 2/19
Art Delhougne 2/21
Ernie Stephens 2/26
Kent Morgan 2/27

Corvette Trivia!!

The 283 ci small block was enlarged to 327 ci for 1963, the final year of the C1 generation Corvette.



It produced 250 Bench Horsepower in its standard form



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!

