

# ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

January, 2023 Newsletter

## The Vette Gazette

### OCC 2023 Board

President: Kenneth Schaeffler

Vice President—Gary Messenger

Treasurer— Sharon Young

Sgt. At Arms— Eric Stephens

Membership— Bill Prewitt

Administrative Coordinator— Sidney Hirsch

#### Volunteers:

Club Outreach: Connie Finch

Club Historian— Jason Messenger

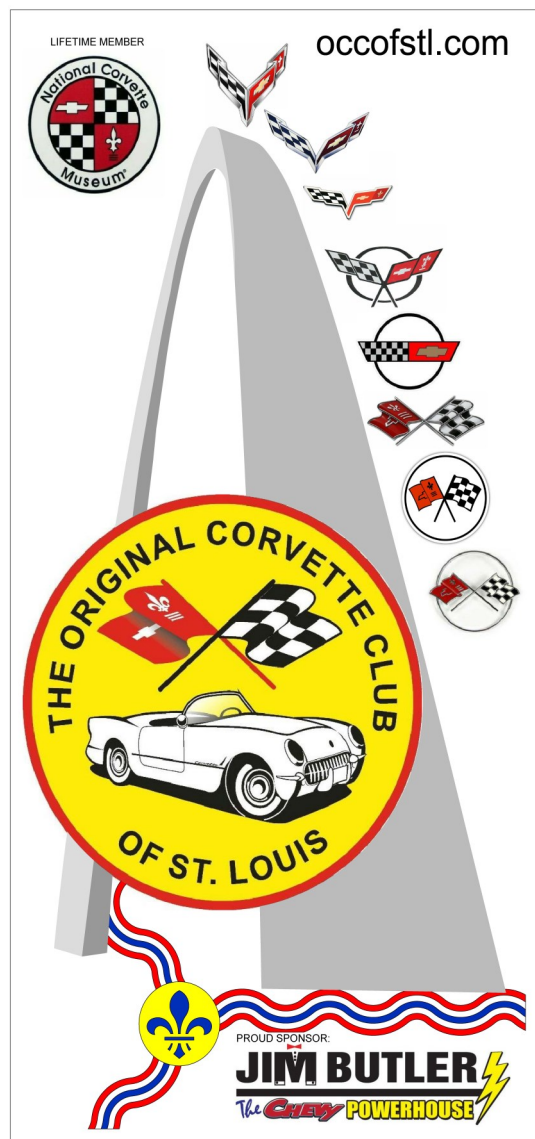
Webmaster— Dennis Osterhorn

NCM Ambassador— Rick Poeping

Groupworks Admin— Randy Vollmer

Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer

Wednesday Dinner Club— Judy Silvagni



For Additional Information...

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#### Mailing Address:

OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box725, Manchester, MO 63011

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 14, 2023**

Meeting Location: 1356 Public House, 1356 Big Bend, Ballwin, MO. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm.

  
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PUBLIC HOUSE

## The President's Report

*Kenneth Schaeffler, President*

*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*



January 10, 2023

HAPPY NEW YEAR

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE. Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Before we get too far into the meeting there have been some drastic changes here at Dogwood Social House. They have implemented a new policy for the meeting rooms like this one. The new policy is they require a \$250.00 deposit (which they waived for us) and we have to meet a \$500.00 minimum on food and beverage purchases. They also require that all food and beverage be on one tab. So, you may have noticed that they wait staff didn't ask for a card to order as they have in the past. They have my personnel card, and the total will be on that card. I ask that everyone keep track of your own orders and reimburse me at the February meeting. I would appreciate everyone cooperation if I came out even on the night. The total will include a mandatory 18% tip. I'm sorry that I can't take cards but checks will be OK with me if you don't bring cash in February. I didn't find out about this until December 30<sup>th</sup>, and it caught me completely off-guard. I, along with John Miceli have been looking for a new meeting place to avoid this situation and it will be coming soon. John will talk about that later in the meeting. I'm hoping to be in the new location by February, but it's looking more like March.

We have once again received a check from Jim Butler for their sponsorship.

The Christmas Party/meeting was a huge success. Thanks again to Larry for taking care of everything and making it a great night. Everyone seemed to have a great time and we even had some dancers. And once again the band did a great job.

At the Christmas Party/meeting Jim Ford was honored to the status of "Member Emeritus". Over the last 34 years, Jim has been an integral part of OCC and is deserving of this honor. Congratulations, Jim and thank you for your service and dedication to the Club. In 2022 we have honored 2 additional members to the status of "Honorary Member". Byrle Layman, and Don and Judy DeLonjay.

On January 4, 2023, we held the required Executive Board meeting to outline the coming year. there were a number of topics discussed. The Board and Volunteers will be getting new shirts this year. Sharon is helping with that purchase to see if any discounts can be applied. John Miceli will take care of having the Club Logo embroidered on the shirt. The new shirts will also include the Jim Butler Logo on the sleeve.

We will be working towards a Public Facebook page so that members can post and share Club events. I believe this will give the Club great exposure and may attract some new members with links to the Club website.

We need to start thinking about a banner for entry to the NCM. Rick Poepping is going to find out the deadlines and costs. If anyone has ideas for a new banner, please let me know. We have members that can assist you with making your design for presentation to the Club for voting .

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.

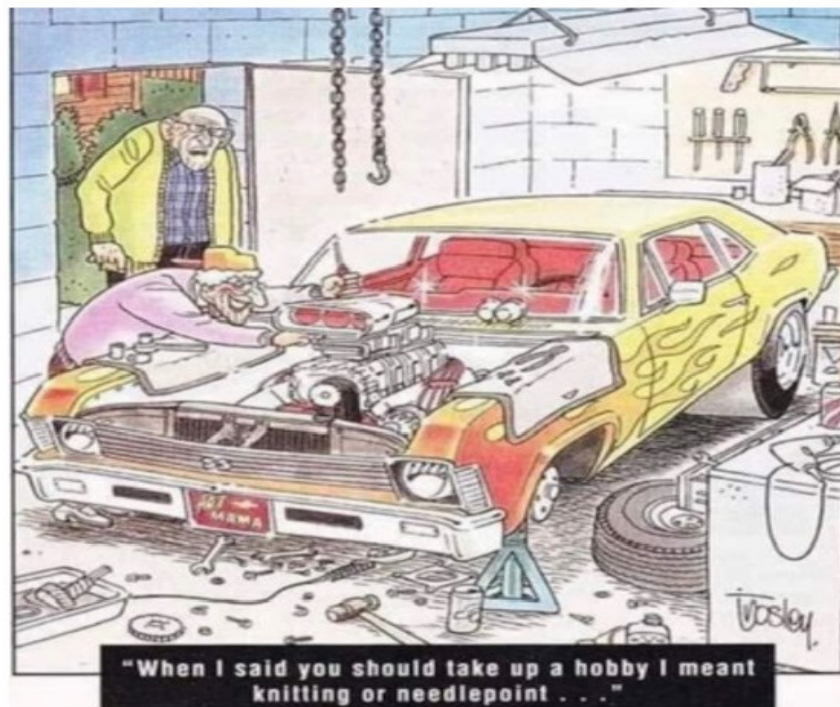
I want to thank all the members for your support throughout the year for participating in the 50/50 drawing. Donations last year by the Club or in the name of the Club amounted to over \$8,000.00. Last year we made donations to the USO, Backstoppers, Junior Diabetes Foundation, Wounded Warriors and Santa's Helpers. The Butler Car Show proceeds went to Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis and 2-\$1,000.00 scholarships were presented in the name of OCC from the Pacific Car Show.

Last year was a great year for OCC with all of the various events attended by members. Between Car Shows, Sunday Sun-  
daes, Wednesday night dinners we had some other events worth mentioning this year. Tech day sponsored by Bill Prewitt and Connie Finch, Meet and Greet Kenny Wallace sponsored by Eric and Cindy Stephens and the Fall Color Tour

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

sponsored by Bill Prewitt and Connie Finch. I would like to thank Bill and Connie, John and Yvonne Renz, Eric and Cindy, Judy Silvagni, Jim Ford, and all of the members that helped out with the Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show doing registration, judging cars, selling raffle tickets, and making it a great show. I believe it was the best one to date. We also partnered with the Pacific Partnership to judge the cars for their Car Show.

Thank you again for your support and together we will make 2023 even better than 2022.



## A reminder from Rick Poepping- NCM Banners!!!!

Club SUBMITTED Banners will cost \$500 and the art, created by the organization purchasing ONLY, will be submitted by February 28th along with payment and the reservation form.

All banner spots are first-come, first-serve, and spots are locked in when payment AND the banner reservation form is received. The deadline is February 28 or until we sell out... whichever comes first.

So, we will need to come up with design ideas to display at the Feb meeting. Perhaps we can show off our designs in GroupWorks ahead of time in case people want to voice their votes ahead of the meeting. Maybe something like a send to xxx (me or maybe Ken) ahead of the meeting if you have a vote and will not be in attendance.

# Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

## January 10, 2023



### *January 2023 OCC meeting minutes*

*By Sidney Hirsch*

The meeting was called to order by President Kenneth Schaeffler and Eric 'The Gavel Guy' Stephens at 7:30 pm. Eric led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken then introduced the new board members. President, Kenneth Schaeffler; Vice President, Gary Messenger; Administrative, Sidney Hirsch; Treasurer, Sharon Young; Sergeant at Arms, Eric Stephens; and Membership, Bill Prewitt.

Other volunteer positions were also introduced. National Corvette Museum Ambassador, Rick Poepping; Webmaster, Dennis Osterhorn; Club Historian, Jason Messenger; Membership Outreach, Connie Finch; Facebook Administrator, Randy Vollmer; Vette Gazette, Larry Dann; Jim Butler Representative; Fuzz Steinlage; Wednesday Night Dinners, Judy Silvagni.

Ken then presented his opening statement. The highlight of his report was the club raised over \$8000 for donations in the club's name in 2023. 2024 is going to be even better! Please see President Report page 2.

The Administrative Chair, Sidney Hirsch, had no report.

Treasurer Sharon Young then presented the Treasurer's report. A motion to approve the report was made by Walt Yeager and seconded by Rich Brewer.

A motion was made by Dennis Osterhorn to accept the minutes of the December meeting as published in the Vette Gazette. It was seconded by Sharon Young.

John Miceli handed the reins of the membership duties to Bill Prewitt. Bill reported the OCC has 53 members and 48 associate members.

NCM Ambassador, Rick Poepping, regaled the group with another report from the National Corvette Museum. Please see the NCM Report page.

There was no Butler Chevrolet report.

Connie Finch reported that Dick Mericle was holding the 'status quo'. Karen Mericle elaborated that he has good days and not so good days. Please keep Dick in your prayers.

Vice President Gary Messenger gave a report about several upcoming car shows and events.

Jason Messenger stated he is still looking for a few more Corvettes for the upcoming St. Louis Auto Show.

Under New Business Bill Prewitt discussed having a lot of driving events this year. He and Connie are committed to making that happen. His enthusiasm for this was very contagious and was universally welcomed by all.

Connie Finch announced she was going to organize a Ladies' Lunch Day. Sounds like fun!

John Renz also reminded the fellas that we would be having a Men's Lunch coming up January 26 at Deer Creek Restaurant on Laclede Station Road.



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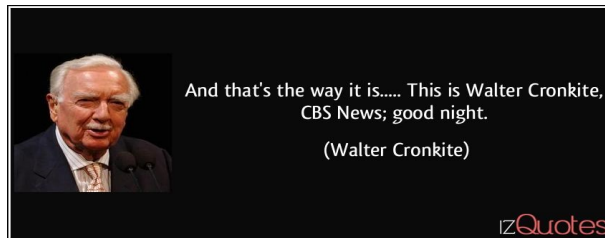
Larry Dann thanked everyone for the kind words he received about the Christmas Party. He asked the membership if the pavilion for the 2023 picnic was still favored by everyone. It was still the overwhelming choice. He is going to make the reservations. Larry also spoke about the upcoming Pacific Car Show. It will be June 24<sup>th</sup>. More to information will be forthcoming.

Ken spoke about the old Jilly's restaurant. The new name is Saucy's. Here is the website if you would like to look at the menu, [www.saucys-pizzeria.com](http://www.saucys-pizzeria.com). He reported that the old meeting room will be available. Saucy's is hoping to be open in March. At this time the meeting location for February had not been secured but it is looking like it will be at 1356 Public House on Big Bend.

Eric Stephens held the 50/50 drawing. Editor's Note: I do not have who won or how much the amount was. I will report in February newsletter.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cheryl Osterhorn and seconded by Joe Williams.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.



**Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!**

I present to you, The Chevy Avocado. Half Avalanche.  
Half Colorado...



***Sundaes***  
***On***  
***Sunday!***



**Check Groupworks for upcoming**

**Ladies' Lunch Day**

**Men's Lunch Day**

## Corvette News— Hot off the presses.....

From:



A 1969 Corvette Was Just Auctioned for \$3.14 million.  
Here is why it is worth so much.

By [Gary Gastelu](#) | [Fox News](#)

### Third highest price ever paid for a Corvette

It went from flop [to fortune](#).

A [1969 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Convertible ZL-1](#) was auctioned at the RM Sotheby's event in Arizona on Thursday for \$3,140,000.

That's the third-highest price ever paid for a Corvette.

The ZL-1 was the highest performance version of the Corvette offered that year.



This 1969 Chevrolet Corvette Stingray Convertible ZL-1 is the only one of its kind. (RM Sotheby's)

It came with a host of upgrades including Chevy's legendary L-88 427 cubic-inch V8 engine, which was developed for Can-Am racing.



The L-88 V8 engine was developed for racing. (RM Sotheby's)



The engine was officially rated at 430 hp not to raise too many eyebrows, but was actually far more powerful. Independent tests discovered its output was in the 560-580 hp range.



The car had a list price of \$4,781 when it was new. (RM Sotheby's)

It did not come with a radio, air conditioning or heater, which were all considered redundant to its focus on speed, but it still cost \$4,781, which was twice the base price of a standard Corvette Stingray.

As a result, only one ZL-1 coupe and this Monaco Orange convertible were sold, making it truly unique.



The car was fully restored in 2014. (RM Sotheby's)

It was slightly modified for drag racing by its original owner, but underwent a full restoration that returned it to its factory condition in 2014. The only major component that's not original is the engine's block, which had been replaced under warranty during its first year of ownership.

The high bid makes it the third classic Corvette to sell for more than \$3 million, along with the \$3.85 million and \$3,424,000 that were previously paid for a 1967 L-88 convertible and coupe.



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
- 2.) 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
- 3.) June 24, Pacific Car Show— Larry Dann
- 4.) October 1, Annual OCC Picnic, Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park. Larry Dann
- 5.) December 12, Annual OCC Christmas Party. Larry Dann

Reoccurring events that start in April-

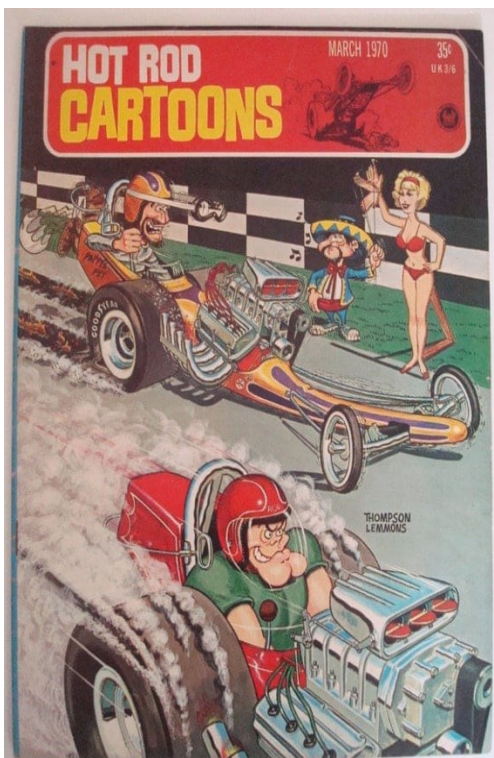
A.) Sonic every Friday, South Lindbergh at Big Bend weather permitting.

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

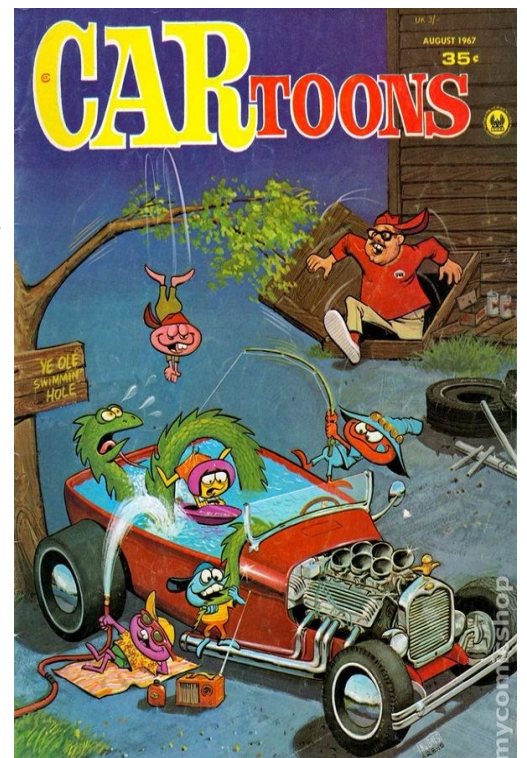


**Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!**

**Eric & Cindy Stephens 2/28/81 42 Years**



Who remembers  
just waiting to get  
your hands on the  
newest issue of  
these when you  
were a kid?  
Good Times!





## [The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[January 2023](#)



### Latest News:

#### - Several things about the Museum as a destination

Mitchell Rabold-Pearson has been named Senior Tourism Manager. Rabold-Pearson joins the National Corvette Museum, bringing nearly two decades of experience in Kentucky's tourism industry.

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) was recognized for excellence in marketing and communications at several special events including the Kentucky Travel Industry Association (KTIA) Conference and the American Marketing Association (AMA) of Bowling Green Awards Ceremony. At both of the events, the Museum received recognition for its marketing initiatives.

**Mike Buchanon** served as Warren County Judge-Executive for almost three decades, from 1993 – 2022. Buchanon has been an advocate for the National Corvette Museum since the museum's inception and has long been committed to elevating the Corvette's significance in Kentucky.

**Deb Murphy** begins her second term on the National Corvette Museum's board of directors, a position she occupies as President of the National Council of Corvette Clubs. Murphy previously served on the National Corvette Museum Board of Directors from 1997 – 2002. Murphy joined the National Council of Corvette Clubs in 1975 and has served in multiple leadership roles within the organization.

Ok, we need a cool picture here:



#### - The Biederman Collection

This collection is made up of many artifacts, including an exhaustive selection of Corvette-related print ads, postcards, magazines, and toys, curated over the span of decades by George Biederman.

He got the bug to collect all the sales brochures of the Corvettes that came before his 1977.

Then he started collecting print ads and newspaper ads, going back to the 1950s.

As the fun of collecting picked up momentum, he bought toys, models, and pedal cars.



[The Biederman Collection - National Corvette Museum](#)

### - Upcoming Events/Displays

March 10 - Custom CARisma: The Legendary Creations of Carl Casper

Carl Casper is a car designer and engineer, a racer, a movie car builder, an antique carriage collector and restorer, author, artist, sculptor, entrepreneur, and philanthropist. As a car show producer, his record is peerless. For 55 years, from 1963 to 2017, Carl Casper produced, co-produced, or teamed up to produce over 1,000 car shows all over the country.

Cars on exhibit will include The Batman Returns Batmobile™\*, the Turbo Shark Corvette and others. Should be an interesting Collection.





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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

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

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

**- Other News**

**2024 Corvette E-Ray Teaser Shows 'Stealth Mode,' Debuts January 17**

Chevrolet has released the first official teaser for the 2024 Corvette E-Ray. This hybrid version of the C8 Corvette will have all-wheel drive. It debuts next week, on January 17.

[Corvette Raffle - Main Page \(corvettemuseum.org\)](#)



**National Corvette Museum**

**350 Corvette Dr, Bowling Green, KY 42101**

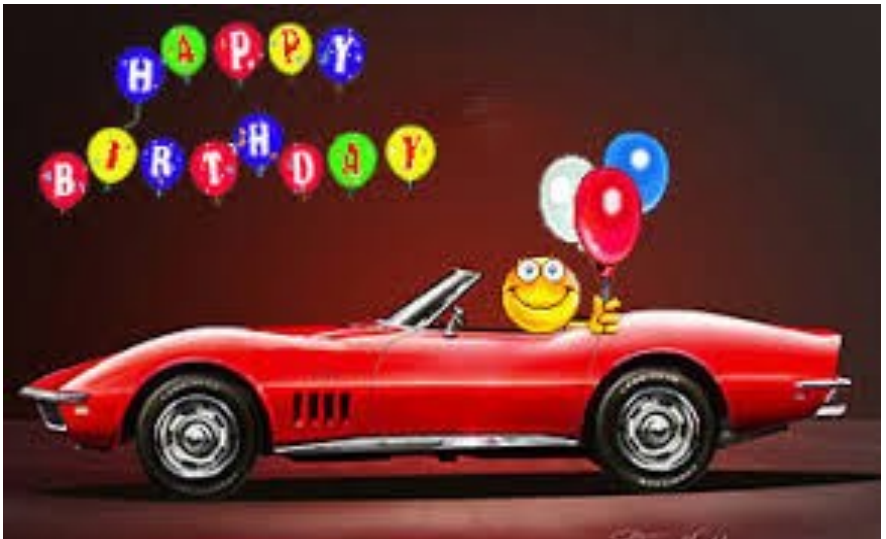
**[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)**





## January Birthdays

John Miceli 1/3  
Carol Lanzafame 1/3  
Michael Koenen 1/3  
Bill Prewitt 1/18  
Janet Methany 1/19  
Russell Murphy 1/19  
Richard Brewer 1/20  
Wayne Lepper 1/20  
Mary Heeley 1/21  
Ron Zimmerer 1/22  
Sharon Young 1/23  
Jennifer Holmes 1/24  
James Thacker 1/25  
Amanda Dalton 1/26  
Ann Nickelson-Jennings 1/27



**Happy Birthday to Everyone!**

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

## 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



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!!



Many automotive publications and organizations have presented the Corvette with various awards over its years of existence. Several models have been rated on lists of sports cars and muscle cars as the best of their category. Plus, the Corvette was voted Car of the Year a few times during its 65-year existence. However, the biggest testament to the innovative and intelligent design that Chevrolet pioneered is an endorsement from the Society of Automotive Engineers. This organization decided to grant the 1999 Corvette Convertible the title of Best Engineered Car of the 20th Century. This is a huge honor from this professional society, as they do not hand out such awards freely.

