

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2020 Board

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Witness Distillery!*

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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: August, 10 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

July 2021



President's Monthly Message for July

It is hard to believe another month has past but at least the club has had a lot of activities going on in an attempt to get back to normal, again whatever normal is. I want to take this opportunity to "Thank" those members who joined us at our monthly meetings and events which were organized by members. As we always say these opportunities provide the platform to socialize with others and enjoy the comradery to discuss current events and talk about Corvettes. This was really noticeable at the last meeting, when it was getting close to starting, the number of people going from table to table and talking with each other and laughing. Almost did not want to start the meeting. As for those who were at the last meeting and got to see a slide show I put together about the activities the club has had since the first of the year. As it was mentioned if you do not participate you are missing out on the fun. Our goal is and should be Fun, Exciting and Adventuresome. It is always great to hear when members get new corvettes. "Congratulations"

Now a little more of serious note, as all of you are aware a number of older members are experiencing a number of serious health issues. They should always remember that the members of OCC are behind them in prayer and positive thoughts. We are a family of passionate and caring members. So, if you know of someone that is experiencing health issues "PLEASE" let the OCC Outreach Person (Esther Brewer) or any officer, know of this so we can address this. Now for the members, when you hear of a member who is experiencing health problems, please take the time to send a card to that member and let them know you are thinking of them. This goes a long way to help their morale just knowing someone is caring about them.

In the last month or so a number of members have stepped up to support activities, specifically the upcoming Annual Club Picnic, which will be October 2nd, 2021. Remember this picnic will be paid for out of the club funds, all you need to do is bring your own drinks and come out and have fun. Remember it is for a member and 1 associate or a member and 1 guest.

As many of you know we really do not have one major charity that we support but rather multiples depending on the situation at hand. Cancer is the most requested by the family if someone passes. We will always do what the family request. But we want to go one step further like the USO at Lambert in providing snacks periodically to the service people that go through that facility. In addition, we found out that Santa's Helpers need more support throughout the year with personal items for both mostly children but also some adults. I realize that once a year we provide toys for the under-privilege children at Christmas time. However, their needs extend beyond Christmas, in fact all year. This is why OCC is going to do their best to support this need by providing personal health items. Please refer to Karen's Post on Groupworks of items needed. Special thanks go out to Karen, Esther, and Cheryl for taking on this effort.

June 2021 Meeting Minutes

Kenneth Schaeffler, Administrative Assistant



July 13, 2021

Meeting Location – Jilly's - 7:30

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

Tom Nicholson led the Pledge of Allegiance

Board and Volunteers present: Dennis Osterhorn, Gary Messenger, Ken Schaeffler, Cheryl Osterhorn, Tom Nicholson, Mike Koenen, Byrle Layman, Rick Poepping, and Esther Brewer

There were 35 members participating in the meeting as well. Thanks to those members for taking the time and making the effort to attend.

Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement:

Please keep Dick Mericle in your thoughts and prayers, as he is having some health issues. Please take the time to send a card or a letter. The address is in the members directory in Groupworks.

Thank you to everyone for coming out tonight for our monthly meeting.

I would appreciate those of you posting on Groupworks to take a look at "What you posted". If the date has passed, please take it down or I will. We do have limited space with which to post things. And please watch your choice of comments to a post. We do not want to lose this communication tool over a bad choice of words.

As for the recent July 4th parade, we had 16 cars and 23 club members. Thank you all for coming out. I realize we had to get going early at the staging point at the Galleria for a 7:15 AM drive to the downtown staging area. There was a little confusion at the staging area at first, but that got worked out. And yes, we had a long wait time until we were called to go. This years parade had four different organizations participating, since their parades were cancelled due to the pandemic. Some folks were upset that the club didn't get much recognition on TV. Just so everyone understands, the coverage is all by Channel 4 (KMOV), I sent a script in, so I guess they pick and choose what to say based on the amount of time. I noticed that there were a few floats that went past the broadcast platform and nothing was really stated. They did announce the OCC at the very front and then again 3/4's of the way through. So we were not alone for the long waiting time as everyone was in the same boat as us. Bottom line, the weather was great, awesome showing of Corvettes and a super crowd of people.

As you may know, Esther Brewer and Cheryl Osterhorn are trying to collect money to buy various snacks for the USO at Lambert Field. A few Wednesday nights ago they started to collect money and did very well, so we will take any last-minute donations tonight. Then Esther and Cheryl will go to Sam's or Costco to buy large boxes of snacks. The snacks need to be individually wrapped single-serving products and they come that way in the large boxes. Once everything is purchased, they will be delivered to the USO. We will make sure they are marked as a gift from OCC.

Karen Mericle will talk about Santa's Helpers and their efforts, and we need to help support.

Dennis made a slide presentation of various events and activities the Club has participated in so far this year:
St. Louis auto Show at America's Center
Trash Pick-up days
Alton Memorial Day Parade, followed with lunch at Fred and Carol's
Vietnam Wall in Perryville, Missouri.
Byrle's Drive-by
Scott Air Force Base Car Show
Kimswick Father's Day Car Show
Ice Cream Socials: The Malt Shop & Oberweis
4th of July Parade

At this point, I will turn it over to the Committees.

TREASURERS REPORT – Cheryl Osterhorn

Cheryl presented her report to the members. Motion to accept was made by Sharon Young, 2nd by Jan Flader.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Ken Schaeffler

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion: Cheryl Osterhorn, 2nd by Rich Brewer.

Ken reminded everyone to view the meeting minutes posted in the newsletter.

Ken took a minute to thank all who turned out for Byrle's drive-by. Although he wasn't totally surprised, we had 22 cars turn out for the event. Ann hosted a luncheon with sandwiches, dessert and beverages.

MEMBERSHIP – Mike Koenen

We currently have 61 paid members and 50 associate members. Total membership is 111.

Updated information is on Groupworks.

If your information on Groupworks needs to be updated, please call or e-mail Mike or Suzanne.

OUTREACH – Esther Brewer

Dick Mericle is in the hospital. Karen had to call the ambulance this morning.

Bob Shissler is fighting the battle.

Please send cards to those members that could use some friendly words during their healing process.

NCM REPORT – Byrle Layman

The 27th Anniversary is coming up September 2 – 4, 2021. Registration is open. Daily activities include road trips, lectures and museum tours.

Museum Delivery: A couple from Omaha, Nebraska received their 2021 Red Mist Coupe. This was the 14,000th museum delivery

Museum Ambassador's Program. Changes are coming to the program. More structure, regional. More to follow as I learn of these changes.

Thanks to all that came out for the Drive-By at my house. What a nice thing to do, and my neighbors enjoyed the show.

An Avanti at the Museum? Yes, and it's Corvette powered. Small block engine. Rather than build their own engine they approached GM and the rest is history. This will be on display at the Museum up to the Bash along with a 1958 Scarab, a 1967 Bizzarrini Strada, 1969 Mangusta and a 1965 Impala, built by Chip Foose.

As always, "Don't Forget the Wave"

NEW MEMBERS/1st time visitors

Mark Navratil, 1992 Blue Coupe

Carol Rugermond, 2004 Yellow Convertible

Rene Attea, 2017 Black Coupe

Birthdays / Anniversaries / New Addition

Russ Murphy got a 2012 C6 Grand Sport, 18,xxx miles. Red/Black Convertible

Walt Yeager got a 2021 C8, Red Mist Metallic.

Jim Butler Update

Jim Butler will have the annual car show in October. Please see Groupworks for dates, times and information.

UPCOMING EVENTS – Gary Messenger

Gary presented a number of upcoming events. Please see Groupworks for upcoming events.

New Business Discussion

Art Delhoun would like to get Club brochures or flyers for car shows, etc.

Dennis O. – we have been invited to do the Manchester homecoming parade

Karen will find out about ice cream shops opening.

Club picnic – Larry can use some volunteers See Groupworks for info.

Charities we donate to: USO, Santa's Helpers, St. Judes Childrens hospital

Attendance Prize

Rich Brewer won this month's prize of \$50.00

Motion to adjourn was made by Dennis Osterhorn, 2nd by Dave Peeples.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48



The Chain of Rocks Car Show is coming up August 29th at Noon!

If you have never participated in this show before it is very fun. The show cars are staged on the historic old Route 66 bridge. \$30 advanced registration or \$35 the day of show. Well worth the photo opportunity. If you want to park and show your car on the parking lot, it is only \$10!

The National Corvette Museum Report
By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador
June 2021



July NCM Newsletter Report 2021

I am happy to be writing this newsletter report. I have been AWOL due to some health issues but I am improving each day and hope to be more available over the next few months.

The 27th Anniversary celebration will be held on September 2 thru 4th, and the registration is open. Activities will include road trips– lectures– museum tours, and much more. Kia Spande, from the Corvette production plant will speak about the C8 Corvette. His presentations are always interesting and well attended. Get there early for a good seat.

The museum delivery program was proud to deliver its 14,000th Corvette to a couple from Omaha, NE. This unique program is proving to be a real success. If you are planning to purchase a new Vette the museum delivery might be a good choice.

Some changes are coming to the Ambassador program. I will share more on this as I get back into the loop.

An Avanti at the Corvette Museum?? As the small block V-8 proved to be so successful for GM. Some manufacturers decided rather than to go to the expense of developin an engine to compete, why not work with GM and use the small block. So why not have an exhibit titled CORVETTE POWERED? This exhibit will feature an Avanti, a 1958 Scarab, 1967 Bizzarrine Strada, a 1965 Impala built by Chip Foose, and a 1969 Mangusta. This display will remain in place through BASH 2022.

On a personal note. I want to thank all of you who participated in the Drive-By at my house. It made my day.

AS ALWAYS, BE SAFE OUT THERE AND DON'T FORGET TO WAVE!





SAVE THE DATE
Annual OCC Picnic
October 2nd 2021

Cliff Cave County Park, St. Louis South County

Time: 10AM till 4 PM
Lunch served 12PM



Pavilion



Restrooms

Fully catered buffet provided by the club

Smoked Brisket

Pull Pork

Mac & Cheese

Green Beans

Coleslaw

Deviled eggs

Desert provide by the Club

Bring you own beverages

Live Music will be provided

**Free to OCC Member & Associate or
a Member and 1 guest**

RSVP to Dennis by EMAIL

drcao@sbcglobal.net

Last date to sign up September 20th

ALL LEVEL GROUND -No STEPS



Park Entrance



Parking lot



In 1962 GM designed a four seat Corvette to take on the very popular Ford Thunderbird. As you can see it was the precursor for the 1963 split window Corvette. The vehicle was never produced. There are very fine images of this concept on GM's Instagram page.

This is the best I could capture.





The OCC recently donated a carload of goodies and snacks to the USO for the soldiers enjoyment at Lambert Field. Thanks to all for donating to such a wonderful cause. I am sure the troops will enjoy!

God Bless!

July Meeting at Jillys.....

Is that Mike Krechel??????



July Birthdays

Jason Messenger 7/5
John Carver 7/7
Janet Flader 7/7
Joe Williams 7/8
Esther Brewer 7/12
Zane Latham 7/22
Byrle Layman 7/22
Karen Mericle 7/23
Valerie Brendel 7/25
Nancy Hirsch 7/24
Steve Willis 7/29
Tom Nickelson 7/30



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

From all of your friends in the OCC!

August Birthdays

Mary Morgan 8/4
Norma Bahr 8/5
Jama Rendell 8/17
Eric Stephens 8/19
Don DeLonjay 8/25
Jim Lanzafame 8/26



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!!

47% of Corvette owners hold college degrees, higher than the national average...only 27% of all US adults have a degree.

