

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

July , 2022 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2022 Board

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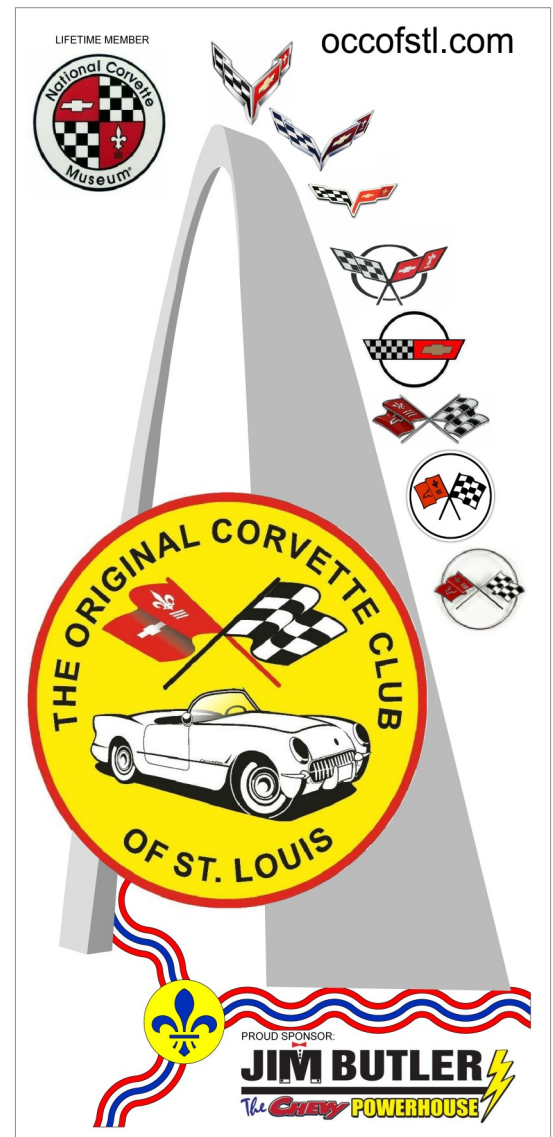
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OCC Meetings: Are held on the **2nd Tuesday of every Month** and are open to all members and guests.

Our Next Meeting Will Be: **August 9, 2022 Meeting**

Location: Dogwood Social House. 15682 Manchester Road, Ellisville, MO 63011. [Cape Girardeau MO Premier Sports Bar and Social House \(dogwoodsocialhouse.com\)](https://www.dogwoodsocialhouse.com) This

does lead to their Ellisville location for a look at the menu! [636](https://www.dogwoodsocialhouse.com)

[323-4227](https://www.dogwoodsocialhouse.com) Right behind Freddy's

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis



CORVETTE

July 12, 2022

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

At the March meeting we had 38 members present.

And we had 15 cars that came early for the meet & greet on the parking lot. Thanks to all that participated.

There were quite a few topics discussed at the meeting and I will go through everything so everyone is kept up-to-date.

This month's greeters are Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn. Next month will be John & Paula Miceli. We still have openings for September and November.

By the time of the meeting tonight I'll be in Nevada preparing for the Ron Fellows Performance Driving Course. I should be at the lounge having an adult beverage or two. It starts at 8:00 tomorrow and is for 2 days. I'm excited for this opportunity to learn as much as I can about my C8. And even more excited to drive the track. Be ready for a report in August. Hopefully it won't involve chickens.

A few members met at the Dairy Queen on Telegraph Road in South County for Ice Cream Sunday. Thanks to all that came out and thank to John Renz for organizing this.

Ann will be going through all upcoming events and Car Shows later in the meeting.

The Father's Day Car Show in Kimswick was a success. I believe we had 14 cars participate in the event. Between John Miceli and myself we talked to a number of people about the Club. I talked to One guy and his wife and spent some time with them looking at my C*. He has one on order and is anxiously awaiting delivery. He asked if he could come by a meeting and check us out as he would like to join the Club once he takes delivery of his. I invited them to come to the August meeting, since I'm not at the meeting tonight.

Pacific Car Show/Car Cruise was a success. I want to thank all of the members that volunteered to register and judge vehicles, and special thanks to Larry Dann for getting the Club involved. As so many people decided to get there an hour of better to register, the initial influx of cars was a bit overwhelming, but once we got through that I think it went smoothly and efficiently. It was hot and I walked 9,700 steps and never left the block. I also talked to Bill Prewitt about some feedback he received from entry car owners. Pretty typical, as everyone thinks their car deserves first place as well as best of show. Larry will go into further detail about this later.

America's Birthday Parade was a success. Although it started raining about 20 minutes into the parade. Thanks to the members that participated this year. Also, a big thank you to Bill Prewitt for walking the banner with me. I heard from a number of members that saw the parade on TV and said the banner was a great idea. I also heard some of the spectators call us out by name from the banner. So I believe the banner will be leading the parades from now on. It's good they see who we are. I talked with two of the organizers and they were thrilled to have us again this year and will be contacting me for the Thanksgiving Day Parade. We had 12 cars in the Flotatilla this year, and two convertibles transporting VIP's. Although, Connie's VIP was a no-show. As is typical, we were assigned a staging time of 7:30 – 8:00. I will try my best to make it a later time for the Thanksgiving Parade. Especially since they have an area marked for us. I didn't find out until after the fact that Kelvin McMillin had an incident and was unable to finish the parade.

Please follow Groupworks for more details on all of these events and more.

Last month the Club portion of the 50/50 raffle (\$62.00) was designated to go to the USO Fund. Valerie Brendel was the winner in June. Congratulations to Valerie AGAIN.

As most everyone is aware, long time member of OCC, Erv Bleitner, recently passed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Blietner Family for their loss. Lori has requested a member procession to Jefferson Barracks in honor of Erv and the years he participated in the Club. John Miceli will be organizing this in my absence.

On June 27, 2022, I called an Executive Board meeting to discuss a number of topics of concern. The Executive Board is currently working through the items discussed and we will be bringing the information to the members at a future meeting.

President's Report Continued.....

Ann 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 keep working towards a great 2022.



Sundaes
On
Sunday!



The next Sundaes on Sunday is at 6:30pm on Sunday August 14th at Culver's in Fenton. The address is 1024 Bowles Ave, Fenton, MO 63026. Please RSVP on Groupworks so I can get a good headcount and try to get an area large enough for the group. Be there or be square! Regards, John Renz

Happy
August
Everyone



BACK TO SCHOOL

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

July, 2022



President Ken Schaeffler was on vacation and Vice President Ann Jennings conducted the meeting. The meeting started promptly at 7:30.

Tom Nickelson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ann introduced the club officers and volunteers.

Administrative Assistant Larry Dann read Ken's Opening statement for the meeting.

Sharon Young then gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Tom Nickelson and seconded by Sidney Hirsch

Ann asked for a motion to accept the minutes for the June meeting as published in the Vette Gazette. A motion was made by Rick Poepping and seconded by John Miceli.

Larry Dann then gave the administrative assistant report. We had mail from St. Anthony's for their annual Corvette raffle and a note from the Wounded Warrior Project.

Jon Miceli then gave the membership report. The OCC has 69 paid members and 55 associate members for a total of 124 members.

Ann then filled in for Esther Brewer for the Outreach Report stating that everyone was doing well and that it was Esther's Birthday today!

Ann then introduced Rick Poepping for his NCM report. He gave his report in his normal jubilant manner. Please see his report in the NCM report section of our newsletter.

Ann then asked if there were any new members present. New member Gene Castelano regaled us about his Corvette that he picked up in Fargo, ND and he picked it up and drove it home to STL. This is his second Corvette.

Ann then recognized Steve Willis was in attendance. As you know Steve has been battling some serious health issues and it was awesome to see him at the meeting.

Tom Nickelson then told everyone that Bri

Fuzz Steinlage then gave his Jim Butler Chevrolet Report. He stated that they are getting new and used cars in. He said that we are on for the Butler Car Show again. Butler will generously be providing a Food Truck once again and it will be a Chevy Show with the Camaro Club also in attendance. Buzz then noted that Butler had won the top award for Sales and Service from Chevrolet.

Ann then said to see Groupworks to see the upcoming events she has posted. There are 35 different events listed!

Under old business Larry Dann discussed the Pacific Car Show with the Pacific Partnership. We judged 250 cars in four hours with our 21 volunteers. The total cars including the display cars was just over 750 cars. The OCC was able to raise \$2000 for two students from Pacific to study in the Auto Tech Field. Larry thanked everyone for their help. The Pacific Partnership was very happy with our performance. A special shout out to Ken Schaeffler and Bill Prewitt for going over and above for their support finishing up the car show tallies. The car show had over 20,000 attendees that day!

Under New Business the only thing on the books coming up is the OCC Club Picnic on October, 2. Larry is still looking for help with any ideas for a theme or for food.

Meeting Minutes Continued.....

John Miceli then explained how the procession for Erv Brewer was going to work. There was a celebration of life at the Genesis Banquet Center following the procession. John then thanked everyone who helped out his brother in law when his car broke down just before the July Fourth Parade. That is what a club is all about. John explained to the group that he has been in touch with Eric Delaney once again about the car show at Grant's Farm. Eric said that he is really buried in work at the moment and will get back to him.

Cindy Stephens then mentioned that Jilly's is not going to reopen. There is a pizza restaurant opening up in that location. Jilly's is supposed to be reopening at another location.

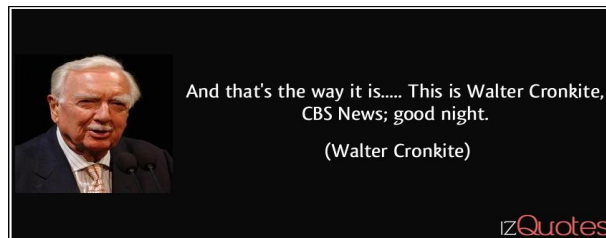
Tom Nickelson then put the 50/50 up for a drawing. \$69 went to the lucky winner-I have no idea who won. It wasn't recorded. I will amend this at a later date.

Four tickets to the Cardinal game for the second drawing was won by Byrle Layman.

Steve Willis declined a third drawing to let someone take the McLaren for a spin around the block!

Ann then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Sidney Hirsch and seconded by Larry Dann.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm. FASTEST MEETING EVER.....



George Jetson born on July 31, 2022. I predict he may make it pretty big in show business!

**They say 'Beauty is in the eye of the beholder.' I wouldn't be-holding onto this Corvette for very long.
WOW!**



Corvette News– Hot off the presses.....

GM's next C8 Corvette iteration is an important one. The car expected to be called E-Ray should feature electric assistance on the front wheels while a traditional mid-ship V-8 continues powering the rear wheels, a formula that has become tried-and-true for mid-engined supercars adding electrification. These cars have been testing since at least GM's first announcement of an upcoming hybrid in April of 2022, although prototypes that may have been E-Rays had been spotted during the development of the upcoming Z06 as well. Generally, that testing appeared to be going well. That did not appear to be the case in Spain earlier this week. **Fred Smith/Road and Track** Photo:Cochespias/Instagram



Chevrolet is giving Corvette Z06 buyers \$5,000, but there's a catch

Chevrolet is offering an interesting incentive to buyers of its upcoming Corvette Z06 sports car. The Corvette Z06 is one of the most-anticipated new cars coming out this year. The new [top of the line Corvette starts](#) at \$106,395, while the convertible is listed at \$113,895, and that's just the start.



A fully-loaded example will run close to \$160,000. Despite its high price, it's also in high demand and dealers have already been listing them with markups as high as \$100,000. It's a tip not to flip. Customers who sign up for the My Chevrolet Rewards program will get 500,000 free points, but only if they keep their cars for 12 months. The points can be used to pay for things like accessories and service, and 500,000 is the equivalent of around \$5,000. However, \$5,000 may be a drop in the bucket compared to the profit that a quick resale could net.

Chevrolet/FoxNews/Gary Gastelu



From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

- 1.) Twin Oaks Car Show. 1230 Big Bend Road, Ballwin, MO July 2,2022
- 2.) America's Birthday Parade! July 4th. See Groupworks! Ken Schaeffler
- 3.) Rumble in Manchester Car Show August 5, 2022– evening show– 5pm -9pm
- 4.) Boone Trail Corvette Club charity car show. August 24, 2022 Calvary Church, 3998 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, MO
- 5.) All Chevy Show– National Museum of Transportation. September 11, 2022
- 6.) Chevys Silent Auction- September - Raises money for charity to be announced- start getting donations
- 7.) Mid America Motorworks Funfest– September, 16-18 (Frank)
- 8.) OCC Annual Picnic– Sunday October, 2 (Larry) NOTE: Looking for themes that you would like to have!
- 9.) Reoccurring events that start in April-
 - A.) Sonic every Friday, South Lindbergh at Big Bend
 - B.) Faith Church Sunset Hills First Friday of each month

Ann

Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!



Tom & Mary Heeley	8/11
44 Years	
Kent & Mary Morgan	8/14
44 Years	
Russell & Cindy Murphy	8/20
45 Years	
Tom & Valerie Brendel	8/24
5 Years	
Chris & Angie Davis	8/28
23 Years	



AUGUST WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

During August the only Wednesday night I have available is the first one. We are going Wednesday, August 3rd at 5:30 pm to Lester's 9930 Clayton Road. They need a head count by Tuesday, August 2nd. So please RSVP by noon on the 2nd. Thank you.

Judy Silvaqni (636) 851-7701 or on GroupWorks

[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[July 2022](#)



Latest News:

- 2023 Corvette Deliveries began at the Museum. First one delivered was on June 06.

All R8C customers are welcomed with custom signage and a private, guided tour of the museum where they will find their car on display. R8C Museum Deliveries also include a one-on-one orientation for the new owners about their new car from a Corvette expert. Additionally, R8C delivery customer receive a one-year individual membership to the National Corvette Museum, a unique gold decal inside the driver's door, and a custom wall plaque commemorating the occasion – including the customer's name, date of delivery, and VIN number.

-Hot Wheels Exhibit is now at the Museum

The exhibit was created by [The Children's Museum of Indianapolis](#) in partnership with Mattel. Children and families will love the Pit Stop Challenge in which they can race the clock – and their family and friends – to change



tires and refuel cars. A 6-lane downhill speed track, booster power track, adjustable angles track, and timing track are just a few of the ways visitors will be able to test their theories regarding the science of racing and cause and effect.

Museum Expansion.

The National Corvette Museum opened its doors to the world on Labor Day weekend in 1994, since then it has become known as the gateway to all things Corvette. When the Museum first expanded in 2009 and almost doubled its size, it allowed for guests to experience the excitement, color, and adventure that are Corvette.

NCM Report Continued.....

As the National Corvette Museum continues to make necessary improvements to maintain the quality guests have come to expect from our world class establishment, we are enthusiastically progressing toward a 2 story-30,000 square foot addition to the Museum.

Rendering of Museum Expansion



The state-of-the-art campus addition plans include:

- Specialty Exhibit Spaces and Rotating Displays
- Lifetime Members Lounge
- Open Theater Space
- Sensory Calming Room for Guests with Unique Needs
- Kids Zone Education Center
- Rooftop Members Lounge

We will continue to build on every aspect of what we were created for – a Museum focused on educating, preserving, and exhibiting the stories of America’s Sports Car for all generations to enjoy.

“This expansion will give the museum the opportunity to tell more of Corvette’s stories than ever before. When the museum opened, we were only in the fourth generation of corvette and since then we have seen another four generations of America’s Sports Car. This is our opportunity to ensure that the Museum stays on pace with such a beloved automobile that makes history every day,” said Director of Collections and Curator, Derek E. Moore.

With the new gallery spaces afforded by this expansion, we will feature new exhibits housing more unique artifacts from Corvette’s rich history. The all-new Lifetime Members Lounge will offer a quiet space to call yours where you can relax during visits to the Museum.

“This expansion has been something that the Board of Directors has been looking forward to for many years. An expansion is needed for the Museum, and with the support of our Members the Museum has continued to grow and we need the space for Museum displays. We are excited about the future of the Museum and when the appropriate funds are raised the expansion will begin,” said Glenn Johnson, National Corvette Museum Board Chair.

NCM Report Continued.....

At this time there is no date for completion. The Museum team and Sewell and Sewell architects will be working to bring this expansion to life as funding progresses for the project. Funds donated to the expansion will be placed into a restricted account designated only to the Building Expansion Campaign.

The picture above shows the what the planner expansion will look like. This is a shot of the side entrance of the Museum in front of the Big Circle. This rendering is as if you were driving up towards the circle from Entrance A.

28th Anniversary Celebration – Sept 1 - 3, 2022

Raffles

The 2023 VIN #1 Corvette, purchased from Chevrolet by the National Corvette Museum, will be raffled off on Friday, September 2nd, at 3 PM during the museum's 28th Anniversary Celebration. Tickets are \$300 each and are limited to 2,023 tickets.

This 2023 VIN #1 Corvette is an Arctic White Convertible with an Adrenaline Red-Dipped interior.

~~2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe 7/14/2022 \$100 Sold Out~~
~~2023 Build Your Own Corvette or \$80,000 7/28/2022 \$250~~
~~2023 Silver Flare Corvette Coupe 8/18/2022 \$150 8/18/2022~~
~~2023 Red Mist Corvette Coupe Unlimited \$20 9/3/2022 (Anniv Event)~~

National Corvette Museum

350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY

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July Meeting!



Bill Prewitt's Bad to the Bone Camaro



Mike and Suzanne Koenen's
New Ride



Just some Crazy Car Guys!



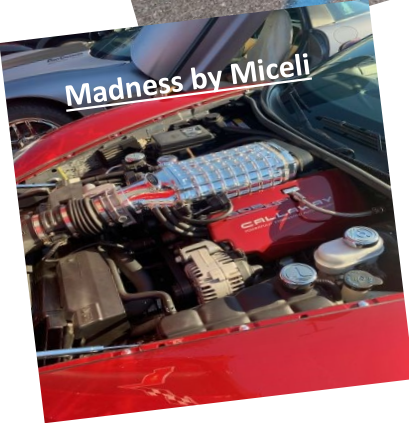
A Group of Fine
Folks!



Jim Ford shining it up!



Steve Willis thought he ordered a
McDouble and got a McLaren!



Madness by Miceli



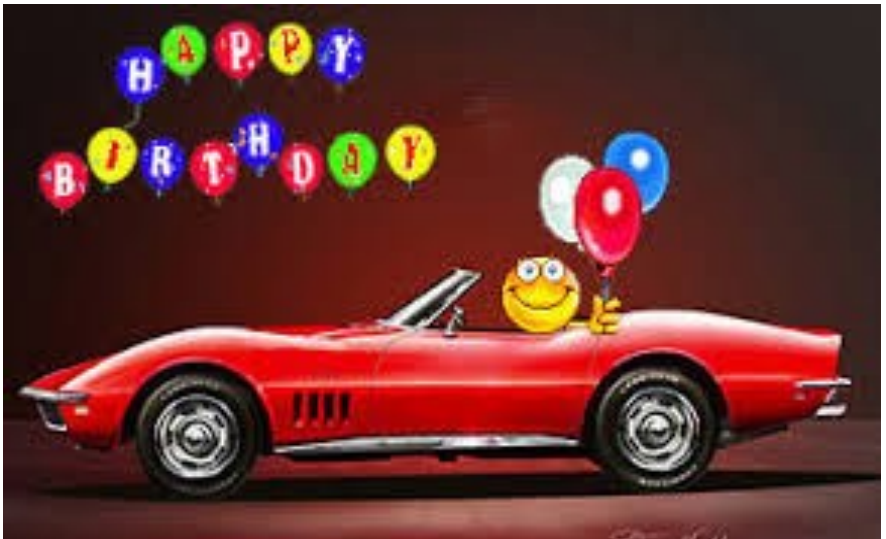
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Larry and Jo Strassburger's
Immaculate C4 Convertible!

July Birthdays

Jason Messenger 7/5
Brian Jennings 7/7
Janet Flader 7/7
Joe Williams 7/8
Judy Lang 7/11
Esther Brewer 7/12
Zane Latham 7/22
Byrle Layman 7/22
Karen Mericle 7/23
Nancy Hirsch 7/24
Valerie Brendel 7/25
Steve Willis 7/29



August Birthdays

Mary Morgan 8/4
Norma Bahr 8/5
Brandon Hoosier 8/12
Jama Rendell 8/17
Eric Stephens 8/19
Jim Lanzafame 8/26

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!!

The original front emblem and horn button on the "Aurorama" Corvette featured crossed American and Checkered flags. It was discovered that using an American flag on a product trade mark was against the law and the emblem was changed before the 1954 New York Motorama.

