

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

July, 2023 Newsletter

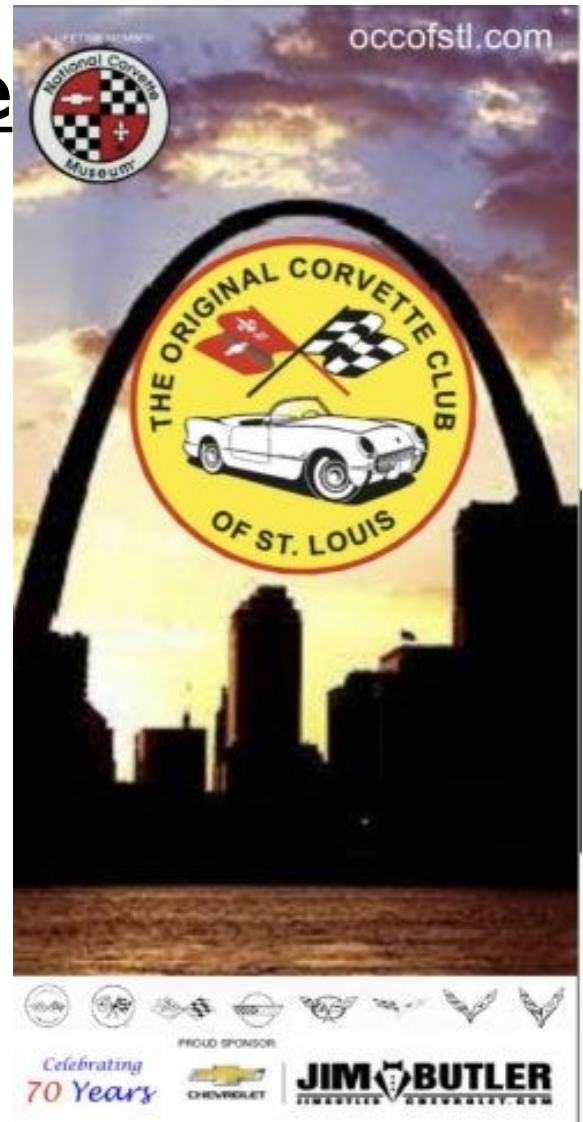
The Vette Gazette

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...

groupworks™

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: **August 8, 2023**

Meeting Location: It looks like the meeting is going to be at Saucy's (the old Jilly's location). 1630 Gravois in High Ridge.

Check Groupworks as we get closer to confirm location.

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis



July 11, 2023

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome to Crusoe's. Thanks to those who came early for the meet and greet before the meeting. Since the last meeting, we had a few events that took place.

- Fathers Day Car Show; Kimmswick (Mike Koennen)
- Pacific Car Show (Larry Dann)
- Charity Car Show for Ava Kern; Columbia, Illinois (Ken Schaeffler)
- America's Birthday Parade
- Guys Lunch, June edition
- Ladies Lunch, July edition
- Sundaes on Sunday, Culver's, Fenton (Sharon Young)

There are a number of upcoming events that will be discussed later

- Guys lunch; July 19, 2023 (Bill Prewitt)
- Wednesday Night Dinner, August Edition (Judy Silvagni)
- All Chevy Show, Museum of Transportation, Kirkwood (Gary Messinger)
- Butler All Chevy Car Show (Ken Schaeffler)
- Club Picnic (Larry Dann)
- Halloween Party (Jim & Peggy Thacker)

I would like to start early in getting volunteers lined up for the Butler Show. We need a bunch of help to see that thing run smoothly. Mike and Cheryl have graciously volunteered to do registration again this year, but I'm certain they would like to have some additional help. We will also need members to assist in selling 50/50 tickets, as well as other raffle tickets. Butler will be providing a golf cart for our use during the show. This will be a big help meeting attendees and selling tickets. This year we have raised the entry fee to \$25, and there will be a \$15 fee for display only (not judged). I have posted the Flyer on multiple Facebook platforms as an Event as well as numerous car show pages across Missouri and the St. Louis Area. It's been posted for 3 days now and have received about 20 interested on the event page and at least a dozen likes on the various car show pages. I'm excited that we have so much time to get this together this year. We have increased the classes to 14 this year with awards to 1st, 2nd & 3rd place as well as 4 "best of" awards for Best Club participation, Peoples choice. Sponsor Award and Best of Show. I will also be putting together a letter to present to numerous business seeking donations for prizes. Once I have that together, I will be asking members to try and get donations. I will explain in more detail at the July meeting.

And as always, if we have the chance to support our sponsor, please do. Butler has a parts department and offer full service on all your cars.

Thank you again for your support and together we are on our way to a great 2023.

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

July, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



Meeting called to order at 7:30 Ken

Eric Stephens led us in the Pledge of Allegiance

Intro of Officers: Not present: Gary Messenger; Rick Poepping; Jason Messenger

Treasurers report motion to accept: Dennis Osterhorn and Larry Dann

Administrative Assistant no report again.

Membership report: New member Gary Vogel and Cindy

Outreach report: Goodbye to Karen Mericle. We all had some cake.

NCM no report as Rick was absent saving us 20 to 30 minutes

New Additions: Sidney 93C4 ; Joyce Dann 2012 Carlisle Blue Grand Sport.

Upcoming events: Butler Car Show Sept 24

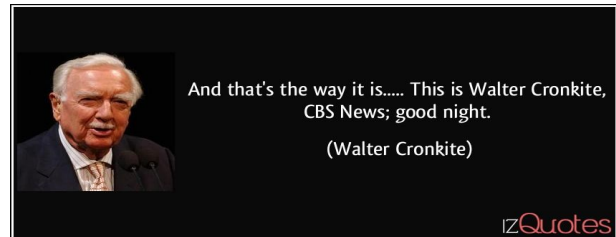
Club Picnic Oct 8

Halloween Party Oct 28

New Business: Hoping for Saucy's opening for August Mtg

50/50 Fuzz Steinlage won \$85.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Art DelHougne and seconded by Rich Brewer 8:07



A Note From Karen Mericle.....

Thank You All

I appreciate all the notes and kind words from everyone. I will miss the club, shows, and people.

I will keep in touch. I will text Ken and Randy to let them know I made it. And until I get my computer or the new phone they will send a post.

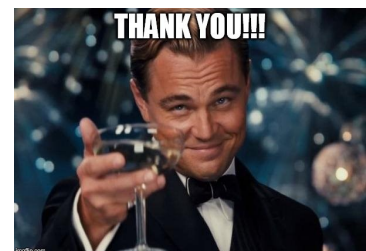
Thank you all for being our friends. If Dick was here, he'd agree. Great friends are hard to find.

Hugs, Karen



Karen, I think I speak for the entire club as to how much you and Dick have meant to this organization. Your years of dedication and friendship to the OCC are and will be so very much appreciated for a long time. Here is to your next chapter. God Bless. Cheers!

Larry



Hot Off The Presses.....

C8 Corvette Clinches 2023 FIA World Endurance Championship

With a 4th place finish at the Monza Italy 6 hour race, the Corvette Racing Team's C8.R clinched the 2023 FIA World Endurance Championship in the LMG GTEam Class. The WEC consists of 6 races of 6 to 24 hours in various countries. There are still 2 races left in the series. This class includes: Ferrari, Porsche, Aston Martin, Mercedes and BMW.

Ron Londe

Someone Junked This 1963 Corvette Z06 Split Window

Steven Symes Tuesday, July 18, 2020 2:56 pm CDT

Excerpt from **MOTORIUS**

Thankfully, the Stingray has been rescued and is going to a good home.

There's a saying that one man's trash is another man's treasure. In this case, a 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Z06 split window found moldering in a scrapyard was apparently junk to one person but is worth a fortune to many more. Made only for the '63 model year, the split rear window on C2 Corvettes has become one of the most coveted features on the market. Add on top of that this is a Z06 and that's a double shot of desirability for what's arguably the most desirable generation of America's sports car.

Called to attention by Instagram account rottingclassics, this incredible diamond in the rough had been sitting among other husks of vehicles since 1971. It's hard to imagine why anyone would just discard such a rare classic, considering few were made. The most obvious answer was the owner didn't really know what he had on his hands. What's even more remarkable is that the 'Vette remained in the junkyard for almost 50 years.



Not only was 1963 the first production year of the second-generation Corvette or C2, it also launched the wildly popular Stingray body. This was also the first official year GM offered the Z06, with a mere 199 turned over to customers. These cars were made for those who wanted to hit the track and potentially race. Among the motorsports-proven equipment in the Z06 package was a heavy-duty suspension, big cooled disc brakes, plus a 36.5-gallon fuel tank.



What really made the '63 C2 Corvette Z06 so phenomenal was the 327 small block V8, which cranked 360-horsepower and 352 lb.-ft. of torque. It really helped announce that the new 'Vette was a serious competitor on the road and track.

Not only did rottingclassics call attention to this valuable '63 C2 Corvette split window, the car is now going through a full restoration. Considering its in pretty sad shape, the process will be a long one, but we hope to get a glimpse of the finished product.

Photo credits: Instagram, RottingClassics



What it could be.....

2024 Corvette Museum Delivery Option Price Increases Substantially

BY [JONATHAN LOPEZ](#) – JULY 18, 2023

For a lot of folks, purchasing a new [Chevy Corvette](#) is a *really* big deal, often signifying a moment of accomplishment and success, while inducting the new buyer into the extended family that is Corvette ownership. As such, many buyers opt for the Corvette Museum Delivery option, also known as option R8C, which provides the new owner with the unique experience of taking delivery of their new ride fresh off the assembly line in Kentucky. Now, however, the Corvette Museum Delivery option just got substantially more expensive with the introduction of the [2024 Corvette](#).



Previously, the Corvette Museum Delivery option ([RPO code R8C](#)) was priced at \$995 when ticked for the [2023 Corvette](#). Now, however, the option is \$500 more expensive, priced at \$1,495 when

For those readers who may be unaware, the Corvette Museum Delivery option is offered in collaboration with the [National Corvette Museum](#) (NCM), located just down the street from the [GM Bowling Green plant](#) in Kentucky, the exclusive producer of the [Chevy Corvette](#) since 1981. The option includes a special VIP guided tour of the NCM for the new owner and up to three additional guests, where they will see the freshly produced Corvette on display. Customers are then provided an orientation and delivery presentation, while a unique gold decal is placed on the inside of the driver's door jamb.

Customers also receive a personalized interior dash plaque, a personalized wall plaque, and an individual photograph in front of the museum. There's also an opportunity to tour the Bowling Green assembly plant, if desired.



The 2024 Corvette arrives as the fifth model year for the eighth-gen C8, introducing a few important updates and changes, the most notable of which is the debut of the hybrid, all-wheel-drive 2024 [Corvette E-Ray](#). [Pricing for the 2024 Corvette](#) has also increased compared to equivalent 2023 model-year vehicles, with the destination freight charge now up to \$1,595, a \$200 increase compared to a DFC of \$1,395 included prior.



All Kinds of Fun Stuff Coming Up... Mark Your Calendars!



Peggy and I are going to have a Halloween party and bonfire at our place for the OCC on October 28. This is just a heads up and I'll have someone post this later as an event so we can get a headcount. We used to have this every year for the kids and grand-kids but they seem to have other things to do with their friends. We always fitted our car trailer with sides and straw bales and I would pull them around the adjacent subdivision with our tractor to see the Halloween decorations but I'm not sure if anyone would be interested in that. The kids loved it. We will provide my mild chili and hotdogs and drinks, beer and soft drinks. We have quite a few chairs and tables. We also have a couple of patio heaters that we set up in our building in case it's chilly, you can get warm by the bonfire also. I'm sure we can park at least 50 cars in our backyard and the driveway down by our building. We hope to see you there!

Jim and Peggy Thacker



The church that Peggy and I attend, **St. John's Lutheran in Arnold** is hosting its first Cars & Coffee event on **August 12th from 8:00am until 10:30am**. The address is **3517 Jeffco Blvd, 63010**. We'll be having free coffee and donuts. I'm going to get in touch with Dennis to see if I can get him to list this in events so I can get a count of how many OCC members who would be interested in going, then I can get there early and reserve spots for our club.

Jim and Peggy Thacker

The All Chevy Show— September 10, 2023

In a few months will be the Fabulous Fifties car club, all Chevy Show at the **National Museum of Transportation**. Sunday, September 10, 2023, let's make this year the best club participation ever. So, mark your calendar. Rain date will be September 17, 2023. Registration 9 am to 12 noon \$20.00. Awards at 3pm

Gary Messenger



Presents:

Along with:

The Annual Jim Butler ALL CHEVY CAR SHOW

LOCATION:

Jim Butler Chevrolet
759 Gravois Bluffs Boulevard
Fenton, Missouri 63026

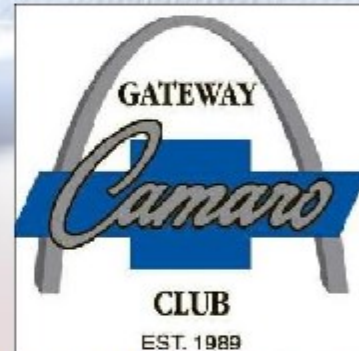
TIME:

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
(RAIN or SHINE)
9:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Registration 9:00-12:00 Noon

AWARD PRESENTATION @ 2:30:

- Corvettes
- Camaros
- All Other Chevys
- All Trucks
- All Modified
- Best of Show
- Butler Pick (Sponsor Award)
- Peoples Choice
- Best Club Participation

Independent Judging by:



ENTRY FEE:

Judged \$25.00
 Display Only \$15.00

Dash Plaques to first 100 Entries

50 / 50 RAFFLE
Other Prize Raffles

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT

BOYS & GIRLS CLUBS
OF GREATER ST. LOUIS



Save the Date!

September 24, 2023



Guy's Lunch is Wednesday July 19, 11 am

Weber's Front Row on 8169 Big Bend Road Webster Groves

Please make reservations on the Groupworks Calendar



Sundaes

On

Sunday!

Sharon Young



Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!



Wednesday night dinner will be August 2nd at 5:30 PM at PJ's Tavern located at 123 W Jefferson Ave in Kirkwood. Please on Groupworks by noon on Tuesday August 1st. Hope to see you there.

Judy Silvagni

***Wednesday
Night
Dinner!***



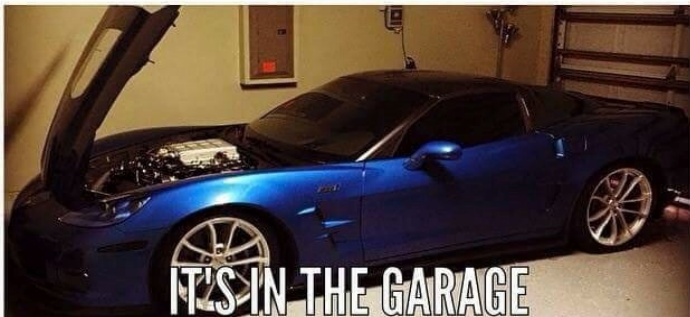
**The Original Corvette Club
of St. Louis'**

2023

**Banner at the National
Corvette Museum in
Bowling Green, KY**



Corvette Funny Papers.....





From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) August 12, Cars and Coffee, St. John's Lutheran Church, 8 am to 10:30 am— Jim and Peggy Thacker
- 2.) Hillsboro Car Show, September 16, Hillsboro Christian Church, Hwy 21 and Hwy B, 9 am, Art Delhougne
- 3.) August 17-20, Woodward Dream Cruise— Rick Poepping for details
- 4.) September 10, 2023— All Chevy Show— National Museum of Transportation, Gary Messenger
- 5.) October 8, Annual OCC Picnic, Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park. Larry Dann
- 6.) October 28, Bonfire and Halloween party, Jim and Peggy Thacker. More details to come.
- 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!



Michael and Suzanne Koenen 7/8

Bob and Janet Schissler/Methany 7/15

Rick and Liz Ann Mestre 7/26

Steve and Julie Willis 7/30



50- Corvettes parked at the St. Louis Assembly Plant.

Circa 1957

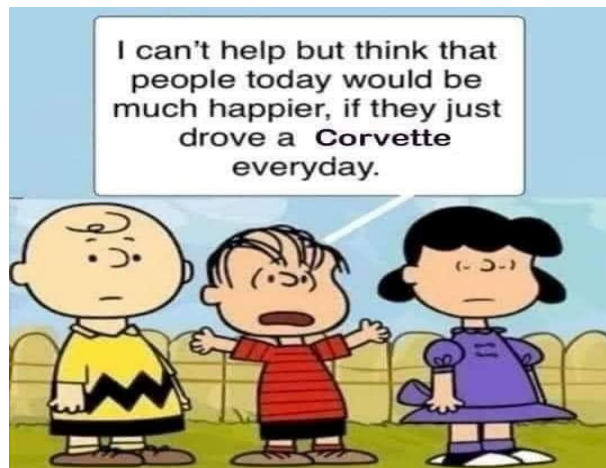


OCC Ladies Lunch Wed. April 5

The Next OCC Ladies Lunch is to be determined

Watch in Groupworks!!!!!!

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



[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[July, 2023](#)



Latest News:

Very Light news.

NCM Announces 2023 Corvette Hall Of Fame Members Elect

[The National Corvette Museums Announces 2023 Corvette Hall of Fame Members Elect](#)

NCM Debuts New Skywall Video Display for 70th Anniversary Exhibit

[\[VIDEO\] NCM Debuts New Skywall Video Display for 70th Anniversary Exhibit - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle](#)

[from last month] Anniversary Celebration Thur. Aug 31-Sat. Sep 02

Registration is OPEN

Tours

James Beam Tour & Lunch

Bluegrass Music Hall of Fame & Museum / Fetta Specialty Pizza Lunch

Andrew Jackson's Hermitage & FKS Kitchen Lunch (w/wine Tasting and Mansion Tour)

Casey Jones Distillery & Lunch

General Jackson Showboat – Nashville

2023 Corvette Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony

Track

Drive your own car \$132 for 4 laps

Drive a C7 and C8 4 laps each \$529

And other options

That's pretty much it.

- Upcoming Raffles

2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 8/10/2023

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1396

Drawing: August 10, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 9/1/2023

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1336

Drawing: September 1, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

2024 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/2/2023

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle

Drawing: September 2, 2023 3:00 PM Central Time

[Rick Poepping](#)

National Corvette Museum

350 Corvette Dr.

Bowling Green, KY 42101



www.corvettemuseum.org

Independence Day Parade St. Louis and OCC Style!!!



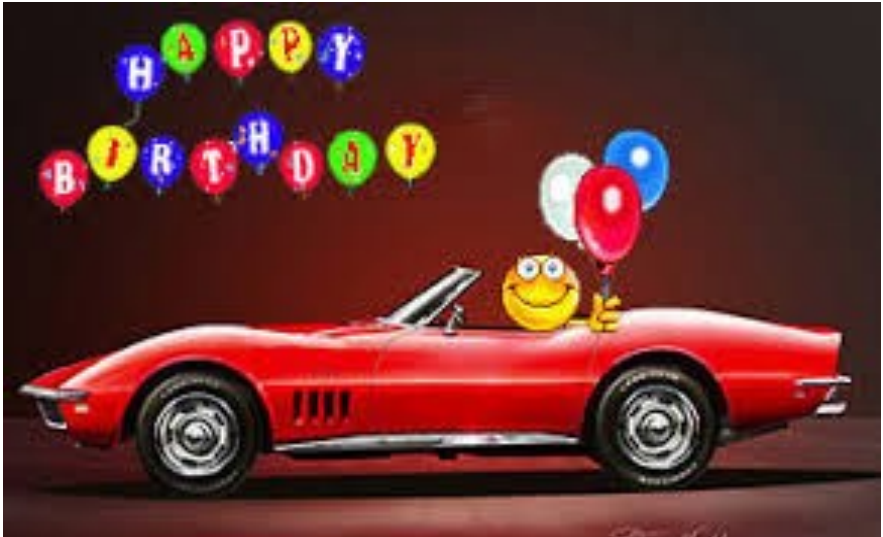
Thank you to all the members that participated in the parade on July 4th through downtown St. Louis. We had 15 cars and Jim Butler Chevrolet provided the pickup that carried out banner.

We got a great showing on TV also. Right at 1-1/2 minutes of solid TV coverage. Showing all of the cars.

Even with the 15 minutes of rain it turned out to be a spectacular day.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jason Messenger 7/5
Jonathon Carver 7/7
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
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
Brandon Hoosier 8/12
Jama Rendell 8/17
Eric Stephens 8/19
Jim Lanzafame 8/26
Lisa Coombs 8/27



Corvette Trivia

First big-block Corvette: Chevy also gave us the first big-block Corvette in 1965. The L78 396-cubic-inch V-8 had an iron block and heads, an aluminum intake manifold, solid lifters, and big Holley carburetor. It cost \$292.70 and was installed in 2157 Corvettes. With 425 hp it was the most powerful Corvette up to that time.



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!

