

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2020 Board

President: Dennis Osterhorn

Vice President– Gary Messenger

Treasurer– Cheryl Osterhorn

Sgt. At Arms– Tome Nickelson

Membership– Mike and Suzanne
Koenen

Administrative Assistant– Kenneth
Schaeffler

Volunteers:

Club Outreach: Esther Brewer

Trash Pick-up– Dick and Karen Mer-
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Club Historian– Karen Mericle

Webmaster– Rick Poepping

NCM Ambassador– Byrle Layman

Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer

Wednesday Dinner Club– Jan and
Doug Flader

Newsletter Editor– Larry Dann

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Father's Day in Kimmswick

For Additional Information...

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OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box 725, 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: July 13. 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

June 2021



Wow. things are really kicking loose with all the various activities that are happening or about to happen within the OCC's and the St. Louis area. It is great to see our members attending these events what a great way to visiting our friends and comparing our pandemic stories. As I said at the last meeting, we put the negative things behind us and move forward with a positive attitude. Life is so much better when we focus on what truly matters. Still, we should be diligent about our surroundings and do what we can to stay safe and healthy. A special thanks goes to our members, starting with Fred & Carol for organizing the OCC's picnic and lunch at their home. IT was "GREAT" and those who attend-



participation in the Alton Day parade. Thank you for your time and car's

participation. Some of us attended the Scott AFB Heritage Classic Car Show. No doubt it was a "HOT" day but the 6 of us hung in there and it was fun. Kenny and Ann organized a drive by for Byrle at his home and Byrle was really delighted to see his friends drive by in their Corvettes honking the horns and doing the wave. We stopped and had drinks and sandwiches with him. Cannot pass the chance to complement Doug and Jan for the Wednesday night dinner gatherings. Never know what gossip you might hear or see a member's new car (Bob & Janet).

As you can see a number of them out and try to attend.



wine runs are being organized, please check



The Kimmswick Father Day's car show temperature was "HOT", but it was fun. We ended up with 9 cars there and we took a plaque right at the start of the awards. I would like to thank those that showed up and displayed their car. Mike & Suzanne, Gary & Sharon, Jason, Art, Jim, Ron, Randy, Kent & Mary and Cheryl & I.

By the time you get this OCC will be getting ready to participate in the Fourth of July parade. We had 17 Corvettes sign up and some of those will be handling the VIPs. It was starting to look like it was not going to happen but persistent calling and emails, we are in. I think the main problem getting things straighten out was too many cooks in the kitchen. The problem was not us but rather the city getting all the signed permits. When I spoke to the Grand Marshall, he said the OCC was definitely in the parade, they love our cars. I really appreciate the issues Jim Ford went through for years, can be taxing at times. Just this last Saturday I received an email stating "if you are receiving this email, **your unit has been selected to participate in the parade.** Congratulations! Additional instruction will follow shortly. In the meantime, please let me know if you have any questions. By the time I get any more questions answered the parade will be over."

I recently put out a simple flyer that is a consolidated list of key activities for the OCC till the end of the year. As with the Picnic, Jim Butler Car Show, and the OCC Annual Christmas Party, there will be detailed flyer with all of the information for each event. Some activities members will get something together in short order and put it on Groupworks, so check it periodically or when you get a notification on your Email account.

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Also, I will be putting out the SAVE A DATE flyer for the OCC Annual picnic at Cliff Cave Park in St Louis County. As it was mentioned in the meeting this event will be paid for by the Club. Member's will need to bring their own drinks since its sometimes hard to please everyone. "PLEASE" make sure you have your reservation in by September 20th so we can pass this number on to the Caterer, so we have enough food. Also, I need to mention there will be live music. So, all you need to do is come, eat, relax, BS, and have fun. **Remember it is a member plus associate OR a member and 1 guest.**

I am in contact with Fuzz at Jim Butler about the upcoming show and the wheels are in motion, as it is formulated the notice will go out with all the details. Refer to the consolidated list that was just sent out to mark your calendars (SAVE THE DATE).

We just completed our First ICE CREAM Social, and it was fun shooting the Bull and eating Ice cream on a 97-degree evening.

Karen will be posting ICE CREAM Social runs; everybody has room for ice cream so come out and join us.

Weather is really playing havoc lately on getting to these various social gatherings.

ALWAYS CHECK GROUPWORKS TO FIND OUT THE LATEST SOCIAL GATHERING

Upcoming Key Events for The OCC

St. Louis July Parade Downtown July 3rd (car sign up required)

OCC Picnic Cliff Cave Park South County OCTOBER 2nd,2012

Jim Butler/ OCC Car Show OCTOBER 10th , 2021 [?](#)

OCC Annual Christmas Party @ Orlando's December 14th,2021

Wine Runs by Various Members TBD's Check Groupworks

Trash Pick Up's Check Groupworks

Car Shows Check Groupworks

Monthly meetings Jilly's 2nd Tuesday of the month

Special Car Runs to various locations Check Groupworks

Wednesday Nights Various Restaurants Check Groupworks

June 2021 Meeting Minutes

Kenneth Schaeffler, Administrative Assistant



June 8, 2021

Meeting Location – Jilly's - 7:30

Meeting called to order by Vice-President, Gary Messenger

Board and Volunteers present: Ken Schaeffler, Cheryl Osterhorn, Mike and Suzanne Koenen, Larry Dann, Rick Poepping, Karen Mericle, Esther Brewer, Randy Vollmer & Dennis Osterhorn. Rich Brewer sat in for Tom Nicholson

There were 38 members participating in the meeting as well. Thanks to those members for taking the time and making the effort to attend.

Gary Messenger presented opening statement:

Tonight's meeting will be starting off a little different. We need to resolve an especially important issue.

As you all may know Dennis Osterhorn submitted his resignation on being President of the OCC.

Dennis notified the board members by a Zoom meeting on Monday the 24 of May. Where his resignation was discussed in length.

After the board meeting, Dennis posted his decision on Groupworks, to let all the club members know of his decision.

A large number of club members responded by groupworks, emails and texts in response, encouraging Dennis to reconsider his decision.

A majority of the board members had a meeting with Dennis, in which we voted to **Not Accept** his resignation, but rather that he stays on as President of OCC.

At this point, will there be any discussion on this matter. If not the board members or asking the members of OCC to make a motion and approval that members accept the Boards Position of rejecting Dennis's resignation

Ken Schaeffler presented report of Emergency Board meeting and statement

On May 24, 2021, Suzanne Koenen called an Emergency Board meeting via ZOOM. In attendance at this meeting were:

Dennis Osterhorn, President

Gary Messenger, Vice President

Ken Schaeffler, Administrative assistant

Cheryl Osterhorn, Treasurer

Mike and Suzanne Koenen, Membership

Tom Nicholson, Sargent-at-Arms (Absent)

Also in attendance were the follow Board volunteers:

Larry Dann, Newsletter Publisher and Editor

Rick Poepping, Webmaster

Karen Merichle, Club Historian

Esther Brewer, Outreach

Doug and Jan Flader, Wednesday night dinner club

Randy Vollmer, Facebook Coordinator and Groupworks

The meeting was called because Dennis Osterhorn submitted his resignation as president of OCC. The members present on the meeting discussed this matter at great length. The reason was that a few members were upset at the way the Club was being run, mostly in terms of the membership dues. Dennis' statement is available on Groupworks.

On May 21, 2021 an e-mail was sent to 12 members of OCC, none of which were Executive Board Members (Officers). This e-mail was submitted by a member regarding the membership dues and the way the Club handled the situation for 2020 and 2021. There was a complaint that the Club should have waived dues for 2021 if not refund dues for 2020 due to inactivity in the Club. In reviewing the record from the past 17 months, the club has not had monthly meeting on 5 occasions. In February 2021 the meeting was held on ZOOM and the May meeting was at Jilly's and on ZOOM.

In January 2021, the Board held a zoom meeting to discuss issues pertaining to the pandemic and the Club moving forward. It was brought up that one member suggested waiving dues because Looking Glass Corvette Club did. The Board discussed this issue and decided that since the majority of members (44) had already paid for 2021 that dues would still be collected, but the deadline would be extended to May 31, 2021.

It must be understood that the membership dues cannot support the Club alone due to the cost to maintain annual costs that are recurring. Liability Insurance, State License fee, Post office box, website, etc. The club also covers expenses such as the Club picnic, Christmas party, and Charitable donations. The Board also decided that this year, due to the pandemic, that in lieu of 50/50 drawing, the club would pay a \$50 attendance prize at each meeting. So, it's not like there wasn't any expenditures during the pandemic. We are lucky to have our sponsor (Jim Butler Chevrolet) and their generous donation to the Club each year. Although we have a larger than normal balance this year due to the pandemic, we can rest assured that when normal activities pick back up the Club will be in good shape.

The email even stated that maybe the sponsor donation should be stopped. This e-mail is the reason Dennis submitted his resignation, and, after a lot of thought it was in the best interest of the Club for him to resign rather than have the Club torn apart by this and that he was disturbed by the negative statements. The e-mail memo's sent out by Suzanne were meant as reminders, as they have been according to the by-laws, and not threats of kicking anyone out of the club.

At the Emergency Board ZOOM meeting I stated that I did not approve of his decision. The discussion went on for some time and after Dennis left the meeting, the remaining members discussed this matter further and everyone was disappointed with Dennis' decision.

Another Executive Board meeting was called on Thursday, May 27, 2021. The meeting was held at Dennis' house to discuss how to proceed with the June meeting.

In attendance were 5 of the 6 elected officers:

Dennis Osterhorn

Cheryl Osterhorn - Treasurer

Gary Messenger – Vice President

Ken Schaeffler – Admin. Asst.

Mike Koenen – Membership

Tom Nicholson was absent due to work requirements out of town

The resignation situation was discussed further as well as the requirements as outlined in the Club By-Laws.

Article IV, Section 3: Resignation or Vacancy

In the event an officer resigns or has to vacate office before his/her term expire, a majority of the remaining officers shall appoint someone to fill the office for the remainder of the term.

The replacement was discussed and due to the fact that Gary, Ken and Mike all work, full or part time, that Dennis was the best choice to remain in the position of President. He has put a lot of time and effort maintaining the position during the past 1-1/2 years and with this board, have made a lot of progress in updating the Website, Groupworks and making sure all of the underlying things necessary to maintain the club were kept up to date. If you follow Groupworks you will see that there was a sizeable number of responses by member to the news from Dennis

Based on that discussion and the responses by these members, Ken Schaeffler made a motion to NOT accept Dennis' resignation, where a YES vote by the other officers would be to NOT accept the resignation and to keep Dennis in the position of President. The motion was seconded by Mike Koenen. The vote was as follows

Dennis – Abstain

Cheryl – Abstain

Ken – YES

Gary – YES

Mike – YES

Tom - YES (by text and verbal vote over phone)

The vote by a majority of 4 – 2 passed and the Board voted to NOT accept the resignation and Dennis shall remain President for the remainder of this year.

Gary Messenger resumed his position as acting President

We would like to get a vote by the members present tonight on the Officers decision. A YES vote in favor of the Board will keep Dennis as President through the end of the year. A NO vote opposed to the Board will cause the remaining Board Members to appoint someone to fill the position being vacated.

A show of hands was taken from all attending members and the results were as follows:

All in Favor of the Boards decision: Unanimous

All Opposed of the Boards decision: None

The Board decision carries.

Dennis Osterhorn is reinstated as President for the remainder of this year

With that we turn the meeting over to Dennis.

Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement:

Welcome to everyone and appreciate you folks for coming out. It is hard to believe that we are June already. But the most important thing this country is getting back to normal. So, with the warm weather upon us we need to get those Corvettes out and have fun with various activities.

We just completed Alton's 154th Memorial Day parade. We had 15 cars participating and the parade crowd was awesome. Kids going after the candy and adults hollering "REV it UP". Then the corvettes met at Fred and Carols house for drinks, lunch, and great social fun. THANK YOU –Fred and Carol for organizing OCC Participation in the Parade and great lunch. It was great to see our newest member and her daughter, and a potential new member and her son join us.

As you know I have been talking about the July 4th parade that will be held on July 3rd. I have been in contact with them to see if we are going to be in it. I was told they are still working on the list of participants, which does not sound good.

What they state this year's parade will be huge since their going to combine other parades that were cancelled last year. So, I will let those who have signed know up what the status.

A few other events coming up fairly quickly:

- 1) Scott Field Heritage Air Park. If you want to enter, your car it is \$25.00 to park by the KC 135 Aircraft. Otherwise, the admission is free to walk in. Date is June 12th. Information is on Groupworks.
- 2) Father's Day car show (June 20th) in Kimmswick, Check groupworks and the last newsletter had the brochure.
- 3) June 26th Cruise-In Route 66 Cuba Mo. Car show, contact person is 573-259-0615.

Again, I encourage you to check groupworks (Posts / Events) for additions / changes or information as it comes in.

Another a big thank you goes out to Doug and Jan about the Wednesday night dinners. This is a great way to visit other OCC members and talk about what is going on between meetings and who is going to what event. Here again please look at groupwork about the place and time also letting Doug or Jan know you are coming so they can communicate with the restaurant on the number that is coming.

If someone wants to do a weekend wine run, please get it out as soon as possible so there is a good turnout.

Is there any interest in the club having a day trip to see the Clydesdales.

So, if "ANY" Member knows of an adventure for the club please bring up so we announcement it. Please have all the details to provide.

Here again I realize not everyone can make all the events and that is understandable.

TREASURERS REPORT – Cheryl Osterhorn

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Ken Schaeffler

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion: Syd Hirsch, 2nd by Larry Dann.

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

Byrles house on Sunday, June 13th. Please see Groupworks for meeting times and sign-up

The club made a donation to Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis in memorial to James J. Butler

MEMBERSHIP – Mike Koenen

We currently have 61 paid members and 40 associate members. Total membership is 101.

We have a new member that is not present tonight, but he found OCC on the web, visited our website and decided to download the application and sent it to the P.O Box with a check for the yearly dues.

OUTREACH – Esther Brewer

Byrle is getting stronger. Ann & Brian have moved in with him to assist in caring for him.

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

No Report tonight.

NEW MEMBERS/1st time visitors

Mark Navratil

Judy & Ron Lang

Birthdays / Anniversaries / New Addition

All of the birthdays and anniversaries are posted on Groupworks in the newsletter

Jim Butler Update (FUZZ)

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 Delhoune 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.

Ann – on phone: Regarding the drive-by for Byrle.

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

Attendance Prize

Ian Rendell won this month's prize of \$50.00

Motion to adjourn was made by Randy Vollmer, 2nd by Dick Mericle

Meeting adjourned at 8:48

Respectively submitted by Ken Schaeffler, OCC Administrative Assistant

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



Quick update from the National Corvette Museum.

Each year, USA TODAY holds its 10Best Readers' Choice Awards! A panel of experts and 10Best editors choose twenty nominees for each category and then allow readers to cast votes and narrow it down to the best ten! Last year, the **National Corvette Museum won the first-place** spot in the 2020 USA TODAY 10Best Readers' Choice travel award contest for Best Attraction for Car Lovers. The Museum was nominated again for 2021 and voting is now live on the 10Best website!

[Vote NOW](#)

The 27th Anniversary Celebration is Open

The 27th Anniversary Celebration will be held Thursday, September 2nd through Saturday, September 4th, and online registration is now live! Anniversary registration is \$20 for Lifetime members, \$25 for members, and \$35 for non-members. The deadline for online registration is Friday, August 14th.

Volunteer NCM Weekend

Looking for something to do on a week end at the NCM get involved with the **Corvette Clubs can Volunteer for a Weekend at NCM just contact debbie@corvettemuseum.org**. She will work with you for getting a date that is amenable to you.

Remember if you never been to the NCM it is a great day to visit the museum since it is constantly changing displays not to mention to shop in the Corvette Store.

Remember the *wAVE*.



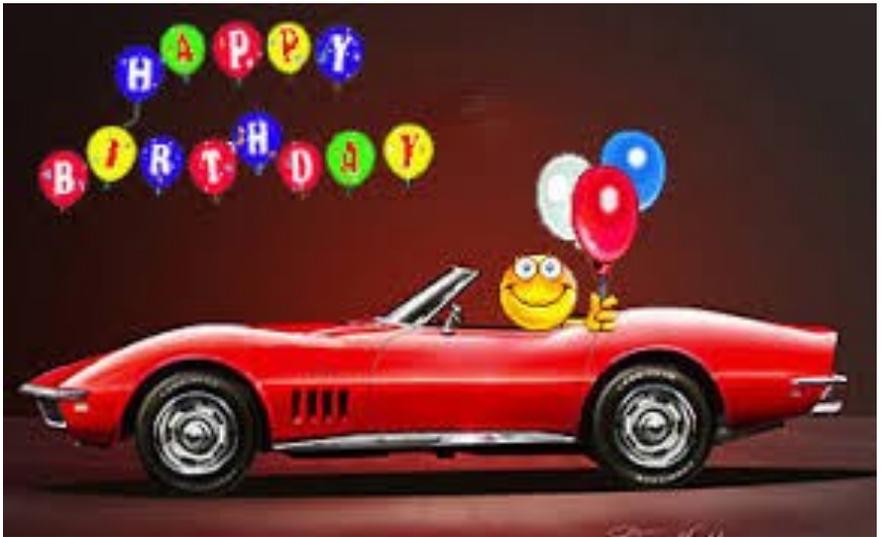
The Drive – By at Byrle’s.

This is what a social club is all about!



June Birthdays

Sandy Van Mill 6/3
Sandy Krechel 6/5
Gary Jr. Messenger 6/6
Judi DeLonjay 6/8
Joyce Dann 6/10
Kirk Pohl 6/10
Gary Messinger 6/11
Bob Carnaghi 6/12
Jeanette Delhougne 6/12
Paul Ritter 6/20
Doug Flader 6/28
Jo Strassburger 6/28
Paula Miceli 6/30



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

From all of your friends in the OCC!

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



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!!

With a large inventory of unsold 1954 models, GM limited 1955 production to only 700 cars.

