

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

June , 2022 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2022 Board

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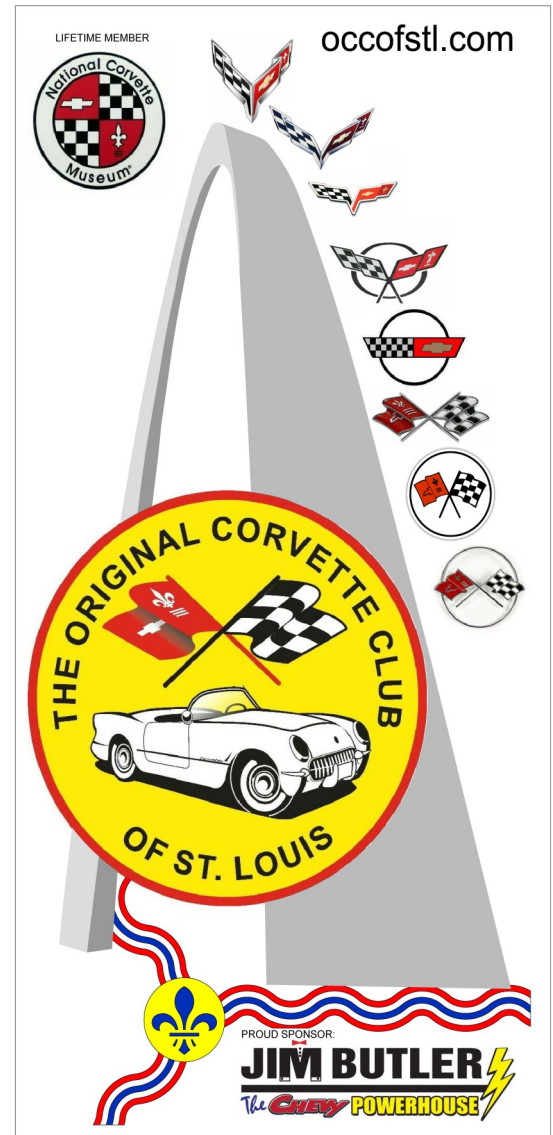
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OCC Meetings: Are held on the **2nd Tuesday of every Month** and are open to all members and guests.

Our Next Meeting Will Be: **July 12, 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! [636 323-4227](https://www.dogwoodsocialhouse.com) Right behind Freddy's

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

June 14, 2022

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thanks everyone for coming out tonight.
Welcome to our temporary home here at Dogwood Social House.

At the March meeting we had 46 members present.

This month's greeters are Art & Jeanette Delhougne. Next month will be Dennis and Cheryl Osterhorn. We still have openings for September and November.

I will not be at the July Club meeting, as I will be in Nevada preparing for the Ron Fellows Performance Driving Course. I'm excited for this opportunity to learn as much as I can about my C8.

I want to thank all of the members that came out early tonight to meet and show off their cars. This suggestion was made to me by a member, and I thought it was a great idea. Now that the weather is getting nice and more members are driving those beautiful cars more often, I would like to continue this until the weather goes south.

A few members met at the Malt Shop in Fenton Ice Cream Sunday. Thank to all that came out and thank to John Renz for organizing this.

At the May meeting, two members were recognized Long standing members as Honorary Members. Those members were Byrle & Judy Layman and Don & Judi DeLonjay. As most may be aware, Don DeLonjay recently passed and some members participated in his funeral procession from Kutis Funeral Home in Afton to Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. There were 14 corvettes in the procession. I want to thank everyone that participated.

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

Rockwood Summit High School Bio-Diesel Program car show was Saturday, May 14, 2022. There were 12 members cars there. 4 members took away 5 awards for the show. A number of attendance awards were won by club members. Ken won the 50/50 and donated the winnings back to the Bio-diesel program. Darren Peters, the program director thanked OCC for their continued support of the program.

Pacific Car Show/Car Cruise is happening on Saturday, June 25, 2022. This is an opportunity for the CLUB to put ourselves out there in front of a lot of people. They draw 4-6,000 people every year and block off about 8 city blocks of streets. This is a great opportunity for the Club and I would like to see a huge turnout of our members.

I have received confirmation of our application for "America's Birthday Parade". The final details will be forthcoming in plenty of time to let participating member of our meeting location.

As in the past, they seem to be somewhat lax in getting it together, but I am confident that all will go smoothly. I will talk about this later in the meeting

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

The suggestion /USO Donation Box is at the door. So if anyone has an extra buck or two or if you have any suggestion, complaints or other thoughts, please drop me a note in the box.

Last month the Club portion of the 50/50 raffle (\$84.00) was designated to go to wounded warriors Foundation as part of the donation as requested by Judi DeLonjay in lieu of flowers. In honor of Don, the Club donated \$160.00 in his name. The Spinal Bifida Foundation ride day was cancelled, and the organization didn't have the opportunity to collect donations at the event, so Karen Mericle suggested that this month (June) the Club portion go to Spinal Bifida Foundation. Lois Yeager was the winner in May. Congratulations to Lois.

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 is here tonight to say a few words about Erv, as well as request a member procession to Jefferson Barracks in honor of Erv and the years he participated in the Club.



President's Report Continued.....

Thank you again for your support and let's keep working towards a great 2022.

AMERICA'S BIRTHDAY PARADE.

Saturday, July 2, 2022.

First, I want to thank all the member that responded and volunteered for this event. I will make plans to meet at the Galleria again this year as in past years and we will caravan to the staging area once I receive notice where that will be. As I have been in a number of the downtown parades, I will not be driving in the parade, but I will be there to get everything organized. We have been requested to have some members with convertibles available to transport VIPs and dignitaries along the parade route. Initially, it was my desire to show all 8 generations in the groups, but after conversations, the possibility of hot temperatures have caused a problem with the early models, especially the big blocks. They have a tendency to overheat easily. With that said, I have decided to go for the 8 generation display in the upcoming Thanksgiving Day Parade. Given that, we will have C3 thru C8 in the group portion of the parade. I have picked up the Club Banner from Karen. I want to use it in front of the group cars in the parade. I have asked that anyone with kids or grandkids that would be interested in carrying the banner, to let me know. As this is a major holiday weekend, I am having difficulty getting volunteers to do this. If I can't find kids to do this, I will be happy to walk the route myself, but I could use someone to walk with me. I have recorded the parades in the past, and, they mention OCC in the Broadcast, but I thought about no one viewing the parade along the route knows who we are other than a bunch of great cars. So if anyone is interested or have kids or grandkids interested, let me know.

Update: From Carol Gronemeier

Thanks

I would like to thank everybody for all your prayers and good wishes following my accident at the car show on Sat. I went to my own Dr. today to review all the test results and get the staples out of my scalp. I still have the heart monitor on for another couple of days and he has changed up some of my meds, but I am feeling good. It helps when you know you have good friends that care for you!

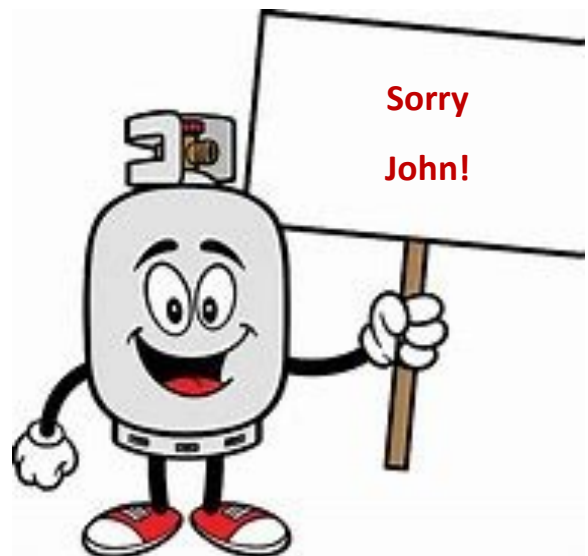
Carol

From Esther Brewer:

John Miceli's OOPS!

Unfortunately, John and his propane tank had a wrestling match yesterday and the propane tank won. Today he had x-rays and learned he fractured his 6th & 7th ribs. Rest and pain meds are in his future. Barbecuing will have to wait for awhile. Heal soon John

Esther



Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

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President Ken Schaeffler called the OCC meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

The membership then said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken introduced the club officers and volunteers. Art and Jeanette were our greeters for the meeting.

Tom Nickelson, Sharon Young, and Ann Jennings were not in attendance.

Ken Schaeffler then gave his opening statement: Please see the President's Report. Ken stated he will not be at the July meeting as he will be at the Driving School for his Corvette.

Ken then introduced Lori Bleitner. Lori is a past club President. She and her mom, Sharon, told the group about the loss of her father, Erv, a long time member of the OCC. Lori said Erv is currently residing in his Corvette in her garage. His funeral will be at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery on July 15 at 10 am. She asked if we would consider doing a Corvette Caravan for his funeral procession. There will be a celebration of life event afterwards at Genesis Banquet hall on Telegraph Road immediately afterwards. The club then observed a moment of silence in Erv's memory.

Ken gave the treasurer's report in Sharon's absence. A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Dennis Osterhorn and seconded by Rich Brewer.

Ken then made a motion to accept the May meeting minutes as published in the Vette Gazette. A motion was made by Walt Yeager and seconded by Doug Flader.

Administrative Assistant Larry Dann had nothing to report for May.

John Miceli then gave a membership report. We currently have 69 members and 55 associate members for a total of 124 members. We have a new member, Joe Mulder. John did then briefly touch on the AB/Grant's Farm show. Eric Delaney is really buried right now with work and will get back to us soon. It will be sometime this fall.

Ester Brewer informed Ken that the outreach had nothing but good news to report. Everyone is doing better or is well.

Rick Poepping then gave the NCM Report. No chickens involved this time. Please see Rick's entire report in the NCM Ambassador page.

Under anniversaries and birthdays Larry and Josie Strassburger have been married 57 years. Jan and Doug Flader are celebrating 40 years. Sidney Hirsch and Nancy Hirsch also celebrated an anniversary this month. New additions: Mike and Suzanne Koenen just received their 2022 Corvette, Artic white with red stripes.

New member Joe Mulder introduced himself and says he has a '53, '54, and '55 Corvette. He has sponsored an event about how to restore the older Corvettes and how they were built. Gary Messenger said the presentation was great and the food provided was good. Joe said they will have another demo in the fall.

Meeting Minutes Continued.....

Ken then thanked Fred and Carol Gronemeier for the lovely luncheon and for sponsoring the 155th Alton Memorial Day Parade once again. There were 20 Corvettes in attendance. As always it was a great time.

There was no Jim Butler Report.

June 19 was the Father's Day car show in Kimmswick.

June 25 was the Pacific Car Show and Block Party. Larry gave a report on how the car show was going to proceed.

Saturday July 2, is the America's Birthday Parade.

The Dents Express Car show and toy drive is July 30.

Dennis gave the club a report on the Bloomington Gold Event. He said over all it was a great show but was disappointed in the vendors that were available. The best part of the weekend was the road tour. There were no stops anywhere and they did a really great job organizing that. About 10 members attended the show. Dennis said that Looking Glass Corvette Club had the largest club attendance.

Art Delhougne reported that Warren McGraw has his Corvette for sale is anyone is interested. It has 53,000 miles on it.

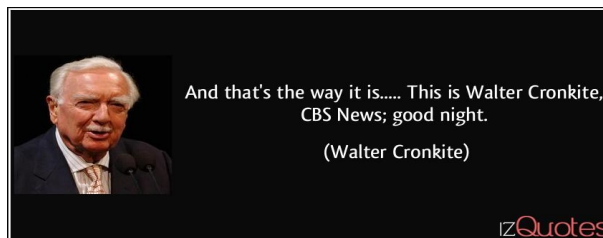
Ken discussed that he wanted to have an Executive Board meeting and invited any eligible members were invited to attend on the following Tuesday or Thursday. This is to discuss changing some bylaws including the honorary member status, flower expenditures. He will send out an email confirming the exact date.

John Renz said the Ice Cream Social will be moved to Dairy Queen on Telegraph on Sunday.

Ken reported that the Wounded Warrior Project sent a thank you letter to us for our donations to them.

Then we held the 50/50 drawing with half of the proceeds to go to the Spinal Bifada organization. Valerie Brendel won \$62. Again.....just call her 'Lady Luck'! Lois Yeager won last month and Walt said "He didn't get a dime!"

Ken asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made by Sidney Hirsch and seconded by Walt Yeager.



May Our Freedom Forever Ring!



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!



Michael & Suzanne Koenen 7/8 - 44 Years
Bob & Janet (Methany) Shissler 7/15 - 27 Years
Rick & Liz Ann Mestre 7/26 36 - Years



The Wednesday Night Dinner for July will be at Bandana's BBQ

11750 Gravois Rd St. Louis (Sunset Hills)

Wednesday, July 20 at 5:30 pm. Please rsvp on Groupworks or text me.

Judy Silvagni (636) 851-7701

[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

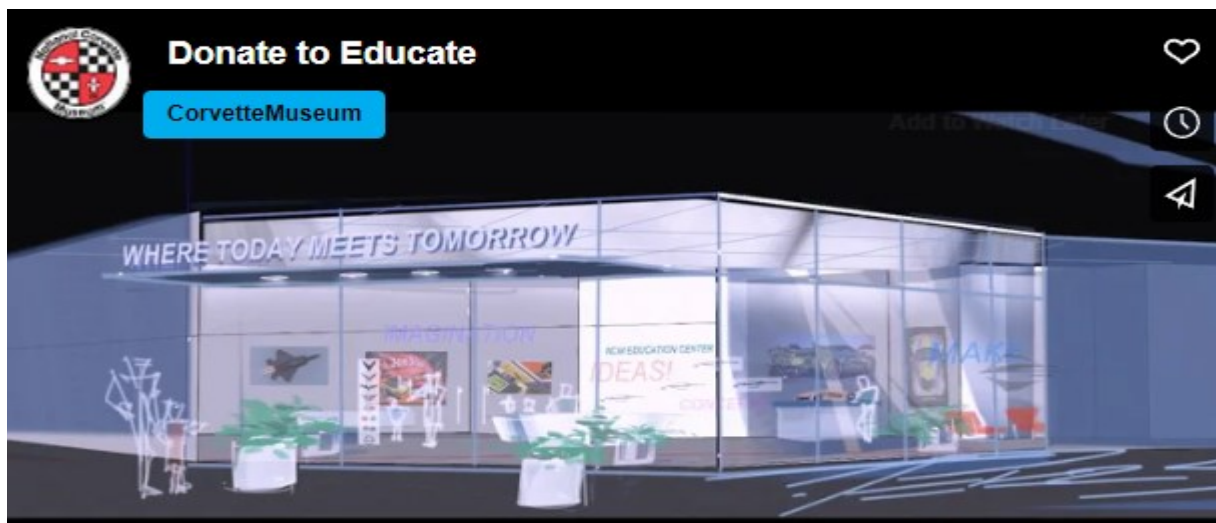
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Very little news this month

New dedicated education gallery.

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) is pleased to announce plans for a fully reimagined, 2,000-square-foot dedicated education gallery. The new space, tentatively scheduled to open in late 2022/early 2023, will allow the NCM to provide a state-of-the-art educational experience geared directly to the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, designers, and more.



According to Deb Howard, Museum Educator, "The new education gallery will be designed for both children and adults to enjoy, featuring artifacts and interactive technology celebrating the unique story of Corvette.

28th Anniversary Celebration – Sept 1 - 3, 2022

Raffles

2023 70th Anniversary White Convertible 6/16/2022 \$200

2023 Hypersonic Gray Corvette Coupe 7/14/2022 \$100

2023 Build Your Own Corvette or \$80,000 7/28/2022 \$250

Upcoming Museum in Motion Events

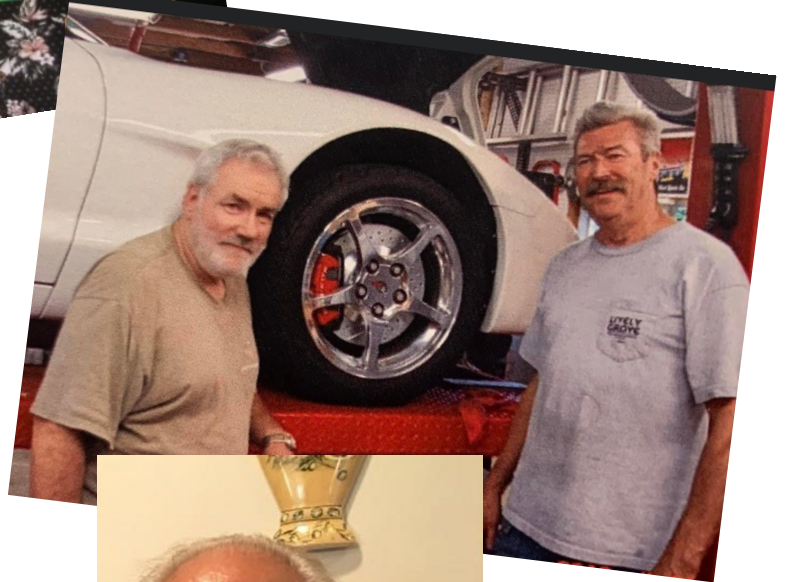
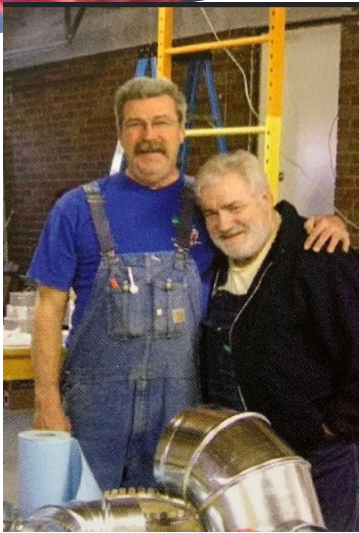
Northeast Ohio – Aug 07 – Aug 11, 2022

Join us in Beautiful Stow, Ohio for Four days exploring all that Stow and Cleveland has to offer. Enjoy an exciting schedule packing in many historic landmarks including, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, Great Lakes Science Center, William G Mather Steamship, the Amish Country, MAPS Air Museum, and some fabulous meals along the way.

Motorsports Park Driving Events

Want to drive your corvette a bit more enthusiastically than what we get for Touring Laps? NCM Motorsports Park (MSP) HPDE and HPDI may be for you.

In Memoriam, Mr. Don Delonjay and Mr. Erv Bleitner



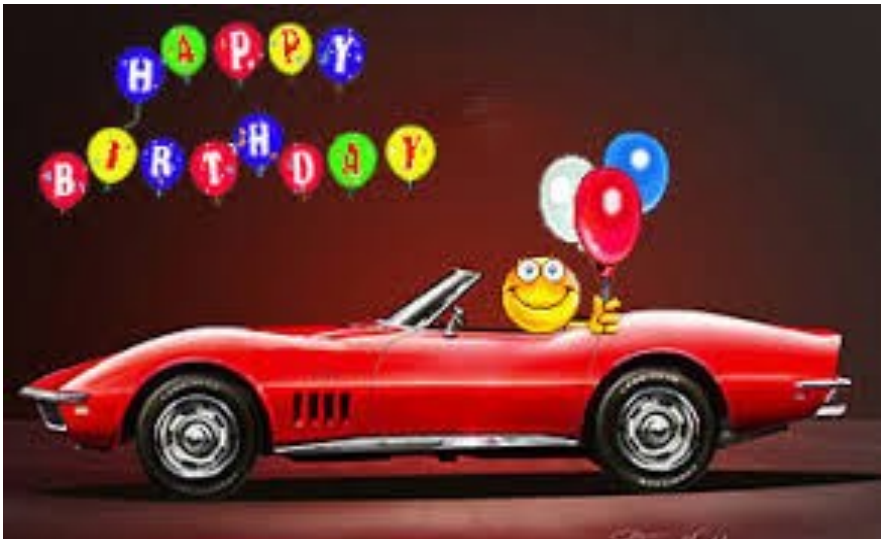
Along with Mr. Keith Turner. Men among men whom all of us called our friend.

May you rest in peace.



June Birthdays

Brian Ames 6/1
Sandy Van Mill 6/3
Judi DeLonjay 6/8
Joyce Dann 6/10
Gary Messenger 6/11
Jeanette Delhougne 6/12
Gary Messenger Jr. 6/19
Ed Lang 6/22
Sharon Messenger 6/27
Doug Flader 6/28
Jo Strassburger 6/28
Paula Miceli 6/30



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
Tom Nickelson 7/30
Allison Montenegro 7/31

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 our good friends at Jim Butler Chevrolet in Fenton in the Gravois Bluffs Complex!

Corvette Trivia!!

1973: This is the only one-year-only body design for the Corvette. Corvettes from this year feature a rubber front bumper and a chrome rear bumper. All prior Vettes had featured front and rear chrome bumpers, and all future years would feature two rubber bumpers.

