

# ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

June, 2023 Newsletter

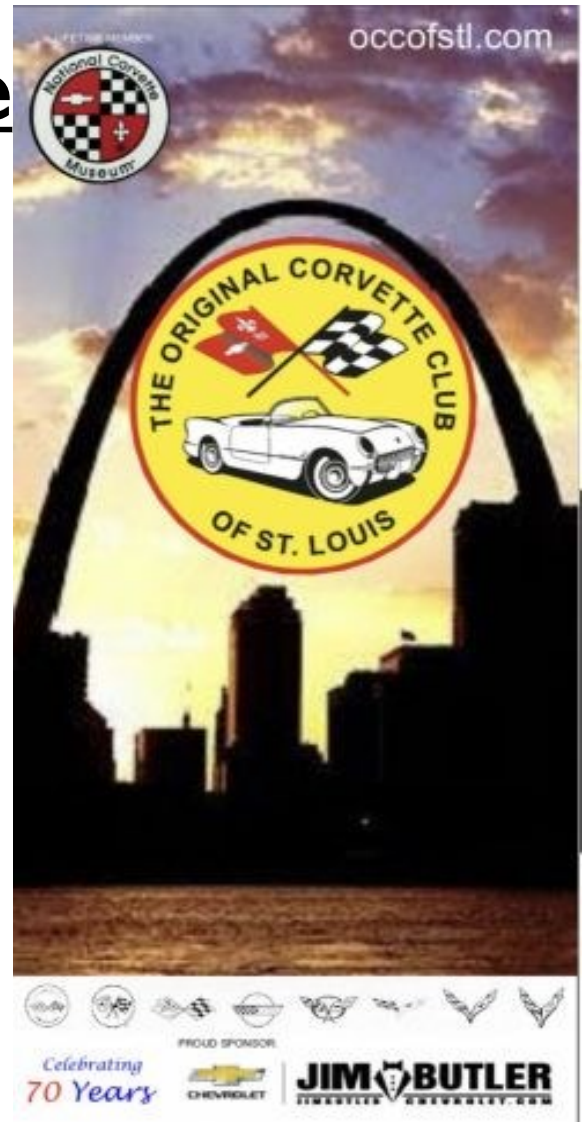
## The Vette Gazette

### OCC 2023 Board

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#### Mailing Address:

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 11, 2023**

Meeting Location: Cruseo's Restaurant and Bar, 5591 Oakville Shopping Center, South St. Louis County. Telegraph and Baumgartner Ave.

## The President's Report

*Kenneth Schaeffler, President*

*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*

June 13, 2023



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.

Loafers Car Show, Hannibal, Mo; May 13 (Mike Koennen)

Guys Lunch; May 17, 2023

Club Photo Shoot; May 20, 2023, (Bill & Ken) 28 cars participated, all 8 generations

Spina Bifida rides; May 20, 2023, Babler State Park (Ken) 9 cars participated

Ladies lunch; June 7, 2023

Scott AFB Flag Day Cruise; June 10, 2023 (Dennis Osterhorn)

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

Kimmswick Father's Day Car Show; June 18, 2023 (Mike Koennen)

Guys lunch; June 21, 2023

Pacific Car Show; June 24, 2023 (Larry Dann)

Charity Car Show for Ana Kern; June 25, 2023 (Ken) hosted by 'Give Back Pack'

Americas Birthday Parade; Tuesday, July 4, 2023 (Ken)

Ladies Luncheon; Friday, July 7, 2023 (Suzanne Koennen)

I would still like to have volunteers to head up various committees and to help organize these trips and events. We need to get these positions going early, so as to not try and organize at the last minute for everything, and usually by the same members over and over. We need a Picnic Committee to help organize and decorate for the Picnic. To make decisions on a theme, the food, and maybe games like cornhole. I would also like a day trip committee to assist in getting some of the trips organized. Find interesting places to go, and enjoy what Missouri and Illinois has to offer in only a day and a nice drive. And maybe even an overnight trip if enough would attend. Why not create reasons to take a ride and get away for a day.

Speaking of reasons to take a ride. I saw on Groupworks that the Thacker's garage is finished. Sounds like the perfect reason to grill up some burgers and dogs and tip back a cold one.

It was suggested that we have a poker run for the Club. Sounds good to me, except, I don't have a clue what they are. I have never participated in one. It sounds like a lot of fun, but we need someone or some members to put something together. I will do what I can to help someone put something together.

If any member has an idea for a guest speaker to discuss cars, repairs, accessories, maintenance or customization, please bring it up. Some topics that come to mind would be Ceramic coating, clear or custom wraps, stereos, lighting and detailing.

I want to take time to thank all of the members that participated in the photo shoot at the Arch. Everything went unbelievably smooth with the meeting place, caravan to the site, access to the base of the arch and setting the cars up. A special thanks goes out to StLMPD officers Joe Calabro and David Bosley for helping in many ways. We had 28 members that participated, covering all generations and colors. Thank you Steve Willis for bringing your drone to the event. The unfortunate part of the day was the fact that the FAA blocked the drone camera. As we were aware that drones were not allowed on the Arch Grounds, we didn't anticipate that over the river was off-limits. After the fact, a friend of mine showed me an app that can grant access from an FAA approved 3<sup>rd</sup> party contractor. The process, he tells me, takes 20-30 minutes to get cleared. We did get a lot of good pictures from members at the site and we will make sure they get posted and some good shots sent to Dennis for the Web page. After the shoot, a few members and the 2 officers went to Espresso Yourself Coffee & Café.

When we were first talking about the photo shoot, it was discussed that there were possibly some other St. Louis sites that would be great to feature our cars. We will be looking into some of those and look for some future dates to make those happen.

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

June, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



Meeting called to order 7:33

Intro of Officers: Absent Gary and Jason Messenger and Larry Dann

Treasurers Report Motion to accept Dennis Osterhorn and Doug Flader

Published Minutes accepted Sidney Hirsch and Connie Finch

Admin Asst nothing to report

Membership 138 members

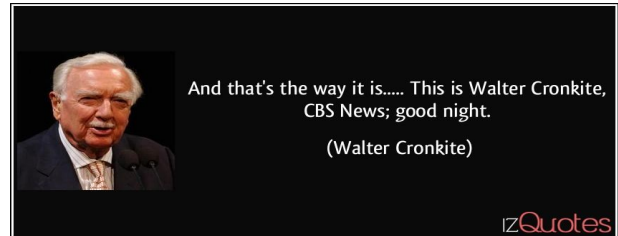
Outreach Jim Ford at meeting

One visitor maybe will become a new member

New business: Saucy's opening still unknown

50/50 \$61 Dennis Kinworthy winner

Adjourn at 8:48 Sharon Young and Sidney Hirsch



## June 15

### From Connie Finch:

I was just informed that our own Kent Morgan has been hospitalized after a procedure this morning indicating blockage in his heart. He will undergo surgery Mon or Tuesday and will be in Saint Luke's so they can monitor him because he has to be off his blood thinners before the surgery. I will update this as I receive more information. Let's all be praying for Kent to return to good health very soon.

***Get Well Soon Kent... We Love Ya!***





## Hot Off The Presses.....



### **CORVETTE RACING BRINGS THE LMGTE AM CURTAIN DOWN ON A HAPPY NOTE**

Despite being held up in the pits early in the race, Corvette Racing's #33 Chevrolet Corvette C8.R triumphed in the LMGTE Am

The 24 Hours of Le Mans Centenary did not give the teams an easy ride in any of the classes. In the LMGTE Am class, it became something of a “**race for survival**” with 12 of the 21 entries failing to make the chequered flag. The first survivor was therefore the #33 Chevrolet Corvette C8.R in the hands of the Corvette Racing trio of Ben Keating, Nicky Catsburg and Nicolás Varrone. As the LMGTEs bow out at the 24 Hours of Le Mans, this ninth class win brings the story to a happy ending for the American team. However, the race did not get off to the best of starts as the Corvette pit crew had to change a faulty front shock absorber that put their car two laps in arrears. *“I thought we were out of it,”* Ben Keating said after the race. *“The whole team fought through the entire race to get back in it. I woke up in the morning and had no idea how we got there. I’ll have to go back and watch the race, as it makes no sense to me! **The team is just amazing.**”*

#### **Sweeter victory**

After the early setback, Corvette Racing had visions of the C8.R heading back across the Atlantic empty-handed once again, despite its massive potential. It makes this victory all the sweeter. *“We should have had a win already in the years before but we never managed to get it together,”* admitted Nicky Catsburg. *“Last night, I was like ‘man, it’s happened again!’. But we kept working hard. Nico did a fantastic job in the wet, Ben did some amazing stunts and, somehow, in the morning we were back in the game. We just kept putting in good laps, were clearly one of the fastest cars out there and got back to win.”*

# "I AM REALLY PROUD OF HOW WE MANAGED TO COME BACK"

NICOLÁS VARRONE

The win was the third of the WEC season for the #33 Chevrolet Corvette C8.R after the 1000 Miles of Sebring and the 6 Hours of Portimão. Corvette Racing leads the FIA Endurance Trophy for LMGTE Am Teams classification by a healthy **74 points** from ORT By TF.

LMGTE Am will give way to LMGT3 in 2024. Chevrolet could well be involved as the American carmaker presented its new Corvette 206 GT3.R at the 24 Hours of Daytona in January.

**The LMGT3 class promises to be an outstanding success.** The category promises great diversity as it will be open to manufacturers running Hypercar programmes as well as makes without models in the top class. It will then be up to the WEC selection committee to specify the number of cars accepted in the class, and the chosen manufacturers, depending on grid capacity. The teams' nomination will have to be approved by the manufacturer before they can apply for a place on the grid.



MICHEL JAMIN (ACO)

Shared from: [Corvette Racing brings the LMGTE Am curtain down on a happy note | 24h-lemans.com](https://www.24h-lemans.com)



***The OCC congratulates the  
Mobil One Corvette Racing Team!!!!!!***

Designed around the 1959 Chevy Corvette XP-87 prototype, this kit was developed as a full fiberglass body that could be bolted onto a C1 Corvette chassis.

BY [CHRIS ROSALES](#) | PUBLISHED JUN 17, 2023 8:00 PM EDT

## The Fiberfab Centurion for Sale is a Custom Corvette you have probably never heard of!



The old days of speed shops and custom parts have long since given way to a new generation of tuning and modification. Where today, you can have an [extra 50 or 100 horsepower with a laptop](#) and can [order any number of parts off of the internet](#), speed parts used to be hard to get. You used to need to know a guy. This [1958 Chevrolet Corvette Fiberfab Centurion for sale](#) by Artcurial is an old-school example of knowing a guy.

Warren “Bud” Goodwin was an amateur sports car racer turned race shop owner. He started a shop in 1957, simply called Sports Car Engineering, that he turned successful and sold at a profit. Even with his early success, he still wanted a way back into the race car building business. So in 1964, he joined with business partner John Hebler to start the Fiberfab company.





Initially, Fiberfab supplied lightweight panels for the most popular sports cars of the day. Think Corvettes, Jaguars, and Mustangs. In 1966, Fiberfab started offering full fiberglass body kits, including the Centurion kit that was installed on the aforementioned Corvette. It is modeled after the 1959 Corvette XP-87 prototype, known as the first Corvette Sting Ray. Though by the time Fiberfab offered the kit, the C2 Corvette that the XP-87 inspired was already for sale.

Fiberfab exists to this day, though its history between then and now isn't so good. Company founder Goodwin shot and killed his wife Jamaica Goodwin in 1967. Warren Goodwin died of a heart attack shortly into his 12-month prison sentence for voluntary manslaughter. As an aside, that seems awful short for shooting someone.

This particular Centurion-kitted 'Vette is for sale in France and is stored at the Circuit de la Sarthe, better known as the circuit of the [24 Hours of Le Mans](#). It's due to go across the block on June 30 at an estimated \$175,000.



**CHRIS ROSALES** [View Chris Rosales's Articles](#)



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**Guys Lunch is Wednesday June 21 at 11 am**

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

Please make reservations on the Groupworks Calendar



**Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!**

***Sundaes***

***On***

***Sunday!***



June Wednesday night dinner is June 21 at 5:30 pm

Village Bar, 12247 Manchester Rd. Des Peres, MO

Please RSVP by noon that day ..... Judy Silvagni

**Wednesday  
Night  
Dinner!**





## The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis'

2023

Banner at the National  
Corvette Museum in  
Bowling Green, KY

Stingrays are such beautiful,  
elegant sea creatures.



### From Jim Ford:

Just wanted to let everyone that I am back home and feeling pretty good. The doctor told me that all went well with the surgery and that my heart is in great shape now. Full recovery will take 4-6 months. Driving privileges restored in 4-6 weeks. Thank you all for your prayers and words of encouragement. Hope to see you all soon!



Great News Jim. We are glad  
you are doing good!



From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) June 18, Father's Day car show, Kimmswick. Mike Koenen is sponsoring.
- 2.) June 24, Pacific Car Show— Larry Dann
- 3.) June 30, National Corvette Day— Drive your Vette and Make Zora Proud!
- 4.) August 17-20, Woodward Dream Cruise— Rick Poepping for details
- 5.) September 10, 2023— All Chevy Show— National Museum of Transportation
- 6.) October 8, Annual OCC Picnic, Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park. Larry Dann
- 7.) October 28, Bonfire and Halloween party, Jim and Peggy Thacker. More details to come.
- 8.) 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!**

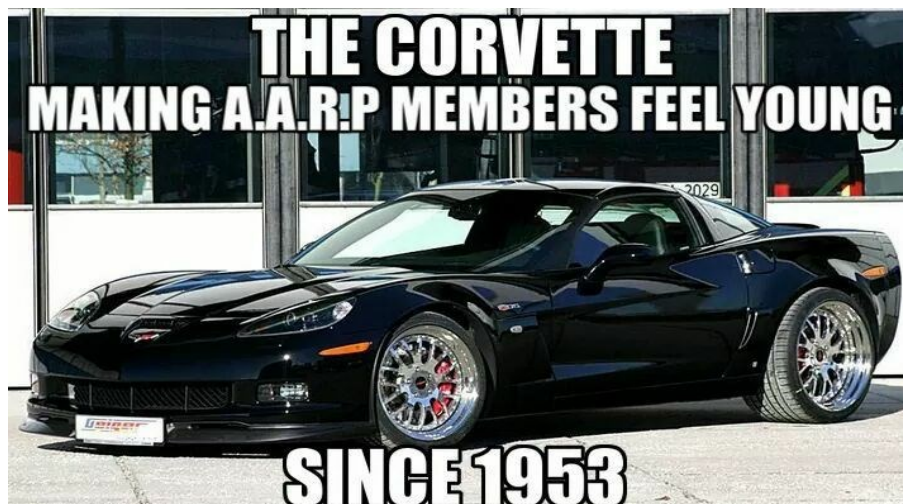


***Ron and Norma Zimmerer/Bahr 6/10***

***Sidney and Nancy Hirsch 6/20***

***Larry and Josie Strassburger 6/20***

***Doug and Jan Flader 6/29***





**OCC Corvettes Under the Gateway to the West!**







***OCC Ladies Lunch Wed. April 5***

**The Next OCC Ladies Lunch is Friday July, 7 2023 11:30 am**

**Joey B's Food and Drink, 189 Concord Plaza, 63128**

RSVP by Monday July 3, 2023 on the EVENT REMINDER PAGE

Hope you all can join us!

Suzanne Galli Koenen

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## [The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[June, 2023](#)



### Latest News:

Very Light news. There were a couple of new Directors hired One for Marketing and Communications and one for Accounting.

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 4laps each \$529

And other options

That's pretty much it.

### - Upcoming Raffles

**2023 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 6/15/2023** Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 289

Drawing: June 15, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

**2023 70th Anniversary Carbon Flash Coupe VIN 00001 6/29/2023**

Price: **\$300.00** Tickets: 1953 Available: 1193 Drawing: June 29, 2023 7:00

**2024 Build Your Own Corvette Stingray or \$80,000 7/13/2023**

Price: **\$250.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1174

Drawing: July 13, 2023 2:00 PM Central Time

**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 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](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)



THE PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS:

**The 21st Annual Car Show**  
 Downtown Pacific, MO  
**SATURDAY JUNE 24, 2023**

**REGISTRATION 8AM-NOON**

**NEW IN 2023 TRACTOR SHOW!!!**

*Block Party to Follow*

**EVENT SPONSOR:**  


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**AWARDS @ 3PM**  
 30+ Classes - over 100 awards!  
 Registration Entrance: Osage & Columbus  
 \*Trailer parking available - visit website for locations

**Kid's Zone 10AM - 7PM**  
**KSHE95 10:00-Noon**  
**Tom Norton Noon-3PM**  
**Awards @ 3PM**  
**New Crime Theatre 4-6:30PM**  
**Steven Woolley & The Groove 7:30-11PM**  
**FIREWORKS @ 9:30PM**

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**SAVED TO MY COLLECTION**

**1ST ANNUAL TRACTOR SHOW**  
**AT THE PACIFIC CAR SHOW**

**Saturday June 24, 2023**  
**8AM-3PM**

**All Tractors Welcome**  
**No Entry Fee**  
**Trailer Parking Available**  
**Pony Rides**  
**Food & Craft Vendors**  
**Live Music by**  
**The Matchsellers 11AM - 3PM**

**Located at the Pacific Station Plaza**  
**(next to Pacific Brew Haus)**

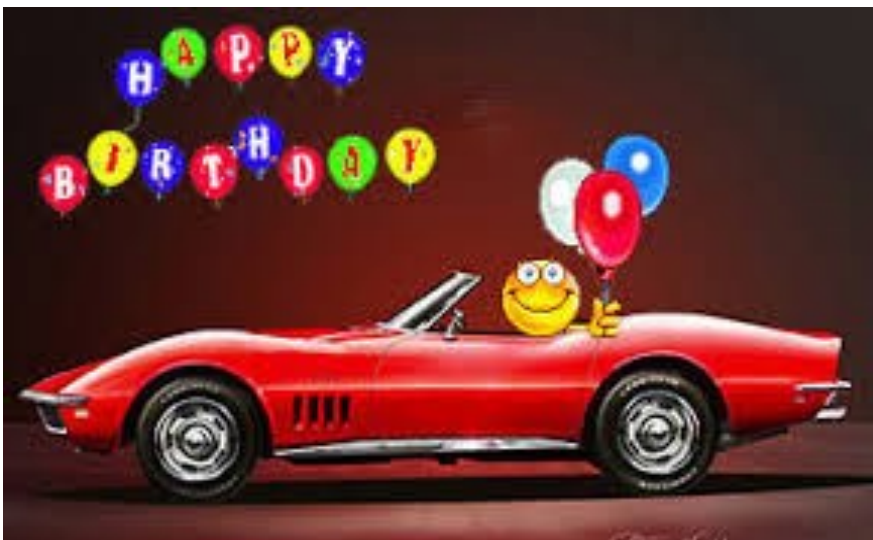
**Sponsored By: Bob's Tractor & Equipment**  
**FIND OUT MORE AT WWW.PACIFICMO.ORG**

**Next Saturday June 24!**  
**We would love to see you**  
**all there!**



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Brian Ames 6/1  
Peggy Thacker 6/2  
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



**Happy Birthday to Everyone!**

**From all of your friends in the OCC!**

## 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



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 1963 Corvette Stingray was the first production car with hidden headlights.

