

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

March 2022 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

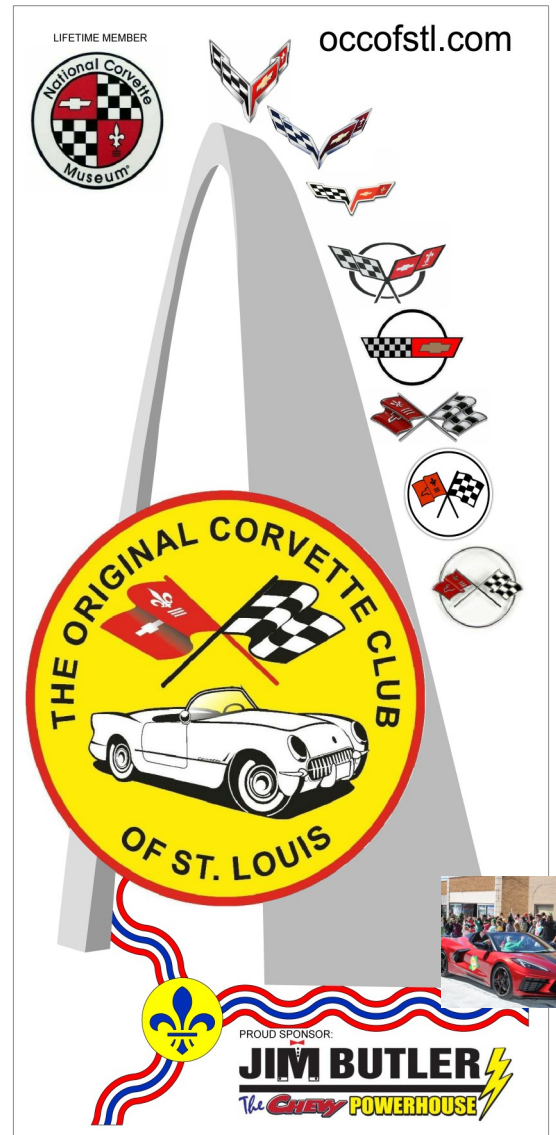
OCC 2022 Board

President: Kenneth Schaeffler
Vice President– Ann Nickelson-Jennings
Treasurer– Sharon Young
Sgt. At Arms– Tom Nickelson
Membership– John Miceli
Administrative Assistant– Larry Dann

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Club Outreach: Esther Brewer
Club Historian– Karen Mericle
Webmaster– Dennis Osterhorn
NCM Ambassador– Rick Poepping
Groupworks Admin– Randy Vollmer
Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer
Wednesday Dinner Club– Ann Nickelson-Jennings
Newsletter Editor– Larry Dann

John and Yvonne Renz at
the St Pat's Day parade
in Rolla, MO



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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: **April, 12 Meeting Location:** 1356 Public House, 1356 Big Bend Road, Ballwin, MO 63021. (636) 861-1688. For directions go to their website: www.1356publichouse.com and scroll down to 'Get Directions' on the home page. You can

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis



March 8, 2022

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thanks everyone for coming out tonight.
Welcome to our temporary home here at 1356 Public House.

At the February meeting we had 41 members present, including 5 new members.

There were quite a few topics discussed at the meeting and I will go through everything so everyone is kept up-to-date. Later in the meeting I will ask for any member comments about the Board meeting during the open discussion segment. Again, My biggest objective for this year is to get more members involved in more club events.

First, I want to thank 1356 Public House for providing this room to us for our meetings. We have this room booked for the next 2 months with the ability to extend if it becomes necessary.

This month's greeter is Ann & Brian Jennings. Next month will be Rick Poepping. We still have openings for September and November.

We are currently looking for a larger venue for our meetings. The problem we are having is that restaurants with larger facilities only offer banquet service with one fixed menu and all on one ticket. We would have to charge members to go this route. *(Talk about Firehouse, Helen Fitzgeralds, Sybergs)*

The Club bank account has been moved from Bank of America to Commerce Bank.

John Miceli is taking care of getting the new Board member Shirts to have logos embroidered.

Byrnes Mill Police Department Special Olympics of Missouri Car Show will be on April 2, 2022. Entry Fee is \$25.00. This car show is their largest fundraiser benefitting Special Olympics. I did receive flyer and registration form today that I will post in Groupworks.

Loafers 26th Annual Car Show will be taking place on May 6 & 7, 2022 in Hannibal, Missouri.

Rockwood Summit High School Bio-Diesel Program will be planning their car show this year. The date is Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The show will be at the High School as in the past. The last time we did this show we had 25 cars. It would be great to go bigger this year. As a side note, to help the cause for the school program, I have invited the Gateway Camaro Club to this event. This will be a great showing for the club as well as Jim Butler, our club sponsor. I have also reserved the same parking spots as I did in 2019 for us to set up as a club. And it's the closest spaces to the food and restrooms.

Pacific Car Show/Car Cruise is happening on September 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. Larry will go into further detail about this later.

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, com-

I picked up the vinyl cling logos for the club to use in parades.

Last month the Club portion of the 50/50 raffle (\$93.00) went to the Junior Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF) as recommended by Art Delhougne. Last month's winner was Jason Messenger (\$93.00) and he donated his share to Backstoppers. I have added an additional \$7.00 to each donation. JDRF will be getting a \$100.00 donation and Backstoppers will be getting \$250.00 Club donation along with Jason's donation for a total of \$350.00. Sharon will mail the checks to each organization.

President's Report Continued.....

Kent Morgan sent me an e-mail regarding the Bloomington Gold and that Club Parking is back. He passed this on to see if there was any interest by those members planning to go this year. The organizers will be sending out e-mails the first week of March with more information about Club Parking, Custom Parking Signs w/ Club Logo's, Event T-Shirts with Club Logo's and Road Tour w/ Free After Party. Kent will keep everyone up to date on specifics.

I mentioned that I would accept suggestions from members for charitable organizations to donate to. I would like to do this every other month, as I think the bulk should go to the USO fund for snacks and treats for the military. With that, to-nights Club portion of the 50/50 will be going to the Wounded Warrior Foundation. This suggestion was made by Tom Nicholson. I will accept recommendations for the May meeting.

I 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 work together to make 2022 a banner year for the Club.



May the Luck of the Irish be with you always





Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis March 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Kenneth Schaeffler.

Sgt. At Arms Tom Nickelson then led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance. Karen Mericle brought in a flag for the pledge.

President Kenneth Schaeffler welcomed everyone and introduced the officers and volunteers for the OCC.

President Kenneth Schaeffler gave his opening statement. (See the President's Report).

Ken then turned the floor over to Larry Dann for a special guest. Larry briefly explained that the OCC has a great opportunity to participate in association with the Pacific Partnership of Pacific, MO for their annual car show. Larry introduced **Loyd Harris** from the Pacific Partnership. Loyd explained how the car show was in its 20th year. He also said that the show normally attracts 400-500 show cars every year. The Partnership is a charity based organization that assists with the revitalization of Downtown Pacific by operating several events throughout the year. They host the Iron Horse Rodeo, parades, and other events. He told us that the Partnership will donate TWO- \$1000 scholarships to local students, in the name of the OCC for their education in the auto tech field. He explained how the show cars are to be judged upon entry/registration to the show on Columbus Street. There are 3 blocks cordoned off on this 50 foot wide street for us to do so. We will need tables, pop up tents, cones, etc. to handle the registration. Registration will begin at 8am and run until noon. They are hoping to have the winners announced as soon as 1 pm or 2 pm at the latest. This is a family oriented event with food vendors and other vendors of all types. There will be a Dyno Chassis if you want to see how much your Corvette is putting out! We will have special parking and space to set up our banner and an information booth if we wish to do so. Our Corvettes will have to be judged by another group. The car show turns into a street party later in the day followed by a huge fireworks display from the bluff above Downtown. The date is JUNE 25. We need volunteers please.

Sharon Young- Treasurer Sharon gave the Treasurer's report. She said that she had sent the \$500 fee for the OCC banner at the NCM. She also said because of the terrible weather we had in February that deposits had been taken to the bank which she will do as soon as possible.

A motion was made to accept the Treasurer's report by Rich Brewer and seconded by Randy Vollmer.

Larry Dann- Administrative Larry told the group we had received a request from the USO for donations but it was decided that we already give to them so we didn't need to respond.

John Miceli- Membership John reported that we had 65 paid members with 54 associate members for a total of 119 members. He also reported that as of the meeting 20 members along with 9 associates had not renewed their membership. John also asked members to make sure their email addresses are correct. Dennis Osterhorn also asked if members wanted to update their photos to submit them.

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Esther Brewer– Outreach Report Esther reported that Don and Judi Delonjay were not doing so well. Don is confined to a wheelchair and his dementia has returned. Judi says, “He has some good days and some bad days”. She has help she calls her Special Angels that come to the house to assist. Judi was experiencing renal failure. She had a port to have fluids administered but it had clogged and had to have a new port. She is now getting 3 liters of fluid daily which should solve the issue.

Steve Willis finished his radiation treatments on the day of the meeting. He now has to have Chemotherapy for two years. They doctors tried to put a rod in his leg to strengthen it but broke his leg when they did. Apparently his cancer had weakened the bone. He now has to go through healing and therapy to heal the broken bone.

Ken Schaeffler added that Jama Rendell had called him and she had broken her leg while at the Lake of the Ozarks which required hospitalization.

Please keep these folks in your thoughts and prayers. Send a card, a text., or call them up....

Rick Poepping– NCM Ambassador Rick gave his report in his normal excited flair. You can tell he is really enjoying being our Ambassador. He told us that he doesn't think the NCM is quite prepared for the influx of new visitors this year because of the pandemic lightening up. He also that the laps on the track for the Bash are \$110 for 4 laps and you could drive a new C8 on the track for a mere \$350. Walt Yeager offered him his car for \$350 for 4 laps. You can see Rick's report in its entirety at the NCM Corner.

New Members/1st Time Visitors None present. Loyd Harris of the Pacific Partnership.

Birthdays, Anniversaries, New Editions Jim Ford announced he was a member of the club for 34 years on this date. That is an amazing accomplishment. Nicely done sir! Tom Nickelson announced that Ann and Brian had been married for 19 years. Congrats to you two love birds. Ann also told everyone they picked a 2002 red coupe with a tan convertible top for their stable. Fred and Carol Gronemeier proudly announced the birth of their 13th, yes THIRTEENTH, Corvette. It is a 2022 C8 and they drove it to the meeting that night. Unfortunately, there were some pretty darn crazy mistakes made on the order. They were supposed to get a grey interior and it was red. They got the wrong wheels and floormats as well. And on top of that it was a KIA! Just kidding..... It is a dang nice Corvette!

Upcoming Events– Vice President Ann Nickelson Jennings Ann went down a large list of upcoming events and car shows. She elaborated on the upcoming Springfield IL Route 66 Car Show among others. You can see more of her report on the upcoming events page Rich Brewer told the club he had just discovered the St. John's Gildehaus chicken dinner was on for March 13 which conflicted with the Lambert's run. It was decided by the club to go to the chicken dinner and reschedule the Lambert's run for a later date. Fred Gronemeier spoke up saying there was a Memorial Day Parade in there somewhere that hadn't been discussed. It was next on Ken's agenda.

Old Business Ken Schaeffler turned the floor over to Fred Gronemeier. Fred told everyone about the Memorial Day Parade in Alton, IL. And it is on Memorial Day—imagine that! He and Carol have graciously sponsored this event for many years. The parade is second to none and is the longest continuously operated parade in the US. Over 150 years. As always there will be food and drink at their beautiful home afterwards and remember to bring plenty of candy. We will meet at Fast Eddies at 9 am

New Business Mike Koenen asked the group if they were getting Groupworks notifications up to one or two days after the post was made. Apparently most everyone does unless you are the party posting the post. He asked if there are going to be changes in any itinerary that you post the change as far in advance as possible to prevent folks from not getting the information in a timely manner to make plans to attend or not attend. Dennis Osterhorn said the system takes time. There are 1000's of groups using the Groupworks platform and sometimes there is a lag. He has spoken with them and there isn't really anything that can be done to circumvent this issue. It is a free platform. Dennis also asked if you do make post to take it off within a week or so of the event being over. He has to go in and clean up the feed because there are so many outdated posts. Walt Yeager asked why there weren't notifications on the calendar as to when events are scheduled. Dennis vehemently

Meeting Minutes Continued....

....explained that the calendar is for your personal use. If you do not reply to an event that you are attending it will not appear on the calendar. He and Randy as administrators can go in and manually enter in an event however. He also asked that when you give him a date for an event to make sure the actual date is correct. He copies and pastes your information directly to Groupworks. Dennis also explained that you can go in and set your own preferences for notifications under the Your Profile tab.

John Miceli then took the floor to discuss Don and Judi Delonjay. He told us about their long membership and service to the club holding many offices and hosting many events over the years. He asked everyone if they thought it might be a good idea to make them Lifetime Honorary Members. Dennis Osterhorn also asked that we consider Byrle Layman as a Lifetime Honorary Member as well. According to the by laws both measures were voted on by the membership and were overwhelmingly approved. The motion was made by Judy Silvagni to accept and seconded by Ken Schaeffler. Congratulations to these members and thank you for your amazing service to our club.

Ken then gave the floor to Larry Dann who told everyone about the Route 66 Shamrock Court Motel in Sullivan, MO having a restored vintage sign relighting ceremony. It started at 6:30 pm and went to 8:30 pm. Larry also noted that the pavilion at Cliff Cave Parl, the Riverside Shelter, has been reserved on October 2 for the annual OCC picnic. Anyone who wants to volunteer to help out is more than welcome. We have some theme ideas already—thanks Esther— but your input is more than welcome. As always, it will be a good time with good friends and good food.

Cheryl Osterhorn once again announced that there is a donation box (or you can give directly to her) for the USO fund. The April 50/50 is going toward the fund as well. Ken said the kitty is currently at \$148.

50/50 Drawing Sgt. At Arms Tom Nickelson asked our visitor Loyd Harris to draw the winning ticket. Randy Vollmer was the Lucky Dog this month. Congrats Randy!

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting Ken asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dennis Osterhorn made the motion and it was seconded by Rich Brewer.



For those of us who have never experienced what it would like to have your brand new Corvette delivered to you from the factory in the NCM. John and Yvonne Renz shared their recent delivery with us to enjoy!

NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM DELIVERY ON FEBRAURY 12, 2022



On Saturday February 12th we picked up our C8 Z51 3LT Corvette at Corvette Museum (NCM) in Bowling Green, Kentucky. It was a long wait to get to that point. It started with finding a dealer that sold at not play games with add-ons at delivery. We put down a \$1,000 posit in March and then another deposit with a second dealer in started the long waiting process. Finally in November we received we were assigned an allocation. At this point we submitted our final dealer along with another \$5,000 non-refundable deposit.

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Our C8 was built on January 26th and the dealer immediately contacted us for full payment before it was out of Quality Control. We arranged pick-up on Saturday morning, February 12th to take delivery. We drove to Bowling Green on Friday, toured the Museum and were able to see them bring out our Red Metallic Mist (RMM) C8 “Ruby” and put her on display on Corvette Row.



If you have never been to the NCM, it is definitely worth the drive. Unfortunately, the tours of the Corvette plant have been halted for the past several years. We do recommend staying at the Hotel Sync which is right across from the NCM. It is a quirky hotel and the owner Preetesh Patel makes the best coffee and latte's in the morning. The hotel has 4 enclosed garages that you can rent separately for \$30/night to park your Corvette safely.



We arrived at 7:45am on Saturday at the NCM and went over all of the sales paperwork and documentation. Then our personal concierge took us out to our car and did an orientation of the car. It is a very complicated machine for sure and I can tell you that I have forgotten most of the information she told me. After a couple of hours of this orientation we took a break to shop at the Museum store. There is no way you can visit the store and not purchase something! When the orientation was completed, the Concierge put the top down on our beautiful new C8 and she drove it of the museum out with me in the passenger seat. It was fun



Then it was on to the trailer for the trip back to Saint Louis.



Once back home, Ruby was safely stowed away awaiting better weather on the horizon.



Options on our 2022 C8

3LT Interior Package	Red Mist Metallic Tintcoat	Composite Rockers
Z51 Performance Package	19" Front, 20" Rear Carbon Flash Painted Aluminum Wheels With Machined Edge	Custom Interior Trim and Seat Combination Override
Front Lift Adjustable Height Memory	Corvette Museum Delivery. Personalized Plaque W/Corvette Museum Logo	2 Tone Seats
Z51 Performance Suspension With Magnetic Selective Ride Control	Stingray R Appearance Package. Corvette Racing Themed Graphics and Stingray R Themed Center Caps	Torch Red Seat Belts
Interior Trim, Carbon Fiber Cluster-Surround and Console/Door Plates	Edge Red Painted Brake Calipers	Adrenaline Red Custom Leather Stitch
Carbon Flash Painted Nacelles and Roof, Convertible Top	Sueded Microfiber Wrapped Steering Wheel	Contoured Liner Protection Package
		Carbon Flash Metallic Painted Outside Mirrors

Thanks for the warm welcome into the OCC. Regards, John and Yvonne Renz.



From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

- 1.) April 2, 2022 Byrnes Mill Police Dept . Special Olympics of MO Car Show 11 am—4 pm Ken
- 2.) June 11, 2022 Route 66 Cars and Guitars Festival
3. Easter Show April 17th- Forest Park- No details at this time
- 4.) Easter Show April 17th - Family Arena \$20.00 participation fee, \$2.00 spectator fee
- 5.) Loafers Car show- Hannibal

May 6-7 Limited to 350 cars, 30 judged classes including specific Corvette classes. 3 trophies for each class, 8 special awards, door prizes, if you pre register you get a t shirt and a special invite to a bbq on Friday night. \$25.00 entry fee. contact info is 573-822-2927 or acwply@gmail.com

- 6.) May 14. 2022 Rockwood Summit HS Bio-Diesel Car Show; Ken
- 7.) May 21, 2022; Spinal Bifada car rides 3:30-4:30 Babler State Park, Karen Mericle
- 8.) Bash at NCM in April- information on website
- 9.) Lone Star Corvette Classic - Fort Worth
June 10-12 information on website
- 10.) Chevys Silent Auction- September - Raises money for charity to be announced- start getting donations
- 11.) October 2, 2022 OCC Annual Picnic– Cliff Cave Park– Riverside Shelter; Larry Dann
- 12.) Reoccurring events that start in April-

- A.) Sonic every Friday
- B.) Faith Church Sunset Hills First Friday of each month
- C.) Fritz ice cream - Valley Park 2nd Sunday of month @6:30

Wednesday night dinners are on hold until Covid calms down. All events subject to change or cancelation.

Ann



Ian & Jama Rendell 4/3 29 Years

[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

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2022 Michelin NCM Bash - April 28-30, 2022

Kickoff of the NCM onsite event season with us here in Bowling Green, KY! Returning activities include a seminar and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, two celebrity choice car shows, a celebrity autograph session, auctions, book signings, and the Ladies' Oasis.

Lux Row Distillers / BJ's Steakhouse

Lane Motor Museum & Apple Spice Catered Lunch

Hilltopper Creamery & Chaney's Dairy Barn

Dinner & Discussion with Tom Peters (*former Director of Design for the GM Performance Car Studio*) & Special Guests

KY Derby Museum & Lunch on the Oaks Garden Terrace

General Jackson Showboat – Nashville

Pick Up Parking Lot Banners

Museum In Motion Dragon Run – May 1-4, 2022



Spring in the Smokies, Tail of the Dragon and Biltmore all combined in one great MiM tour. Once again, we hit the road, leaving Bowling Green and heading East to run the famous TN-129, aka Tail of the Dragon. This year again, we will be staying at the beautiful Biltmore Inn on the Biltmore Estate grounds. The Monday Biltmore visit includes a specially ar-

ranged early morning photo op of the cars in front of the manor house followed by breakfast in the Biltmore Stable Café adjacent to the house. New friends will be made while enjoying one of the most beautiful areas of the country during the colorful spring season.

Branson Experience – May 31-June4, 2022

Stay at the Hotel Grand Victorian. Centrally located on the 76 Strip, less than 3 miles from world class shopping at the Branson Landing, and walking distance from all the

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best shows, restaurants, and attractions. This MiM will include a day drive to beautiful Eureka Springs as well as a Dogwood Canyon drive. Enjoy 'The Showboat Branson Belle Dinner Cruise and a Spectacular Branson show. Free time is also on the agenda to explore Branson as you wish!

Special Exhibit - Corvette Powered (current thru Bash 2022)

What does it mean to be "Corvette Powered"? Visitors to the National Corvette Museum will have the opportunity to learn exactly what it means when they step into an exciting new exhibit by the same name: Corvette Powered. The exhibit showcases vehicles, specifically mid-century non-General Motors/non-Corvette vehicles, that utilized Corvette engines and drivelines.



National Corvette Museum

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President: Sharon Brawner

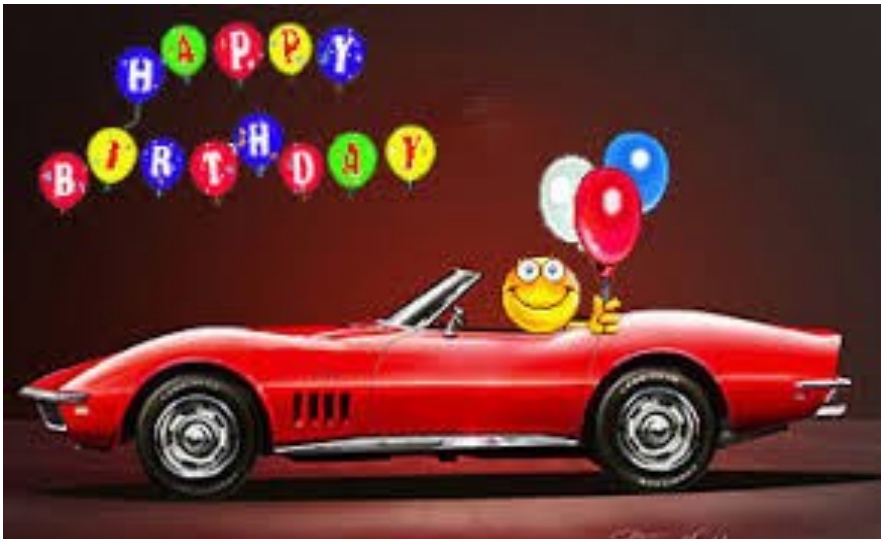


March Birthdays

Rick Poepping 3/2
Dennis Kinworthy 3/15
Judy Silvagni 3/16
Donald Bingaman 3/21
Thomas Dierkas 3/21
Barbara Flynn 3/27
Terri Ford 3/25
Leslie Hoosier 3/29

April Birthdays

Larry Dann 4/2
Darlene Williams 4/2
Cheryl Osterhorn 4/10
Angie Davis 4/12
Joe Stanton 4/13
Fred Gronemeier 4/14
Jerry Wilson 4/17



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!!

An argument developed between Bill Mitchell and Zora Arkus-Duntov over the now-famous split rear window in the 1963 coupe, favored by Mitchell. It was removed the next year and never seen again. A total of 10,594 split-window coupes were produced in 1963.

