

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

March, 2023 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2023 Board

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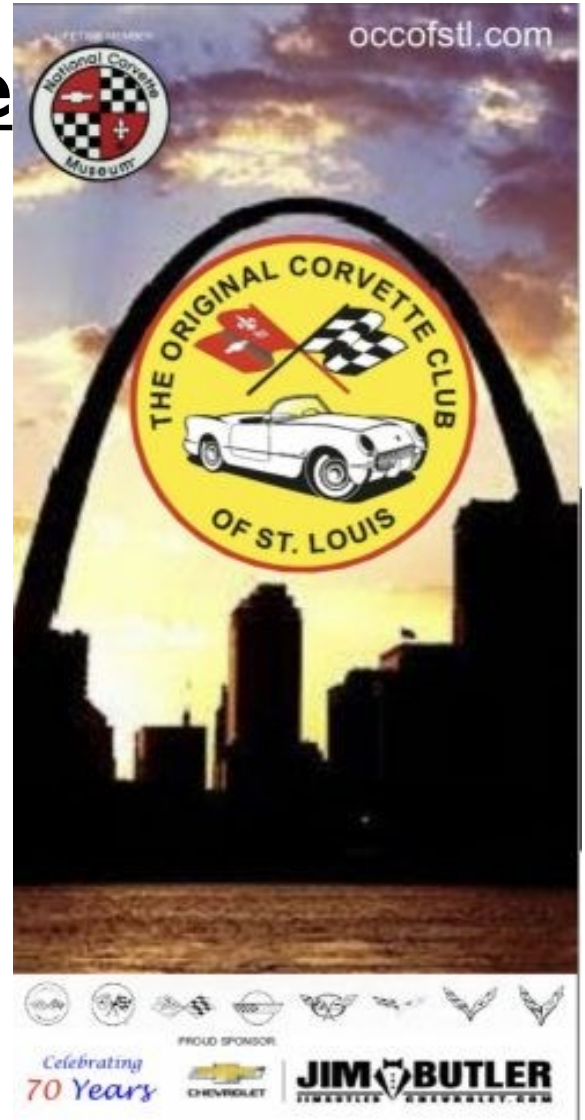
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For Additional Information...

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Mailing Address:

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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 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



March 14, 2023

Happy St. Patrick's Day

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome to Crusoe's. I am going to book this venue for the April meeting. Then hopefully, we will be at Saucy's in May. I want to thank Rick Poepping and Randy Vollmer for the success in the Public Facebook page. I recommend that all Club Members join.

We have recently added new members and have some returning members.

We have a number of events coming up this year and the event planners will be talking about those later.

As Vice-President, Gary Messenger is also the Chairman of the Activities Committee. One of his duties is to assemble event planners, volunteers and various other positions to work events. Throughout this year he will be assembling committees to help with various club events. We need to get more members involved in assisting with the organization and planning of events. 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, like those I'm working on. Find interesting places to go, and enjoy what Missouri and Illinois has to offer in only a day and a nice drive.

I have contacted Rockwood Summit High School to find out a date for their annual Car Show supporting the Bio-Diesel Club at the school. I mentioned that our club calendar was filling up quickly, so they need to set a date.

I want to also create a car talk segment at the meetings for members to talk about their cars, their experiences with their cars and anything else they have to share with the members.

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 would like to start up the meet and greet in the parking lot before each meeting starting in April. We averaged about 16 cars each time and received a lot of good feedback about this.

A new banner was selected at the February meeting to be placed at the NCM. The banner was designed by Sharon Young. Files were sent to Rick Poepping to forward to the museum.

I would like to end with asking members to also support our sponsor, Jim Butler Chevrolet. Fuzz is here tonight to talk about this and hopefully, we can, as a club, support our sponsor in the same way they support us.

Thank you again for your support and together we will make a fabulous 2023.

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

March, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



Meeting called to order 7:30 by President

Eric Stephens led Pledge of Allegiance.

Introduction of officers and Volunteers everyone present but Larry

Presidents report

Nomination for Honorary Member status Karen and Dick Mericle vote was yes motion by Sidney Hirsch and Rich Brewer

Treasurers report motion to accept by Esther Brewer and Karen Mericle

Published meeting minutes motion to accepted by Valerie Brendel and Sharon Young.

No report from Sidney Hirsch

Membership report 5 new members

Outreach Dick had a good day Monday

NCM presented by Rick Poepping.

1st time visitor, Jerry Bauman, 02 Corvette Coupe.

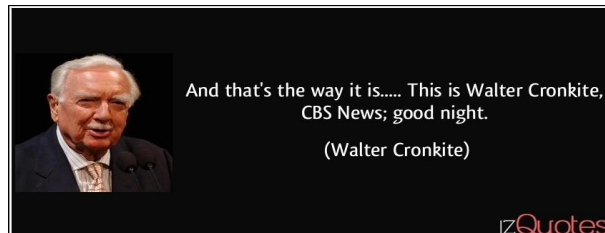
Jim Butler Report: Fuzz wants cars 200 referral fee

New business Saucy's not ready booked Caruso for April

Ken would like to start car show before meetings in April

50/50 \$77 won by Ken donated to club for USO

Adjourn meeting at 8:43. Motion by Walt Yaeger and Gene Castelano.





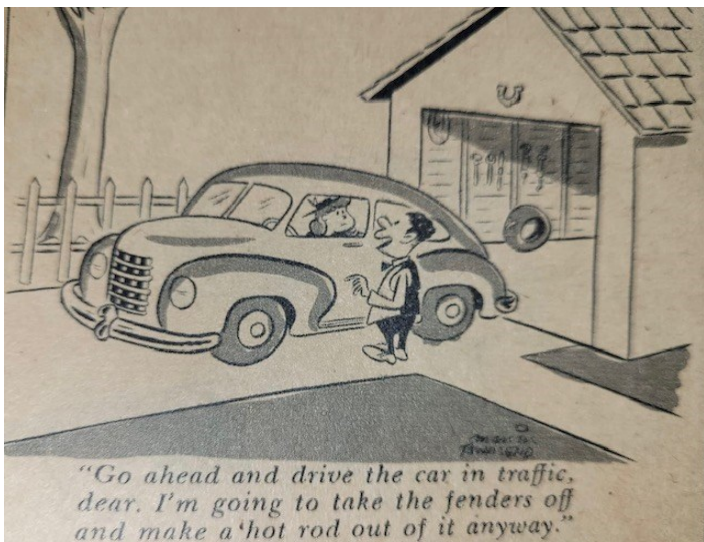
Sundaes
On
Sunday!



Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!



Please see Groupworks for upcoming Wednesday night dinners!
Judy Silvagni





From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) May 13. Loafers Car Show. Hannible, MO– Dennis Osterhorn
- 2.) April 16, Warm Springs Ranch Cruise and Tour– Jim Thacker– respond in Groupworks
- 3.) 3rd Annual Flag Day Car Cruise– Scott AFB- **Sat Jun 10 2023 at 08:00 am to 2:00 pm**—park your car next to historic and vintage aircraft! Dennis Osterhorn
- 4.) June 24, Pacific Car Show– Larry Dann
- 5.) October 8, Annual OCC Picnic, Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park. Larry Dann
- 6.) 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



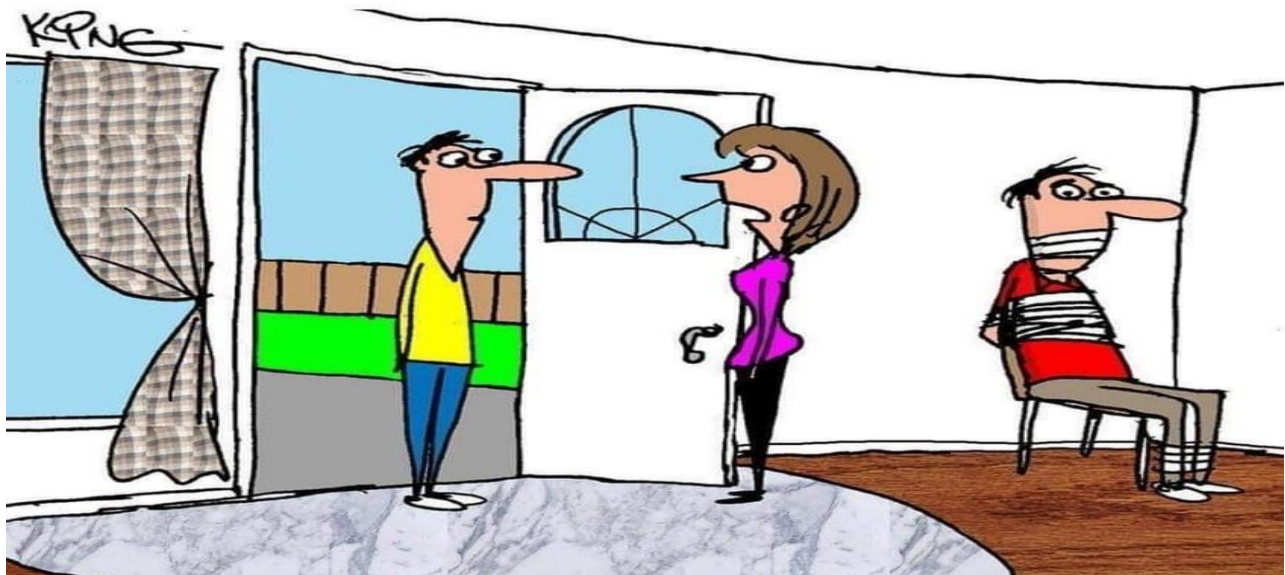
Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!



Ian and Jama Rendell 4/3/93

Ed and Judy Lang 4/24/63

Rich and Ruth Reim 4/28/62



“Sorry, but he won’t be hanging out with the Corvette Club today. He’s elected to stay in and watch a romantic movie with me.”

Fix It Corner.....

I recently had a learning experience at the end of this years St. Louis auto show. After having my C6 Grand Sport on display at the show for 4 days and having the doors, windows, trunk lid and hood open during show hours I attempted to start it to no success. I had run down the battery enough that I couldn't start the car. Thankfully Jason Messenger had a booster box and I was able to start my car. But, as I got ready to leave I attempted to put the top up on my car. I stress "attempted" as I could not get the top to operate!!

As I looked around for some assistance I saw that everyone else had left, but to be fair it was only after they saw that my car did start and was running. For the life of me I could not figure out why the top wouldn't operate! Well I had little choice but to drive the 25 miles home with the top down. While it was bad luck that I couldn't close the top I was VERY fortunate that the temperature that night was a balmy 58*! This was January 30th, not only was it 58 but it wasn't raining or snowing that night a triple blessing. So I drive home with the top down, now there were a few folks that did double takes as I went cruising on by, and yes Byrle I did "wave". So all in all I was very lucky, weather wise.

What I later found out about some cars from 2005 thru 2017 is that if your battery dies or you replace the battery you need to "index" the windows. The window indexing feature has been around many years on high-end vehicles such as BMW, Lexus and Mercedes, and obviously Corvettes.

Window indexing is used to lower the window approximately 1/8" when the door is opened. This allows the top edge of the window to clear the window weatherstrip that it's seated into. Once the door is closed the window will raise into its fully sealed position. If you have a convertible you may find that the top will not go up or down until the windows have been indexed correctly. Indexing came about with the C5 and earlier generation of Corvettes which had a constant problem with water intrusion and wind noise, but with window indexing a complete weatherproof seal can encompass the window by allowing the window to fit into a groove built into the window gasket.

Now that I shared my tale of woe and some history here is how you "index" the windows. **Sorry Mike Koenen but this procedure will NOT require any Windex(ing)!!**

Get into the vehicle and make sure both the driver and passenger doors are closed.

Turn the ignition switch to the On position , but with the engine off. On some Stingray models it has been found that you may need to start the engine to get this procedure to work. I indexed my windows with the car running and it worked just fine.

Start with the driver-side and put the window all the way down then back up. Now put the passenger-side window down then back up.

Hold the driver-side window switch up for 3-5 seconds and then release the switch. For a second time hold the driver-side window switch up 3-5 seconds and then release.

Repeat this process for the passenger-side window.

To make sure the windows have indexed correctly, check your windows to see if the windows lower 1/8" when opening and that they go up when you close the doors. Now raise and lower both windows to ensure they work properly. At this time you should also be able raise and/or lower the convertible top!

I later checked my Owners Manual and sure enough Window Indexing and Power Window Initialization was right there on page 2-18 (of my manual)!! But then Corvette owners don't read instructions, right??

JOHN MICELI



New Members Emeritus! Dick and Karen Mericle



Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to the O.C.C.

Warm Springs Ranch - Day Trip



Jim Thacker is working on putting together a day trip to see the Clydesdales at Warm Springs Ranch. Tentative date is April 16th. We would have a meet up location at the Commuter lot at I-270 and Hwy 30 to leave at 9:00 AM. Proceed to a second meet up near Chesterfield or St. Charles County for West County members. Then head to Columbia for Lunch at Cheddar's Scratch Kitchen. Should be there by 11:00 AM. Then leave around 12:30 for Warm Springs Ranch (about 20 minute ride) for 1:30 guided walking tour that takes about 1 hour.

Please respond in GroupWorks if you would be interested in participating and how many guests.

We would like to get a count in the next week, as tours are filling up quickly. The cost is \$16.50 per person.



Guys Lunch Location Change



Lunch Location is 8169 Big Bend Blvd,
Webster Groves, MO

April 19, 2023

OCC Ladies Lunch Wed. April 5

Joey B's Food & Drink 189 Concord Plaza Shopping St . Louis , MO.



Let me know by Monday April 3, so I can make reservations. Dennis will also post this as an event . Any questions ?

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

[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[February 2023](#)



Latest News:

Wil Cooksey – former Corvette Plant Manager and current Hall of Fame Member.

Wil Cooksey set the standard for all Corvette Assembly Plant Managers afterwards to build upon. As an enthusiast himself, he brought a love for the Corvette to the job along with an engineering background and his natural leadership ability to take the Corvette to the next level. Together with the United Auto Workers Union, a bond was formed between labor, management and the owners of these cars that remains strong and unbroken to this day.

Retired since 2008, he remains connected to the people and the car he loves. He is a familiar face at the National Corvette Museum where he once served as Chairman of the Board, and you'll often find him in the middle of crowds at Corvette events all over the country. His friendly smile, gentle nature, and warm disposition give no hint of the difficult path he has taken on his journey to the [Corvette Hall of Fame](#).



[2013 Corvette Hall of Fame Inductee Wil Cooksey - National Corvette Museum](#)

Other Interesting stories on the National Corvette Museum site

- **International Women's Day: Honoring the Women in Corvette History**

The National Corvette Museum celebrates International Women's Day by honoring several iconic women who've made a positive impact throughout the Corvette community. All four honorees are in the Corvette Hall of Fame. The contributions Dollie Cole, Donna Mae Mims, Betty Skelton, and Elfi Arkus-Duntov have made to Corvette world are each significant in their own right.

[International Women's Day: Honoring the Women in Corvette History - National Corvette Museum](#)

- **Dick Thompson – The Flying Dentist's Helmet and Goggles**

One of the great things about the National Corvette Museum is that its archives contain stories from Corvette history, but with it are artifacts, like Dr. Dick Thompson's, helmet, and goggles. Dr. Thompson, better known as The Flying Dentist, couldn't support himself as just a racecar driver, so during the week he would work at his dental office. Dr. Thompson's natural talent behind the wheel however, allowed him to become one of the premiere racecar drivers of his time.

[Dick Thompson – The Flying Dentist's Helmet and Goggles - National Corvette Museum](#)

- **Upcoming Events/Displays**

The 7th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 29-31, 2024.

April 27 – 29 – 26th Annual Michelin NCM Bash

Registration is now open

April 28 – The McMichael Family Education Gallery Opening

May 11th – 13th - Vets 'n Vettes Event

Registration is now open

June 30 – Corvette's 70th Anniversary Exhibit Opening/National Corvette Day

August 31 – September 2 – The National Corvette Museum's 29th Anniversary Celebration

[**Rick Poepping**](#)

National Corvette Museum
350 Corvette Dr, Bowling

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



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we do best,
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March Birthdays

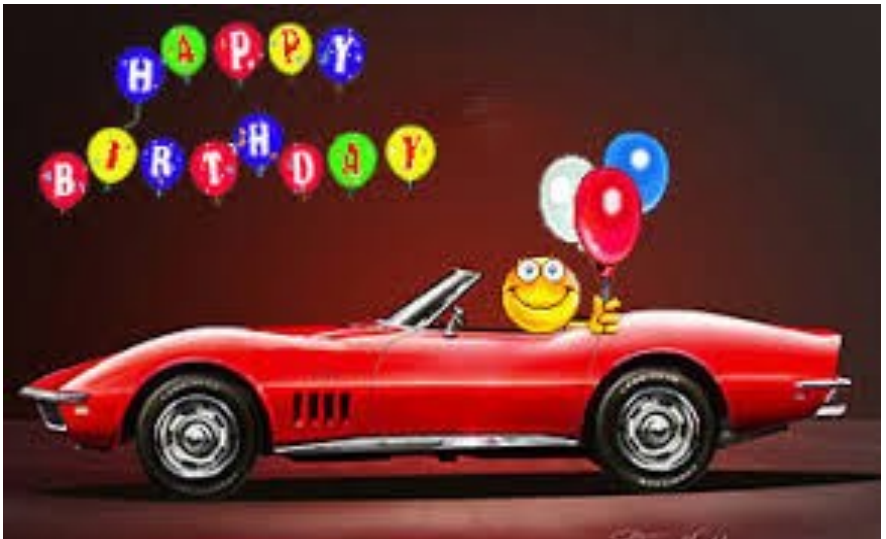
Rick Poepping 3/2
Dennis Kinworthy 3/15
Judy Silvagni 3/16
Donald Bingaman 3/21
Thomas Dierkes 3/21
Barbara Flynn 3/27
Terri Ford 3/25
Leslie Hoosier 3/39

April Birthdays

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

Corvette Trivia!!

While they aren't the fastest cars in reverse – that title belongs to the Nissan Leaf – they do clock in at fairly high speeds in this gear. In fact, a 2014 Corvette Stingray clocked in at 53 miles per hour. That's a lot higher than the average reverse speed you might use. But hey, you never know. It could be useful in the event of a natural disaster or a zombie apocalypse or something. Or in a movie about this kind of event, perhaps.



Happy Birthday to Everyone!

From all of your friends in the OCC!



CHEVROLET



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!

