

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

May, 2022 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2022 Board

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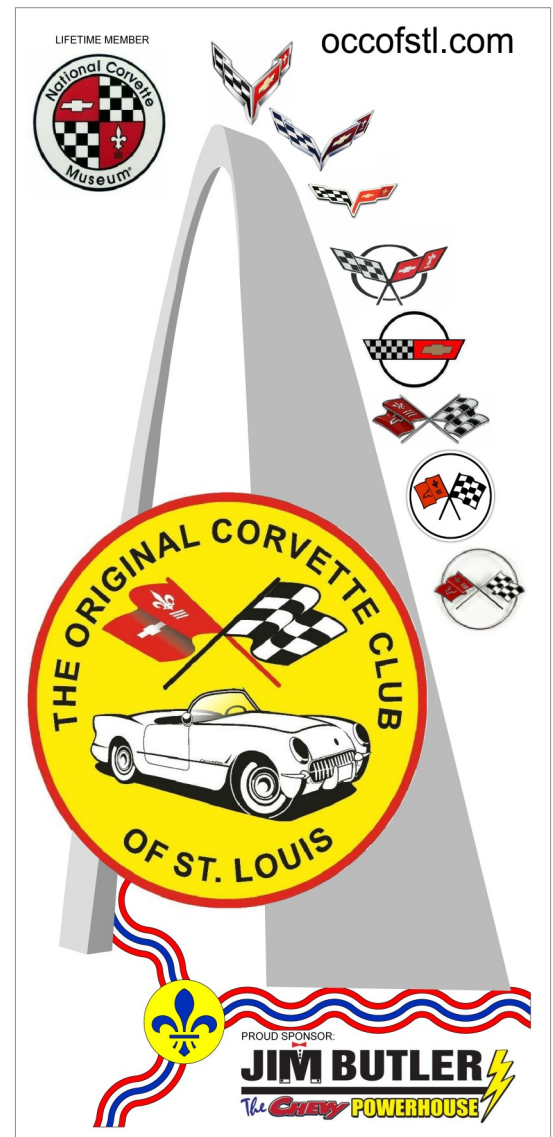
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Mailing Address:

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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: **June 14, 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



May 10, 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 42 members present.

There were quite a few topics discussed at the meeting and I will go through everything so everyone is kept up-to-date.

First, I want to thank 1356 Public House for providing this room to us for our meetings. We have this room booked for the May meeting, with the ability to extend if it becomes necessary. We will see how the response goes after this meeting. I hope everyone found it without problems.

This month's greeter is Connie Finch & Judy Silvagni. Next month will be Art & Jeanette Delhoune. We still have openings for September and November.

John Miceli has taken care of the board members shirt and distributed them tonight.

At the March meeting, the members voted to recognize Long standing members as Honorary Members. I will be making a short presentation to those members tonight.

UPCOMING CAR SHOWS AND EVENTS;

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

Rockwood Summit High School Bio-Diesel Program will be planning their car show this year. I have taken the lead on this event again this year. The date is Saturday, May 14, 2022 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. We will meet behind the QT at 8:30 and leave for the school at 9:00. Quik Trip is located at 1907 Hawkins Road, Fenton, Missouri. The show will be at the High School as in the past, about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile down the road. In the event you miss the group, the address of the school is 1780 Hawkins Road, Fenton, Missouri. 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 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. Larry will go into further detail about this later.

I have submitted our application for "America's Birthday Parade". I also email John Donnelly to insure he received the application. He stated that he would be getting back to me within 2 weeks.

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.

**June's Wednesday Night Dinner is at Rosalita's Cantina 12797 Manchester
in Des Peres!**



June 15, 5:30 PM

Judy Silvagni



President's Report Continued.....

Last month the Club portion of the 50/50 raffle (\$82.00) was designated to go to the USO. Valerie Brendel 50/50 and donated half back to go to the USO also. Cheryl also collected additional donations for the purchase of snacks for the Troops. She will talk about this later.

To date, the CLUB and members have donated \$100.00 to Junior Diabetes Fund, Backstoppers has received \$350.00, Wounded Warrior Project received \$100.00 and the USO has received a little over \$400.00 in donations. Thank you to all members for their generosity.

Esther has informed me, that in lieu of flowers, they would like the donation to go to either MS Society of Wounded Warriors Foundation. This is the typical \$75.00 the normally uses to purchase flowers. This months 50/50 proceeds will be going to one of those also.

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 keep working towards a great 2022.

The Pacific Car Show is in 3 weeks folks! We are still looking for volunteers of if you just wish to enter your car in the show! June 25th. They are donating two \$1000 scholarships in the name of the OCC to kids entering the Automotive Tech field from Pacific High School!

THE PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS:
The 20th Annual Car/Truck/Bike Show
Downtown Pacific, MO
SATURDAY JUNE 25, 2022

REGISTRATION 8AM - NOON

\$20 Car/Truck/Bike Entry Fee
\$10 Display Only (no judging)
Judging at Registration Awards @ 1:30PM
25+ Car/Truck Classes
NEW - 4 Motorcycle Classes
Registration Entrance: Osage & Columbus

***Trailer parking available - visit website for locations**

Block Party to Follow
Kid's Zone Noon - 7PM
KSHE95 Live Broadcast - 11AM-1PM
Steven Woolley 2:30-4:30PM
Magnificent Mullets of Lonedell 5:15-7:15PM
PARALANDRA 8:00-10:45PM
FIREWORKS @ 9:30PM

EVENT SPONSOR:
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The Pacific Partnership Proudly Presents:
 In Association with the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

28 Exciting Classes

The Pacific Car Show 2022

1. Stock Car to 1954
2. Stock Car 1955-1963
3. Stock Car 1964-1969
4. Stock Car 1970-1991
5. Stock Car 1992-2004
6. Stock Factory Muscle Car 1964-1984
7. Stock Factory Muscle Car 1985-present
8. Stock Truck- ALL
9. T-Buckets
10. Street Rods- ALL
11. Modified Car- to 1963
12. Modified Car- 1964-1969
13. Modified Car- 1970-1991
14. Modified Car- 1992-2004
15. Modified Car 2005-Present
16. Modified Truck- ALL
17. Pro Street Cars/Trucks- ALL
18. Special Interest- Military, Race, Emergency- ALL
19. Rat Rod- ALL (modified class)
20. Jeep- Stock
21. Jeep- Modified
22. Mustang- Stock- ALL
23. Mustang- Modified-ALL
24. Tuner Car- Modified Class-ALL
25. Camaro- Stock- ALL
26. Camaro- Modified- ALL
27. Corvette- Stock-ALL
28. Corvette- Modified- ALL

Specialty Awards
Best of Show-Stock
Best of Show- Modified
Sponsor's Choice
Sponsor's Choice

Motorcycle Classes
 Chopper
 Bagger
 Custom
 Vintage
 Sponsor's Choice

THE ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

May, 2022



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

The membership then performed the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken introduced the Board members and Volunteers. Ken then gave his opening statement.

Please refer to The President's Report.

We had 46 members in attendance.

To date the OCC has donated \$100 to Junior Diabetes, \$350 to Back Stoppers, \$100 to Wounded Warrior Foundation, and over \$400 to the USO in snacks for the troops.

Judy DeLonjay wanted to have the club donate the normal \$75 for flowers to the Wounded Warrior Foundation and this month's portion of the 50/50 will go to them as well.

Ken then introduced Byrle Layman as the OCC honored him as an Honorary Lifetime Member.

Byrle thanked the club and said "He was overwhelmed and usually spills words out, I am speechless, I am without words, and for those who know me that isn't normal."

Jim Ford is taking the Honorary Membership to Judy DeLonjay.

Sharon Young then presented the Treasurer's Report. The motion to accept the report was made by David Peebles and seconded by Dennis Osterhorn.

Ken then asked for a motion to accept the meeting minutes published in the Vette Gazette. Rick Poepping made the motion and it was seconded by Esther Brewer.

Larry Dann had no Administrative Report.

John Miceli then presented the Membership Report. The club has 69 members with 57 associate members for a total of 126 members. He asked to make sure that your email address and other contact information is correct and to let him know if any changes need to be made.

Esther Brewer then presented her report. She said that Dick Mericle tries to get out every day and is going to try to be at the car show on Saturday. She then asked John Renz how he is recuperating and he said, "All I can say is the news of his death was greatly over reported!" He had his left knee replaced 3 weeks ago and he is doing good!

Esther then reported about Steve Willis. She said he is not doing too good. He is very down. He had to go to the ER yesterday. She asked that everyone please send a card or text to let him know we are thinking about him.

Doug Flader is scheduled to have his hip replacement surgery tomorrow. 5/11. He has since had that surgery and told me (Larry Dann) that he was doing good and was going to try to make the June meeting.

Ken then asked for a Corvette procession in honor of Don DeLonjay. Many members volunteered to participate.

Rick Poepping then gave the NCM Report. He regaled the club with he and Randy's latest trip to the Bash. There were a lot of back road 2 lane black tops, fording a creek, and chickens literally crossing the road. It turned out to be a 9 hour trip to Bowling Green. Ken asked, "is that why the chicken crossed the road, to see two crazy guys in Corvettes?" Crazy GPS.....

Rick also told everyone about his experience at the track driving a Manual C7 and then driving the C8. He

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absolutely loved the C8. "It is unbelievable how it sticks to the track!" He was looking at some of the displays of the "Corvette Powered" cars and came across a beautiful 1960's Impala. It was a Chip Foose car. "No wonder it was so nice."

Rick also reported that Fun Fest was only going to be one day—Saturday—this year. He also reported that he had received an email from the NCM thanking us for the Hot Wheels that were donated. Please refer to Rick's full NCM Report for more info.

Esther said the visitation for Don DeLonjay was going to be on Sunday from 3-8 pm.

Ken had four Cardinal tickets he gave away. Thanks Ken

There were no new members present . There was no Jim Butler report.

Dennis and Cheryl are married 54 years this month! Congratulations! Lois Yeager, Bob Schissler, and Suzanne Koenen all have birthdays in May.

Ken then turned the meeting over to Ann Jennings. She had brought several packets of a list for upcoming events. Please see Ann's full report for upcoming events. There is an ice cream social every Sunday evening. Please refer to groupworks. Kent asked if there had been any arrangements for Bloomington Gold. Ken said, Not at this time but Dennis said that Rich Brewer may be going.

Karen Mericle then gave a report about the Spinal Bifada rides. She asked to bring pillows for the kids. She was going to brine 2 booster seats if needed.

Larry Dann then gave his presentation for the upcoming OCC Pacific Partnership Car Show. Please see the flyer on Page 3. There is the car show, music, food, drinks, craft vendors, a Dyno if you want to try that out., and ending with a big fireworks display..

Dennis reported on the Loafers Car show in Hannibal. He said they gave out a ton of trophies. Kent Morganreported on the Magic Dragon Show– He said it was a good show.

John Miceli then reported on the Anheuser Busch Car show. Having it at Grant's Farm. It seemed like there were many people interested in participating. No date at this time

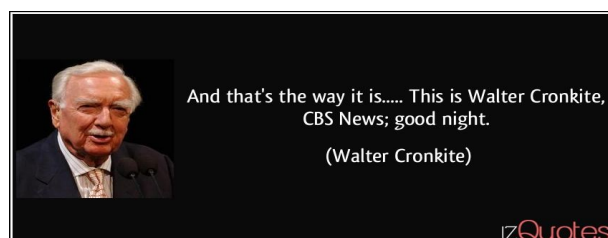
Fred Gronemeier then gave everyone his report on the Alton Memorial Day Parade. It is the longest running continuous Memorial Day parade in the US. This year marks the 154th parade year. Meeting at Fast Eddies between 8 and 8:30. Bring a lot of candy and dinner at Fred and Carol's home after the parade.

Dennis said the USO folks were very grateful for our donations. He said there were 2 buses of new recruits coming in when they were there.

Larry quickly noted that the OCC picnic is coming up October 2. Please contact him with theme and food ideas PLEASE.. He also asked for all attending to raise their hands who had been board members or volunteers. Probably over half of the room raised their hands. New members please come forward with new ideas and being a board member.

Tom Nickelson then pulled the 50/50. The winner of \$84 was Lois Yeager! Ken asked if everyone was happy with the room/restaurant tonight:~ Most folks were very satisfied.

Ken then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by Dennis Osterhorn and seconded by David Peeples.





From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

- 1.) St. Louis Mega Car Show, Alton Il. Cash prizes! Saturday June, 11
- 2.) Lone Star Corvette Classic - Fort Worth
June 10-12 information on website
- 3.) Kimmswick Father's Day Car Show, Sunday June 19. 6041 3rd Street, Imperial MO
- 4.) 20th Annual Pacific Partnership OCC Car Show– Saturday June, 25 (Larry) Downtown Pacific. Right off of Old Route 66.



- 5.) Twin Oaks Car Show. 1230 Big Bend Road, Ballwin, MO July 2, 2022
- 5.5) America's Birthday Parade! July 4th. See Groupworks! Ken Schaeffler
- 6.) Rumble in Manchester Car Show August 5, 2022– evening show– 5pm -9pm
- 7.) Boone Trail Corvette Club charity car show. August 24, 2022 Calvary Church, 3998 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, MO
- 8.) All Chevy Show– National Museum of Transportation. September 11, 2022
- 9.) Chevys Silent Auction- September - Raises money for charity to be announced- start getting donations
- 10.) Mid America Motorworks Funfest– September, 16-18 (Frank)
- 11.) OCC Annual Picnic– Sunday October, 2 (Larry) NOTE: Looking for themes that you would like to have!
- 12.) 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
 - C.) Fritz ice cream - Valley Park 2nd Sunday of month @6:30

Ann

Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!

Ron Zimmerer & Norma Bahr 6/15 - 12 Years

Sidney & Nancy Hirsch 6/20 - 46 Years

Larry & Josie Strassburger 6/20 - 58 Years

Dennis and Cheryl Osterhorn–54 Years



[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[May 2022](#)



Latest News:

Tornado cleanup update.

The sign at the Corvette Plant is crooked, bent from wind

The Shell station at the entrance to the Museum previously reported as having no , was open and operating as was the Which Wich next door (and Wendy's).

Motorsports Park is still repairing their main building and tower many of the garage areas are still in need of repair. See Randy's excellent video on our Facebook page.

2022 Michelin NCM Bash - April 28-30, 2022

Randy and I had an interesting trip to the Museum. MYGPS was not my friend.

2023 Z06 was there! Very interesting. There was a cutaway car as well as a cut away engine. Looked impressive. Heard it revving up one night after most were gone. Interesting and exotic but not what we are used to.

I volunteered a lot (Made it into a Rick Conti vlog)

Not sure about Bowling Green Assembly Plant Update. I did not make it to the session but will view the Video and report back next month. I see several videos I'd like to review and then pass on the good points.

They talked about 'Electrifying the Corvette'. They showed a teaser of what we have been calling the E-Ray. Reuss said the automaker will continue to manufacture traditional models with internal combustion engines alongside the electrified models. (GS, ZR1, Zora). GM is trying to win the race for an all-electric sports car, with upcoming rivals such as the Dodge Challenger eMuscle and an electric version of the Porsche 718.

Picked up last Year's Parking Lot Banner.

Took pictures of all banners in the parking lots (Thanks Randy for posting a picture of our 2022 banner)

I had my track time...

Tried the raffle for me and Rich Brewer but no luck. I even took a chance on the Build Your Own – Randy influenced me.

Special Exhibit - Corvette Powered (current thru Bash 2022). This was interesting

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.

Upcoming Museum in Motion Events

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 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!

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.



National Corvette Museum

**350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY
42010**

(270) 781-7973

President: Sharon Brawner



**Sharon Brawner
New President and
CEO of NCM**



Here is to another very successful turnout for the Alton Memorial Day Parade Thanks to Fred and Carol Gronemeier!

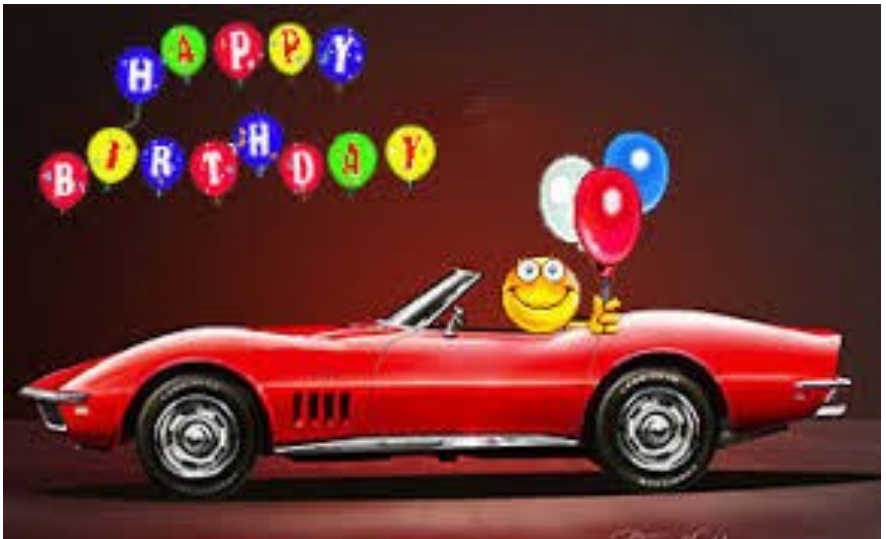


May Birthdays

Brenda Navratil 5/2
Connie Finch 5/7
Kelvin McMillin 5/15
James Joyce 5/18
Chris Davis 5/19
Jane Buehler 5/21
Bob Shissler 5/21
Lois Yeager 5/22

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



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!!

During Chevy's 69 years and eight generations between these two extremes, a few special Corvette models stand out. The car first breached the 400-hp barrier during the C2 generation, with a 425-hp Big Block V-8 offered on the **1965 Corvette Stingray**.

