

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

May, 2023 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2023 Board

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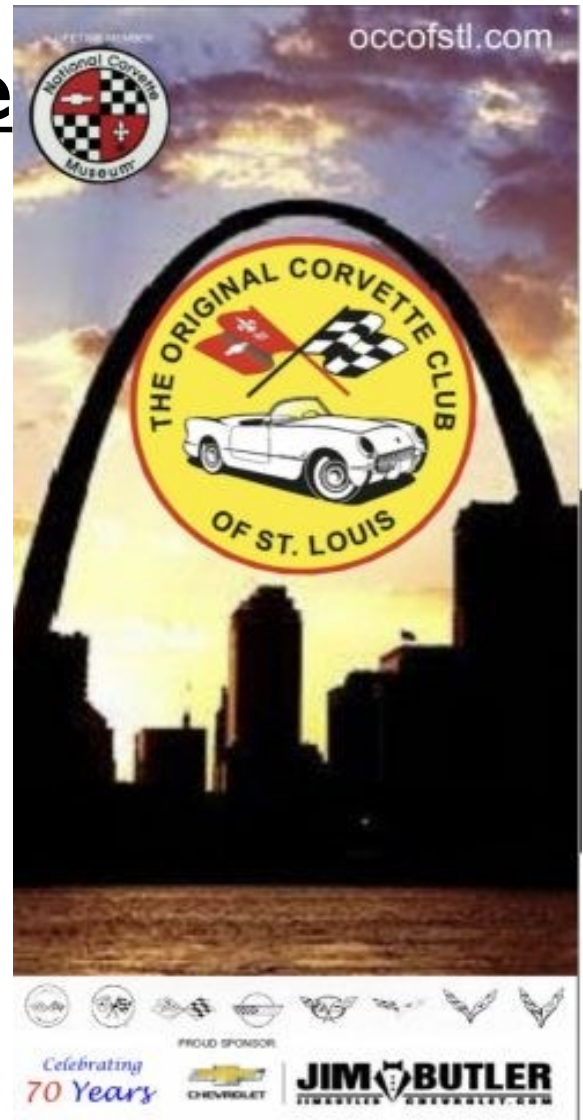
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Mailing Address:

OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box725, 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: **June 13, 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

May 9, 2023

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

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 couple events that took place. Warm Springs Ranch was a big success. Thank you, Jim & Peggy, for organizing this event. It was a great day with friends, although just a bit cold. Magic Dragon took place this past weekend also. Bill will talk about that event with his membership report

We have recently added new members. Bill will go over that a little later.

One member suggested last month that OCC purchase a couple bricks at the NCM in memoreum to Dick Mericle & Don Delonjay. Rick, can you look into he specifics of that and report back at the June meeting.

Last month I received an email from Jama Rendell with some great suggestions for club events. There were some great suggestions on her list and I hope we cn get some of them organized.

Some of her ideas were:

How about an ugly sweater themed Christmas party?

How about having a Halloween party at Orlando's or a Mardi Gras ball?

How about a western theme for the picnic?

Possible destinations for road runs:

Lotawata Creek Southern Grill in Fairview Heights IL

Sunset Overlook in Columbia IL

Diamond Mineral Springs In Highland IL

The Winery at Aerie's Resort Grafton Illinois

Wood Hat Spirits Tour, New Florence Mo

The Grafton Zipline

Zip lining at Hidden Valley Ski Resort

Pack a picnic for Elephant Rock State Park , Belleview Mo

Noboleis winery, Augusta Mo

Crystal City Underground cave. (Currently closed due to flooding) Crystal City Mo

Scratch Brewing company and pizza, Ava IL

Missouri State Penitentiary Tour

Desi's Diner and the candy store in Arcadia Mo

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.

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.

President's Report Continued.....

We are still planning on a club photo shoot on May 20th, in the morning so it doesn't interfere with the Spina Bifida rides that afternoon. Bill and I will talk about this later with meeting place and positions for the shoot. We have 26 members and cars signed up, covering all generations and colors. Thanks to all who signed up. I have also arranged for a couple uniformed officers to be present during the shoot.

Rides for Spina Bifida re still on for May 20, 2023 at Babler State Park from 3:00 to 4:00. We could still use some more drivers. Karen gave me a list of things to present to the drivers for this event;
Bring a towel or blanket to place on your seat, as most will require a booster or safety seat.
Please obey the park Speed Limit.

NO leaving the park with riders

The event last for 1 hour ONLY

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.

From Connie Finch:

Jim Ford is scheduled to undergo heart triple bypass surgery on May 22. Please keep Jim and Terri in your thoughts and prayers.

Pacific Car Show Scholarships to be awarded!

The Pacific Partnership is probably going to award two \$1000 scholarships on behalf of the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis. They are going to be awarded on Thursday evening May 18 at 6 pm at the Pacific High School if anyone would like to participate. Thank you for all of your support OCC! These are from the Pacific car show we did last summer.



THE PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP PRESENTS:

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

REGISTRATION
8AM-NOON

\$20 Entry Fee
\$15 Display Only (no judging)
Registration Open 8AM-NOON
Awards @ 3PM
30+ Classes - over 100 awards!
Registration Entrance: Osage & Columbus
*Trailer parking available - visit website for locations.

NEW IN 2023
TRACTOR SHOW!!!

Block Party to Follow

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

EVENT SPONSOR:
Dave Sinclair

FREE SPECTATOR ENTRY • FOOD/DRINK/RETAIL VENDORS
LIVE ENTERTAINMENT ALL DAY • NO OUTSIDE COOLERS
TRACK LAB DYNO ON SITE FROM 10AM-6PM
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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)

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DOWNTOWN PACIFIC, MO

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

May, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



OCC Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2023

Meeting called to order 7:34.

Sidney Hirsch courageously and proudly held the American flag and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ken presented the Club Officers and Volunteers.. Those absent were: Sgt.at Arms Eric Stephens and Facebook coordinator Randy Vollmer.

Sharon Young presented the Treasurers report. A motion to accept was made by Cheryl Osterhorn and seconded by Walt Yaeger.

A motion to accept the April meeting minutes as published in the Vette Gazette was made by Rich Brewer and seconded Sharon Young.

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative chair, had no report. Nein! (German for none). Nada, Zilch, Kaput!

NCM Ambassador Rick Poepping presented his distinguished NCM report with his usual flair.

NO VISITORS OR New Members

Upcoming events May 20 photo shoot

May 20 spinal bifida

June 24 Pacific car show

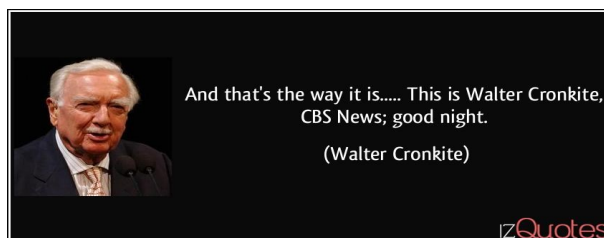
Sept 24 Butler car show

Oct 8 club picnic

New business: John Miceli reported that Saucy's has not opened yet. He cited that the contractors are moving much slower that predicted. They keep promising when the project will be completed and haven't lived up to those promises. The new owner has all or her equipment ready to install but has to wait for construction completion.

No 50/50 drawing

Motion to adjourn 8:48 by Larry Dann and seconded by Doug Flader.





Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!

Flag Day Car Show– Scott AFB– Saturday June, 10

Dennis Osterhorn



Sundaes
On
Sunday!



Please see Groupworks for upcoming Wednesday night dinners!

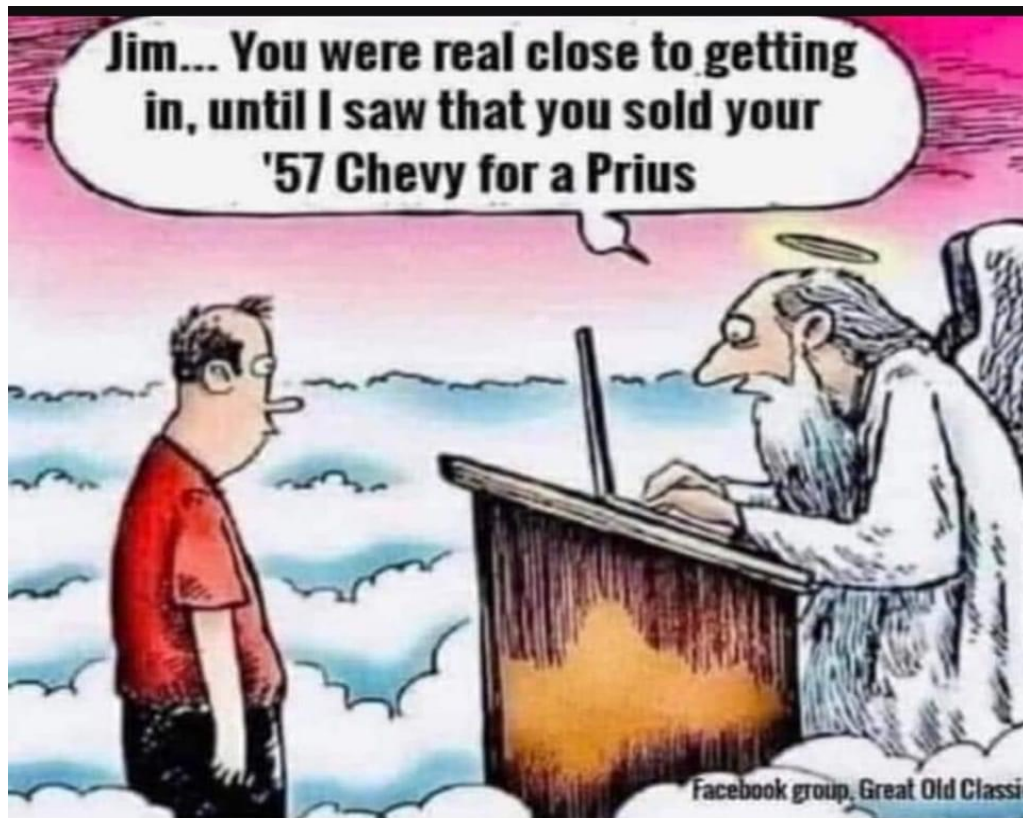
Judy Silvagni



**The Original Corvette Club
of St. Louis'**

2023

**Banner at the National
Corvette Museum in
Bowling Green, KY**





From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) May 13. Loafers Car Show. Hannible, MO– Dennis Osterhorn
- 2.) 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
- 3.) June 18, Father’s Day car show, Kimmswick. Mike Koenen is sponsoring.
- 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!



Becky and Jason Messenger 5/4/2014

Cheryl and Dennis Osterhorn 5/4/1968

Carol and David Peeples 5/6/1999



“If you would’ve hit a regular car I would’ve given you a ticket. Since you hit a Corvette, you’ll get 10 years.”

Corvette News, Hot Off The Presses!



Corvette Z06 hardtop convertible to pace 107th Indianapolis 500

By [RACER Staff](#) | May 9,

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For the first time in the storied history of this iconic car model, a hardtop convertible Chevrolet Corvette Z06 will lead the field to the green flag for the 107th Indianapolis 500 on Sunday, May 28.

The exterior and interior of the Corvette Z06 convertible will be on full display as the car fulfills responsibilities on and off the track.

This is the first generation of Corvette Z06 to offer a hardtop convertible, greatly expanding the convertible's ability to serve on track at any speed and provide open roof comfort on the street.

Corvette is the longest-running car nameplate in automotive industry history, so it's no surprise Corvette has paced "The Greatest Spectacle in Racing" more times than any car. The 2023 race marks the 34th time for Chevrolet to pace dating back to 1948 and the 20th time overall and since 1978.

"As we celebrate the rich history of the Corvette Pace Car at IMS, it's amazing to see the evolution of these cars on and off the track," IMS President J. Douglas Boles said. "The hardtop convertible on the 2023 Corvette Z06 is just another example of the Chevrolet innovation that translates from track to street."

Red Mist Metallic exterior paint and two-tone Jet Black and Sky Cool Gray with Torch Red accents on the interior pair nicely with the Indianapolis 500 logos. Spider-design forged aluminum wheels finished in Tech Bronze complete the car's iconic, race-ready look.

The 2023 Corvette Z06 is set apart by its beating heart, the 5.5L LT6 which creates 670 horsepower, making it the highest-horsepower naturally aspirated V-8 ever to ever hit the market in any production car. All that power will be held to the track with the Carbon Aero package, providing 734 pounds of downforce at 186 mph, more than any other Corvette.

In its 70-year history, Corvette has become synonymous with American sports cars, and the Z06 is the definition of America's supercar. It's authentic, optimistic, proud, young at heart and ingenious – values synonymous with both the Indy 500 and Chevrolet.

"We are honored to be pacing the 107th Running of the Indianapolis 500 with the Corvette Z06 convertible," said Scott Bell, vice president, Global Chevrolet. "Chevrolet and INDYCAR share the same spirit of competition, and we are proud Z06 will lead the pack across the bricks at Indianapolis Motor Speedway."

This marks the 20th time a Chevrolet Corvette has paced the Famed Indianapolis 500

The Greatest Spectacle in Racing!





OCC Ladies Lunch Wednesday June 7th

Wednesday June 7, 2023 11:30 am

Maggie O'Brien's

3833 S. Lindbergh Blvd. #118

St. Louis, MO 63127

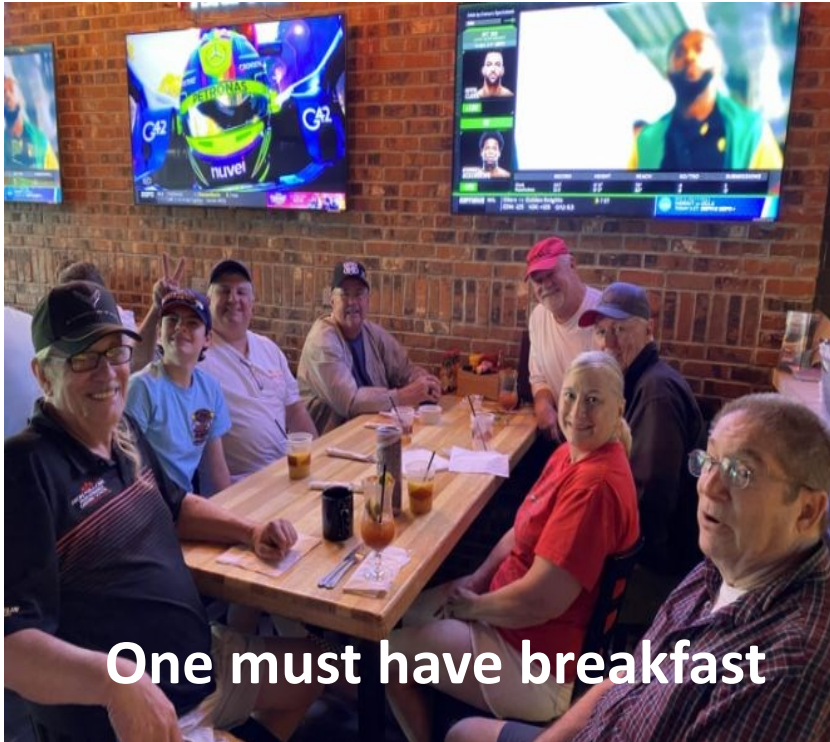
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Please RSVP to the EVENT PAGE by Monday June 5, 2023

Hope everyone can come!

Any questions call: Suzanne Galli Koenen. [314-799-5009](tel:314-799-5009)

OCC at Magic Dragon.....



One must have breakfast



Lining up at 5:30 am!

[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[May 9, 2023](#)



Latest News:

New Plant Manager

Last Thursday during the NCM Bash, we learned that the Corvette Assembly Plant's Director Kai Spande had taken the recent GM buyout that was offered back in April and [will be retiring after a 31-year career with General Motors](#). Kai spent eight years as our plant director, and he will definitely be missed. His last day will be July 31st. General Motors made the announcement internally that Kai's replacement had been selected. His name is Raymond (Ray) Theriault.

more info: [Raymond Theriault Has Been Tapped as the New Director for the Corvette Assembly Plant - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)

Bash Update

They had E-Rays there and they were in the new for 2024 colors. Cactii??? They had a cutaway so you could see where the motor was going to sit and the batteries.





I heard they had some good sessions, but I only made one since I was volunteering a bunch (parking duty and Hospitality)

Motorsports park looks better. A lot of the previous fencing and concrete dividers are gone. Only the Holley tower is still fenced off, although it looks much further along. The outside is almost entirely done (only some Tyvec showing in a few areas. All the glass is in. I could tell they were mainly focused on inside work).

Both Randy and I drove Z06s on the track. Exhilarating experiences. I also did the Fast pass which includes a Launch Control launch and then 2 laps with a track Pro driving – WOW!

We took a plant tour. Very interesting. Lots of walking. We saw both right and left hand drive cars being built and some Z06s as well. Very interesting how all the parts and sub assemblies come together just when needed to keep things moving. Paint area is pretty amazing. Clean room environment. Can paint any color one after the other. Randy saw a Red Mist Z06 in the finalization area and we had to drag him past it!

Enjoyable time. Pretty good weather. Good traveling together. Good evenings together.

Vets and Vettes

Going on this week – Thurs thru Sat. I will be interested how this one goes since they changed dates.

Looking forward to the Anniversary Event Thu Aug 30 – Sat Sep 2. Registration will open later this month. Already booked my room.

- Upcoming Raffles

2023 Black Corvette Convertible 5/18/2023 Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1204 Drawing: May 18, 2023 2:00 PM

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

Price: **\$300.00** Tickets: 1953 Available: 1836 Drawing: June 29, 2023 7:00

[Rick Poepping](#)

www.corvettemuseum.org

National Corvette Museum
350 Corvette Dr, Bowling
Green, KY 42101



Sharon Brawner
New President and
CEO of NCM

May 17th Guys Lunch

I have been informed that the May 17th Guy's lunch is "back on". Thanks to Bill Prewitt .

It will be at the same place as before and same time:

Weber's Front Row on 8169 Big Bend Road Webster Grove.

OCC's Guys May 17th Lunch

Weber's Front Row

MAY 17th, 2023 - 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM

Please RSVP in *the* EVENT SECTION as we need to give Weber a headcount on May 10th.

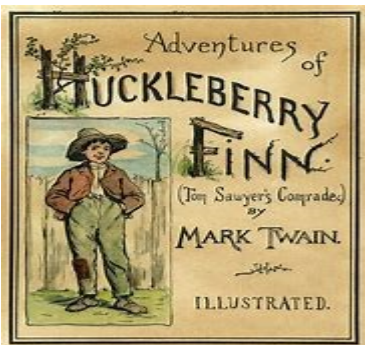
Once you RSVP, "IF" you change your mind or can't make it please update your RSVP.



Loafers Car Show in Hannibal– Where is Huck Finn???



Now that's a sexy chair!!!!



May Birthdays

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

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!



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!!

Generation C2 Corvettes, produced during the years 1963–1967, are also known as Sting Rays. The design was partially inspired by a Mako shark that the designer Bill Mitchell had caught while deep-sea fishing. The Mako shark further inspired the C3 generation as well.

