

# The Vette Gazette

## OCC 2020 Board

President: Dennis Osterhorn

Vice President– Gary Messenger

Treasurer– Cheryl Osterhorn

Sgt. At Arms– Tome Nickelson

Membership– Mike and Suzanne  
Koenen

Administrative Assistant– Kenneth  
Schaeffler

### Volunteers:

Club Outreach: Esther Brewer

Trash Pick-up– Dick and Karen Mer-  
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Club Historian– Karen Mericle

Webmaster– Rick Poepping

NCM Ambassador– Byrle Layman

Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer

Wednesday Dinner Club– Jan and  
Doug Flader

Newsletter Editor– Larry Dann

### OCC Website:

[www.occofstl.com](http://www.occofstl.com)



**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

For Additional Information...

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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: To be decided. Meeting Location:** Jilly's Café & Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049, Phone: (636) 449-4500  
[www.jillyscafeandsteakhouse.com](http://www.jillyscafeandsteakhouse.com) (for directions, go to their website and click on "Contact Us" at the top of the page)

**Nov. meeting may be tentative depending on CDC guidelines.**

## The Presidents Report: Dennis Osterhorn

First of all, Thanks to all the members and officers who attended meetings and the various events we managed to have this crazy year, it was hard but got a few in. One thing I want to emphasize, is your officers for 2020, each one stepped up and did what they could to keep this club running within the CDC allowed guidelines. Yes, there was disappointments with the lack of car shows, events we planned for the members to participate (OCC yearly picnic, Wednesday Night dinners, our year end Christmas party at Orlando's, not to mention cancelled meetings) yet survived.

After contacting other clubs online and listening to their issues, I believe OCC fared much better. I attribute this to the great members and officers of OCC. In my recent visit to the NCM for Vetts in Vettes, I had a chance to talk with other club members and ambassadors. They all have seen drops in their membership and lack of participation in club events. Interesting point was brought up several times, was the lack of younger folks joining, the reason being the cars are too expensive or their job / family life. The older members are what is keeping them going which also includes being officers in the club. I could not help but think of the OCC and what we just experienced again in getting members to step up and take an officer position on the board or a volunteer position. Thank goodness the 2020 board was willing to stay on for another year. One thing I want to look into is establishing a Social committee of members who take on the effort to assist the board in setting up events for the coming year. This is not a one-person position but rather 5 members together doing this. Think about it, if you're interested please let me know.

As we move into 2021, again there will be an officers meeting with current and past Presidents and VP's to set the course for next year. As always, we are looking for novel ideas to get those Corvettes out and show them off.

We have started collecting 2021 dues, it is encouraging to see members step up and pay. Remember all dues are due by February 28th. Someone asked me how much the December 8<sup>th</sup> dinner will cost the members this year? The officers decided since a majority of activities were cancelled the Club will pick up the tab for this event, so members feel they are getting something back from the yearly dues.

One thing from the November meeting, we noticed a number of members provided cash, checks and toys to Santa's Helpers. In order to help them out more, since they went from an average of 200 families per year, to this year of approximately 500, the OCC club donate \$150.00.

As we prepare for this year's Thanksgiving, each of us needs to sit back and really think about

what we are thankful for. No, it is not always easy to deal with what life throws at us. You think you are the only one with problems and disappointments until you look around at others and see it not as bad as we thought. Remember what families and friends are, a shoulder you can lean on to listen to you or provide the answer you have not thought of yet. I look at it this way: 1) As we grow older and realize more clearly the limitations of human happiness, we come to see that the only real and abiding pleasure in life is to give pleasure to others 2) I know why families were created, with all their imperfections, they humanize you. They are made to make you forget yourself occasionally, so that the beautiful balance of life is not destroyed. 3) There is no such thing as excess eating turkey dinner, only inadequate activity afterwards.

Happy Thanksgiving to all of the OCC members and their families.

Dennis Osterhorn

## *Notice:*

*The December OCC Christmas Dinner Party/Meeting is cancelled. The January OCC Meeting is also cancelled do the Covid 19 outbreak. February 9th 2021 is the next meeting for now. Stay Safe Everyone!*

**Please submit your 2021 dues by sending them to one of the following:**

Original Corvette Club  
P.O. Bos 725  
Manchester Mo. 63029

Mike Koenen  
4327 Apple Grove Lane  
St Louis Mo. 63128

# OCC Meeting Minutes.....

## Kenneth Schaeffler



November 10, 7:30 PM  
Meeting Location – Jilly's

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn  
Dennis led the Pledge of Allegiance

Dennis introduced the Board Members present.

Board members present: Dennis O., Ken S., Cheryl O., Mike K., and Karen M.,

Rita Swiener was at the meeting tonight for Santa's Helpers. This is her 53<sup>rd</sup> year of helping make Christmas a bit brighter for a lot of less fortunate families in our area. Thanks to everyone for their donations of toys and money. Dennis made a motion to make a \$150.00 to Santa's Helpers from the club. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Larry Strausberger.

Dennis presented Presidents opening statement:

Thanks to everyone in attendance tonight (16 members )

Thank you Ken S. for filling in at the last meeting and to Mike K. for presenting the Treasurers report. Cheryl and I were enjoying 85-90 degree weather and sunshine with family.

Thank you to everyone who remembered to bring gifts and donations for Santa's Helpers. A big thank you to Karen for all her work and organizing the gift drive.

Also, a big thanks to Karen for organizing the Trash Pickup events.

It's hard to believe that we are coming to the close of 2020, and hopefully 2021 will be a better year all around.

Hopefully, this pandemic will go away and life as we know it will return

All political ads are gone. FINALLY

Hopefully, we will have a mild and quick winter season.

A reminder; If we should have bad weather on a meeting night we will not meet, and I will send out a Groupworks notice of this AS A POST

Should this happen, the officers will hold a Zoom meeting and publish the results of our discussions.

*At the time of this meeting, the Christmas Party and monthly meeting were still planned. Due to COVID restrictions and increased number of cases, the Christmas Party and meeting has been cancelled. The January meeting has been cancelled also.*

We would like to thank all veterans for their service. All veterans present were recognized.

Thanksgiving is coming soon, and I hope the COVIS19 does not put too much of a damper on Family Traditions, so you have a safe and fun time with family and lots of great food. If you are traveling, please be safe out there.

Byrle and Tom were in Bowling Green for the Ambassadors meeting, so we have no report tonight

But we're certain that he would have closed with; as always, be safe out there and "DON'T FORGET THE WAVE"

Cheryl presented the Treasurers Report. Mike Koenen made motion to accept, Karen Mericle made the second.

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Motion was made to accept the published minutes from last meeting by Dick Mericle, second by Mike Koenen.

Ken Schaeffler presented his report

Reminded everyone that Yahoo Groups will end mid-December. Use Groupworks to get contact information to send e-mails to other members.

Dennis reminded everyone that Groupworks will be the "Go To" to keep up with upcoming events and to use the view button for an event to learn more and to reply "Going" or "Not Going"

Mike K. presented the membership report. We have 127 members and associates. Membership dues for 2021 can be paid. To date, 23 members have paid 2021 dues. Membership Dues are due by February.

Esther was not present tonight so there was no Outreach report and status of members with health issues. Also, if you need something on Groupworks regarding a member's health or illness or other, let Esther know and she will get it posted.

There were no new members in attendance at tonight's meeting:

No update from Jim Butler.

Ken Schaeffler presented some upcoming events:

Jim Ford presented the Christmas parade in Waynesville, Missouri

Date: Sunday, December 6, 2020.

Meet at Six Flags Motomart – 9:30 AM, Depart for Waynesville at 10:00 AM

Stop for lunch at the Route 66 Diner in St. Roberts at 11:30 AM

Parade setup is at Waynesville Middle School at 1230 PM

Parade starts at 2:00 PM

**Candy can be thrown during the parade.**

Please reply to Jim Ford by e-mail, phone or on Groupworks so he can make arrangements for lunch at the diner.

#### OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Year End Christmas Party and meeting.

The final topic for discussion was Election of Board Members for the 2021 Calendar Year.

It was presented to those in attendance that if they would like to run for a seat on the board to come forward, or if they wanted to nominate someone, do so. There were no responses.

All of the current Board Members have offered to remain in the same position as last year. Without objection those members will be voted in tonight

### Waynesville Annual Christmas Parade

Sunday December 6- Meet at Six Flags MotoMart- 9:30 AM

See above information- Thanks Mr. Jim Ford!



City of  
**Waynesville**  
Missouri



# ***The National Corvette Museum Report***

***By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador***

Ambassadors Report, Nov. 2020.

Tom and I attended the Ambassadors two day meeting and stayed over for the VetsNVettes event. We not allowed to give rides to the veterans this year many of them were on hand to visit and admire the many corvettes that were on hand. We had access to the track and got in some fun runs. Our personal best was 127 MPH. Tom did the driving. We had a blast.

Sometimes I hear the statement "I was at the museum a few years ago. I don't need to go back" If you haven't been to Bowling Green recently you are in for a new museum experience. We spent an entire morning visiting the exhibits and displays. You can test your knowledge of Corvette history to hear presentations from the drivers and owners in tight racing section. The rat fink exhibit is outstanding and the cars are beautiful. The exhibits have new lighting and fresh new appearances,

In the presentations we heard from speakers from the various departments and the future for the museum looks bright with mentions of expansion. The restaurant is getting a remodel. A chef has been hired and will cater future events in house. We were treated to two of his creations at lunch each day. Excellent. There is ample room in the conference center for banquets and dinners.

Corvette tours are still not being scheduled but G.M. is rebuilding the tour assembly room. Bringing a fresh new look to the room and this a positive sign that the tours will be back.

Over at the track an executive director Greg Waldron has been hired. He comes to the museum with many years of experience with the Disney Corporation. He hinted of things for the future might be an onsite hotel??? Did you know? The Motor Sports Park opened Labor Day weekend 2014. The track in its entirety is 3:15 miles long. Two famous features of the MSP are the Corvette Curves and the Sink Hole.

We heard many reports and I will feature highlights from those sessions in future reports. Until we can meet again as always, "Be safe out there and don't forget to wave.



## November

### Birthdays

Debbie Strathman 11/3  
Joann Pohl 11/4  
David Van Mill 11/12  
William Steinlage 11/15  
Lori Bleitner 11/19  
Rick Mestre 11/24  
JoAnn Jost 11/27

## December

### Birthdays

Carol Burroughs 12/1  
Bill Birkenmeier 12/2  
Carol Gronemeier 12/3  
Liz Ann Mestre 12/5  
Shirley Muller 12/6  
Margaret Messina 12/7  
Russ Lauer 12/13  
Kathy Poepping 12/16  
Lori Chesley 12/16  
Linda Carnaghi 12/17  
Ron Londe 12/18  
Judy Turner 12/18  
Jacob Stanton 12/19  
Randy Vollmer 12/22  
Mary Ann Kinworthy 12/24  
Ian Rendell 12/25  
Richard Reim 12/31

### Corvette Trivia:

Dateline June 30, 1953: The first five Corvettes to come off the assembly line did not have an outside rear view mirror.



**Happy Birthday to Everyone!**

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

**JIM BUTLER**  
JimButlerChevrolet.com 

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!

