

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



For Additional Information...

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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: Dec 14. Meeting Location:

Orlando's. 4300 Hoffmeister Ave. St. Louis, 63125

6 pm– Christmas Party!

The Presidents Report ... Dennis Osterhorn

November 2021



As we draw closer to the Holidays, especially Thanksgiving I would like to take this opportunity to Wish everyone a blessed Holiday with your family. As you sit around the table either with family, friends or even by yourself take time to be thankful for what you have they always say you cannot change the past, but you can set road ahead. It all lies in what you make it, even though others may play a part you can choose. I realize that there made have been some depressing moments throughout the year, but life does move on. You cannot live in fear of the unknown. You have to take risks; you have to get out of your comfort zone and sometimes it will be really uncomfortable.”

As my 2 years as President ends, I would like to thank the members for having put their trust in me to lead as the OCC President. There is no doubt that I have ruffle a few feathers along the way however, my intentions have always been the best interest of the OCC and its members. I come to realize one thing you cannot please 100% of the members but, you can try to reach the largest number for any given situation. In a way this has been a difficult one ½ years with everything going on. I would think that there is hope at end of the tunnel only get hit with something else. I have learned over the years when you get knocked down get up with a positive attitude and resolve the problem. I want too personally thank my entire board of elected officers and volunteers in putting their full support behind me for the last 2 years. When I needed advice or help, they were there to help and ideas to resolve any issue.

We have a newly elected Board of officers and volunteers for 2022, I would appreciate each of you give them your full support in keeping the OCC the “BEST” Corvette Club in the St Louis area. As I have mentioned many times this is “YOUR” club, and you play a major part in its success. It is easy to sit back and find fault, but you need to step up with suggestions that will make it better and lend a hand wherever you can. “TEAMWORK” is the only answer when running a club.

We all should take time and get those Corvettes ready for the winter so when spring comes their ready to go again for another fun year of driving the open roads.



We delivered the snacks to the USO at Lambert Airport for the troops. They were extremely appreciative of the donations. Attached is a picture of what we delivered. By the way we collected \$389.00, great showing OCC Members. A big thank you goes out to those who donated.

Thanks Cheryl and Esther for spearheading this project!

November 2021 Meeting Minutes

Kenneth Schaeffler, Administrative Assistant



November 9, 2021

Meeting Location – Jilly's - 7:30

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

Board and Volunteers present: Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn, Gary Messenger, Ken Schaeffler, Tom Nicholson, Mike and Suzanne Koenen, Byrle Layman, Larry Dann, Rick Poepping, Karen Mericle, Esther Brewer & Randy Vollmer.

There were 47 members participating in the meeting as well. Thanks to those members for taking the time and making the effort to attend.

Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement:

I would like to thank everyone for coming out tonight. As you know, we will call for any last-minute board/volunteer nominations from the floor. If there is none, I will declare the nominations closed and take a vote. Should we have two members for a particular position, it will require a paper vote. If not, the vote from the floor will constitute a formal vote for the entire board.

I want to thank each one of these members for stepping up to assume a position for 2022. Even though the volunteers are not an elected position, I always counted them as part of the full board. They will be announced along with the officers. The official announcement will be made at our December 14th Christmas Party at Orlando's South.

There are a few things I wanted to point out tonight:

1. The Thanksgiving/Christmas Parade in downtown St. Louis is on November 25. Randy Vollmer has graciously stepped up to coordinate this event for the OCC. I put out a flyer on Groupworks and was pleased to see the early responses to participate in the parade. Randy will be providing more information this evening on the particulars.
2. The OCC has been requested to participate in the Waynesville, Missouri Christmas parade on December 5, 2021. Jim Ford has stepped up to lead this event for the OCC. It has been posted on Groupworks with all the particulars. Please respond to Jim's post if you would like to join in. This is a candy throwing parade. The people in this small town really show up for this event. As Jim pointed out in his post, this will be a weather permitting event for the OCC.
3. I would like to point out the OCC Annual Christmas Party at Orlando's, our personal chef has guaranteed outstanding appetizers, first class dinner, deserts and drinks. Plus, Ken Schaeffler has the live music lined up for the evening. What more could you ask for at \$20.00 per person? Make sure you get your paid reservations in to the membership committee along with your 2022 dues. Just as a reminder, the Club is paying for the major portion of this event.

The last two items to cover are Santa's Helpers and USO donation for providing snacks to the troops at Lambert airport. I realize you may have forgotten a small toy, but you can always give a donation so the Santa's Helpers can purchase toys they are short of for the needy children.

As for the USO effort, Cheryl is collecting money so we can go to Sam's and buy in bulk to deliver to the USO before Thanksgiving, so they have enough to hand out to the troops as they pass through the airport.

This is my last meeting message as President and again, Thank You to the members for your support. With that, I will turn it over to Cheryl for the Treasurers report.

SANTA'S HELPERS – Rita Sweiner

Rita expressed her sincere "Thank You" to the members of OCC for their continued support through the years. Last year they were afraid they would have to stop accepting families at 1,000 due to the warehouse being almost empty. But because of groups like OCC and other groups they were able to serve 1,142 families. Normally they do 600 – 650 families, but last year they provided for over 4,400 children. They also provide to special needs children and the cash donations go a long way to provide for these children. Rita turned 80 this past summer and has no intention of retiring. She has appointed and trained her 13th replacement as she will spend her time in the warehouse. This will be the 53rd year for Santa's Helpers. Rita also donated a number of Corvette Hot Wheels for the Museum.

TREASURERS REPORT – Cheryl Osterhorn

Cheryl presented her report to the members. Motion to accept was made by Syd Hirsch 2nd by Walt Yeager.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Ken Schaeffler

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the October meeting. Motion: Dave Peeples, 2nd by Tom Dierkes.

MEMBERSHIP – Mike Koenen

We currently have 65 paid members and 52 associate members. Total membership is 117.

Please let Mike or Suzanne know if your information is correct or needs to be updated in the member directory.

OUTREACH – Esther Brewer

Jan Flader is doing better. She is now using a walker to get around.

Sharon Young's dad is in the hospital

Karen said Dick Mericle is going downhill and in more pain.

Please keep them in your prayers

NCM REPORT – Byrle Layman

One of my favorite sections of the Corvette magazines is the one I like to refer to as the "Corvette Stories". They usually begin "my neighbor, or a family member owned a Corvette". You know how it goes. My Corvette story did not begin that way. When they were building the first Corvettes in that old Pontiac, Michigan facility, I was stationed in South Korea. My love for Corvettes came much later. When I purchased my first Vette, I was 65 years old. I was told "you are not buying a car, you're buying a lifestyle". That certainly has been the case for me. OCC has been a big part of my Corvette story. One of the most enjoyable chapters has been the honor and privilege to serve as your National Corvette Museum Ambassador. But, as with all stories each chapter must come to an end. I am therefore announcing that I am resigning my post as Museum Ambassador effective immediately.

Rick Poepping will take over the position. Rick attended the Ambassador meeting last week in order to get acquainted with the duties and responsibilities of the position. He is ready to go.

Let me say again, "it has been an honor and privilege to serve as you Ambassador".

Remember, be safe out there and "Don't Forget the Wave"

NCM REPORT – Rick Poepping

New National Corvette Museum CEO

Sharon Brawner

Was: Senior VP of Sales & Marketing for the Nashville Country Music Hall of Fame for 19 years

Previously: VP, Sales Mktg - Nashville Sounds AAA baseball Team

VP, Mktg & Admin - Nashville Kats arena Football Team

Adjunct Professor – Belmont University

National sales manager for several Hotels – Opryland Hotel, Lowes Anatole Hotel (Dallas), The Galt House (Louisville)

She seems very dynamic. Is looking at current projects and opportunities for the Museum. A goal is to make the Museum a larger part of the Bowling Green Community and grow its usefulness to Corvette enthusiasts and the people of Bowling Green. It will be interesting to see what happens next.

Highlights of Ambassadors Convention 2-day meeting

New leader for the Ambassadors

Stephanie Morill is moving up to be the Director of Operations position and Bobbie Jo Lee will be handling day-to-day Ambassador interaction.

2022 Museum in Motion [MiM] Events

New Orleans - sounds interesting

April 28-30 Bash (followed by Tail of the Dragon May 1-4). Z06 will be here and you will be able to sit in it. Jordan Lee- Chief Engineer for Small Block Engines will be there, as will Paul Koerner who is a Corvette expert, Road Tours

August Northeast Ohio (will include Rock & Roll Hall of Fame) - Lots of Rubber Industry & Private Collections.

Kentucky One Lap - To Trooper Island Camp, a free summer camp for disadvantaged boys and girls age 10-12 operated by the Kentucky State Police on Dale Hollow Lake in Clinton County. It is financed entirely by donations, no public funds are used. Each year, the camp hosts approximately 700 children, providing good food, fresh air, recreation, guidance and structured, esteem-building activities designed to build good citizenship and positive relationships with law enforcement officers.

KY ONE LAP tours are a joint fund-raising effort to benefit Trooper Island Youth Camp and the National Corvette Museum.

There are 4 identical Tours in October (you can pick a week you think the leaves will be turning)

Led by a Kentucky State Police Corvette cruiser piloted by KSP Master Trooper Jonathan Biven (the Director at Trooper Island Camp), participants on each tour pay a fee to be a part of the four day Kentucky tour that begins at the museum, includes a drive to Dale Hollow Lake State Resort Park and a tour of Trooper Island Camp, then through Clinton County enroute to Danville, Kentucky for an overnight stay.

The second day of the tour includes a stop at Old Harrod State Park in Harrodsburg, then on to several other notable locations before heading back to Bowling Green and the Corvette Museum, completing the "Kentucky One Lap" event.

2024 30th Anniversary Caravan - information coming soon corvettecaravan.com

NOTE: Museum has a webpage to book hotels - there may be discounts available (you can even get individual reservation for the Caravan through this site)

Plant

Paint Shop - Process flow. 3 Floors. Elevators (VDL - Vertical Displacement Lifts)

They can paint any color in any order every day.

They wet sand the primer to give it the best base possible and there is a little electric charge in the primer to help paint be attracted (since the car is not metal)

Panels are re-sequenced to match with car sequence after painting.

Panels are on a carrier (SKUK - name a combination of skid and truck) in the same position they will go on the car while being painted for best cross-panel color match

Museum Delivery

David Gayes (Matt Q is his right hand man)

PDI - Prep cars and Museum delivery

- Delivering Dreams R8C program

- Aftermarket parts can be installed at NCM

These would need to be set up in advance so they are ready when you arrive (there was some reference to a Shane but I missed the significance)

NCM has a list of aftermarket parts they will do. Mostly GM but they will do others.

NCM Experience \$500 (Lori and Shane)

Your car goes in the shop. Gets the same attention and cleaning that a Museum delivery car does.

Then it goes on the Boulevard in a delivery spot just like a new car

It gets a Museum Sticker on the Car.

REMEMBER – Save The Wave!

NEW MEMBERS/1st time visitors

Robert and Barbara Flynn (new members)

Birthdays / Anniversaries / New Addition

Rich and Esther Brewer (anniversary)

Jim Butler Update

No report

UPCOMING EVENTS

Gary Messenger has posted upcoming events and car shows on Groupworks

Randy Vollmer - Thanksgiving Day Parade through downtown

Jim Ford – Waynesville Christmas Parade; December 5, 2021.

St. Louis Auto Show – January 13 – 17, 2022

Old Business

None

New Business Discussion

Dennis Osterhorn – The nominations for the 2022 Board and Volunteer positions are as follows:

President – Ken Schaeffler

Vice-President – Ann Nicholson-Jennings

Treasurer – Sharon Young

Administrative Assistant – Larry Dann

Sgt. At Arms – Tom Nicholson

Membership – John Miceli

Appointments by Current Board:

Publications / Newsletter – Larry Dann

Groupworks / Facebook – Randy Vollmer

NCM Ambassador – Rick Poepping

Webmaster – Dennis Osterhorn

Historian – Karen Mericle

Outreach – Esther Brewer

Dennis asked for any other nominations – NONE

Nominations are Closed

Nominations were voted on by a show of hands – NOMINATIONS CARRY

The 2022 Board and Volunteers will be formerly announced at the December meeting / Christmas Party.

Attendance Prize

This month's prize of \$50.00 went to Jeanette Delhougne

Motion to adjourn was made by Rick Poepping, 2nd by Dave Peeples.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

The National Corvette Museum Report
By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador
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Editors note:

This is Byrle’s final NCM Ambassador’s report as he is handing it off to Rick Poepping. Rick’s report is included in the minutes.

THANK YOU BYRLE FOR YOUR AMAZING SERVICE TO THIS CLUB! YOU HAVE SET THE BAR VERY HIGH!



[Doug Flader 's Hospitalization](#)

Doug was admitted to St. Clare Hospital, and is going through G.I. testing to try and find out what is causing his problem, plus he also has pneumonia. He has been sick for quite a few weeks.

The address of the hospital is 1015 Bowles Ave., Fenton, Mo 63026, if anyone would like to send a card to cheer him up. His room number is 4211.

Jane continues to heal and uses a walker. They are going through a tough time and they cannot help or see each other. Prayers are needed for both.

The Holiday Season is supposed to be a time of cheer. Let's pull together and try and put a little cheer in their life from our club.

Esther Brewer

Thanksgiving Day Parade 2021....OCC STYLE!

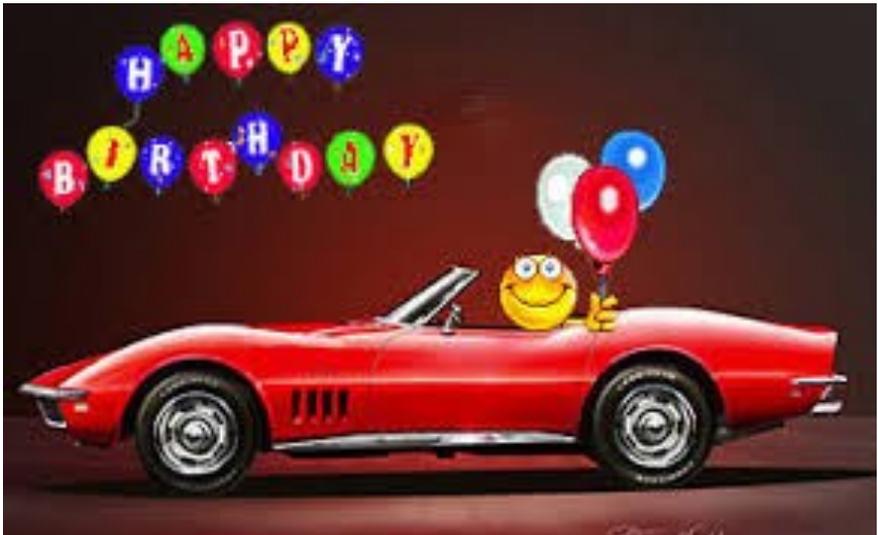


November Birthdays

Janice Bingaman 11/2
Joann Pohl 11/6
Renee Attea 11/11
David Van Mill 11/12
William Steinlage 11/15
Joann Jost 11/27

December Birthdays

Carol Burroughs 12/1
John Holmes 12/2
Bill Birkenmeier 12/2
Carol Gronemeier 12/3
Shirley Muller 12/6
Tom Brendel 12/9
Margaret Messina 12/7
Sean Shannon 12/12
Kathy Poepping 12/16
Lori Chesley 12/16
Linda Carnaghi 12/17
Ron Londe 12/18
Jacob Stanton 12/19
Randy Vollmer 12/22
Mary Ann Kinworthy 12 24
Ian Rendell 12/25
Richard Reim 12/31



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!!

One of the rarest collector models is a [1969 Corvette](#) with the ZL-1 all aluminum 427 engine, because only two units were sold in 1969 with that particular engine.

