

# ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

November, 2022 Newsletter

## The Vette Gazette

### OCC 2022 Board

President: Kenneth Schaeffler

Vice President— Ann Nickelson-Jennings

Treasurer— Sharon Young

Sgt. At Arms— Rich Brewer

Membership— John Miceli

Administrative Coordinator—  
Larry Dann

#### Volunteers:

Club Outreach: Esther Brewer

Club Historian— Jason Messenger

Webmaster— Dennis Osterhorn

NCM Ambassador— Rick Poepping

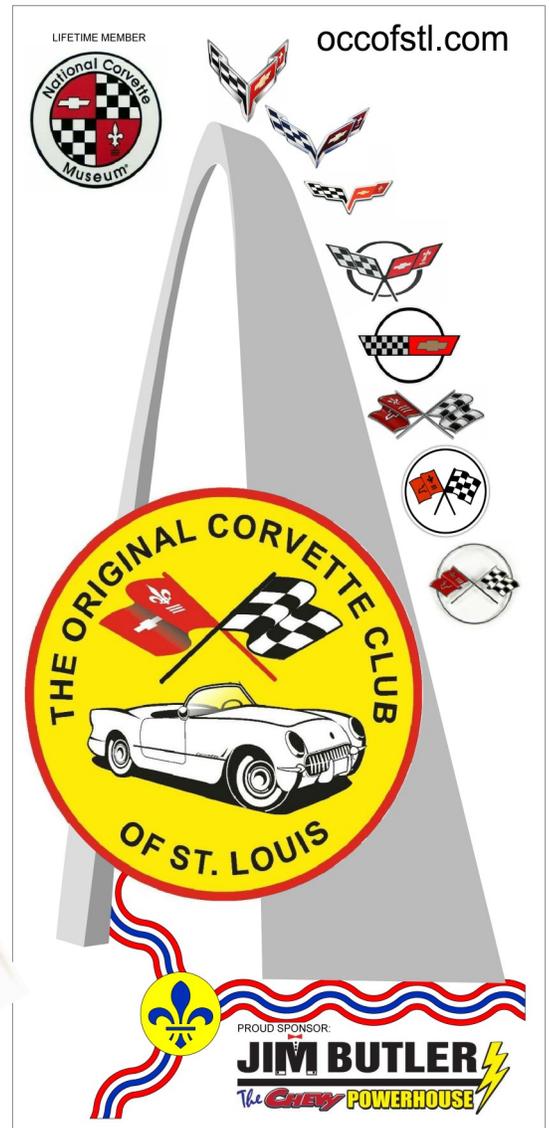
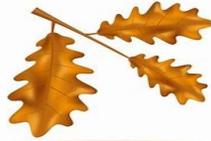
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**OCC Meetings:** Are held on the **2nd Tuesday** of every Month and are open to all members and guests.

**Our Next Meeting Will Be:** **Dec 13, 2022 Meeting**

**Location:** Orlando's Event Center, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave. Saint Louis, 63125. 6 pm to 10 pm. Hors d'oeuvres, dinner buffet, dessert, music and dancing, premium open bar.

## The President's Report

*Kenneth Schaeffler, President*

*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*

November 8, 2022



### PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

At the October meeting we had 39 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.

It's been another busy month for OCC.

On October 15, 2022, Bill and Connie organized the Fall Color Run to Meramec State Park, and I was disappointed that I was unable to make it, I heard it was a huge success. A potluck picnic lunch, good friend and beautiful scenery were in order for the day. Thanks, Bill and Connie.

October 16, 2022 was the Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show. The Gateway Camaro also helped with the event with getting additional prizes and help Judging. This years event was a huge success. We judged 143 cars. There were over 170 cars on display. And including ticket sales for 50/50 and another 20 or so prizes, we raised 3,141.00 to be donated to Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis. I joined a couple of Facebook Groups this year and posted this event on Missouri Car Shows and Cruises & St. Louis Car Shows and Cruises. I talked to a number of people from out of the area that saw the posts. The winner of the C7-C8 Class drove here Sunday morning from Lake of the Ozarks. I want to thank the members that were at the show and a special thanks to those that helped with the event. Dennis & Cheryl, Sharon Young, Kent Morgan, Mike Koenen, John Miceli, Randy Vollmer, Jim & Peggy Thacker and Sid Hirsch. Thanks to John Miceli for getting a great prize of a round of Golf for 4 w/ Cart at sugar Creek Golf Course (\$180.00 value), I got a donation from Dogwood Social House (\$180.00 value) Valerie, Sharon and myself also got gift certificates from various restaurants in town, I got donations from AutoZone and O'Reilly Auto Parts (\$50.00 each). This year we judged 9 different classes with awards for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place as well as Peoples Choice, Butler Pick and Best of Show for a total of 30 awards.

October 22, 2022 was the meet and greet Kenny Wallace. This event was organized by Eric and Cindy Stephens. It was a great showing by OCC and a great day talking with and listening to the stories of Kenny Wallace and his long career. Pizza and salad was served with dessert following. There were around 24 members that attended and other friens for about 30 people total

October 23, 2022 was the St. John Gildehaus Sausage Dinner, organized by Rich and Esther Brewer. I believe we had around 12-14 cars this year. Thanks Rich and Esther for organizing this. And on a gorgeous day.

November 5, 2022 I was contacted by the Missouri Athletic Club and asked if OCC could provide transport vehicles for the Veteran's Day Parade. We had 5 cars in the parade and I would like to thank Jim Ford, Gary Messenger, Bill Prewit and Connie Finch for helping out

Santa's Helpers is here tonight to pick up donations. Thank you to everyone for their generosity. This is such a great organization and has been helping out local families for 54 years now. This year the members voted to present a check in the amount of \$250.00 to Santa's Helpers. Last months winner of the 50/50 drawing was Larry Dann and he generously donated his winning of \$53.00 to Santa's Helper, so we will present two checks tonight.

November 24, 2022 is the Thanksgiving Day Parade. I have made the application and it has been accepted, now I just wait for the instructions for staging and placement. This is another long standing event the Club has participated in for many years. This is the year my dream parade should finally come together. OCC will have at least one corvette from each generation. C1 thru C8. I have the tough ones already with C1, C2 & C3. I need a C4 also, but have not checked with Gary to see if he will have his in the parade with his C3. I will need more cars as we can have up to 12 again this year. I have at least 1- C6 and C8, but could use more.

## President's Report Continued.....

Please follow Groupworks for more details on all of these events and more.

As you are aware, each month at the meeting, I have announced where the club portion of the 50/50 would go. The majority of the money has gone to USO. So tonight, we will present a check for USO goodies that Cheryl, Dennis and Esther with pick up in the amount of \$647.00. Thanks to all the members who support the 50/50 as well as those members that donated their winnings back to the fund. You as members should be proud of the donations put together this year from your participation. At the December meeting, I will talk of this year's donations that we, as a club, donated through 50/50, in the name of past members in lieu of flowers and private donations through donating winnings back to the monthly fund.

For the last two months I have been asking for volunteers to run for various offices that need to be filled. These are offices that have been held by many of the same people year after year. I think it is time for some new people to step up and help out for 2023. As I am not certain what can or will happen if these offices are not filled, I don't want to find out. I have decided to run and/or remain as President. Sharon Young will remain as Treasurer, Gary Messenger has volunteered for the Vice President position. This means that the positions of Administrative assistant, Sargent at Arms and Membership need to be filled. Tom is in Ohio for 6 months, and Rich has stepped up to take over Sargent at Arms, but doesn't want to do it next year. Larry and John have both been holding board positions for a very long time and should be able to take a break. Rick Poepping will remain as NCM Ambassador. So we really need som new people to step up. Nothing on this board is a difficult task. The time spent is minimal and for the most part you come to the meeting every month anyway. So later in the meeting I will once again ask for volunteers so we can vote in accordance with the By-Laws. New Board members are to be announced at the December meeting.

The last item on my list is to discuss making the OCC Club Facebook Page "PUBLIC". There are a lot of things that some members post but are not shareable. And the Facebook Group has a limited number of members. Not near the participation as Groupworks. I believe the Groupworks site is a great platform for Private Club news and events. However, things like car shows or public events that the club participates in needs to have a Public Platform to spread the news, to let others see the things the Club does, participates in and in general show the area what the club does. I think this could be a great tool in possibly getting new members. And there are so many more people that would be aware of the club. It can have direct links to the website and Instagram. Let's make the club known. We will discuss this later in the meeting.

Thank you again for your support and it has been a great 2022.





Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!

***Sundaes***  
***On***  
***Sunday!***



***WE ARE SO VERY THANKFUL!***

***Happy Thanksgiving***

**Happy  
November  
Everyone**

***Happy Thanksgiving***

**FRIENDS!**



**FAMILY!**

# Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

## October 11, 2022



The meeting was called to order a few minutes early this evening to allow Rita from Santa's Helpers to speak with the group and take the gifts out. She said that they will be able to assist over 1000 families this year. Not only did members donate gifts, the club raised just over \$1000 in cash and checks. Thank you to everyone for your very generous donations!

Ken gave his President's Report. The Club recognized Ken for all of his hard work and dedication for the chairing the OCC Jim Butler Chevrolet Car Show.

Sharon Young gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report was made by Dennis Osterhorn and seconded by Esther Brewer.

Ken asked the membership to accept the October meeting minutes as published in the Vette Gazette. A motion was made by Sidney Hirsch and seconded by Rich Brewer.

Administrative, Larry Dann, had no report.

John Miceli gave the membership report. The OCC has 71 members with 56 associate members for a total of 127 members. John did report that John and Melissa Carver have rejoined the club. He was accepting club dues. They are due and are \$35 per year. Cheryl Osterhorn was accepting payments for the Christmas party. \$20 per person.

Rick Poepping gave his NCM report and a detailed story of his TWO near death experiences at the recent Ambassadors meeting. Not only did he have to go to the emergency room for a blood vessel that had burst and was bleeding profusely and have some stitches, he went 4-wheeling with his Corvette on I-64 on his way home as he very briefly blacked out while driving. Luckily all turned out fine with no injuries or damage to the Corvette. On another note Museum tours have increased to \$50 with a plant tour also checking in at \$50.

Out Reach Chair, Esther Brewer, reported that Dick Mericle had been feeling 'pretty good'. She reported that Karen Mericle had lost her glasses. Russ Murphy was scheduled for a CT scan and MRI and is looking at 28 treatments for his cancer. She said they really have appreciated the cards and calls.

Jim Ford explained to the group all the details for the upcoming parade in Waynesville for their annual Christmas parade. We will meet at the QT in Eureka at Hwy 109 and I-44, weather permitting, at 9:30 am and will depart at 10 am.

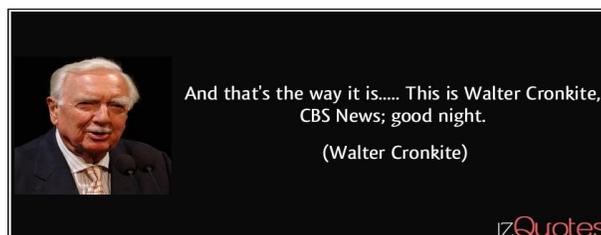
Under new discussion Ken introduced the candidates for the upcoming board positions. Sidney Hirsh has been elected to Administrative chair, Sharon Young will remain as Treasurer, Gary Messenger will be our new Vice President, Mr. Bill Prewitt will take over as Membeship Chair, and Eric Stephens will be the new Sgt. At Arms. Thank you to all for volunteering to Chair the OCC. Connie Finch will be the new Outreach volunteer. All candidates were unanimously voted into office.

Ken discussed the possibility of making the OCC Facebook page a Public page so everyone can see it. Only members will be able to comment on the page but it will be available for all to see what we do as a club.

Jason Messenger briefly discussed the upcoming STL Auto Show, January 12- 16. He will provide more information very soon.

Rich Brewer then held the 50/50 drawing and Gene and Sue Castellano won \$75.

Sharon Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting and it was seconded by Ian Rendell.



## Corvette to Launch as a Brand in 2025 with a Four-Door and an SUV

Georg Kacher— November 29, 2022 at 2:11 pm

- The next move for GM with its valued Corvette nameplate will be to launch a Corvette subbrand.
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- It will include a four-door "coupe" and a sporty high-performance crossover to partner the upcoming two-seater Corvette EV.
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- The new Corvette lineup will be positioned well above its rivals, such as a future trio of electric Mustangs.
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What's in a name? When you are a carmaker, the answer is: everything. Arguably, people buy a BMW or a Benz at least as much for the name as for the car itself, and the same goes for [Corvette](#). In terms of brand value, Corvette is among the auto industry's most heralded and valued nameplates, and yet it currently only pulls a small percentage of the potentially huge profit. But according to those in the know, this is going to change.

We have already seen the [new Z06](#), and there are [several more versions](#) of the C8 still to come, including a possible E-Ray hybrid, the revived ZR1 and the even more extreme Zora hybrid named after Zora Arkus-Duntov, father of the original C1. There's also a Corvette EV on the horizon slated to use GM's Ultium architecture.

Step two of GM's Corvette brand strategy is even more ambitious and far-reaching. Starting in 2025, GM plans to launch a Corvette brand that will also include a sleek four-door coupe and a brawny crossover. Both of these future new Vettes will be EVs.

Sports cars are useful image builders, but their contribution to the bottom line is—at least in the case of GM—negligible. Played intelligently and with authenticity, however, the name Corvette should be a license to print money. At a point in time when Ferrari and Maserati and Porsche are all [offering one or more SUVs](#)—the antithesis to the hard-core sports cars that put them on the map in the first place—why shouldn't Corvette also consider building sedans, crossovers or, heaven forbid, even pickups?

Of course, these new age products can't be a half-hearted attempt like the Cadillac Cimarron or the Ford Contour-derived Jaguar X-Type. Instead, the pivotal starting point is a redefined unique DNA that shouts "Corvette" in terms of design and driving dynamics. The switch to the Ultium battery platform allows the keepers of the brand to reimagine the proportions, stance, and engineering—or to adhere to the trademark elements which shaped the American sports car icon from the '50s to the present day.

A source who has seen the first proposals describes them as "copies of nothing" and as "encapsulated emotional purity." Waxing lyrical may do justice to the styling themes, but what about the bespoke content? The mechanical package apparently includes battery packs with high energy density, superfast software, a patented cooling concept, staggered Lego-like topographic packaging, miniaturized componentry, ultra-efficient inverters, high-revving electric motors, an 800-volt electrical system that provides up to 350 kW of charging power, a two-speed transmission, brake-by-wire, multi-mode four-wheel steering, and torque vectoring.



According to our friend from within the GM Tech Center: "Corvette is not just a brand. It's a constantly evolving system paired with a dramatically different user experience."

The four-door coupe (think of it as more of a liftback) and the crossover add two new values to the marque: mainstream exclusivity and overt luxury. Thanks to a delicate balance of functionality and fashion, stats and style, and limited availability fueling high desirability, all three pillars are prepared for pragmatic evolution and subsequent proliferation.

"The aim is not to beat Taycan and Cayenne at their own game but to create three American legends capable of breaking new ground by making the essence of Corvette scalable. To do so, that essence must at all times be in a state of progressive flux," our source comments. Hear, hear.





From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

- 3.) December 4, Waynesville Christmas Parade-Jim Ford– see flyer in Vette Gazette
- 4.) December 13, OCC Christmas Party, 6 pm. Orlando's Event Center– Larry Dann– See flyer in Vette Gazette
- 5.) Reoccurring events that start in April-
  - A.) Sonic every Friday, South Lindbergh at Big Bend weather permitting. Not sure how many more this year.
  - B.) Faith Church Sunset Hills First Friday of each month

**Ann**

***Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!***

Dick & Karen Mericle 12/14 59 Years

Fred & Carol Gronemeier 12/29 49 Years





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## **2022 Waynesville MO Christmas Parade**

**Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup> at 2pm**

This is a great community parade through the town of Waynesville, MO along the Original Route 66. Great turnout by the town. We have done this parade 6 times in previous years but missed it in 2019. When I contacted them this year they were thrilled to hear that we were willing to come and participate. We are limited to 200 cars, so if you want to participate let me know ASAP. **This will be a weather permitting event for us**, and they have promised us a parade position up close to the beginning of the parade due to our travel time home.

### **Sunday 12/4**

Gather: Eureka Quick Trip (109 and I-44) – 9:30am

Depart for Waynesville: - 10:00am

Stop for Lunch : Route 66 Diner St Roberts - 11:30

Parade Setup: Waynesville Middle School - 12:30

Parade Start: 2 PM

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

# [The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[October 2022](#)



## Latest News:

### - Callaway Corvettes: 35 Years of Making Fast Faster

For thirty-five years, the most powerful and distinctive Corvettes in the world have been created by a team of dedicated engineers located in Old Lyme, CT, Temecula, CA, and Leingarten, Germany – they are the cars known as Callaway Corvettes, and their creed is “Powerfully Engineered Automobiles.”

Known for their engineering and fine attention to detail in the craftsmanship of their products, Callaway has been on the top of the high-performance field for over four decades. Originating in the garage of his Old Lyme home in 1977, Reeves Callaway began with modifications upon BMW 3 Series cars. Out of that work came his first turbo system that received a rave report when reviewed by Car & Driver Magazine. With his first project deemed a success, Callaway continued to develop other products, often with major vehicle manufacturers, such as Alfa Romeo, constructing the twin turbo system for their GTV6.



Notable Callaway cars:

1987-88 Callaway Twin Turbo Corvette - 382 H, 562 ft/lbs of torque - built on the GM assembly line.

1988 Callaway Sledgehammer Corvette - 355cu in, 898 HP, 772 ft/lbs of torque - set production land speed record of 254.76 MPH

1994 Callaway LM Supernatural Corvette - 435 HP, 430 ft/lbs of torque

They offered 3 Power groups for the C5, plus a special power Group 4 with a 6.8L C5R-based engine hitting 550 HP. Most of us have seen the supercharged C6 version since we have one among our members. 606 HP 553 ft/lbs of torque.

It continues today with a C7 supercharged 755 HP and again they will be ordering a supercharged C8 versions. They are accepting orders now.

[Callaway Corvettes: 35 Years of Making Fast Faster - National Corvette Museum](#)

### - Ambassadors Academy

This is what they called it this year. It was pretty low key. Sharon Brawner gave us her state of the union talk. They are holding back on expansion. They are focusing on completing the Education center upgrades. There is a lot of Community improvement efforts underway. Trolley is cool, thoughtful, intentional expansion. Mptprsports Park improvements look impressive. That's about it fo

### Other News: Raffles

**2023 Torch Red Corvette Convertible 4/29/23 - \$20 - Unlimited tickets**

[Corvette Raffle - Main Page \(corvettemuseum\).](#)





**Original Corvette Club  
Meeting / Christmas Party  
December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022**



4300 Hoffmeister Hwy. 55 and Union  
St Louis Mo 63125  
314-658-6600  
[www.orlandogardens.com](http://www.orlandogardens.com)

Date: December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Place: Orlando's South County Location  
Time : 6:00 PM -10: 00 PM  
Dress : Business Casual



***Evening Program:***

- 1) 6:00 PM – 6:30 PM Premium Open Bar / Hors D'oeuvres
- 2) 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Short Business Meeting  
(Election and Announcement of 2023 Club Officers)

*Let the Party Begin*

- 3) 7:00 PM - 7:45 PM Dinner Buffet, Desert , Coffee and Ice Tea  
Premium Open Bar
- 4) 7:45 PM -10:00 PM Music and Dancing – Premium Open Bar

Cost: **\$20.00 Per Person** Members & A Guest

All reservations for the "Party" must be paid no later than November 30<sup>th</sup> 2022

Make checks payable to: OCC of St Louis

**Mail to:**

Original Corvette Club Party  
PO Box 725  
Manchester, MO 63011

**OR**

Bring to Club Meetings:  
November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## November Birthdays

Janice Bingaman 11/2  
William (Fuzz) Steinlage 11/15  
David Van Mill 11/12  
David Dalton 11/16  
Rick Mestre 11/24  
JoAnn Jost 11/27

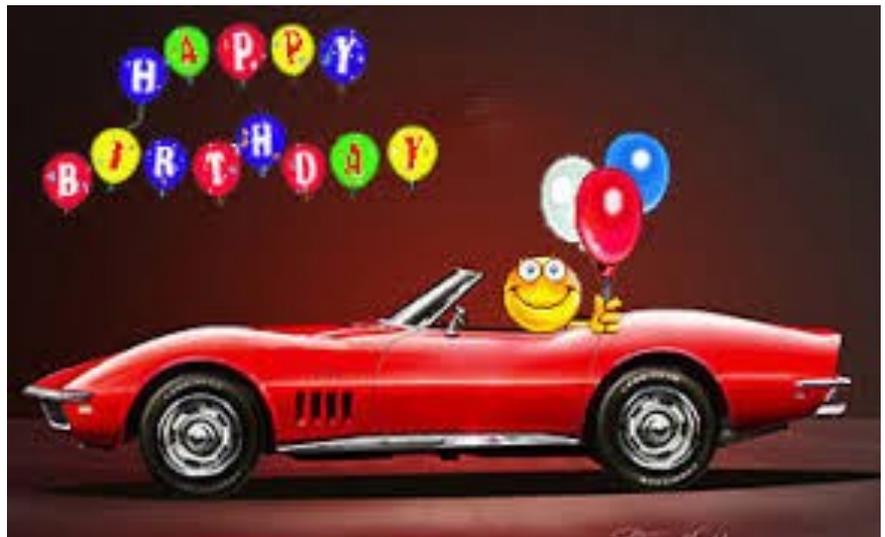
## December Birthdays

Carol Burroughs 12/1  
John Holmes 12/2  
Carol Gronemeier 12/3  
Liz Ann Mestre 12/5  
Shirley Mueller 12/6  
Margaret Messina 12/7  
Tom Brendel 12/9  
Lori Chesley 12/16  
Kathy Poepping 12/16  
Ron Londe 12/18  
Jacob Stanton 12/19  
Randy Vollmer 12/22  
Mary Ann Kinworthy 12/24  
Ian Rendell 12/25  
Joe Vitale 12/28  
Richard Reim 12/31

## Corvette Trivia!!



- All states have official insignia, such as a state flower or state bird. Kentucky, where Corvettes are currently manufactured, also has an Official Sports Car – the Corvette, of course!



**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!

