

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

November, 2023 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2023 Board

President: Kenneth Schaeffler

Vice President—Gary Messenger

Treasurer— Sharon Young

Sgt. At Arms— Eric Stephens

Membership— Bill Prewitt

Administrative Coordinator— Sidney Hirsch

Volunteers:

Club Outreach: Connie Finch

Club Historian— Jason Messenger

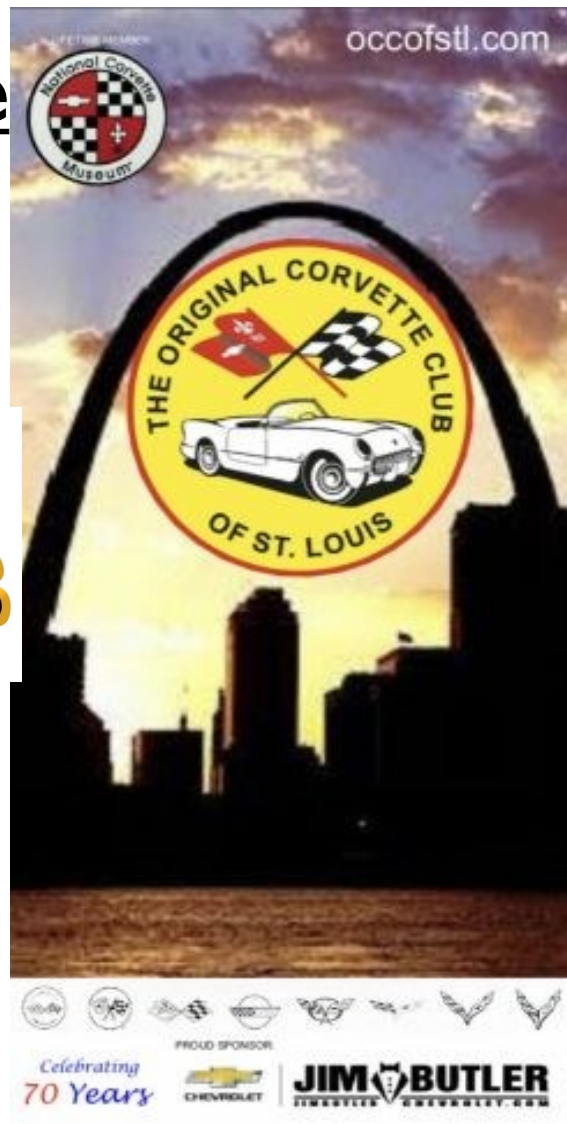
Webmaster— Dennis Osterhorn

NCM Ambassador— Rick Poepping

Groupworks Admin— Randy Vollmer

Facebook Admin: Randy Vollmer

Wednesday Dinner Club— Judy Silvagni



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: **December 12, 2023**

Meeting Location: The meeting is going to be at Orlando's Event Center, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave. Doors open at 6 pm. Dinner served immediately after the meeting.



The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis



November 14, 2023

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome to Saucy's. Last month we had 38 members at the meeting. Since the last meeting, we had a few events that took place.

Wednesday Night Dinner: October 11, 2023

OCC Ladies Lunch: October 13, 2023

Wide Open Wednesdays @ WWT Raceway: October 18, 2023

St. John Gildehaus Sausage Dinner; October 22, 2023

Halloween Party & Bonfire, October 8, 2023 (Jim & Peggy Thacker)

There are a number of upcoming events that will be discussed later

Wednesday Night Dinner: November 15, 2023 (Judi Silvagni)

Thanksgiving Day Parade, November 23, 2023 (Ken Schaeffler)

Waynesville, Mo. Christmas Parade: December 3, 2023 (Jim Ford)

OCC Christmas Party: December 12, 2023 (Larry Dann)

St. Louis Auto Show: January 18 – 21, 2024 (Jason Messenger)



Jim Ford was been appointed as Chairman of the Nomination committee. Nominations for a position on the Board (President, Vice-President, Administrative Assistant, treasurer, Membership Officer & Sergeant-At-Arms), were made by the October meeting date in accordance with the March 2022 By-Laws. Nominations were closed at the end of the October meeting. Those nominations will be announced tonight and posted in the November newsletter. If there has been ONLY one candidate for an office, the nominations can be reopened at tonight's meeting if someone decides to run for a particular office. Those who wish to volunteer for the positions of PUBLICATION OFFICER, NCM AMBASSADOR, WEBMASTER, (FACEBOOK & GROUPWORKS), CLUB HISTORIAN or OUTREACH VOLUNTEER, please let Jim Ford know. These positions will be appointed by the 2024 Board at the Executive committee meeting to be held sometime before the January 9, 2024 monthly meeting.

SANTA'S HELPERS is here with us tonight to pick up the donations from the Club. I want to personally thank all of you for your donations, and right after completion of my opening statement I will Introduce Rita Sweiner to talk for a minute or two about their organization.

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 and I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Party.

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

November, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



OCC November Meeting

Meeting opened at 7:32

Eric led the Pledge of Allegiance

All Officers and Volunteers present

Presidents statement

Introduction of Rita Sweiner from Santa's Helpers who gave a synopsis of her organization

Sharon gave Treasurers report accepted by Dennis Osterhorn and Larry Dann

Last months published minutes were accepted by Sharon Young and Sidney Hirsch

Once again the Administrative Assistant had no report

Bill Prewitt gave a membership report and a Holiday dinner count

Connie Finch gave an outreach report

Rick Poepping gave a NCM report the flag was discussed in regard to a substantial increase

It will be discussed after the designs are turned in

Board Nominations there are 2 members running for Sgt. at Arms there will be a vote

At the December meeting

There was a motion voted and passed to make a donation to Santa's Helpers for \$500

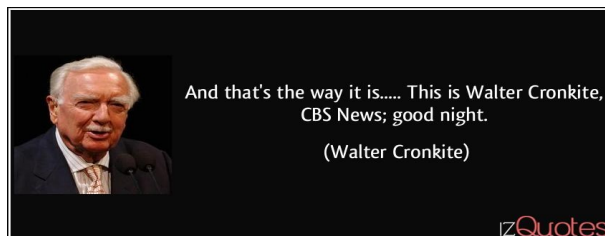
Upcoming Events: Thanksgiving Day Parade

OCC Holiday Party

St. Louis Auto Show

50/50 won by Art D.

Saucy's Gift Certificate won by June Breen



The 2024 Corvette E-Ray is Competing for Road and Track's Performance Car of the Year

By Alex Sommers November 28, 2023

One of the most consistently great stories in this cornucopia of high-revving joy comes from our friends at Road & Track. Their [Performance Car of the Year](#) has become one of the world's best proving grounds for the industry's hottest new enthusiast driving machines. Since the headlining event's inception in 2013, the Chevrolet Corvette has been the most successful nameplate at PCOTY, taking home top honors with the [2014 C7 Stingray](#) and [2019 C7 ZR1](#). It also enters 2024 with the [2023 C8 Z06 reigning as the defending champion!](#)

Format Change Alert! This particular super test has been split into over and sub-\$100k groups so that the writers don't have to stretch everyone's imagination by comparing a WRX with a McLaren 765LT. This amendment will also save R&T editors from another situation where they end up picking a [Hyundai for the blue ribbon](#) over cars that no sane person would pass over for said Korean hatchback.



Defending the Corvette's crown in the new heavyweight (over \$100,000) division will be the first-ever all-wheel-drive, hybrid Corvette, the [2024 E-Ray](#). The only other semi-reasonable competitor meeting the \$143,115 Corvette this year will be the \$128,290 manual transmission Porsche 911 Carrera T.

Corvette News Continued

Those two aspirational every-man specials will have their work cut out for them in the high-end group with such heavy hitters as the \$507,751 (for a V6!) Ferrari 296 GTB, the off-road-focused Lamborghini Huracán Sterrato that retails for \$384,394, and the \$383,570, single-seat, open-air, 1,257-lb. BAC Mono track special joining the fold!

In the low-brow league where the E-Ray wishes it more closely adhered to the Grand Sport's old pricing strategy, we'll see the \$75,345 BMW M2, the Acura Integra Type S, which at \$52,595 is the test's most attainable offering, and the shockingly expensive one-two punch of the Mustang Dark Horse and the Nissan Z Nismo with respective stickers of \$71,585 and \$68,280!

Thanksgiving Day Parade.....



Celebrity Corvette Owners

James Garner



James Garner wasn't just a Hollywood actor whose J-turn skills gave the movie the "Rockford Turn" name. He also raced, a tradition among a few Hollywood stars going strong even today. Garner even put together a three-Corvette team for the 1968 Daytona 24, each one powered by an L-88.





Jim Butler Car Show Check Presentation!!!!

I finally had an opportunity to meet Brad Sowers today at the dealership. Fuzz was able to tie him down so the proceeds from the car show could be presented to him. Bill came down for the presentation and Mark from Gateway Camaro Club was there also for the presentation.

Brads first reaction was "That's a big check, and the printed one is big too". He was very impressed with the show and the amount raised for Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis.

I was able to have a conversation about the efforts of the members that volunteered to help put on the show. He asked me to express his thanks to both Clubs.

And I would once again like to say thanks for the volunteers who all did a spectacular job in the best car show to date, surpassing last years show by over 65%. And thanks to the members that came out to support the show displaying their cars.



Check Groupworks for the next Wednesday Night Dinner
 Judy Silvagni

***Chili On
 Sunday!
 Sharon Young***



**Wednes-
 day Night
 Dinner!**





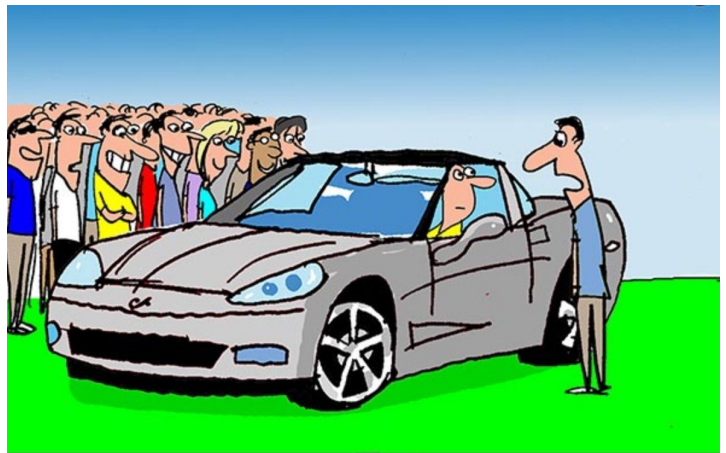
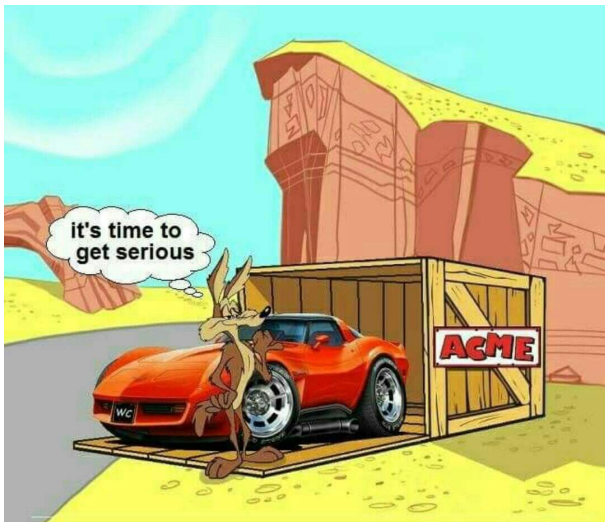
The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis'

2023

Banner at the National
Corvette Museum in
Bowling Green, KY



Corvette Funny Papers...



"Would you mind parking somewhere else? Everyone looks at your Corvette instead of my fireworks show."



From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) December 12, Annual OCC Christmas Party. Orlando's, Larry Dann
- 2.) St. Louis Auto Show— January 18, 2024, Jason Messenger

[Check Groupworks Calendar for more upcoming events!](#)



Happy Anniversary!!!



Rich and Esther Brewer 11/9

Joyce and Larry Dann 11/17





Watch Groupworks for the next Ladies Luncheon!





YOUR MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

From Bill Prewitt– Membership Board

Membership (**Bill Prewitt**) will start collecting dues at the upcoming October & November meetings. No dues will be collected at the Christmas party in December. Again, in at the January / February meetings.

Dues can also be submitted by mail: **Mailing Address:**

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As outlined in the OCC Bylaws.....

SECTION 3: MEMBERSHIP DUES Effective January, 2018 membership dues for Corvette owner members shall be thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) per member annually to including an associate member. Dues are to be paid at or before the December meeting. Members who have not submitted their dues by February 28th of the current year will be suspended from the organization and no longer have privileges. Honorary members, Members Emeritus and club sponsors are exempt from these dues. New members joining after July 1, will pay \$20.00 for the balance of the calendar year. Lapsed members will pay thirty-five dollars (\$35.00) any time during the year.

Election of Officers 2023 for 2024

Here is the current ballot for 2024 Officers:

PRESIDENT: **KEN SCHAEFFLER**
VICE-PRESIDENT: **LARRY DANN**
ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT: **SHARON YOUNG**
TREASURER: **SYDNEY HIRSCH**
MEMBERSHIP: **BILL PREWITT**
SGT AT ARMS: **JOHN MICELI AND ERIC STEPHENS– A VOTE WILL BE HELD**

If anyone would like to reopen any of these positions by nominating someone or yourself, it will be reopened at the November meeting. If you are interested please let me know prior to the end of October!

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Jim Ford

[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[November, 2023](#)



Latest News:

National Corvette Museum

Our Mission

The mission on the National Corvette Museum is to educate worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette – America's Sports Car – through collection, preservation and celebration of its legacy.

Our Vision

The Museum will be recognized as the epicenter of the Corvette community's enduring spirit, serve as the preeminent repository for this American icon, and operate with uncompromising standards while remaining focused on strategic growth that ensures our financial future.

Do you love the Corvette? Are you interested in its legacy? Or is it just a car that you like because of how it looks? This is what I wonder.

Let's start with a fun thing, a good-hearted thing.

The NCM has a program where anyone can sponsor a field trip for a Class or a whole school of kids to the Museum. While I was there, they had a whole school of kids Pre-K thru 6th grade for a field trip. I saw them coming through in their nicely formed single file lines and later heard them while they could have free reign in the new education center (it's walls are shared with the Chevrolet theater where the Ambassadors were meeting.). You could hear the enthusiasm! Lol. These are Title 1 schools that center on economically disadvantaged students.

Club Parking Banners

Parking Lot Banner Program will be going up in 2024 to \$725. This is an increase of about 45%. The Museum has not raised the cost of the Banner Program for a decade. The last price increase in 2014 was also a 45% increase at the time.

As we are all aware, costs are rising in the current economy. With this understanding, combined with the extreme popularity of this special program along with 2024's Caravan Year upon us, it was decided to move forward with the increase. In 2023, we unfortunately had to turn clubs away that wanted to purchase a banner, as we sold out of spots in just three weeks. It really is a great program. Folks are seen looking at the banners all the time in the parking lots, and when clubs come to visit, they often take a group photo with their banner. It is certainly a show of pride in your club and what it represents, and it also supports the Museum and our efforts as well.

***** The 2024 Banner Program will open via an email announcement sent to our Ambassadors in mid-January and *not before*. As always, orders will then be taken on a first-come, first-served basis.**

The 7th National Corvette Caravan is slated for August 29-31, 2024.

Often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event, the National Corvette Caravan is a celebration of America's Sports Car, culminating in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the anniversary celebration of the National Corvette Museum. Hosted only once every five years, the next event is slated for Labor Day Weekend 2024 and will mark the Museum's 30th Anniversary. Registration is open. (Talk about the differences of how details will be added over time.)

[Kansas and Missouri – 2024 National Corvette Caravan](#)

Do we have designs for next year's banner. If we do not, we CAN use a previous banner design. The Museum retains the digital art. We have to vote at the January meeting for our 2024 banner design to allow me to get our form turned in as soon the program opens.

Ambassador's Report Continued.....

Ambassador Academy highlights.

We had a presentation of nonprofit meaning

NCM is nonprofit (as opposed to not-for-profit), The NCM insurance and the Motorsports park are for profit entities owned by the National Corvette Museum Foundation Inc (nonprofit).

The Ambassador is going through a period of reform.

Motorsports park has all their buildings finished and open. They were moving in during the Academy.

We had a very interesting panel discussion with people from the Corvette plant.

We visited Aviation Heritage Park & Museum.

We had dinner at the Hot Rod Motel/

We did not get a banner award this year.

- Upcoming Raffles - [Corvette Raffle - Main Page \(corvettemuseum.org\)](https://www.corvettemuseum.org)



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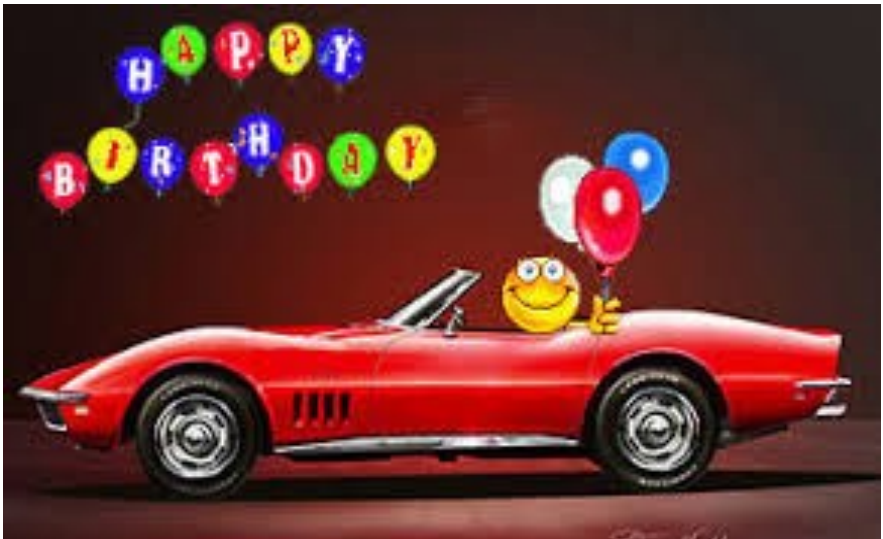
www.corvettemuseum.org

November Birthdays

Janice Bingman	11/2
David Van Mill	11/12
Bill 'Fuzz' Steinlage	11/15
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



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

Corvette Pioneered Wraparound Windshields

The 1953 Corvette came stock with a wraparound, or panoramic, windshield – the first mass-production car to do so. These became wildly popular during the 1950s, but were later abandoned due to distortion concerns. Other issues also existed with this type of windshield, including a weaker roof structure due to the lack of supporting pillars. Therefore, they were gradually phased out over the course of the next few generations of Corvettes.

