

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2020 Board

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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: **November, 10.** **Meeting Location:** Jilly's Café & Steakhouse, 1630 Gravois Road, High Ridge, MO 63049, Phone: (636) 449-4500
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

Wow, it is hard to believe Summer is gone and were heading right into Fall and Winter. Who would ever though that on January 1st, 2020 we were in for one hell of a ride with the Covid 19 pandemic? Country shutting down as we know it, our lifestyles totally turned upside down. Wearing of masks when we go out and especially in stores. Curb side pick up was the new dining out option. Not to mention the affect it had on OCC Club functions that really messed up our social life to a point. Cancelled car shows, Wednesday Night Dinners, Road trips, parades, wine runs and the St Gildehaus events/ dinners. But slowly we are getting some fun things accomplished.

As we look forward to 2021 and put 2020 behind us hopefully, we can start to see things getting back to normal to whatever that is to day in this wacky world were living in.

However, throughout this time there were some of us that managed to get out and have some adventures with our Corvettes. Some single day long rides on the weekends, maybe a short wine run and a car show or two. If nothing else, we had plenty of time to really clean them up.

As mostly likely by now you seen where our Membership team put out a notice for collecting 2021 OCC Dues. I would appreciate if members would take time to address this matter.

Another key item is the 2020 officers and stepping up to remain on the Board for 2021. Members like this and those who attend our meetings and functions is what keeps the club solvent not to mention our Great Sponsor Jim Butler. I should point out that if someone would like to be on 2021 board, they can submit their name or have someone nominate them to make us aware before the voting at the November meeting.

Last item is the end of year party, as for this year we will have at Jilly's due to the pandemic. The board concluded there most likely be some cancellations at the last minute which would make it hard to refund the members portion the money once we have committed. So, by having it at Jilly's this will make it easier to handle. Also, the Board has decided the club will pay for the dinner/ drinks and 2 Alcohol drinks. We will be asking at the next two meeting who might be coming and with a guest. The December dinner will be held in the large dining room instead of the place we meet for meetings.

Please remember to bring your toys to the November meeting for Santa's Helpers.

Big thank you to Ken for filling in for me since Cheryl and I were in Florida with family and friends for a great get away.

As Byrle always says, remember the wave and stay safe out there

Last civic thing we all need to do is vote in this coming election, let your voice be heard.

OCC Meeting Minutes.....

Kenneth Schaeffler



October 13, 7:30 PM

Meeting Location – Jilly's

Meeting called to order by Administrative Assistant, Ken Schaeffler

Ken led the Pledge of Allegiance

Ken introduced the Board Members present.

Board members present: Ken S., Mike & Suzanne K., Byrle L., Karen M., and Esther B.

Ken presented Presidents opening statement:

Thanks to everyone in attendance tonight (26 members & guests)

I think we will all be glad when 2020 is over and behind us for good. Like me, I know everyone is looking to get our lives back to normal in 2021.

Before we begin I would like to extend the OCC condolences on the loss of Rich (Esther) Brewer's father, James H. Brewer. As per the ByLaws, a gift of \$50.00 was sent to wounded warriors in his memory. It is always hard to lose a parent. Please keep Rich and Esther in your prayers.

After Dennis prepared his opening statement we learned of the loss of Gary Messenger's wife Jackie. Please keep Gary, Jason and Rebecca in your prayers. You have our condolences.

I would like to extend a big thanks to:

Mike Krechel for the OCC invitation to the Elk's car show. It was a great time and a number of OCC members attended and displayed those great looking Vettes

Erv Bleitner took 1st place and Mike DeRienzo took 2nd place.

Great Job guys.

I would also like to extend a **Big Thanks** to Herb and Patty Clark for setting up a "GREAT" day with the National "Get Out N Drive Day". We started out the morning at I-44 & 141 at 9:00, met up with another group near Pacific and drove the Old Historic Route 66 with some stops along the way and ended at the winery in St. James for lunch and socializing. We had 11 corvettes that participated in the event.

Under "Old Business" tonight, "IF" anyone would like to be on the OCC Board for 2021, please let us know. I will point out that the current 2020 Board has stated that they are willing to stay on for 2021.

As we discussed at the last meeting, the OCC will be holding the year end party at Jilly's in the **Main Dining Room**. OCC will pay for "ALL" members of the OCC (this includes associates – they ARE members too). I should be getting the menu from Danny here at Jilly's so you can look at your dinner choices.

Byrle asked to move his NCM report up on the agenda. Ann presented his report for him:

This has been a very difficult year to say the least.

I have had some personal challenges with my health. Not to bore you with all the details, I will mention a couple things;

- a. My complete hearing loss – Cochlear Implant
- b. Some heart issues – pacemaker
- c. I now have more hardware than Home Depot

The museum has also faced some unique challenges the past year.

Closing for a few months in the spring

Social distancing was an issue.

The staff used the time to improve existing exhibits and create new and exciting ones

We have a new and improved venue.

I can't wait to see it in November when I attend the "Ambassadors Reunion" and the Vets N Vettes event.

Vets N Vettes will be held November 1 thru November 14, 2020. Registration is now open – Fee is only

\$20.00 to register online. Registration closes at 8:00 AM Friday, October 30, 2020 – NO REFUNDS after online shutdown. The brand new "Sleep Inn – Mainstay" is the host hotel for this event. They are offering a room rate of \$50.00 per night. Call to reserve a room (270) 940-9400.

The "rat Fink" Exhibit has been extended into the NCM Bash, April, 2021.

The VetteCademy is a very interesting informative presentation "All Things Corvette". Interesting and Entertaining. There are a number of online presentations available through the NCM weekly news.

And, as always, be safe out there and "DON'T FORGET THE WAVE"

Mike Koenen. presented the Treasurers Report. Doug Flader made motion to accept, Sharon Young made second.

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

Ken Schaeffler presented his report

Mentioned the recent passing of Jackie Messenger.

Thanked Herb and Patty Clark again for taking the time to put together a great trip. Presented a few highlights from the trip.

Started off passing by the Old "Beacon Motel" just east of Pacific. Headed west through town on the way towards Gray Summit.

Passed by "The Diamonds" & "Gardenway Inn"

Went past the "Hot" & "Cold" Water Towers in St. Clair

Made a stop at the Wagon Wheel Motel just before Cuba, Missouri. Still open and operating. Great gift shop, too.

Then made a stop in Cuba to walk the streets and view the murals painted on the buildings. Fascinating to say the least.

Made a stop at "Fanning's Outpost" to see the world's largest rocking chair. The gift shop was huge and had 400+ different bottled sodas, 300 flavors of popcorn, fudge made daily and lots of Route 66 memorabilia.

Last stop was at the "Public House Brewing Company" at the St. James winery for a great lunch, socializing and a game of Route 66 trivia.

The whole trip was on 2 lane road and we never went over 50 mph.

The website has been updated to include pictures from the trip. occofstl.com

Mike K. presented the membership report. We have 127 members and associates. Suzanne had the face masks with Corvette Logo's for distribution. Membership dues for 2021 can be paid. Membership Dues are due by February.

Esther gave her 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:

Sunday, October 25, 2020; Fun Run. Time and Distance Road Rally (not a race). The course will take about an hour to complete. Lots of fun. Registration is \$5.00 and can be paid the day of the event. For more information call Herb Clark (314)882-1530 or email to: woodmedic@aol.com. Details are also on the Groupworks site.

St. John's sausage dinner. October 25, 2020. (Rich Brewer) Open for **"DRIVE-THRU"** only

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Year End Christmas Party and meeting.

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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.

This will be taken up at the November meeting for official vote as required in the Bylaws.

The floor was opened to members for any discussion. NONE

OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION

Erv Bietner and Sharon said they sold their home and would be heading out the weekend of October 17th. He spoke of his 20 years with the Club.

You guys will be missed. Come visit when you're in town.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM by motion from Dave Peeples, seconded by Erv Blietner.

The Trash Pick Up Super Heroes!



Mike, Dennis, Cheryl, and Karen

Notice of Sympathy

Dear members, yesterday our fellow member Jackie Messinger, wife of our Vice President Gary and mother of members Jason and his wife Rebecca Messinger, passed. When arrangements are made and given to me, I will post them on Group-works. Let us keep Jackie's family in our thoughts and prayers through this time of their sorrow.

Esther Brewer

Outreach Volunteer



It is that time of year again! The Holidays are very fast approaching and Karen Mericle is getting together with Rita once more for Santa's Helpers. Please keep this in mind for the less fortunate among us. Thank you all for your continued support of this wonderful charity that provides Christmas gifts to children that might not otherwise have any.

Corvette Racing..... From Corvetteracing.com

BRASELTON, Ga. (Oct. 18, 2020) – Corvette Racing's Antonio Garcia, Jordan Taylor and Nicky Catsburg posted a runner-up class finish Saturday in the 10-hour Petit Le Mans at Michelin Raceway Road Atlanta. The trio narrowly missed sending their No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R to its sixth victory of the season in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship's GT Le Mans (GTLM) class.



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The National Corvette Museum Report

By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador

Ambassadors Report. October 18, 2020.

This has been a very challenging year to say the least. Most of you know that I have had some personal challenges with my health. Not to bore you with all the details I will mention a couple things, my complete hearing loss and cochlear implant. Some heart issues mixed with recurring vertigo, this required the implantation of a Pace Maker. I have more hardware than Home Depot!

The National Corvette Museum also faced some unique challenges this past year. Closing for a few weeks in the spring cancellation of events (Spring Bash) and social distancing had to be worked out. But the staff used this time to improve existing exhibits with better lighting and general cleaning and to create new and exciting ones which enhance your mental and visual viewing experience. We have a new and improved venue. I can hardly wait to see it in November when I attend the Ambassadors Reunion and Vets N Vettes event.

Vets N Vettes will held on November 12, 2020 thru November 14, 2020. Registration is now open. The fee is only \$20.00 to register on line. On line registration closes at 8:00 Friday October 30, 2020. There are no refunds after online shuts down.

The brand new Sleep Inn Main Stay is the host hotel for this event. They are offering room rates of \$50,00 plus tax per night. Call to reserve your room @ 270 940 9400. Located just across the road from the NCM.

The Museum store has some great deals on selected merchandise check them out. Christmas is just around the corner.

The VetteAcademy is a very interesting and informative presentation. "All things Corvette", A good way to spend a lazy afternoon. There are several On Line presentations and in the NCM weekly newsletter. Sign on to receive this weekly presentation.

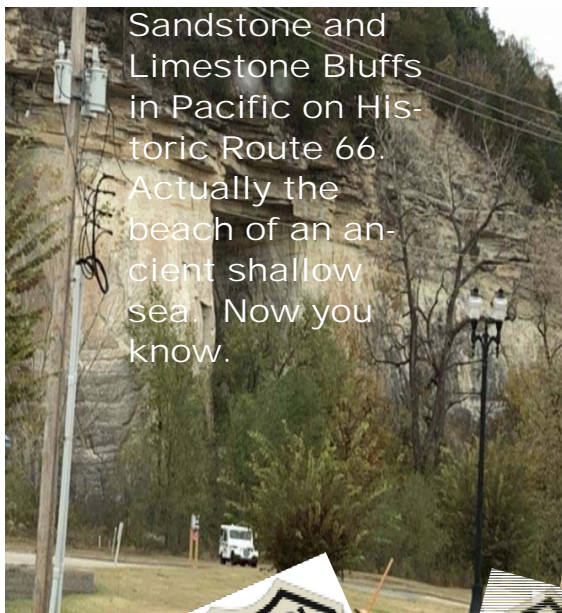
AS ALWAYS BE SAFE OUR THERE AND DON'T FORGET TO WAVE. See you at VETS N VETTES,



The Fun Run 2020!!!!!! A Very Special Thanks to Herb and Pat Clark... Sponsors



We can always count on Dick and Karen for some entertainment!!!



October Meeting 2020



**Now, that's a darn good looking group of folks!
Thanks to all who attended the meeting. Your
support is so very much appreciated!**

October Birthdays

Tom Heeley- 10/2
Linda Lepper- 10/3
Kirk Pohl- 10/6
David Peeples- 10/9
Mike Gallager- 10/11
Ruth Reim- 10/22
Melissa Vogt- 10/23
Brenda Lauer- 10/29
Mary McDonnel-10/31



Happy Birthday to Everyone!
From all of your friends in
the OCC!

Corvette Trivia.....

The earliest serial number air conditioned Sting Ray has a production build date in October 1963, about 6 months before the rest of the AC cars. The reason? The owner was a GM executive and the car returned to Chevrolet for re-fitting with AC.



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!

