

# The Vette Gazette

## OCC 2021 Board

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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)



*OCC at the All Chevy Show at the  
National Museum of Transportation*

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### Mailing Address:

OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box 725, 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:** **November 9.** **Meeting Loca-**

**tion:** 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)

# The Presidents Report ... Dennis Osterhorn

## October 2021



### President's Message for October

Sure, hope everyone's October is going great, especially with the great weather changes and Halloween coming upon us. Maybe an adult trick or treat would be great, however, no candy but beer and wine. Our October meeting went well, since we covered a lot of items and our guest speaker Jason Gallahue of Fairway Automotive. Jason's company donated almost a \$300.00 raffle prize for a car detail at our Jim Butler Car Show. Again, our condolences go out to Mike Krechel's wife Sandy. Mike's family had a nice memorial service and procession to the cemetery with 11 corvettes. Rest in Peace Mike. It's official, the decision was made to cancel any further Trash Pickups, since there was a lack of participation except the same members each time. Many thanks to those who faithfully showed up. More importantly a big thank you to Dick & Karen for leading this event over the years. We had another successful OCC Picnic at Cliff Cave Park on October 2nd, thank you to those who registered and showed up. I want to thank all those who helped with the set up and clean up. Thank you goes out to Ken Schaeffler for setting up the band, they play an excellent selection of music. We have them scheduled for the annual Holiday Party at Orlando's in South County. Speaking of the Holiday party on December 14th, please get your reservations in along with your payment. Remember there is a flyer on Groupworks that will provide more detailed information. Another accomplishment for OCC was the recent OCC / Gateway Camaro car show for Jim Butler on October 10th. A great turnout along with super weather, we had 32 Corvettes, 23 Camaro's and 4 Chevy's. The Car Show raised \$1,464 dollar towards Jim Butler selected charity—"Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis." A big thank you to those who came out early to set up and stayed to dismantle everything. A check was presented to Fuzz for Brad Sowers on Friday 15th . Remember your chance to provide toys or money for Santa's Helpers. Karen and Dick will be at the November 9th meeting to collect the items and then deliver them to Santa's Helper's workshop. Do not wrap these toys since they will be sorted by age and gender. Last call for collecting money to support our St Louis USO. We will make a final collection and then purchase the snacks and deliver in time for the holiday rush through the USO at Lambert airport. Now for last piece of business, The nomination of OCC 2022 Board and Volunteers. As you know in accordance with the OCC Approved Bylaws, we have posted the current nominations for each position. There will be a chance if someone would like to step up to be nominated. If there are no additions, the nominations will be closed, and a vote will be taken. Once the vote is completed, we will have a 2022 OCC Board and Volunteers to run the club. This will be announced and introduced at the December 14th Holiday party. There's another reason for attending the party and thanking them for stepping forward to keep this club going.

## October 2021 Meeting Minutes

Kenneth Schaeffler, Administrative Assistant



October 12, 2021

Meeting Location – Jilly's - 7:30

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

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

There were 46 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 everyone to stand for a moment of silence for a member of ours, Mike Krechel who passed away in his sleep on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Our condolences go out to Mike's wife Sandy. Some of our members answered the Family's request to provide Corvettes for the procession to the cemetery since Mike would have liked that. Some of us were able to make it to the services held Monday evening and also to the funeral procession to the cemetery with Corvettes. We had 11 corvettes not counting Mike's that is son drove. Special Thank you goes to Mike D, Mike K, Connie Finch, Rich & Esther, Fred & Carol, Rick P, Art D, Tom D, John M, Ron & Norma and Cheryl & I Rest in Peace Mike. Tell story about Connie at the cemetery.

Like to thank everyone who came out for tonight's meeting, as there are a number of things to cover tonight, specifically the nominations of your 2022 Board which will be covered later.

We had our last Trash pickup for 2021 on October 9<sup>th</sup> and I would like to thank both Karen and Dick Mericle for heading up this community task for the OCC. Special thanks goes to Mike Koenen, Fred and Carol Ian, Dennis & Cheryl. It seems it is the same people who come out each time, I wish more would join us to help to get it done faster. Saying this, I have brought this up to Karen and Dick both about the club quit doing trash pickup starting next year. Since most of the time the majority of members coming out are the older people and it is getting harder and harder climbing up and down those trenches to get the crap people throw out. Plus, we do not need our older members getting hurt period. So, my recommendation is to drop the Annual Trash Collection event. I realize that some may be discouraged by this but if we get more of the younger agile adults out there this is not going to work. I would like Karen to notify the St Louis County of our decision and why.

We had another fun Ice Cream Social at Andy's in Kirkwood; the ice cream / Custard was good and to top it off we got to see a dual rainbow, which was really neat. Karen has put out pictures, on Group works, you need to check them out. Did not chase the rainbow to find the pot of gold.

The Lindbergh High School reached out to the OCC for Corvettes for their Homecoming Parade and John Miceli took care of organizing this for the OCC. It turned out to be great a parade with fantastic weather. They had a nice crowd show up for the Seniors & Juniors big day. Thank you to those who drove the real Beauty Queens in the parade.

I would like to thank everyone who showed up for the Annual OCC picnic at Cliff Cave Park in South County. I had some groupwork comments, emails, and phone calls about how pleased they were with the event, the location, size of the Pavilion, Great Band, Tasty Food, especially the Cake with the OCC logo in the center. Interesting, I was concerned we may have cake left over, since I ordered a Full Sheet. Man, I was wrong, the cake was totally gone in minutes, so I figured it must have been good. We had more than enough food with some left over, so the members had a chance to take some home. There are a number of pictures on Groupworks to enjoy.

Thank you goes out to Ken Schaeffler for setting up the band. These folks play an excellent selection of music, we had a few takers who got out on the dance floor.

The pavilion really worked out great especially, when the liquid sunshine came down, everyone stayed dry. The caterer experienced the blunt of the rain when he started to set up, but he pulled his van under the pavilion part way to finish, it all worked out.

Also, another thank you goes out to Eric and Cindy for donating beverages for those who liked beer.

Now a big Thank You goes out to those members who volunteered to come early to set up and to those who stayed to help clean up. It is always nice to see and hear people saying, "Where can I help?" that is what a club is all about, everyone working together as a team.

As you know this past Sunday, we had the Jim Butler Car show where the OCC and Camaros took the stage plus a few Chevys. I admit it got a little trying at times, but it all worked out. The Camaro club pitch in and helped at the registration Desk and selling raffle tickets for the Camaros. I want to Thank Cheryl and Esther for handling the Corvettes and Rich Brewer for selling raffle tickets and Ken handling the PA and Music.

The totals for the event were: 32 Corvettes, 23 Camaros and 3 Chevys which brought in \$1,180 and with the raffle OCC sold the most along with the Camaros we had a total \$284. For a grand total of \$1,464. Fuzz told me afterwards it was a "GREAT" showing and he was pleased.

What topped it off is the food truck that came was serving Mexican food and it was totally free /donated by Jim Butler. Thank you for that.

Once More the OCC really shined in supporting this event---thank you again to all attended.

However, the best is when I received a call from Fuzz the Tuesday afternoon before the event, to state we had "NO" electric on the lot. When they made earlier modifications to the lights/cameras in that area, they disconnected all the other outlets.

Well, I started looking for a small rental generator, which would be adequate to accommodate our needs and not too pricey. A rental company worked with me so I could pick it on Saturday Morning and return it on Monday for a 24-hour rental.

It was interesting working with the Gateway Camaro Club on getting this event organized. The President of the club (Jeanne) was worried about how many of their members would show, when they started to arrive, she was pleased.

Here again is a good example of the OCC Members stepping up to support the setup, running the event and the teardown. (TEAM EFFORT always pays off).

WE all would like to extend our best wishes and prayers to Jan Flader who underwent Hip replacement surgery and is now working on her therapy and a speedy recovery. From Doug's last report Jan did not want visitors as yet.

**Remember we have the Annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> (Normal Meeting Night) Please sign up early it is \$20.00 per person member charge. Remember the club is picking up the rest of the cost. Please check out the flyer on Groupworks. A big evening is planned along with the announcement and introduction of your 2022 BoF** For a moment just some helpful hints, there are numerous groups/ organizations who are on Groupworks like us. When you "POST" something on Groupworks remember it should be to only to **Members only, and Group News**. Someone found on their calendar a meeting reminder for another group--- **They** chose "PUBLC" Audience which means **everyone** on Groupworks will see it. **If you post something make sure it is members and Group news for OCC only and volunteers**

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**Also please do not forget about your 2022 dues, Membership is now collecting.**

**John Miceli will go over the current nomination Slate for 2022 later in the meeting under New Business.** With that I will turn it over to the Treasure for the club's report.

### **TREASURERS REPORT – Cheryl Osterhorn**

Cheryl presented her report to the members. Motion to accept was made by Syd Hirsch 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dave Peeples.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Ken Schaeffler**

Thank you to Sharon Young for filling in for me at the September meeting.

Sharon's dad is also in the hospital. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

I texted and talked to Jan last week and she seems to be in pretty good spirits

### **MEMBERSHIP – Mike Koenen**

We currently have 68 paid members and 52 associate members. Total membership is 120.

We will be collecting annual dues for membership through the first of the year. Membership is \$35.00 and you can mail the checks to the Post Office box or to Mike and Suzanne's house. You can find their address in the membership directory.

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

### **OUTREACH – Esther Brewer**

Nothing to report.

### **NCM REPORT – Byrle Layman**

I want to remind you as of this writing there is still time to register for the Vets N Vettes event which will be held on November 4-5, 2021. This event brings veterans from all over the U.S, to Bowling Green. Day one is track day with unlimited access to the track. A tribute to one branch of services is usually highlighted. Lunch is free. This a great event to pay tribute to our Veterans and a chance to have some fun on the track too.

I will be attending the Ambassadors meeting which is conducted on November, 2-3, 2021.

The Corvette store located in the museum has everything from T shirts to bar stools. This is a good time to begin your holiday shopping. You can receive weekly updates on sale merchandise and new additions. Text the word Corvette to 64600.

On a personal note the story relating my grandson's surprise that I would buy an \$85.00 shirt. It was on a mark down rack. I didn't pay that full price,

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

### **NEW MEMBERS/1<sup>st</sup> time visitors**

John and Jennifer Holmes

Donald and Janice Bingaman

Brandon and Leslie Hoosier

### **Birthdays / Anniversaries / New Addition**

New addition – 2022 Coupe, Black. Ordered a '21 in Feb. 2021 – Got a '22 in Oct. '21  
Thanks to "Fuzz My Car Guy"

## **Jim Butler Update**

Thanks to all who participated in the Jim Butler Car Show.

Fuzz stated that Jim Butler are looking for cars.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Randy Vollmer - Thanksgiving Day Parade through downtown

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

Suzanne Koenen - Studio & Garage Tour

Friday, November 5, 2021 5-9 PM

Saturday & Sunday, November 6 & 7, 2021 10 AM – 5 PM

Apple Grove Gallery

4327 Apple Grove Lane

St. Louis, Missouri 63128

(314) 799-5009 [suzanne.galli.koenen@gmail.com](mailto:suzanne.galli.koenen@gmail.com) [www.sgkart.com](http://www.sgkart.com)

Mike Koenen – Please be careful what you put on Groupworks. And make sure that when you post, PLEASE make certain that you are posting to “MEMBERS”.

Jama Rendell – First Annual Halloween Sock Hop. October 30, 2021 6 – 10 PM

National Museum of Transportation

2933 Barrett Station Road

St. Louis, Missouri 63122

Tickets are \$66.00 or 2/\$115.00 Purchase at [www.missouri66.org](http://www.missouri66.org)

- Catering by: Pasta House and Ted Drews

Full Open Bar

DJ & Dancing

Door Prizes

Silent Auction

Costume Contest

And more

## **Old Business**

Karen reported on the recent donations to Santa’s Helpers and reminded everyone about donations for Santa’s Helpers to be dropped off at the November meeting.

Trash pickup will be on Saturday, August 28, followed by breakfast.

## **New Business Discussion**

John Miceli – 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

Membership – John Miceli

Appointments by Current Board:

Publications / Newsletter – Larry Dann

Groupworks / Facebook – Randy Vollmer

NCM Ambassador – Byrle Layman, Asst. – Rick Poepping

Webmaster – Dennis Osterhorn

Historian – Karen Mericle

Outreach – Esther Brewer

These nominations will be voted for at the November meeting. Please plan to attend and vote.

Karen talked about Santa's Helpers. Will be collecting unwrapped toys at the November meeting. Please bring unwrapped toys, games and monetary donations to the November meeting.

Cheryl said that the Club will be accepting monetary donations to purchase snacks & candy for the USO at Lambert. Please help out and bring you donations to the November meeting.

#### **Attendance Prize**

New Member, Brandon Hoosier pulled the ticket and the winners Ed Lang. This month's prize of \$50.00

Motion to adjourn was made by Randy Vollmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Karen Mericle.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45

**The Current Board invites anyone who would like to be an officer or volunteer to express their desire to do so. This is your Corvette Club and the more folks that are involved the more fun it will be. It is not only fun but it is rewarding as well.**



***DON 'T BE SHY!***

## USO Christmas Collection

We will be collecting cash donations for the **USO**. Cheryl and Dennis Osterhorn will again purchase individually packaged snacks and deliver them to the **USO**. Remember the service men and women do not pay for these snacks since these are given to them while passing through the **USO Lambert** facility on their way to their next destination. We will be collecting the money at the November meeting or at the Wednesday night dinners.

*As always lets make OCC shine again in this community event!*

**The 2021 OCC Annual Picnic was a smashing success. A Very Special Thank You to all who chipped in to set up and break down. And... the Corvettes didn't melt!**





The **JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET CAR SHOW** was a smashing success. Besides all of the beautiful Corvettes there were Camaros and a few antique Chevy's as well. A food truck provided some great tacos





Janet Flader's hip surgery has gone great. She is in rehab facility and is doing well. Doug said she doesn't want any visitors or company right now. Get well soon Jan, we all miss you! Cards can be sent to Jan to brighten her day at the address below.

**1216 Golden Oak Drive Fenton, MO 63026**



Long time OCC Member Mike Krechel passed away in his sleep Monday night October 4th. Mike had a 2003 50th Anniversary red convertible Corvette. His quick smile, wit, and charming personality will be missed. Mike is pictured sitting above at the July OCC meeting on the far left next to Jeanette Delhougne. Godspeed Mike.

Bobbie Carson just ordered his 2022 [Chevy Corvette C8](#) 30 days prior to picking it up, but the guys at [Chevy](#) bumped him to the top of the waiting list. Due to being 95 years old, they decided he waited long enough, and turns out, Carson is a pretty awesome dude too.

Carson loves [Corvettes](#), and when the 8th generation of the Corvette rolled out, he decided it was time to get his 8th Chevy Corvette. The C8 Corvette he got was the 42nd to roll off the line for the 2022 year model. It's an Article White beauty with silver wheels, red calipers, and he opted not to get the Z51 Performance Package.

"I've had seven of these cars. This dwarfs every one of them. This is one of the top-rated cars in the world and there is a waitlist all over the world for this car so I'm happy to get it and they gave me a great honor to get me in position to get one," said Carson.

The Corvette will be used as his new daily driver. He traveled up to the [National Corvette Museum](#) in Bowling Green, KY, where he received the car during a special event.

**10/15/2021 Elizabeth Puckett, Motorious**



### ***Nicely Done Chevrolet and Corvette!***



Ken Schaeffler picking up his brand new C8 Corvette at JIM BUTLER CHEVROLET. Buzz Steinlage handed him the keys personally! It's a good day in the neighborhood!



**Silver Bells..It's Christmas time in the City...**  
**It is that time of year again folks! Please get your reservations**  
**and money in by NOVEMBER 30.**



**Original Corvette Club  
 Meeting / Christmas Party  
 December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021**



4300 Hoffmeister Hwy. 55 and Union  
 St Louis Mo 63125  
 314-638-6600  
[www.orlandogardens.com](http://www.orlandogardens.com)

Date: December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021  
 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 2022 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> 2021

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:**  
**October 12<sup>th</sup>,2021**  
**November 9<sup>th</sup>,2021**



***The National Corvette Museum Report***  
***By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador***  
***September 2021***



October 2021 Newsletter Report.

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As always be safe out there, and don't forget to wave.



# 2022 Membership Dues

We will start collecting dues at the October meeting. The cost is \$35 for January - December 2022. If you cannot make the meetings, please send dues to :

Michael Koenen

4327 Apple Grove Lane

Saint Louis, MO 63128

OR

OCC

P.O. Box 725

Manchester, MO 63011



## Upcoming Key Events for The OCC

OCC Annual Christmas Party @ Orlando's December 14th, 2021

Waynesville Christmas Parade— December 5th— see Jim Ford for details

Wine Runs by Various Members TBD's Check Groupworks

Trash Pick Up's Check Groupworks

Car Shows Check Groupworks

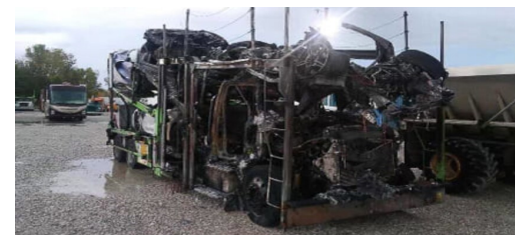
Monthly meetings Jilly's 2nd Tuesday of the month

Special Car Runs to various locations Check Groupworks

Wednesday Nights Various Restaurants Check



Dateline: Oct. 5, 2021—A transport filled with brand new C8 Corvettes burned to the ground. Nashville, TN.



Main Street in Waynesville, Missouri

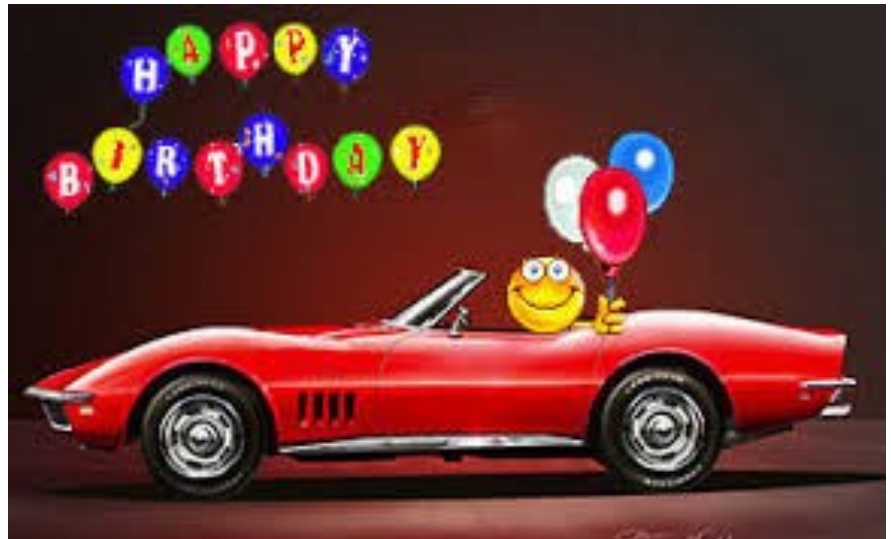
The Walking Tourists

## October Birthdays

Linda Lepper 10/3  
Kirk Pohl 10/6  
David Peebles 10/9  
Mike Gallager 10/11  
Ruth Reim 10/22  
Melissa Vogt 10/23

## 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



**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!!

The 2014 Corvette can reach 53 miles per hour in reverse. Not sure if there is a practical use for this or not!

