

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

October, 2022 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2022 Board

President: Kenneth Schaeffler

Vice President– Ann Nickelson-Jennings

Treasurer– Sharon Young

Sgt. At Arms– Tom Nickelson

Membership– John Miceli

Administrative Coordinator–
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Volunteers:

Club Outreach: Esther Brewer

Club Historian– Karen Mericle

Webmaster– Dennis Oster-
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NCM Ambassador– Rick Poepping

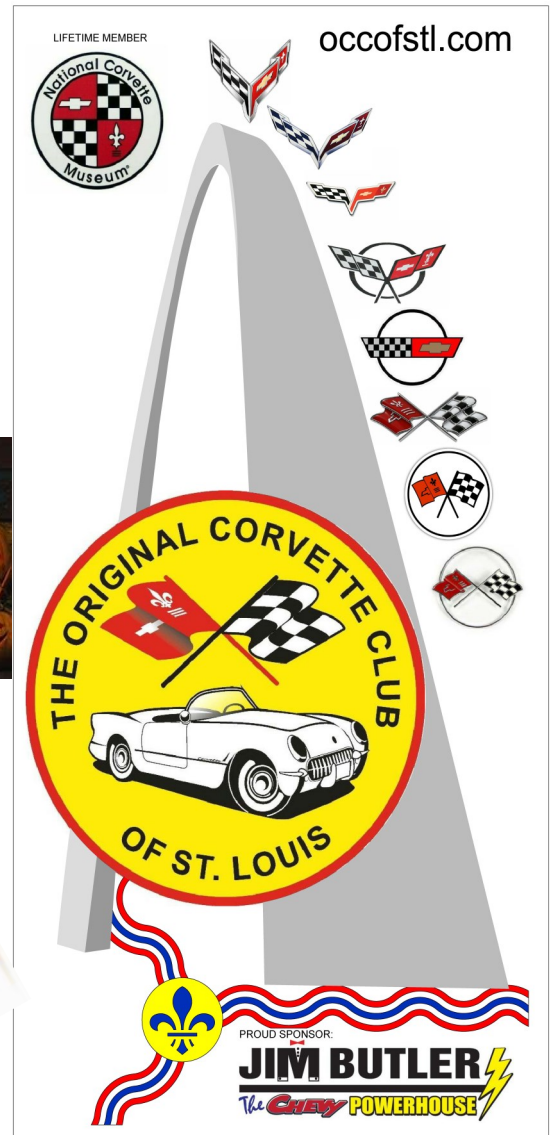
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Mailing Address:

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: **Nov 8, 2022 Meeting Location: Dogwood Social House. 15682 Manchester Road, Ellisville, MO 63011. [Cape Girardeau MO Premier Sports Bar and Social House \(dogwoodsocialhouse.com\)](https://www.dogwoodsocialhouse.com) This does lead to their Ellisville location for a look at the menu! [636 323-4227](https://www.dogwoodsocialhouse.com) Right behind Freddy's**

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

October 11, 2022



PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

At the September meeting we had 42 members present.

And we had a good showing of cars that came early for the meet & greet on the parking lot. Thanks to all that participated.

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 a busy month. Members met for Sunday Sundaes at Culver's in Fenton and Fitz's in South County. Thanks to John and Yvonne Renz for organizing these events. There were also a number of Club Members that met at the Sonic Cruise on at least a couple of occasions. A few members also participated in the Chain of Rocks Bridge Car Show. Thanks to Bill and Connie for a great Tech day at their home. Great turnout and great fun, good food. The annual picnic was a big success. 52 members attended. A big thanks to Larry and Joyce for organizing the event, and to Larry for putting together the menu and getting the food. It was a gorgeous day on the banks of the Mississippi. Thanks to the members that participated in these events and outings.

Santa's Helpers is here. As in all years past, we will be collecting toys and donations for Santa's Helpers. This is a long standing charity that OCC has supported for many, many years. Let's see if we can make this the best one yet. All toys and donations should be brought to the November 8, 2022 Club meeting.

There are a number of events coming up in October and November, and I have been contacted about the Thanksgiving Day Parade in downtown St. Louis. This is another long standing event the Club has participated in for many years. I will go through all of these events as well as the member sponsoring the event later in the meeting.

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

Last month the Club portion of the 50/50 raffle (\$95.00) was designated to go to the USO Fund. Ken Schaeffler was the winner in August. Ken donated his winnings back to the USO fund.

At the September meeting the members voted unanimously on approving the amendments to the By-Laws. It's that time that we need to form a nominating Committee for the upcoming new year. There are a lot of very important openings coming to the Board and Volunteers.

Thank you again for your support and let's keep working towards a great 2022.

SANTA'S HELPERS:

Please bring your unwrapped gifts to the November meeting.

A huge request from Santa's Helpers: Please pick up a few rolls of wrapping paper, they have tons of items to wrap. They will also accept monetary donations. You can make checks out to Santa's Helpers, Inc.

I would like to make a motion that OCC contribute a donation to Santa's Helpers in the amount of \$250.00

President's Report Continued.....

BUTLER CAR SHOW:

I could use some volunteers to help me out at the show.

We'll be selling 50/50 and raffle tickets

I need volunteers to assist with judging. (Same format we used for the Pacific Car Show)

Picture takers – Photos

THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE:

Jim Ford is heading up the convertibles for transporting the Queens of the parade

I need to get a count of those that would like to participate in the parade this year. I am working on getting a C1 for the parade, so we will have all 8 generations of Corvettes in this year's parade. Something that hasn't been seen in St. Louis.

I will need C3 thru C8's for the parade.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Please pay your dues for the coming year. Since the Covid stuff is over, payment needs to be made no later than February 28, 2022.

Fall Color Run Photos! Thanks Connie Finch and Bill Prewitt!



Meet and Greet with NASCAR legend Kenny Wallace

Eric and Cindy Stephens.....





Sundaes
On
Sunday!



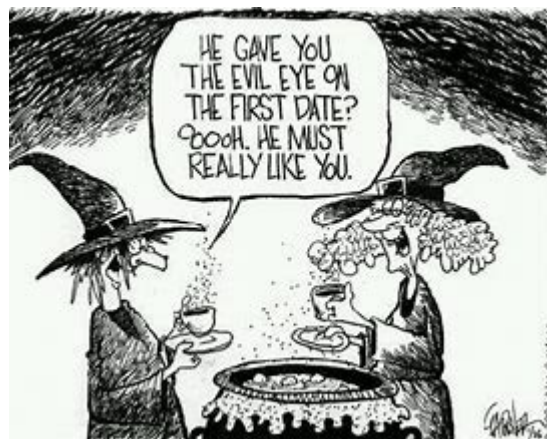
Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!



Happy
October
Everyone

Happy Halloween

Happy Halloween





“AMERICAN MUSCLE FOR AMERICAN VETS”

**VA St. Louis Health care System’s 1st Annual Car Display
Presented by the St Louis Corvette Club**

**Saturday November 12th, 2022 10:30 AM—2:30 PM
St Louis VAMC-Jefferson Barracks Bldg 1 Parking Lot,
1 Jefferson Barracks Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125**

(Exit onto Koch Rd. not Telegraph Rd.)

**This is a Show and Shine event— “DISPLAY ONLY”
Come show off your car and salute the troops!
VA booths including enrollment
and services will be onsite**

**Scan the QR Code or Search “American Muscle”
on EventBrite to Register your Vehicle.**

For more Info, email: VASTLEvents@va.gov



****Masking is currently required on VA grounds****

Refreshments will be available for purchase

All Proceeds proudly support Veterans of VA St. Louis Health Care System



Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

October 11, 2022



President Ken Schaeffler called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

He then introduced the club officers and volunteers.

The membership then said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken then gave the President's Report. Please see his report on the President report page.

Sharon Young then gave the treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report was made by Dennis Osterhorn and seconded by Rich Brewer.

Ken then asked for a motion to accept the August meeting minutes as published in The Vette Gazette. Esther Brewer made the motion and it was seconded by Ian Rendell.

Administrative Assistant, Larry Dann, had no report.

John Miceli then gave his membership report. The OCC has 61 paid members with 56 associate members for a total of 127 members. John also reported he is accepting dues for 2023. The dues still remain at \$35 per year. John also mentioned about the Lindbergh Homecoming parade. He said it was our 8th year running. John also mentioned that some folks had about how much the Christmas party is. The cost of the Christmas party is \$20 per person. So for your dues and Christmas party is it a total of \$55 or \$75 for two people. He also is taking orders for name tags. The cost of the tags are \$3 each. It takes about a week to 10 days to get them. Please see John if you want a new tag. There was some discussion about club dues at other Corvette clubs and their costs and wait time to join.

Outreach Volunteer, Esther Brewer, said she had mistakenly reported and apologized that Russ Murphy had pancreatic cancer and he has prostate cancer. He will be starting radiation treatments for 6 weeks. Karen Mericle had her first cataract surgery and everything went well. She is scheduled to have her second eye done in November. Dick Mericle is doing fair and has good days and not so good days. Please keep all of them in your thoughts.

Next Up was Rick Poepping with the monthly NCM Report. Please refer to his full report on the NCM Page.

Jim Thacker said his wedding anniversary is October 29 and they have been married 18 years. Ian and Jama Rendell said they have purchased a C7 Corvette. John Miceli reported he and Paula are expecting their 6th grandchild and in March they are expecting their first great-grandchild.

Fuzz Stienlage then gave the JIM BUTLER Chevrolet report. He spoke briefly about the upcoming Jim Butler Car Show. He also said they are getting new cars every day and are always in the market for used cars as well. Their lot is full and ready to sell cars.

Ken then went down the list of upcoming events. Bill Prewitt gave the details for the Fall Color Run. Ken spoke to the Jim Butler car show and the very nice trophies to be awarded. Ken and other members have also been able to get some very nice give-aways for the car show. Ken also asked for car show volunteers. Eric and Cindy Stephens spoke to the upcoming meet and greet with Kenny Wallace. Rich Brewer gave the details for the St. John's Gildehaus Sausage dinner. Larry Dann gave details about the upcoming OCC Christmas party. Ken spoke to the Annual Thanksgiving Day Parade. He has had a new banner produced to display in the back of a pickup truck.

Meeting Minutes Continued.....

Under New Discussion President Ken Schaeffler also made a motion that the OCC donate \$250 to Santa's Helpers. It was seconded by Ian Rendell. Ken also mentioned that Santa's Helpers also require wrapping paper if someone would like to donate any. Please bring your donations for Santa's Helpers to the November Meeting.

Ken also asked if there was anyone who wanted to run for any Board Positions. Ken Schaeffler will run for President again. Sharon Young will run for Treasurer again. John Miceli will run for membership again. Larry Dann will run for Administrative again. At this time Vice President and Sgt. At Arms have no candidates.

Ken also reminded everyone once again about membership dues being due no later than February 2023. John Miceli said they checks can be mailed to our PO box, or his home, or give to him in person at the meeting.

If any members have mechanics or shops that you use for work on your Corvette please share as we, as a club, would like to produce a list of Corvette friendly mechanics and shops. Fuzz did mention that Jim Butler does have an individual who specializes in Corvettes.

Dennis did ask if you make a post on Groupworks to please delete the post when appropriate. Please do not leave posts on indefinitely.

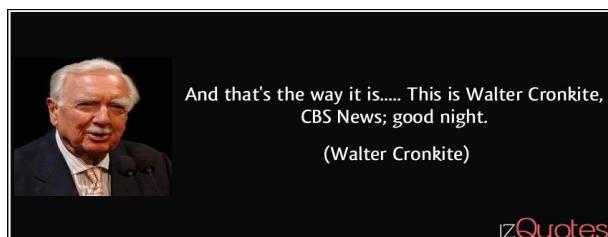
Larry Dann then gave information about the Christmas party coming Tuesday December 13, at 6 PM. Please see flyer. RSVP no later than December 1. The cost is \$20 per person.

The 50/50 drawing was drawn and \$53 went to the USO Fund. Larry Dann won the other half, \$53, and donated it to Santa's Helpers.

Ken asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rich Brewer made the motion and Sidney Hirsch seconded the motion. The meeting ended at 8:pm.

Nominations for the OCC Board will still be accepted at the November meeting! If you would like to run for an office, please put your name forth. We will be voting at the meeting. If you desire to run please put it in Groupworks as well. Every member is welcome to run for any position.

Respectively submitted: Larry Dann Administrative Coordinator



Jim Butler Chevrolet Car Show!



Corvette News— Hot off the presses.....

BY [WILFRED NKHWAZI](#)

As published at [HOTCARS.COM](#)

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A Closer Look At The 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06's Powertrain

The new Z06 has a completely new naturally aspirated engine, with a killer design and a special ingredient.



Sometime last year, [Chevrolet](#) unveiled the first official image of the [2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06](#), providing us with a bigger picture of the new go-faster appearance. Promising a substantially enhanced appeal and performance over the standard Chevy Corvette C8 Stingray, the Corvette Z06 commanded attention with its aggressive front fascia and wide stance, thanks to bigger fenders and larger intakes in the bumper. The C8's pointed headlamps flanked a crossed-flag badge on the nose and new front bumper treatment, the latter of which features more pronounced design lines and a prominent lower splitter.

While the necessary tire, suspension, and aero changes are worthwhile, the engine is what's catching a lot of attention. Hand assembled by master engine builders at the Performance Build Center, the new LT6 engine produces 670 horsepower at 8,400 RPM and 460 pound-feet of torque at 6300 RPM, which is the [highest output ever achieved by a naturally-aspirated V8 engine](#).

Chevrolet, however, is not using the tried-and-true method of modifying a vehicle with a supercharger and unleashing it into the wild. Instead, this [Corvette has a completely new naturally aspirated engine under the hood](#), with a killer design and a vital component that not only puts it in the elite sports car club but also makes it a true Ferrari competitor.

What makes the Z06's powertrain the most potent naturally aspirated production engine out there? Let's find out.

GM developed the Z06's powertrain alongside the engine for the Corvette C8.R, which has already proven to be a high-performing, quick, and tough in extreme conditions during a three-year period since 2019, and propelled the Corvette C8.R to numerous championship victories along the way.

The Corvette Z06 shares nothing structurally with the eight-cylinder in the regular Corvette. With a flat-plane crank layout, the crank pins come arrayed at 180-degree angles from each other. In contrast to the usual V8 engine's 90-degree cross-plane design, all the joints where the connecting rods attach to the crank come aligned in a single, or "flat," plane.



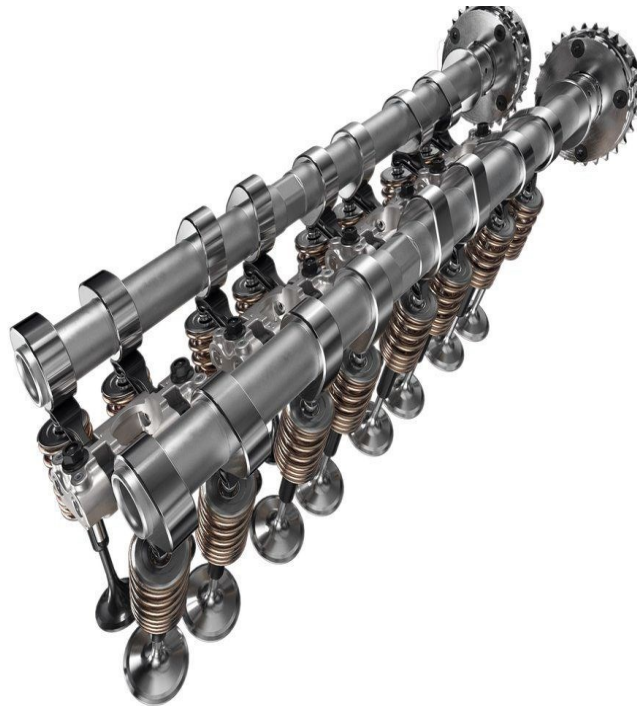
Corvette News Continued.....

Because it is a more complicated design, the flat-plane crank layout is typically reserved for race cars or exotic cars. But this isn't the first time we've seen this design. Ford employed it for its final Shelby Mustang GT350 in its special 5.2-liter V8, making 500+ horsepower, and could rev to a staggering 8250 RPM. While initially known to be expensive, modern engineering breakthroughs are making the design more affordable, and Chevrolet believed this generation of Corvette Z06 deserved the top-tier performance that comes with it.

The New Z06's Engine Is Stronger, Quicker, And More Efficient

Compared to the more traditional cross-plane crank, the flat-plane crank utilizes lighter spinning parts as well as more efficient intake and exhaust charges. This allows the LT6 engine to [spin up quicker and reach a greater maximum speed](#).

And when at high engine speeds, the exhaust breathing is far more efficient. And, given that the firing sequence is even from each cylinder back, the engine experiences balanced vibration forces on the cranks. In order to achieve optimal performance in this setting, the engineers can then employ lightweight materials and cutting-edge air management techniques in the design.



To maintain the intake tract as clear as possible, the design positions the direct fuel injectors on the exhaust side of the head. And to ensure optimal stiffness, the block comes with a bedplate rather than individual main-bearing caps. The engine uses an aluminum cylinder block casting with the distinctive 4.4-inch (111.76 mm) bore spacing of the Small Block engine family, and other notable features.

Thanks to the new components, the maximum [engine speed for the Corvette Z06 is around 8,400 RPM](#). This is 2,100 RPM faster than the engine of the mainstream C8 Corvette, which tops out at 6,500 RPM.

The Engine Utilizes Lightweight Properties

Thanks to the lightweight components, the crank in the Z06's engine weighs 33 percent less than its standard C8 Corvette counterpart.

All revolving parts in the LT6 engine are as light as possible, thanks to the titanium connecting rods, low-profile forged pistons, and the aluminum viscous damper. As such, you will experience fewer vibrations and swift engine speed changes upon pressing the throttle or downshifting when cornering.

The engine also comes with a new manifold design, which improves volumetric efficiency by utilizing internal valves to swiftly alter its volume – all based on the engine speed.

Corvette News Continued....

Here's What Makes The Corvette Z06's Engine The Most Potent Naturally Aspirated Engine Of All Time



The LT6 engine is so powerful because, unlike other engines that provide a power boost by utilizing a turbo or supercharger, the LT6 is able to produce a forced-induction-like boost without employing forced induction.

Thanks to the new Car flat-plane crank layout, the lightweight components, and other noteworthy features, the engine has a quick throttle response, and a wide torque band, going up to the 8,600 RPM redline.



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From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

- 1.) American Muscle for Vets—Saturday November 12—Rick Poepping
- 2.) November 24, Thanksgiving Day Parade. Please see Ken. We need folks to carry the banner!
- 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!

Rich & Esther Brewer 11/9 54 Years

Larry & Joyce Dann 11/17 38 years



Wednesday Night Dinner for November!



November 16

Circa Pub and Grill

1090 Old Des Peres Road

Des Peres MO

5:30 pm

Judy Silvagni



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2022 Waynesville MO Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 4th 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:

- NCM Motorsports Park To Become Nation's First Commercialized Track With Z06 Fleet

The [NCM Motorsports Park](#) (MSP) announced the expansion of its vehicle fleet with the introduction of two Z06 Corvettes, making the MSP the first and only commercialized track in the nation to offer consumer facing-driving experiences in the much-anticipated new Corvette model.

MSP will allow guests to experience the power and performance of this amazing vehicle, by driving four (4) laps (above highway speeds) in a lead/follow format around the 3.2-mile, 23-turn road course. Guests can also purchase a [Fast Pack](#) which will add a Zero to Sixty launch on the straightaway and a Hot Lap driven by an MSP professional. This add-on is designed to showcase the car's performance capabilities in a safe and fun environment. The Z06s will boast a V8 engine with roughly 670 horsepower and a redline of 8600 rpm, sure to bring excitement to all sports car fans.



The NCM Motorsports Park has started a waiting list for guest interested in booking Z06 Touring Laps, which can be accessed on the webpage at motorsportspark.org. Visitors can currently enjoy C8 Corvette driving experiences, track rentals for personal vehicle driving and racing, and high-speed go-karts. The Motorsports Park also offers group karting as well as corporate and private events.

FYI – regular ride (4 laps) ~ \$1100, Fast Pack ~ \$1500

[NCM Motorsports Park to Become Nation's First Commercialized Track with Z06 Fleet - National Corvette Museum](#)

NCM Report Continued.....

- Guinness World Record Set at NCM Motorsports Park

Have you ever driven a car in reverse at over 50 miles per hour?

In September of 2020, Scot Burner began making plans to break the Guinness World Record for the fastest mile driven in reverse. Becoming a world record holder takes a great deal of planning and dedication, and the rules and requirements set in place by the Guinness World Record are strict; they must be adhered to for the sake of authenticity.

Daniel Decker, National Corvette Museum's Vehicle Maintenance and Preservation Tech, shared, "In order for Scot to break this record, someone had to certify the Corvette Burner was to drive was stock, and I was able to complete that step in the process."

On June 15, 2022, at the [NCM Motorsports Park](#), and on his very first attempt, Scot Burner drove a stock C7 Corvette for one mile in reverse in just 83.19 seconds. Burner tried a second time and ended with an even better time of 75.18 seconds, crushing the previous record by over 20 seconds, and will now hopefully be recorded in history as the world record time for the fastest mile in reverse!

Scot and the team at the NCM and MSP waited patiently for the official confirmation from Guinness that he broke the world record. After just a few weeks, the happy news was announced. Scot now holds the world record for the "Fastest Mile Driven in Reverse!"

[Guinness World Record Set at NCM Motorsports Park - National Corvette Museum](#)

- Other News

Raffles

2023 Build Your Own Corvette or \$80,000 [10/20/2022](#) - \$250 - 1500 tickets

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

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

National Corvette Museum

350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY 42010

(270) 781-7973

President: Sharon Brawner





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



4300 Hoffmeister Hwy. 55 and Union
St Louis Mo 63125
314-658-6600
www.orlandogardens.com

Date: December 13th, 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 30th 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 8th, 2022

The OCC Annual Picnic- Cliff Cave Park.....

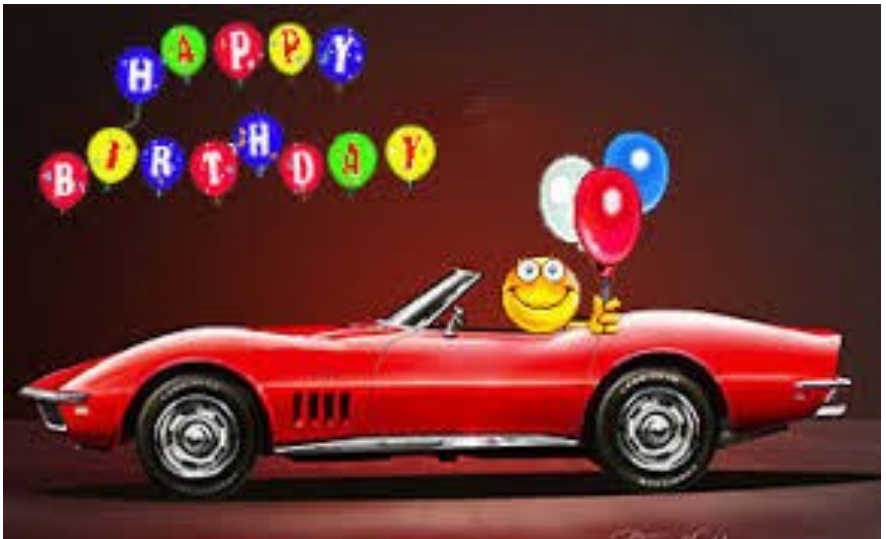


October Birthdays

Tom Heeley 10/2
Linda Lepper 10/3
David Peeples 10/9
Mike Gallaher 10/11
Gene Castellano 10/15
Ruth Chesley 10/22

November Birthdays

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



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!!



- 1974 was the last year Corvette to run on "leaded" gasoline. This was also the last year for the true dual exhaust.