

# ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

October, 2023 Newsletter

## The Vette Gazette

### OCC 2023 Board

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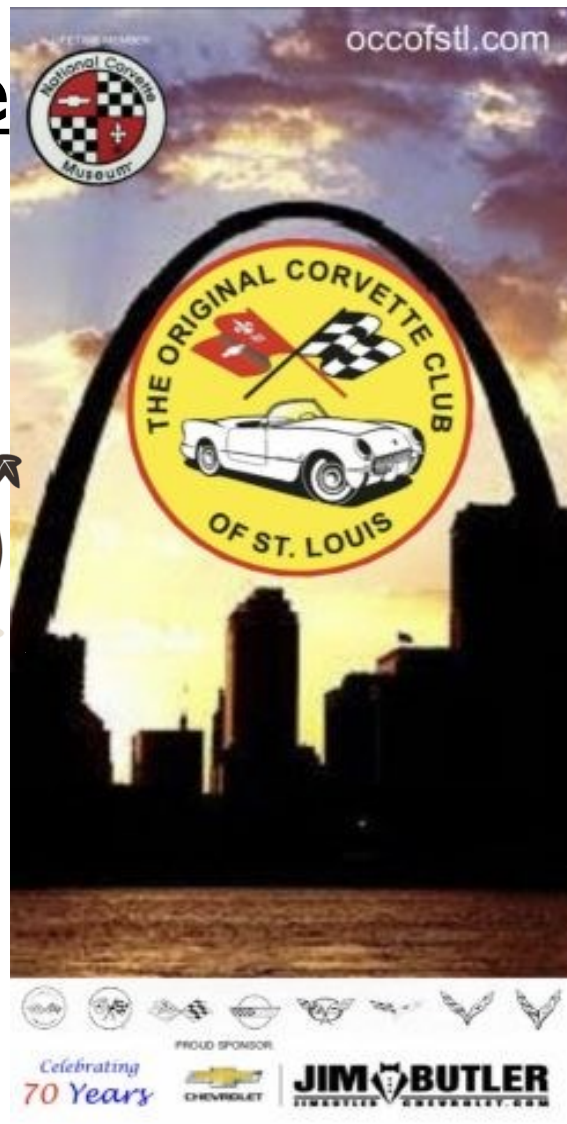
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#### Mailing Address:

OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box725, Manchester, MO  
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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 14, 2023**

Meeting Location: The meeting is going to be at Saucy's  
(the old Jilly's location). 1630 Gravois in High Ridge. Doors  
open at 6 pm to order dinner. Meeting starts at 7:30 pm.



## The President's Report

*Kenneth Schaeffler, President*

*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*



October 10, 2023

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome to Saucy's. Last month we had 50 members at the meeting.

Since the last meeting, we had a few events that took place.

Wednesday Night Dinner: September 20, 2023, Bandana's, Gravois (Judy Delonjay)

Guys Lunch, September 27, 2023, Helen Fitzgerald's (Bill Prewitt)

Lindbergh Homecoming Parade, September 29, 2023 (John Miceli)

Butler All Chevy Car Show: September 24, 2023 (Ken Schaeffler)

Supercars N Superstars; Miracles N' Progress, September 30, 2023

Immaculate Conception Car Show, October 7, 2023 (Gene Castellano)

Club Picnic: October 8, 2023 (Larry Dann)

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

[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)

Santa's Helpers @ OCC, November 14, 2023, Meeting night (Ken Schaeffler)

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

OCC Christmas Party, December 12, 2023

It's getting to that time of year when we need to start getting nominations together for the Club Board. There has been a change in plans and Jim Ford has been appointed as Chairman of the Nomination committee. If you would like to volunteer for a position on the Board (President, Vice-President, Administrative Assistant, treasurer, Membership Officer & Sergeant-At-Arms), or volunteer for one positions PUBLICATION OFFICER, NCM AMBASSADOR, WEBMASTER, (FACEBOOK & GROUPWORKS), CLUB HISTORIAN or OUTREACH VOLUNTEER, please let Jim Ford know. Recommendations of candidates for office shall be made at the October meeting by the nominating committee. Nominations can also be made from the floor, with a seconding nomination. Nominations for all offices will be closed at the end of the October meeting. Nominations shall not be reopened unless only one candidate has been nominated for any given office. Nominations for these offices only shall be reopened at the November meeting. An official list of all candidates shall be published in newsletter following the November meeting. A vote by attending members will be taken at the December meeting.

SANTA'S HELPERS will be on us soon. This usually occurs at the November meeting, so get your Christmas shopping done early and let's put together a great bunch of toys and other donations. I will contact Rita to have them pick up at the November meeting.

I want to talk about this years Jim Butler Annual All Chevy Car Show. Before I talk about it, I would like all of the members that helped out to stand up and be recognized. I want to personally thank each and everyone of you for a spectacular job. I also sent an email to Jeanne Walk from the Gateway Camaro Club thanking them for their help and support. We learned a lot from last years show. We raised the entry fee for judged cars to \$25 from \$20 last year. We also had a fee of \$15 for Display only cars. Registration went so smooth, thanks to members suggestions. As a driver entered, we collected their money, gave the a registration form to fill out and place on their dash board for the judges to pick up. Each car, registered and display was given a numbered sheet with a car number for the peoples choice award and the Sponsor Award. I also hired "The Give Back Pack" to independently judge the show this year. If you recall, last year members gathered various prizes for the raffle and we drew tickets from the same tickets sold for the 50/50 drawing. We changed that up this year also. The 50/50 drawing was separate from the prize raffle, selling two sets of tickets. Members from both Clubs solicited various gifts, but OCC members really went above and beyond. Some of the prizes were a round of golf for 4 w/cart (Value \$192.00). A \$250.00 gift certificate from Fairway Automotive. A \$175.00 gift Card for Johnny's Hideout in High Ridge. A gift certificate for the Lodge at Grants Trail w/ breakfast the next morning (\$205.00 value). Jim Butler donated A service pack including 4 oil changes, 4 tire rotations and a wash and detail bucket. (\$550.00 value). Premier window Tinting donated a window tint certificate (\$450.00 value). Members donated wine, booze and food baskets. A hand-made quilt was donated, as well as a pair of silver Corvette earrings and an original painting that I really wanted, but didn't win. Plus a lot of detail buckets and food and beverage gift cards. Overall there were over 40 prizes raffled off.

To recap, last year we had our best show to date and we raised \$3,141.00 for Boys and Girls Club of greater St. Louis. And we did that with 4-1/2 weeks to set it up. Last year we had 9 classes w/ 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place award plaques as well as 'Best in Show', 'Peoples Choice' & 'Sponsor Pick' for a total of 30 awards presented.

Well, this year we had 6 months to prepare and I said "We can do better than last year" We added 5 more classes and "Best Club Participation" award this year for a total of 46 awards presented. I also said "wouldn't it be great if we could do \$5,000.00 this year?". I was hopeful, but really didn't think it could happen at the time. Well, with the help of the members that stood up earlier, we sold \$655.00 in 50/50 tickets. The winner took home \$327.00. We sold \$1,014.00 in prize raffle tickets. And registration took in \$3,694.00. This years check to 'Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis' will be \$5,036.00. I couldn't be more pleased with the results and the efforts put forth by the OCC members that worked their tails off to make the day a huge success and the best Butler Show to date. This may be tough to top next year, but it's possible.

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.

**Santa's Helpers** are asking for our help once again this year. The OCC has always been a staunch supporter of this great cause and it was Dick and Karen Mericle's Love. So let's help the kids have a wonderful Christmas again this year in their honor. Please bring your unwrapped toy to the next meeting.



# Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

October, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



October 2023 minutes

Meeting called to order 7:29

Eric led pledge of allegiance

All officers present except Gary and Jason Messenger

Ken gave his report emphasizing nominations for next year officers

Sharon gave Treasurers Report. Accepted by Doug Flader and Sidney Hirsch

Published minutes from last meeting accepted by Dennis Osterhorn and Rick Poepping

Administrative Assistant had no report as usual

Membership Bill Prewitt reminded members that it is time to renew

Outreach Connie Finch Bob Schissler is in hospital Cindy Murphy is recovering nicely per Russ.

No new members or first time visitors

No Jim Butler update

Upcoming events Oct 28 Halloween Party and Bonfire

Nov 14 Santa's Helpers bring a gift

Nov 23 Thanksgiving Day Parade room is still available

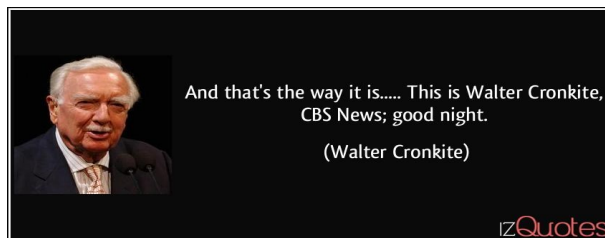
Dec 12 Holiday Party

Old Business Jim Ford was appointed Nominations Committee Chairman

50/50 Ken Schaeffler won and donated back to USO

Saucy's gift card won by Russ Murphy

Motion to adjourn 8:19 Randy Vollmer and Gene Castellano



# Hot Off The Presses.....

## 2024 Corvette Z06 Carbon Aero Packages Currently Under Constraint

BY [JONATHAN LOPEZ](#)

The [2024 Corvette](#) Z06 drops in as the second model-year for the go-faster [C8 Z06](#), once again delivering impressive track-ready performance and a high-revving, flat-plane-crank V8 engine. All of this goodness is wrapped in an aggressive exterior, which can be enhanced even further with the addition of the optional carbon fiber aero packages. Unfortunately, *GM Authority* has learned that the 2024 [Corvette](#) Z06 carbon aero packages are currently under constraint.

The two 2024 Corvette Z06 aero package in question include the following (relevant [RPO codes](#) listed in parentheses):  
Carbon Flash-painted carbon fiber package with high wing, dive planes and ground effects (TOF)    Visible carbon fiber package with high wing, dive planes and ground effects (TOG)

The TOF carbon fiber aero package normally costs \$8,495, while the TOG carbon fiber aero package normally costs \$10,495. Currently, the TOF package is constrained at 30 percent, while the TOG package is constrained at 20 percent. Essentially, this means that the available supply for these packages is limited at 30 percent and 20 percent, respectively, of what GM originally expected to receive and sell.

This constraint also impacts the availability of the Z07 Performance Package, which requires either the TOF package or the TOG package. It's unclear at this time when these constraints will be lifted.

As a reminder, the 2024 Corvette Z06 is equipped as standard with the naturally aspirated [5.5L V8 LT6](#) gasoline engine, which is rated at 670 horsepower and 460 pound-feet of torque. The LT6 has a redline set at 8,600 rpm, and emits an exotic-sounding exhaust note courtesy of its flat-plane crankshaft. Output is sent rearwards through the eight-speed dual-clutch automatic transmission, sending the sports car from 0 to 60 mph in just 2.6 seconds.

The GM Y2 platform provides the underpinnings, while production takes place exclusively at the [GM Bowling Green plant](#) in Kentucky.



## [Celebrity Corvette Owners](#)

### [Dinah Shore](#)

American Actress, Variety Show Host, and Singer, Dinah Shore showing off her 1953 Corvette. She was a spokesperson and sang the song, "[See the U.S.A. in Your Chevrolet](#)".



**Dinah Shore** (born **Frances Rose Shore**; February 29, 1916 – February 24, 1994) was an American singer, actress, and television personality, and the chart-topping female vocalist of the 1940s. She rose to prominence as a recording artist during the [Big Band](#) era. She achieved even greater success a decade later in television, mainly as the host of a series of variety programs for the [Chevrolet](#) automobile company.

After failing singing auditions for the bands of [Benny Goodman](#), and both [Jimmy](#) and [Tommy Dorsey](#), Shore struck out on her own. She became the first singer of her era to achieve huge solo success. She had a string of eighty charted popular hits, spanning from 1940 to 1957, and after appearing in a handful of feature films, she went on to a four-decade career in American television. She starred in her own music and [variety shows](#) from 1951 through 1963 and hosted two talk shows in the 1970s. [TV Guide](#) ranked her at number 16 on their list of the top 50 television stars of all time. Stylistically, Shore was compared to two singers who followed her in the mid-to-late 1940s and early 1950s, [Jo Stafford](#) and [Patti Page](#).

*I guess you gotta do what you gotta do! HMMMM.*





All Kinds of Fun Stuff Coming Up... Mark Your Calendars!



Peggy and I are going to have a Halloween party and bonfire at our place for the OCC on **October 28**. This is just a heads up and I'll have someone post this later as an event so we can get a headcount. We used to have this every year for the kids and grandkids but they seem to have other things to do with their friends. We always fitted our car trailer with sides and straw bales and I would pull them around the adjacent subdivision with our tractor to see the Halloween decorations but I'm not sure if anyone would be interested in that. The kids loved it. We will provide my mild chili and hotdogs and drinks, beer and soft drinks. We have quite a few chairs and tables. We also have a couple of patio heaters that we set up in our building in case it's chilly, you can get warm by the bonfire also. I'm sure we can park at least 50 cars in our backyard and the driveway down by our building. We hope to see you there!

**3608 Kelly Dr, Arnold , MO 63010**

**Jim and Peggy Thacker**





**Guy's Lunch is Wednesday September 27, 11 am**

Helen Fitzgerald's on South Lindbergh



***Sundaes***

***On***

***Sunday!***

***Sharon Young***



***October 15- 4:30 to 6:30- Clementines Creamery***

Check Groupworks for the next Wednesday Night Dinner

Judy Silvagni

***Wednes-  
day Night  
Dinner!***





62nd ANNUAL  
**Sausage Festival**

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St. John the Baptist -  
 Gildehaus  
 Parish Center  
 5567 Gildehaus Rd  
 Villa Ridge, MO 63089

**Sunday, Oct. 22, 2023**  
**10:30 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.**

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Home-made Pork Sausage dinner served  
 cafeteria style and drive-thru carry out.  
 Prepared and served by the men of  
 St. John the Baptist - Gildehaus Parish.

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Raffles	Prices	Activities
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hog</li> <li>• Quilts</li> <li>• Baby Quilts</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADULTS ----- \$18</li> <li>• CHILDREN UNDER 12 ----- \$8</li> <li>• PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ----- FREE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children Room</li> <li>• Country store</li> <li>• Bake Sale</li> <li>• Build-A-Scarecrow</li> <li>• Games</li> </ul>



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**Farm Fresh  
 Pork  
 For Sale**

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\*all major credit cards accepted

\* Sunday October 22nd, 2023

\* OCC Meeting Location Will be the McDonalds at Six Flags, meeting at 10:15 AM.

\* We will depart at 10:30AM as a group to head to the church.

\* Prices per Adult \$18.00

\* They will have special parking for our Corvettes as usual.

**"Please" Respond to the EVENT Notice so Rich Brewer has an idea of how many cars /people will be going.**

**If you have never attended this, it is a really fun event and the delicious food is served all you eat can family style!**



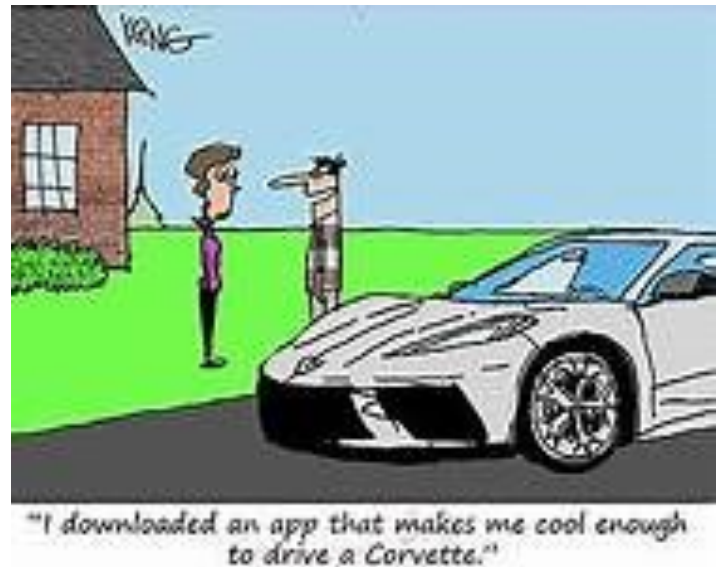
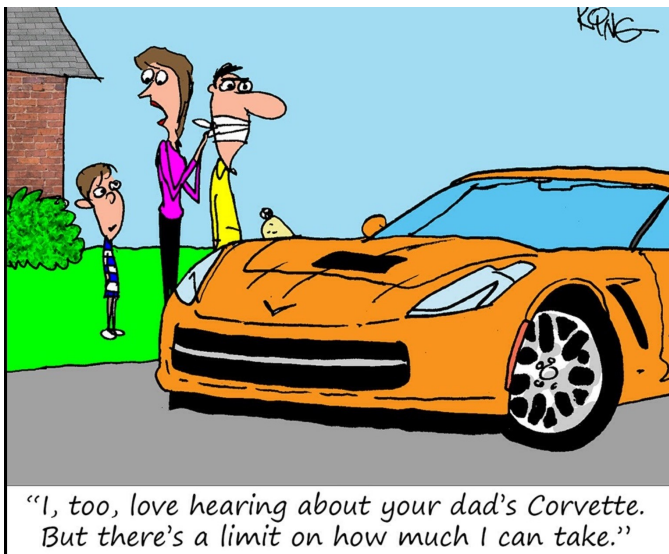
**The Original Corvette Club  
of St. Louis'**

**2023**

**Banner at the National  
Corvette Museum in  
Bowling Green, KY**



**Corvette Funny Papers...**





From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) October 18, WWT Wide Open Wednesdays— Race your Vette— Ken Schaeffler
- 2.) October 22, St. John's Gildehaus Sausage Dinner, Rich and Esther Brewer— see flyer in this issue!
- 3.) October 28, Bonfire and Halloween party, Jim and Peggy Thacker. See details in this newsletter
- 4.) OCC Meeting— at Saucy's. Bring your toys for Santa's Helpers
- 5.) November 23— Thanksgiving Day Parade— Downtown, Ken Schaeffler
- 6.) December 12, Annual OCC Christmas Party. Orlando's, Larry Dann

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



***Jim and Teri Ford 10/8***

***Walt and Lois Yeager 10/16***

***John and Paula Miceli 10/24***

***Jim and Peggy Thacker 10/29***





*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:**

**OCC of St. Louis, P.O. Box725, Manchester, MO 63011**

### 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**  
ADMIN ASSISTANT: **SHARON YOUNG**  
TREASURER: **SYDNEY HIRSCH**  
MEMBERSHIP: **BILL PREWITT**  
SGT AT ARMS: **JOHN MICELI**



**ELECTION 2023**

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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Email - [jford63366@yahoo.com](mailto:jford63366@yahoo.com)

**Jim Ford**

## [The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[October, 2023](#)



### Latest News:

The National Corvette Museum delivered Stingray Convertible VIN #001 on Friday, September 29 to Jeff and Missy Garner. Delivered with the R8C option code and full VIP National Corvette Museum delivery experience, the Garner's factory-fresh Artic White Stingray Convertible received a thundering boom of applause as it excited the Museum's Corvette Boulevard, marking not only the historic VIN but also the start of 2024 model year deliveries at the Museum.

The R8C delivery is available through any Chevrolet Dealer, when specified during ordering, R8C customers are welcomed with signs and a guided VIP tour of the Museum where their car is displayed on Corvette Boulevard, followed by an orientation and presentation of their new vehicle. Customers also receive a one-year individual membership to the National Corvette Museum, a unique gold decal on the inside of the driver's door jamb, and a commemorative wall plaque with the customer's name, date of delivery, and VIN.

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.

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

Chevrolet's legendary sports car is about to get even fiercer. The 670-horsepower Corvette Z06 – motivated by a naturally aspirated 5.5-liter V-8 engine—will be upstaged by a new ZR1 in 2025. The ZR1 will strap a pair of turbochargers to the flat-plane-crank, 5.5-liter V-8 engine found in the Z06, where it produces 670 hp. The addition of forced induction should push the ZR1's horsepower output to over 800 ponies. All of that oomph will be sent to the rear wheels, where wide, grippy tires should help the power translate to blisteringly quick lap times. The ZR1 should also retain the beefy carbon-fiber brakes from the Z06, and we predict that it will rip to 60 mph in under 2.5 seconds.

There have been reports lately of some camouflaged sightings.

We need to start thinking about our designs for next year's banner. I would like to have designs shared by the November meeting. We would then vote at the January meeting for our 2024 banner design.

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

### [Rick Poepping](#)



**National Corvette Museum**  
**350 Corvette Dr.**  
**Bowling Green, KY 42101**

**[www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org)**

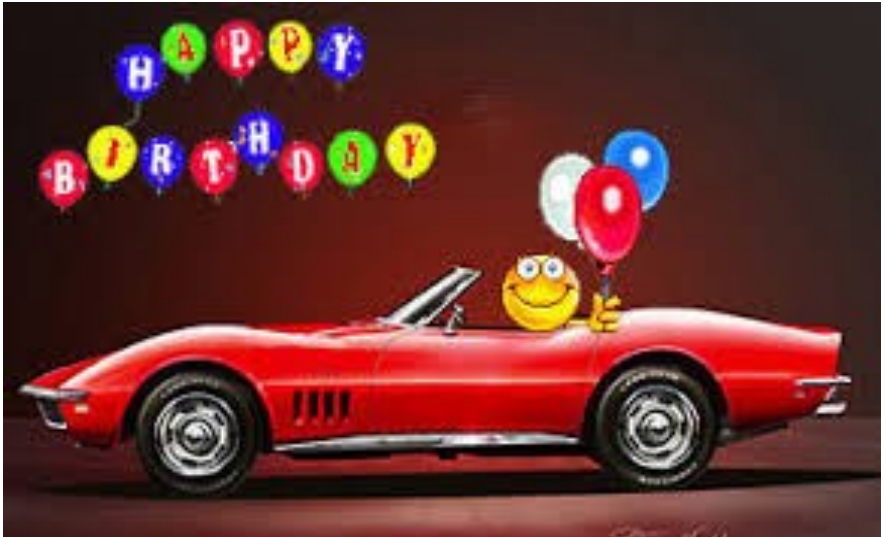


## October Birthdays

Tom Heeley	10/02
Linda Lepper	10/03
Mike Gallaher	10/11
Gene Castelano	10/15
Ruth Chesney	10/22
Melissa Vogt	10/23

## 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



**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!

**First big-block Corvette:** Chevy also gave us the first big-block Corvette in 1965. The L78 396-cubic-inch V-8 had an iron block and heads, an aluminum intake manifold, solid lifters, and big Holley carburetor. It cost \$292.70 and was installed in 2157 Corvettes. With 425 hp it was the most powerful engine offered up until that time.

The L78 396 made its first appearance during the middle of the 1965 model year in the Chevrolet Corvette and full-size Chevrolet models. Its output was factory rated at 425 gross horsepower and 415 lb-ft of gross torque in 1965. The L78 396 after 1965 would never again be available in the Corvette or any full-size Chevy model.

