

# The Vette Gazette

## OCC 2020 Board

President: Dennis Osterhorn

Vice President– Gary Messenger

Treasurer– Ann Nickelson-Jennings

Sgt. At Arms– Tome Nickelson

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)



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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:** **October, 13** **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)

**Sept. meeting is tentative depending on CDC guideline**

# The Presidents Report: Dennis Osterhorn

## Presidents Report

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those members and guests who attended the September OCC meeting. It was a good turnout based on the circumstances with the pandemic. Here again, thanks to those who attended and wore masks at the appropriate time. We had a father and son who had just bought a vintage corvette and were looking for a corvette club to join and found our web site. Still getting positive comments on the new web site lay out.

To our OCC members who are under the weather, we all wish you a speedy recovery and you should know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. Cannot wait to see you back at the meetings.

We address three key items at the meeting and have the following resolutions to them:

To remove the word "Associate" in the bylaws. As it was explained at the meeting there was considerable discussion both Pro & Con. The board concluded we **will not remove the word**. The question was put out to the attending members on their position; Remove =2 members and the remaining No or do not care one way or the other.

The end of the year party / Christmas party. As we know, we all love going to Orlando's, however, hear again the pandemic has thrown a wrench into the definite attendees and commitment to Orlando's and payment. The biggest concern is that we commit to a certain number and pay for this and all sudden some folks get cold feet and back out. As would be expected, they would like their portion of the cost back, which would be difficult to do. The board also discussed at great length and are leaning to go back to **Jilly's for this year**. I spoke to Danny at Jillys and he is good with this. We are going to use the **main dining room** for that night, since it is a little nicer for the event. I am working with Danny and the board to come up with 3 or 4 dinner selections to choose from. I will present these at the next meeting and might try and put them on Groupworks. Also, each member will get 2 alcoholic drink tickets either for them or pass to someone else. As for soft drinks, Iced tea, and coffee there is no charge. So as always keep your eyes peeled for any updates on Groupworks.

Last item discussed was the officers for 2021. I had asked the members at the meeting if anyone was interested to be on the board for the upcoming year or wanted to nominate someone. As you can imagine you could hear a pin drop in the room. Now saying this I approached the current officers earlier if they were willing to stay on another year? All of the current officers and appointees have agreed to remain for another year. So, at the October and November meeting I will address this up again and if their no changes we will vote in November.

***I would like to personally thank the officers and appointees for loyal support to the OCC.***

Another quick reminder the membership committee will be sending out a 2021 Dues notification.

## OCC Meeting Minutes.....

### Kenneth Schaeffler

September 8, 2020, 7:30 PM

Meeting Location – Jilly's

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

Tom led the Pledge of Allegiance

Dennis Osterhorn presented opening statement:



Dennis introduced the Board Members present.

Board members present: Dennis O., Gary M., Ken S., Cheryl O., Mike & Suzanne K., Rick P., Karen M., Esther B., and Randy V.

Dennis presented his opening statement:

Thanks to everyone in attendance tonight (34 members, associated & guests)

Thanks to the Board for their diligence and support throughout this year. The Board has been having Zoom video conferencing meetings to keep things going and to bring forward ideas for discussion.

We have had a great response to the new web page. (occofstl.com)

Three major topics for discussion tonight:

Bylaws changes on the term "Associate"

Upcoming Christmas Party / December meeting

2021 Election of Officers

Cheryl O. presented the Treasurers Report. Dave P. made motion to accept, Doug F. made second.

Motion was made to accept the published minutes from last meeting by Randy V., second by Rich B.

Ken S. reported that he is working on downloading and resizing Karen's picture files for future updates to the website.

Mike K. presented the membership report. We currently have 127 members. Suzanne presented face masks with Corvette Logo's for sale. If interested, contact her for colors, gen logo and size. It was also mentioned to members that if they need anything changed or updated in the member directory to contact Suzanne.

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. Tom N. gave update on Byrles health. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Byrle submitted his monthly NCM Ambassador report to Dennis. Dennis presented the report. Byrle began by saying "a big thank you" to all family, friends and neighbors for all the help and support over the past several weeks. It is greatly appreciated.

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The museum has acquired George Jones', Corvette. This is the first celebrity owned car to join the museum.

Each year at the anniversary Celebration the museum recognizes Corvette Clubs from around the world for their support and promotion of the National Corvette Museum. Awards are given for many categories. OCC was entered into the Best Banner Contest. All banners become eligible for judging upon submission and approval of your design.

In past reports I have discussed the many new and updated attractions at the museum. They are creating new and unique exhibits to make your sensory and visual experience new and exciting. ROAD TRIP ANYONE?

"VetsNVettes" Event dates are set for November 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020. Registration info later.

Be safe out there and don't forget the wave.

New members in attendance at tonight's meeting: Mark and Corbin Griep. 1982 Collector Edition Corvette.

No update from Jim Butler. The October Car Show has been cancelled.

Gary Messenger presented some upcoming events:

OCC Trash Pickup – October 3, 2020. This is a Saturday this month  
Corvettes at the Elks. September 26, 2020. 10261 Bauer Road, 63128 (Mike Krechel)  
St. John's sausage dinner. October 25, 2020. (Rich Brewer)

#### OLD BUSINESS DISCUSSION

The Board has considered the elimination of the word "Associate" in the Bylaws.

This was brought forth by Herb Clark at the July 14, 2020 meeting

What really changes is the status from an "Associate" to a member. The Bylaws are noticeably clear on the role of an "Associate" versus a "Member. (They are essentially the same – can vote and hold office)

Currently the annual dues are \$35.00 and that includes an "Associate". If we drop "Associate" and make all "Members" should it now include an additional \$35.00 annual membership dues.

The Board members held two (2) ZOOM video conferences to discuss this matter. The pros and cons were assessed.

The Board held a vote and it was decided to "NOT change the Bylaws" and leave it alone.

Dennis opened the discussion to the members. A show of hands was asked for. In Favor of changing Bylaws (2). Opposed to changing the Bylaws (14).

The motion did not pass and the Bylaws will remain the same. The next topic for discussion was the Year End Christmas Party and meeting.

This topic was discussed at length in the ZOOM meetings with the Board Members.

Should we have the Party at Orlando's or do something at Jilly's.

Due to the Virus and the reluctance of member attending meetings and possibly not wanting to be at larger gatherings, we are leaning strongly towards having something at Jilly's.

What was decided is to talk to Danny and select three meals for members to choose from and give each member and associate two (2) drink tickets from the bar. The Club would pick up the entire tab for the event. There would be no additional charge to members as in the past. However, any guest, NOT a member or associate would have to pay for their own dinner and drinks.

The Board members, like others would like to have it at Orlando's. It was a great time and the food and music was awesome. "BUT", these are uncertain times and not sure what, if any, more restrictions could come out. The Board is leaning towards Jilly's this year and the go back to Orlando's next year. Although this may be too soon, but we would like to get some idea of how many would like to participate at the event held at Jilly's

The final topic for discussion was Election of Board Members for the 2021 Calendar Year.

Typically at this time of year a nominating committee leader is selected to see if there are any members of OCC wanting to step forward and serve on the Board or any other volunteer position.

Due to the crazy year of 2020, the existing Board Members and volunteers have agreed to "STAY ON" in their current positions, unless someone else would like to run for a position.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 PM by motion from Sidney Hirsch, seconded by Sharon Young.

## *Corvette Racing.....*

**LEXINGTON, Ohio** (Sept. 27, 2020) – Corvette Racing went wire-to-wire Sunday to claim a GT Le Mans (GTLM) victory at the Acura Sports Car Challenge at Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Antonio Garcia and Jordan Taylor won for the fourth time this year in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship with the No. 3 Mobil 1/SiriusXM Chevrolet Corvette C8.R.





# *The National Corvette Museum Report*

## *By Mr. Byrle Layman, NCM Ambassador*

September 2020, NCM Ambassador Report

Let me begin by saying a BIG THANK YOU to all my family, friends, and neighbors for all the help and support they have given to me during this past several weeks. I am grateful for all your thoughts and acts of kindness.

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The museum has acquired George Jones, Corvette. This is the first celebrity owned car to join the Museum collection. The 1978 two toned one-off paint scheme of dark brown over light beige was special ordered as George liked the pace car look. You may recall the George Jones was a popular country western music star. This acquisition was made possible thanks to Lon and Anne Helton of Nashville, TN. And Tim and Donna Vincent of Broussard, LA.

Each year, at the Anniversary Celebration, the museum recognizes Corvette clubs from around the world for their support and promotion of the National Corvette Museum.

The awards are for the categories of Best Newsletter, Web Site, Banner, Social Media, and last the club that has shown the most support donating time, talent, and service to the museum.

OCC was entered into the Best Banner Contest. All Banners become eligible for judging upon submission and approval of your design. The winner for first place was RTP Corvette. Second place was Central Illinois Corvette Club. Third place was the Corvette Club of Hawaii. (They took first last year).

In past reports I have discussed the many new and updated attractions at the museum. Derek Moore, curator, and his crew are constantly working to make the NCM a place to visit and revisit. They are creating new and unique exhibits to make your sensory and visual experience new and exciting. Road Trip Anyone?

VetsNVettes Event dates are set for November 5-7, 2020. Registration info later.

Be Safe out there and don't forget to wave.

Byrle Layman



*South County Elks Car Show... September 26,*



***Handsome Devils!***



***Cheers!***

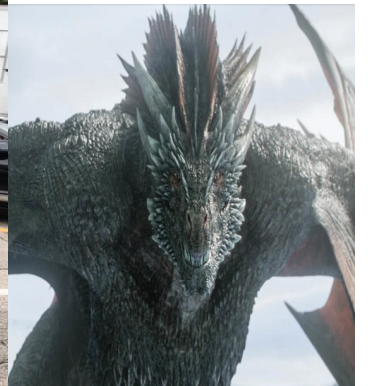


## September Meeting



Thanks Everyone for coming to the meeting!!!

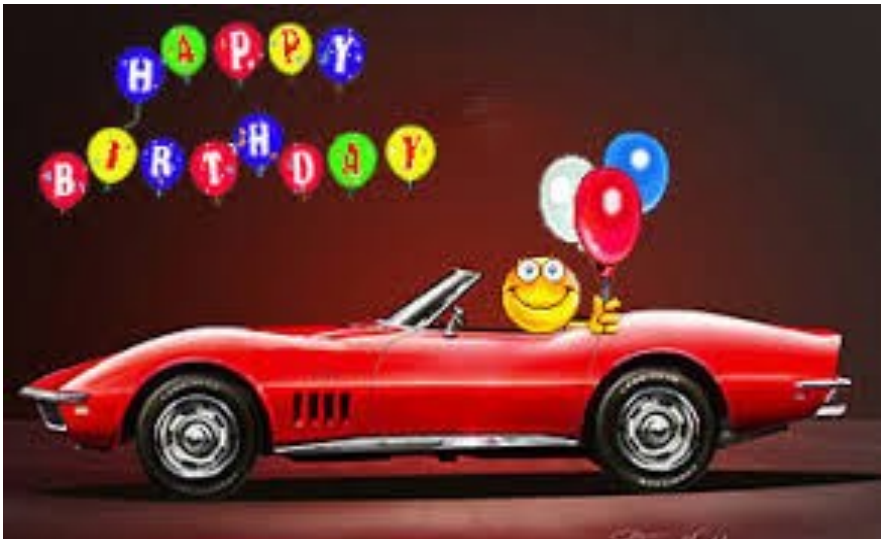
## Magic Dragon





**September**  
**Birthdays**

- Julie Willis- 9/2
- Jim Ford- 9/3
- Sidney Hirsch- 9/6
- Cindy Stephens- 9/6
- Dennis Osterhorn- 9/9
- Carol Peeples- 9/12
- Mike De Rienzo- 9/23
- Dick Mericle- 9/23
- Tom Messina- 9/29



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

**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



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.....**

Turbojet" was first used on Corvette engine air cleaners with a horsepower rating of greater than 390 hp.

