

# The Vette Gazette

## OCC 2021 Board

President: Dennis Osterhorn

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Treasurer– Cheryl Osterhorn

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

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### 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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**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 12.** **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

## September 2021



President's Message for September. Wow it's hard to believe, it seems like overnight the "HOT" weather is slipping away, and the cool weather has started to slide in making it more enjoyable to be outside. Especially when you're trying to clean and wax the Vette. I guess in 4 months or so we will be wishing for some warm weather and getting rid of the snow and ice. What's great we have spring to look forward to driving away the winter blues and to look forward to enjoying new adventures to participate in with the Corvettes and the OCC club. Let's pray this pandemic gets behind us and we get back to normal if that's even possible. I don't know any more who to believe when they report on the Covid 19 statics, each doctor, hospital, and news broadcast give sometimes very conflicting information. My view is each of us needs to draw our own conclusion and let that be your personal perspective and position on how to live your day-to-day activities. The Manchester Homecoming Parade was a lot of fun and we had great weather. OCC provided 14 corvettes for this event. A special thank you to all of those who provided cars for this event, as this is part of our community outreach. The people were very excited to see the cars and shouting out "I want that one" or rev them up. It was interesting this time I think everyone in our group ran out of candy, it seems like the parade was longer this year, which was ok. The adults made up cardboard signs with holes in them for us to see if we could pitch the candy through. Look forward to doing this again next year. All Chevy Show at the National Transportation Museum on September 12th was another successful day with 9 corvettes and 12 members from the club. The OCC Club received "Top Participation Award". Also, Randy Vollmer won an award. As Randy said, "I guess all that cleaning paid off". Our Ice Cream Social was on September 19th with 12 members attending and of course the ice cream was great. The best part while we were enjoying our treat a beautiful double rainbow appeared to make the evening a true success. Lindbergh Homecoming Parade was on September 24th. A big thanks go goes out to John Miceli for taking charge of this request from the school. Also, thank you to those members who signed up and participated with their Corvettes to take the seniors and key facility members around the parade route. As you know, John Miceli is working very hard to get candidates to fill out the 2022 Board and Volunteer Positions. As I said at the onset of my 2 terms as president, "This is YOUR CLUB" the success of it is in

your hands to support. These positions can't fall on a few select individuals year after year to do everything. Step up and be a strong member that is what it is all about, take your turn, remember past officers will help you. John will announce the nominations for the various offices, also, we will ask for nominations from the floor as required by the bylaws. Larry will post them in the October newsletter as required and then at the November meeting there will be a last call for nominations. Once the nominations are closed, we will vote at the November meeting. The new board will be introduced at the Annual OCC Christmas party / meeting. Our Annual OCC Picnic is on October 2nd at Cliff Cave Park. The final number is 75 total {member plus guest} has been submitted to Larry to pass on to the cater. Because of all the setbacks to the club because of the pandemic the Board has decided to provide all the food and desert for this event to the members and their guest. Since it's hard to determine what everyone likes to drink, we ask that everyone bring their beverage of choice. So come out, sit back, and enjoy a catered picnic and socialize with the other OCC members.

On Sunday October 10th OCC will be participating and supporting the Jim Butler Car Show. We will be joined by the St Louis Gateway Camaro Club in supporting this event. Hopefully the weather is going to co-operate with us. The flyer is out on Groupworks with all of the pertinent information. This is our Sponsor, so let's get out there and show OCC's 100% support behind Jim Butler Chevrolet. Remember we receive a large donation every year from them, at least we can spare a few hours to show our appreciation. You may have noticed in Groupworks the Annual Christmas Party on December 14th will be back at Orlando's in South County. As always, Larry and his team at Orlando's go out of their way to make sure the evening is a real success. In addition, I will be announcing the NEW OCC Board and Volunteers for 2022. This is great time to wish your club members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. All the while enjoying Great Food and drinks while dancing and listening to good live music. Remember there is a deadline to get the reservations in and paid for. Again, the flyer is out under Groupworks with all the detail. One last thing, the Membership Committee will start collecting 2022 dues in the amount of \$35.00 at the October meeting. Please don't drag your feet getting your dues paid so the club can continue to maintain a positive financial position to address the upcoming functions and let's not forget those pesky yearly bills the club receives.

## Upcoming Key Events for The OCC

**St. Louis July Parade Downtown July 3rd (car sign up required)**

**OCC Picnic Cliff Cave Park South County OCTOBER 2nd,2012**

**Jim Butler/ OCC Car Show OCTOBER 10th , 2021 [?](#)**

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

**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 Groupworks**

## September 2021 Meeting Minutes

Kenneth Schaeffler, Administrative Assistant



September 14, 2021

Meeting Location – Jilly's - 7:30

Meeting called to order by President, Dennis Osterhorn

Board and Volunteers present: Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn, Gary Messenger, Sharon Young sat in for Ken Schaeffler, Mike and Suzanne Koenen, Byrle Layman, Larry Dann, Rick Poepping, Karen Mericle, Esther Brewer & Randy Vollmer

There were 37 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:

Like to thank everyone who came out for tonight's meeting, as there are a number of things to cover tonight.

Saw photos that a number of you went to the Ballwin Car Show on August 22. I understand it was great.

We had our 3<sup>rd</sup> trash pickup on August 28. It was much cooler at that time. Thank you to those who attended:

Mike Koenen, Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn, Sharon Young and Karen & Dick Mericle. It would be nice see more members come out and help since this is our only community project.

On August 29, some of attended the ROUTE 66 Chain of Rocks Car Show and it was nice, HOT, but nice. Gary and Sharon Messenger, Jason Messenger, Rick Poepping, Mike Koenen and Dennis and Cheryl Osterhorn were in attendance. It was fun driving the old bridge and experiencing how narrow it was. Pictures of the event are posted on Groupworks.

As you have read on Groupworks, Doug and Jan have decided to step down as the Wednesday night dinner coordinators. We thank Doug and Jan for their hard work of arranging these dinner outings at various restaurants. I realize that it's hard to please everyone on the restaurants and times to meet.

Also, Ann Jennings has stepped up to take on the task of organizing the Wednesday night dinners. As I understand 10 folks showed and that as good, the more the merrier. Please let Ann know if your coming so we get the right count to the restaurant. Also Ann just recently Ann on Groupworks the locations for the rest of the year of the restaurants the Wednesday night dinner group will be going. Please let her know by the Monday proceeding the Wednesday dinner.

Then on September 11<sup>th</sup> OCC provided 14 corvettes for the Manchester Annual Homecoming parade. They really appreciated us being there. On groupworks are some highlights of the real stars in the show. They as asked us to return again next year.

On September 12<sup>th</sup>, 9 OCC Corvettes and 12 members/ associates attended the "All Chevy Car Show" held at the National Transportation Museum, it was a great Show and Randy won an Award ,and to top it off OCC won the Top Club participation war, That's the way to do it team.

As for our Annual OCC Picnic that is being held in the Cliff Cave Park in South County, we have 45 people signed up as now. IF you are planning to attend and have not sign, please do so tonight last date to sign up is September 20<sup>th</sup>. Then we turn the number into the cater. Larry would like to get some people to help set up and take down for the picnic since Joyce and him will not be able to attend due to a wedding. More volunteers the faster it goes. I'll let Larry fill us in on the picnic particulars.

The next upcoming parade is the Lindbergh High School Homecoming, please check the post John Miceli put out and I believe John will provide an update on the event---by the way it's September 24th at 4:30pm.

Our next Ice Cream social is coming up on September 19<sup>th</sup> and Karen will cover this in more detail I posted on Groupworks about the OCC Jim Butler Car Show which will be held at the Jim Butler lot in Fenton **on October 10th from 10am to 3pm**. This will be a combined Corvette and Camaro show. With each car model having their own awards 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. The show will be held in the lower parking area at the dealership typically where the trucks are parked. Entry fee is \$20.00, and it will go to the Cancer society. I'm looking for volunteers to do registration, help set up the cars on the lot, raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets. In addition, I'm looking for 3 volunteers to be judges to review the Camaros, since they will have someone to judge the Corvettes. Set time will be 8:30 am. Since time is short since the decision to move forward, I'm suggesting we purchase one "NICE" attendance prize of a basket of Car related items \$75 to 100 dollars. I have asked the board on this. By the way this car show is open to the public. Also, I'm working with Fuzz since he is the Butler contact now.

As it was mentioned in the groupworks post John Miceli is leading this year's nominating committee for 2022. I am going to call on John later to discuss the status thus far. John spoke and stated that the club is still looking for Administrative assistant and Esther has stated she will be stepping from as Outreach volunteer, so that position needs to be filled as well. We are also looking for someone to fill the membership position.

I will be posting the flyer on the annual OCC Christmas party at Orlando's. The party will be held on December 14th where there will be very short meeting to introduce, the new officers for 2022. The club will be picking up the majority of the cost, and cost to each member will be \$20.00. All reservations "MUST" be in no later than November 30<sup>th</sup>. The flyer will instruct you on where to send your payment. As always outstanding food and top shelf premium bar items. Also, there will be a live band for enjoyment. Look for the flyer on Groupworks. **If Larry is there, he can provide any additional information.**

I would like to thank Sharon for filling in for Ken while he is in California.

With that I will turn it over to the Treasure for the club's report.

Let me be very clear if no one steps up to take these offices, this club will cease to exist.

If you think by doing nothing the current officers will stay on-----your wrong.

I have posted the Annual Club Picnic at Cliff Cave part in South County. I am seeing a good response thus far.

Please make sure you sign up so we an accurate count for food ordering. There is a list here if you want to sign up tonight

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

Cheryl presented her report to the members. Motion to accept was made by Rich Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Flader.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT – Sharon Young sitting in for Ken Schaeffler**

Motion was made to approve the minutes of the April meeting. Motion: Esther Brewer, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cindy Stephens.

### **MEMBERSHIP – Mike Koenen**

We currently have 65 paid members and 52 associate members. Total membership is 117.

Mike and Suzanne will also be taking orders for Club Name Tags. (LAST CALL). The cost to each member will be \$3.00.

We will be collecting annual dues for membership through the first of the year.

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**

Byrle started off by introducing the new President and CEO of the National Corvette Museum. SHARON BRAWNER. Sharon is a native Kentuckian. Prior to coming to the NCM, she was VP of Sales and Marketing at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum. Like the NCM, this is a non-profit organization. Sharon grew up in a car culture, as her dad was a drag racer and insisted on using nothing but Corvette engines in his cars. Sharon is excited to be coming home. Oh! Did I fail to mention she owns and drives a Corvette.

Expansion of the Museum: Plans for a 30,000 sq. ft. expansion have been announced. Multiple components are planned. Specialty exhibits. A 'Members Only' Roof Top Lounge. A kid's zone and educational center and sensory calming room as well as open theatre space. The Museum is becoming a top destination for travelers. Expansion will make it even more attractive to vacationers and travelers. Donations are being solicited and accepted. See Byrle for more details.

AMBASSADORS PROGRAM: The program is being reworked. In the past it was pretty much "freewheeling" as each Club ran its own program. I don't have all of the details, but it looks like the whole programmed will be more structured. A set of By-Laws have been developed with specific duties outlined. Ambassadors will be assigned to regions and each region will have regional directors. OCC will be assigned to the Mid-Central region which will have five (5) regional directors. I will share more as I am informed. I hope to have more after the Ambassadors meeting in November.

NCM upcoming events

Ambassadors meeting is scheduled for November 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021

Vets N Vettes by Mobil – November 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Registration is open.

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

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

Ed & Judy Lang – 2018 Grand Sport

Cheryl Allison – 2019 Stingray - Red/Red, Black Interior

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

New addition – Mike De Rienzo – 2018 Grand Sport - Black



**Karen Mericle under a double rainbow enjoying some ice cream time! Karen is our club historian. She does a mighty fine job at it!**

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



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# 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



## Good times at the September Meeting!!



## September Birthdays

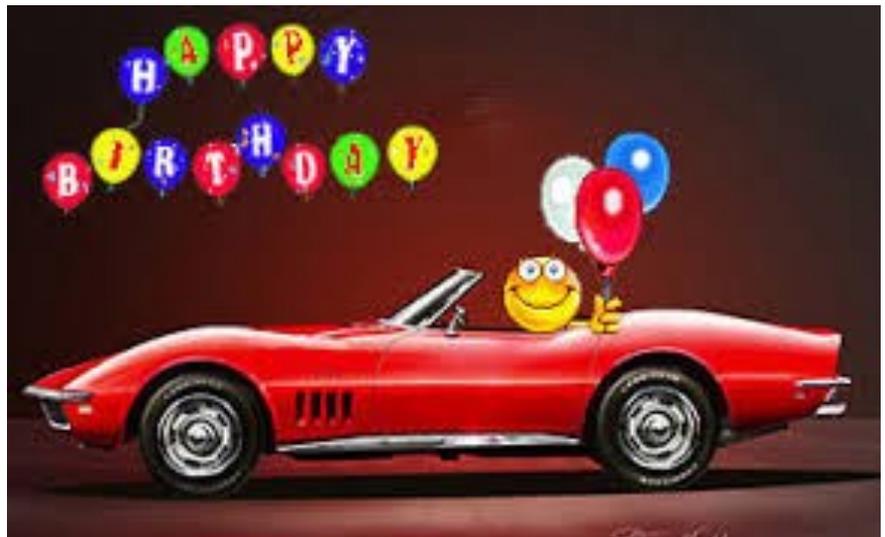
Julie Willis 9/2  
Jim Ford 9/3  
Sidney Hirsch 9/6  
Cindy Stephens 9/6  
Dennis Osterhorn 9/9  
Carol Peeples 9/13  
Mark Navratil 9/18  
Mike DeRienzo 9/23  
Dick Mericle 9/23  
Tom Messina 9/29

## October Birthdays

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

## Corvette Trivia!!

What is the rarest Corvette color?  
The 1967 Corvette Stingray coated  
in Tuxedo Black is the rarest with  
only 815 units produced.



**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!

