

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

September , 2022 Newsletter

The Vette Gazette

OCC 2022 Board

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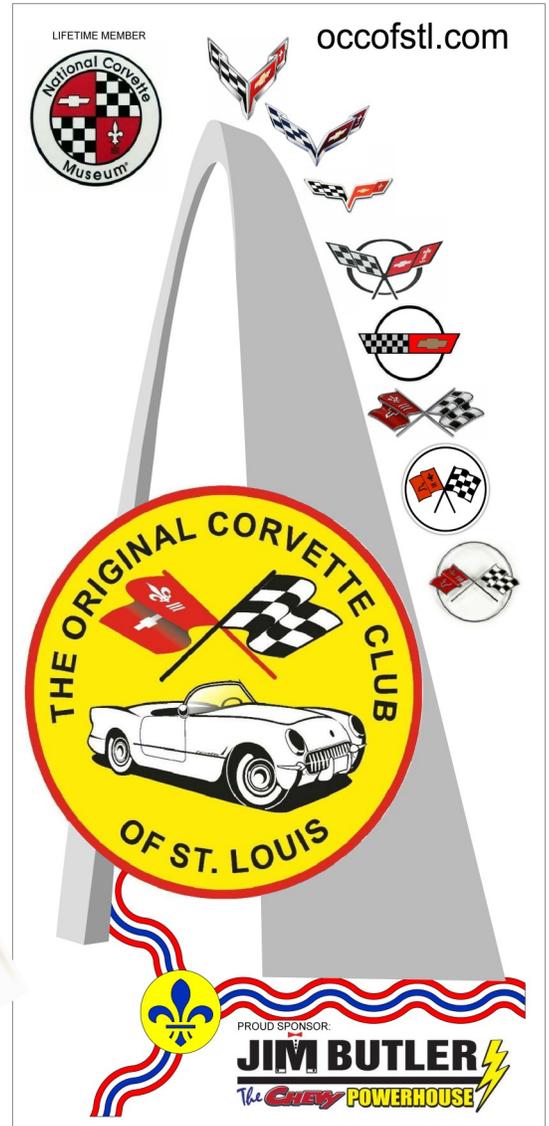
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OCC Meetings: Are held on the **2nd Tuesday of every Month** and are open to all members and guests.

Our Next Meeting Will Be: **Oct. 11, 2022 Meeting Location:** Dogwood Social House. 15682 Manchester Road, Ellisville, MO 63011. [Cape Girardeau MO Premier Sports Bar and Social House \(dogwoodsocialhouse.com\)](http://CapeGirardeauMOPremierSportsBarandSocialHouse.dogwoodsocialhouse.com) This does lead to their Ellisville location for a look at the menu! [\(636\) 323-4227](tel:6363234227) Right behind Freddy's

The President's Report

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis



September 13, 2022

PRESIDENTS OPENING STATEMENT

At the August 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. Saturday, September 10, we had 5 members participate in the Manchester Days Parade and lunch at Joey B's afterward. Sunday, September 11 we had 9 member cars in the "Fabulous Fifties Car Club" Show at the Transportation Museum in Kirkwood. Of the 9 cars, the Club was represented by 6 generations of Corvettes (C-3 thru C-8). Members took away 9 awards as well as the "Best Club Participation" award. Later that evening it was Sunday Sundaes at Fitz's. 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 September and October, 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 (\$61.00) was designated to go to the USO Fund. Ian Rendell was the winner in August. Congratulations to Ian.

On June 27, 2022, I called an Executive Board meeting to discuss a number of topics of concern. The Executive Board has made some changes and recommendations to the By-Laws. Amendments were recommended and voted on by the Board. The Amendments were posted in the August newsletter and later tonight the members will vote on these amendments

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

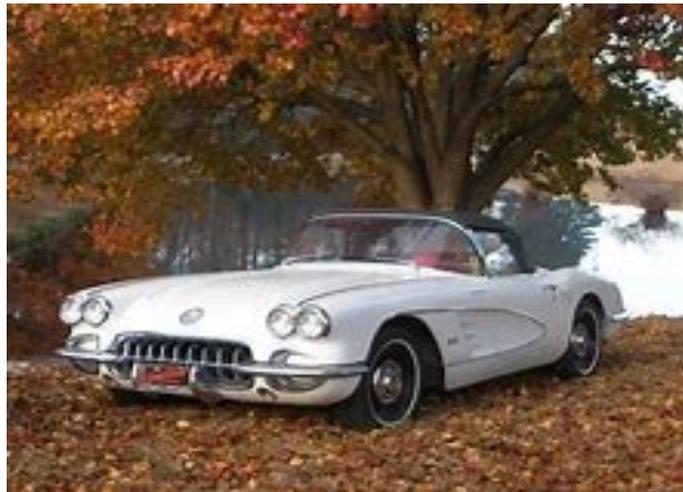


Sundaes
On
Sunday!



The September Ice Cream Social was at Fitz's on South Lindbergh. Looks like everyone enjoyed it.

John and Yvonne Renz



Happy
September
Everyone

Fall is here!

Fall is here!





“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

September, 2022



The meeting was called or order at 7:31 pm

Sgt at Arms, Tom Nickelson, led the membership in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Ken Schaeffler introduced the board members and the volunteers.

Vice President Ann Nickelson was absent. Club Historian Karen Mericle was absent. Esther Brewer was also absent.

President, Ken Schaeffler presented his opening statement and report. Please refer to the President's report page.

Ken then introduced Treasurer Sharon for the treasurer's report. The report was accepted by a motion by Cheryl Osterhorn and was seconded by Ian Rendell.

Ken then asked for a motion to accept the August meeting minutes. The motion was made by Dennis Osterhorn and seconded by Rich Brewer.

Ken then introduced Larry Dann, Administrator. Larry shared the article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch which featured the OCC's participation in the Pacific Car Show. The article is copied in this edition of the Vette Gazette. Thank you to Cindy and Eric Stephens for bringing the article in to share!

Ken then turned the floor over to John Miceli, the membership chair, for the membership report. John reported that we have 71 paid members and 57 associate members for a total of 128 members. John also reminded members that he is accepting 2023 membership dues. Dues are still \$35. We have averaged one new member per month for the year. He thanked Ken and Art and everyone that hands out the membership cards. It is helping. John is trying to incorporate the new pictures into the directory but he is experiencing some computer glitches. It is coming. John and Yvonne Renz have ordered the new name tags. So they will be arriving soon or have arrived. John also reminded the members that the OCC has someone who will embroider your shirt for \$10.

Ken reported that Karen Mericle had cataract surgery on her right eye and that next month she is having the same on her left eye. Dick Mericle is doing okay but the cancer is worse. Some days he suffers from pain and some days not. Ken asked that we all keep Dick and Karen in our prayers.

Ken then introduced Mr. Rick Poepping, our NCM Ambassador at large. Rick regaled the club with his jovial report as normal. The NCM has several raffles to win a new Corvette. If you would like to purchase a ticket please contact Rick. He did report how 'over dressed' he was for a function at the NCM but was wearing somebody else's name ID. Rick also announced the OCC club banner, designed by Ken Schaeffler, at the NCM was awarded second place overall and brought home the hardware! How cool is that? To see the highlights of his report please refer to the NCM Ambassador's Report page.

In Ann's absent Ken went over upcoming events. Please refer to the upcoming events page for more detailed information. Larry Dann reminded the group about the upcoming OCC picnic on Sunday Oct. 2 at Cliff Cave Park.

There were no new members or first time visitors. Jim and Peggy Thacker is still waiting for their C8 Corvette that has been order for 14 months! Art and Jeanette DelHougne are celebrating 54 years of marriage this month. Congratulations!

Ken then turned the floor over to Buzz Steinlage, our Jim Butler Chevrolet Representative. He said that everything is planned for the car show on October 16. There will be a free food truck, we will have the entire lower lot. The Gateway Camaro Club is also participating along with any other Chevrolets that wish to join on the fun.

Meeting Minutes Continued.....

Ken had no old business to discuss.

Under new business:

Mike Koenen relayed information for the Chain of Rocks Bridge car show. He said the only let the first 100 cars actually park on the bridge itself. The old bridge was an alignment of Route 66 at one time. John Miceli was looking for more cars for the Lindbergh HS parade. Eric and Cindy Stephens have made arrangements to meet NASCAR legend Kenny Wallace in a meet and greet at his home on October 22 at or about 1 pm. Please contact Eric or Cindy to let them you know you want to attend! Bill Prewitt told the group about the upcoming "Tech Day"- 9/24, at his home. He has two lifts in his garage if you want to lift your car to check it out. Please let Bill know if you want to attend as he and Connie are going to have food for everyone. He and Connie have also planned a 'Fall Color Run' on 10/15. it will begin at Gravois and 270 at the commuter lot and end at Meramec State park for a picnic style lunch you bring for yourself. He suggested you download the app ROADIE: Road Trip Planner. This will allow you to easily follow the route he has selected. Bill said you will have plenty of time to get home and clean up your car for the Butler Car Show. Larry Dann reminded the group about the upcoming OCC picnic on Sunday Oct. 2 at Cliff Cave Park. The theme of the picnic is "1960's" so get out your tie dye and peace signs. The picnic starts at 11 am and goes until whenever. It is BYOB as usual. Please RSVP to Larry on Groupworks or text 636-575-8506. All food is provided and Ken is going to perform for our listening pleasure. Ken spoke to the Thanksgiving Day parade. He really is trying to get every generation Corvette to be in the parade representing the club. He is also looking for a pick up truck to mount the club banner in for the parade.

There was a popular vote by the membership to accept all by-law changes as explained in detail in the August 20220 Vette Gazette. The changes were approved.

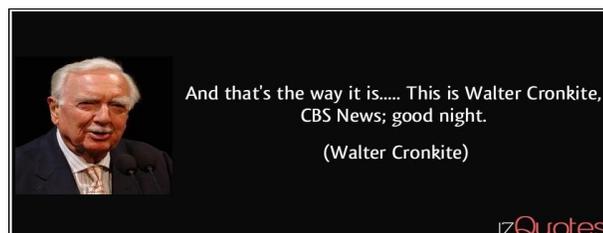
John Miceli talked with owner at Viviano's Restaurant. He said they wanted a \$200 room fee but were willing to wave that fee for us to use the room. However, they only will offer a buffet which may be problematic. The Jilly's location is reopening as a pizza place and may be a solution for our future meetings. He also spoke about the old Iron Barley restaurant which is also reopening. He was attending a soft opening so perhaps that may be a future option. John also shared the Grant's Farm car show is not going to happen.

Rich Brewer announced the St. John's Gildehaus Sausage dinner is back on Sunday October 23. It will be served cafeteria style and is \$18 per person. We will meet at the McDonald's at the Six Flags exit on I-44 at 10:15 and leave at 10:30 am for Villa Ridge.

Tom Nickelson shared he has to relocate to Ohio for six months. We are looking for someone to take over the Sgt at Arms position. If anyone is interested please let Tom or Ken know.

The 50/50 winner was pulled by Jim Thacker- Ken Schaeffler won the \$95 which he generously donated back for the USO fund. Cheryl Osterhorn said she is collecting for the USO and they intend to take a load of goodies up in November.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Sidney Hirsch and seconded by Randy Vollmer.





**Original Corvette
Club
Bringing
Home the
Hardware!**



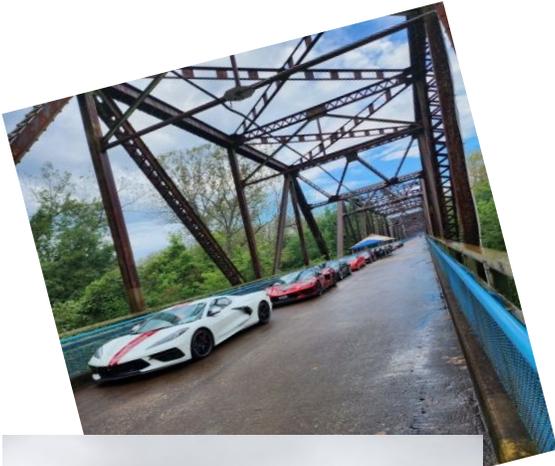
**Meet and Greet the Legendary NASCAR driver
Kenny Wallace at his home!
Saturday October 22 at 1 pm
Please RSVP to Eric and Cindy Stephens**



**Fall Color Run
Saturday October 15
Hosted By Bill Prewitt and Connie Finch**

Starts at Gravois and I-270 commuter lot and
ends at Meramec State Park.





Great turnout for a rainy Chain of Rocks Bridge Car Show



The OCC cleaned house at the ALL Chevy Show at the National Museum of Transportation!



The Annual OCC '1960's Vibe' Picnic 2022

Sunday October 2

11 am until you get your Groove On!

Calling all of you Crazy Cats and Groovy Gals out for an OCC Clam-bake on the beach of the Mississippi River. Frankie and Annette will be there in spirit!



Menu:

Freaky Fried Chicken Legs, He Ain't Heavy All Beef Franks, Hanging Loose Hamburgers, Far Out Four Cheese Mac and Cheese, Can You Dig It Coleslaw, Mary Ann's Devilled Eggs, All the fix-in's, and OCC Decorated Cake.

And its all free! Leave your bread at home man.....

Served at Noon

**In Cliff Cave Park at the Beautiful Riverside Shelter overlooking the Mighty Mississippi River
806 Cliff Cave Road in South St. Louis County**

So dust off those GO-GO boots, grab your tie dye, squeeze into those bell bottoms, and join us for a groovy party. Its gonna be a gas!

As Always- B.Y.O.B.



Everyone is welcome. Everyone is allowed a guest. Come and enjoy a fun filled afternoon!

Love, Peace, and Chicken Grease!



Yenko Pedal Car Donated To National Corvette Museum

Written by: **BY [ALEXANDRA PURCELL](#)**
• — SEP 24, 2022

This adorable little Corvette pedal car measures in at 53 inches long and 24 inches wide. Its body is made of a single piece of molded plastic, and even features a two-speed transmission with nylon beveled gears controlled by a low- and high-speed shift handle mounted on the steering column. A heavy duty welded steel frame holds the toy Corvette together, and Yenko adorned it with Chevrolet and Gulf Oil decals.

The Corvette pedal car's patina shows evidence of years of wear, tear and play. The National Corvette Museum states that Lynn lost track of the pedal car for a few years, but as it turns out, Yenko had simply handed it off to one of their neighbors. It didn't resurface until 2002, when the vehicle's current owner donated the custom pedal car to the National Corvette Museum, where it is kept on display to this day.



While Don Yenko is famous for modifying and racing [Chevrolet](#) muscle cars such as the [Camaro](#), Nova and Vega, he also built a [Corvette](#) for his daughter, Lynn. This Corvette, however, is a scaled-down replica of the sports car's 1956 model year, built so young Lynn could pedal around in style. It was recently donated to the National Corvette Museum for display.

Lynn paid a visit to her childhood pedal car at the museum's campus in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and she became a little bit misty-eyed when she saw the small Corvette toy that provided so much joy for her as a young girl. Currently, the vehicle is maintained in its condition as is, scuffs and all, to represent a well-worn and well-loved piece of Don Yenko's legacy.

Interestingly, this isn't the first Corvette pedal car to surface recently – a toy based on the 1953 Chevy Corvette [popped up for sale just last week](#).



— Alexandra Purcell

Alexandra is a Colorado-based journalist with a passion for all things involving horsepower, be it automotive or equestrian.



From Vice President Ann Nickelson-Jennings

- 1.) **TECH DAY!** At Bill Prewitt's house. Time to be determined. Saturday September, 24
- 2.) Chevys Silent Auction- September - Raises money for charity to be announced- start getting donations
- 3.) Mid America Motorworks Funfest– September, 16-18 (Frank)
- 4.) Chain of Rocks Car Show. September 18. Mike Koenen
- 5.) OCC Annual Picnic. Sunday October 2. Cliff Cave Park, Riverside Pavilion– 11 am til? Contact Larry Dann to RSVP
- 6.) Fall Color Run– Bill Prewitt and Connie Finch– Saturday October 15. Time to be determined
- 7.) Jim Butler Car Show– Corvettes, Camaros, and vintage Chevy's. Sunday October 16
- 8.) Meet and Greet NASCAR legend Kenny Wallace– Saturday October 22– please RSVP! Eric and Cindy Stephens
- 9.) American Muscle for Vets—Saturday November 12—Rick Poepping
- 10.) November 24, Thanksgiving Day Parade. Please see Ken. We need folks to carry the banner!
- 11.) Reoccurring events that start in April-
 - A.) Sonic every Friday, South Lindbergh at Big Bend
 - B.) Faith Church Sunset Hills First Friday of each month

Ann



Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!

Jim & Terri Ford 10/8 46 Years

Walter & Lois Yeager 10/16 46 Years

John & Paula Miceli 10/24 24 Years

James & Peggy Thacker 10/29 18 Year



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SUN., OCT. 23, 2022

CAFETERIA STYLE
& DRIVE-THRU CARRY OUTS

ADULTS \$18.00 - CHILDREN UNDER 12 \$8.00 - PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN FREE
10:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Home-Made Pork Sausage, Sauerkraut, Green Beans,
Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Bread, Apple Butter, Milk, Coffee,
Delicious Baked Apples & Ice Cream

PREPARED AND SERVED BY Men of St. John's Gildehaus Church

FRESH MEAT FOR SALE

RAFFLES FOR:

HOG
QUILT
BABY QUILT

Tim Foy - Pastor
Ly Smith - Deacon

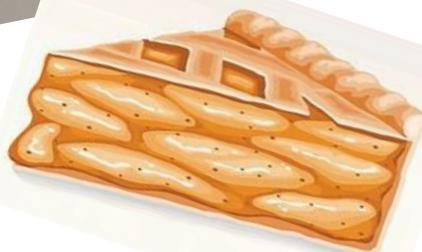
Build Your OWN
Scarecrow!



Benefit SJG School

- Country Store
- Crafts
- Bake Sale
- Games
- Refreshments

Benefit St. John's Parish



The Dinner Bell is ringing! Come and get it! Sunday Oct. 23! Mark your calendar....

[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[September 2022](#)



Latest News:

- Corvette Plant to Resume Plant Tours!

Tours will go on sale to the public via the National Corvette Museum's website on Tuesday, November 1, 2022. National Corvette Museum members qualify for early booking access, beginning on Tuesday, October 25, 2022. Tour scheduling will take place at the time of purchase with public tours expected to resume before the end of the year.

In 1981, General Motors moved production of the Chevrolet Corvette from St. Louis, MO to 600 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY. Known as "America's Sports Car," the plant tour allows visitors to watch an icon in the making. The Corvette is the world's longest-running, continuously produced passenger car with more than 1.75 million produced. The GM site consists of 212 acres, and the plant has 1.7 million square feet – equivalent to 39 acres or 29.5 football fields, under roof.

Plant tours were initially suspended in 2017 due to plant enhancements and significant layout changes of the facility. The Covid pandemic further delayed plant tours. "We have been waiting for this day for what feels like an eternity," said Kai Spande, Plant Director for the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant and Board Chairman of the National Corvette Museum.

[The National Corvette Museum and Bowling Green Assembly Announce Plans to Resume Plant Tours - National Corvette Museum](#)

- Hall of Fame Inductees

Elfi Arkus-Duntov, Gary Pratt and Jim Miller & Ed Wellburn were inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame.

Elfi

If Zora Arkus-Duntov is the godfather of the Corvette, Elfi-Arkus Duntov is its first lady. With her blonde hair and sparkling blue eyes, Elfi helped personify the car in her own inimitable way. But Elfi was much more than Zora's other half. She had her own claim to fame as a professional model in Berlin and as a dancer with the Follies Bergère in Paris, the Copacabana in Miami and on Broadway in New York. She even learned to fly an airplane long before Zora did.

Jim & Gary

As a factory effort, the Pratt & Miller led Corvette Racing team would open marketing doors; create excitement for race fans world-wide; provide a valuable technology transfer link between the race group and production group; while taking over 120 victories worldwide (one of those being the overall win at the 24 Hours of Daytona), 14 Manufacturers Championships, and 8 class wins at Le Mans.

Ed

Told by a friend that he would never be a chief designer or executive at GM because he was an African American, Ed began to push harder. His creativity, work ethic, and natural leadership skills would ultimately take him to the position of Global Vice President of Design.

To read more about these influential people follow the links below:

[Elfi Arkus-Duntov - National Corvette Museum](#)

[Gary Pratt and Jim Miller - National Corvette Museum](#)

[Ed Wellburn - National Corvette Museum](#)

NCM Report Continued.....

- Other News

28th Anniversary Celebration – Sept 1 - 3, 2022

Nice event. Lots of cars. GM was there with Z06s and a 70th Anniversary edition or 2. Got my track time, Met up with my previous leader and he took me out. I realized the limitations of my car as he wanted to show me a good time. Talked to many good people.

Raffles

2023 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 9/22/2022 - \$100 - 2000 tickets

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 \(corvettemuseum.org\)](http://corvettemuseum.org)

National Corvette Museum

350 Corvette Drive, Bowling Green, KY
42010

(270) 781-7973



OLD CAR COLUMN

1956 Studebaker Commander Parkview wagon is a true survivor



BRUCE KUNZ

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Contributing Writer
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It's not likely you'll ever see a car like this again in your lifetime unless you go to a local car show where this Study's owner, Duane Koerber, is showing it off. I met Duane and saw his car on Saturday, June 25, at the 20th Annual Pacific Car Show and Block Party, one of the premier car events in the metro area. This year's show brought roughly 500 plus cars and hundreds of spectators who just came to drool.

When they were first made, the Studebaker 1956 model year sold a total of 69,593 of which 3,333 were Commander Parkviews. The Commander Parkview was the mid-level model of the station wagon line until 1957. Entry level was the Champion Pelham and top-of-the-line was the President Pinchurst. All were two-door models. Duane's Commander Parkview had a base factory suggested price of \$2,354 before options, taxes, delivery and dealer prep. That equals \$25,296 in today's dollars.

Duane, a retired carpenter supervisor, purchased the car about two years ago after a friend told him about finding the car stored in a garage in Pevely, Mo.

Duane's Studebaker is decked out in a two-tone color scheme of Snowcap White over Yellowstone, and it is believed to be the original paint. The wagon is powered by the Studebaker, 259 cubic-inch overhead valve V-8, topped by a four-barrel Carter carburetor. Duane admits that after purchasing the car, he had some work done to the engine and it now puts out more than the original 170 brake horsepower. Options on this wagon include power steering, an AM radio and overdrive.

Studebaker is an orphan marque, a once-fine American automobile that went by the wayside in March 1966. But they



Duane Koerber's Studebaker wagon is a rare gem in collectible cars, and it was a pleasure to meet the man and his car at the show in Pacific, Mo.

still hold strong appeal to some. While interviewing Duane at the show in Pacific, I met Ben Allspach who owns a 1949 Studebaker Champion business coupe. He is a member of the Gateway Chapter of the Studebaker Drivers Club, an active club for Studebaker owners as well as those who are just interested in the brand. If you're interested in becoming a member of the club (ownership of a Studebaker is encouraged, but not required), get in touch with Ed Meyer, edanna97@yahoo.com or call (314) 707-7192.

This year's show was a combined effort by the Pacific Partnership and the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis. My thanks go out to Sarah Summers of Farmer's Mutual Insurance and Larry Dann of the Corvette Club for helping me get registered for a space at the last minute.

See more images of the Studebaker on the web at stltoday.com/lifestyles/autos. Visit the Fin Man on Facebook to see more on this story, news on Breakfasts with the Fin Man, tours and more, including upcoming local events. P.S. Congrats to Ken Cantrell, owner of the gorgeous Chrysler Imperial Le Baron, the subject of last week's OCC on the Father's Day show at MOT. He showed up at the Pacific show with his ruby-red gem and took home a Best in Show award!

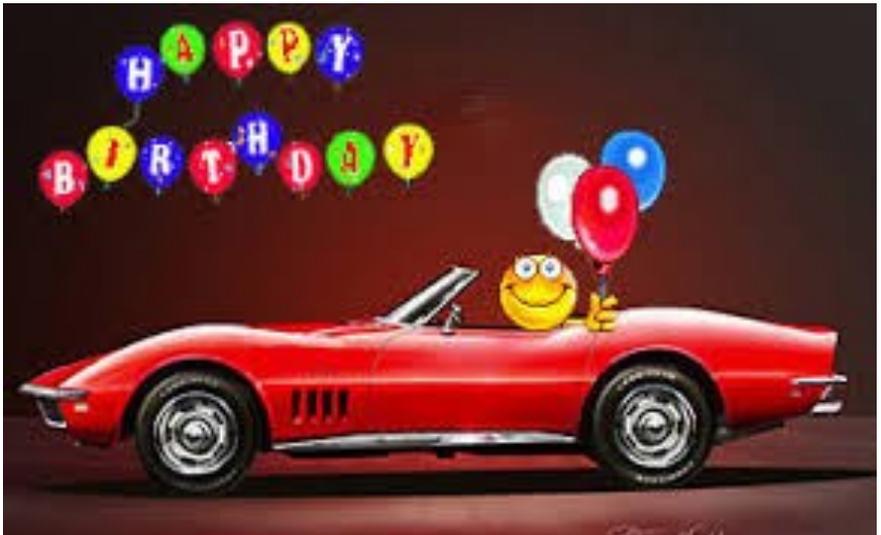
I hope you enjoyed today's story. Live safe, drive safe and Keep on Cruisin'!

St. Louis Post Dispatch Article by Bruce Kunz—AKA The Fin Man

The Pacific Car Show hosted by the Pacific Partnership and the OCC

August Birthdays

Julie Willis	9/2
Jim Ford	9/3
Sidney Hirsch	9/6
Cindy Stephens	9/6
Dennis Osterhorn	9/9
Sue Castellano	9/10
Carol Peeples	9/13
Mark Navratil	9/18
Robert Flynn	9/22
Mike DeRienzo	9/23
Dick Mericle	9/23
Yvonne Renz	9/26
Tom Messina	9/29



September Birthdays

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

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



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!!



- Generation C2 Corvettes, produced during the years 1963–1967, are also known as Sting Rays. The design was partially inspired by a Mako shark that the designer Bill Mitchell had caught while deep-sea fishing. The Mako shark further inspired the C3 generation as well.

- The 1963–1967 Sting Ray also tops *Automobile Magazine's* Top 100 Coolest cars list.

