

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

September, 2023 Newsletter

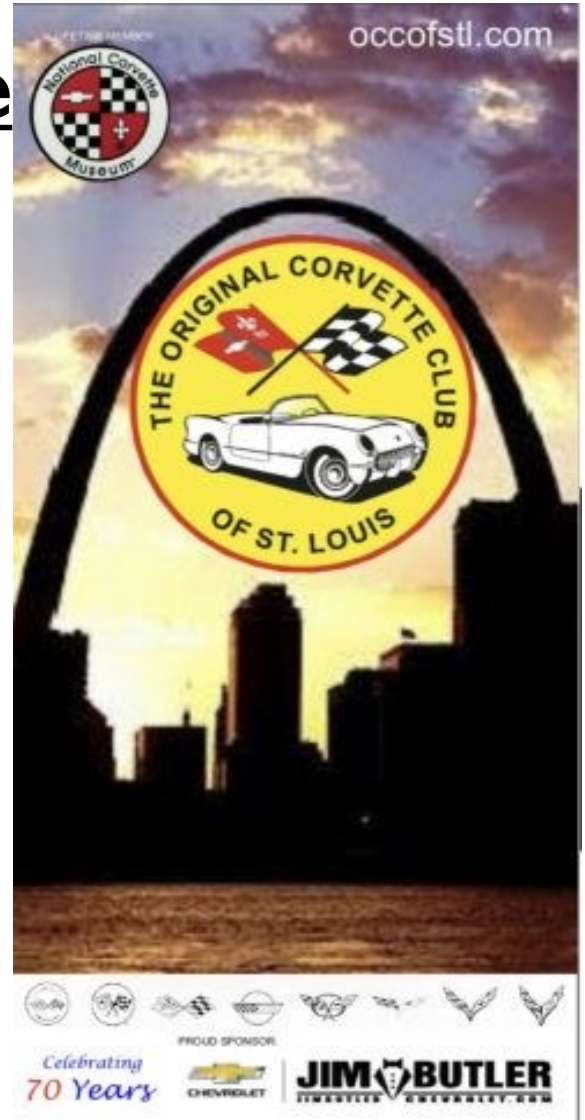
The Vette Gazette

OCC 2023 Board

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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: **October 10, 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

August 8, 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.

Cars & Coffee: August 12, 2023 (Jim Thacker)

Guys lunch; August 23, 2023 (Bill Prewitt)

Ladies lunch; September 8, 2023 (Suzanne)

All Chevy Show, Transportation Museum; September 10, 2023, Kirkwood (Gary Messinger)

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

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

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

Ladies Lunch: October 13, 2023, Joey B's (Suzanne)

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

Club Picnic: October 8, 2023 (Larry Dann)

Halloween Party (Jim & Peggy Thacker)

It's getting to that time of year when we need to start getting nominations together for the Club Board. I have appointed John Miceli 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 John Miceli 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.

I will be asking members to make an effort to participate in this years Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show. Your cars will be judged if you choose, as we have an independent judging group doing the judging this year. They charge a reasonable fee for this, but they use those funds to support their cars shows and fund raising efforts throughout the year. Or, you can just Display you car. We've stepped it up a bit this year and added more Classes and awards. 14 total classes, including 5 Corvette classes, 4 Camaro, 3 all other chevy, a truck class and a modified/hot rod class. We will be needing volunteers to assist with registration, Selling 50/50 tickets, selling raffle tickets and greeting participants. I'm hoping that this year will be even more successful than last years show where we judged 147 cars, and had around 25 that were display only. One other thing we added this year is a fee for display only. I'd also like to ask members to help us secure donations for the raffle. I have brought with me tonight a letter to present to merchants requesting a donation. Things like wine baskets, booze baskets, car detail kits and tools seemed to draw a lot of attention at a previous show some of us attended. Along with the letter, I would ask that you present a copy of the flyer to post at their business. I have posted the event and flyer on numerous Facebook pages, and a number of groups have offered to post on other sites as well. I have seen an increase in interest for this years show compared to last, so I'm hoping we top last years event and donation to Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis.

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.

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.

Meeting Minutes- Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

September, 2023

Sidney Hirsch, Administrative Chair



OCC Sept meeting

Meeting called to order 7:33 by Ken Schaeffler

Pledge of Allegiance led by Ken Schaeffler

Officers : not present

Gary Messenger

Eric Stephens

Jason Messenger

Treasurers Report accepted by Doug Flader and Rick Poepping

Published Minutes accepted by Sidney Hirsch and Randy Vollmer

Admin Asst Sidney Hirsch finally spoke saying USO sent request for money

Membership Report no changes still 140 members

Outreach say prayers for Sharon Messenger who is having heart surgery Sept 14

No new members or 1st time visitors

New addition: Gary Messenger a 2003 Red corvette

Upcoming events{

Butler Car Show Sept 24

Lindbergh homecoming parade Sept 29

Club Picnic Oct 8

Halloween party Oct 28

Christmas party Dec 12

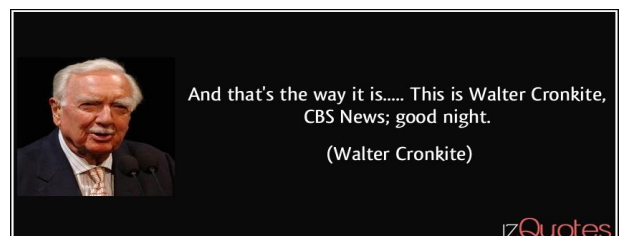
New Business

John Miceli appointed as nomination committee chairperson

Seeking donations for Butler car show

50/50 won by Fuzz (again)

Adjourned 8:50 pm by Larry Dann and Sidney Hirsch



Hot Off The Presses.....



It's always a fun week when the Corvette engineers are captured testing a new upcoming variant of the C8 platform, and this week's testing revealed more than usual due to the team [driving round with uncovered wheels](#) on what we think are the [2025 Corvette ZR1s](#)

But that's not all!

A second sighting shared on Friday showed two of these prototypes passing a car which filmed them driving by, and the [lack of an audible engine note or exhaust](#) has some people speculating about what exactly is powering the upcoming supercar. While the ZR1 was originally thought to bring us an 800-hp Corvette powered by a twin-turbo equipped LT6, others have suggested the LT6 will be paired with the E-Ray's battery-powered AWD system, and the twin-turbos will only show up later on the ZORA. Whatever is powering these cars, we now have evidence that it's definitely not an EV as some has suggested.

Speculating is part of the fun when guessing what the engineers are bringing us next, and this video sent to us on Saturday by a reader named Ron Droel will crack that door open even wider as one of the prototypes was spied with its ICE motor at idle at a Colorado gas station. Ron puts his camera right down next to the prototype's quad exhaust while the car was at idle, and he was standing behind it as it started to pull away. Do you hear any forced air induction happening here?

This walkaround by Ron also shows the "Split Window" rear engine hatch. We've only seen this design feature on these C8 ZR1 prototypes that were previously spied back in June testing Colorado and [this is that exact same car](#) based on the license plate. Of course, it could just be the GM camouflage team seriously messing with our emotions when wrapping these cars and attempting to shield the motor from public view, so take this return of a split-window coupe with a grain of salt. Below is a link to see and hear the camouflaged Corvette.....

<https://youtu.be/eHTHy58DEsU>

Notice the Detroit Manufacturer's plates!

Artists Rendering: Prime News Print
2025 Corvette ZR1



By Keith Cornett September 24, 2023



Celebrity Corvette Owners

Sir Paul McCartney

The former Beatle and rock legend Sir Paul McCartney loves driving his blue C5 convertible Corvette around Los Angeles. He has owned his C5 since 2005. Considering McCartney's car budget isn't exactly strained, it's pretty awesome to know that he still loves this American hot rod.



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 grand-kids 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!
Jim and Peggy Thacker



**OCC Annual Club Picnic
Sunday October 8th... 10 am-?**

Lunch served at High Noon!

**Cowgirl, Cowboy, Western Theme
Cliff Cave Park, Riverside Pavilion**



Guy's Lunch is Wednesday September 27, 11 am

Helen Fitzgerald's on South Lindbergh



Sundaes

On

Sunday!

Sharon Young

Check GroupWorks for upcoming Sundaes on Sunday!

October Wednesday Night Dinner is at Lazy River Grill

631 Big Bend ... 5:30 pm– October 11 Please RSVP– Judy

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





62nd ANNUAL
Sausage Festival

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.

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.

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



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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!

A Day at the Races!!!! Winner of the Indy Car Race was Scott Dixon!

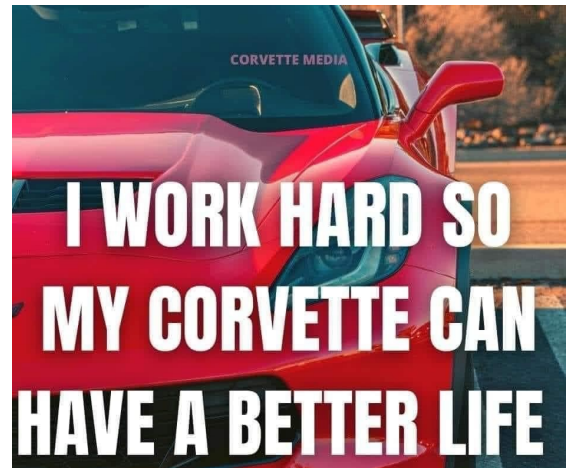




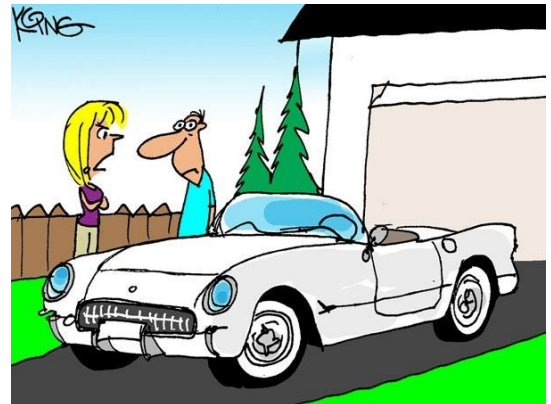
**The Original Corvette Club
of St. Louis'**

2023

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



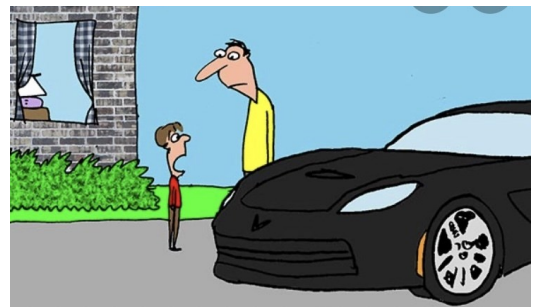
Corvette Funny Papers...



"I realize you love driving your Corvette, but quit driving it to the end of the driveway to check the mail!"



"I realize you don't want cars parking too close to your precious Corvette, but I'm not walking the 10 miles back to the store."



"I can't keep coming out here every 10 minutes to show you how to use the technology in your Corvette, dad. From now on I'll be charging a fee."



From Vice President—Gary Messenger

- 1.) October 8, Annual OCC Picnic, Western Theme, Riverside Shelter, Cliff Cave Park. Larry Dann
- 2.) October 11, Wednesday Night Dinner, Lazy River Grill— Judy Silvagni
- 3.) October 22, St. John's Gildehaus Sausage Dinner, Rich and Esther Brewer— see flyer in this issue!
- 4.) October 28, Bonfire and Halloween party, Jim and Peggy Thacker. More details to come.
- 5.) December 12, Annual OCC Christmas Party. Orlando's, Larry Dann

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



Happy Anniversary Baby, Got you on my mind!

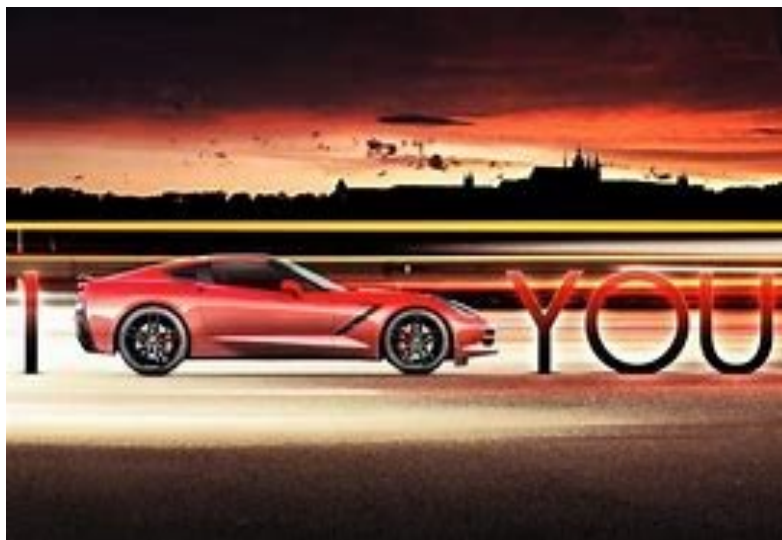


Jim and Teri Ford 10/8

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!



[The National Corvette Museum Report](#)

[Rick Poepping, NCM Ambassador](#)

[August, 2023](#)



Latest News:

Very Light news.

The OCC received a small certificate in Appreciation of our club being a member of the Museum for 20 years. We also got a pin.

The 29th Anniversary Celebration Thur. Aug 31-Sat. Sep 02

the Event was smaller than usual even with it being the Event just prior to the 5 year Caravan Event. There were only 328 people signed up in advance (usually over a thousand). I had to shorten my visit and did not get a chance to attend the Hall of Fame Induction ceremony. Things were just different this year. Even our Ambassador Coordinator was not present due to health issues. Not much new. I had to miss my 2 shifts on Parking duty but managed to work Hospitality for the 2 lunches I was there.

Saw the E-Ray

I drove my car on the track.

Motorsports Park still finishing their construction. Should be complete by the end of November.

Got a route to the Museum from Dennis that came from a gentleman that goes there many times a year and says it is the fastest and best route. I enjoyed it. I have gone this way twice. Problem is, It does not have a reverse route. The first time I came back home, I tried to follow it and figured that once I got so far, I could trust my GPS. Well, I ended up not coming home the way I went. This time I sat in my room and got on Maps and followed my route to get to the Museum carefully and wrote it all down. I see where I messed up previously because you take some non-intuitive turns to avoid a lot of in town traffic around Henderson. I tell you this because I ended up on a wonderful 2 lane road with basically no speed limit. It might have been 60, I never saw. I was a bit concerned that I was going the right way (that would never happen), but I knew I figured things out the night before. It was beautiful country side and you could just cruise on your way. It was very pleasant. This will be my new way home.

We need to start thinking about our designs for next year's banner. I would like to have designs shared by the November.

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

r meeting. We would then vote at the January meeting for our 2024 banner design.

[Rick Poepping](#)

National Corvette Museum

350 Corvette Dr.

Bowling Green, KY 42101



www.corvettemuseum.org

2023 OCC Jim Butler Chevrolet Car Show! A Huge Thank You to all the Volunteers!!!





1916 Chevrolet



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MODEL H 2 1/2

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- MASON-DESIGNED MOTOR NUMBER #203141
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2275 LBS; 106 INCH WHEELBASE
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ONE OF ONLY FOUR OF THIS MODEL
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Vintage Chevrolet Club of America
CENTENNIAL EXPOSITION
A Tribute to 100 year old Chevys!

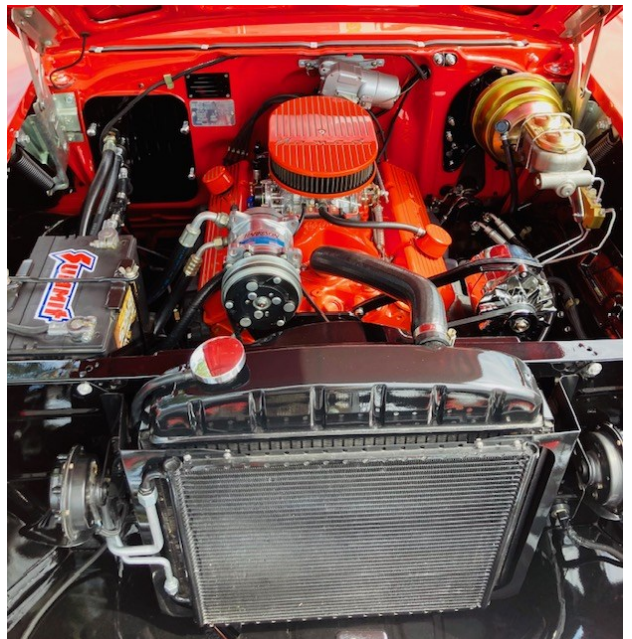




**Best of Show: Ron Feldman's 1957 Chevrolet Nomad.....
A Rare Beauty.....**

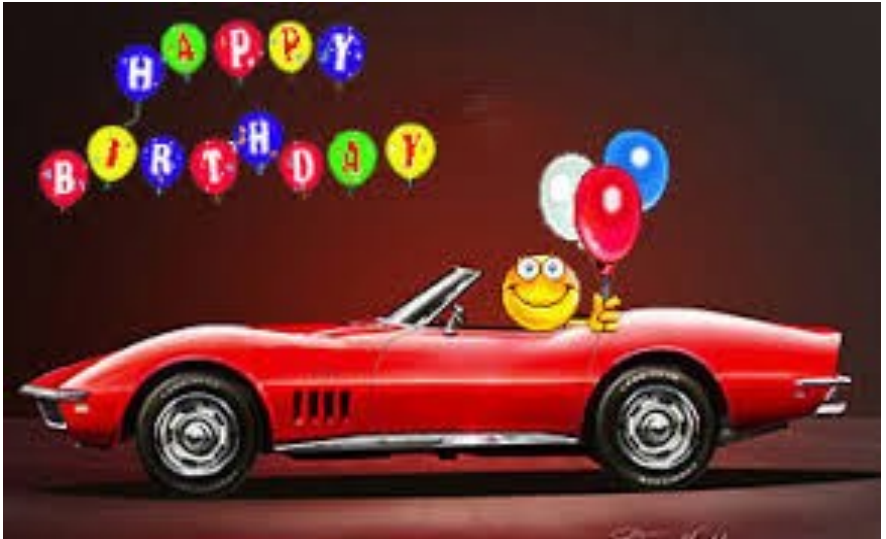


**Only 6103 1957 Chevrolet Nomads were built
with a base price of \$2857.00**



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

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|------------------|------|
| 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 Navaratil | 9/18 |
| Robert Flynn | 9/22 |
| Mike DeRienzo | 9/23 |
| Dick Mericle | 9/23 |
| Yvonne Renz | 9/26 |



October Birthdays

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

Happy Birthday to Everyone!

From all of your friends in the OCC!



Corvette Trivia



First Corvette coupe: All Corvettes produced from 1953–62 were convertibles. Then the C2 Corvette debuted in 1963 with two body styles, a convertible and a coupe with the famous split rear window. It was popular. Of the 21,513 Corvettes built that year, 10,594 were split-window coupes.

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!

