

ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

November 2024 Newsletter



The Vette Gazette

OCC 2024 Board Members

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Treasurer— Sidney Hirsch
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OCC Meetings

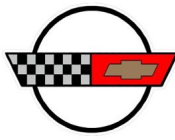
Are held on the 2nd
Tuesday of every Month
and are open to all
members and guests.

Our Next Meeting Will Be:

December 10th, 2024
At Orlando's for our
Christmas Party

Meeting Location:

The meetings will be at:
Saucy's
1630 Gravois
High Ridge MO 63049
Doors open at 6 pm to
order dinner. Meeting
starts at 7:15 pm.



**For Additional Information
See Groupworks**



The President's Report November 2024

Kenneth Schaeffler, President

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis



Thank you all for coming out tonight.

Welcome back to Saucy's.

Last month we had some really great events. The Ladies Luncheon at JoeyB's. Thank you, Suzanne, for organizing the lunch.

The Guy's lunch was Viviano's in Fenton. Thanks, Mike Koenen, for the suggestion. Thanks, Bill, for making the arrangements. Then on the 12th members participated in the Autumn Harvest Festival at St. Raymond – St. Elizabeth church in Crestwood. Thanks, John, for organizing this event. On the 19th, we had a day trip to Chester, Illinois, the home of "Popeye". A great ride down two-lane roads along the Mississippi River. Had a spectacular lunch at Ried's Harvest House Smorgasbord. Then to Mary's River Covered Bridge. Back on the Missouri side of the river we stopped to see the Liberty Bell of the West in Kaskaskia, Illinois. Yes, we crossed the river to the Missouri side of the river, but there are parts of Illinois on the Missouri side of the river. Thanks James & Toni for putting this together. On the 26th, Jim & Peggy Thacker held their annual Fall Bonfire and Hayride. Lots of food and most everyone dressed in Halloween costumes. Thanks Jim & Peggy for hosting the event. On the 27th we made the trip to Villa Ridge for the St. John Gildehaus Annual sausage dinner. On November 3rd, we had the Fall Color Run to Elephant Rocks State Park for a picnic lunch. It was originally scheduled for October 19th. On the way, we stopped in Caledonia and walked through the town shops. Then, on the way home we stopped to see the Sandy Creek Covered Bridge, a national historic site, near Hillsboro. The Veterans Parade was scheduled for November 9th, but the Corvette part was cancelled due to rain.

Santa's Helpers are here tonight and they'll have a chance to speak shortly.

We will also have a short presentation by Car Audio Shop. I understand they have some exciting new stuff to talk about.

Thank Steve Willis for bringing them out.

We are still taking orders for name tags if anyone needs to order. Your cost is \$3.00 and the Club picks up the other half of the cost.

Hopefully, everyone has been able to access the CLUBWORKS Calendar of events. I have had a few instances where members were experiencing problems, but I'm just a text, email or phone call away to help you get logged in. We are getting more events listed on the calendar, and I hope our members are able to attend more of these. Larry will be talking about upcoming events later.

I need to stress that members need to access the CLUBWORKS Calendar and make sure you RSVP to the events. It is important so we can get a head count for attendance, especially for events like lunches, day trips and club events like the picnic. It is important that everyone sends an RSVP so we know how much food to order and set the arrangements for the events. It's really not difficult at all. Just click RSVP, then 2 more clicks and you're in. Easy Peezy!! If anyone is still having difficulty getting access to the CLUBWORKS, let me know. I hope you can understand the importance of registering for these events. Many people take the time to volunteer to set up these events.

I would like all members to add my email and my cell number to have quick access to me directly to email or text, in the event you want to plan an event (winery run, day trip, etc.) and I can group email all members for RSVP's to assist in making your event happen. My email and Phone# are in the membership directory.

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. Thanks everyone for your support.



Original Corvette Club of St. Louis
Meeting Minutes – October, 2024
Sharon Young - Administrative Assistant

Meeting called to order at 7:15 pm

Pledge of Allegiance lead by John Miceli

Introduction of 2024 Officers and Volunteers

There were 58 people in attendance

In Ken's opening statement he welcomed everyone to Saucy's. He then went over all the great events that we had during October including the Ladies and Men's luncheons, the Autumn Harvest Festival at St Raymond-St Elizabeth church, the road trip to Chester, IL, the great Halloween party at the Thacker's, the yummy sausage dinner at St. John Gildehaus and the Fall Color run out to Elephant Rocks State Park through Caledonia. Unfortunately, no colors were out, and no elephants were spotted! A short stop to the Sandy Creek Covered Bridge near Hillsboro was made before heading home. The Veterans Parade was scheduled for November 9th, but the Corvette part was cancelled due to rain.

We will have a visit from Santa's Helpers to speak and pick up donations.

We also have a short presentation from the Car Audio Shop to talk about some new things for security for your cars – remote starts, etc. thank you Steve Willis for inviting them.

If anyone still needs name badges, please let Ken know. Your cost is only \$ 3.00, and the club picks up the rest.

Hopefully everyone has been visiting the Clubworks site and viewing the calendar of events which allows you to RSVP to all of the events. It makes it so much easier for those who oversee them to get head counts for food, parking, and seating. If you are still having problems accessing it, please contact Ken.

And as a reminder, please support our sponsor, Butler Chevrolet.

The guys from Car Audio spoke about all they offer and do including security, audio, lighting and now have a hi jack fob for safety. Their shop is right by Saucy's.

Nancy from Santa's Helpers talked about how important our support is to them as they now have over 4000 children in over 1,400 families to serve. She thanked everyone for their donations of toys and money. Volunteers helped load them into her vehicle.

Sid gave the Treasurers report. (I was out of the room for his details) Jim Thacker motioned to accept, and Randy Vollmer seconded it.

The minutes to the Oct meeting where he approved and Walt Yaeger motioned to accept and Larry Dann seconded.

Larry Dann gave his VP report and started with wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. He also reminded everyone that Mike and Suzanne Koenen are having a Open Garage Tour and craft show on November 15th, 16th and 17th.

The Thanksgiving parade on November 28th is on. More details to come. Check Clubworks. As a reminder, no candy can be thrown.

December 1st is the Waynesville MO Christmas parade along the original Route 66 where the whole town turns out and loves having us. This will be weather permitting for us. Candy can be thrown during the parade. We will meet at the Eureka Quick Trip at 8:30 and depart at 9 am.

We will stop at St Roberts at the Route 66 diner for breakfast/lunch. Setup for the parade is at 12:30 with the parade starting at 2 pm.

Don't forget the annual OCC Christmas party is December 10th! Get your rsvp's in by Dec 1st.

Nothing to report from the administrative assistant.

Pat Riley, serving as the nominating committee made his report for Nominations for the 2025 Board Positions:

NOMINATIONS FOR 2025 BOARD OFFICERS

Pat Riley announced the candidates for nomination for the 2025 Board.

Nominations for these offices were closed at the end of the October meeting.

The nominees for 2025 Board Members are –

Ken Schaeffler – President

Larry Dann – Vice-President

Heather Riley - Secretary

John Micelli – Sergeant-At-Arms

Treasurer – Sharon Young

Bill Prewitt – Membership

Since there was only one nominee for each board position, nominations for these offices shall/can be reopened for floor nominations, with a seconding nomination.

The final nominations will be posted in the November newsletter.

The floor was open for nominations.

None were made.

A motion was made by Walt Yeager to close the nomination process and a second made by Rick Poepping.

Connie Finch announced that Russ – one of our own, has Alzheimer's and that the OCC family is here to help if they need anything.

Jason Messenger says that we are invited to the Auto show on Jan 9th – 12th. He is working on a schedule sheet and will have it on Clubworks. We have been participating for 15 years.

Rick Poepping, our Ambassador for NCM talked about some new programs they are coming out with including a new delivery program where you can use a car you already have. Discussion has also been going on about the banner program so anyone with any new creative designs, please send them to Ken. Not sure what the cost will be for 2025. Rick has artwork for years past if anyone wants to look at it for ideas.

Dennis was at the Vettes for Vets and said it was great. Everyone prefers speed over sightseeing!

Fuzz mentioned that Butler has lots of cars and is always looking for more.

Larry mentioned that we need more cars to sign up for the Thanksgiving Day Parade and we will be meeting at the Galleria at 7:30 am.

The Waynesville Parade is December 1st any questions see Jim Ford.
The OCC Christmas Party is December 10th so get your HOHOHO ready!

Bill Prewitt mentioned to look for news about the 2025 Margaritaville car show in September next year at the Lake of the Ozarks, it is a lot of fun!

Toni also suggested doing a Rock and Roll Bingo – more on that later.

If anyone has any ideas or places to go, please be sure to bring them up! We are always looking to see new things and show off our cars! And more importantly, enjoy your company!

The 50/50 drawing this month for \$98 went to Baumann (?) and Russ won the \$25 gift card to Saucy's.

Please be sure to pay for your tab before you leave, as we have several people that still have open tab's. See Ken to make sure it isn't you!

Happy Thanksgiving to you all.



The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

NCM Ambassador Report

Nov 12, 2024

Latest News:

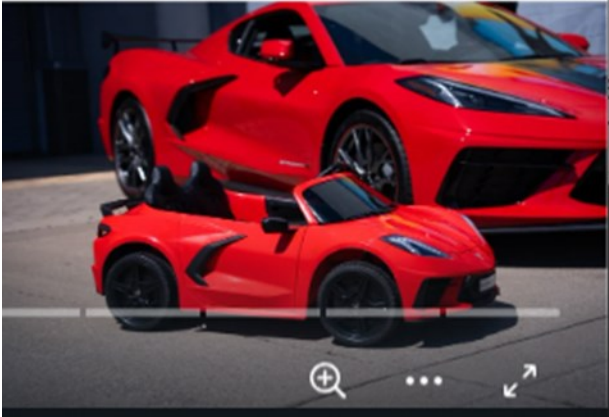
Ambassador Academy

More than 70 Ambassadors participated in the 2024 National Corvette Museum Ambassador Academy. During this two-day program, attendees experienced the Museum's Mission in action, gaining insight into preservation efforts, including an in-depth look at the 3D scanning process used on the historic 1963 Z06 Racer to create a digital archive. Participants were also introduced to new Museum initiatives, received comprehensive updates on the Ambassador program, and engaged in informative sessions designed to deepen their understanding of the Museum's evolving goals and activities.



Some new people in leadership roles were introduced. A few existing leaders were also in attendance.

There is a newer program where you can get a ride-on Corvette for your child during your Museum delivery. The program is called R8C Jr. \$1200



They talked about the Delivery Experience. This is where you can have your existing Corvette go thru the delivery prep, then have it displayed on Corvette Boulevard. You also get a VIP tour of the Museum, a Commemorate Wall plaque and silver decal plus a few other things. \$500

There were several other topics that were not ready for discussion:

The Ambassador Points Program (being evaluated)

Club Rewards (being reimagined)

Betsy Reese Spirit – some definition

2025 Parking Lot Banner Program (coming in early 2025)

New Exhibit Opened

Opening this October, Pop Culture and Corvette: An American Love Affair explores the deep connection between America's Sports Car and entertainment. From Elvis Presley driving a 1959 Stingray Racer in Clambake to the Corvette-inspired Autobots in the Transformers franchise, this exhibit celebrates the Corvette's role in film, TV, music, and video games. Visitors will be immersed in the sights and sounds of iconic Corvettes that have graced the big and small screens, including a bright pink Corvette inspired by Barbie, a blue C3 featured in Hawaii Five-0, and the Corvette concept featured in Gran Turismo 6.

-In this collection is a 1954 model which is a rare gem, one of only 3,640 produced that year at GM's St. Louis plant. Sporting the famous Blue Flame Six engine and Power-glide automatic transmission, this Corvette originally packed 150 horsepower.

It was owned by Jerry Lee Lewis and has a unique story. It was repossessed by the IRS in 1980, it disappeared from public view until it resurfaced in 2023.

Special Corvette Diecasts

With the Los Angeles Dodgers clinching the 2024 World Series title, fans everywhere are reliving baseball's greatest matchups. Here at the National Corvette Museum, we're paying tribute to this legendary rivalry by highlighting two iconic Corvette diecasts from our collection: a 1953 Yankees-themed Corvette and a 1963 Dodgers-themed Corvette.

Vets 'n Vettes

Nov 7-9, 2024

No News on this event..

- Upcoming Raffles

2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 11/21/2024 Price: \$150.00

Tickets: 1500 Available: 643 Drawing: November 21, 2024 2:00 PM

2025 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 12/5/2024 Price: \$200.00

Tickets: 1500 Available: 1185 Drawing: December 5, 2024 2:00 PM

2025 Torch Red Corvette Coupe 12/19/2024 Price: \$100.00

Tickets: 2000 Available: 1725 Drawing: December 19, 2024 2:00 PM

2025 Riptide Blue Corvette E-Ray Convertible 1/16/2025 Price: \$300.00

Tickets: 1994 Available: 1892 Drawing: January 16, 2025 2:00 PM

2025 Arctic White Corvette Coupe 4/26/2025 Price: \$20.00

Unlimited Raffle Drawing: April 26, 2025 2:00 PM

Vice President's Report.... Larry Dann

November, 2024

November 12- OCC Meeting- Saucy's, High Ridge. 7 pm.

November 15, 16, 17- Mike and Suzanne Koenen Open Artists' Studio and Garage Tour. 5-9 pm on Friday, 10 am-5 pm Saturday and Sunday. Apple Grove Gallery. 4327 Apple Grove Lane, St. Louis, 63128. 314-799-5009

November 28- Thanksgiving Day Parade. More information to come. 8:30 am until noon. Ken Schaeffler

December 1- Waynesville Christmas Parade- Waynesville, MO. Gather at Quick Trip in Eureka Hwy 109 and I-44 at 8:30 am. Stop for Breakfast in St. Robert approx. 10:30 am. Parade starts at 2 pm. Candy throwing is allowed. Jim Ford. RSVP Clubworks

December 10- Annual OCC Christmas Gala. Orlando's Event Center, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave, St. Louis. 6 pm. Cost of this year's event is \$35 per person. Please RSVP as soon as possible. Bill Prewitt is collecting the funds. Larry Dann. RSVP Clubworks.

Greetings All!

As the year is coming to an end, I personally wish to thank all who have put together all the wonderful events during 2024. You are very special people, and the OCC wouldn't be what it is without you. Pat yourselves on the back for a job well done! Cheers!





The Original Corvette Club of St. Louis is proud to present our Christmas Party for 2024

Date: Tuesday, December 10

Time: 6 pm until 10 pm.....

Cocktails and Passed Hors D'oeuvres 6 to 6:30, Meeting 6:30 to 7, Dinner served at 7:15

Where: Orlando's Event Center, 4300 Hoffmeister Ave. St. Louis, 63125

Please RSVP on the Groupworks Calendar by Monday, December 2nd.

The cost is \$35 per person—must be paid by December 2nd.

Hors D'oeuvres, Cocktails, Dinner, Dessert, Premium Open Bar, Music, Dancing

There will be a surprise special guest attending....



On Behalf of all the Club Board
Members and Volunteers

We wish everyone a Very Merry
Christmas and Holiday Season
and a Specially Happy New Year!

Here's a little tidbit that I found on the internet that you might be interested in; A former member of OCC, Brian Jennings, the son-in-law of Byrle Layman, won the "Tip of the Toque" award this year from the American Chefs Federation, Chef's de Cuisine of St. Louis



ACF Chef de Cuisine Association of St. Louis



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Numerous Awards were announced at this year's Chef of the Year Dinner Gala! First and foremost was the presentation of the Chef of the Year Award to Chef Jim Storm, C.E.C.

The remaining presented awards included:

Purveyor of the Year | Hess Equipment Solutions

**Restaurant of the Year | Annie Gunn's
Tip of the Toque | Brian Jennings and Mark Williams**

Dubois T.C. Chen Award | Ted Hirschi, CEC, CCE, FMP

Oliver H. Sommer Mentor Award | Scott Scheible, CEC

Johannes Verdonkschot Lifetime Achievement Award | Naomi Hamamura



**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**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO EVERYONE!
FROM ALL OF YOUR FRIENDS IN THE OCC!

November Birthdays

Janice Bingaman	11/2
Heather Riley	11/2
David Van Mill	11/12
Gary Vogel	11/14
William Steinlage	11/15
David Dalton	11/16
Patric Riley	11/21
Rick Mestre	11/24
JoAnn Jost	11/27



November Anniversaries

December Birthdays

Carol Burroughs	12/1
John Holmes	12/2
Carol Gronemeier	12/3
Christopher Stout	12/3
Liz Ann Mestre	12/5
Shirley Mueller	12/6
Margaret Messina	12/7
Beth Orzel	12/9
Gen Kreyling	12/14
Lori Chesley	12/16
Kathy Poepping	12/16
Ron Londe	12/18
Karan Stout	12/18
Jacob Stanton	12/19
Randy Vollmer	12/22
Mary Ann Kinworthy	12/24
Donna Dyer	12/25
Ian Rendell	12/25
Joe Vitale	12/28
Michael Bolton	12/29
Jerry Staton	12/30
Carrie Carrigan	12/31