

# ORIGINAL CORVETTE CLUB OF ST. LOUIS

## October 2024 Newsletter



## *The Vette Gazette*

### OCC 2024 Board Members

President— Kenneth Schaeffler  
Vice President— Larry Dann  
Treasurer— Sidney Hirsch  
Administrative Assistant— Sharon Young  
Sgt. at Arms— John Miceli  
Membership— Bill Prewitt



### Volunteers:

Club Outreach—Connie Finch  
Club Historian— Jason Messenger  
Webmaster— Dennis Osterhorn  
NCM Ambassador— Rick Poepping  
Groupworks Admin— Randy Vollmer  
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Publication and Newsletter—Jim and Peggy Thacker



### Mailing Address

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**P.O. BOX 725**  
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### OCC Meetings

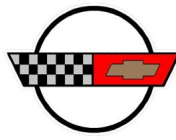
Are held on the 2nd  
Tuesday of every Month  
and are open to all  
members and guests.

### Our Next Meeting

Will Be:  
November 12th, 2024

### Meeting Location:

The meeting is going to  
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  
Clubworks



## *The President's Report October 2024*

*Kenneth Schaeffler, President*

*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*



**CORVETTE**

- Thank you all for coming out tonight.
- Welcome back to Saucy's. The parking lot had 19 Corvettes.
- Last month we had some really great events. The Ladies Luncheon at Joey B's. Thank you, Suzanne, for organizing the lunch. The Guy's lunch was "Guns & BBQ" at Sharpshooters in Affton. That was a great time. Nothing like the smell of gunpowder and Smoked meat to make for a great event. Thanks, Bill, for putting that together. Then on the 14<sup>th</sup> we had a few cars at Eastview Baptist Church Annual Car Cruise in Belleville. Thank you, Toni & James, for organizing. On the 15<sup>th</sup>, we had the Annual Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show. I will talk more in depth about this later. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, a few members attended the "Back the Blue" at Arnold City Park. Thank you, Heather & Pat Riley, for putting that together. On the 22<sup>nd</sup>, we held our annual OCC Picnic at Cliff Cave Park. This year's theme was "Baseball", and everyone showed up in some sort of Cardinals or baseball attire. Thank you, Larry Dann, for organizing this event. Then moving into October we had a double billing for the 5<sup>th</sup>, The Knights of Columbus Car Show in Columbia, Illinois. Thanks, Gene, for putting that together. Also on the 5<sup>th</sup>, John Miceli was asked to organize a group of transport cars for the Lindbergh High Scholl Homecoming Parade. Thank you, John. I will have all of you talk about your events a bit later.
- November is when we bring our donations to the meeting for Santa's Helpers. I WILL CONTACT Nancy and have her be at the meeting to pick up toys and donations from members. As OCC has always shown their support and generosity, I am expecting this year to be no different. Thank you all for supporting this organization.
- A new item in the OCC Store – Baseball cap with OCC Logo. You can also get the Polos and Tee Shirts and Poker Chips for each generation of Corvette.
- 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.
- In August, I sent a copy of the Member Directory to everyone via email. Hopefully, everyone received it for reference and contact information of other members. If you didn't receive the Directory and Newsletter, please let me know so I can verify your email. Also, check your spam or junk folders for the emails. I am still working hard on the new website to add pages for photos and comments of events attended by members, and a Blog (Forum) where members can correspond with the club like the old groupworks.
- I would like all members to add my email: [ken-mar@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ken-mar@sbcglobal.net) and my cell number (314)956-2945 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 too.
- 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 2024 looking to be a spectacular year for OCC.

And, as Byrle always says, "don't forget the Wave"

## Annual Jim Butler All Chevy Car Show report

First and foremost, I want to shout out to the members that stepped up to help with the show by showing up early, setting up pop-ups, tables, getting things in order, etc.

Kent Morgan	Toni Batson
Sid Hirsch	Heather Riley
Sharon Young	Larry Dann
Dennis & Cheryl Osterhorn	Bill Prewitt
John Miceli	Randy Vollmer
Mike Koenen	Gene Castellano
Deb Teague	Rick Poepping
Jim Thacker	

I can't thank you all enough for helping out in such a big way, and working in the various areas needed throughout the day. I SENT AN EMAIL TO The Gateway Camaro Club for all their help this year. They stepped it up from last year in a big way. We had a perfect day for the show.

Once again, we had a big task ahead of us to bring about a show, better than last year. We did have one little hiccup, and that was the fact that even though the show started at 9:00, people were starting to line up at 7:30. This did not allow us to get set up in any reasonable fashion, so there was about 45 minutes of pure chaos. Once the mad rush subsided, things flowed really well. The crew working at registration did a fantastic job getting through the early part of registration and after the show, we had discussions as to how to go about solving the obvious issue with people showing up 1-1/2 hours early to register for a show that actually doesn't start until Noon. Other than that early fiasco, the rest of the day went rather smoothly.

50/50 ticket sales started just after 9:00 and the prize raffle was open shortly after that. Members from both Clubs provided 58 baskets for the raffle. The judges were out at noon to start their judging and were finished judging by about 1:30. That was a lot of judging in 1-1/2 hours. While they tallied their results, the prize raffle started and went exceptionally fast. After that was the 50/50 drawing.

As a result of everyone's efforts the final tally for the show is:

123 cars were judged 68 cars were display only for a total of 191 cars. However, there were a few that snuck in without any registration after 12:00 so there were over 200 cars at the show. Participants came from as far as Lake of the Ozarks, Columbia, Jeff City, Wentzville, Alton, Fairview Heights and Belleville.

Registration totaled	\$3,870.0
Prize Raffel raised	\$1,005.00
50/50 raised	\$1,207.00 with the winner taking home \$604.00

Total Money raised for "The Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis" was \$5,478.00 beating last years total. And just for the record, The Annual Butler Show has raised \$13,655.00 over the last 3 years.

Once again, thank you all that worked the shows and to those members that came out for the show. I apologize that I may have missed seeing you at the show.





It's that time of year for our annual Santa's Helpers donations. I reached out to Nancy Pinkston at Santa's Helpers to see if there were items that they really needed and her reply is below. Please bring your donations to the November 12, 2024 meeting. Members from Santa's Helpers will be there to pick up your donations. For those members that won't be at the meeting and would like to donate, you can send checks to:

Santa's Helpers  
326 Jamboree Rd.  
Ballwin, MO. 63021

Or go online to donate: <https://santashelpersstl.com/donations/>

**Our wish list includes legos, the smaller sets and lots are on sale through Amazon right now.**

**We always need gifts for teens.**

**We are in need of baby toys, 5t boys outfits, outfits for babies.**

**Any games especially Yahtzee, Farkle and Candy Land. We appreciate all donations.**

**Thanks again for what your club does for Santa's Helpers and the families throughout the St Louis Metro area.**



## *Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*

### *Meeting Minutes – October, 2024*

*Sharon Young - Administrative Assistant*

#### **OCC Meeting Notes for October 8, 2024**

Meeting was called to order by Ken Schaeffler at 7:15 pm

Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Micelli

Ken introduced the 2024 Officers and Volunteers.

There were 43 people in attendance

In the President's opening statement, everyone was welcomed at Saucy's. Ken also thanked everyone that made the Butler car show a success this year. This was the best year, we made \$5,478.00 for the Boys and Girls Club of Greater St. Louis.

There were 16 cars tonight in the lot.

Sid was not in attendance to read the Treasurer's report.

Larry Dann read the VP report of what the club has done and what events are going on. He also gave a big thank you to everyone that helped in the Butler Car Show.

Bill Prewitt, our membership director said that we currently have a total of 144 member, 81 members and 63 associate members.

Connie Finch, our outreach director, mentioned that Karen Mericle had knee replacement but was recovering nicely. Jama was back and getting along and Steve Willis was in attendance too.

Rick Poepping gave a short update on the new upcoming exhibit – Pop Culture in Corvettes at the museum. He also hit a deer with his new car!

Heather 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 – VP**

**Heather Riley - Secretary**

**John Micelli – Sergeant-At-Arms**

**Treasurer – Sharon Young**

**Bill Prewitt – Membership**

Since there were only one nominee for each board position, nominations for these offices shall be reopened at the November for floor nominations, with a seconding nomination. The final nominations will be posted in the November newsletter.

Elections shall be held at the December meeting (Christmas party). Nominations will not be reopened at the December meeting.

Gene Castellano talked about the Knights of Columbus car show. There were over 300 cars - 4 cars were displayed and were honored.

John Micelli talked a bit about the Lindberg Homecoming parade and we had 8 members that transported the dignitaries in the parade. We have been participating in this parade for about 12-15 years.

Ken gave everyone a BIG THANK YOU for everyone working the Butler show and making it such a huge success. We did have a few little things that could have been better, but it was noted for next year's show. There were 58 raffle baskets this year and all of them were great prizes and the 50/50 drawing was bigger than ever! We had 123 judged cars and 63 display only and a few late comers who came in after the judging for a total of 191 cars paid, and with the late comers, over 200 cars. The weather could not have been more perfect! Then the gates opened, the rain stopped, and the day turned out great. Thank you to Jim Butler Chevrolet for the food truck which is always good! With registration, raffle items and 50/50 raffle we can give the Boys and Girls Club \$5,478.00. Again, thank you everyone that helped make this a huge success.

Cupcake Break – Ken

We all celebrated birthdays and anniversaries for the month.

Upcoming events by Larry Dann

Ladies Luncheon – Oct 8 at Joey B's

Men's Luncheon Oct 25 at Viviano's

Fall Color tour – Oct 19<sup>th</sup> at 8 am meeting at 270/30 parking lot for the Elephant rocks – see calendar for more info

Halloween party Oct 26<sup>th</sup> – 6 pm by the Thacker's

Rich Brewer reminded everyone of the St Gildehaus Sausage dinner on Oct 27, 2024. Meeting at McDonalds by Six Flags at 10:15 and leaving at 10:30 am for the dinner.

The Veterans Day parade is Nov 9 see Mike Teague for more info. Everyone will need to meet at 8 am

This year's Christmas party will be on Dec 10 and will once again have a spectacular Prime rib dinner with all the fixings and gourmet desserts, and a premium brand open bar. All for only \$35 a person. Please have your reservations in by end of November.

The winners of the Show and Shine this month was Pat and Heather Riley.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing for \$66 was Ian Rendell and then the \$25 Gift card for Saucy's was won by Ian Rendell!! Lucky guy!!

Meetings adjourned at 8:35 pm.





*Original Corvette Club of St. Louis*  
*NCM Report - September, 2024*  
*Rick Poepping - NCM Ambassador*



## Latest News:

- **New Exhibit Opening**  
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.
- **Article about the C4 ZR-1 LT5 engine on NCM site**  
Short but decent read. Good pictures.
- **Vets 'n Vettes**  
Nov 7-9, 2024  
In 2008, we proudly started a cherished tradition honoring our veterans with the Vets 'n Vettes event. The celebration begins Thursday with an exciting half-day at the NCM Motorsports Park, where a complimentary lunch will be served to all participants. On Friday and Saturday, we continue the festivities with exhilarating road tours and a special luncheon. This event provides veterans, servicemen and women, and supporters a welcoming space to connect, share stories, and celebrate their experiences together.
- **- Upcoming Raffles**
- **2025 Build Your Own Corvette or \$85,000 10/24/2024 Price: \$250.00**  
Tickets: 1500 Available: 926 Drawing: October 24, 2024 2:00 PM
- **2025 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 11/21/2024 Price: \$150.00**  
Tickets: 1500 Available: 1174 Drawing: November 21, 2024 2:00 PM
- **2025 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 12/5/2024 Price: \$200.00**  
Tickets: 1500 Available: 1394 Drawing: December 5, 2024 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

October, 2024

**October 11-**Ladie's Luncheon. Joey B's Concord Plaza. 11:30 am. Suzanne Koenen

**October 12-** Autumn Harvest Festival. St. Raymond/Elizabeth Maronite. 1420 S. Sappington. Noon. John Miceli

**October 19-** Fall Color Tour hosted by Bill Prewitt and Connie Finch. Riding down Hwy 21 to Elephant Rock State Park and Johnson Shut-Ins. 8 am to 5 pm.

**October 25-** Men's Lunch. Viviano's Festa Italiano. Fenton Plaza. 12:30 pm. Bill Prewitt

**October 26-** Jim and Peggy Thacker Fall Bonfire. 3608 Kelly Drive, Arnold. 6-9 pm.

**October 27-** St. John's Gildehaus Annual Sausage Dinner. Meet in Eureka at McDonald's at Six Flags at 9 am. Rich and Esther Brewer

**November 9-** Veteran's Day Parade. Missouri Athletic Club. 9 am. Mike Teague

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

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

**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.

Greetings All!

**The OCC Picnic** was once again a big hit. After starting out with a monsoon that morning it turned into a beautiful day by 10 am. We barbecued and enjoyed all the popcorn, peanuts, and Cracker Jack's you could eat. Thank you to all who helped with the set up and the break down of the event. And a special thanks to Mike Koenen for providing the entertainment of constant one-liners! Hilarious....

**The Jim Butler Car Show** was our best turnout to date. The parking lot was full and at one point we actually had to turn cars away. The car count was in the 170 range. We once again raised over \$5K for the Boy's and Girl's Club of St. Louis. Great Job to everyone who participated and helped with the show! A huge shout out to our President, Ken Schaeffler and Fuzz Steinlage for organizing that huge undertaking.

**The East View Baptist Church Car Cruise** went great from what I have heard. Thank you to James and Toni Batson for organizing that event.

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!



**Bonfire at the Thacker's 10/27**

**3608 Kelly Dr.      Arnold, Mo. 63010**





**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!**



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

### ***October Birthdays***

Linda Lepper	10/3
Mathew Giordano	10/4
Toni Batson	10/7
David Peeples	10/9
Mike Gallaher	10/11
Gene Castellano	10/15
Rich Gibson	10/16
Ruth Chesley	10/22
Melissa Vogt	10/23



### ***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

### ***OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES***

Jim & Terri Ford	10/8/1976
Walter & Lois Yeager	10/16/1976
John & Paula Miceli	10/24/1998
Jim & Peggy Thacker	10/29/2004

Here's the new bumper sticker that I'm going to have made up.

**NO DUCKS ON MY DASH!  
IT'S A CORVETTE THING, YOU  
WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND!**

Sometimes when you try to keep up with a Corvette  
it just doesn't go as planned!



I need your help!

I guess I must have mistakenly deleted my list of members anniversaries! I can't find the file anywhere! I have recovered everything with the exception of January, February, November and December by going back through the past newsletters but I don't have those four months. Please email me with anniversaries for those months.

Your help is greatly appreciated!