



**Next CCKC meeting, Wednesday, October 16th at:
Granite City Food & Brewery
15085 W 119th St, Olathe, KS 66062**

Meeting starts at 7:00, so let's meet at 6:00 to eat and visit before the meeting.

The Corvette Club of Kansas City was founded on July 24th, 1960 by a group of people that had one common interest – The Chevrolet Corvette, America's only true sports car! After +50 years, our club is one of the largest Corvette Clubs in the Kansas City area. We are sponsored by Hendrick Chevrolet, Shawnee Mission, one of the largest Corvette dealers in the country.

October Birthdays

- 2 Debbie Beal
- 2 Vicki Sinkler
- 6 Ken Bronis
- 6 Frank Papish
- 7 Charles Chappelle
- 9 Wayne Slaughter
- 12 Wayne Butler
- 15 Darlene Babcock
- 15 Roger Liliedahl
- 19 Chuck Abbott
- 21 Nena Roberts
- 22 Dolly Dietz



- 23 Sarah Moran
- 23 Debbie Santa Maria
- 29 Nick DeGennaro

October Anniversaries

- 7 Linda & Jim Kirkpatrick
- 15 Ellen & Edward Rose
- 16 Helen & Andy Campbell
- 17 Kinzie & Brett Wooderson
- 21 Nena & David Roberts
- 22 Di & Rick Trumble
- 26 Mindy & Jason Mathes

Events:

25th National Corvette Caravan

This is the story of Terry and Bob Henn's adventure on the 25th National Corvette Caravan. The first caravan was held in 1999 to celebrate the 5-year anniversary of the NCM. Every 5 years thereafter, the NCM sponsors a nationwide Corvette caravan. This year the attendance was estimated to be 10,000 Corvette fans driving 6,000+ Vettes. Attendees came from Australia, Canada, Hawaii, Alaska, and the continental US.

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Our MO/KAN Caravan kicked off Tuesday August 27th at the Rick Ball Auto Mall in Boonville, MO with a large



contingent from California and several other western states. Caravanning was not what we expected. One would assume there would be a line of hundreds of Corvettes driving down the expressway. In reality, small pockets of Vettes seem to travel together, while others go off on their own. We found this to be the norm on both days of the journey to Bowling Green.

Tuesday evening, we rolled into Cape Girardeau for an incredibly well thought out and organized event in the downtown area. Hats off to the Corvettes of Southeast Missouri for organizing and hosting this event. Three city streets that ran parallel to the Mississippi River were blocked off by the city to accommodate approximately 900 Corvettes. Volunteers from their club helped us park at precise 45-

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degree angles along the streets. As we drove in, a member handed each Vette driver a packet with a sweet Caravan tee shirt with the Corvettes of Southeast Missouri logo on the back. This club was formed in March 2018. A club barely one year old with only 100 members shows what a club with an active and engaged membership can accomplish!

Wednesday morning, we assembled at a large mall parking lot. Imagine 900 Corvettes lined up in rows 20

cars deep! At the starting time, we rolled out in single file through the streets of Cape Girardeau on our way to I-55. The Cape Girardeau police blocked all the intersections so that all of us made it to I-55 in a single line. It was a sight. All those beautiful Vettes cruising through town and then hitting the expressway. Many thanks to the Corvettes of Southeast Missouri, the Cape Girardeau PD and



the Chamber of Commerce for making our Caravan memorable.

Wednesday evening kicked off with a banquet dinner sponsored by the Oklahoma/Texas Panhandle Caravan. Our keynote speaker was Gary Cockriel from the NCM. Some of you may remember that Gary spoke

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to our club several years ago. Gary is a humorous and fascinating speaker full of stories about the NCM and the Bowling Green Corvette Club.

Thursday was the first day of events at the NCM, and what a day it was! Within minutes we ran into Adam,



Frances and Richard Hoehn, Roger and Marjorie Liliedahl, and Jim Colson. There were numerous tents outside featuring Ask the Experts-Corvette Mechanic Team, Corsa exhaust installation, Xpel installations, and many other vendors. These were open all three days of the event. Other presentations in or near the Museum were covering the History of the NCM, NCRS, Corvette Demonstrations, the chance to see up close and sit in about 5 different C8's, and see a cutaway of the chassis, engine, and the DCT transmission. We were able to tour the museum as much as we wanted all three days.

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Thursday evening, we were treated to a live concert in the NCM Amphitheater. The kickoff band was Faithfully Journey Tribute Band. Close your eyes and you thought it was Journey playing. The headliner band was Jefferson Starship followed by fireworks. What a way



to end the day!

On Friday, I met and spoke at length with the NCM curator Derek Moore. He was the announcer for the Corvette Demonstrations where they brought out their 1953 Vette, the 1968 Astrovette, and the 1989 Falconer ZR12 with a 12-cylinder engine. Super nice guy who loves the Corvette and is working hard to improve the collection and exhibits for all of us.

Two highlights of our 3 days in Bowling Green stand out for me. On Thursday afternoon I took the 2001 Z06 (aka Coconut) on the NCM Motorsports Park track. It was so much fun. If a 2001 Vette handles that good, I can't

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imagine what a new Z06 drives like. The other highlight was the three Corvette Stingray presentations by Tadge Juechter, Kirk Bennion and Harlan Charles. We saw the original sketches of the C8, clay models and detailed reviews of the features on the new Vette followed up by Q&A.

Saturday ended with the Party Like It's 1994 Mixer celebrating the end of the 25th Caravan. We were joined by Jim Colson and a nice couple from Sedalia who invited CCKC to their Corvette show on October 12th.

Happy, but exhausted, we drove back home on Sunday with lots of memories. We can wholeheartedly recommend that you put this on your bucket list for the 2024 30th Corvette Caravan. I can't wait!

Submitted by Bob Henn



CCKC Fall FUN Show

Perfect weather and an ideal location, **Gateway Classic Cars** of Olathe, combined for good attendance at this "hassle-free" car show. We had a total of 65 people for our Pizza Lunch that was included in the \$5 entry fee.

Best of Show winners:

- 1st Rick Trumble
- 2nd Bob Hesseler
- 3rd Larry & Stephane

In spite of the low entry



fee (\$5 which included soft drinks and pizza), we were able to generate a slight profit for the club coffers.

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Hendrick Chevrolet C8 Mid-Engine Reveal

The weather was horrible but the line to see the Elkhart Lake Blue C8 Z51 3LT Coupe wrapped around the entire show room.

CCKC members assisted Hendrick by directing parking and

other duties. It was fun to direct the Porsche drivers to remote parking, while keeping the Corvette Corral open to those that braved the rain.



CCKC signed up 8 new members while at the reveal, and Hendrick was able to book more orders for the new mid-engine.

A big THANKS to those CCKC members that worked the show, contributing towards making this event a success!



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Mike Yager & Brett Wooderson



Brett Wooderson took home **Best in Light Show** at **Corvette Funfest** with his '98 C5. Brett has worked on lighting his since the events first year in 2017. This is his first time participating.

His display includes wheel lights, a Wind Restrictor, cove lights, under hood lighting, puddle lights and a cab disco ball. Brett also wore a lighted shirt he bought from the event in 2017 which was a big hit with those attending the show!

Culver's Cruise

Terry and Bob Henn hosted the September Culver's Cruise night. This was the last cruise of the season. We had 32 members, 5



guests, and 20 Vettes attending. The weather was perfect for hanging out around the Vettes or sitting on the patio. There were quite a few people walking

through the parking lot admiring all those gorgeous Vettes.

We want to thank everyone who has attended the six-monthly cruises this season, particularly tonight. There was some confusion and delay in doing the raffle. The GM who has supported our club for the last 4 years is no longer with Culver's, so it took a while to obtain the meal and sundae coupons. Culver's came through and we had the food raffle. Dick Holmes was the grand prize winner of the Corvette poster and Cindy Hecker won the C2 Vette mug.



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September 2019 Meeting Minutes

On Wednesday September 19, 2019 at 6:57 pm, the monthly meeting of the CCKC was called to order by **President, Steve Garrett** at Granite City Brewery.

Gene Sinkler, Vice President announced the various prizes for the evening raffle. Sign from the Kearns, hats and tee shirts from Hendrick, and a mug from Chuck.

Adam Hoehn, National Corvette Museum Ambassador: Not in attendance

Gwyn Hill, Secretary: Gwyn obtained approval for the August minutes as published in the September Hi Beams. Gwyn highlighted one important point from the August minutes and that was the votes the club took about the charity going forward. The club voted that the club will have a charity and only have one charity for a period of 5 years going forward. Charity Application forms will be available soon for members to submit the charity of their choice they would like the club to consider.

Chuck Abbott, Treasurer: The Treasurer's report was read and approved by the membership.

Vicki Sinkler, Membership: Vicki introduced new members and guest at this evening meeting. They were: New Member, **Ira Lewis** has 2019 Shadow Grey Metallic Grand Sports Coupe. Guest **Phillip & Janice Williams** have a 2011 arctic white Grand Sports. Guests **Greg & Sheryl Carter** have a 2017 white Stingray. New Member **David & Andrea Popper** have a red 2014 convertible Stingray. New Member **Steven**

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Borr has a 2019 Torch Red Stingray. Guest **Jeff Allison** has a 2014 Black convertible.

Vicki reminded the members that they will receive their invitation to the Holiday Party which will be held Saturday, December 7, 2019 and Membership Renewal form next week. Look for those in the email inboxes.

Vicki also mentioned the Fall Color Run to be on Sunday October 20th. Gene will talk about later in the meeting.

Gene Sinkler announced the passing of member Tsegie Crans' husband **Steve Crans**. The funeral is being held Friday Sept. 20th. She asked if corvette members would participate in the procession by driving their corvettes from their home to the church. There were 9 corvettes in the procession.

Chuck Levenson, Activity Chairperson: Chuck reported on the following upcoming events. (September events have all past and are not listed in these minutes) Upcoming events are:

- Oct 3rd-6th Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend
- Oct 5th Van Till Winery Drive & Dinner. Starts at 4:45pm.
- Oct. 5th Rupes Car Care Polishing Training at KC Auto Gifts, 87th & Quivira from 9am-3pm. Cost \$100 with \$50 redeemable credit at his store on any of the many products Rob Howard the owner he has in stock. They will be serving coffee, donuts and lunch). He will be having a class on how to detail your car using Rupes Car Care Polishing Training.

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- Oct 11th Beethoven's #9 Friday Night Dinner 6pm in Paola
- Oct. 12th Hotel Bothwell Corvette Show in Sedalia, Mo
- Oct. 20th CCKC Fall Color Run (Sinker's) meet at 1:30pm at 87th & 435 in Lenexa behind McDonalds. We will depart at 2:00 pm with a scheduled pit stop along the way. We will have an evening dinner in Louisburg, KS.

Steve suggested that in Nov and Feb the club might do a trip to the Mavericks Hockey Game, More to come.

Steve asked Arnie to report on his Car Show held on Saturday Sept 14th at Gateway Auto Plaza. Arnie reported there were 49 cars, of which 11 were nonmembers. For the \$5 entry fee, we made money after the purchase of the pizza and beverages.

Steve discussed the upcoming C8 Reveal at Hendrick and what our role will be. We are going to be allowed a sneak preview from 8-10 am. Steve explained to the new members what Hendrick Chevrolet does for the club as our sponsor.

Arnie Sdano raised the issue about the vote from last month to have only one charity. He wants to amend the vote. Steve recommended we discuss this at our October meeting, and it will be an agenda item.



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Jim Colson announced that the club won the member participation award at the **VBP Car Show in Topeka**. **Cynthia Sdano** took possession of the award and wants to pass the trophy around to the members that were in attendance. However, she failed to bring the trophy to the September meeting. This matter needs to be further discussed later.

Special Guest **Randy Mardis**, Owner of **Paradise Bay Car Wash & Fuel Station** located at 95th & Antioch. He wanted the club to know that he has 93 octane fuel. Also, his car wash bay will accommodate Corvettes. He gave every member at the meeting a free \$11 value car wash certificate. In the future, if you get a car wash, depending on the amount you pay, you can get cash off on your next gas

purchase.

Raffle & Closing

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm

Respectfully submitted by,

Gwyn Hill, Secretary

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