



## ODCC Newsletter – Summer 2023

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### What's Happening

Monthly meetings are normally held on the second Saturday of each month at 10:00 at the Bungalow Lakehouse (46116 Lake Center Plaza, Sterling, VA). For more details and to register for events, see the [Events](#) menu on the [ODCC website](#) at and click on [Event Calendar](#). Please check the website often, as new events may be added at any time. Don't forget to check [Cars and Coffee](#) for non-ODCC events you may enjoy. If you have any questions about ODCC, please email them to [Info@OldDominionCorvetteClub.org](mailto:Info@OldDominionCorvetteClub.org).

### Upcoming ODCC Events:

- **04 July: Leesburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade and lunch at Monk's Barbecue afterwards.** See the website for details and to register!
- **08 July: Simeone Auto Racing Museum "American Muscle".** The museum will be featuring the 1966 Corvette Stingray 427 among other cars at this event. There will also be a raffle to in a ride in one of the show cars!
- **15 July: 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Vettes for Vets Car Show.** Non-ODCC event; see [Events](#) calendar for details.
- **22 July: Cruise to Swannanoah Estate (Virginia's own "mini-Biltmore").** Cruise-in and rare private tour of this beautiful Italianate marble villa atop the Blue Ridge Mountains in Afton, VA, with a lunch stop at the Blue Mountain Brewery.
- **13 August: ODCC 34<sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Cruise-In.** This is our big event of the year. Mark your calendar now and plan on attending!
- **25 – 27 August: Corvettes at Carlisle.** Non-ODCC event; see [Events](#) calendar for details.
- **17 September: Battlefield Corvette Club Cruz-In.** Non-ODCC event; see [Events](#) calendar for details.
- **Check the [Events](#) page often, as new events are routinely added!**

## From the President's Garage...

### Happy Summer Vibes ODCC!

I am looking forward to a fun summer with family and friends, but the highlight for me is removing the Targa top off my Corvette and having the wind blow what hair I have left. (And a little suntan is always a bonus!) I am particularly looking forward to the Club showcasing our cars at the Leesburg 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. My daughter and I had a chance to do this a few years ago and absolutely loved the event.

ODCC has grown since the last Newsletter, and with the C8 being so affordable compared to other super cars, it's clear that the new design has been a winner for Chevrolet. Each time we have a member meeting, I see new C8s showing up. So cool to see the hype over America's Sports Car!

The Board has been busy managing the operations of the Club, so I won't bore you with that, however we are super excited for the upcoming Cruise-In on August 13<sup>th</sup>. During the last Board meeting there was agreement to provide a custom Cruise-In T-shirt to those Club members who volunteer and help make the event a success. Please reach out to Bill or Gary to ensure you are signed up to help and secure your T-shirt.

The ODCC website has undergone some changes as Bob works to keep it fresh and new. The Events page has a lot of great opportunities to meet up with fellow Club members, so please take advantage of these if you can.

In closing, enjoy the Newsletter. Laurie does a great job putting this together, and I really appreciate all her work on this and to those who contribute!

As I Say, Corvette - Live it; Love it!

Cheers

Scott

ODCC President



*A Corvette is an automobile, the rest are just cars!*



## 2023 Spring Events

Following are brief synopses of ODCC and other events in which Members have participated since the last Newsletter. Please see the ODCC website for additional pictures (Photo Gallery link from the home page, or click here [ODCC Photo Gallery](#), with videos at [ODCC Videos](#)). If you have photos, send them (or links using Google Drive or Dropbox) to the ODCC Webmaster ([Webmaster@OldDominionCorvetteClub.org](mailto:Webmaster@OldDominionCorvetteClub.org)) who can upload them to a Club Album (for Club events only), or you can post non-Club activity photos (like photos of your car) to the gallery in a "Member Album" you create (log in, go to the Members tab, and select "Upload Photos". Also, check out the [ODCC Facebook page](#) and the [Old Dominion Corvette Club Facebook group](#) (it is a private group, so you must request to join).

## Weekday Wanderers Happy Hour at Dirt Farm Brewing (13 April)

On the warm and sunny Thursday afternoon of 13 April, ODCC members met at the Chic-Fil-A in Chantilly, Virginia, and set out for the Dirt Farm Brewery in Bluemont, VA. Another member joined them as they passed through Middleburg and the Corvettes went west through Upperville and on to Paris where they turned off on the Route 601, a delightful country road with plenty of turns and hills.

While it was not the shortest route to the brewery, it was certainly the most fun. Arriving at the brewery the caravan met up with another ODCC couple who, coming in from the west, decided to meet at the brewery. Everyone noticed immediately that there was C7 Corvette in the parking lot and it didn't take long to find Greg, a Vette owner from Hamilton, Virginia and a frequent customer. Greg joined the group at a table on the terrace where all enjoyed happy hour drafts, warm pretzel bites, and a spectacular panoramic view of the valley below the brewery. The brewery had several draft flavors and additional selections in cans along with a limited menu and excellent food. All had a great time, we thoroughly enjoyed meeting and talking with Greg, and too soon it was time to head for our respective homes. Dirt Farm Brewery is definitely worth a return visit!



*How do you join the Weekday Wanderers, you ask? Easy! Just watch the website and come join in on one of the upcoming weekday lunch drives. We'll be doing them all season long.*

## Cruise to Charles Town, WV (15 April)

Unfortunately, inclement weather resulted in cancellation of this event.

## Charity Cruise to Cooter's in Luray, VA - Battlefield Corvette Club (16 April)

Several ODCC members participated in the Cooter's Charity Run sponsored by Battlefield Corvette Club. This was a non-ODCC charity event open to all makes of cars and trucks, with all proceeds going to support the Thurman Brisben Homeless Shelter in Fredericksburg, VA.



## Captain Billy's Crab House Cruise with Aquia Creek CC (23 April)

Five ODCC members joined the fun at Captain Billy's Crab House Cruise event hosted by Aquia Creek Corvette Club. ODCC usually has a lot more participation, but the rain and afternoon forecast may have scared people off (though it turned out to be a nice day).



A total of 25 cars met at two starting points along the route or met at the restaurant. Other than ODCC, the participants were about a 50/50 mix between the host club Aquia Creek and the Battlefield club from Fredericksburg. Things are starting to get back to normal. Pre-Covid, in 2018, there were 44 Corvettes and 6 clubs that participated in this event!



## Cruise to Early Mountain Winery with lunch in Culpeper (29 April)

Unfortunately, low sign-up resulted in this event being canceled.



## Cruise-in and Wine Tasting at The Winery at LaGrange (06 May)

The 16<sup>th</sup> annual ODCC Cruise-In and Wine Tasting at LaGrange was a great day for a drive in the country topped off with a picnic lunch, wine tasting, Corvette viewing, and visiting. It wasn't as well attended as in past years, but everyone who was there had a great time. In all, 26 members and guests were registered, but unfortunately, not everyone made it to the event. All ODCC participating members received a complimentary commemorative wine glass etched with both the ODCC logo on one side, and LaGrange Winery on the other (guests could get a glass for a \$5 donation). That glass also gave participants free wine sampling at the wine tasting bar set up on the backside of the main house. The wines offered this year were all quite good, and many folks went home with spare bottles for later (all at a 10% discount too)!





## Weekday Wanderers Cruise to Lost Barrel Brewing (19 May)

We were blessed with a beautiful day for our mid-day Friday Weekday Wanderer lunch at Lost Barrel Brewing, just outside of Middleburg, Virginia.

On a delightful, warm, and sunny Friday in May eight ODCC Club members gathered for a cruise to Lost Barrel Brewing on the west side of Middleburg, Virginia. Gathering at the Chic-Fil-A in Leesburg, they caravanned through several very Corvette-friendly roads to arrive just before the Brewery opened for lunch. The group's arrival ahead of the lunch crowd provided an opportunity to line up the Corvettes along the entrance for a great photo! Once pictures were captured of the Corvettes, there was still time for a group photo before returning to the regular parking lot and take a large outside table that seated the entire group. Lost Barrel provided an excellent selection of lunch items, snacks, and tasting opportunities so everyone could sample and then select their favorite beer. Lost Barrel is a great venue for lunch and it's just a short drive to the Middleburg town center to peruse the many shops.







## National Corvette Museum Cruise-In (22 – 27 May)

This year's trip to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) had a great turnout, with nearly 30 members and guests participating. Unfortunately, health reasons kept a few members sidelined this year, but maybe next time for them! The trek to the Bowling Green this year began on Tuesday, 22 May when 16 ODCC members assembled at Chick-fil-A in Leesburg to start our four-day odyssey to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. This trip was a little different than prior cruises because we took a northerly route to



go south to Bowling Green via Route 15, I-70, and I-68 in Maryland, and I 75 in West Virginia to I 64. This proved to be a good route because it had less traffic than the southerly route using I-81 and I-64, and it gave us the opportunity to sample a new restaurant, Mountain State Brewing Company, in Bridgeport, WV, for lunch. Because we had 14 Corvettes we broke into two groups – the new Corvettes and the old Corvettes, but for most of the trip we stayed together. Other than a few slow-downs for infrastructure work on the interstates, the trip was uneventful. The hardest part was selecting a restaurant

for dinner in Lexington, KY! Unlike the 2021 trip, this time the group had great weather and didn't have to drive through torrential rain!

We met up with some other Club members in Lexington the first evening, so as we departed the hotel for the Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington our numbers had swelled to 20 members in 12 Corvettes! We received a very nice introduction to the Kentucky Horse Park from one of the docents (Sarah), and after a group photo we were off to tour the park, see the shows, and visit the horses. Things have changed a lot since the last time we visited the park in 2021. The tour carriage driver was recovering from knee surgery so we did a self-guided walking tour of the park. They had some new park residents that participated in the Parade of Nations show, and the park restaurant had reopened (it was closed for COVID in 2021), and it provided good food in air-conditioned comfort.



Following the Horse Park, we took an interesting drive to Maker's Mark Bourbon Distillery for a tour. I say an interesting drive because we had never approached Maker's Mark from the North before, and using GPS, which took the shortest route, introduced us to some really narrow, but paved, country roads! Both the group and the Corvettes arrived at Maker's Mark with no ill effects however! Maker's Mark has changed significantly since we were there in 2016, and it was quite interesting to see all the upgrades and sample the new varieties of Maker's Mark. After the mandatory stop in the gift shop, we proceeded to Bowling Green and prepared for our long "Corvette" day. One final ODCC member joined up with the group in Bowling Green to participate in the Thursday activities







Thursday started at the NCM Motorsports Park, where everyone who had been so patiently following the Cruise leader finally had a chance to unleash their inner Tommy Milner by driving their Corvette around the 3.2 mile road course. One member took the big plunge trading in his C7 for a racy looking C8 for the experience. Seeing his excitement after the track time, there could be a new Corvette in his garage in the near future!



Next on the schedule was our tour of the Corvette Assembly Plant (unfortunately, they don't allow cameras on the tour, so there are no pictures – you will just have to go on the tour and see for yourself). The plant resumed tours in November after having been shut down for nearly five years due to the introduction of the C8 and COVID. Having now been on both pre- and post-COVID tours, I can say that things have really changed with the C8. The tour is quite different and there are a lot more component build stations. Because the tour crosses active manufacturing aisles, each tour group gets two guides, one to do the talking and one to make sure everyone in the group is safe! We saw both Stingrays and Z06s in production and learned the “under the skin” differences, besides the engines, between the two models. We even saw several E-rays during the tour. The new paint shop has been equipped with a visitor's gallery and it is amazing how sophisticated the new shop is. They can spray Corvette body panels with no overspray, so different colors can follow one another without a break in the line and it only takes 5 seconds to change colors being sprayed!

Of course, no visit to Bowling Green is complete without a visit to the National Corvette Museum and the ODCC brick. Everyone got to do a self-guided tour of the museum, look down into the remnants of the sink hole, visit the gift shop, and dine in the new Stingray Grill. We also got to see several Museum deliveries and



view the current special exhibit “Custom Carisma: The Legendary Creations of Carl Casper” who designed such memorable cars as the *Batman Returns* Batmobile, the Turbo Shark Corvette, the Cosmic Invader, and the 51 Merc “Knight Cruiser” (the nation’s most-awarded custom car). Most of these cars were based on Corvette frames or had Corvette engines! Two Club members added new bricks to keep the ODCC brick company and took the opportunity to buy C8 raffle tickets without the extra effort it takes to buy one from out of state.



The group had dinner Thursday evening at *The Bistro*, a restaurant in one of the historic Bowling Green mansions (thanks to Ray for this great recommendation). Everyone had a wonderful meal and we were able to share one more opportunity to socialize before heading our separate ways Friday morning. As has become our custom, Friday was a free day. Several folks headed to the Tail of the Dragon, several took off on the Bourbon Trail, and some headed home to be with family for birthdays, graduations, and the Memorial Day holiday. One couple headed to Springfield, IL, to begin their Route 66 quest, but more on that at a later time.



Two participants decided to add a little bit of historical exploration to their trip home. Leaving Bowling Green on Friday morning, they headed back to Lexington and stopped at the Mary Todd Lincoln house. Virtually next door to the University of Kentucky's Rupp Arena (and almost demolished when that was built), this is the house where the future Mrs. Lincoln spent her teen years. The self-guided tour is an interesting look at how the well-to-do lived in the urban south, including a look into urban slavery. Most of the furnishings were actually used in the house by the Todd family or owned by



other family members in the area. If you're spending time in Lexington, this is worth the brief amount of time it takes.

The next day, they stopped at the Greenbriar resort in White Sulphur Spring, WV, and toured the underground bunker built as a secret fallout shelter for members of Congress. It was quite the undertaking, and the logistics of keeping it ready to go on literally minutes notice was impressive. Looking at the barracks style housing, though, they couldn't help but think the members of Congress would have been at each other's throats within days! ☺

In summary, 21 ODCC members in 13 Corvettes traveled nearly 2,500 miles without incident, visited some really interesting places, and had an overall wonderful experience, as you can see by the smile on Chris' face below! Hopefully we can get a larger group for our next visit to the Home of Corvette.



## NVCC Corvette Show at Pohanka Chevrolet (4 June)

More than a dozen members of ODCC entered their cars in this NVCC-hosted Corvette Car show. Trophies were presented to the top Corvette of each generation, and one ODCC member won the award for best C3 with his beautiful C3 Pace Car edition. Everyone who attended had a great time checking out the 100+ Corvettes and talking cars with other attendees, and it was a perfect day weather wise, with temperatures in the mid-70s and clear skies. Goody bags were provided to participants, and every registered vehicle got an event T-shirt.





## **Dominion Raceway Track Attack with Battlefield Corvette Club (11 June)**

Five ODCC members participated in this event with Battlefield Corvette Club. They met up with the President of Battlefield Corvette (who is also an ODCC member) and the Battlefield members. A photo op on the oval track had been arranged, and everyone was able to take two laps around the oval, reaching a top speed of 56 MPH (but it was fun just to be able to drive on the track). After the photo op we went into the track restaurant for lunch while Battlefield members conducted a club meeting.

At 4 PM, we met the Track Attack leader and his pace drivers for a meeting to discuss dos and don'ts, and what to expect while driving the LeMans track. After the brief, we lined up on the track and they divided us up into three groups with about 10 cars in each group. We followed a pace car in 3 sessions that lasted about 15 to 18 minutes each. This was the first opportunity one ODCC member had to drive on a track and even though it was controlled, he thought it was quite thrilling. His top speed on the straightaway was just over 110 MPH before he had to back down in preparation for the first turn. There were several hairpin-type turns, as well as a large S curve on the back side of the track. He had to admit that when they finished and he pulled back into the staging area, he realized just how hard he had gripped the steering wheel and pressed down on the floorboard with his left foot...especially going into a turn! The day wound down a little after 6 PM. Everyone loved the experience and more than likely would do something like it again. This is a great experience that is recommended for any member who has not had the opportunity to put their car on a track.



## **Father's Day Car Show at The Winery at LaGrange (17 June)**

Rather than caravanning this year, everyone just headed to the Winery individually. There were eight Corvettes there, six C8s (including one new Z06) and two C7s, all convertibles (pretty much everyone had the top down for the trip home). This is an annual LaGrange-hosted event that is normally very well attended, with all types of cars from numerous clubs, but because of an accidental fluke by the LaGrange webmaster, it didn't get put on their website, so ODCC ended up being the only club in attendance. That wasn't a bad thing for ODCC members however, since there was a special tasting booth set up for the car show participants, and we had it all to ourselves! The winery offered free tastings of four different wines: two whites, one blush, and a red. Everyone seemed to like all four of them. After the tasting, we all enjoyed sitting under the trees visiting in near-perfect weather, with blue skies, high 80s, and very low humidity, and enjoying picnic lunches. Some of the other patrons came by to check out our cars, and seemed to really like them. What a great way to spend Father's Day!



## Weekday Wanderers – Lunch Run to Luray (23 June)

On 23 June, five intrepid members of ODCC braved the rain showers for an entertaining backroads cruise to Luray, VA, and a lunch of delicious BBQ. Leaving from Haymarket, all but one took a leisurely drive out Rt. 55, then south on the curvy and entertaining Rt. 688 (known to some as “The Tail of the Lizard”) south to Rt 211. Our final member joined the group in Sperryville, and everyone finished up with a *spirited* run up and down the very challenging Rt 211 at Thornton’s Gap and into Luray. The rain ended shortly after leaving Haymarket, but spray from the wet roads still made a mess of all the cars. That’s OK though, they don’t melt, and they clean up nicely! Oh, yes, lunch: Triple Crown BBQ has delicious food, and the fact that you’re standing next to the outdoor smoker while waiting to order only makes it taste better. It was lucky the rain had stopped, though, because the only tables are outside. In spite of the rain, all enjoyed getting out of the house, exercising their Corvettes, and enjoying each other’s company.





## Backroads Cruise to Luray via Skyline Drive, with Lunch and Ice Cream (25 June)

We had 16 ODCC members and 11 Corvettes (a C4, C5, C6, C7, 6 C8 Stingrays, and one C8 Z06) who joined in this eventful day. All but one met in Gainesville to make the drive to Luray, and the final participant met us at the entrance to Skyline Drive. It was also a colorful Corvette procession, with two Red Mists, two Rapid Blues, one Elkhart Lake Blue, one Amplify Orange, one Blade Silver, two Arctic Whites, one Spiral Gray, and one Sebring Silver.

It was a fun and scenic drive on backroads from Warrenton out Route 688 to Route 55, then on to Front Royal and the entrance to Skyline Drive. With that many cars, we ended up getting separated along the way, but the frontrunners waited for everyone to catch up right outside the entrance to Skyline Drive. Unfortunately, one member had some mechanical issues and had to drop out at the beginning of the Skyline Drive portion.



Once on Skyline Drive, the pace slowed a bit because of the 35 MPH speed limit and the high likelihood of law enforcement along the route. However, that didn't stop the group from totally enjoying the unique handling the Corvette provides on the twists and turns of Skyline Drive (also not saying whether or not the 35 MPH limit was strictly observed...). During that part of the drive, one participant commented on what a perfect day it was for the drive...little did he know what was yet to come!



At the end of Skyline Drive, some cars put their tops up for the drive into Luray. Unfortunately, not everyone followed suit, and a few minutes later, several folks had to pull over to cover up quickly as a squall line moved in over the mountains. It rained most of the way into Luray, then magically stopped right before we got there, and the sun came out again as we got to Ollie Cat Café (one of our new favorite spots for lunch). Everyone had a great time visiting at lunch and discovered their own favorite menu items, including the Fried Chicken Cordon Bleu sandwich, BBQ pork, the half-pound Angus Burger, great onion rings, and incredible fried cheese curds.



Unfortunately, bad weather returned while we were eating lunch, so some mad dashes were made to cars in fairly heavy rain, and we headed for the last stop of the day. Luckily, the rain ended as we got out of the mountains on the way up Route 211 to Warrenton, so the planned stop at the Carousel ice cream stand at the corner of Routes 211 and Business 29 in Warrenton wasn't impacted. Everyone enjoyed some additional tasty treats and a bit more time to visit before heading their separate ways home.



## ODCC News of Note

### From the Webmaster

Here are some helpful tips from Bob, our Webmaster, to help you navigate your way around the ODCC website. Just a quick reminder, [you must be logged in to use the Member features.](#)

### Member Search and Member Profile

One feature of our Club website that isn't as well-known as it should be is the Member Search capability. When you think of searching members, you probably think first of searching by name, but the feature is more powerful than that, allowing multiple search options. Hover over the **Member** menu, and click on *Member Search* in the drop-down menu to see the screen below:



# Standard Member Directory

The Member Directory allows you to view other members. (Note that your own directory information can be updated by clicking the Profile link.) Enter search matching members. If no search values are specified, all members will be displayed. If there is more than one page of results, use the Paging controls to see members have bio information that can be viewed by clicking on their name or bio image. Note that members can also choose to completely remove their name. Members with valid address information will be displayed as points on the map. Users with certain visibility restrictions will be geolocated in the center of their town for

  
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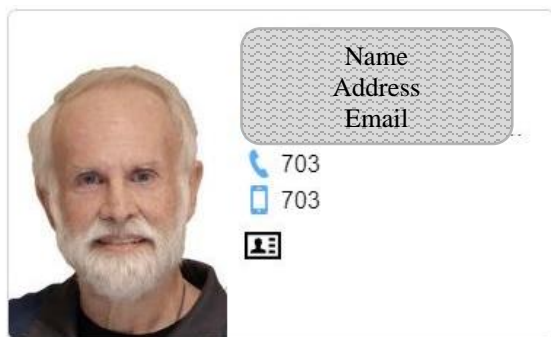
Search by member name (first name or last name or full name or nickname) or work company

Recent Membership

City

Within  of zip:

Did you meet a new member at the last monthly meeting or other event, but can't remember their name? Click on the drop down next to *Recent Membership* and look for people who joined in the last 10, 20, 60, or 90 days. Or maybe you want to find members who live near you? There are two ways to do this: enter a city, click *Search*, and our website will return all members who live there; or for a broader search, enter a zip code, and the distance from the center of that area you want to search. If you want to search by name, you can enter that info (first, last, or both) into the *Search Text* box. Or, say you want to find people near Gainesville, VA (zip code 20155), enter that zip code, choose the distance from the "Within" drop down (5 or 10 miles is probably the most useful for our purposes), and search. You'll get a list of all the members in card format, below (some info redacted) who fall into that area, as well as a map of their locations. What's more, this card is interactive. Click on the name, and the website will open the member's Biography data. Click on the email address, and it will open your computer's default mail app.



Hey, how do I get my picture in my Directory entry, you ask? The easiest is to search on your own name, then click on your name in the card that is displayed. That will display your member Bio, which is editable. To add or change your photo, just click on your existing image, or on the circle with the outline of a head if you haven't yet uploaded an image. Just follow the prompts to upload an image from your computer. You can also edit your personal information, use the "*Additional Information*" to tell us about your Corvette(s), or the Biography section to tell us all about you.

I hope these hints are helpful and that we have more members taking advantage of all the features our website offers to engage with your fellow ODCC members! Please let me know if you have any questions on how to navigate the website.

## ODCC 34<sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Cruise-In

ODCC NEEDS YOUR HELP!! Our 34<sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Cruise-In is fast approaching. This year, it will be held on Sunday, 13 August from noon to 4 P.M. at Bomnin Chevrolet in Manassas vice our historic Saturday event. We are still looking for volunteers to help in a number of areas. This is a great way to support ODCC, as this is our primary fundraiser, and there is a lot required to make everything come together. There are



opportunities to help on the day of the event, and in the planning and preparation. There is something every member can do to help from distributing flyers or arranging for door prizes and raffle items to helping get all the supplies to the venue, coordinating parking, or running registration, so please step up and be part of the Team!

Even if you don't know what you want to do or in what areas you can be of assistance, if you are willing to help, please contact Gary who is coordinating logistics and volunteers, or Bill and let one of them know. Thanks to all in advance. Let's make this the biggest and best **All Corvette Cruise-In** yet!

## General Manager of Ted Britt Chevrolet at May Member Meeting

Jason Fischbein, the General Manager of our corporate sponsor Ted Britt Chevrolet, joined us for breakfast at the May membership meeting. After breakfast, Jason provided members an update on Ted Britt Chevrolet and the future of Corvette. Chris Thomas is still the Old Dominion Corvette Club Service Advisor and members should ask for him when they bring their Corvettes (and other Chevrolet vehicles) to Ted Britt for service. They have updated their computer system and have the ODCC service and parts discount in the system. You will have to identify yourself as an ODCC member (your ODCC membership card works well for this) and ask for the discount until they have all of your vehicles registered in the service computer system. If there are any problems that cannot be resolved, Jason's door is always open to speak to Club members.

As far as the outlook for C8s at Ted Britt, Jason candidly explained that they are not as big as the "guy across the river" but they do have a good allocation of C8 Stingrays and they are allocated Z06s as well. They had several Z06s in the pipeline at the time of his presentation. He advised ODCC members to start their C8 experience by contacting him and he would make sure they speak to his Corvette expert and receive extra attention. However, he did point out that they do not allow anyone on their waiting list to "jump the line" so there will still be a significant wait. They are dedicated to service after the sale and they offer *Ted Britt for Life* benefits for local customers, so buying local has its advantages.

Jason advised that the dealership's allocation of other Chevrolet vehicles is improving and they have been designated a preferred Chevrolet electric vehicle dealer and have made numerous upgrades to service and support electric vehicles.

Jason answered several ODCC member questions and spent time meeting Club members and answering their personal questions. Thank you, Jason, for visiting with the Club!



## Corvettes Online

Every now and then, you see something on the web that strikes a chord. There was a Facebook post captioned “Sometimes sentiment is measured in more than just \$\$\$\$. Maybe the immediate availability for his dad means more than the \$.” Here’s someone’s response to the post that really resonates.

“My granddaughter (nicknamed Huckleberry) and I ordered a Red Mist tintcoat C8 on her seventh birthday because she said she loved my 2016 C7 Laguna Blue Stingray Convertible, but she wanted a red Corvette when she grew up. When it became apparent the C8 wouldn’t be delivered until close to her eighth birthday, and due to a brain tumor, we were praying she would get to see her eighth birthday, I bought a Torch Red 2017 Stingray Coupe. She got to ride in it and named it Rosie. Huck went to be with Jesus before the C8 was delivered. When our C8 was ready for Museum delivery we had decided we had to keep Rosie rather than trade her in as hoped and planned. Our C8 is “Huck” and shares the garage with Rosie. Fortunately, we were able to adjust and make the \$\$\$ work out.”



## National Corvette Museum Ambassador Tidbits

*Submitted by ODCC National Corvette Museum Ambassador*

Last Newsletter, I promised something on “*Save the Wave!*”, but I need to give credit where it is due. Our Webmaster did the research and created the original article, which you can find on the ODCC website (*About ODCC > History > Save the Wave* or follow this link: [Save the Wave - Old Dominion Corvette Club](https://www.corvetteclub.com/Save-the-Wave-Old-Dominion-Corvette-Club)).



<https://www.CorvetteMuseum.org/>



Ever since Corvette number 00001 first met Corvette number 00002 on the road, Corvette drivers have saluted each other with waves, and a great tradition was born. This tradition comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It’s an instant wave of recognition from other owners on the road. Unfortunately, not all Corvette owners are aware of it, so we are enlisting all ODCC members to keep this great tradition alive and *SAVE THE WAVE!*

The first time new owners experience *The Wave*, they may be taken by surprise and think someone has mistaken them for someone else. However, once they realize it’s a sign of recognition among owners, most quickly get into supporting it. Then they get to perfect their personal version of *The Wave*. That can include the style (a simple “yoo hoo” hand waggle to a full-fledged hand-swinging wave), and the timing (not too early, not too late). Timing isn’t too hard when you are going in opposite directions, but how about when you are next to another Vette? Do you roll down your window, wave, and smile, then go on, only to end up next to him at a stoplight a short time later – then what, do you wave again? And what do you do about non-wavers?

Does the hand then act like you were just testing the air temperature? Or did you accidentally forget that you were not in your Vette when you initiated *The Wave*, so the intended recipient may have no idea why you are waving? Another question is, who initiates The Wave? Normally, whomever is the first to see the other Corvette initiates it. However, some female Corvette drivers have a unique problem – should she wave first and risk looking overly friendly, or wait and look like a snob? (See the **Wave Rules** section below for answers.)



There is no excuse, however, for anyone who refuses to return the wave. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems a few owners of newer models refuse to recognize anything older than theirs, while some others simply won't wave, period.

Boo on them. These unfriendly sorts don't seem to realize that they are helping to squash a tradition. **SAVE THE WAVE!**

### Wave Rules

The Corvette Wave is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving "America's Sports Car." As a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your poise and intelligence, so for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:

- 1. There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.** Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.
- 2. There isn't any rule about who waves first.** This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!
- 3. Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.** As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or women – rules 1 and 2 apply.
- 4. Any type of wave is okay.** Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. (However, this does not include any style of gesture that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting!) Remember, Corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor.
- 5. A late wave is better than no wave.** If you suddenly realize a Corvette driver is passing and waving at you, get a wave off as soon as possible. The other Corvette driver may see your wave in their rear-view mirror and realize that you were just a little late in getting your wave going. Although missing the timing of your wave is a "goof," getting off a wave that the other Corvette driver has a chance to see can acceptably cover this slip-up.



As you can see, the underlying concept here is simple: Wave at your fellow Corvette owners, whomever they are, whenever you see them. This will show you are a person who understands the full measure of etiquette that comes with your proud ownership of a Corvette.

Don't let this grand and glorious tradition die. **WAVE WHEN YOU PASS ANOTHER CORVETTE!**



#### Upcoming NCM Events:

For additional details, see the NCM website at [Events - National Corvette Museum](https://www.CorvetteMuseum.org/explore/events/) (<https://www.CorvetteMuseum.org/explore/events/>).

- **09 – 13 July: Explore Detroit.** Visit the Detroit, Michigan area in July 2023 to visit some great attractions including the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, along with other very unique exclusive opportunities! Registration opens in Spring 2023.
- **11 – 22 July: NCM Alaska Cruise on the Majestic Princess.** This NCM adventure begins with an overnight at the Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge, two nights at the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge, then a train ride to Anchorage for embarkation. The cruise goes past Hubbard Glacier and through Glacier Bay National Park to Skagway, Juneau, Ketchikan, and on to the final destination of Vancouver, B.C. (Unfortunately, this event is already sold out, but watch for future options!)
- **31 August – 02 September: 2023 NCM 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.** The NCM opened in 1994, and this year they will be celebrating 29 years. Participants enjoy three days of activities in and around the Museum, including road tours, special video presentations, raffles, and more. Event registration opens in May.
- **24 – 30 September: National Parks Tour.** Enjoy some of the crown jewels of the National Park system with visits to the Grand Canyon's South Rim, Zion National Park, Bryce Canyon, Arches National Park, Glen Canyon Dam, Monument Valley, and Canyonlands National Park. Registration opens Summer 2023.
- **September / October: 2023 Kentucky 1 Lap.** This event is a partnership between the National Corvette Museum and the Kentucky State Police. The two organizations join to raise money for both the Museum and Trooper Island, a KSP non-profit camp for underprivileged children. Each year the Tour explores a different section of Kentucky. This year, there will be four separate offerings. Registration opens Summer 2023.
- **TBD October: Corvette Racing Weekend.** Michelin is sponsoring an NCM Corvette racing weekend at the AACA Museum. Email Maci @ [maci@CorvetteMuseum.org](mailto:maci@CorvetteMuseum.org) for more information. Registration opens late Summer 2023.

## **Update from the Vice President**

ODCC had a great Spring and already is firmly into the Summer season. We are reveling in more events with the tops down (or off) and enjoying a very active schedule with an excellent variety of things to see and do. I think our newly initiated Weekday Wanderer program has also turned out to be very popular for retired members and those who have been able to get away for a morning or afternoon to participate (or for those who just need a good excuse to “play hooky” from work now and then!).

One of my collateral duties as Vice President is to coordinate Club membership. It has been a wonderful responsibility and I have thoroughly enjoyed greeting our new members. I am pleased to report that as I write this, the Club has welcomed 22 new members so far in 2023. I think the key word for this success is “welcomed.” I can say without hesitation that you all are a welcoming group! The way our new members are engaged from their first Club meeting or event says a great deal about ODCC. Like any club we have, of course, had attrition. People move from the area or find that competing schedules require simplification, but we have grown to 161 members as of this Newsletter and I think that is great. I also think it’s a credit to the whole team, from an active and enthusiastic Board, an innovative Events Coordinator, and a friendly and engaging membership who set the tone for ODCC.

I would also like to take this opportunity to recognize Joe and his wife Vera. By the Board’s unanimous decision, both were awarded ODCC Life Membership status at the last monthly member meeting. They have been longtime supporters and contributors to every facet of the Club’s operation, including serving as Club officers, building infrastructure, providing meeting and event facilities, and much more. Sincere congratulations and many thanks for all their continuing support!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the August ODCC All Corvette Cruise-In on Sunday, 13 August at Bomnin Chevrolet in Manassas!

**Dennis**

**ODCC Vice President**

## **Treasurer’s Report**

The Old Dominion Corvette Club treasury has a balance of \$3,294.08 in our two accounts (Wells Fargo and PayPal) as of 31 May 2023. This balance includes a donation of \$1,000 from Bomnin Chevrolet for the 2023 Corvette Cruise-In, which is not part of the general funds. Additionally, \$500 in dues were collected during the quarter from both new and continuing members.

Major expenditures this last quarter include the Club’s Post Box rental of \$430 and ongoing website support that averages about \$55 a month. Additionally, the Club paid the Virginia State Corporation Commission (SCC) its annual fee of \$25 to continue our incorporation as a non-profit 501(c)(7) social club. Other ongoing expenses during the last quarter include \$195 to Great Lake Trophies for ODCC new member nametags, as well as miscellaneous expenses in preparation for the 2023 Corvette Cruise-in.

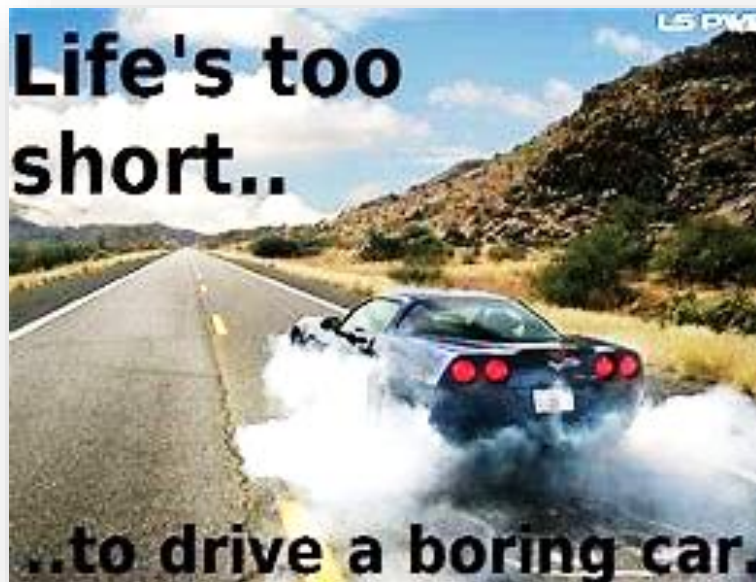
The Treasurer obtained a Zettle point of sale device (from PayPal) for credit and debit card sales. This was obtained because the old POS terminal from PayPal was discontinued. The Club incurred no expense, as the device is free to non-profits. The POS device interfaces with the Zettle app that is installed on a smart device



with network connectivity. Test transactions flowed seamlessly to our PayPal account. This device will allow us to more easily capture sales of more expensive items, such as silent auction items at the Cruise-In.

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ODCC Treasurer



## Corvette Humor



Stingrays are such beautiful, elegant sea creatures.





## 34<sup>th</sup> Annual All Corvette Cruise-In – Sunday 13 August!

Looking forward to seeing everyone this summer!



**34th Annual All Corvette Cruise-In™**  
**Sunday August 13th, 2023**  
**Noon to 4:00 pm**  
(rain or shine)

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**Dash plaque and door prize ticket with \$20 donation\***

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*Thanks so much to all our contributors! This is your newsletter, so any ideas you have on things you would like to see are always appreciated. Everyone is encouraged to submit inputs on any ODCC events you attend or other noteworthy info (like a new addition to your family or another Corvette, a fun thing you've done, or whatever else you think others would like to hear about). We love to include articles and pictures submitted by members, so if you want to see yourself in print, here's your chance!*

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