



ODCC Newsletter – Winter 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.

Upcoming ODCC Events:

- **No January ODCC Monthly Meeting!**
- **19 – 28 January 2023: DC Auto Show.** Non-ODCC event. See the article [The DC Auto Show \(19 – 28 January 2024\)](#) in this Newsletter.
- **10 February: ODCC Monthly Meeting.** Regular monthly meetings at the Bungalow Lakehouse will resume in February.
- **17 February 2024: Annual Banquet at Tuscarora Mill.** Save the date! This year's dinner again will be held at Tuscarora Mill in Leesburg, VA. Festivities start at 6 P.M. and will feature hors d'oeuvres, a cash bar, and a buffet dinner, all for \$54 per person. See additional details and register at the [Events](#) calendar Banquet page.
- **04 May 2024: Shenandoah Apple Blossom Festival Parade.** Save the date! ODCC will again participate in this fun event, and adjourn for a meal afterwards. Watch the website for additional details.
- **02 June 2024: NVCC Chantilly Corvette Show at Pohanka Chevrolet in Chantilly.** Non-ODCC event; see the [Events](#) calendar for details.
- **August 2024: National Corvette Caravan.** Save the date! See the article [All Roads Lead to Bowling Green!](#) with more info in this Newsletter.
- **Multiple events are in the planning stages, awaiting spring weather!** Please check the [Events](#) calendar regularly and contact the Events Coordinator with any good ideas you would like to see on the ODCC calendar for 2024.

From the President's Garage...

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year ODCC!

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday season and was able to spend time with family and friends. I was fortunate enough to take the family to California to celebrate Christmas with my Dad and Step-Mom. We had a great time and I had forgotten how fun the California roads can be. Several of them would have been a lot of fun to drive in the Corvette versus a loaded down rental car. But I made the best of it and tried to push the limits of the rental car as best as I could, LOL!

I am looking forward to 2024 and what the Club has planned. We will start off with the ODCC annual banquet in February and I know our 2024 Events Coordinator Julian (and Bob, who is assisting) are working a bunch of events for the year. As a reminder there is no meeting in January.

Enjoy this time and I will see you all in 2024!

Best,
Scott

ODCC President



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



2023 Fall 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) 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).

ODCC Community Veteran Celebration (07 October)

Submitted by Al

The first annual Community Veteran Celebration was held at the Capon Valley Bank in Stephens City on October 7. The event was the brainchild of Melba Thorne, the bank manager. The event planning committee was comprised of Melba, along with Mariah Smith, (Army veteran and city councilwoman), Christine Cregar

(owner of Pawsitively Heaven), and ODCC member Al (Navy veteran and business owner). A smaller-than-hoped-for number of cars showed up as a result of rain that continued into late morning and competition from other car events taking place that day. However, once the rain stopped, the rest of the day was beautifully sunny. ODCC was represented by Dennis, Laurie, and Al, and some local Corvette owners came, as well as a couple of classic cars and a motorcycle group of Veterans.

Everyone gathered at about 1300 to recite the pledge of allegiance, followed by a playing of the national anthem. Next, all Veterans in attendance were recognized by their respective service branch, and Veterans who had passed were honored with a moment of silence. VFW Post 2123 then gave a gun salute and played taps.

There were a number of booths from various small businesses and Veteran-oriented services, including Healing Waters, that sets up sessions to teach Wounded Warriors and Veterans how to tie fishing lures and provides fly fishing opportunities, Honor Flight Top of Virginia, a local Virginia branch of Honor Flights that busses local Veterans to the Memorials in Washington, D.C. (www.HonorFlight-TOV.org for anyone interested in helping), the VFW, and others.

Attendees were able to participate in several raffles, buy homemade bake sale goodies with the proceeds going to help a local AMVETs volunteer in need, enjoy some free pizza and hotdogs, and also enjoy additional selections from the on-site food truck.

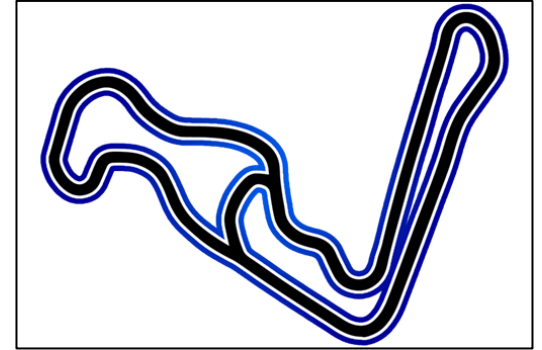


Summit Point Motorsports Park Cruise-In Car Show (8 October)

Submitted by Ken

Although there wasn't a large presence of ODCC members at this event, I have to say it was truly an enjoyable day at the Summit Point Motorsports Park Cruise-In Car Show and market. The weather was a little windy and cool but a beautiful sunny day to be out for a Sunday drive.

The first 20 people registered for the Cruise-In received a free Charity Lap around the Jefferson Circuit (it was more like eight laps). Rides were \$20 per car after that, and they had about 10 cars at a time on the track along with two "pace cars" to maintain a reasonable speed.



Melissa Braun was a wonderful host with approximately 25 cars showing up for the event. There were a lot of other things to see and do. They had SCCA MARRS races and Evolve GT races on the Summit Point Circuit, food vendors, and other car clubs showed up to hang out and watch the races.

I look forward to attending this event next year and hopefully we will see more ODCC members at the event!



Corvette Club of America 49th Annual Car Show (08 October)

Submitted by Chris

Chris and Tina represented ODCC at this charity event in Silver Spring. The show offered a \$100 cash prize to the People's Choice winner, and provided First, Second, and Third place trophies for each class. It was a very windy day, which made it difficult to stay out and see the cars for very long at a time. Cars had to register as they came in (though we were pre-registered, which speeded up the process for us), then park in the proper generational section (i.e., C1, C2, C3, etc.) Then they had unmodified and modified section of the 80s. Over the course of a few hours, we ate a brunch that we brought in the car (a rare experience), walked around a bit, and filled out a judging form, trying to not let it get blown away, then eventually listened to the winners get announced and get their plaques and trophies.



Weekday Wanderers - Lunch Run to Bear Chase Brewery (12 October)

Submitted by Bob

On Thursday, 12 October, a small group of ODCC members headed out to Bluemont, VA, for an enjoyable lunch at Bear Chase Brewery. Located on the east side of Mount Weather, Bear Chase has a great view of Northern Virginia. On a clear day, you can see the towers of Tysons Corner. The crew headed out Route 50 to Blue Ridge Mountain Rd, where a very spirited drive to the Brewery took place. They sat in the sun on the patio enjoying yummy food and great beer. The lunch was *almost* as much fun as the drive!



How do you get to be a Weekday Wanderer? Easy, just play hooky from work for a few hours and join in the next weekday lunch cruise.

Bealeton Flying Circus (15 October) and Charlestown Racetrack Casino Cruise (18-19 October) with NVCC

NVCC cancelled both of these events following the tragic loss of Doreen and Yas on 14 October, 2023.

Queen City Corvette Show (20-23 October, Charlotte, NC)

No ODCC members participated in this event.

Covered Bridge Tour (22 October)

Submitted by Laurie

This year we again had a great turnout for this event, with 25 attendees. Although initially planned as a covered bridge tour followed by a meet-up at Springfield Manor winery / brewery / distillery, a last-minute change was made based on the forecast of wind and cold, and the lack of indoor facilities at Springfield Manor. Instead, everyone voted for lunch in Thurmont, MD, at the Thurmont Country Kitchen, which turned out to be a great deal of fun, especially when they set up a back room just for our group.

Capitalizing on lessons learned last year on the route, Bob laid out a great tour through the countryside to the covered bridge. To ensure we didn't lose anyone on the initial stretch, we all met up at the Frederick County Park and Ride to count noses, then headed off through the countryside, with winding wooded roads, open fields, and pretty fall colors just starting to come out. It was about an hour's drive to the Loy's Station Bridge, then we continued on to the Roddy Road Bridge, and finally to a great lunch in Thurmont.





ODCC Trunk or Treat at Guilford Elementary School in Sterling (28 October)

Submitted by Laurie

Eight ODCC members participated in the Guilford Elementary School Trunk or Treat Halloween event on Thursday afternoon. The Club was asked to participate by the school Principal as part of their Classic / Fancy Car Show section, but there were also some fun decorated cars there, several of them with associated games, like the Dunkin Donuts car. The kids really enjoyed getting to see the cars up close, but it's a toss-up whether they liked the cars or the candy we all handed out better! After the event, several members went out to dinner together at a local Peruvian restaurant. Everyone had a great time!



Police Appreciation Day (05 November, with NVCC)

Submitted by Laurie

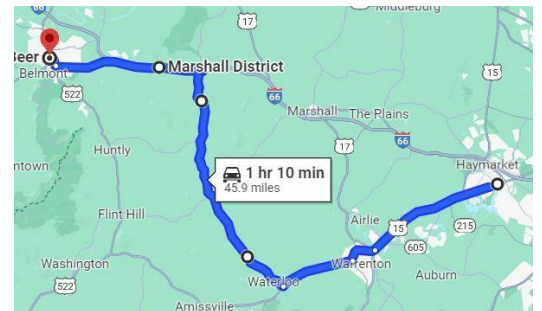
Four ODCC members once again joined with NVCC to show appreciation to our local men and women in blue. Everyone met for an early dinner at Olive Garden, then took dinner for the officers to the McLean District Station for a meet and greet during their shift change. We had a great visit with them, and they definitely appreciated the show of support and dinner! The District is so short on officers right now that they have reduced from three 8-hour shifts to two 12-hour shifts, and they are stretched really thin even at that. Lots of long hours and missed family time for them. Thanks go to Bob D. for arranging this visit and inviting ODCC to participate!



Weekday Wanderers – Lunch Run to Front Royal (20 November)

Submitted by Dennis; photos from Barry

On Monday, 20 November, the ODCC Weekday Wanderers did a repeat visit to the Vibrissa Beer & Kitchen restaurant in Front Royal, VA. It was our inaugural destination a year ago when we first initiated these events. The weather and traffic were perfect for the day. We had a good showing, with nine ODCC members, plus two guests. The group headed out from the Gainesville 7-Eleven on Lee Highway (Rte. 29) going via 211 through Warrenton and onto our favorite winding stretch of Rte. 688 to Rte. 55 into Front Royal. It was cooler than last year's visit, so the restaurant had a large table ready for us inside. As before, the food was excellent, as was the company. Jimmy drove his new yellow Z06, Reed was there with his new C8 black Stingray, and everyone had a great time. We will keep this venue on the Weekday Wanderer list for 2024!



ODCC Chili Cook-Off (09 December)

Submitted by Gary

The 17th annual Chili & Cornbread Cook-off served as our last social event of the year and signaled the transition into the Christmas season. Gary Kyle hosted the event at his home, which he decorated for Christmas. Approximately 50 members, family members, and guests attended. We started the evening by holding our last 2023 member meeting before indulging in the most important activity – the competitive chili and cornbread judging. Besides the seven chili entries and six cornbread entries, several members brought wonderful cakes, pies, and cookies. Gary provided a variety of other food just to add some variety and ensure everyone had enough to eat. Gary also hired Masters of Mixology, who supplied three professional bartenders to handle all the beverages and entertained people around the basement bar area. To entertain the kids, Gary played a Christmas movie in his home theater room.



Everyone was invited to taste all the chili and cornbread entries then vote on their top three choices. Each of us received two sets of three poker chips, one set (green, red, and white chips) for chili and the other for cornbread. Green chips were worth 100 points, red chips were worth 50 points, and the white ones were worth 25. Each competitive entry had a dedicated, labeled mason jar with a slotted top set up on Gary's dining room credenza. After tasting the entries, judges dropped a green chip into the jar with a label matching their first choice of chili, red chip into the jar matching their second chili choice, and green chip into the jar matching their third chili choice. The judges used the same procedure to vote for the cornbread choices. Once everyone had finished sampling and voting, we counted the different colored chips, applied the points, tallied up the totals, and then announced the winners. As always, a great time was had by all!



Cook-Off Winners: For the first time, instead of only providing recognition for the first-place winner in each category, ODCC handed out prizes to the top three choices in each category. After tasting the seven chili entries, the judges chose Bob as the first-place winner, earning Bob the distinctive right of hosting “Pedro” until the next competition. The second-place winner was Ken, who received a bottle of “official” CIA Hot Sauce. The third-place winner was Mick, who also received a bottle of CIA Hot Sauce. For the cornbread competition, the judges selected Ed as the first-place winner and new custodian of the Best Cornbread Trophy. The second-place winner was Bill, who received a bottle of organic honey. The third-place winner was Deb, who received a bottle of raw honey.

Chili Cook-Off Winners:



Bob – 1st place



Ken – 2nd place



Mick – 3rd place

Cornbread Winners:



Ed – 1st place



Bill - 2nd place



Deb - 3rd place

Corvettes for LAWS Holiday Event (17 December)

Submitted by Laurie

This year, John once again spearheaded efforts to make Christmas special for a number of families supported by Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault charity. This year LAWS had a special request, based on forecasts for a colder and snowier than usual winter. ODCC was asked if we could provide warm clothing for six different families, and LAWS provided us a wish list of items and sizes. Once again, ODCC met the challenge. As he did last year, our Webmaster set up a donation link on the ODCC website, and folks really stepped up! We brought in \$1295 in donations to buy warm clothes for these families, plus other donated clothing and toys (total value nearly \$1500). Every item on the list was provided.





Despite a dire, rainy forecast, on Sunday, 17 December, eight ODCC members braved the weather to meet with LAWs representatives at Chik-Fil-A in Leesburg to present the clothes, as well as additional presents for the children donated by members. Rudy spent the last year collecting matchbox cars for the event, and also donated some beautiful stuffed animals, so there were definitely some happy kids on Christmas morning! Bill arranged for Santa Claus to help in our presentation (and he also donated a bag of toys), which added some extra flair. Santa even brought some Christmas magic with him, as the rain held off until after we finished the presentation! It turns out that Santa is a Corvette buff when he's not driving his sleigh, but he had never been in a C8, so Laurie and Dennis offered him the chance to sit behind the wheel of theirs. Rumor has it that he's now considering a new kind of ride! Not sure who had a better time, the ODCC participants or Santa!





After the event, LAWS sent out a press release noting how grateful they were that ODCC had partnered with them to provide winter coats and boots for 20 children, youth, and adults in their program.

ODCC News of Note

In Memorium



On Saturday, 14 October, 2023, ODCC tragically lost two of our wonderful members. Yas and Doreen participated in the National Corvette Museum 2023 Kentucky 1 Lap trip, part of the "Museum in Motion" series. They were on a supplemental section of that tour in bad weather prior to heading home and were in a single car accident that took both their lives.

Yas and Doreen were active member of ODCC for many years, having joined in February of 2015. They were at most monthly meetings and participated in numerous Club events over the years, including this year's Cruise-In to the NCM in May, and the Swannanoa trip in July. They were also members of the Northern Virginia Corvette Club, and Doreen was serving as their current Social Chair.





A lovely memorial service was held at the Loudoun Funeral Chapel in Leesburg on Saturday, 28 October, with a reception afterward at the River Creek Country Club in Leesburg. It was extremely well attended by both ODCC and NVCC members, most of whom came in their Corvettes. ODCC provided a floral arrangement in honor of both Doreen and Yas.



The DC Auto Show (19 – 28 January 2024)

Submitted by Bob

Exciting news for some ODCC members!

Eight ODCC members will be displaying their Corvettes at the DC Auto Show. They will be joining some members from the Corvette Club of America (Silver Spring, MD) in showing at least 15 Corvettes, featuring all 8 generations, in the club area of the show. The show is at the Walter Washington Convention Center from 19 through 28 January, so please head into the show and check out the cars.

Information and tickets available here: <https://WashingtonAutoShow.com/>

Member C5 for Sale

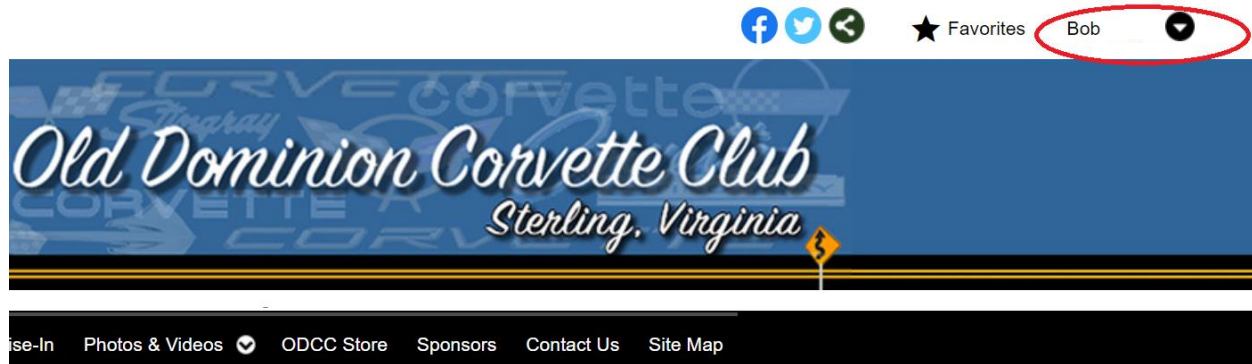
Chuck has a 2002 C5 automatic, removable hard-top with about 72,000 miles on it which he has decided to sell. It's black with a tan interior that looks like new. It has no major modifications, is in excellent condition, runs great, and comes with a custom fit black C5 cover. It also comes with new C5 floor mates, tires and C5 chrome wheels in very good condition. He's asking \$17,000 for it. Please reach out to him if you or someone you know are interested (571-217-2310 or email KACStock@aol.com).



From the Webmaster

Submitted by Bob

First, I want to give everyone a quick reminder that to view all the content on our website you must log in each time you visit. (Only Members can log in, so please join ODCC to see all we have to offer.) If you follow a link in an email, such as a link to our event calendar, you might not be logged in automatically, but it's easy to be sure. If you're logged in, you'll see your name in the top right corner of each web page, as shown below:



If you're NOT logged in, you'll see a prompt to login in the same location, as well as on the main menu:



As a reminder, while we send out monthly updates for upcoming events, our calendar may be updated in between those emails, so be sure to check the calendar regularly. Just be sure to login each time, as some of our events are only visible to members.

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.

National Corvette Museum

Ambassador Tidbits

Submitted by Bill

There has been a lot going on at the National Corvette Museum recently. The Anniversary Celebration is held on Labor Day Weekend every year to celebrate the Grand Opening of the Museum in 1994. Participants enjoy two full days of activities around the Museum, including access to special presentations by Corvette senior executives, seminars, displays, raffles and the Corvette Hall of Fame Induction.



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

The Corvette Hall of Fame was established by the National Corvette Museum in 1998 to confer official recognition upon the most influential individuals in the history of the Corvette and honor their achievements. Corvette Hall of Fame inductees have distinguished themselves, not only through their accomplishments, but also by their high standards of integrity and character that reflect and enhance the reputation of the Corvette. Each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories:

- Enthusiast
- Racing
- GM / Chevrolet

The 2023 inductees are:

- John Amgwert – Enthusiasts
- Dan Binks – Racing
- David Wickman – GM / Chevrolet.

Lifetime Members, Winner's Circle, Spire Society, and Duntov Society members receive an invitation to this event annually (Lifetime Members are free; other members are \$85; and all other guests are \$90).

Why is this important to you? Well, there are several reasons:

1. 2024 will be the 30th Anniversary of the Grand Opening of the Museum. ODCC Board member Bob has volunteered to be the leader of the Virginia Caravan to this event. He has been busy drumming up interest across ODCC. Bob will be sharing information on the Caravan events throughout the year, including side trips like breakfast at the Biltmore, and sightseeing at both regional interest and Corvette sites along the way.
2. You will be able to meet, up close and personal, movers and shakers in the Corvette world. You will be able to hear facts about Corvettes current and future from the people who know the facts (not just someone writing a blog)! And when you hear Tadge Juechter, the Executive Chief Engineer for Corvette, say that something cannot be discussed, you will know that no one except GM insiders knows the answer!
3. If you are a Lifetime Member of the Museum, many of the special events during the Anniversary celebration will be free or reduced cost. If you have any questions about Museum membership and its benefits, please reach out to me.

ODCC Brick Update

Submitted by Bill

The Museum has installed the bricks that were ordered during our Club visit in May. Susan and I ordered a new brick, and JK and Jade ordered a brick which now sits in a place of honor next to the Old Dominion Corvette Club brick.



There are still some prime spots to display your support for the Museum and your affiliation with ODCC. The Museum Brick is \$175.00 for non-Museum members and \$150.00 for Museum members. This is a donation to the Museum, so your purchase is tax deductible! Such a deal. You can contact me if you have any questions or contact Kathleen Wheeler, the “Brick Lady”, at the Museum at Kathleen.Wheeler@CorvetteMuseum.org.

If you have any questions about the National Corvette Museum, membership, or its other programs please contact me. If I don’t have an answer, I know where to find it from folks with the FACTS!

Corvettes and Kids at the NCM

Submitted by Laurie

A Museum delivery is a special event, no matter how old you are. Did you know the National Corvette Museum can set up a special Corvette delivery for kids as well? Several little ones have been able to have just as much fun as their parents on the big day when they got their very own “Museum Delivery”! Back in 2015, Adam Boca (an NCM Insurance agent) hosted a very special 4th birthday party for his son Owen at the NCM, and they have done other “Mini-R8C” events as well. There are some fun miniature versions out there for the little ones. Start ‘em young!!



All Roads Lead to Bowling Green!

Submitted by Bob

2024 marks the 30th anniversary of the Nation Corvette Museum! To celebrate, the Museum is hosting the Seventh National Corvette Caravan from 29-31 August 2024. Held every fifth-year anniversary, the Caravan is the world's largest moving automotive rally. Regional caravans from all over the U.S. and Canada will meet up with other regional groups as they converge on Bowling Green, KY, for three days of festivities. There will be presentations by members of GM's Corvette team, Corvette Master Technicians and vendors, vendor displays and sales, prize giveaways, food trucks galore, and more. Live entertainment is expected (Jefferson Starship performed in 2019). It's a great opportunity to meet up with 7 or 8,000 of your closest Corvette friends, learn about the cars, directly ask questions of the Corvette team, and just generally have a good time.



ODCC's own Bob M. is the state leader for the Virginia state Caravan, which will meet up with groups from Maryland and North and South Carolina. ODCC and other Northern Virginia owners will leave on Monday, 26 August, joining in with the Maryland group and picking up other Virginia owners on the way to Asheville, where we'll meet up with the Carolina groups and begin the Caravan to Bowling Green. Separate registrations are required for the regional caravan and for the NCM activities. More information and the regional registration form can be found here:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/caravan/north-carolina-south-carolina-virginia-maryland-caravan/>.

Registration for the NCM is here: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/caravan/>. If you're interested, don't wait. Hotel rooms in Bowling Green are going fast, and our block of rooms in Asheville is full (but there is another hotel right next door, and one across the street). Once you've registered, reach out to Bob for hotel info.

Finally, planning and organizing an event of this magnitude takes a considerable amount of time, effort, and expense. Each regional caravan is responsible for raising money to support its activities, which include subsidizing hotel rates. We do this primarily by selling advertisements in our Caravan route book, which is given to each registered participant. We encourage individuals to take out a credit card size ad (\$50). Many participants choose to display a photo of their vanity plate (\$25). If you or your business are interested in reaching several hundred Corvette owners, please reach out to Bob at VirginiaCaravan2024@gmail.com for more information and rates. Another way to contribute is to purchase a static cling Caravan sticker for your car (\$10). See Bob if you would like one of them.



NCM suspending Assembly Plant Tours Indefinitely beginning in February

Submitted by Laurie and Bill

If you haven't ever been on a Corvette Assembly Plant tour, you are missing something great. They are normally provided free to all who get the R8C option (Museum delivery), and are available for \$50 to others (though NCM members get a discount). The tours run an hour and a half to two hours, and takes you through most of the plant, giving you an up close and personal look at how these great cars are put together (see the article in the Winter 2022 Newsletter for more details). Unfortunately, the NCM recently



announced that it will be suspending tours of the Assembly Plant beginning in February, with no time limit specified. The announcement said: “Due to manufacturing advancements, tours offered by the National Corvette Museum of GM’s Bowling Green Assembly Plant will be suspended beginning Monday, 05 February 2024. At this time, there is no confirmed date for plant tour resumption.” (The last time they suspended tours it took five years for the tours to resume.) No other details were provided, but there has been speculation about the new ZR1 and whether they might be doing some pilot builds, or that they are making model changes for the 2025 model year. If you want to get in a tour before they shut down, Friday 02 February 2024 is your last chance! To reserve your spot now, visit [Schedule a Plant Tour](#).

Upcoming NCM Events:

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

- **25 – 27 April 2024: 27th Annual Michelin NCM Bash.** This event will include seminars by Michelin, Mobil 1, General Motors, Bowling Green Assembly Plant, and classroom sessions by GM certified Corvette Technician Paul Koerner. Enjoy guided road tours, NCM Choice car show, a live auction, vendors, and the announcement of the 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Class.
- **29 – 31 August 2024: 30th Anniversary / Caravan.** In 2024, the NCM marks the 30th Anniversary milestone. This event will focus on the people Corvette has brought together and take a look back on the Museum’s history and forward to the future! Registered participants can enjoy three days of activities in and around the Museum, special presentations, raffles, and more! Events will include the 2024 Corvette Hall of Fame Induction ceremony, Motorsports Park activities, wine and bourbon tastings, seminars / presentations, special displays and exhibits, classroom sessions with Corvette expert Paul Loerner, Corvette product demonstrations, demonstration drives and walk-arounds, Friday night banquet, Saturday night concert, and more. Event pre-registration (\$50 for Lifetime Members; \$60 for members; \$85 for non-members) closes on Monday, 05 August at 12 pm CDT, though Caravan registration will close on 08 July at 12 pm CDT. Much like 2019, this event will use shuttle buses to transport participants around the campus and parking lots. Parking, including ADA parking spaces, will be available at the NCM and the NCM Motorsports Park.



Update from the Vice President

Warmest holiday greetings to all. I think 2023 has been very successful for the Club, both in membership growth and in the level and variety of events available. Sincere kudos to Bob for the super work in identifying, organizing, and executing Club activities as the Events Coordinator. Similar kudos are in order for the member support in leading and participating in both the local and long-distance opportunities. We continued our Weekday Wanderer concept this year focused on retirees and those with the flexibility to participate in weekday events and I think it has been a resounding success. Last year, the Front Royal Vibrissa Beer & Kitchen restaurant was our first Weekday Wanderer event. In November, we went full circle with a delightful drive to Front Royal and repeat lunch there, with even more participants this year.

I want to recognize one of the Club's premier community outreach activities in its second year and offer a hearty well done to John for spear heading the Corvettes for LAWs Christmas event. Club members contributed nearly \$1500 in cash and material donations to provide coats, jackets, boots, toys, and other gift items to families supported by the [LAWS Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Services Center](#).

As Membership Coordinator, I can report that we continue to grow as a Club, adding nearly 50 new members, including spouses, in 2023. I think it's important to include husbands and wives in that count since both are integral to the welcoming spirit that has made ODCC so successful.

One of the things the Board is doing for 2024 includes some major changes to our annual Cruise-In. Gary Kyle did a survey after the Cruise-In this past year and got a lot of good inputs (122 recommendations to be exact!). We have reviewed all of them and are implementing many of them. Probably the biggest change is when we hold the Cruise-In. We heard our members loud and clear noting that August is simply too hot. Neither participants nor volunteers enjoyed baking in the August sun, so we are working with Bomnin Chevrolet to identify a date later in the fall when temperatures are more moderate, and when we won't be competing with other Corvette events. We are also considering adding award categories and trophies for exhibitors. Gary is leading an effort to revamp our planning process to make it smoother and provide all our volunteers with a clear understanding of what each role entails, and we are also planning to better organize all our supplies to make set-up and take-down easier for everyone.

We will be going back to Tuscarora Mills Restaurant for our Winter Banquet in February. Last year's event got great reviews from those who attended. We were, and are size-limited to 50 participants. We had 47 last year so it appears we were pretty close in estimating turn out.



Dennis
ODCC Vice President

Treasurer's Report

As the year 2023 winds down, it is appropriate to summarize our financial picture for the Old Dominion Corvette Club. This report focuses on what expenses ODCC incurred, as well as income. This report doesn't address the Cruise-In or other events which are accounted for separately.

As of 30 November 2023, the Club has a balance of \$3,469.55 in our two accounts (Wells Fargo and PayPal). Included in that amount is \$395 which is allocated to cash donations for the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) Christmas giving event (note: this total increased to \$1295 in December). The major source of income for the Club is dues. So far this year, \$1100 in dues have been collected year to date from both new and continuing members. The remainder of the current membership, which is the majority, pays dues in December.

Our fixed expenses run over \$2600 a year. Major expenditures this year include the renewal of our liability insurance with Hagerty for \$350. Continuing expenses for our ClubExpress service run about \$700 a year, with payments made monthly. URL registration is \$177 a year. Our storage shed is \$720 a year, and the postal box, which is required by the SCC, runs \$430 a year. State Corporation Commission (SCC) registration costs \$25 a year.

Other expenses include postage and member name tags that have run over \$450 year. PayPal fees so far this year have exceeded \$320 and miscellaneous expenses (i.e., flowers and various fees) have exceeded \$560. In all expenses run over \$3200 a year to support the day-to-day operation of the Club. For readability, I've rounded the expenses. However, all the supporting details are available on request.

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ODCC Treasurer

2023 ODCC Board Members



President: Scott



Vice President: Dennis



Treasurer: Al



Secretary: Gary



Events Coordinator: Bob

VACANT
**New Member at Large
selected for 2024**

Member at Large: Vacant

The 2024 ODCC Board Members were elected at the 11 November Member meeting. For next year, Scott, Dennis, Al, Gary, and Bob will be continuing in their roles. Julian will be the new Member at Large and will be assuming the Events Coordinator role. Bob will continue to assist, but his primary role will shift to Webmaster.

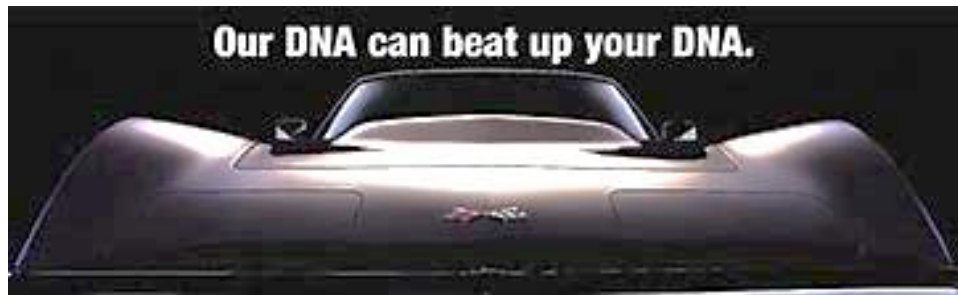
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Thanks so much to all our contributors! This is your newsletter, so any ideas you have on things you would like to see are always appreciated. Everyone is encouraged to submit inputs on any ODCC events you attend or other noteworthy info (like a new 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!

(Please send your inputs to the Newsletter Coordinator at LVB.ODCC@gmail.com.)

Corvette Humor



"I built a larger chimney so Santa can fit a new Corvette down it."

