

December 2021



The Orange Pits

O C VETTES PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We have made it to the end of 2021! Let's hope that 2022 returns us to the normal we once knew only two years ago. We had a fabulous Christmas party to bring our year to a close. If you did not attend, you missed one of the best parties we have had.

There are several activities planned for the new year, so please read the newsletter to stay informed of dates and locations. We will get those Vettes out and let the rubber meet the road! As always, if you want to plan an outing, just let any member of the Board know. We are here to support you! Best wishes to the Lookmans, whose C8 was on the line when the tornado hit the Corvette factory a few days ago, that their car was not damaged. Please keep an eye on your emails, as we might have a new location for our January meeting. We will keep you updated. Please have a wonderful, safe and healthy holiday season, and we will see you at our first meeting of the year on January 4.

Conda

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Route 66 Fun Run 2022 Update

Ron Molendyk says that arrangements have been made for rooms at Tuscany Suites and Casino, Las Vegas, for April 27 and 28, 2022. The cost is \$159.00 plus tax per night plus tax. The resort fee of \$29.00 per day is waived for our group. Nightly room rates at the Best Western Wayfarer's in Kingman, AZ are \$119.00 plus tax for 4/29 and 5/1. You need to call and make reservations now for both hotels. A block of tickets is being held for the Australian Bee Gees show at the Excalibur Hotel and Casino for April 27. The show with VIP seating and shuttle service to the hotel is \$95 per person. Make checks payable to Ron Molendyk. Show tickets are a non-refundable purchase in case cancellation is necessary. All registrants who signed up to participate in

the 2020 or 2021 Fun Run should have their registration transferred to 2022 Fun Run. Call to confirm. If you did not previously register, send in your registration form and fee now. Mark that you will be picking up your packet in Kingman.

We have 43 people signed up for this years trip. At the December 7, 2021 meeting hard copies of information for room reservations and Vegas Show were handed out, and the balance of members were contacted thru e-mail. Please make sure you reserve your rooms and send in your registration for the "Fun Run". We will keep participants updated. Deadline for the trip confirmation is January 4, 2022. Room reservation and checks for Las Vegas show are due February 1, 2022. Any questions call Ron or Michael Molendyk.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

OCV Events in Blue and Italic. For more info contact Conda Takanabe at (714) 692-8795.

DATE	EVENT	HOST
<i>Dec 14</i>	<i>Ladies' Bunco will be held at Ellie Cranston's home. Men's Poker is at Bob Burggraf's Mancave.</i>	<i>Ellie Cranston Bob Burggraf</i>
<i>Jan 4, 2022</i>	<i>OCV Business Meeting, 7 PM, Duke's Cafe, 2099 East Orangethorpe Avenue, Placentia</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>Jan 25</i>	<i>OCV Board Meeting, Citrus City Grille, 6:30 PM. 122 N Glassell St, Orange</i>	<i>Conda Takanabe</i>
<i>Mar 20</i>	<i>Palos Verdes Cruise. Save the date. More info to come.</i>	<i>Bernie and Nina DeMarkey</i>
<i>Mar-Apr</i>	<i>Model A Club Pancake Breakfast. Yes, it's coming back!</i>	<i>Frank Reese</i>
<i>Mar 31- Apr 3</i>	<i>Fun in the Sun Weekend in Palm Desert. Inn at Deep Canyon, 74470 Abronia Trail, Palm Desert. Make your reservations now to guarantee your room. Hotel reservations: 760-346-8061</i>	<i>Donna Mann, Nancy Ward, Ellie Cranston</i>
<i>Apr 27- May 1</i>	<i>Annual Las Vegas/Route 66 Fun Run Weekend. Extra day in Las Vegas added this year. More info to come.</i>	<i>Ron Molendyk, Michael Molendyk</i>
<i>August 29- 31, 2024</i>	<i>7th Corvette Caravan in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Registration will start in the Fall of 2023. Caravan planning in 2022 and OC Vettes Planning. Its a worthwhile trip and it only occurs every five years. Start saving your vacation days and money!</i>	



Note About Monthly Meetings

Alternate meeting locations are being researched to find a more centralized location. For now, we have been holding the OCV Business Meetings at Duke's Café in Placentia. They have been very friendly and gracious. They bring the food to our tables, and clean up after us when we are finished.

If you are not already, please consider adding a tip when you order your food. Often when the restaurant is a fast-food style, people don't think to add a tip. We'd like the folks at Duke's to know we appreciate all they do for us.

O C Vettes Club Apparel

OCV clothing and hats can be ordered from Land's End. To start, view products online at: https://business.landsend.com/store/oc_vettes/.

Decide on the merchandise you want to purchase. The official OCV color is royal blue, and the typical club shirt is a button front polo shirt. As you place your order, you will be able to add the club logo to your purchase. Select the logo color that works best with your shirt. If you need assistance in ordering just call 1-800-587-1541 between Monday and Friday from 7AM to 7 PM CT. Their friendly staff is waiting to help you with your order.

November Social Report



The November Social was held at Tutto Fresco restaurant in Tustin. Larry and Nancy Ward were our hosts for the event.

Thirty-three members attended the dinner. We were given one half of the restaurant and we filled it up. The Italian cuisine was delicious and everyone had lots of fun. Tutto Fresco even gave everyone a free dessert to top off the evening. Thanks to Larry and Nancy!



Corvette Factory & Race Track Damaged in Tornado

from Yahoo.com

By now, most people know that on Saturday Dec 11, tornados ripped through numerous communities in the United States, including Bowling Green, Kentucky where an EF-3 tornado touched down. Unfortunately, both GM's Bowling Green Assembly Plant and the National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park have sustained significant damage. The National Corvette Museum appears to have been only minimally damaged. Meanwhile, countless homes and other business have been absolutely obliterated by the tornado.



Video of what appears to be a fire at Bowling Green Assembly has been circulating on social media. Despite what some might claim, local news station WNKY claims to have validated it, stating a fire did break out in the early morning hours of December 11. Thankfully, a skeleton crew of workers present at the factory when the storm hit are all accounted for and safe.



Damage to the assembly plant where the C8 Corvette is made is still being assessed. In other words, we have no idea if this will slow down production or not, but it looks likely it will. That's not the news anyone waiting for their new Chevy Corvette wants to hear. It's also possible this could push the production launch of the C8 Z06 back.



Aerial footage from News Channel 5 Nashville shows Bowling Green Assembly Plant and the National Corvette Museum as well as NCM Motorsports Park, providing the best view so far of the aftermath. The camera zooms in on a storage building by the track which is missing a roof and two of the four walls, with numerous Corvettes buried in debris both inside and outside the structure.



The National Corvette Museum announced it was closed on Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12. It's unsure how long the closure will be extended. Since the NCM Motorsports Park was heavily damaged in the storm, events like Touring Laps/Experiences, and Run, Run Rudolph 5k have officially been canceled until further notice.

Corvette Factory & Race Track Damaged in Tornado (continued)



The only view of the damage at NCM Motorsports Park so far comes via Michael Trevor on Facebook, who snapped three photos as he visited. One shows a heavily damaged building and an overturned Chevy Silverado.



Another is of two Torch Red C8 Corvettes buried under some debris which looks to have been peeled off a nearby building. The third is difficult to make out, but it appears to be a parking lot with more debris and cars.

Since this came from a car site, they focused on the automotive aspect of the story and not the loss of human life and other storm damage. Still, they stated their hearts went out to all affected by this natural disaster.

The small number of employees that were onsite are all safe," GM said in a statement Sunday.

Owners of enthusiast sites Corvette blogger Keith Cornett talked to Rachel Bugshaw at the factory, She confirmed that the plant will be shut down in the week of December 13. "We can see that the fire that resulted from the tornado activity at the Bowling Green assembly plant early Saturday morning (December 11th) damaged facilities such as the roof and employee entrances," Bugshaw said.

"Maintaining a safe work environment for plant employees is our top priority. Therefore, we are cancelling production on first and second shift the week of December 13 as our trained teams work to get tooling, equipment, and the facility space up to standard."

If you want to help the victims of the tornadoes:

AmeriCares, a health-focused relief and development organization, has sent an emergency response team to Kentucky and has offered assistance to health care facilities in several states. The organization is accepting donations to help fund these efforts.

A **Feeding America** location in Kentucky is raising funds to help provide people with "ready-to-eat bags of food."

The Red Cross has opened shelters and is asking people to make appointments to give blood. Both its national arm and its local chapter in Western Kentucky are collecting donations.

The **Salvation Army** is soliciting donations to help tornado victims in Arkansas, Kentucky and Tennessee.

The **United Way of Kentucky** is asking for donations to provide support services for families in the state affected by the tornadoes.

Vettes for Veterans

Twenty-five OCV members traveled to Carlsbad for the annual Vettes for Veterans car show held on November 6. Our hosts for the day were Ron and Michael Molendyk. The show honors veterans and all proceeds go to the Semper Fi Fund and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. Veterans choose the winners of the show. This year, the turnout was much larger than in previous years, with lots of custom C8s on display. The OCV group arrived together and parked as a group. Everyone had a great day visiting and viewing all the beautiful Corvettes. The group went to Islands Restaurant in the mall for lunch. Frank Reese and Carole Howard were lucky enough to win one of the raffle baskets. Many thanks to Ron and Michael for a fun day.



Chicken Plate Strikes Again!

The infamous chicken plate made a reappearance at the November Business Meeting after months in a mystery location. Tim and Peggy Elder are the latest recipients of the plate. They have promised to use it well and return it at some unknown point in the future. Congrats to Tim and Peggy on their win!



Larry Ward's 80th Birthday Celebrated at Nov Meeting

Larry Ward's 80th birthday fell on November 1. To celebrate the event, Nancy Ward arranged for a birthday cake to be served at the November Business Meeting. It was a fun surprise. Everyone wished Larry a very happy birthday before digging in to the delicious dessert.

Corvette Photos for Website

Bernie DeMarkey has volunteered to take Corvette photos to update the member info on the O C Vettes Website, www.ocvettes.com. The website doesn't reflect current membership. Bernie is scheduling dates on Fridays and Saturdays from 9-11 to take photos at a location near Corvette Mike's. Bernie takes several photos of you and your Corvette, and some of just the Corvette. If you have more than one Corvette, you can include all of them if you like. Bernie sends the photos to you and you select the pictures you want on the website. Bernie requests that for your own safety, you remove the front license plate from your Corvette before photos are taken. If you want a picture of you and your Corvette to be posted online, please contact Bernie directly at (714) 981-5875 to arrange a date.



OCV Birthdays and Anniversaries

December

Birthday

- 6 Barbara Pavek
- 15 Brian Hoiem
- 15 Jerry Wheeler
- 21 Sue Lookman
- 26 Mickey Lookman
- 28 Tony DeRosa

Anniversary

- 15 David & Janet Walsh
- 17 Ron & Barbara Pavek
- 18 Michael & Michelle Molendyk
- 27 Bill & Teri Kupper
- 31 Bob & Masako Burggraf

January

Birthday

- 2 Conda Takanabe
- 4 Jane Wheeler
- 12 Ron Molendyk
- 15 Ruth Nichols
- 20 Bill Kupper
- 23 Michael Molendyk
- 24 Henry Walker
- 26 George Loveren
- 27 Mark Shearer
- 28 Jan Hartzog
- 31 Masako Burggraf

Anniversary

- 3 Larry & Nancy Ward
- 20 Walt & Alice Willard
- 22 Tram & Jan Hartzog



General Meeting Minutes
December 7, 2021
Dukes Cafe

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 by President Conda Takanabe
- II. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Conda Takanabe
- III. Board Minutes - Approval of October minutes by Tony Siragusa with a second by Bernie DeMarkey.
- IV. Reports - None
 - A. Board of Directors
 - i. President: Conda Takanabe
 - ii. Vice President: Leo Mann
 - iii. Secretary: Tim Elder
 - iv. Treasurer: Janet Cherry
 - v. Director: Bernie DeMarkey
 - B. Appointed Positions
 - i. Newsletter: Carol Thompson - Nothing to report
 - ii. NCCC Governor: Mickey Lookman - We are still waiting on NCCC approval to resume events.
 - iii. Membership: Donna Mann - Nothing to report
 - iv. Corvette Museum Ambassador: Jerry Wheeler - Nothing to report
 - v. Member News: Barbara Hall - Frank Reece having shoulder surgery
 - vi. Apparel Coordinator: Sue Lookman - Nothing to report
 - vii. 50/50 Coordinator: Masako Burggraf –
- V. Old Business and Past Club Activities
 - A. Club Photos - Bernie DeMarkey has been taking great photographs of our Corvettes. Get yours photographed. Sign up now.
 - B. Business Cards - See Conda if you need cards.
 - C. Monthly Social - We need sponsors for next year.
 - E. 2022 Poker Run - May happen next year, maybe August. More info to come.
 - F. Monthly Meeting Location - Looking at some new locations. Will keep you all posted
 - G. Other Old Business- None
- VI. New Business
 - A. None
- VII. Past Events
 - A. November Social - This month's event at Tutto Fresco was awesome. Thanks to Tutto Fresco and all who attended. Thanks to Larry and Nancy Ward.
 - B. Vettes for Veterans - We had a great turn out of 25 cars for a great event. Ron & Michael Molendyk did a great job setting this up.
 - C. Christmas Party - If you missed our Christmas Party, you missed a very fun party. Food was delicious and the location was perfect. Janet really out did herself.

General Meeting Minutes (continued)
December 7, 2021
Dukes Cafe

VI. Events

- A. Bunco at Linda Fox's and Poker at Bob's Man Cave - Details to follow
- B. January 2022 Social - Will be at the Newport Rib Company. January 18, 2022
- C. San Pedro/Palo's Verdes Cruise - Sunday March 20th. Limited to the first 30 people to sign up. Bernie and Nina DeMarkey Hosts
- D. Palm Desert Cruise - March 31 - April 3. Make reservation now at the Inn at the Canyon. Hosted by the Manns, the Wards and the Cranstons. Sign up now.
- E. Las Vegas/Route 66 Cruise – April

VII. New Business

Next Board Meeting January 25, 2022 at Citrus City Grill 6:30 Orange

VIII. Opportunity Drawing by Masako Burggraf 50/50

IX. Badge Fines \$1.00 to Conda

X. Motion to Adjourn – Tim Elder Second Janet Cherry

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Elder, Secretary



For Office Use Only	Fun Run # _____
	Payment Type _____
	Kingman Pick Up _____

33rd Annual Route 66 Fun Run Registration Form April 29 – May 1, 2022

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____ PHONE: _____
 CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
 VEHICLE YEAR: _____ MAKE: _____ MODEL: _____
 CLUB AFFILIATION: _____
 EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ENTRY FEE \$55.00 PER VEHICLE (After April 15, 2022 - \$60.00)

Includes a goodie bag with 1 t-shirt, Dash plaque, Show-N-Shine Car Show, Award Ceremony, Custom License Plate, and more. Additional shirts are \$20. Shirts will be \$25 day of event.

Select a size: ___S___ ___M___ ___L___ ___XL___ ___2XL___ ___3XL___

TOTAL AMOUNT AUTHORIZED \$ _____

Payment enclosed: CHECK/CREDIT CARD

Credit card number _____ Expiration date _____ CVV _____

Check here if you want your car to be judged and you are planning to participate in the Awards Ceremony on Sunday in Topock/Golden Shores. *You must be present to win.*

Check here if you plan to pick up your registration packet in Kingman, on Friday, April 29 at the Powerhouse Visitor Center between 10 am & 4 pm only.

Check here if you plan to pick up your registration packet in Seligman, which will be available on Friday, April 29 from noon-5pm or Saturday April 30 from 7:30 a.m. – 10a.m.

Liability Release: I hereby certify that I agree to release and hold harmless HISTORIC ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA, the 33rd Annual Fun Run weekend April 29 – May 1, 2022, its agents and members and the owners and/or managers of all locations where any part of the event is held, from loss, damage, or injury resulting from participation in the above event. I also certify that my vehicle is properly licensed and insured to meet legal requirement of liability.

For more information please call 928-753-5001. Registrations can also be emailed to info@historic66az.com.

Signature of entrant: _____ Date: _____ ***SORRY NO REFUNDS***

Make checks payable and mail registration to:

Historic Route 66 Association of Arizona
 P.O. Box 66
 Kingman, AZ 86401



The Orange Pits is the monthly Newsletter for the OC Vettes Club of Orange County, CA. This newsletter is intended to inform our membership about club news and events. Articles to be submitted for publication in the newsletter should be submitted on the night of the monthly General Business Meeting or sent via email to Newsletter Editor Carol Thompson at: carolthom99@gmail.com. All written correspondence to the club should be mailed to:

OC Vettes
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Anaheim, CA 92809

O C Vettes (OCV) is a Corvette club based in Orange County, California. OCV is a non-profit organization affiliated with the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). OCV is an active supporter of Children's Hospital of Orange County (CHOC).

O C Vettes is a club of individuals who appreciate driving Chevrolet Corvettes and enjoy socializing with fellow Corvette owners. Currently, OCV has over 100 members who enjoy a varied calendar of events. Car shows, day trips, overnight trips, extended trips or other events are usually scheduled each month.

Membership is open to anyone interested in Corvettes. More information is available on our Web site at www.ocvettes.com.

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O C Vettes 2020 - 2021 Club Officers

BOARD MEMBERS

President	Conda Takanabe	(714) 692-8795
Vice President	Leo Mann	(714) 970-7746
Secretary	Tim Elder	(951) 385-5775
Treasurer	Janet Cherry	(562) 544-1053
Activities Director	Bernie DeMarkey	(714) 981-5875

VOLUNTEER OFFICES

NCCC Governor	Mickey Lookman	(714) 767-1053
Membership Chair	Donna Mann	(714) 323-3555
National Corvette Museum Ambassador	Jerry Wheeler	(714) 471-0658
Web Site/Apparel Coordinator	Sue Lookman	(714) 767-3458
Newsletter/Historian	Carol Thompson	(714) 749-1486
Member News	Barb Hall	(714) 423-1715
50-50 Coordinators	Masako Burggraf	(714) 936-8528
Homecoming Chair	Conda Takanabe	(714) 692-8795