



## ODCC Newsletter – Winter 2022

I hope you are enjoying our ODCC Newsletter, and thanks so much to all our contributors!

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### What's Happening

**Note:** 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). However, meetings are suspended for January, so the next meeting will be 11 February 2023.

For more details and to register for events, see the Events menu on the [ODCC website](#) at and click on [Event Calendar](#). Also, don't forget to check out the [Cars and Coffee](#) page for a list of non-ODCC events you may enjoy. Please check the website often, as new events may be added at any time.

### Upcoming ODCC Events:

- **No January ODCC Monthly Meeting!**
- **11 February: ODCC Monthly Meeting.** Regular monthly meetings at the Bungalow Lakehouse will resume in February.
- **Multiple events are in the planning stages, awaiting spring weather!** Please check the [Events](#) calendar regularly and contact Bob with any good ideas you would like to see on the ODCC calendar for 2023.
- **25 February: ODCC Annual Holiday Dinner.** This year's dinner 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 \$52 per person. See additional details and register at the Events calendar [banquet page](#).



## From the President's Garage...

### Happy Holidays ODCC Members,

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and that you have had some time to rest, relax, and enjoy family and friends over the Holidays. As I reflect on the last year, I am very thankful for the exciting and fun times our Club members were able to share. These newsletters do a great job of highlighting all the Club's activities, so I won't go into a lot of detail on them, but there are a few items that stand out from my perspective for 2022. As the Club continues to grow, I really enjoy seeing new ODCC members and this year we have seen many new Corvette owners join ODCC. I remember when I was a new Corvette owner and how much I enjoyed that ODCC was so welcoming and fun to be a part of. Another item that I am proud of is how the Club's governing documents were updated, and I believe this action now sets the framework for all future Club leaders to be successful. We still have some work to address some additional items next year, but we are on the right path to continue the success of ODCC. Lastly, the events that we had this year were awesome and showed some true dedication of many of our members. All our events were great, and I really enjoyed each one in which I was able to participate.

So, what does 2023 look like? In my mind, I see ODCC doing a bit more to recognize those who are volunteering their time and resources to lead, organize, and execute Club events. For 2023 I plan to work with the Vice President to develop a policy to ensure ODCC gives back to those who dedicate time and energy for our members to enjoy. The goal is providing more than just a handshake and pat on the back at the end of a successful event. Stay tuned as we work to develop something that can work for the Club. I also believe that 2023 will be another great year for more events and more opportunities for members to socialize and enjoy America Sports car "The Corvette".

Enjoy the Holidays, Happy New Year, and remember, life's too short to drive a boring car!

**Scott – ODCC President**



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



## 2022 Fall Events

ODCC had a full calendar this fall! 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](#)). You can also



find out more on the [Old Dominion Corvette Club Facebook page](#) (it is a private group, so you must request to join).

### **35th Annual Ocean City Corvette Weekend (14 – 15 October)**

Hosted by the Free State Corvette Club Foundation. No ODCC members participated in this event.

### **Maryland Covered Bridge Tour & Wine / Spirits / Beer Tasting (22 October)**

On one of the last truly “top down days” of this past Fall weather, over 30 ODCC members gathered at the Chic-fil-A parking lot in Leesburg, Virginia to caravan north into Maryland countryside around Thurmont. Our objective was to visit several covered bridges in the area and then stop for refreshment at a local winery, brewery, and distillery, and of course to discuss the day’s activities.



We had a resounding turnout. Between members and guests, 22 Corvettes arrived for the trip. Understanding the logistical challenge of keeping that many Corvettes together amidst weekend traffic around Leesburg, we reassembled in the parking lot of a restaurant near Lucketts, Virginia, before moving on to the Thurmont area. Unfortunately, that was where two members experienced a mechanical issue and had to drop out. So excited about the cruise, they reported later that they soon completed repairs and made the covered bridge visit the next week. We were delighted they are “back in battery” but missed them at the winery / brewery / distillery. Two friends of Bob’s joined up with us at the rendezvous point in Maryland before the bridges.

The Corvette caravan successfully assembled near the first covered bridge (and I think the most photogenic of the three). Bob and Brenda coordinated photo opportunities for each Corvette at the bridge before moving on to the other bridges. Laurie served as “traffic cop” on the sending end, spacing out cars by a couple of minutes each and texting back and forth with Bob and Brenda on the timing.



Based on the time required for taking the photos, we decided on a “windshield tour” of the other bridges rather than additional photo opportunities in order to get to the refreshments. We arrived at the Springfield Manor Winery / Brewery / Distillery in mid-afternoon, and it provided an outstanding venue for event participants to sit on the porch and adjacent grounds to enjoy the scenery, food, and liquid refreshment! Additionally, we felt that 20 plus Corvettes in the very full parking lot certainly added class. It was a perfect ending to a great cruising day. Check out all the other great pictures on the [Photo Gallery](#) page of the website!



### **48th Annual Corvette Club of America Car Show (23 October)**

On Sunday, 23 October, two members attended the Corvette Club of America’s 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show at Sport Chevrolet in Silver Springs, MD. The show had originally been scheduled for Sunday, 9 October, but was postponed because of inclement weather. The rain delay did result in a smaller Corvette turn out, but it was a really good field of Corvettes.

The Corvette Club of America was founded on 17 July 1956, and is the oldest Corvette club in the world. It was the inspiration for creating the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) and holds the distinction of being NCCC Club 001! During their history they have had some notable members, including Dr. Dick Thompson, a founding CCA member and a famous early Corvette racer who came to be known as the Flying Dentist because of his occupation and his Corvette driving style!

In recent years, CCA has held a primarily Corvette show, but does have a division for classic cars, and this year there were some really nice restored American and European cars. It was interesting seeing all the newer generation Corvette engines sitting under the hoods of 50s and 60s Chevrolets.

This was a People’s Choice car show where the participants vote for their top three cars in each Corvette generation and favorite classic car. Even though the numbers were down, ODCC had some stiff competition at this show and did not come home with any trophies. Both members won a door prize, so they have a remembrance of the show! All Corvette generations were represented and C7 had the best turn out, followed closely by the C8s. I’m sure C8s will have the big numbers next year. It was a beautiful day and they had plenty of time to chat with old friends from Maryland clubs that they had met at our Cruise-in and to meet new friends. Everyone has a story about their Corvette and Corvette shows give you the opportunity to share them!

We will be sure to put this show on our events calendar next year and hopefully have a bigger ODCC turnout for this fun show.



## Queen City Corvette Show, Charlotte, NC, and Tail of the Dragon (28 – 31 October)

Originally scheduled for the end of September, the [Queen City Corvette Club](#)'s annual car show was postponed due to Hurricane Ian. Five ODCC members made the trek to Charlotte on October 28<sup>th</sup> and attended the car show on Saturday. They hit some weather on the way, but had a good drive down US Route 29, and some great fried chicken at [Shady's Place](#) near Lovington, VA (about 30 minutes southwest of Charlottesville) on the way. Unfortunately, the weather at the end of October is a lot cooler than it typically is a month earlier, but everyone had a good time in spite of the cool and cloudy weather. Because of the schedule change, the show attracted *only* about 600 Corvettes!



Spread out over the grounds of [Rick Hendrick's](#) headquarters and NASCAR facility, every generation of Corvette was represented, including the new C8 Z06. Stock Corvettes, custom Corvettes, and race-prepped ones. There was something to interest everyone, including a tour of the NASCAR shop that builds and maintains all of the cars of the Hendrick's team. The highlight of the show, for many, is the ability to tour Rick Hendrick's [private automobile collection](#). Normally off-limits to the public, all were blown away by it. Mostly Corvettes, including VIN #1s of almost every generation and a 1967 / 427 in every combination of color and stripe offered to the public, and one that was never officially offered. But it also had Ferraris, a Ford GT, a couple of Dodges, some custom hot rods, the only C1 hardtop convertible ever built, and more. Much more! This should be a bucket list item for every Corvette fan. Mark your calendars for the end of September, 2023! Be sure to check out [the photo album](#) on our website.



On Sunday after the show, four of our intrepid cruisers took the long way home, heading four hours west to drive the [Tail of the Dragon](#)! Arriving late Sunday afternoon, they drove the 319 turns in 11 miles heading NW and then, after a break at the Tail's scenic overlook, headed back SW to the historic [Tapoco Lodge](#). After a great dinner (be sure to try the wood fired pizza if you ever visit there), it was a good night's rest before getting up on Monday to drive it again! Monday morning was chilly, drizzly, and the road had a lot of leaves on it, so that was a much slower drive than the day before. Unlike the Club's first trip to the Dragon, our lead footed drivers got photographed by both Killboy and 129 Photos. Check out our [TOTD photo album](#), too. Then a long and rather tiring trip back to Northern Virginia in constant rain and drizzle. But hey, Corvettes are named after a ship, so they handle a little water just fine. Don't be afraid to let your Corvette get wet!



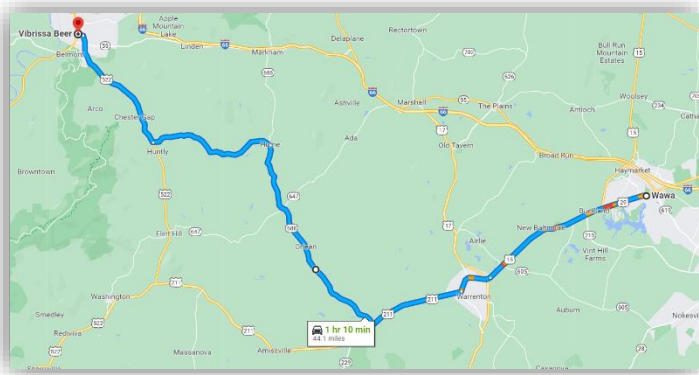
In total, it was about 1200 miles round trip. Corvettes make great Grand Touring cars, so get yours out of the garage and join in on our future trips. We're going to have lunch runs, day trips, and overnight and multi-day excursions in 2023. There will be something for everyone!

### **Weekday Wanderers - Lunch Run to Front Royal (07 November)**

On 7 November, under a beautiful cloudless sky and 60-degree day, our jaunty group assembled at the Gainesville Wawa gas station on US 29. Caravan members included seven ODCC members, and one more joined us at the final destination. Once underway, we took US 29 South through Warrenton to US 211 West; about three miles down US 211 we turned right (NW) onto Route 688 to US 522, traveling through Fauquier, Culpepper, and Rappahannock Counties. The group was led on what one Club member described as a "*spirited drive*" on a really fun road. (There is zero truth to the rumor that the leader was in a hurry to get there because he was hungry!) When we hit the "T" intersection where Route 688 ends, the leader turned East onto US 522.



Fortunately, Bob, a seasoned Virginia navigator and Route Planner for the trip, stepped in and led us West towards Front Royal. (Thanks again Bob!)



Vibrisa Beer in downtown Front Royal, VA (122 E Main St, Front Royal, VA 22630) was our lunchtime destination, and it did not disappoint, offering a wide variety of tasty offerings and great service. I had to hunt around a bit for a nice venue as many restaurants are closed on Mondays – who knew? Bottom Line, a great day trip on some fun and twisty roads, within easy striking distance for many of us. Keep your eyes out on our ODCC website for future fun day trips – you never know where we might end up!

### **Cruisin' Biltmore (11-13 November)**

Five ODCC Corvettes braved inclement weather to make the trip to the Biltmore Estate in November. They joined another 30+ Corvettes and their owners to see the historic home of George Vanderbilt all dressed up for the Holidays. The home itself is a modest little place, with 250 rooms (including 35 bedrooms and 43 bathrooms), spread over 175,000 square feet, four main floors, plus several levels of basement! There is even an indoor pool and bowling alley! Get a glimpse of how the truly wealthy of the Gilded Age lived by joining in on next year's Corvettes at Biltmore event. Until then, live vicariously through our [photo album](#) on the ODCC website.





Two new members to the Old Dominion Corvette Club were particularly excited to attend the Asheville, North Carolina, cruise to the Biltmore Estate 11 through 13 November. The trip started early Friday morning where the group tracked South on US Route 29 through the rain. After stopping for a fantastic BBQ lunch at a diner packed with locals somewhere along the way, they finally made it to the hotel late in the afternoon. Upon their arrival, the parking lot was packed with almost 100 Corvettes ranging from C5s to C8s. One member noted that he had to commend the coordinators on not only the accommodations, which were right outside the gate of the estate itself, but also the reception they put on for the group on Friday night. After the soggy drive, they really enjoyed the opportunity to sit down with other ODCC members and talk about not just their rides, but also some of the other adventures many of the more seasoned participants had been on. On Saturday morning, everyone started rallying in the parking lot and warming up their cars around 5:45 A.M. The temperature at this point felt like it was about 10 degrees outside, but fortunately they had arranged coffee in the lobby. At around 6 A.M., they departed as a group and enjoyed the short, although lovely, drive up to the renowned front lawn of the estate. Upon arrival, and just as the sun was coming up over the hills, individual photos were taken outside the front door, as well as a group panoramic photo of all of the cars with the mansion in the background.





Once the photo shoot wrapped, they were escorted to a very convenient reserved parking lot and directed to the stables (converted) for a breakfast that everyone thoroughly enjoyed. For the remainder of the day on Saturday everyone went off in their own directions and enjoyed the trails that traversed the grounds, the botanical gardens, and one couple's favorite part was a visit to the working farm that supplied the restaurants at the Biltmore.



In the afternoon, there was an optional private chocolate and wine tasting at the estate's Cellars, which was on par with experiences enjoyed in Italy and Spain. The winery was packed with guests all there to enjoy the estate having been recently decorated for Christmas, but our group enjoyed an intimate reception deep in the structure in what was once the area where they stored ice for their dairy operations. After the tasting, the entire group met again at the stables for a delicious dinner. It was at this point where participants met new friends from clubs not just from North Carolina and Virginia, but also from as far away as Sarasota, Florida. They learned about some of the other events that will be advertised, such as a Rally in Sarasota in April, as well as the 2024 cruise to the Corvette Museum which we were told is expected to attract upwards of 10,000 cars! After exchanging information with new friends, everyone enjoyed a candlelit tour of the mansion itself, where each room was decorated for the holidays. Musicians playing various instruments were scattered around the home and the experience of being there in the evening, with all of the fireplaces burning and decorations in place was something Andrea and I will always remember. Everyone made their way back to the hotel later that evening and said their goodbyes in the morning.

On the way home, we took a slightly different route through the mountains back to Route 81 and experienced a little snow, the first and hopefully last of the season. Thankfully, everyone made it there and back in one piece, and the consensus was that everyone should make every attempt to attend this very special event again next year.



Bob & Brenda  
*Christmas* 2022  
 BILTMORE



## 2022 ODCC Chili Cook-off & Member Meeting (10 December)

The annual Chili Cook-off is our culmination event of the year and doubles as the December member meeting, and is a 16 year old tradition. This year's annual Chili Cook-off was graciously hosted again by Gary in his beautiful home, after a brief hiatus because of the COVID pandemic (the 2020 Chili Cook-off was cancelled, and another member was kind enough to offer the conference center at Castle Property Management for last year's event). Gary laid out enough food and munchies for an army, aside from all the chili, cornbread, and deserts brought by members. The event was well attended again this year, with about 44 members, family members, and guests attending (in addition to Gary). There was something for everyone. For the kids, Gary set up his home theater room with the Christmas movie *Elf* for them to watch while the adults visited and held the December Member Meeting. For the adults, in addition to everything else, Gary even provided a hosted bar with two dedicated and delightful bartenders!







After the business session of the Member Meeting, the real fun started. Everyone was invited to taste all the chili and cornbread entries then vote on their top three choices (sort of like Alaska-style voting...). Each of us had six poker chips, one set of three each (green, red, and white) for chili and cornbread. Green chips were worth 100 points, red chips were worth 50 points, and the white ones were worth 25, and you dropped them into the correct jars labeled with the chili and cornbread entry letters. Once everyone had finished sampling and voting, we tallied up the totals and announced the winners.



**Cook-Off Winners:** There were six each judged entries of chili and cornbread, plus an additional unjudged chicken chili brought by last year's winner (yours truly!). Bob walked away with the Best Cornbread trophy after garnering 1475 points for his entry (Cornbread D). In second place was Mick (Cornbread E) with 1025 points, and third was Cornbread C with 975 points, but no one claimed that title, so third place remains a mystery.



Top prize for the Chili Cook-off (and the right to host Pedro for the next year) went to Becky (Chile D) with 1500 points! Mick also took the second-place position for his chili entry (Chili B) with 1000 points, and Ken (Chili C) came in third with 900 points.



## Corvettes for Kids Holiday Event (17 December)

Thanks to the hard work of John who came up with the idea, then coordinated it through its culmination, ODCC members purchased and delivered nearly \$2,000 worth of Christmas presents and goodies for the children of families who need to take advantage of the services provided by the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault charity. LAWS normally has between 25 and 30 children using their services at any given time, but there is also usually a spike in need around the Holidays. LAWS is one of the three main charities that ODCC supports, and this was an especially apropos way to demonstrate the Christmas spirit. Gift guidance from LAWS was for non-violent gifts and things that were good stress reducers. The Club set up a donation page on our ODCC website, and everyone opened their hearts and wallets and donated \$870 towards the purchase of gifts. Rudy really got in the Christmas spirit and procured and donated about \$500 worth of car themed coloring books, crayons, and Corvette T-shirts in a variety of sizes, along with lots of edible Christmas goodies.



Some folks brought gift donations to the Chili Cook-off and others brought their gifts to the event, John got an array of video games and coloring books, we provided an additional donation of gifts, then I went shopping for games, puzzles, drawing supplies, and stuffed animals with the cash donations. Ron got creative and provided a gift card in a beautifully decorated gift box that included an original Corvette crossed racing flag emblem from his 1970 Corvette as the tree topper! In all, we had a wonderful array of gifts that we're sure brought a lot of joy on Christmas!



In addition to all the presents for the children, we had a great turnout, with 15 Corvettes representing the Club, including John's red C7 that became Santa's sleigh! John came in a Santa suit, and I put on an elf hat to help. We all rendezvoused at the Leesburg Chick-fil-A around noon and gathered all the presents and put many of them into "Santa Sacks" before the LAWS staff arrived. Unfortunately, for their own security, none of the children could be present (they would have loved to see all those Corvettes!), but there were numerous



Corvette-themed presents provided (including several models), and a large stack of our ODCC trading cards. We even had one patron of Chick-fil-A come out and ask for a picture with Santa and his sleigh!



Tyler Peake, the LAWS Outreach Coordinator, and some of the LAWS Interns arrived about one o'clock for the transfer. They were delighted with everything we provided and Tyler noted that they normally have to take money out of their operating budget to provide Christmas gifts, so this was doubly special, since it left their operating budget intact this year. He wished all of ODCC a very Merry Christmas and a huge Thank You!



## Other ODCC News

### NCM Museum Delivery Experience (aka Option R8C) and Assembly Plant Tour

When we ordered our new 2023 Corvette, the one thing we knew for sure is that we wanted to do a National Corvette Museum (NCM) Delivery (the R8C option when ordering). This was going to be a once in a lifetime experience, and we wanted to make the most of it. In December, we rented a car and drove to Bowling Green to pick up our new 2023 Corvette. We kept checking the NCM Web Cam and were rewarded the next morning when our car was finally on Corvette Boulevard, the only blue C8 for the day, with only red, white and blue cars that day (how appropriate!). We watched as they did some of the early preps before the Museum opened, then we dropped off the rental car and were picked up at the rental office by the NCM van and taken to the Museum to start our big day.



When we got to the NCM, our Delivery Host (Danny) met us and gave us our VIP badges, then took us in to see the car. Oh WOW! The best feeling ever is to see your new car cordoned off on Corvette Boulevard. After

that, everything was a bit of a blur as we finished up some paperwork and Danny started teaching us all about our new dream car. (Many thanks to Bill who was watching at home and caught a lot of Web Cam pictures for us, as we were so overwhelmed, we forgot to take many pictures ourselves!)



Before we knew it, it was time to head over to the Assembly Plant for our tour. All those with a delivery that day who had signed up for the tour went together in the van (there were about eight of us total) after we watched a short video on the safety rules for the tour. Unfortunately, no cell phones, cameras, or even purses were allowed in the plant, so we locked them all in our new car while we went for the tour (the Plant pictures below are from an Assembly Plant presentation). We can't say enough about how fascinating the tour was. There are 11 specific areas total, starting with the kitting process and trim, then the Performance Build Center, on to cockpit assembly, then the marriage of chassis to body, the body shop, stop 6 is the paint shop, then the "Skillet where body panels are installed, then a stop where tires are installed and fluids are filled, stop 10, which is the final line and dynamic testing, and the final stop where they do the water test and "squeak and rattle" test. Our Delivery Host was also the guide for the plant tour that day. Danny had worked there for 25 years before he retired, but had not worked on the C8. He said almost everything in the plant was changed for C8 assemblies, except a couple of conveyor belts. The amount of robotics used is phenomenal, and watching the choreography of all the pieces coming together was incredible. Virtually every car on the assembly line is a custom order, so all the main and sub-assemblies have to come together at the right place and time for each individual car being assembled. We learned that they run two shifts a day with a target of 84 cars per shift moved through every station on the line, and it takes three shifts normally to complete a car. Robotic vehicles (called automated guided carts, or AGCs) are constantly moving through the facility delivering parts to the



various assembly stations and they move between blue lines on the floor. One of the important safety rules is to stay in the walkways and not step out into the paths of the vehicles.



Start of Trim



Cockpit Assembly



Paint Shop

The new paint facility is an engineering marvel as well. It is about 700,000 square feet and completely automated. They no longer paint just one color at a time. The robotic paint arm has a multi-nozzle feature that rotates to the specific ordered color of the body parts as they go through the paint line. One set of panels might be black, the next orange, the next any other color. In the basement of this three-story facility is an environmentally friendly dry scrubber system that captures the excess paint, mixes it with liquid limestone so they adhere to each other, then dries it so it can be used in concrete.

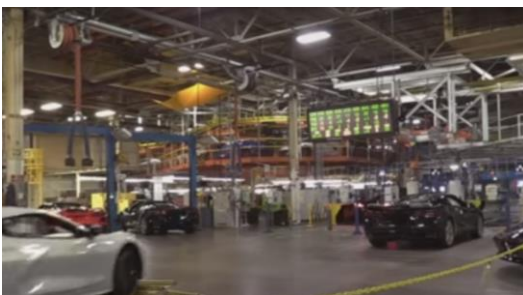


Marriage of body and chassis



Door panel transported on AGC

Watching them marry the chassis to the body was especially interesting. In the past, the body was lowered onto the chassis, but with the C8, the chassis is brought under the body on an AGC and then raised to meet the body that is on an aerial track. The wheels of the car never touch the ground until the very end of the line. At the end of the tour, we watched the finished cars coming off the line, and going over the “bump test” where the driver guns the car and runs it over a speed bump! Next, they go to the “water test” where they are sprayed with 8000 gallons of pressurized water in about two minutes to test for leaks.



End of line dynamic "Bump Test"



Water Test

Some trivia about the plant: in addition to assembling the C8, they build the LT6 engine for the Z06 there, as well as a number of other engines, including the Camaro 6.2L LT1 and LT4 V8s (460 and 640 hp respectively), and the Cadillac 6.2 LA2 650 hp engine, and several versions of the LT4 engine that go into boats and other engines for hot rods. For anyone thinking about getting a Z06, the Build Your Own Engine option will be available in early 2023 for the LT6 engine only!



After the Assembly Plant tour, we headed back to the NCM for more orientation (we felt well-prepared to get behind the wheel by the time we were all done with the orientation), an NCM tour (spoiler alert – the *Sinkhole Corvettes* exhibit is no longer there), the opportunity to purchase some customized R8C apparel (which includes embroidery of your car, exactly as delivered and an R8C patch). This customized apparel is only available to those who have a Museum delivery, and the option to buy more items at a later date does not expire. We also did our “Drive Off” from Corvette Boulevard where they announce your name and everyone claps as your car is driven off (your host does the driving for insurance purposes, but you get to ride with him). It all culminates with the official pictures they take outside the Museum when you get to drive it for the first time.



On Saturday, we headed for home and were able to complete the 500-mile break-in period on the way. Knowing that we had to keep it under 4500 RPMs during the break-in, I had asked Danny what that equated to in terms of speed. When he told us it was about 170 MPH, I knew we would have no problems staying under it!! On the drive home, everywhere we stopped people commented on what a beautiful car it was.

There are some other fantastic deals that go along with a Museum delivery that make it well worth the extra \$995, including a one year membership to the NCM, as well as reduced prices at the NCM Motorsports Park and at the Ron Fellows Performance Driving School two day Corvette Owners course (where you can be paired with a car exactly like yours). I think that is now on our bucket list too! Bottom line, the R8C Museum Delivery option is well worth every penny, and everyone should do it if they can! It was a day we will



remember forever. As Joe said in his article in the last newsletter, "...it's absolutely a very cool experience" and is truly worth doing.

Everyone should plan on joining the ODCC NCM trip this spring and sign up for an Assembly Plant tour! If you are interested in scheduling an Assembly Plant tour, please see the link on the National Corvette Museum site at [Plant Tours - National Corvette Museum](https://www.corvettemuseum.org/visit/plant-tours/) (<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/visit/plant-tours/>).

## National Corvette Museum

*Submitted by our National Corvette Museum Ambassador*

Would it surprise you to know that Old Dominion Corvette Club has a 24/7 presence at the National Corvette Museum? Yes, the Old Dominion Corvette Club brick has been in place since 2011. We had a formal unveiling of the brick in June 2011 during a Club trip to the Museum and we visit it every time we go back! A recent photo of the ODCC brick and its companions can be seen below. Over the years,



The small brick at the bottom left of the Club brick is Bill and Susan's brick. It has been in place for a LONG time!

Club members have ordered small 4" x 8" bricks to be placed next to the 24" x 24" ODCC brick to complement it and emphasize our members' support of the NCM. Members are invited to purchase small bricks from the Museum and have them installed next to our ODCC brick. Bricks are available for \$125 each for current Museum Members and \$175 each for Museum non-Members. Bricks can be ordered on-line at <https://Corvettestore.com/brick-small-4-x-8-bricksmall/>. You get three lines (13 characters per line) to personalize your brick. Selected logos can be added to your brick for an additional cost. See the order form for available logos and the cost for each.

The Museum Member discount for a brick is significant, and can be achieved by becoming a member of the Museum for a tax-deductible annual membership fee. Currently, an Individual Membership for one

adult is \$50.00 per year and a Family Membership for two adults plus immediate family members is \$100.00 per year. So, if you become a Museum Member, you can recover most of your first year's membership just by buying a brick, and you will get free admission to the Museum when ODCC visits this Spring (2023). If you want to avoid the annual fees, you can become an Individual Lifetime Member for \$2,000.00 or, Corvette club members 65 and older can become Senior Individual Members for 20 years for \$750.00. Payment plans can be arranged for both Lifetime and 65+ memberships. Besides providing free admissions and funding museum operations and maintenance, all memberships are tax deductible.

Lifetime members of the Museum can carry on their membership through their children or grandchildren by providing them with the Lifetime Legacy. This allows your loved ones the opportunity to continue with your Lifetime membership and all benefits after your passing, carrying on the passion for Corvette and the Museum. A Lifetime Legacy membership can be obtained with a one-time tax-deductible payment of \$1,000.00. If you are interested in Lifetime, Senior, or Legacy memberships I recommend that you contact Bobbie Jo Lee, Museum Member Relations Supervisor at 270-467-8833. Please contact me if you have questions about

Museum membership. I do recommend, however, that you click the Membership tab on the Museum Homepage (<https://www.CorvetteMuseum.org/>) to discover all of the benefits available through Museum membership.

## **ODCC Elections for 2023 / New By-Laws**

Elections for the 2023 ODCC Board Members were held at the November member meeting. Our top three positions remained the same, with second terms for Scott as President, Dennis as Vice President, and Al as Treasurer. Skip was elected as the new Secretary, replacing Bill, who has served for several years in that position. The combined position of Member-at-Large and Events Coordinator was split into two positions. The Member-at-Large Board position will be filled by Tom for 2023, and Bob graciously volunteered to take over the arduous duty of Events Coordinator. Chuck held both of these positions for 2022.

New By-Laws were drafted by the Board this past fall and were also presented at the November member meeting, and posted on the website for everyone's review. They were voted on and adopted at the December meeting held in conjunction with the Chili Cook-off. A copy can be found in the [Documents Library](#) under the Members menu on the ODCC website (you must be logged in to access them).

## **Update from the Vice President**

What an exceptional year! As many of you go through the process of hibernating your Corvettes for the winter, a quick reflection back on some of the Club highlights is in order. I think we had a lot of great events, both long distance and local. Based on participants' feedback, we had a very enjoyable calendar of events, both ODCC initiated and ones in which we joined other clubs in the area. I want to pass my personal thanks to Chuck for his work as Events Coordinator this past year and welcome Bob, our past ODCC President, for taking on this important role for 2023. A preview of next year's planning shows that we will have an equally wide range of events that will offer opportunities that appeal to all our members. Many will involve significant planning coordination to include route selection, accommodations, restaurants, as well as site visit arrangements and I know Bob will be delighted to engage enthusiastic helpers.

One of the highlights on this year's calendar which I believe best reflects our Club's culture and character, was the "Corvettes for Kids" event in December (See the [Corvettes for Kids](#) article above for more details). An idea initiated by John quickly gathered Club-wide enthusiasm and resounding support from our members. LAWS is an ODCC supported Charity, and was recently re-named LAWS Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault Center, to better reflect the services they provide. Knowing that their resident client population typically rises over the holidays and includes many children, we provided an excellent array of Christmas gifts for kids from toddlers to teenagers. On a cold but sunny Saturday the week before Christmas, ODCC presented nearly \$2,000 worth of Christmas presents to the LAWS staff for distribution to the children of their clients. Additionally, 15 member Corvettes came out to the Leesburg Chick-fil-A as a show of support for the presentation.

My best holiday wishes to all, and hope to see you at the Winter Banquet in February!

Here's to a great 2023!

**Dennis – ODCC Vice President**



## **Treasurer's Report**

The Old Dominion Corvette Club treasury has a balance of \$5,073.93 in our two accounts (Wells Fargo and PayPal) as of November 30, 2022. This balance includes \$870 of donations set aside for the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS) Corvettes for Kids event. Those funds were primarily collected via our ODCC website and PayPal. This fund was used to purchase gifts for the children who are being overseen by LAWS. The charity event and fundraiser were initiated and coordinated by John, who has done a wonderful job with this endeavor. A cruise-in was held on 17 December at the Leesburg Chick-fil-a to present the gifts to LAWS (see the [\*Corvettes for Kids\*](#) article above). Those funds not used for gifts will be donated directly to LAWS.

ODCC had a few major expenses since the last newsletter. The rent of \$648.00 was due on our storage locker for one year's rent. The storage locker is used for storage of the Club's banners and signs as well as an archives of the Club and other Club possessions.

Additionally, ODCC opened a ZOOM account for the Club at a cost of \$110.18 for the first year with a continued subscription of \$148 a year. This will be used for Board and Club meetings as well as any other Club affiliated meetings or events.

The Club also had a bill of \$350.00 for liability insurance which is due yearly in November and was paid during the first week of December. This is for liability insurance provided by Hagerty through the Merkel insurance agency.

The major source of income in the month of December will be the annual dues from those long-term members whose membership expires at the end of the year. As of 11 December, \$850 has been remitted for dues in the month of December, with more expected.

One other business item that has languished is updating the name on the PayPal account. A request has been made (twice) to PayPal to have my name on the account in place of Mick. If there isn't a change, the suggestion has been made for us to open a new business account and close the old one. The approach has been done in the past. More as it develops.

**AI – ODCC Treasurer**

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## Corvette Humor Corner



**Them: "Why do you care so much when a kid looks at your car?"**

**Me: "..because i was once that kid"**





**Wishing Everyone a Great 2023!**



*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!*