

PROUD MEMBERS OF  
**KANSAS CITY CORVETTE ASSOCIATION**

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**March 2017**

**Next Meeting – April 14, 2017**

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Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at 7:30pm at Shawnee Civic Center, 13817 Johnson Drive Shawnee, Kansas 66216. Guests Welcome!

### **March Meeting Minutes**

President Dave Downing called the meeting to order at 7:30 and introduced visitors Don and Katie and Darrell Decker.

Our **Hendrick Show** is May 7<sup>th</sup>. If anyone has any items that they would like to donate to the silent auction, Please bring them to the April meeting. If you need me to pick up your items, please call Debbie Mitchell at 816-734-4432.

We also need trophy sponsors for the Hendrick show. Cost of trophies is \$30 each.

The **Vettes on the Plains** show is August 11 & 12<sup>th</sup>. Last month at the meeting Don Curtiss asked for helpers for the Vette on the Plains show and received NO response. Please let Don know how you can help with this club sponsored event.

**Saturday March 25th we will tour the - The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures at 10 am with lunch afterwards at Winsteads on the Plaza 5235 Oak St. Kansas City, MO 6411**  
Cost is \$6.00 each for a guided tour. There is still plenty of room for you to join in. Please let Joe Moncado know if you will be joining us. [jmoncado@aol.com](mailto:jmoncado@aol.com) 913-927-5611

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If you have any articles for the newsletter please forward them to Joe Moncado at [jmoncado@aol.com](mailto:jmoncado@aol.com).

**Getting to know you:** We would like to feature a story in the newsletter from a newer member and a more tenured member. We are still looking for your story to be included in a future newsletter.

100+ personal care packages were delivered to Oak Grove! Thank you KCCA members. Special shout out to Kay Owens, [Kelly Hayden](#) and [Judy Nichols Donze](#)



Our club picnic will be held Saturday June 10<sup>th</sup> at Blue Springs Park. 2204 SW South Ave Blue Springs, MO 64015

After the World of Wheels show it became apparent that a storage space was needed. Thank you to Charlie Arnold for now providing storage space to the club!



## April Birthdays

April

Larry Strange 1 <sup>st</sup>	Don Curtiss 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Ken Hoffman 4 <sup>th</sup>	Kim Wickham 6 <sup>th</sup>
Kathleen Brown 7 <sup>th</sup>	Marlene Watson 8 <sup>th</sup>
Whitney Huff 9 <sup>th</sup>	Marilyn Lee 12 <sup>th</sup>
Twillia Betts 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bob Stevens 29 <sup>th</sup>



## Wedding Anniversaries:

April 2017

Oval & Pat Glinn- 7<sup>th</sup>  
 John & Elly Welchert-8<sup>th</sup>  
 Bill & Maude Thorne-10<sup>th</sup>  
 Larry & Beatrice Finkemeier-12<sup>th</sup>  
 Jerry & Pat Chance 16<sup>th</sup>

## KCCA Sponsored or Co-

### Sponsored

*March 2017*

**25 The National Museum of Toys and Miniatures** 10 am with lunch afterwards  
 5235 Oak St. Kansas City, MO 64112  
[info@toyandminiaturemuseum.org](mailto:info@toyandminiaturemuseum.org)

*April 2017*

**1 The Mid-America Corvette Cup** will be held in Columbia, MO at the Stoney Creek Hotel. Caravans will be cruising down Friday, March 31st and Saturday, April 1st. If you plan on attending and are leading a caravan, please e-mail [Rhonnie65@juno.com](mailto:Rhonnie65@juno.com) with caravan details for others to meet and caravan with you!

You can make your reservations at Stoney Creek hotel by calling 573-442-6400.

Here is the link to Mid Missouri Corvette Club to obtain more information as well as to register for the show.

<http://www.midmocorvetteclub.com/>

**9 Ottawa Car Show @ 9:00 @ CarStar in Ottawa, [Facebook](#)**

**14 KCCA meeting**  
 27-29 Michelin NCM Bash, BowlingGreen, KY

**15 Tour at Union Horse Distillery 10:30**  
 11740 W 86th Terr, Lenexa, KS 66214. After the tour, we will have lunch at Zarda BBQ which is just a few blocks down the street.

*May 2017*

**7 Hendricks Car Show**

**12 KCCA meeting**

*June 2017*

**10 KCCA club picnic at Blue Springs Park 11-4**  
 Blue Springs Park  
 2204 SW South Ave  
 Blue Springs, MO 64015

**17-18 Tanganyika Wildlife park in Goddard, KS**

**22-24 Bloomington Gold - June 22-24, 2017**  
 Some members of KCCA are planning to attend Bloomington Gold in Indianapolis. If you plan to attend, and would like to stay at the same hotel, here is the information:  
 TownePlace Suites Indianapolis Park 100  
 5802 West 71st Street  
 Indianapolis, Indiana 46278  
 Phone: 317-290-8900  
 The hotel is conveniently located 9.1 miles (roughly 14 minutes) from the Indianapolis Speedway where the event is held. Contact Brian Evans if you have questions. 913-620-8298

*July 2017*

**14 KCCA meeting**

- August 2017*
- 11 KCCA meeting
- September 2017*
- 8 KCCA meeting
- October 2017*
- 5-9 Eureka Springs All Corvette Show
- 13 KCCA meeting
- November 2017*
- 10 KCCA meeting

**National Corvette Museum News:**

**JOHN OATES HAULS ACROSS CORVETTE COUNTRY**

February 23, 2017



On Monday, February 20 the Museum and Motorsports Park played host to a familiar face from the music world. John Oates, of the rock and soul duo Hall & Oates, was on site to film a sizzle reel with Gamma Blast Studios out of Nashville, TN. The program, tentatively titled “Haulin’ Across America,” will potentially be picked up and aired by this History Channel and/or Travel Channel. The show focuses on the history of transportation.

“I really had a blast at NCM,” said Oates.

Oates, a 2014 inductee of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, is no stranger to the world of auto enthusiasm – having driven a Porsche 924 and Pontiac Fiero competitively. He competed at Road America, Lime Rock and Daytona in the GTU division in the mid-80s.

While at the Museum, John learned about the history of the Corvette by Delivery Department team member Larry Crosbie, followed by a look at our restoration area with Daniel Decker. At the Motorsports Park, Track Operations Manager Matt Busby hosted John for some laps.

Like most people, John had his own Corvette story. He drove a 1965 Corvette 396 with cheater slicks to his high school prom. In the rain.

“I think he enjoyed himself,” said Larry. “He was shocked when I told him Zora and Elfi’s ashes were in the Museum.”

Fingers crossed that the piece turns into a full-blown season. We’ll keep you updated on any future air dates!





## JEOPARDY: CORVETTE HISTORY FOR 500

February 16, 2017



For Lauren Michniacki, Corvette have always been a part of her life – so it was only natural that when she competed on Jeopardy, she give a shout out to the iconic car and Museum.

“As long as I can remember, he’s [dad, Joseph] always had a Corvette. [When I was] growing up he had a 1984 C4. Every year around by birthday they would take a photo of me with the car. When you first announced that you were opening the Museum – he has been a pretty life-long Corvette fan, and classic cars in general, he decided he would join as a founding member of the Museum and bought a brick.” Joseph later traded in his 1984 for a 2011.

Lauren grew up in Michigan, and with family in both Nashville and Knoxville, a stopover at the Plant and Museum with her dad was convenient when they were traveling to visit. “We visited a couple of times, did the factory tour once or twice. I haven’t been in a long time but he’s been since the sinkhole.”

“Growing up, I was in love with your Corvette pinball machine in the lobby, and you could play it. I would play it a lot. My favorite display Corvette in

the Museum was the Mako Shark. I just loved the paint, the body style. If I could have one, that's what I would want. Of course, when I was a kid I didn't realize it was one-of-a-kind."

After eight years of trying to score a spot to compete on Jeopardy, Lauren finally got her chance. "Mother and I always watched Jeopardy when I was growing up. I was pretty good at it." According to Lauren, the process is very in-depth. "The first thing you have to do is an online contestant quiz that they issue once or twice a year. You take it – like 50 questions – and only have 10-15 seconds on each one, so not enough time to Google the answers. Then you have to wait. Next is an in-person audition. They called me for that in 2015. And then you have another quiz. They do a personality interview to understand who you are going to be on the show on camera. Then there is a mock game with a board and buzzer. They want to see if you are comfortable and confident answering questions. And then, another waiting game. During this time, you are active in their database for a year and a half. If they don't call you, you have to start the process all over. My year and a half was about to expire in December, 2016 when they called me in the fall of 2016 and asked me out to California where it shoots before it airs. We filmed the show at the end of 2016."

Lauren was sent a sheet with question prompts by the show's producers, including asking for her top five stories. "They know what makes for interesting stories... have you met anyone famous, have you traveled anywhere, family mementos, family stories." This is where Lauren's Corvette Museum brick story popped up. "They narrow it down, and then they ask you to tell the story like you are talking to Alex, and then they let Alex pick. He could go with whatever he feels like when he walks up to that podium. One of the producers said 'oh, I love that

story. I've been there.' And he had a 2000-something Corvette.

**And mark your calendars- the 25th National Corvette Caravan will be here before you know it. It will start August 28, 2019 and last until August 31st in Bowling Green, KY.**

**Our route will have us travel through Columbia, MO for lunch with MidMissouri Corvette Club then on to St. Louis for a day of activities and overnight stay before arriving in Bowling Green on the 27th.**

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