

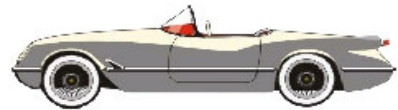
St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News

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Ambassador: **Carl Ballinger**
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www.stlcorvettes.net

National Council of Corvette Clubs

www.corvettesnccc.org

National Corvette Museum

www.corvettemuseum.com

Boon Trail Corvette Club

www.boontrailcc.com

Looking Glass Corvette Club

www.jackschmitt.com

Original Corvette Club

www.occofstl.com

Route 66 Corvette Club

www.route66corvetteclub.com

Purpose of St. Louis Corvette Club:

To enjoy the Corvette through association with other Corvette owners. To have fun on many levels through social events, road trips, car shows, charity events and competition as each person wishes. To actively promote and work for the advancement of St/ Louis Corvette Club and it's activities. To respect the differences wishes and of each STLCC club mem-

Comments by Interim President of the St. Louis Corvette Club:

To Prospective Members of our new Corvette Club

As interim President and on behalf of the other Core members (June Huch, Jerry and Armynta Craig, Marty and Judy Dooley, Fran and Mary Wienstroer, Carl and Sharon Ballinger, Ed and Judy Lee and Dick and Karen Mericle), I would like to invite you to come and join us at our first regular meeting on February 3, 2004 at Hessler's Pub at 7:00pm.

Our new club will be affiliated with NCCC, however, our emphasis will not be on performance events. Our membership will consist of no more than 50 memberships (100 people). Our club will focus on being a fun, social club with our priorities being on road tours to interesting places, an occasional car show and benefit car shows when the need arises. As you know, most of us like to drive and eat. This type of activity will also be on our "calendar of events".

I am looking forward to seeing you at our first meeting on February 3rd. Our scheduled meeting dates will be on the first Tuesday night of each month.

Ron Huch

Interim President

On the Cover:

A new club has to start someplace. The volunteers met at Mary and Fran Wienstroer's to finish the startup details. Temporary officers were elected and by-laws were discussed. Plans for activities and social events were enthusiastically proposed.

St. Louis Corvette Club

Friday, January 23, 2004

Fran and Mary Wienstroer's home

The new Corvette Club was called to order by Ron Huch at 7:00pm at Fran and Mary Wienstroer's home. Those present were: Fran and Mary Wienstroer, Jerry and Armynta Craig, Marty and Judy Dooley, Carl and Sharon Ballinger, Ed and Judy Lee, Karen and Dick Mericle and Ron and June Huch.

Temporary officers for the new club were voted on for the next ten months. A Christmas Party will be held in December, in lieu of a club meeting.

The interim officers are as follows:

President	Ron Huch
Vice President	Marty Dooley
Secretary	June Huch
Treasurer	Fran Wienstroer
NCCC Governor	Carl Ballinger
Membership Chairman	Judy Lee
Sergeant at Arms	Karen Mericle
By-Laws Committee	Jerry Craig, Fran Wienstroer, Marty Dooley & Carl Ballinger
Newsletter Editor	Jerry Craig
NCM Ambassador	Sharon Ballinger
Webmaster	Ed Lee

Nominations will be made at the next meeting for an Activities Committee for the purpose of encouraging members to plan trips, social gatherings and events; as well as to propose a yearly calendar of events, to include the Christmas Party.

The fiscal year of the club shall be from December 1st to November 30th of each year.

POST OFFICE MAIL BOX:

- Judy Dooley will be looking into the cost to rent a post office mailbox in the South County Area near her place of work.
- Ron Huch will also look into the cost of a post office mailbox in Illinois.
- A decision will be held at the next club meeting.

It was decided that the club mailing address will be Illinois, for future benefits of participating in NCCC events.

Fran Wienstroer will set up a club bank account and will secure a tax I.D. number, registering the new name of the club, "Saint Louis Corvette Club". The officers of the club will need to sign the tax form and there is a \$25 one-time fee.

BY-LAWS:

The St. Louis Corvette Club By-Laws were reviewed and after an extensive discussion, a final draft will be available at the next club meeting.

- Official name of club: Saint Louis Corvette Club. The word "Saint" will be used for legal purposes only (in by-laws, club registration); otherwise, we will refer to the club name as "St. Louis Corvette Club".

CLUB SPONSOR:

A form letter has been drafted to use for presentation to each prospective sponsor. A yearly sponsorship fee will be asked for to use for purchasing our club banner, expenses incurred in putting on 1 or 2 Sponsor Shows a year, purchase of trophies, Newsletter costs, Website expenses, etc.

The following Chevrolet dealerships will be contacted:

Dealership

Elco Chevrolet
Don Darr Chevrolet
Route 66
Weber Chevrolet

Contact Person

Jerry Craig
Marty Dooley
Marty Dooley
Ron Huch

A brief discussion was held on the suggested responsibilities of a Club Sponsor.

- Obligation to the group by attending club meetings occasionally (once a month).
- Make a presence at Club car shows, especially those held at their respective dealership.
- Provide dealership handouts at car shows.

CLUB BANNER:

Ron Huch has contacted Gilliam Graphics for the cost of a 10 ft. wide banner in 4 colors, 4 ft tall. The cost would be \$8 a foot (\$80.00) made of vinyl material.

MEMBERSHIP:

Judy Lee has been elected as our Membership Chairman. One membership constitutes two votes. We plan on limiting our club membership to no more than 50 memberships; i.e. 100 people. Additional memberships will be approved by the Board. The membership list will be used exclusively for club purposes only. All members on the email list will be notified of club communications—no exclusions will be tolerated. Judy will be tracking club attendance at each meeting.

MEETING TIME:

Carl Ballinger has reserved the first Tuesday night of each month at Hessler's Pub, beginning at 7:00pm for our club meetings. A 30 minute meeting of the Board of Directors will be held prior to the start of the actual meeting. Meetings will be conducted by the Roberts Rules of Order. It was mentioned that Ron Huch will be purchasing a book at Borders.

CLUB LOGO:

The club members decided to use one "red" car (C3) under the arch with St. Louis Corvette Club surrounding the silver arch and Gateway to Fun in smaller letters. Ed Lee and family will be working on the final logo for review at our next club meeting.

CLUB MEMBERSHIP PATCH:

Judy Dooley has been working with Midwest Monograms on the cost of a membership patch/club logo on club logo attire. Judy will bring some samples of t-shirts (white shirt with red and blue trim on collar and sleeves). She will also bring a long sleeved shirt sample to our first meeting.

2004 EVENTS:

February 15 Harry's West Valentines Brunch Jerry & Armynta Craig
The Bowling Green trip has been tabled until early Spring.

Be sure to notify our Webmaster, Ed Lee, to place all scheduled events on our website, as well as Jerry Craig to add to our monthly newsletter.

NAME TAGS:

It was the club's decision to forego the purchase of member name tags until a later time.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW CLUB:

Jerry Craig will be putting together an announcement of our new club in the form of a club newsletter.

CLUB CHARITY:

It was the club's decision to forego the selection of a club charity until later in the year. If we find that additional club funds are available at year end, a charity will be selected at that time.

NCCC AFFILIATION:

Ron Huch provided input re. his conversation with Terence Brennan, NCCC Mid-

west Region Membership Director, on how and when payments to NCCC are made. We have 25 individual applications and he can send us more. Our members should complete the applications to be forwarded to NCCC with the National dues. We need a club name and a list of our officers, including the NCCC Governor. Terry will be attending an NCCC meeting in St. Louis on February 28th. Our new NCCC Governor, Carl Ballinger, will be attending this meeting.

A RASPBERRY CHAMPAGNE TOAST WAS MADE TO THE NEW CLUB MEMBERS THAT WAS DONATED BY KAREN AND DICK MERICLE.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45pm.

June Huch,
Secretary



A Happy Birthday toast to Marty Dooley

Valentine's Day Brunch

February 15. 11:30 AM

**Harry's West—Clayton and Kehrs Mill Rd
Just East of Clayton and Clarkson**

Cost: 19.20 per person which includes gratuity and taxes. A nice variety of brunch selections. The Food at Harry's is always excellent.

This is a special brunch for all our friends. Please join us for a pleasant Sunday gathering.

Please RSVP: corvette.club@sbcglobal.net before February 10.

Armynta & Jerry Craig 636-394-2059

Questions and Answers

Why start a new Corvette Club?

Two major reasons: Courtesy and Respect. No one wants to belong to a group where people create noise and confusion just because they do not like a speaker, idea or proposal.

A legitimate request to limit smoking during a meeting in a crowded poorly ventilated facility is ignored. What kind of respect is that for fellow club members? By-laws are ignored and members are harassed. Who needs that? Corvettes are fun—lets keep it that way.

Why affiliate with NCCC?

1. Our aim is to enjoy the Corvette and Corvette owners. A National affiliation opens connections to a wide area of information, events and interests.
2. By being a legitimate NCCC club, we have dependable and affordable liability insurance.

Why limit membership?

Experience has shown that too large a club results in factions and dis-respect. A smaller club with interested, active members is a lot more enjoyable. The limit is somewhat determined by the meeting facility and can be changed by changing by-laws at any time.

Do you vote in new members?

Absolutely not! People who join are on a affiliate status for one year. During that time we ask that they attend meetings, participate in events and contribute to the club. If after one year affiliates feel they want to become full members and requirements are met, membership is granted. The Board reviews qualifications.

How is voting done?

Voting is done by mail. Every member has a chance to vote.

Who votes?

Each membership receives two member votes. The membership may use the votes as it wishes.

Why do you not vote on the President?

The vice president succeeds to become president. From experience we felt that the president needed more experience with the operation of the club. There is no term limit—the outgoing president can run for vice president at the next election.

Why is the Board so important?

The Board is comprised of elected officers and last year's president. The board meets to affirm all club business before each club meeting. The board directly represents all members.

How do you use NCCC sanctions?

This is a matter for the board. The feeling is that sanctions will not be “assigned “ to other clubs for any reason. The board may decide if there is sufficient club interest in a joint event.

Do you have a assigned charity?

Not at this time. Event chairpersons may decide, with the approval of the board, where event monies may be contributed.

Do you have pizza parties at club expense?

Absolutely not. All funds forwarded to put on an event must be repaid if incomes allow. Each event presents an accounting of all expenses and incomes.

St. Louis Corvette Club was founded in 1953 and 2004?

St. Louis Corvette Club was started by Mack Yates of Barford Chevrolet in 1953. It was never incorporated and the club treasury was never more than a few dollars. Bob Spooner who owned and raced the Purple People Eater Corvette was the second president. The club faded from existence sometime in the 1970's. We revived the name in '04

**St Louis Corvette Club
Application Form**

Date

First name:.....

Last name: Birth day Month.....

Street Address:

City: State: Zip

Contact Phone Number:

Email Address:

Corvette(s) Owned:

Body Year..... Color.....

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Associate Member: Name

Birth day Month

Founding Members may join before May 1, 2004

Dues are \$60 including NCCC \$30 and STLCC \$30. Associate members may join NCCC for an additional \$10. This does not effect STLCC status in any way. *Please bring this form to the first meeting.*

Meeting Location

Hessler's Pub
11804 Tesson Ferry
314-842-4050

Directions:

East of I-270 on Tesson Ferry
between 270 and Lindberg.

First Meeting
Tuesday February 3

*As a courtesy to our
members, no smoking
is permitted during the
meeting.*

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