

St. Louis Corvette Club

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www.corvettesnccc.org

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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 and wishes of each STLCC club member.

From The President—Ron Huch

I would again like to thank everyone who attended our March meeting. We had a very good turnout and picked up three new members and one honorary member, Route 66 Chevrolet", our Club Sponsor. We want to extend a "big thank you" to the dealership at Route 66 Chevrolet who came on board as our Club sponsor. We look forward to a long and prosperous relationship.

I want to encourage everyone to look at the Event Calendar to see if you can sponsor any of the proposed events or come up with some new and interesting ideas for a fun day, afternoon, evening or even a "weekend of fun."

I look forward to seeing all of you at our April meeting.

Ron Huch
Club President

April Birthdays:

Peggy Craig - April 20

Sponsor Car Show (Route 66) will be held May 8th not 1st. We will have more info later as to time and such.

On the Cover:

President Ron Huch accepts a check from our sponsor Route 66 Chevrolet represented by Jim Wand.

ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB MEETING

March 2, 2004 - Hessler's Pub

President Ron Huch called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M. The officers and chairpersons were introduced.

Treasurer's Report - Fran Wienstroer.

The current club balance was discussed, at which time a motion was made and seconded to accept the treasurer's report. Anyone having any club expenses should see Fran this evening.

Secretary's Minutes - June Huch

A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 3rd minutes.

Membership Report - Judy Lee

- Birthdays announced:
 - Mary Wienstroer - March 6
 - Bev Crain - March 18
 - Ed Lee - March 26.
- Birthday announcements will be a new monthly addition to the newsletter.
- Membership status: As of tonight, we have 24 primary and 18 associate members.

NCM Report - Sharon Ballinger

- The C5/C6 Birthday Bash will be held at the end of April. Let Sharon Ballinger know if you are interested in attending. Registration can be done on the NCM website.

NCCC Governor's Report - Carl Ballinger

- Carl and Ron attended the morning Midwest Regional Meeting on Saturday, 2/28 and turned in our NCCC membership forms at this meeting. Only Carl attended the National NCCC Governor's Meeting that afternoon. Each new member will be receiving a packet of information from NCCC in the near future. The National Council is made up of 15 different regions. Carl received the MW522 club plaque which he will bring to each meeting. Raffle tickets for an '04 will be drawn at the NCCC conference in Las Vegas in June. See Carl for the entry forms. This conference is a week-long event and contains many competitive events. Carl will have a flyer at our next meeting. New members should see Carl to fill out your NCCC application.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW GUESTS/MEMBERS:

New Members: Jim and Jackie Goggins - Anniversary 2003 Coupe

Guests:

- Cecelia Kendall (became a new member after our meeting).

- Jim Wand, representative from Route 66 Chevrolet. Route 66 Chevrolet, our new club sponsor, is very pleased and excited to sponsor our new club and indicated if there is anything they can do for us, we should let them know. A check was presented to our Club President for the annual sponsorship. Ron expressed our gratitude to Route 66 Chevrolet for their generosity and would like for our club members to patronize their dealership whenever possible.

OLD BUSINESS

- Marty Dooley gave the By-laws committee report. Copies of the by-laws can be picked up from our Membership Chairman, Judy Lee, after the meeting. The by-laws will be made available to each "member of the club".
- Club Shirts - Judy Dooley. The majority voted on a shirt with a checkered collar. Sizes available are an Extra Small to an XXX Large. As soon as Judy receives the final club logo, she will be taking that to Midwest Monograms for set up purposes. Ed Lee will be forwarding our final club logo design to Donna at Midwest Monogram. Orders for the shirts will be taken by Judy at our April Meeting.
- Club Banner - Bids are being received on having a club banner made up for us, as well as static cling logo decals.
- Our webmaster is Ed Lee and he has done a fine job in developing this site for us. The March newsletter is now posted on the website at www.stlcorvettes.net. If you find that a link does not work, please let Ed know. Theresa Luebcke has been giving Ed a helping hand on the "Forum Link". Theresa encourages everyone to go out there and register.

NEW BUSINESS

- After a brief discussion, Jerry Craig made a motion for the club to join the National Corvette Museum for one year on a trial basis at \$250.00. The motion was seconded by Judy Dooley. The motion was voted on and passed. After joining the NCM, our club will be listed on their website and our NCM Ambassador will be advised of their activities throughout the year.
- An announcement was made that our members, Rick and Shirley Berving, have just recently purchased a new Z06. Marty Dooley presented Shirley with a "gag" gift.
- Jerry Schaller brought several samples of posters and post cards that have been laminated. This company also laminates membership cards. See Jerry for more information. One of Jerry's posters was raffled off at the 50/50 drawing.

PAST EVENTS

- Jerry and Armynta Craig sponsored our first Valentine's Day Brunch at Harry's West on February 15 with an attendance of 34 people. Jerry thanked everyone for attending.

FUTURE EVENTS – Marty Dooley

- *Rich and Theresa Luebcke, our "Event Coordinators", have put together a "core group" of events for this year, with a "main event" chosen for each month. Please contact Rich and Theresa for any events that you may want to sponsor throughout the year.*
- Saturday, March 20 – Road Trip to Lambert's in Sikeston – sponsored by Ron and June Huch. Meet at South County Mall – J. C. Penney's Parking Lot at 9:30am. Contact Ron and June at topntch@htc.net for any questions.
- Saturday, April 3 – Dick and Karen Mericle are sponsoring a Road Trip to the Mid America Swap Meet in Effingham. Leave Hooter's/Home Depot parking lot at 6:30am. The Swap Meet is from 8-3pm. On the way home, we will be stopping at the Blue Springs Café for dessert, etc. If you have any questions, contact ourblk73@aol.com.
- April 22-24 is the C5/C6 Birthday Bash at the National Corvette Museum. If you have any questions, please contact Sharon Ballinger at 636-677-0659.
- Saturday, May 1 – Spring Car Show at Route 66 Chevrolet in Pacific, MO sponsored by Fran and Mary Wienstroer. Details and flyer will be available at our April meeting.
- Sunday, May 16 - Road Trip to Pere Marquette State Park for Brunch, sponsored by Ron and June Huch. Details and a flyer will be available at the April meeting.
- Ice Cream Run in May to be sponsored by Peggy Craig. Flyer to be available at the April meeting.

50/50

Winner – Dick Mericle - \$63.00 (second month in a row!!!)

Jeff Craig won the poster raffled off by Jerry Schaller.

A motion was made to adjourn at 7:50pm

Respectfully submitted,

June Huch, Secretary

Hi for those that go to the Thursday night Suppers,,,, WE would like to have someone bake a cake for the first Thursday dinner of each month, to celebrate all birthdays of that month,

need VOLUNTEERS for the months that follow

MAY -- JUNE --JULY = Jerry Schaller AUG-- SEPT --OCT — NOV = June Huch
DEC__ thank youKaren Mericle

**St. Louis Corvette Club
Statement of Accounts**

Treasurer Report submitted by: Fran Wienstroer

<u>Balance</u>	March 1, 2004	\$669.00
<u>Income:</u>		
	Membership dues	\$180.00
	50/50 Monies	\$63.00
	Club event	\$19.36
	Sponsor	\$2,500.00
		\$3,431.36
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
	Newsletter	\$27.56
	NCCC	
	Computer Supplies	\$187.51
	Gavel	\$37.29
<u>Club Ending Balance</u>	March 20, 2004	\$3,179.00

March Events. See Events calendar at www.sltcorvettes.net for details.

4/3/04 8:00 AM thru 3:00 PM Mid America Motorworks (Formerly Mid America Direct)
First Annual
"Get Your Parts Before Summer Starts" Swap Meet Mid America Corporate Campus,
Effingham Il. Caravan from Hooters South County, leaving the parking lot at 6:30 sharp.
Karen / Dick Mericle

4/4/04 10:15 AM Road Trip to ANVIL Restaurant in St. Genevieve [Click Here](#) for more in-
formation

Shirley Berving /
Karen Mericle

4/6/04 7:00 PM Club Meeting

Agenda: Monthly Meeting [Click Here](#) for more information 4/11/04 Easter Show in Forest
Park [Click Here](#) for more information

Horseless Carriage

4/22/04 thru 4/24/04 C5/C6 Birthday Bash at the National Corvette Museum
Sharon Ballinger

March Event

Cruise to Lambert's

For

Throed' Rolls



Thursday Night Supper Schedule

April 1, 2004 Wilikers try and go to route 66 car club meeting afterwards 1566 Country Club Plaza DR hwy 94-I-70 St Charles, MO 636-947-1441

April 8, 2004 Poor Richards 108-c Hilltop Village ctr. Dr Eureka, MO exit 264 off-I44
Then left on 5th Street 636-938-4666

April 15, 2004 Pennys BBQ 4265 Reavis Barracks Rd., 55 & Reavis 544-1661

April 22, 2004 Johnny Gittos EB- 24 6997 Chippewa 781-8111

April 29, 2004 Helen Fitzgerald 3660 S. Lindberg 314-821-5437

May 6, 2004 Macaroni Grill So. County Mall/Lindbergh at Lemay Ferry Rd. 487-8825

See www.stlcorvettes.net for information and updates.



CRUISE TIME AGAIN

**COME JOIN US FOR A CRUISE
to the ANVIL restaurant, in St, Genevieve, MO**

Sunday April 4th.

We will meet in the parking lot behind Mc Donalds at 141 and 55 in Arnold. at 10:15am,, ,leaving around 10:30 or so.

Cruise down Hwy 55 and eat at THE ANVIL., Afterwards take the ferry across the river to Illinois and travel the river roads back to ST. Louis

PLEASE R.S.V.P.

For INFO- contact, Shirley Berving – sberving@aol.com

Karen Mericle ourblk73@aol.com



Classic Corvette found in garage....

Another heartwarming story of a long lost Corvette discovered in a dark corner of a garage under stacks of garage treasures. Marty Dooley found an essentially complete 1964 Corvette convertible sitting in a dark corner of a garage. It required a new carburetor but the gem started and ran after years of being forgotten and serving as a storage rack. We understand that Marty has contracted with a restoration body shop to repair small nicks and dings and repaint the '64. We all look forward to admiring this beautiful Corvette at car shows and road trips.

CLASSIC CAR RAFFLE

for
1988 CORVETTE CONVERTIBLE

Raffle is sponsored by the Mahomet Chamber of Commerce and Hatcher's C.A.R.S. of Mahomet, Illinois, to benefit the Mahomet Area Youth club.

Only 1,200 tickets will be sold at \$25 each, or 5 for \$100

Drawing will take place on May 21, 2004 at Alto Vineyards in Champaign, Illinois at approximately 9:00 p.m., following the Spring Gala 2004 Auction. City of Champaign, Illinois Raffle License No. BL-1681 applies

Ticket holders do not have to be present at the drawing to win. Owner of the winning ticket must take delivery of the car at Hatcher's C.A.R.S. in Mahomet, Illinois within 30 days of notification.

Total net proceeds from this raffle will be used to support after school and summer programs provided by the Mahomet Area Youth Club - the positive alternative to drugs & violence.

For additional information, contact Gary Matthews at (217) 586-6323

TICKET ORDER FORM

Mail to: Classic Car Raffle

P.O. Box 315

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE

TO:

Mahomet, IL 61853

MAHOMET AREA YOUTH CLUB

I wish to purchase:

_____ Classic Car Raffle Ticket(s) at \$25 each

_____ Classic Car Raffle Tickets at 5 for \$100

My check for \$ _____ is enclosed

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State Zip _____

I understand that my serialized ticket stubs will be sent to the above address, and that any checks received after the limit of 1200 tickets have been sold will be returned.

Weekend Getaway by Armynta & Jerry Craig

All of a sudden a nice weekend is predicted in the middle of February. Corvette needs a battery charge so the question is, "where to go to get away that is unique but not too far or expensive"? A quick call to the hotel at French Lick Indiana netted an inexpensive room reservation on a weekend with no conventions.



French Lick Hotel

This is a very old hotel which looks like something out of a Steven King novel. Originally built as a health resort in the 1800's the atmosphere is punctuated by the strong smell of the mineral waters that are still used in the baths and swimming pools. The rooms are modern but show steam radiators, pipes, added on wiring and bathrooms with curious designs. In one wing the long halls reverberate any sound. Railroads from Chicago used to bring guests and gangsters in the 1930's.

Food is good, not too expensive with good portions. Jack's Restaurant features very fine dining at big city prices. The Sunday Buffet is excellent and inexpensive. Since the weather was so nice, we walked up town a short distance to a local Winery. Grapes are shipped in and the wines were very good. We enjoyed a bottle of light white wine on the deck in the warm February sun with folks from Kentucky and Northern Indiana.

West Baden Hotel

A big boost to the area is the approval of a gambling boat to be placed between the French Lick Hotel and the West Baden Springs Hotel. The West Baden Springs hotel was once listed as "the eighth wonder of the world" and has been closed since 1932. The hotel has been restored and many hope it will re-open soon. The lobby is 200 feet across!



Meeting Location

Hessler's Pub 11804 Tesson Ferry

Directions:

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

Next meeting April 6

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



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