

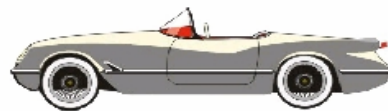
St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News

March, 2007

Next Meeting Mar. 6, 2007



The special-edition 2007 Chevrolet Corvette convertible that will be serving pace car duty for this year's Indianapolis 500. No, it's not Indy-car fast, but with 400 horses at your disposal, it's plenty quick.



The Daytona 500 is NASCAR's premier race and traditionally kicks off the Nextel Cup racing season. Selection of the Z06 model marks the second consecutive year that a Corvette has been selected as the



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Internet

St. Louis Corvette Club Website

www.stlcorvettes.net

National Council of Corvette Clubs

www.corvettesnccc.org

National Corvette Museum

www.corvettemuseum.com

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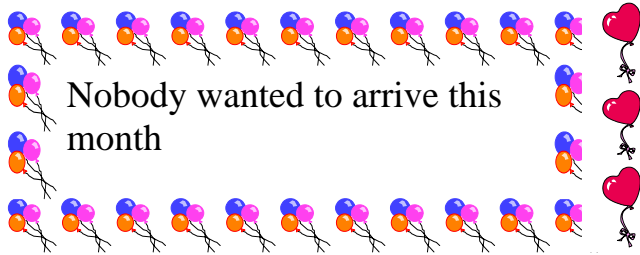
Purpose of St. Louis Corvette Club:

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 its activities. To respect the differences and wishes of each STLCC club member.

ALWAYS REMEMBER

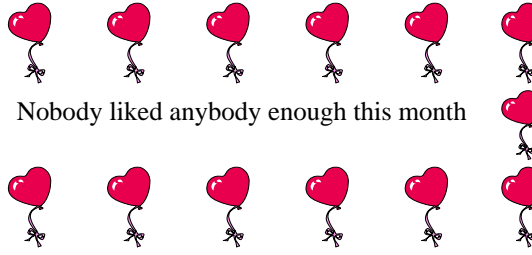
We are a happy group of Corvette Owners who enjoy many activities relating to Corvettes. From relaxing drives on country roads to competition driving we have a wide range of interesting events. Good food is always a priority whether it is a drive to a new restaurant, weekly Thursday night dinners or a Sunday Brunch outing, we like sitting down to enjoy the company of friends.

BIRTHDAYS



Nobody wanted to arrive this month

ANNIVERSARIES



Nobody liked anybody enough this month



St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting

February 6, 2007 – Hessler's Pub

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Dotson at 7:05 PM. Bill welcomed everyone. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. The club boasted record attendance with 43 members and 1 guest present. Bill introduced the board of officers and current chairpersons. Everyone was reminded to sign in and to purchase 50/50 tickets from Sergeant at Arms Roger Ruengert.

Guest

Bill Dotson introduced guest Pam Bircher and thanked her for coming to the meeting. Pam recently attended the 2006 Club Christmas party and members enjoyed seeing her again.

Treasurer's Report

Jean DuPont made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented in the February newsletter. Sara Gibson seconded the motion. It was approved by the membership.

Secretary's Report

President Bill Dotson noted the following corrections to be made to the January 2nd minutes: a) that June Huch should be shown as the Thursday Night Dinner Coordinator rather than Bill Dotson, and b) that the club by-laws will not be published on the club website as previously mentioned.

Judy Dooley made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 2, 2007 meeting as published in the February newsletter and with the previously noted corrections made. The motion was seconded by Carl Ballinger and approved by the membership.

Membership Report

Patty Craig announced that there are 54 members including Frank and Terri Ashmore who paid dues this evening, 2 honorary members, and 3 mailing members. Patty congratulated those club members celebrating February birthdays and anniversaries.

Patty reminded everyone of the Valentine Brunch scheduled for Sunday, February 18. This is a pre-paid event and a sign up sheet was provided for those interested in attending.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported on Museum accomplishments in 2006:

- a) 27,000+ membership
 - b) 9 raffles which brought in \$1.4 million
 - c) 1,100 R8C Museum deliveries
 - d) 50 Xperience deliveries
 - e) internal production of 2 DVDs
 - f) update of new exhibit reader boards
 - g) addition of 2 interactive displays in the engineering area
- 2007 Museum goals include increasing membership.

The C5-C6 Bash will be held at the museum in April (26-28). A Victory Red convertible will be raffled at that time. The car comes with a 3LT package and includes Museum delivery. Judy has \$10 raffle tickets available.

Judy noted that building expansion at the Museum has not yet begun. Building will take place in stages, as money comes in. Bank loans will not be taken out for building projects.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Carl Ballinger did not have much news to report as this is a slow time of year. He has NCCC patches available for purchase for \$3.00. The first Governors' Meeting will be held at Westport Plaza on Saturday, February 24, 2007. The Midwest Regional session will be held in the morning followed by the National Governors meeting in the afternoon. Carl noted that '07 events are posted on the NCCC website and the regional website (mwregion.com).

NCCC events are open for the club's consideration. The Midwest Regional Awards Banquet will be held in the Chicago area on Saturday, March 10th. Cost is \$55 per person plus lodging expense. The NCCC Convention will be held in Nashville this year (*June 16-22*). Tulsa, OK is bidding on the '08 NCCC Convention.

Webmaster Report

Jerry Craig announced that all is well.

Sponsor's Report

None available.

50/50 Raffle

Roger Ruengert reminded everyone to purchase 50/50 tickets.

Events Update

Vice President Ron Hagenow provided copies of the events' calendar for the next three months. He also encouraged everyone to check the club website for current information on planned events. Coming events include but are not limited to:

- a) Sunday, February 18 – Valentine Brunch
- b) Sunday, February 25 – Trip to Gateway Classic Cars in Fairmont City, Illinois.
Charlie Miget, event organizer, said that club members should meet at the Home Depot on S. Lindbergh Blvd. in South County at 11:30 a.m. Ron Hagenow will meet drivers at that location. Drivers will caravan to Syberg's (*2430 Old Dorsett Road, 1 block east of I270*) and meet group there at 12:00 noon. It will be about a 30 minute drive to Gateway Classic Cars, where they sell classics, muscle cars and street rods. Flea market/craft shopping is also available. The club will spend about one hour at Gateway and will then caravan to the Blue Springs Café in Highland, Illinois for a mid-afternoon dinner. Charlie asked that those interested in participating let him know.

Additional future events include:

Saturday, February 17 – MidAmerica Motorworks 33rd Anniversary Celebration and
Weekend Workshop

Sunday, March 18 – (tentative) – Trip to The Eagle's Nest restaurant/winery in
Louisiana, MO

Sunday, April 15 – (tentative) – Whitmore Hotel and ferry

June 14–17 – Bloomington Gold. Online registration starts on Thursday, February 15.

Ron said that the club is hoping to do different activities this year. He provided a suggestion form and asked members to submit their ideas for events they would like to participate in.

Bill Dotson said that anyone who would like to help sponsor an event should let Ron know of their interest.

Correspondence and Publicity

Bill Dotson referenced several thank you notes:

- a) from Carl and Sharon Ballinger for the floral piece given by the club in memory of Carl's mother
- b) from Gary and Jan Murray, thanking the club members for their support during Gary's recent hospitalization and surgery. Everyone was glad to see Gary and Jan at tonight's meeting and extended their wishes for Gary's continued recovery.
- c) from the American Cancer Society for the club's contribution of \$1,000

A photo of the check presentation to the American Cancer Society was published recently in the South County and West County Journals.

Old Business

American Cancer Society - The club's recent donation of \$1,000 qualified us to receive 75 bunches of daffodils (through the ACS' Daffodil Days fundraiser) with the club's logo being included on the ACS website and future ACS publications. The flowers would be available on March 9, the Friday following our March club meeting. In lieu of receiving the daffodils, it would be possible to receive stuffed teddy bears but these would not include the logo publicity. The idea was presented to get the bears but donate them to Shriners Hospital. The membership voted to get the toy bears and donate them to Shriners Hospital. Bill Dotson said that he would contact ACS representative Stacy Reliford to make the necessary arrangements. and will also coordinate the presentation of the bears to the hospital by club members.

Club Sponsor – Bill said that both he and Rich Luebcke had made numerous attempts to contact Johnny Londoff, Jr. regarding possible club sponsorship. It is presumed that Londoff is not interested in sponsoring the club as he has not responded to the inquiries.

Bill asked Ron Miesner and Jerry Craig to contact representatives at Butler Chevrolet and Elco Chevrolet respectively to determine their interest in sponsorship and inform Bill within one to two weeks about their response.

By-Laws – Proposed revisions to the by-laws were published in the February newsletter along with the current by-laws. Bill Dotson encouraged everyone to read the proposed revisions. Voting on these revisions will take place at the March 6th meeting. Please contact vice president Ron Hagenow or secretary Mary Ann Hagenow to obtain a copy of either the proposed changes or the standing by-laws.

Business Cards – Will not act on this until more is decided about the club's sponsor.

Updated Phone List – Membership Chairman Patty Craig will update the phone list and distribute to members. Please review the information on the list for any needed changes.

Certificate of Appreciation – In response to Bill's inquiry as to former sponsor and club member Jim Wand's current place of employment, members acknowledged that he is working at Suntrup Select, next to Sinclair Ford. The club's certificate of appreciation from 2006 will be delivered to him.

New Business

Club's Non-Profit Status – Treasurer Jerry Fain reported that the club's application for non-profit status in the state of Missouri has been processed for the current year. This renewal is to be done annually.

Monthly Desserts – Volunteers are in place for all months of the current year.

Blue Bars publication – Carl Ballinger asked that members provide him with any changes in mailing addresses to ensure receipt of the Blue Bars magazine.

GM Recall – Bob Woods shocked everyone with his announcement of a pending GM recall of yellow corvettes for repainting. It didn't take long for everyone to realize that this was just another famous "Woods-ism" and that yellow corvette owners need not fear!

NCM "An Anniversary Affair" – Theresa Luebcke announced that "An Anniversary Affair" will be held at the National Corvette Museum from June 22 – 23, 2007. The event is not limited to anniversary cars (25th, 35th, 40th, 50th). In the wake of Bob Woods' announcement, Theresa stressed that yellow cars may attend the festivities. The event will include dinners and road tours.

Charity Proposal – Theresa Luebcke asked if the club had designated a charity for the current year. She then proposed that the club support the Corvette Museum building fund as our charity. Bill Dotson reminded members that support of the local veterans had been discussed at the January meeting but that the club could also consider potential support for the museum.

Thursday Dinners – Please see the calendar for Thursday dinner locations.

Car Blankets – A car blanket was given to Frank and Terri Ashmore and a blanket was provided for Mark and Denise Shipley. Marty Dooley offered a yellow blanket as a special raffle item this evening.

Flag Caddies – Rich Luebcke offered 6 window mount flag caddies "for the taking".

In the News – Michelle Paillou showed a photo from Corvette Quarterly in which she and her '58 red and white convertible were featured. Bill Dotson asked that the photo be included on the club's website. He also mentioned that his '96 Grand Sport coupe was included in one of the FunFest photos from '06.

Future Events

Black Hills Classic (aka "Spearfish Trip")

Judy Dooley said that trip participants will leave St. Louis on Wednesday, July 18 and will caravan to Sioux Falls, South Dakota and overnight there. Lodging in Sioux Falls is still needed. The event will be held at Spearfish from Thursday–Sunday, July 19-22. Judy has made arrangements for lodging at the Comfort Inn in Deadwood, about 10 miles from Spearfish. A regular room with two queen beds will be \$139.99. Club members should call Angie at the Comfort Inn at 1-800-961-3096 (after February 7) for reservations and information. Drivers will leave Spearfish on Sunday, July 22 and arrive home on Monday, July 23. Lodging will need to be found for the evening of July 22.

Members may register online with Black Hills Corvette Classic. The Classic includes miscellaneous events, banquet, Poker Run, Main Street event. Jerry Craig will put a link on the club website. (Attempts to Google the Classic website have been unsuccessful to date.)

Museum Events - C5-C6 Birthday Bash will be held from April 26-28. The C4 gathering will be held from May 3-5. Bill Dotson will leave on Wednesday, May 2. Marty Dooley has a list of hotels for museum gatherings.

Carl Ballinger reported that the 15th Anniversary celebration of the Corvette Museum will be held Labor Day week-end in 2009. Carl and Sharon are event planners and will meet this April to begin the planning process.

Dessert – Thanks to Marty and Judy Dooley for providing this month's cake. The cake for the March meeting will be brought by Jeff and Patty Craig.

50/50 Raffle

Frank Ashmore won \$66.00 in the 50/50 raffle. Thanks to everyone for generously purchasing tickets. Jean and Bev DuPont won a yellow monogrammed car blanket. June Fain won a plush Rich Luebcke talking "Mini-Me".

In closing, Bill Dotson thanked everyone for attending. Patty Craig reminded members to sign up for the Valentine brunch.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 6th. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Rich Luebcke with a second by Charlie Miget. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hagenow

St. Louis Corvette Club
Statement of Accounts

Treasurer Report submitted by: Jerry Fain

<u>Balance</u>	Jan. 20,2007	\$
<u>Income:</u>		
	Val. Day brunch	\$560.00
	Membership dues	\$75.00
	50/50 Monies	\$66.00
	Blankets (A. Craig)	\$36.00
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Disbursements:

Newsletter (Mike Price)	\$14.89
SLCC State License fee	\$25.00
Flowers (Ballinger)	\$58.86
R.Ruengert (50/50 tickets)	\$4.96
NCCC	\$90.00
Val. Day brunch	\$403.34
Midwest Monograms (blankets)	\$687.83

<u>Club End. Bal.</u>	Feb. 20, 2007	\$
VA Fund (incl. in End. Bal.)		\$25.00



THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE - 2007

MARCH, 2007

Date	Restaurant	Location	Phone No.
3/01	Lazy River Grill	631 Big Bend Rd.	636-207-1689
3/08	Joe Boccardi's	117 S. Main Street, Columbia, IL	618-281-6700
3/15	Rich & Charlies	4487 Lemay Ferry Rd.	314-487-2681
3/22	Taylor's	1027 W. Main Street, Imperial, MO	636-461-2240
3/29	Frailey's Grill	4329 Butler Hill Road	314-892-1866

Chris & Bob Woods

APRIL, 2007

Date	Restaurant	Location	Phone No.
4/05	Applebee's Fenton	673 Gravois Bluff	636-305-1735
4/12	Culpepper's Arnold	22 Arnold Mall	636-282-5730
4/19	Nicoletti's	1366 Big Bend Square (Big Bend & 141)	636-225-4222
4/26	Concord Grill	11427 Concord Village Ave.	314-849-5239

Judy and Marty Dooley

Here's the trivia for the next newsletter:

1. What was the alphanumeric code for the Silver Anniversary Corvette:
 - a. RPO BKZ
 - b. RPO B2Z
 - c. RPO 025
 - d. RPO 025

2. The L82 of 1978 gave you what?
 - a. 220-hp
 - b. 185-hp
 - c. 350-hp
 - d. 190-hp

3. What bargain-basement priced suspension package was offered in 1974?
 - a. FG7
 - b. FE7
 - c. C7
 - d. F41

4. In 1971, which special performance packages listed below are correctly matched to their respective optional engines?
 - a. ZR2 with LS6
 - b. ZR1 with LS7
 - c. Z06 with LS1
 - d. ZR1 with LT1
 - e. Z06 with LS6

5. On March 15, 1977 another production milestone was reached in St. Louis. What total had they reached in Corvettes built?
 - a. 300,000
 - b. 250,000
 - c. 500,000
 - d. 1,000,000

Answers: 1 - b, 2 - a, 3 - b, 4 - a & d, 5 - c



The Black Hills Corvette Classic website is now updated and registration forms are now available! If you are planning on participating in a racing event, there is now an additional registration form to fill out and send in. This will save you time at registration in Spearfish. If you have any questions, please let us know! Thanks, and we hope to see you in July!

13th ANNUAL



Corvette Cup

to benefit the Central-Missouri Dream Factory

Saturday April 14, 2007

**- New & Exciting Location
Holiday Inn Select**

Interstate 70 at Stadium Blvd. Columbia, Missouri 65203 573-445-8531
You must mention "Group Block Code CC7"

★ Pre-Registration: \$20.00 ★ Registration After April 7, 2007: \$30.00
Pre-Registration includes: Saturday Evening Meal for Two - One Event T-Shirt
Car Show, Door Prizes, 50/50 Drawing, Benefit auction, Etc. Etc. Etc.

Make Checks Payable to: **MMCC** Mail to: **MMCC** PO Box 7256 Columbia, MO 65205-7256

Class 1 1953-1962
Class 2 1963-1967
Class 3 1968-1977
Class 4 1978-1982
Class 5 1984-1996 Convertible
Class 6 1984-1996 Coupe

Special Awards
Cleanest Corvette
Club Participation
Long Distance
Best of Show
Dream Factory Kids Choice

Class 7 1997-2004 Conv.
Class 8 1997-2004 Cpe.
Class 9 2005-2007
Class 10 Modified-Custom
Host Class A 1953-1982
Host Class B 1984-2007

Information: Mary Watson 573-886-6115 Wayne McCoy 573-443-2722

Registration Form

www.midmccorvetteclub.com

Club Affiliation: _____ Year of Corvette: _____

Name: _____ Color & Model: _____

Address: _____ eMail: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____ Event Shirt: **L XL**

SMALL GMP

FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY

Registration
Number: _____

Spouse/Guest Name: _____

2006 Accomplishments

Information about YOUR National Corvette Museum

- Museum membership surpassed 27,000 by end of year.
- Reduced debt by \$765,000.
- Master Plan for the building addition completed and unveiled.
- Building Campaign reached \$2.4 million in pledges and donations.
- Corvette Store sales exceeded \$3 million.
- Held nine Corvette raffles generating over \$1.4 million.
- Generated over \$250,000 in build sheet/window sticker sales.
- NCM eNews subscriber list grew to over 34,000.
- Delivered over 1,100 new Corvettes through the R8C Museum Delivery Program with a milestone of 5,000 deliveries since the program's inception in 1995; conducted over 50 NCM Xperience deliveries.
- In conjunction with the Corvette Assembly Plant, started the "Buyers Tour" program offering customers the opportunity to watch their Corvette being built.
- Successfully executed eight on-site events, co-hosted eight ALMS Corvette Corrals and conducted two High Performance Driving Schools.
- Welcomed 26 Corvette clubs for weekend "club visits."
- Participated in over 70 shows throughout the country thanks to NCM Ambassadors, volunteers and staff.
- Received a \$1.3 million donation bequest—largest in the Museum's history—and donation of a 1962 and a 1995 Corvette.
- Two internally produced DVDs (*Corvette Racing 2006 Season* and *2006 Hall of Fame*) received first place NAAMY Awards in Excellence at the National Association of Automotive Museums Conference.
- Implemented new shopping cart system on the Corvette Store website.
- Updated all exhibits with new reader boards.
- Added two interactive displays to the Engineering Area.

... and 2007 Goals

- Finalize phase plan on Museum building addition and raise \$250,000 towards the Building Campaign.
- Open registration for the 2009 Corvette Caravan.
- Capture 900,000 build sheets and other key documents to electronic storage.
- Deliver over 1,000 Corvettes through the R8C Museum Delivery Program. Welcome 75 NCM Xperience and 200 Buyer's Tour program guests.
- Successfully execute nine onsite events, two High Performance Driving Schools, our second Performance Tour to Pratt and Miller and the GM Proving Grounds, and coordinate eleven ALMS Corvette Racing corrals.
- Generate \$1.5 million from Corvette raffle fundraisers.
- Redesign website to provide more information and assistance as a greater resource to our Members.
- Implement a customer service lobby kiosk for brick searches, eNews sign on and other guest interaction.
- Install "Pit Crew Challenge" interactive exhibit.
- Corvette Store Sales to exceed \$3.2 million.
- Add 2,300 new members.
- NCM eNews subscriber growth to exceed 60,000 subscribers.

Proposed revisions to the St. Louis Corvette Club By-Laws

Article I Section 3: Club Name and Logo (New Section)

The club name, Saint Louis Corvette Club, and logo are the property of the club. Neither the club name nor logo can be displayed in any format or medium or be changed without Board approval. Examples of formats and mediums include, but are not limited to: clothing, banners, decals, hats, stationery, website, advertisements and gifts. Any use of the club name and/or logo prior to January 1, 2007 was acceptable. Any changes or additional uses of the club logo or name after January 1, 2007 must be approved by the Board.

Article II, Section 3: Sponsor, change to read:

A Chevrolet dealership is the preferred club sponsor. However, the club sponsor can be any individual or firm whose intent is to promote a common interest in the Corvette community. The sponsor will contribute a dollar amount to the General Fund on an annual basis. This amount will be mutually agreed to by the Board and the Sponsor. The Sponsor will be allowed free advertisement at all club sponsored events, on our website, on our business cards, and any other place as agreed by the Board and Sponsor. No advertisement or display of a competing company to the Sponsor will be allowed.

Delete Article X, Section 1 as it is incorporated into the revised Article II, Section 3 above.

Article VI Section 11 - revise to read “A Charities Chairperson may be appointed by the Board” rather than “shall be appointed”...

Article VI Section 12 - revise to read “An Activities Chairperson may be appointed by the Board” rather than “shall be appointed”...

Article VI Section 13 - revise to read “A By-Laws Chairperson may be appointed by the Board” rather than “shall be appointed”...



Valentine Brunch for the Valentines—yes it was a Family event and enjoyed by all.





Run to Fairmont and on to Bluesprings for some DINNNNARRRR



March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 • Gateway Classic Cars and Blue Spring	26	27	28	1+ • Thursday Nite Dinner	2+	3+
4+	5+	6+ • Club Meeting	7+	8+ • Thursday Nite	9+	10+
11+ • Daylight Savings Time Begins • Sunday Brunch at Gallagher's	12+	13+	14+	15+ • Thursday Nite	16+	17+ St. Patrick's Day
18+	19+	20+	21+	22+ • Thursday Nite	23+	24+ • Cruise to Wine Country
25+	26+	27+	28+	29+ • Thursday Nite	30+	31+
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1[±] April Fool's Day; Daylight Savings Time Begins	2 [±]	3 [±] • Monthly	4 [±]	5 [±] • Thursday Dinner	6 [±]	7 [±]
8[±] • Easter • Real Easter Show at the Munny	9 [±]	10 [±]	11 [±]	12 [±] • Thursday Dinner	13 [±]	14 [±]
15[±] • Cruise to Whitmond Hotel.	16 [±]	17 [±]	18 [±]	19 [±] • Thursday Dinner	20 [±]	21 [±]
22 [±]	23 [±]	24 [±]	25 [±]	26 [±] • NCM C5/C6 Bash • Thursday Dinner	27 [±] • NCM C5/C6 Bash	28 [±] • NCM C5/C6 Bash
29 [±]	30 [±]	1 • Monthly	2	3 • NCM C4/ZR1 Bash • Thursday Dinner	4 • NCM C4/ZR1 Bash	5
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday

Meeting Location

Hessler's Pub
11804 Tesson Ferry

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

Next meeting

TUESDAY FEBRUARY
6TH
@ 7 PM

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

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