

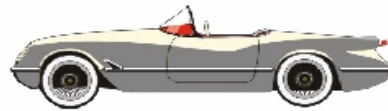
St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News


November, 2007

Next Meeting Nov.6, 2007





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National Council of Corvette Clubs

www.corvettesnccc.org

National Corvette Museum

www.corvettemuseum.com

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www.boontrailcc.com

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www.jackschmitt.com

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www.occofstl.com

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www.route66corvetteclub.com

**ON THE COVER— A MOTLEY
CREW AT EUREKA SPRINGS**

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.

President's Greeting:

It's hard to believe the upcoming meeting is the last formal meeting of the year. Where has the time gone? What a great time we had in Eureka Springs, except for the ¼ inch x 1 inch bolt that punctured my right rear tire (it couldn't have been the smaller, less expensive front tire). The weather was warm and the roads were curvy and the patched tire made it back to St. Louis.

The November meeting is a very important one in that the slate of candidates for next year's club officers will be elected. During the October 2nd meeting the ballot was finalized. So get out and vote!

Also on November 10 we will be participating in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis. This parade has always been well attended by our club and other veteran's organizations. Unfortunately, there seems to be more people IN the parade than WATCHING it. Let's try to make a good showing.


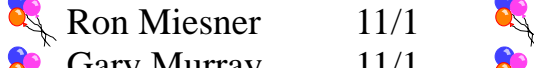
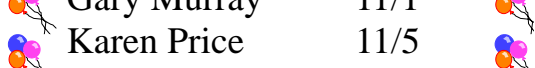



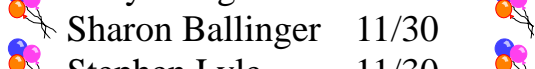










We will also be discussing the upcoming Christmas party and how we want to distribute the toys we collect.



























Fall has finally arrived so there should be plenty of opportunities to enjoy both our Corvettes and the weather. Just remember to watch out for the other guy and drive safely. I look forward to seeing everyone at the November 6 meeting.

Bill Dotson
President, St. Louis Corvette Club

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

	Ron Miesner	11/1	
	Gary Murray	11/1	
	Karen Price	11/5	
	June Huch	11/15	
	Ron Huch	11/16	
	Mark Shipley	11/23	
	Nancy Bivens	11/28	
	Patty Craig	11/28	
	Sharon Ballinger	11/30	
	Stephen Lyle	11/30	

							
	Richard & Nancy Bivens	11/2					
	Frank & Terry Ashmore	11/22					
							

St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting

October 2, 2007 – Pietro's Bluffs



The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Bill Dotson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Bill welcomed everyone and introduced board members and current committee chairpersons. Club sponsor Mike Dean from Lynch Hummer was not in attendance. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet and various event sheets.

Announcements

Jim and Jackie Goggins are the proud new owners of a yellow '07 Z06, purchased from Lynch Hummer. Don and Angie Bradford have purchased an '08 yellow convertible. Congratulations to both couples!

Guests

Bill welcomed David and Glenda Davidson from Arnold. They own four Corvettes – a '62 red FI, a white '62, a '70 LT1 coupe, and an '06 red convertible. Also visiting were Dale and Susan Van Deven. They are the proud owners of a 2000 yellow coupe (previously enjoyed by Charlie and Jackie Miget). The Van Devens' second car is an '05 black coupe, purchased from Lynch. Michelle Paillou introduced her longtime friend Marie who was visiting from Los Angeles.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Luebcke made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented in the October newsletter. Chris Woods seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Secretary's Report

Theresa Luebcke noted corrections to be made to the September minutes. Carl Ballinger was incorrectly identified as the National Council of Corvette Clubs ambassador. Carl's correct title is that of governor. Jean DuPont made a motion to accept the minutes from the September 4, 2007 meeting as corrected. June Fain provided the second to the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Membership Report

Patty Craig reported that there are 71 club members, 4 mailing members, and 1 honorary member. September birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Patty reminded everyone that annual dues are now payable. Dues are \$75 per couple (\$40 STLCC, \$35 NCCC). Members who joined in recent months (Anths, Howards, Wilsons, Dahmans) owe \$55 each for the coming year as they were overcharged at the time of their initial payment. Patty also shared a thank you card from the Dave Ehrhard family for flowers sent by the club upon the recent passing of Dave's mother.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that the museum will begin recognizing clubs for special achievements involving the museum. Recognition will be given for best club newsletter, for club fundraisers that benefit the museum, and for the largest percentage of member growth to the museum.

A life size "create your own" Corvette Wall Decal is available for purchase. See Judy for details. It was noted that 2000+ GM jobs will be transferred to Bowling Green in 2012 with the production lines for the Saturn Sky and the Pontiac Solstice. Judy will make a club ornament for the museum's Christmas tree. See Judy to purchase your \$10 raffle tickets for the victory red '08 convertible to be raffled at the museum on April 26, 2008.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Carl Ballinger reminded everyone of the Route 66 Speed Events to be held October 13 and 14. Tammy Walker and Peggy Craig plan to participate. Carl's last meeting as governor will be November 10. Rich Luebcke will take over as governor. Please pay dues promptly as Carl must pay NCCC dues at the November 10th Governor's meeting.

Website Report

Jerry Craig commented that visitors to our website have been very complimentary about the website format.

Sponsor's Report

Not available.

Past Events

September 8 – OCC Charity Poker Run

Patty Craig reported that it was a good day, approximately a 150 mile drive in the rain.

September 9 – Fritz's Frozen Custard Run

A good turnout accompanied by gnats, gnats, and more gnats.

September 16 – Road Rally and annual Club Picnic at Klondike Park in Augusta, Missouri

Jeff Craig thanked the Bradfords for their help in planning the event. Carl and Pat Cox won the Road Rally, Charlie and Jackie Miget won second place, Peggy Craig and passenger finished in last.

September 22 - Funfest

Marty Dooley reported that 27 club cars and 1 car from Indiana participated along with 14,000+ Corvettes. Those present were able to register for the 2008 Funfest at no charge. Anyone not yet registered for the 2008 Funfest will need to pay a \$20 registration fee. Marty also commented on his one day roundtrip drive to the Pace Car Reunion at the museum.

Future Events

October 4 – 7 – Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend in Eureka Springs, Arkansas

Those going should verify their departure time with Carl Ballinger. Thursday departure will be from the McDonald's at Six Flags in Eureka at 9 a.m. on Thursday, October 4th. An event list is available though the midnight run has been cancelled.

October 7, Sunday – Fritz's Frozen Custard Run

Peggy Craig is event coordinator. Meet at 6 p.m. at Fritz's – 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park, near Big Bend and 141.

October 13, Saturday – Sponsor's car show at Lynch Hummer.

11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Meet in the parking lot near Sonic on the south side of Hwy 40 at 10:30. We will proceed en masse to Lynch. Check e-mail and website for additional information. Food will not be provided. A good turnout is encouraged to support our sponsor.

October 20, Saturday – Hayride and bonfire at Greensfelder Park

Don and Angie Bradford are event coordinators. Meet at Eureka High School at 2:30, will arrive at Greensfelder Park at approximately 4:15. Hayride is scheduled for 5 p.m. See flyers for additional information. Bring your own roasting sticks for hot dogs/marshmallows.

October 21, Sunday – Run to Dreamland Palace (German Restaurant) in Foster Pond, Illinois via Bluff Road

Ron and Carol Miesner are event coordinators. Meet at noon at the South County Hooters/Home Depot parking lot off of Lindbergh. A reminder will be sent via e-mail.

October 28, Sunday - Fritz's Frozen Custard Run

Peggy Craig is event coordinator. Meet at 6 p.m. at Fritz's – 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park, near Big Bend and 141.

November 3, Saturday – Boone Trail Corvette Club Liver Walk and Car Show in Forest Park

Gary Murray is event coordinator. Would like to have 50 cars participate – car display, not car show. No cost to car participants. Meet in the Forest Park parking lot by 8:30 a.m. An e-mail reminder will be sent. Sign-up sheet is available.

November 10, Saturday – Veteran's Day Parade in downtown St. Louis.

Rick Frierdich is event coordinator. Sign up if not already done at the September meeting. Car flags can be gotten prior to the November 6th meeting – let Rick know if you need a flag(s). Information regarding meeting place will be posted. Ron Miesner asked about changing the club radio frequency. Randy Howard will bring a list of radio channels to the November meeting.

December 14, Friday – Club Christmas Party at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center, 13366 West Watson Road, St. Louis 63127. 6–11 p.m. (Note: There is no regular business meeting in December.) A sign up sheet is available. The banquet center is handicapped accessible. \$25 per person includes buffet dinner and cash bar. Payment should be given to Jerry Fain by Friday, December 7th. Bring new, unwrapped toys to the party – these will be given to an area children's hospital, along with the child-sized battery operated Corvette and Hummers being provided by Lynch.

Old Business

Nominations – Per the by-laws, a slate of candidates for office is to be presented at the October club meeting with election taking place at the November meeting. A slate of candidates was not secured prior to tonight's meeting therefore president Bill Dotson opened the floor to nominations for the positions of president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and membership chair. Roger Ruengert had previously agreed to continue as Sergeant-at-Arms. The following slate of candidates was decided upon: President – Bill Dotson, Vice President – Ron Hagenow, Secretary – Mary Ann Hagenow, Treasurer – Sara Gibson, Membership – Angie Bradford, Sergeant-At-Arms – Roger Ruengert. Voting will take place at the November 6th meeting. Annual dues must be paid prior to voting.

Club pins – Extra pins are available for purchase at \$5 each. A few pins still need to be delivered to current members.

VA Hospital – Ron Miesner reminded the membership that patients at the VA hospital are in need of sweatshirts for the coming months and asked about authorization of funds for purchase of same. Bill Dotson said that the board can authorize payment for this type of purchase – a membership vote is not needed.

Club banner – We now have two new smaller banners in addition to our larger banner. The club website and sponsor's name have been added to the banners. All banners are available for display at club events and event coordinators and all members are encouraged to make arrangements to bring a banner along to club gatherings.

New Business

Thursday Night Dinners – June Huch will not be continuing as dinner coordinator. Bob Woods suggested eliminating the Thursday dinners due to low attendance. Judy Dooley suggested the idea of planning a Sunday brunch each month. It was decided that brunches will be planned for the 3rd Sunday of each month at 1:30 p.m. beginning in January 2008. A sign-up list will be provided at the November meeting for monthly brunch coordinators. Bob Woods announced that the Thursday dinner on October 4th would be cancelled because it conflicts with members traveling to Eureka Springs.

Charities – Members discussed making a contribution to the Forest Park Liver Walk. Theresa Luebcke made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the Liver Walk. (A second to the motion was not noted.)

making a donation to the Autism Walk to be held on Saturday, October 13th. After discussion, Sara Gibson made a motion to donate \$500 to the Autism Walk. Rich Luebcke seconded the motion that was voted on and approved by the membership.

Several ideas for club charities were shared including the 100 Neediest Cases as presented in the Post-Dispatch. Bill Dotson said that he will contact someone regarding donations to the 100 Neediest Cases. Other ideas included the Diabetes Foundation and contacting hospitals or local stores that maintain lists of people in need. Charlie Miget reminded everyone that club donation checks need to be made payable to specific organizations, not churches or individuals. Jan Murray suggested asking for members' input regarding charities to sponsor in 2008. Members could then vote on the charities they would like to donate club funds to.

Vettes on the Rockies – July 31–August 3, 2008

Judy Dooley said that members interested in making this trip should e-mail her and she will send hotel information for Beaver Run Resorts and Conference Center (1-800-525-2253). Reservations made now will be at this year's prices. Plans are to leave St. Louis on Wednesday morning and be back in St. Louis on Monday. Registration fee for 1 car (2 people, includes two dinners) is \$190.

Missouri road maps and 2008 NCM calendars – See Marty Dooley.

50/50 Raffle

Carl Ballinger won \$76 in the evening's 50/50 drawing. Thanks to all members for purchasing tickets.

Dessert – Thanks to Mike and Karen Price for bringing this month's dessert. Ron and June Huch will provide the November cake. Thanks to everyone for signing up for 2008 desserts – all months are taken.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, November 6th at Pietro's Bluffs, 515 Mae Court, Fenton, Missouri 63026.

Rich Luebcke moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Les Gibson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hagenow

St. Louis Corvette Club

Statement of Accounts

Treasurer Report submitted by: Jerry
Fain

<u>Balance</u>	Sept. 20,2007	\$
<u>Income:</u>		
	Membership dues	\$0.00
	50/50 Monies	\$76.00
	X-mas Party	\$425.00
		<u>\$</u>

Disbursements:

Newsletter (Mike Price)	\$21.10
Dierberg's (Ehrhard flowers)	\$37.12
Patty Craig-Picnic food, etc.	\$308.97
R. Ruengert(50/59 tickets)	\$4.96
Gillans Graphics(revise banner)	\$10.00
American Liver Foundation	\$1,000.00
Autism Speaks	\$500.00

<u>Club End. Bal.</u>	Oct. 20, 2007	\$
VA Fund (incl. in End. Bal.)		\$50.00



National Corvette Museum

Judy Dooley - Ambassador

The National Corvette Museum is working on a 42,000 square foot expansion. Included will be - a new Library and archives, a permanent Corvette Hall of Fame, a 50 seat Corvette Cafe", a 400 seat Conference Center, an expanded Gift Shop and a larger Delivery area. There will also be more exhibits and displays in the new area to be built.

Something new in the Corvette Store - Customized banners for you to display your car. They come in various sizes, with your car on them. Please check with NCM store for more details. (corvettemuseum.com - or call 800-53 VETTE)

Governors Report

Here we are rapidly approaching the end of another great year for the St. Louis Corvette Club.

With that in mind everyone needs to be sure to pay their club dues no later than the November meeting. This will assure your voting privileges for the upcoming election and it also will save you money for your club dues. I must renew all current members dues at the November Governors meeting on November 10. If you have not paid your dues by the November meeting you will be considered a new member and you will have to pay the additional \$10 for a new membership.

Our club will be furnishing the munchies for the Friday night hospitality room at the Nov.9-10 Governors meeting. Anyone interested in helping with this can call me or see me at the Nov. meeting. There are many meetings Friday evening/night for the NCCC national/regional officers, committees, etc. and the hospitality room is there to provide refreshments during and after the meetings conclude. I am told the room should be ready by 7:30 – 8:00 PM. This could be a late evening (11-12 PM) by the time everyone has their munchies and the room is cleaned up. We will be providing the food only as the NCCC provides soda, beer and wine. Anyone may attend the hospitality room so if you want to meet some fellow NCCC Corvette members from other regions of the country this would be a good opportunity to do so.

Our club speed racers (Peggy and Tammy) again represented our club at the recent NCCC speed events held by the Route 66 Corvette Club. Both were racing their new C5's this year - wonder how they compare these cars to their older C4's.

As most people know I will be stepping down as the NCCC Governor at the end of this year. Rich Luebecke has stepped forward to volunteer for this position – I am sure

Rich will do a great job. Lets all wish him well and support him in any way possible.

Save the Wave,

Carl Ballinger

Dues Payment

This is a reminder that club dues will be due at the November business meeting which will be on November 6th. Dues are \$75 for a couple or \$40 for an individual. Part of this money goes to the National Council of Corvette Clubs and this payment must go to them in November. If you know you will not be at the November meeting, please see Patty Craig (email pattysandberg@yahoo.com) to make alternate arrangements. You must have paid your dues in order to vote for the upcoming slate of officers. Voting for new officers will take place at the November meeting.

St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Christmas Party

The annual Christmas party will be held on Friday, December 14th, beginning at 6:00pm. It will be held at the Sunset Lakes Banquet Center, 13366 W Watson Rd, Sappington, MO 63127-1923. This is south of I-270 between Gravois and I-44, near Tapawingo Golf Course. The cost of the dinner is \$25 per person, which can be paid at the October or November meeting. Menu plans have not been finalized as of yet. There will be cash bar available. As we have in past years, if you would like to donate a new unwrapped toy, these will be collected and given to one of the children's hospitals or Toys for Tots. For those new members, this is the one time of the year where we dress up and enjoy each other's company and reflect on the past events of the year. There is no regular business meeting in December, only this Christmas Party.

Eureka Springs Arkansas – Corvette Weekend
– Trip Report by “Newbie” members

First off, we want to say thanks to those St. Louis Corvette Club folks that we know of, who helped to plan and coordinate this wonderful trip; Carl & Sharon Ballenger for being the originators and “wagon masters” and Patty Craig for setting up Friday night dinner at Gaskin’s Cabin Restaurant. Also we like to say a big thanks to those friendly members who introduced themselves to us “newbies” and made us to feel included.

That said, a little about the tour...

It started off with an early Thursday morning assembly at the Eureka, MO - McDonald’s for coffee and good Corvette conversation. The tour started on time and quickly advanced to a rest stop just outside of Springfield. What a great idea it is that this club uses those small walkie-talkies on channel 6.6 to keep its touring groups together!

Just south of Springfield, we and Bill Dotson and Pam Bircher decided to split from the main group for a mid after noon meal at Lambert’s Café. Man, those “thrown rolls” are really good. 8-)

After that filling meal, Pam and Bill led us down the back way, through some very scenic roads to Eureka Springs, AR. Later that evening we toured the back streets of Eureka Springs residential areas with the Vette’s top down. Beautiful historic homes, warm fall evening, very friendly people...

On Friday morning we took the Open air Tram tour which gave us a lot of historical background and information on the streets we drove and homes that we saw the evening before. Later, we purchased an all day pass for the Trolley transportation system and used it to tour the town and avoid the parking hassle.

And, on Friday evening we dined with, among others, members Bill and Pam, and Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow at Gaskin’s Cabin. A wonderful time!

Saturday featured scenic drive with 10 Vettes to the War Eagle Grist Mill and then with another sub set of that group, on a scenic drive to Beaver Lake. Such great Vette roads!

After a late afternoon Mexican restaurant lunch, we crashed by our Days Inn pool for some down time.

Sunday was going home time. Since Sue and I took our time getting up and packed, we left later than the STLCC group. No problems with the Vette thou! A great drive home in a great driving machine.

Ken & Sue Dahman

’07 Monterey Red Convertible

Ps. We have already booked a room at Beaver Run for next year’s tour to Breckinridge CO.



BEAVER LAKE

EUREKA SPRINGS



TRIP TO DREAMLAND—GREAT PICTURE OF OUR VISITORS-YOU KNOW MONIQUE AND UNIQUE



THIS PICTURE WAS TITLED "THE COLD GROUP" - LAST FRITZ'S RUN OF THE YEAR



AND THEY NEVER CAME BACK



THE LADIES OF RACING-DOING IT



ANOTHER PROUD NEW OWNER—GLAD TO SEE HE GOT THE COLOR RIGHT

AND NOW A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR— HUMMER

Sponsored By:



Meeting Location

Pietro's

Directions:

South of 141 on Highway 30
Turn at Valley Dell Stop Light

Next meeting

TUESDAY Nov. 6th
@ 7 PM

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



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