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DON'T LOOK BUT THEY'RE DOING IT AGAIN— COLORADO—2005 THEN AND PICS TO COME

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.

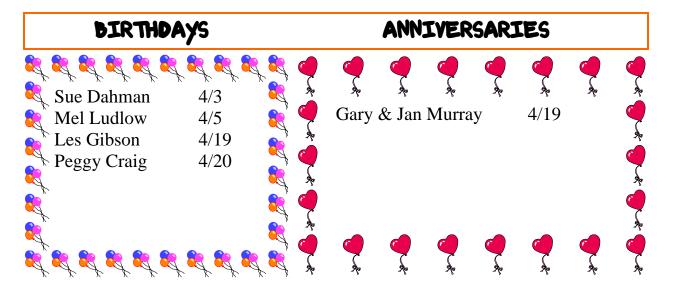
President's Greeting:

A big "THANK YOU" goes out to all of those members who helped in the planning and execution of the Lynch Hummer / St. Louis Corvette Club / Pujols Family Foundation father/son/mother/daughter event. As Mike Dean said, "This is what Lynch Hummer was expecting from the relationship between the dealership and our club".

We must now focus our attention to our next major effort, the Garden Clean Up at the VA Medical Center, Jefferson Barracks Spinal Cord Unit on April 19. Volunteers are needed to plant flowers and plants, spread mulch and provide personal support to our Veterans. This will be our 4th year taking care of the garden and I know everyone who has been involved, from our membership to our Veterans, appreciates and enjoys our efforts.

Now that spring has arrived we can turn our attention to the open road. Just be sure your windshield wipers are in working order. And remember, water will not melt a Corvette so get out and enjoy.

Bill Dotson President, St. Louis Corvette Club



St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting



March 11, 2008 - Sunset Lakes Banquet Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president Bill Dotson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Bill welcomed everyone and introduced board members. All committee chairpersons were present as were National Corvette Museum ambassador Judy Dooley, NCCC governor Rich Luebcke, and club sponsor Mike Dean from Lynch Hummer. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet and purchase 50/50 tickets.

Guests

Guests Larry and Beth Burmeister were welcomed. The Burmeisters recently acquired a 2007 blue convertible. They also have a 1990 turquoise Indy Festival Corvette. Bill Dotson noted that invitations to our meetings have been extended via the club website to various individuals who have expressed a recent interest in learning more about our club.

Correspondence

Thank you notes from Rick Frierdich and Pat and Carl Cox were read. Rick thanked everyone for the support given during his hospitalization and continuing recovery following heart surgery. Pat and Carl thanked everyone for the various expressions of sympathy upon the recent death of Pat's father, Al Metivier.

Treasurer's Report

Jean Dupont made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented in the March newsletter. Jerry Fain provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Secretary's Report

Ruth Howard made a motion to accept the minutes from the February 5, 2008 meeting as published in the March newsletter. Gary Murray provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Membership Report

Angie Bradford reported that there are currently 70 members. March birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Members were asked if anyone needed a club nametag but none were needed.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that she had not received recent information from the museum concerning purchase of family memberships at the individual member price. She apologized for not having this information to pass on to members. The deadline for ordering museum groundbreaking "hard hats" has passed. Judy said that some hats will be available in the museum store. She reminded members that \$10 raffle tickets are still available for the victory red '08 convertible to be given away at the museum on April 26.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Rich Luebcke reminded everyone that the Governors' meeting is held quarterly at Westport in St. Louis. He also told everyone that NCCC offers college scholarships. The deadline for scholarship applications is May 1, 2008. Mike Yaeger of Mid America Motorworks is the main sponsor of NCCC's organization for youth under age 16 – Future Corvette Owners Association (FCOA). Yaeger donates membership cards and patches that are given to FCOA members for a one-time \$5 membership fee. Mike Yaeger is also trying to get legislation passed that would establish June 30 as a National Day of Recognition for the Corvette.

Rich plans to submit our newsletter and club website for NCCC award consideration. Upcoming NCCC conventions: 2008 (*June 21-27*) – Tulsa, Oklahoma; 2009 (*August 7-14*) – Colorado Springs, Colorado; 2010 – Florida.

Website Report

Jerry Craig will be putting information on the website for 2-way radios and walkie-talkies. Bill Dotson asked Jerry to check a few items for possible corrections.

Sponsor's Report

Mike Dean, sales manager from club sponsor Lynch Hummer, reported on the upcoming off road event to be held on Sunday, March 30 at Lynch's Chesterfield location. The event will benefit the Albert Pujols Foundation for Down syndrome children. 250 people are expected to attend the event including families helped by the foundation, car club members, and Lynch Hummer staff. Lynch will have ten Hummers in use on the off-road course. Mike stressed that he needs a good turnout of Corvette members and encouraged the Corvette Club to arrive en masse at approximately 10:15. The front lot of the dealership will be cleared for club parking. In the event of rain, Mike can park 40 cars in the shop. He also suggested that a grand exit of Corvettes could be planned for around 2 p.m.

Club members are needed to help with grilling, food serving, youth games and activities. Mike asked for someone from the club with a good digital camera and printing equipment to take photos of the children in one of the Corvettes that will be placed on the showroom floor. The photos will need to be processed immediately and given to the children. (Carl Ballinger volunteered to do photos with Rich and Theresa Luebcke and Jerry Craig.) The off-road driving experience will only be available to the children and their families. The event is scheduled for 11-3. Lunch will be served from 12-1.

Several organizations have generously donated items for the event including Dierbergs and Schnucks supermarkets, Ted Drewes,, McAllisters Deli, Anheuser Busch, and Gus' Pretzels. Charcoal will be needed. Jerry Craig offered to bring speakers and sound system. Some members of the media have been contacted and it is hoped that representatives will be able to attend. Area celebrities may also be in attendance. Mike said that the dealership is committed to making this an annual event. Mike will be holding a planning meeting on March 19th with Pujols Foundation representatives. Information from that meeting will be passed on to Ron Hagenow and he will post pertinent news on the website prior to the March 30th event.

Mike mentioned that the Lynch website has a "bleak" listing of available Corvettes as he recently sent nine cars to Florida. Lynch has taken possession of the Toyota/Cadillac store. The new Toyota building is scheduled to be done in early April. The Cadillac store will close and come to Chesterfield Valley within the next five years.

Off-Road Event Committee

Ruth Howard shared additional information about the Lynch/Pujols Foundation event. Anheuser Busch is donating 144 stuffed "Shamu" toys. Marty Dooley is donating a large number of Hummer and Corvette Hot Wheels. Ruth said she is preparing to make 130 goody bags for the children who will be attending. Other donations have included bags from Laclede Gas, a blanket and gift certificate from Panera Bread, and car towels from Mid America Motorworks. Mid America is also offering Corvette bears for \$5 each. Ruth asked members to help by donating money to be used for purchasing the bears. Krispy Kreme is making a donation. Mike Price offered to pick up donuts at the Bowles Avenue location on the morning of the event. Applebees restaurants are donating utensil packets and McDonald's is donating condiment packets. Tammy Walker will provide a popcorn machine, Joe's Crab Shack will provide crayon packets. Responses have not yet been received from Sam's Club, Pepsi, and Coke.

Ruth asked club members to provide bagged cookies for a children's Cake Walk. Please put 4 cookies in individual Ziploc bags. Cookies should not have nuts for the safety of children with peanut/nut allergies. Bring cookies on the day of the event. Face painting will also be available for the children and help will be needed with this activity. Ruth and Tammy said that they are trying to get the St. Louis County DARE Corvette to attend as well.

Bill Dotson encouraged members wanting to help in some capacity to contact Ruth Howard and/or Tammy Walker to sign up.

Award/Gift Presentation

Bill Dotson presented Mike Dean with a club 2007 Event Sponsorship Award and thanked Mike for his continued support. He also gifted Mike with a club cooler and pair of can koozies, belated Christmas gifts as well as a club hat.

Charity Committee Report

Jan Murray provided ballots with names of charities for support consideration. Ballots were distributed and members were asked to select one charity from those listed. Bill Dotson reminded members that even though one charity would be voted on, special club events could still be scheduled to benefit a select charity.

Finance Committee Report

Sara Gibson explained the projected budget work that she and fellow committee members Randy Howard and Charlie Miget prepared. A spreadsheet was presented which detailed the average of club revenue/expenses for the last three years. The analysis showed that 2007 expenses were approximately \$2,000 more than income for the same year. A projected budget for 2008 was presented. The projection was based on a total membership of 80 including 35 couples and 10 individuals.

Past Events

Sunday, February 17 - Valentine Brunch

Thanks to Karen and Mike Price for organizing this event at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine. There was a good turn out and everyone enjoyed the location and food.

Five club members made a 2-car (one Vette, one steel) run to Mid America Motorworks' spring "sale"

Future Events

Note: There will be no Sunday Brunch scheduled in March.

Saturday, March 29 – Rain or shine trip to Hermann, MO Wurstfest

Jeff and Patty Craig are event coordinators. Jeff distributed a flyer with event details. Plan to meet at the commuter parking lot on Hwy 94/I-64 (from Hwy 94 S, turn right at the light, just past the entrance to I-64 East). Cars will leave the commuter lot promptly at 10:00 a.m. and will proceed to Hermann, MO with anticipated arrival at the Hermannhof Festhalle at approximately 11:00. Parking across the street (this is a large, gravel lot) from the Hermannhof Winery will be on a first come, first serve basis; group parking will not be available due to anticipated crowds at the event.

Saturday, March 29 – Gordon Killebrew Presentation

Event sponsored by Looking Glass car club. Killebrew will be available to go through C4 and late model C3s. Contact Bill Dotson for more information.

Sunday, March 30 – Lynch Hummer/Pujols Foundation Off-Road Event

Meet at 9:30 a.m. on the north side of Hwy 40 near the new bank, east of the Lynch Hummer dealership. The club will travel en masse to the dealership. Bring cookies (4 per individual bag) for the children's cookie walk. **Be sure to wear club shirts and name tags.** (*May plan to go somewhere for lunch after this event concludes in lieu of a March Sunday brunch.)

Monday-Tuesday, April 7-8 – 63-67 Vettes.com Old Route 66 Cruise

The organization "63-67 Vettes.com" is cruising old Route 66 from Chicago to LA. Their route will take them through St. Louis on April 7-8. They will be staying at the Drury Inn in Fenton, MO. We will attempt to set up a hospitality room for them. More details will be shared as they become available.

Saturday-Sunday, April 12-13 - Corvette Cup in Columbia, Missouri.

Gary Murray will email information on this event.

Saturday, April 19 - Garden Clean-Up at Jefferson Barracks Hospital Spinal Cord Unit.

More details to follow. Judy Dooley offered to donate flower bulbs from Dierberg's Floral Department.

Sunday, April 20 – Brunch

Jean and Beverly DuPont will coordinate this event. More information to follow.

Saturday, May 3 - Mid America Motorworks Swapfest in Effingham, Illinois

Friday or Saturday, May 30-31 – Tentative date for Grizzlies Baseball Game

Ron Hagenow will try to arrange a club outing on one of these dates. More information to follow.

Sunday-Tuesday, June 22 – 24 – Club trip to the National Corvette Museum

Marty and Judy Dooley are coordinating this event. Twenty four club cars are going as well as three cars from the Boone Trail Club, two cars from Indiana, and one car from Georgia. All spaces in the museum have been reserved for our club cars. Jerry and Armynta Craig will take delivery of their new car on Monday, June 23. The return trip to St. Louis will be on Tuesday, June 24. Let Marty know if you are going so that he can make room reservations.

July 31-August 3 – Vettes on the Rockies

Marty and Judy Dooley are event coordinators. Anyone interested in going is encouraged to register as soon as possible as registrations are limited. Registration may be done on-line and includes two dinners. Please specify on the registration form that you wish to be seated with the STLCC.

Old Business

Christmas gifts were presented to John and Beth Anth who were unable to attend the December party.

Jeff Craig brought samples of lettered window decals with the club name. Decals are \$5.45 each. He will have decals available for purchase at the Hermann Winery run as well as at the Lynch/Pujols Foundation off-road event on March 30. Decals are removable with a razor blade.

Bill Dotson verified that Peggy Craig has one of the small club banners and Marty Dooley has the other two banners. The banners will be displayed at the Lynch/Pujols Foundation event on March 30.

New Business

Bill Dotson shared information about a Looking Glass car club event featuring Gordon Killebrew. This will be the same day as our club's scheduled trip to Hermann, MO. Contact Bill if you would like more information on the Looking Glass event.

Charity Vote Results

Jan Murray announced that the charity selected for support by the club was the Jefferson Barracks Spinal Cord Unit.

Phone List Request

Peggy Craig asked if an updated club phone list could be provided. Angie Bradford will provide copies for everyone.

Announcements

Judy Dooley had a club sweatshirt for sale – transaction completed with another satisfied customer. Bill Dotson asked Marty Dooley about ordering club hats. Bob Woods modeled his new Corvette jacket for an admiring crowd.

50/50 Raffle

Guest Larry Burmeister drew his own ticket to win the evening's 50/50 raffle. He generously donated his winnings of \$76 to the club to purchase teddy bears for the children attending the Pujols Foundation Off-Road Event. Congratulations and thanks to Larry! Thanks to everyone for helping by purchasing tickets.

<u>Dessert</u> – Thanks to Les and Sara Gibson for bringing this month's cake. Pam Bircher has volunteered to provide the April dessert.

Peggy Craig moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Rich Luebcke. The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m. at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center. Doors will open at 5:30 and buffet will be served at 6:00 for those interested in eating prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hagenow

Club End. Bal. March 21, 2008

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Balance	February 19, 2008	•	\$
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Our first cruise will be on Saturday, March 29th. We will be travelling to Hermann, MO for the Hermannhof Festhalle at the Hermannhof Winery. We will leave from the commuter lot off of Hwy 94/I-64 at 9:30am. This is the lot we've used in the past so most should be familiar with it. Coming from Hwy 94, turn right at the light just past the entrance to I-64 East. We will leave the lot at 10:00am. The direction we will take to Hermann will be different than in past years. Exiting the lot, turn right on the Outer Rd then turn left on Hwy 94 North. Turn left onto I-64 West to I-70 West. Exit at Hwy B (exit 188). Turn left on Hwy B, then turn right on Hwy 94. Turn left on Hwy 19 crossing the bridge into Herman. Turn left on First St and proceed into town. There is a parking lot across the street from the Hermannhof Winery but we will probably not be able to park together because of the popularity of the event. Additional parking is throughout the town. It will be a perfect way to use your club coolers to bring home some sausage and wine. Event is sponsored by Jeff and Patty Craig. If you need anything further please email Patty at pattysandberg@yahoo.com. Remember to bring your walk-abouts so we can keep in touch with each other.

The following day, March 30th, is the Albert Pujols Foundation Car Rally at our club sponsor, Lynch Hummer. This is going to be a very big and exciting event so we need everyone's participation. We plan to meet at the bank near Lynch (sorry I can't remember the name right now). Lynch's address is 17371 North Outer Forty Rd, Chesterfield, MO. When you take the exit at Boone's Crossing turn right and then at the "T" intersection, turn right again rather than left to Lynch. The bank is on that corner. That will make it easier to line up for our entrance to Lynch. You need to be at the bank parking lot at 9:30am. There are going to be several hundred children/parents there for this event and our duties will be to show our cars and help with the many events planned. If you were at the meeting I won't go over the details again but there will be a lot going on. We still need assistance in several areas as follows: food servers, cake walk, coloring room and popcorn helpers. Myself and about 4 others have already volunteered to do the cooking so if you were one of those you might want to bring cooking utensils just in case Mike doesn't have enough. We will be doing face painting and Karen Price and Tammy from Sunset Lakes have volunteered to do that. If you are able to volunteer for any of these areas, please contact Ruth Howard at rhoward15@charter.net. Also, we need cookies for the cake walk. If you want to make cookies, or buy them, it would help greatly if you could put 4 cookies in a zip lock bag so that part would be done for the cake walk. Some children may have allergies so please do not use anything that uses nuts in the cookies. If you need anything further information please contact Ruth. And a special thanks goes to Mike Dean for initiating this event and to Ruth Howard and Tammy Walker to their help getting all the details worked out and soliciting the many donations to support this event.

One long range event that we need to finalize is our trip to the Museum to help Jerry Craig celebrate the delivery of his 2008 coupe. There has already been several emails sent concerning this. If you are planning on attending and have not contacted Marty Dooley at 314-894-0303 or imdooley6493@aol.com, you must do so by Monday, March 17th. The rooms that were blocked out for us are all taken but the hotel says they will honor the special rate if you call then in the next several days. Again this is the Super 8 Motel and their number is 270-781-4900. At this time we have 30 cars going on this event.

Several other upcoming or potential events are as follows:

Meet with the 63-67 Vettes.com folks when they come through St. Louis on April 7-8

Possible Gateway Grizzlies' Game in June

VA Hospital Cleanup on April 19

Sunday Brunch to Diamond Mineral Springs on April 20

Armed Forces Day Parade in St. Peters May 17

Vettes on the Rockies July 31-Aug 3

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Ron



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National Corvette Museum Judy Dooley - Ambassador

HISTORIC MOTORAMA II, Kicking off GM's 100th Anniversary Celebration



Sept. 10-13, the NCM will host the HISTORIC MOTORAMA II featuring one Corvette from each model year, 1953 - 2008, on a three-day journey filled with activities from departure in Bowling Green, Kentucky, to arrival in Detroit, Michigan, in time for the kick-off of GM's 100th Anniversary festvities.

The Museum is now accepting entries to be included in the selection to be a Motorama participant. Selection will take place on Thursday, May 1. If selected, the cost to participateis \$500 oer car (2 people per car) and includes 2 event shirts, a commenorative license plate, car flag, and event brick with certificate of participation, along with meals and refreshments from various route sponsors. Participants are responsible for lodging and transportation cost. The selection is open to NCM members only --- any remaining slots will be opened to nonmembers after May 1. Entries must include your mane and address along with year, photo and info on the entry car --- only original (or close-to-stock) entries please. The \$500 participation fee will be due seven days from the drawing date.

Please e-mail Adam Boca at: adam@corvettemuseum.com to be incuded in the selection process.

What a chance to be a part of Corvett's 55 years of production, and to be a part of GM's 100th Anniversary celebration! We have friends / club members that were part of the 1st (50th) Motorama, and they had a wonderful

THIS WAS A LITTLE BETTER—THE THEME WAS PAST PARADE MARSHALLS AT THE VET DAY PARADE





VETTES ON THE ROCKIES July 31st - August 3rd, 2008 Beaver Run Resort - Host Hotel Breckenridge, Colorado 35th Anniversary I

Looking Glass Corvette Association and Purifoy Chevrolet welcome you to Summit County, Colorado for our 35th Anniversary Vettes on the Rockies.

The weekend will be filled with new activities, entertainment, parties, food, surprises, and the opportunity to see your old friends and meet new Corvetters from around the country.

Our host hotel is, once again, the premier Beaver Run Resort and Conference Center – Exit 203 on WB I-70, nine miles South on Hwy 9 to Breckenridge. When you contact Beaver Run to make your hotel reservations, please remember to tell them that you are attending Vettes on the Rockies. Otherwise, they will tell you that the hotel is full!

The Autocross is returning to our event and we're sure you will enjoy the new venue for this activity. There will be a few new tweaks to our entire event that we hope you will appreciate.

As this is our 35th Anniversary, we are anticipating additional involvement from General Motors and several other entities from around the country. We look forward to the participation of our 'old friends' and to greeting lots of new people, as well.

We hope to have our registration forms available by early March and we are encouraging early <u>online</u> registration (<u>www.lgcacorvette.org</u>). We foresee Main Street in Frisco filling up quickly. We will not have space for anyone to come up on Sunday to show their car <u>UNLESS</u> they are <u>pre-registered</u> for 'Sunday Only'. To ensure that you will have a place on Main Street, <u>Please Pre-Register</u> for the one day 'Sunday only' Street Show. We will close registration at 550 cars for the Show 'n Shine.

For further information, please contact Tom Robben (303-232-1886) or Joe Parker (303-425-5876). The registration deadline is June $15^{\rm th}$, 2008. We recommend that you send in your registration well before then. Registration will be closed when we reach 700 people.

Merchandise will be sold at our event in the ballroom on the first floor of the Beaver Run Conference Center and on Main Street on Sunday. There will be no pre-purchase of our merchandise.

We look forward to seeing you in our majestic backyard. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year.





People Choice Judging: C1 53-62, C2 63-67, C3 68-82 C4 84-96 C5 97-04 C6 05-08 & Best of Show

Corvette Club

Attendance Prizes
50-50
Raffle Drawings

8th Annual

CORVETTE SHOW Sunday June 8th 2008

Route 66 Corvette Club & Vette's Restaurant 61 Charleston Plaza Hwy 94, St. Peters, Mo Rain Date June 22rd

All Proceeds Benefit St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf

St. Joseph Institute for the Deaf Giving Deaf Children A Voice http://www.sjid.org

Registration: 9:00 AM - Noon

Entry Fee: \$15.00

Make check to: Route 66 Corvette Club

Registration Form Mail	to: Robert Lamb 600 Bluff Manor Circle St. Charles, MO 63303
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Name:	Corvette Model:
Color:	
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Phone:	www.route66corvetteclub.com

Contact: Steve Wiechens: 636-398-9392 Mary Morak: 314-413-4446 Rev 1



All proceeds collected go directly to help
Carl Young's family defray his medical costs.

Saturday April 19, 2008
All Vehicles Welcome
Bring Your Corvette, Rod, Custom,
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Suggested Donation \$10.00/car 50/50 Drawing and Raffle

Time 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM Culpepper's Restaurant

Culpepper's will contribute 10% of their sales, from food purchases the day of show.

From Hwy 40 go ½ Mile North on Hwy K 4401 Highway K in O'Fallon, MO

WE RECEIVED NOTICE OF MR. YOUNG'S PASSING ON WEDNESDAY. WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTENT OUR CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY. WE ASSUME AT THIS TIME THAT THE BENEFIT CAR SHOW WILL STILL BE HELD IN SUPPORT OF THE FAMILY.

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



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