

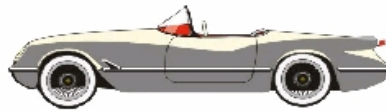
St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News

May, 2008

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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

Route 66 Corvette Club

www.route66corvetteclub.com

THAT'S A VERY NICE PICTURE
FROM THE PUJOLS EVENT

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:

We continue to search for a good, long stretch of dry weather so we can walk through the VA gardens without water wings. The scheduled work day has been postponed for the second time with a possible makeup date of May 10. We will discuss this further at the May meeting.

Our club continues to grow with the addition of three (3) new members last month. Please make them feel right at home whenever you see them.

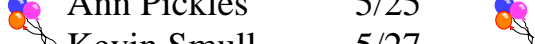
There are a number of great events scheduled for this year but we can always use more. If you have a trip or any other event you would like the club to enjoy please contact myself or Ron Hagenow and we will assist you in every way possible to make your event a success.



















Also, if there are any changes to be made to the newly published telephone lists please contact Angie Bradford. If you care to share additional information about yourself, your family and your Corvette please complete the "Personal Biography Form" sent to you with the new telephone lists. If you did not receive this form they will be available from Angie.

Bill Dotson
President, St. Louis Corvette Club

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

	Angie Bradford	5/2	
	Pat Cox	5/20	
	Ann Pickles	5/25	
	Kevin Smull	5/27	
	Terry Wilson	5/20	
	Chris Woods	5/26	
	Conita Shoulders	5/19	
			
			

						
	David & Glenda Davidson				5/28	
	Stephen & Leanne Lyle				5/24	
						
						
						

St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting

April 1, 2008 – Sunset Lakes Banquet Center



The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by president Bill Dotson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Bill welcomed everyone and introduced board members, immediate Past President Rick Frierdich, and committee chairpersons. Club sponsor Mike Dean from Lynch Hummer was also introduced. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet and purchase 50/50 tickets. Everyone was asked to update the membership contact list.

Guests

Several guests were in attendance. Bill welcomed Paul and JoAnn Jost, visiting from Washington, Missouri. They have a one-week old '08 orange coupe. Darrell and Sharon Wilson are from Imperial, Missouri and drive a 1989 white coupe. Rick and Kathy Poepping have a red '01 purchased from Lynch Hummer and previously owned by Les and Sara Gibson. Don and Anne Pickles plan to rejoin the club this evening. They own a '67 red convertible. Sally Godfrey was visiting from Fenton. She owns a '77 cherry red coupe.

Treasurer's Report

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

Secretary's Report

Charlie Miget made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 11, 2008 meeting as published in the April newsletter. June Fain provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Membership Report

Angie Bradford reported that there are currently 67 regular members, 10 associate members, and 1 honorary member (sponsor). Angie recognized members celebrating April birthdays and anniversaries.

Announcements

Mike and Glenda Walsh proudly announced that they are the new owners of a 2007 yellow coupe. Mike said that their red convertible is currently sitting in the Lynch Hummer showroom awaiting a new owner. It has 7,000 miles.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reminded everyone of the C5-C6 Bash to be held in April. April 11 is the last day to pre-register. Reservations can be made on-line. Ballingers, Luebckes, and Marty Dooley plan to attend. Judy announced the top 10 Corvette color choices as recently reported in Corvette Enthusiast with the top four being torch red, black, light pewter metallic, and yellow. Tonight is the last chance to buy raffle tickets for the '08 victory red convertible to be raffled at the museum on April 26. A different car will be raffled on Labor Day. The 2nd week-end in May is the C4/ZR1 gathering at the museum. Bill Dotson will attend that event.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Rich Luebcke announced that we have received our Certificate of Assurance from NCCC for the year. Special forms are to be signed for other event participants. Mike Yaeger of Mid America Motorworks donates membership cards and patches that are given to Future Corvette Owners Association members. FCOA is NCCC's organization for youth under age 16. There is a one-time \$5 membership fee.

Website Report

Jerry Craig was not in attendance. Bill Dotson mentioned that changes suggested at the March meeting had been made. Jeff Craig said that there are many pictures on the website from the Lynch Charity Event and the Wurstfest Run.

Sponsor's Report

Mike Dean, sales manager from club sponsor Lynch Hummer, thanked everyone for the help given in making the March 30th off road event so successful. Mike said that he intends to make this an annual event benefiting the Pujols Foundation. He shared a thank you note sent by one of the families who had attended the event. Mike also thanked Mike and Glenda Walsh for their recent car purchase.

Bill Dotson said that Lynch is a "class act" sponsor. Rich Luebcke recognized Ruth Howard for the effort put forth in organizing the benefit. Ruth thanked everyone who helped. Donations from area merchants totaled \$4,000. The only club cost for the event was for a club shirt given to Albert Pujols. Deidre Pujols accepted the shirt in her husband's absence.

Announcements

Bill recognized members Glenda Davidson, Rick Frierdich, and Mike Walsh, all of whom are recovering from recent hospitalizations. We wish them all continued good health.

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.

Past Events

Saturday, March 29 – Trip to Hermann, MO Wurstfest

Jeff and Patty Craig were event coordinators. Though a cold day, there was a patriotic representation with red, white, and blue club cars.

Sunday, March 30 – Lynch Hummer/Pujols Foundation Event

Future Events

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. Their caravan will include 9 cars and 17 people from various states. We will meet them for dinner at Ruby Tuesday's at Highways 141 and 44 at 7 p.m.

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

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

A flyer and sign-up sheet are available this evening. Judy Dooley will donate flower bulbs from Dierberg's Floral Department. Pam Bircher will pick up bulbs from the store. John Anth will provide mulch.

Saturday, April 19 – Route 66 Club Benefit for Carl Jung

Sunday, April 20 – Brunch at Diamond Mineral Springs Restaurant in Highland, Illinois

Jean and Beverly DuPont will coordinate this event. Meet at Syberg's parking lot at 270 and Dorsett Road at 10:30 a.m. E-mail DuPonts if you plan to attend.

April 24–26 – C5/C6 Bash at the National Corvette Museum

Saturday, May 3 – Mid America Motorworks Swapfest and Autocross in Effingham, Illinois

May 8-10 – C4/ZR1 Gathering at the National Corvette Museum

Saturday, May 17 – Armed Forces Day Parade in St. Peters, MO

Rick Frierdich is event coordinator. Parade starts at 9 a.m. Arrive at staging at Mid-Rivers Mall between 8:00 and 8:15. We will not transport dignitaries for this parade. The parade is growing thanks to a donation of \$5,000 from Boeing. We may plan to meet for an early breakfast at Bob Evans prior to 8:00 gathering. A sign-up sheet is available with more information to follow. Please note car color on sign-up to aide with parade formation plans. Mike Dean offered the use of a '69 Kaiser 5-ton troop truck to be used in the parade to transport additional club family members.

Sunday, May 18 – Optimists' Car Show in Waterloo, Illinois.

\$20 entry fee. Could possibly plan dinner at Gallagher's Restaurant if sufficient interest.

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 if sufficient interest. Party room is available but not reduced price on tickets. More information to follow.

Sunday, June 8 – Route 66 Car Show

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

Marty and Judy Dooley are coordinating this event. Twenty eight 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.

Old Business

Christmas gifts and 2007 Event Sponsor's Award were presented to Rick and Susan Frierdich.

New Business

Jefferson Barracks Spinal Cord Unit/Garden Clean-Up

Bill Dotson assured members that the club would support both the Spinal Cord Unit patients as well as the unit garden at Jefferson Barracks. Though listed separately on the recent charity ballot, it was felt that most members viewed these as the same organization and wished to support them equally.

Bill proposed allocating \$1,000 to be used for patient gifts, garden plants, mulch, and lunch at Jefferson Barracks for this year's spring clean-up scheduled for April 19th. This figure was based on 2007 garden clean-up/patient gift expenses. Randy Howard verified that the budget was approved at the March meeting. Bob Woods suggested spending \$600 on a television for patients rather than putting that amount of money into flowers. Bill Dotson said that the VA staff has always expressed interest in having a garden for the patients. Ron Miesner reminded members that \$400+ was spent this past fall for patient sweatshirts. Previously, the club sponsored fall and spring events for the patients. Karen Price entertained a motion to spend \$1,000 for garden clean-up, patient gifts, and lunch. Jerry Fain provided a second to the motion which was approved by the membership. Bill Dotson said that an event organizer is needed for the garden clean-up. Those interested in helping should make plans after the meeting.

By-Laws

Bill Dotson made a formal announcement to amend the by-laws to reflect the fact that an annual budget is needed. Teresa Luebcke commented that we should have an annual budget but that this would not need to be stated in the by-laws. Bill said that the proposal will be included in the next newsletter and will be discussed further at the May meeting.

Vendors

Bill suggested compiling a list of vendors that the club routinely does business with for future reference. These would include businesses that have provided club apparel, nametags, floral orders, etc...

Membership Form

It was determined that a club membership form is available.

50/50 Raffle

Mike Dean drew Kevin Smull's winning ticket. Kevin won \$65 – congratulations! Thanks to everyone who purchased tickets.

Dessert – Special thanks to all who baked cookies for the Lynch event. Leftover cookies were available in lieu of a monthly dessert. Bob and Chris Woods have volunteered to provide the May cake.

Peggy Craig moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Judy Dooley. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6 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

Secretary 2008 Proposed addition to the bylaws:

PLEASE READ

Add a new paragraph to Article VIII, Section 4, paragraph C: EXPENDITURES

c. An annual budget shall be prepared in January of each year by the Treasurer and submitted to the Board of Directors. The budget shall identify all significant items of income and expense of the club. This budget shall be ratified at the February meeting by the membership. The Treasurer will maintain a progressive comparison between the original budget amounts and actual expenditures and provide updates on a monthly basis

The National Corvette Museum is offering a new way to become a member. It's the "E-Membership." It is the perfect way for "not so near" enthusiasts unable to make the trip to the Museum or attend events to receive the benefits of being an members will receive a 5% discount in the Corvette Store, email membership card and discounts on bricks and Flint bricks, along with t Corvette photo online. The E-membership is now available for a \$25.00 annual fee purchased online at: <http://corvettemuseum.com/PortalTools/NCMF/membership.cf> 53-VETTE (800-538-3883)



I would also like to welcome Mike & Karen Price as new NCM members and Michelle Paillou as a Lifetime member.

Thanks also to all STLCC member who are also NCM members. Those of you who are not members and would like to join the museum you and see me or Marty and we will help you join or if your are going to the NCM in June you can join while you are there.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador



WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR SPONSOR FOR HELPING OUR MEMBERS FIND THEIR DREAM CAR OR ASSISTING THOSE WITH THE CARE THAT THEIR CARS DESERVE.



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"Wow. Zero-\$120 in six seconds flat."



Corvette Buyers Tour. Watching your Corvette being built.

Day 1.

Once the color, interior and options are selected the order goes into a queue. The order is verified three times between the factory and the dealer and a order number is generated. Buyers can then sign up at the Corvette Museum for a one to two day tour to follow the assembly of their new Corvette. Lori at the Museum sent daily updates on the days and times for us to be present.

Have a hearty breakfast. James Guffey, our guide is a retired electrician who was in charge of keeping the lines moving. Mr. Guffey met us at 10am. He had tracked the location of our Vette. The engine and transmission were assembled a few minutes earlier so we viewed the process and moved on to watch the body assembly. The body was high in the air. Fuel tanks, fuel lines, lower body panels, and underneath parts were added station by station. We walked slowly along. Mr. Guffey knew many of the workers and everyone was happy to talk to the new owners. At one point we were allowed to sit inside the nearly completed body to feel the interior and check out the controls.

The "marriage" is a major event in the assembly process. The body comes down and the engine and chassis roll underneath. Workers guide the parts and the two join with a quiet thump. Exhaust system, tires and fluids are added. We were invited to sit inside again as a computer ran tests then, the magic moment when I pressed the start button for the first time ever. The engine started and ran smoothly, everyone smiled.

Mr. Guffey recounted the story of a buyer who came to watch the assembly of his silver roadster only when they found it – it was red. A quick check verified that the dealer had ordered the wrong color. The buyer was very upset but followed the assembly anyway. By the time the Vette rolled off the line, the buyer was totally in love with his new red Corvette.

Day 2.

At 6:15am the assembly line rolled again. Final inspection for all fits and paint quality. The foreman invited me to start the engine and we got a quick picture of the odometer with zero miles. The Vette was driven to a station for wheel and light alignment. I joined the technician and we rolled into the chassis dyno. 800 checks for engine and chassis systems are performed in 3 minutes. Several runs up to 70 mph or better verified transmission and engine settings were correct. We left our new Vette in a hurricane of water to check for leaks.

At many stations along the way the workers came to see us, shake our hand and say thanks for buying a Corvette. The feeling was genuine. Jerry

Dear Corvette Club,

Thank you for such a cool event for our special kiddos with DS + their families!

My crew had a fabulous time with all the great activities and awesome food!

Terro Jones



Thank you

~~Zach~~ Zach Jones



CORVETTE CAR SHOW

**Turner Chevrolet & Show-Me Vettes
Presents**

**Show-Us Your Vette
Saturday May 17, 2008**

**Show will be held at Turner Chevrolet
Park Hills, Mo.**

- * **Registration 10 A.M. - Noon (\$15.00 Per Car Includes Event T-Shirt)**
- * **All Proceeds To Benefit The Parkland Foster / Adopt Families**
- * **Entertainment, Food, and Door Prizes**
- * **Participant Judging**
- * **Three Trophies Per Class / Best of Show**
- * **Dash Plaques**
- * **Trophies Awarded At 3 P.M. (Or Earlier Depending On Number Of Entries)**

Class 1 1953 - 1967
Class 2 1968 - 1982
Class 3 1984 - 1996
Class 4 1997 - 2004
Class 5 2005 - Present

Rain Date Saturday May 31, 2008

For Information Call:
Travis Clyburn 573-915-3516
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Little Ceasar's Pizza**

Driving direction on back of flyer

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4th Annual V.A. Hospital

“Spring Clean-up”

May 10, 2008

Start at 9:30 AM

Garden area behind Building 52

Jefferson Barracks V.A. Medical Center

For

The Veterans in the Spinal Chord Unit

Bring your gloves and work clothes and participate in a very rewarding experience!!

Bar-B-Q Hot Dogs and soft drinks for lunch

Ron Hagenow (618-939-1837) or Bill Dotson (314-918-7663)

VETTES ON THE ROCKIES

July 31st - August 3rd, 2008
Beaver Run Resort - Host Hotel
Breckenridge, Colorado

35th Anniversary!

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 online registration (www.lgcacorvette.org). **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 UNLESS they are pre-registered for 'Sunday Only'.** To ensure that you will have a place on Main Street, Please Pre-Register 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 15th, 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

Attendance Prizes
 50-50
 Raffle Drawings

Corvette Club
 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 22nd

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

Club: _____ Corvette Year: _____
 Name: _____ Corvette Model: _____
 Color: _____ Email: _____
 Address: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 City: _____
 Phone: _____ www.route66corvetteclub.com

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

HOT ROD & MOTORCYCLE SHOW

1st Annual



MAY 3rd - 11am-2pm
(Registration 9am-11am)

- *Food & Refreshments Available*
- *No Alcohol Please*
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