

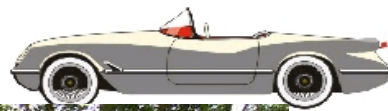
St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News

June, 2009

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A LITTLE BIT OF EVERYTHING.
PICTURES FROM THE VA CLEANUP, 50TH
ANNIVERSARY, TUNICA AND A COUPLE
FROM THE RE-MODEL MUSEUM.

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

President’s Message
May, 2009

May is officially half over – Memorial day is close at hand, which means summer is almost here!

We had a wonderful run to Tunica last weekend. It was a nice, easy ride down and the BBQ was fabulous. After dinner we walked up (and down) Beale Street – enjoying some ‘local flavor’. Over the weekend, a new saying surfaced: ‘If in Doubt, Cash it Out!’ I understand the consensus is to make this an annual event – stay tuned!

May 31 is our second Fritz’s run. I think I can say with confidence the weather should be a bit warmer than the first gathering in April. Hope to see you there.


The start of summer also means an increase in local parades and Car Shows. If you know of any parades and/or shows in your community you would like for us to participate in, just give a contact name and number to Jeff Craig. As always, we are looking for folks to lead activities. These do not need to be elaborate – if you have a favorite run to a Restaurant, Winery, or just a drive, let us know. We can help spread the word and help get these wonderful cars out in the sun! We are closely approaching Summer – let’s get these activities on the calendar!

Theresa

BIRTHDAYS

	Irene Wilson	6/1	
	Sara Gibson	6/10	
	Judy Dooley	6/14	
	David Davidson	6/14	
	Dave Markland	6/18	
	Beth Ann Anth	6/21	
	John Corrora	6/22	
	Richard Doerr	6/29	

ANNIVERSARIES

	Ken & Sue Dahman	6/1	
	Carl & Pat Cox	6/5	
	Jerry & June Fain	6/6	
	Gary & Debbie Tidwell	6/11	
	Kevin & Jamie Smull	6/12	
	John & Beth Anth	6/12	
	Jim & Jackie Goggins	6/13	
	Ron & June Huch	6/15	
	Don & Angie Bradford	6/26	
	Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow	6/30	



***St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting
May 5, 2009 - Sunset Lakes Banquet Center***

The meeting was called to order at 7:06pm by president Theresa Luebcke. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and everyone was welcomed. Theresa introduced the current board members, all committee chairpersons and immediate past president Ron Hagenow. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet and purchase 50/50 tickets.

Guests

Don and Judy Giovanoni, who have a 2006 Victory red C6 and Dan and June Breen who have a 2000 pewter coupe.

Treasurer's Report

Sara Gibson reported income and disbursements and a balance as of April 30th of \$3270.87. There was no discussion. A motion was made by Ron Hagenow to accept the report and it was seconded by Carl Ballinger. It was approved by the membership.

Secretary's Report

Peggy Craig made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 7, 2009 meeting as published in the newsletter. Jerry Fain seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it was approved by the membership.

Membership Report

Ruth Howard reported current membership of 81 regular members, 12 associate members. Ruth recognized members celebrating April birthday and anniversaries.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported the museum is offering a special deal to people attending the 2009 National Corvette Caravan. They will offer special parking in front of the museum. The cost is a \$500 donation to the museum. The museum is looking for digital pictures to complete the new enthusiast's area entitled Living the Dream. You can submit pictures of yourselves, your Corvette(s), your family, your club to be displayed in a mural. When looking from a distance the mural will look like a 1953 Corvette but up close you will see it is actually made up of thousands of pictures. The categories are: People Make the Car, Corvette Lifestyle, and Corvette Racing. Judy's husband, Marty, went to the C5-C6 Bash at the museum in April and said the new expansion is absolutely beautiful. The drawing was held on April 25th for the 2009 red convertible. None of us won. Judy has tickets for a raffle to be held at the 15th anniversary celebration for a 2010 red convertible. Tickets are \$10 each.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Rich Luebcke attended the governor's meeting on May 2nd. The Midwest region, of which we are a part, has the second most number of members in the country at 2,088. It has 32 clubs which is the highest of all the regions. It also has the most Future Corvette Owners Assn. members at 480. The Luebecke's grandson and the Walsh's grandson are both members of FCOA. The NCCC has 17,054 members nationwide and there are 984 events on the books. The 2011 NCCC national convention will be held in Tinley Park outside of Chicago. The Midwest region will play a big part in this convention. Rich passed around a brochure about Club Autobahn near Joliet, Illinois where on Monday of that convention they are offering lap time all day.

They will have high speed and low speed autocross as well. The plan is to have drag racing at Route 66 Dragway outside of Joliet. The 2009 convention will be held in Colorado Springs and the 2010 convention will be in Palm Beach, Florida.

There is \$38,764 available for scholarships offered by NCCC to children or grandchildren of members.

Application deadline is 5/9/09.

Dick Yanko, president of the NCCC and also a member of the board of the National Corvette Museum, spoke very positively about the NCCC presence at the museum. All of the clubs, including ours, will have an opportunity to be highlighted and showcased at the museum. Dick said more than 4600 people have signed up for the caravan so far.

Website Update

Jerry Craig said the website is up and running. He and Armynta will be out of town for the next three weeks so it will be quiet on the site for at least that time.

Sponsor Report

We have no sponsor as yet-the committee is working on it. Theresa Luebcke reported they do have an "in" with a Chevrolet dealer and Rich Luebcke is going to do a follow-up on it.

Announcements

Theresa Luebcke presented two items. One was a thank you card from Dave Markland's family for the donation made by the club and the other was a letter from the Alzheimer's Association to whom the donation was made.

Les Gibson is graduating from college with honors this week.

Prior Events

Theresa Luebcke talked about the C5-C6 Bash. There are a lot of changes at the museum.

In the Corvette Café there are tables with pictures of various cars on them. Pictures of the Luebckes' and the Dooleys' cars are there. The Café had wonderful food and service. If you've been to the museum, you've got to go back to see the changes.

It was so cold on the evening of the Fritz's run on April 19th that a lot of the participants piled into Judy Dooley's car to eat their frozen custard.

The cleanup and planting of the garden at Jefferson Barracks VA Spinal Cord Unit was a great success. All members gave a big round of applause to Bob Woods and Karen Price for the great job they did. Bob Woods said the garden looked phenomenal and breathtaking when the job was done. He feels it was the best we've done yet. All of the participants stood and were applauded. Karen Price thanked Jeff Craig who made several trips to Ellisville for free mulch so there was enough mulch to cover the entire garden. Thanks to Marty Dooley who painted the benches. Karen received a call from the medical director at the spinal cord unit who complimented us on the fabulous job we did and invited us to the wheelchair races on May 14th. If any members are able to attend, the director would like to recognize us on television for the great job we did. Jean Henderson put up a vegetable garden of tomatoes, peppers and herbs which got rave reviews from the patients. They are planning to use the vegetables in their cooking training. Karen said a lot of the flowers planted in the past have come back and the garden is the best it has ever looked. They have a person that comes in on Wednesdays to weed and water but Karen is looking for some volunteers to go check on the garden and water it on a regular basis. She has a youth group that will help as a service project. The patients were very excited that we went room to room to say hello and take them a plate of Lee's chicken. It made their day. Jeff Craig mentioned the library at the spinal cord unit at Jefferson Barracks could use updated books, novels, magazines, and movies on VHS. He took a box of Corvette magazines to them and the Fains donated boxes of books. Chris Woods said that she was told their VCR is in bad shape. Jeff Craig said he has VCR that has barely been used that he will give to them.

Jeff Craig participated in a parade in Florissant on May 3rd driving Michelle Paillou's 1958 convertible which

Future Events

May 13: St. Louis Region SCCA Precision Driving Xperience at Gateway International Raceway-there is more information on our website.

May 16-18: Run to Memphis/Tunica-Angie Bradford reported there are 33 signed up so far. Angie asked members planning to attend to see her after the meeting so that she can pass out maps and give updated information. Angie has a dinner planned at Rendevous who is famous for their barbequed ribs, and a party bus to get there. Angie said she was willing to contact the host at the Gold Strike Casino Resort and Spa to see if there are still rooms available if anyone who has not yet signed up is interested in attending. Don Bradford will set up tee times for anyone interested in playing golf. Gary and Jan Murray will lead the way to Tunica on Saturday morning May 16.

May 30: Klas Act Car Show; Warrenton Car Show; NCRS get-together at Love Park.

May 31: Fritz's Frozen Custard Run-Big Bend and old 141-meet between 6:15 and 6:30pm.

June 6: The Holy Smokes BBQ is postponed.

June 20: Ruth and Randy Howard are sponsoring a car show at Chuck-A-Burger in St.Charles. More information will be available at the next meeting.

July 4th: Webster Groves Parade-no further information available as yet.

July 16-19: Vintage Races at Road America. All of the Craigs are going as well as Terry Wilson.

August 13-16: LeMans Series-the Craigs and Carl and Pat Cox are going-contact Jerry Craig if you are interested in attending. There are still rooms available.

September 2-5: 2009 National Corvette Caravan. Carl Ballinger reported the Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska caravan will begin in Lincoln, Nebraska on Saturday Aug. 29th. The Nebraska Corvette Association is having a Corvette show on Sunday, Aug. 30th. On Mon. Aug.31st they plan on touring Bill Smith's Museum of American Speed. They will leave Lincoln on Tues. Sept. 1st and drive to Blue Springs, MO to spend the night and meet up with the caravan coming from the west. On Wed. Sept. 2nd, the caravan will meet up with the St. Louis group at St. Louis Mills Mall and head to Mid America Motorworks in Effingham, IL. They will spend the night in Effingham and on Thurs. Sept. 3rd will drive to Bowling Green. Carl has caravan flags and decals for sale. The decals are \$10 and the flags are \$15.

The cost to register for the caravan is \$50 which is separate from the cost of registration for the event at the museum in Bowling Green.

Charity Report

Theresa Luebcke reported we did go over the budget we had allotted for the cleanup/planting project at Jefferson Barracks by \$64.35. She reminded members we need to think of ways to recoup the money spent on this project. If anyone is interested in donating to the garden fund, there is always a can on the sign-in table for donations. There was discussion from several members about possibly holding a car show at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital on November 11th. We need to start planning now if that is what we want to do. If anyone is interested in helping plan a car show, please let Theresa know. Theresa reminded everyone we are a social club with cars and what we are all about is showing and doing.

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

Theresa reminded members to think about sponsoring an event to get the cars out and drive them the way they were meant to be driven.

Attendance

Total attendance was 60.

50/50 Raffle

Jean Dupont reminded everyone of a change in ticket sales-eighteen tickets for \$10.

Sharon Ballinger won \$115 in the 50/50 drawing. Thanks to all who contributed. Four additional tickets were drawn and Dave Davidson, Patty Craig and Michelle Paillou won tomato plants and Leann Lyle won a NCM coozie.

Dessert

Thanks to Ruth and Randy Howard for providing cherry and apple streusel. June and Jerry Fain have volunteered to provide a cake for next month's meeting.

Judy Dooley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm. The motion was seconded by Ron Hagenow. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, June 2nd at 7pm at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center. Doors will open at 5:30pm and a buffet will be served at 6pm for those interested in purchasing dinner prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ehrhard, Secretary 2009



SOME MORE PICTURES OF THE NEW MUSEUM. A WALL MURAL PAINTED BY DANA FORESTER AND RICH LUEBCKE PICTURE MADE IT ON A TABLE IN THE CAFÉ.



THESE ARE A FEW PICTURES FROM THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY MEET IN 2003. I WOULD EXPECT THE SAME FUN AND ATMOSPHERE AT THE 09 CARAVAN. MUCH FUN TO BE HAD!

St. Louis Corvette Club

2009 - Year-at-a-Glance

Date	Event	Contact	Date	Event	Contact
JAN			JULY		
11	SLCC Meeting		7	SLCC Meeting	
FEB			19	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
3	SLCC Meeting		AUG		
8	Valentine's Brunch	Steve Lyle	4	SLCC Meeting	
27-28	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke	23	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
MARCH			SEP		
3	SLCC Meeting		1	SLCC Meeting	
29	Fritz's Ice Cream??	Peggy Craig	2-5	NCM Caravan / Labor Day NCM 15 th Anniversary	Carl Ballinger Judy Dooley
29	Whitmond	Jean DuPont	11-12	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke
APRIL			25-27	Funfest	
7	SLCC Meeting		27	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
19	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig	OCT		
23-25	C5/C6 Bash	Judy Dooley	1-4	Eureka Springs	Carl Ballinger
MAY			6	SLCC Meeting	
1-2	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke	25	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
2	JB Garden Day	Bob Woods / Karen Price	NOV		
5	SLCC Meeting		3	SLCC Meeting	
16 - 18	Corvette Run to Memphis	Angie Bradford	13-14	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke
31	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig	15	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
			DEC		
JUNE				Christmas Dinner	
2	SLCC Meeting				

Here is some information for those of you who are going to attend the National Corvette Caravan next year. Remember to go to the NCM website and make your reservations now. From what I've heard there are already several thousand who have made reservations.

The Caravan is going to go to Effingham on Wednesday, Sept 2, 2009 to visit Mid America Design. This is not a part of the official Caravan but many folks who are coming from far away normally would not get to events like Fun Fest. I checked today and was able to make reservations at the Super 8 Motel in Effingham. You can do this on-line by going to www.super8.com . I've got a king room for \$59.99 plus tax.

Then for the stay in Bowling Green on Sep 3-5, Marty Dooley has a block of 20 rooms reserved at Cave City, KY. Again this is at the Super 8 there. The cost is \$99.99 plus tax. I was able to reserve a room on-line throughSuper8.com so there should still be 20 rooms available. If you call the motel please let them know there is a block of rooms reserved for the St. Louis Corvette Club. The phone number at Cave City is 270-773-2500. As we get closer to the date we will see if we can get closer to Bowling Green. Cave City is about a 20 minute drive from the Museum. **If you do call and use one of the rooms reserved for the**

UPDATE ON NCM LABOR DAY CARAVAN EVENT

We have access to rooms in Bowling Green for the 2009 Caravan Event. We need to make plans now for the rooms, before we lose them. We will have a sign-up sheet at the March club meeting. Please see me or Judy if you are planning to go in September.

Marty Dooley

**MARTY WILL HAVE MORE UP TO DATE INFO AT
THIS MONTH'S MEETING**



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367 at Parker Rd. St. Louis, Mo. 63138

Registration from 9:00 - 11:00 pm

Judging ends at - 2:00 pm

Awards - 3:00 pm

Special Guest- John B. who hosts the “Invitational Only Best of the Best Car Show” in October will be selecting 25 cars from the KlasAct Corvette Show. If you feel your vehicle is one of the “Crème de la Crème of vehicles be at this show to get your invitation!

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