

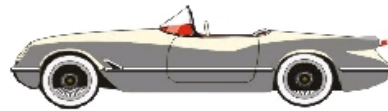
# St. Louis Corvette Club



## Gateway News

July, 2009

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### St. Louis Corvette Club Website

[www.stlcorvettes.net](http://www.stlcorvettes.net)

### National Council of Corvette Clubs

[www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

### National Corvette Museum

[www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)

### Boon Trail Corvette Club

[www.boontrailcc.com](http://www.boontrailcc.com)

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[www.jackschmitt.com](http://www.jackschmitt.com)

### Original Corvette Club

[www.occofstl.com](http://www.occofstl.com)

COVER—FOR THOSE NEWER MEMBERS THIS IS A PICTURE OF OUR FOUNDING MEMBERS—2004. SOME HAVE MOVED ON AND SOME HAVE HUNG AROUND. WE NEED TO THANK THOSE FOR THE INSIGHT IN LEADING THE CLUB IN THE DIRECTION IT HAS GONE.

THANKS

**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  
July, 2009

June – and the first day of Summer is right around the corner!!

We had a good showing with 10 cars for the West County Komen Walk for Life! We even had about 3 non-member Corvettes show up and talk to us! The Fountains Plaza is eager to have our club show again, possibly July and September – more to follow! Ask Armynta and Steve about their 'awards' given out by 'Genghis'. And if you see a T-shirt asking you to '...spend 15 minutes in my bed...', you might want to ask first!

There was also a good showing from our club for the downtown Komen walk. Great pictures of Judy and friends (luv your hair, Judy!). And I do believe I caught a glimpse of our own Judy on a KSDK 'blip'? Way to go!



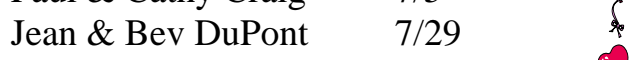
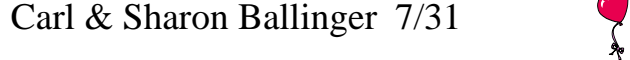














If you are planning to join us for the Webster Fourth of July Parade, please contact Michelle for specifics. If you need flags for your car, one source is [flagcaddie.com](http://flagcaddie.com). We have used them in the past with great success! In fact, if anyone is interested in purchasing a STLCC logo flag, let me know. If there is enough interest, we'll place an order!

Rich and I traditionally have 'celebrated' the seasons by doing something special on the first day of each new season. With Summer coinciding with Father's Day this year, there are even more reasons to celebrate! Try to come up with a unique way to celebrate Summer – and if it involves Corvettes – all the better!

**BIRTHDAYS**

		
	Armynta Craig	7/5
	Dick Shoulders	7/5
	Ron Hagenow	7/8
	Sharon Love	7/13
	Denise Shipley	7/22
	Bev DuPont	7/24
	Jan Murray	7/27
	Bill Dotson	7/28
	Jean Henderson	7/28
		
		
		
		
		
		
		

**ANNIVERSARIES**

		
	Paul & Cathy Craig	7/5
	Jean & Bev DuPont	7/29
	Carl & Sharon Ballinger	7/31
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		
		



***St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting  
June 2, 2009 - Sunset Lakes Banquet Center***

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by president Theresa Luebcke. The Pledge of Allegiance 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**

Paul Lohmuller, who brought his best friend Kayron, has a red 2008 Cooksey car, and Dana and Diana Griggs, who have a 1975 orange convertible.

**New Members**

We welcomed our newest members Don and Judy Giovanoni who have a 2006 Victory red C6.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sara Gibson reported income and disbursements and a balance of \$2,574.67 as of May 31<sup>st</sup>. There was no discussion. A motion was made by Ron Hagenow to accept the report and it was seconded by Rich Luebcke. It was approved by the membership.

**Secretary's Report**

Jerry Fain made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 5, 2009 meeting as published in the newsletter. Michelle Paillou seconded the motion. There was no discussion and it was approved by the membership.

**Membership**

Ruth Howard reported current membership of 83 regular members and 12 associate members for a total of 95 members. Ruth recognized members celebrating June birthdays and anniversaries.

**National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report**

Judy Dooley reported everyone is getting geared up for the Caravan over Labor Day weekend. The Corvette Store at the museum is featuring "Save the Wave" T-shirts for women. For those who did not buy their corvette new, you can buy the build sheet and window sticker for your car.

They will also laminate them for an additional charge.

Judy has tickets for a raffle to be held at the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration for a 2010 red convertible. Tickets are \$10 each.

**National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report**

Rich Luebcke reported the NCCC is celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year at their national convention in Colorado Springs in August. If anyone is interested in attending this convention, see Rich for further details.

The Midwest Region of the NCCC, which is the largest in terms of members and clubs, has a lot going on (autocross, drag races, rallies) which are listed on their website.

### Website Update

No report

### Sponsor Report

Rich Luebcke has been in contact with a dealer but has no results back. They are still talking.

### Announcements

The mother of Jerry Craig and Paul Craig passed away recently. Jerry requested in lieu of sending flowers to the wake, the club make a donation to the VA Spinal Cord Unit and Theresa said that is what will be done.

Dave Davidson had a pacemaker surgery today. He will stay overnight in the hospital and hopefully go home tomorrow.

Will Cooksey, National Corvette Museum Chairman of the Board and past plant manager, fractured his femur in a recent motorcycle accident. He is okay but will be down for three months.

Ken and Sue Dahman were presented with their Christmas gift from last year's Christmas party.

Ron Hagenow reported that Dave Davidson won first place in his category at the Merollis Car Show last weekend as well as "Best of the Best" of the show. Michelle Paillou also won a trophy for second place in her category.

Ron also spoke about an article in the last Blue Bars about the club he and Mary Ann belonged to in Alabama, Valley Vettes.

Ruth Howard announced she and Randy are planning on going to the museum in Bowling Green on June 4-5<sup>th</sup> if anyone is interested in going along.

### Prior Events

Thanks to Angie Bradford who reported the run to Tunica May 16-18<sup>th</sup> turned out marvelously.

She plans on doing it again next year because everyone had so much fun. She wants to do it around the same time in May, so keep the date open. Ruth Howard presented "awards" to participants for memorable experiences.

The Fritz's run on May 31<sup>st</sup> was well attended with 13 cars.

### Future Events

Rich Luebcke would like to plan a mystery run with the destination known and the mystery is how we get there.

He offered two destinations. The first was Fulton, MO where there is a car museum, antiques and dining. The second was Cave Man Barbeque and Steak House in Richland, MO where you actually eat in a cave. After a show of hands, members decided they would prefer Richland, MO. Rich will coordinate a date with Jeff Craig and have more information at the next meeting.

**June 13:** Car show at Genghis Grill in Fountain Plaza (Clarkson & Clayton Roads) in conjunction with Komen Walk for Life-11:00 am to 2:00pm. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

June 21: Fritz's Frozen Custard Run-Big Bend and old 141-meet between 6:15 and 6:30pm.

**June 26:** Drive Your Corvette to Work Day

**July 4:** Webster Groves Parade-Michelle Paillou is coordinating this event. A sign-up sheet and fliers were made available. Meet at 8:30am at Schnuck's parking lot at Big Bend & Elm to line up. The parade starts at 10:00am.

Michelle is making reservations at Joe Baccardi's at Watson & Elm for anyone interested in buying lunch after the parade. Members were told to let Michelle know if they will be going for lunch after the parade. Cars are needed!

**July 16-19:** Vintage Races- Brian Redman Challenge-at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. Jeff Craig has information.

**July 19:** Fritz's Frozen Custard Run-Big Bend and old 141-meet between 6:15 and 6:30pm.

**August 13-16:** LeMans Race at Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin-The Craigs and the Coxes are going

**August 23:** Fritz's Frozen Custard Run-Big Bend and old 141-meet between 6:15 and 6:30pm

**September 2-5:** 2009 National Corvette Caravan. Carl Ballinger reported the Missouri/Kansas/Nebraska caravan will begin in Lincoln, Nebraska on Saturday Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>. The Nebraska Corvette Association is having a Corvette show on Sunday, Aug. 30<sup>th</sup>. Carl has fliers if anyone is interested in attending the car show. On Mon. Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>, they plan on touring Bill Smith's Museum of American Speed. They will leave Lincoln on Tues. Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and drive to Blue Springs, MO to spend the night and meet up with the caravan coming from the west. On Wed. Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup>, the caravan will meet up with the St. Louis group at St. Louis Mills Mall and head to Mid America Motorworks in Effingham, IL to spend the night. Mid America Motorworks is offering a 10% discount on merchandise, a tour through the museum, a discounted meal on Wednesday evening and a band for entertainment. They will have free continental breakfast on Thursday morning. On Thurs. Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> they will drive to Bowling Green and hope to arrive by mid-afternoon. Jeff Craig recommended members carry two radios in their cars for the caravan-one to converse with members of the caravan and one to converse with SLCC members.

#### **Charity Report**

Judy Dooley reported she and Marty checked on the garden at Jefferson Barracks Spinal Cord Unit last weekend. With all of the rain recently, the garden has filled out and looks beautiful.

Ron Hagenow said he dropped off nine boxes of books for the patients at the Unit. Michelle Paillou said she has three boxes of books and four boxes of VCR tapes that she will be taking to them as well.

#### **Old Business**

Theresa Luebecke reminded members if they have ideas for activities to contact Jeff Craig to get the activity on the calendar-even if it is spur of the moment. The phone tree can be used to alert members.

#### **New Business**

No new business was discussed.

#### **Attendance**

Total attendance was 54.

#### **50/50**

Gary Murray won \$103 in the 50/50 drawing. A second drawing was held and Angie Bradford was the winner of a coffee table book, Sports Cars by Leo Marriot, donated by Randy Howard.

#### **Dessert**

Thanks to Jerry and June Fain for providing this month's cake. Carl and Sharon Ballinger have volunteered to provide a cake for next month's meeting.

Michelle Paillou made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:0pm. The motion was seconded by Gary Murray. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, July 7th 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

# St. Louis Corvette Club

2009 - Year-at-a-Glance

Date	Event	Contact	Date	Event	Contact
<b>JAN</b>			<b>JULY</b>		
11	SLCC Meeting		4	Webster Parade	Michelle Paillou
			7	SLCC Meeting	
<b>FEB</b>			19		
				Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
3	SLCC Meeting		<b>AUG</b>		
8	Valentine's Brunch	Steve Lyle	4	SLCC Meeting	
27-28	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke	23	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
<b>MARCH</b>			<b>SEP</b>		
3	SLCC Meeting		1	SLCC Meeting	
29	Whitmond	Jean DuPont	2-5	NCM Caravan / Labor Day NCM 15 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary	Carl Ballinger Judy Dooley
			11-12	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke
<b>APRIL</b>			25-27		
7	SLCC Meeting		27	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
19	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig	<b>OCT</b>		
23-25	C5/C6 Bash	Judy Dooley	1-4	Eureka Springs	Carl Ballinger
<b>MAY</b>			6		
1-2	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke	25	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig
2	JB Garden Day	Bob Woods / Karen Price	<b>NOV</b>		
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
			<b>DEC</b>		
<b>JUNE</b>			Christmas Dinner		
2	SLCC Meeting				
13	Genghis Grill Show				
21	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy Craig			

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](http://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 through Super8.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 club, please let Marty know at [jmdooley6493@aol.com](mailto:jmdooley6493@aol.com).**

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**



## FROM THE NCM AMBASSADOR



A special Corvette raffle is coming soon for a special 1 of a kind Grand Sport. It will be designed by Corvette designer Kirk Bennion especially for the NCM and for the 15th Anniversary event. To commemorate the special occasion, there will also be a 2nd & 3rd place cash prize for this raffle. More info to come as it is available.

A new summer on-line catalogue has just become available at the Corvette Store and is offering FREE shipping on all orders of \$75.00 or more. You can also call (800)538-3883 to place an order by phone.

Don't forget the \$10.00 raffle tickets for the Red convertible to be raffled off Labor Day weekend

Judy Dooley  
NCM Ambassador

### Spread the word!!!

Beginning July 1st, the State of Illinois will begin using the speed cameras in areas designated as "Work Zones" on major freeways. Anyone caught by these devices will be mailed a \$375.00 ticket for the FIRST offense.

The SECOND offense will cost \$1000.00 and comes with a 90-Day suspension. Drivers will also receive demerit points against their license, which allow insurance companies to raise Insurance rates.

This is the harshest penalty structure ever set for a governmental unit involving PHOTO speed enforcement. The State already has two camera vans on line issuing tickets 24/7 in work zones with speed limits lowered to 45 MPH. Photos of both the Driver's face and License plate are taken. Pass this on to everyone you know who might be affected!!!

For more info: <http://www.dot.state.il.us/press/r033005.html>



DUE TO HIGH DEMAND WE HAVE INCLUDED ANOTHER FEEL GOOD PAGE.



THESE ARE ALL BABES IN MY BOOK. EACH CELEBRATING A JUBILLUS OCCASION. CLOCKWISE: BILL AND PAM'S WEDDING—FIRST DANCE AND FIRST MEAL AS A HONEST COUPLE, DON AND ANGIE BRADFORD—TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY AND FIRST DRINK THIS BREATH, JAMIE AND KEVIN'S LITTLE GIRL - ALMOST SEE HER GROWING IN THE PICTURES AND RUTH, JUDY AND JANE ALL DOLLED UP FOR "THE RACE FOR THE CURE".





THEIR OWN SPECIAL AREA. JERRY AND JUNE FAIN CELEBRATING THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

JERRY'S BEEN A LITTLE UNDER THE WEATHER LATELY BUT I HEAR HE IS ACCEPTING PHONE CALLS

DARE I CALL THIS A NOT SO FEEL GOOD PAGE—THIS PAGE MIGHT NOT SHOW UP AGAIN—CLOCKWISE:GORILLA AND GENGIS BEATING UP CORVETTS, NO COMMENT, BUT A FUN CROWD



## ***CORVETTE WAVE RULES***

*The Corvette Wave is an integral part of the mystique and culture of the Corvette owner experience. Corvette owners who wave at fellow Corvette owners when they pass on the road, show a mark of recognition that you are among the elite group of intelligent people who are driving America's True Sports Car. And as a member of this elite group, you should be recognized for your poise and intelligence.*

*So for those who don't know the five simple Corvette Wave rules, here they are:*

***There is no excuse for not waving at your fellow Corvette owner.***

*Although most Corvette owners have the class and understanding to accept when their wave is not returned, not waving is a serious breach of proper Corvette etiquette.*

***Whoever sees the other Corvette first, starts the wave.***

*There isn't any rule about who waves first. This is simple; if you see another Corvette, wave!*

***Rules 1 and 2 apply to both sexes.***

*As far as who starts the wave, it doesn't make a difference if you are a man or a woman. Rules 1 and 2 apply.*

***Any type of wave is okay.***

*Whether you shoot a big wave up through your open Vette top, out the window, or a quick salute with your hand on the steering wheel, any wave that can be seen by the other Corvette driver is okay. However, this does not include any style of jester that can be interpreted as obscene or insulting. Remember, corvette owners are a class act; while someone might have been rude or stupid to you, try not to return the favor. (This is a tough rule not to break with all the stupid drivers who manage to get a driver's license.)*

*So you can see the underlying concept here is simple:*

***Wave at your fellow Corvette owners,  
Whoever they are, whenever you see them!***

*This will show you a person who understands the full measure and etiquette that comes with your proud ownership of a Corvette!*

THIS IS AN EXCERPT FROM THE MAY NEWS MAGAZINE. FOR ALL WHO HAVE NEVER BEEN TO FRITZ'S, THIS IS WHAT ALL THE HUBBUB IS ABOUT!



## Fritz's Frozen Custard is 'a destination'

By BETSY ZATKULAK

For Ray and Debbie Higgins, owning and operating Fritz's Frozen Custard for the past 16 years has been a labor of love for the community, for their employees and for customers whom they have watched leave Fritz's happy time and time again.

"So much has changed since we first built this place," Ray Higgins said of Fritz's West County location, located just south of Hwy. 141 and Big Bend.

One thing that has changed is the fact that Hwy. 141 used to run right in front of the store; about five years ago, the road divided. Now, there are hundreds of new homes on Dougherty Ferry Road and Big Bend.

"But that's what's nice," Higgins said. "Even though we're not sticking out on the main road like we used to when we'd see 28,000 cars a day 20 feet in front of store, our business has stayed relatively the same because neighbors spread the word and people see us as a destination."

Established in 1983 by Terry and Diane Fritz, Fritz's Frozen Custard uses an exclusive recipe for making fresh Custard that meets the highest quality standards and uses natural ingredients. The result is a rich, creamy custard that makes the sweet tooth sing whether it is served straight up or as the foundation for any number of Fritz's desserts that can be enjoyed on the patio, tailgating or on the road. Flavors include Fritz's Original (90 percent fat free vanilla); Fritz's Lite (95 percent fat free vanilla); Fritz's No Sugar Added Vanilla; Fritz's Chocolate; and Cake Batter (white cake, yellow cake and brownie). Flavor-of-the-Day offerings change every month and can be found online.

The Turtle Sundae - custard crowned with hot caramel, hot fudge and Fritz's "secret pecans" - reigns supreme as Fritz's most popular dessert.

Also unbelievably good is Fritz's customer service, which likely is due to the owners' hiring practices and the way they treat their employees.

"The young people we hire - we look hard at their grade point averages; we talk to their parents," Debbie Higgins said. "We try to hire people whose attitude is, 'Hey, this is fun.'"

Fritz's Frozen Custard rewards their customers, also, by hosting special events like Fritz's Annual Car Hop Night with live music, a dance contest for kids and prizes. This year, the event is from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sat., June 13.

While some things have changed since Fritz's opened 16 years ago, others remain constant.

"We're still here, we're the same owners, we have the same great product and we provide the same friendly service," Ray Higgins said.

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Watch our website, [www.corvettefunfest.com](http://www.corvettefunfest.com) for more details.



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



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