

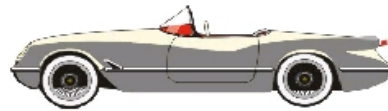
St. Louis Corvette Club

Gateway News



Nov, 2009

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No animals were hurt or damaged in the making of this newsletter. But poor Humphrey. The shame of it all.

Internet

St. Louis Corvette Club Website

www.stlcorvettes.net

National Council of Corvette Clubs

www.corvettesnccc.org

National Corvette Museum

www.corvettemuseum.com

Boon Trail Corvette Club

www.boontrailcc.com

Looking Glass Corvette Club

www.jackschmitt.com

Original Corvette Club

www.occofstl.com



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
November, 2009

It is amazing to me, we are quickly bringing this year to a close. It went by way too fast! I still want to get out and drive more!

Thanks to all who participated in the Liver Walk – your dedication is appreciated. We had another great Hayride / Bonfire / Chilli night, with plenty of jokes. Uh, I don't remember any, I'm sure someone does... ..two-thirty.

Looking forward, we have our final scheduled meeting on November 3. We will hold our annual elections and gather the gifts for our 'families' at this meeting. I apologize, Rich and I will not be able to make this meeting. We will be going with our son and daughter-in-law to the SEMA (Specialty Equipment Manufacturers Show) in Las Vegas. I understand it is one of the largest Trade shows held each year in las Vegas. I'll be spending time with our good friend Dana Forrester while the rest walk all over the place!

Make sure you send in your membership renewal or pay Ruth at the beginning of the November meeting. Renewals must be complete to vote in the election and to participate in all the great activities of the club! Also, we need to your RSVP and payment for the Holiday Dinner to Bev DuPont. Please pay at the meeting, if you can, or by December 4 at the latest! We have a great evening planned – with some surprises! You won't want to miss this evening!

Theresa

BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERSARIES	
Ron Miesner	11/01	Don & Anne Pickles	11/16
Gary Murray	11/01	Dick & Conita Shoulders	11/26
Karen Price	11/05	Richard & Mary Doerr	11/28
Vikki Bayliss	11/08		
Mary Turner	11/12		
Mike Ludlow	11/12		
June Huch	11/15		
Howard Turner	11/16	Patty Craig	11/28
Ron Huch	11/16	Sharon Ballinger	11/30
Mark Shipley	11/23	Stephen Lyle	11/30



***St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting
October 6, 2009 - Sunset Lakes Banquet Center***

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm 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. A sign-up sheet was also made available for monthly birthday cakes for next year's meetings.

Guests/ New Members

Several guests were welcomed. Sandy Zahradka who has a black 2009 GT1, Johanna Brown who is member Ann Brown's daughter, and Larry and Elise Akins who have a LeMans blue 2004 coupe. We also welcomed new member Jim Stockwell who has a silver 1996 collector's edition convertible.

Treasurer's Report

Sara Gibson reported a balance of \$2486.97 as of August 31st. Income of \$81.00 (50/50 monies) and \$60.00 (VA fund), disbursements of \$65.91 (Dierbergs/Fain), \$13.86 (50/50 tickets) and \$26.22 (newsletter) leaving a balance as of September 30th of \$2521.98. There were no additions, corrections or discussion by the membership.

Secretary's Minutes

There were no additions, corrections or discussion to the minutes for the September 1st meeting as published in the newsletter.

Membership Report

Ruth Howard reported current membership of 87 regular members and 12 associate members for a total of 99 members. Ruth recognized members celebrating September birthdays and anniversaries. Ruth read an e-mail that was sent by June Fain to the club thanking them for their prayers, support and attendance at Jerry's funeral. Theresa reminded members 2010 dues are payable prior to the election of officers at the November meeting. Dues must be paid prior to voting at the November meeting. They are \$75 for a couple's membership, \$45 for individual and \$25 for associate members.

Les Gibson made a motion to allow surviving spouses or significant others of deceased members to remain members of the club, even if the car has to be sold. Rich Luebcke seconded the motion. Steve Lyle said in other clubs in which he participates, the surviving spouse becomes an honorary member for life and does not pay dues, even if they no longer have a Corvette. Theresa Luebcke proposed the motion be the club make June Fain an honorary member. She will not have to pay dues or own a Corvette. Ron Hagenow said he will be responsible for getting it into the by-laws. The motion was passed by the membership to make June Fain an honorary member of the club for life with no dues.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley gave the report. She attended the ambassadors' meeting at the museum over the Labor Day weekend. There was discussion about an addition being made to the museum on the other side of the highway. It will be an autocross and high speed track. If anyone is interested in following the progress of the addition, there is a special link on the museum website.

The 1,500,000th car produced at the plant has been purchased by the museum and will be on permanent display there.

Judy has tickets for a 2010 torch red coupe that will be raffled at the museum on January 28th at 2pm. The tickets are \$10 each and make great “stocking stuffers” for Christmas.

Rich Luebcke mentioned the Corvair exhibit going on now at the museum.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governors Report

Rich Luebcke gave the report. The NCCC Governors’ meeting was held in St .Louis on September 12th. The Midwest Region Governors’ meeting was held in the morning. The Midwest Region has 2860 members and consists of clubs from Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, the Route 66 club and our club. The Midwest Region has the largest number of future Corvette owners. Paul Haack, the regional competition director, spoke about safety at autocrosses. Apparently, a competitor at one of the autocrosses this year lost control and “took out” a light pole, and the timing and judging trailer along with other things.

The 2009 NCCC Convention held in Colorado Springs did turn a profit, which is good as not all of them turn a profit.

The 2010 NCCC Convention will be in West Palm Beach.

Windy City Corvette Club has put in a bid to hold the 2011 NCCC Convention in Tinley Park, Illinois. Should they be accepted, Rich is going to ask that the St. Louis Corvette Club sponsor an event in conjunction with Route 66 Corvette Club and Great Rivers Corvette Club. Rich thinks we could get some visibility and make a name for ourselves. A decision about the bid will be made in November.

The NCCC is creating a youth member category for youths age 16 to 21 or 25 if in college to get more young people into the organization.

The NCCC will be raffling a 2010 Grand Sport at next year’s convention.

Route 66 Corvette Club is hosting an Octobercross event this weekend at the GM plant with four events and Saturday and three on Sunday. Rich has details if anyone is interested.

Peggy Craig said she spoke with the NCCC governor of Route 66 Corvette Club at an event last weekend. The Route 66 club would like to have three of our seven sanctions for next year so they can offer a longer weekend of autocrossing in August.

The next governor’s meeting will be in November.

Website Update

There was no website update.

Sponsor Report

Ken Barron gave the report. Ken approached someone he knows at ELCO Chevrolet and they have agreed to sponsor our club. Ken thanked Ruth and Randy Howard who made up a top notch proposal and were very instrumental in the process of obtaining the sponsorship. ELCO plans to have a technician or a salesman at our next meeting. Club members will have a contact person at ELCO and they are working out the details on discounts. ELCO has paid the club the sponsorship fee of \$2500 for 2010. Theresa wants to get some of our sponsorship committee to meet with the guy Ken has been working with at ELCO to find out what they expect from our club and what we will be able to do for them in return.

Randy Howard reported that Skip Weber from Weber Chevrolet did call him several times after ELCO became our sponsor. He was sorry he did not respond quickly enough. Randy said they are in the wings in case anything happens with ELCO and we may do some “nonclub” events for them to keep them in the door.

Jeff Craig said he has sent a few members to ELCO for service work. One of his former bosses, John Brinkman is one of the service advisors at ELCO. Jeff advised members if they need service work to talk to John Brinkman or Randy Ferguson at ELCO and mention Jeff’s name. Club members just need to show their paid membership card to get discounts at ELCO. Members will get their paid membership cards at the next meeting. If anyone needs their card before the meeting, call Ruth Howard and she will mail it to you.

Announcements

Don and Ann Pickles got Top Flight on their 1967 convertible. Theresa Luebcke explained what Top Flight is. Kevin Bayliss is being deployed December 1st to Afghanistan. Vikki will have to let us know when he can start getting care packages.

Rich Luebcke wanted everyone to know that Vikki Bayliss told him she and Kevin like our club because everyone is helpful, we really have a good time, and we treat each other as family.

Rich stressed we are first and foremost "a great big family" besides having great cars.

June Fain is selling Jerry's Corvette and wants to offer it to club members first. It is a 2002 black coupe. She is also selling his 12-gauge shotgun which was shot only once.

Michelle Paillou announced she won a trophy at Funfest. She decorated her car like the television show Survivor, had physical, mental and food challenges and an immunity.

Ruth Howard announced the Jeff and Patty Craig won a contest for a fuel economy run in Eureka Springs. They had the best overall fuel economy for a C3 with 51.85mpg over a course of 101 miles. Ruth presented them with a framed picture of them and their award.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee: Judy Dooley reported that she, Armynta Craig and Ron Hagenow made phone calls to all members. Ann Brown was nominated as treasurer and she accepted the nomination. Jean DuPont accepted nomination to remain sergeant at arms. Ruth Howard accepted nomination to remain membership secretary. Michelle Paillou was nominated as secretary but declined. Judy Barron was nominated as secretary and she accepted the nomination. Jeff Craig accepted nomination to remain Vice President. Rich Luebcke was nominated as President but declined. Randy Howard was nominated as president and accepted nomination with the stipulation he might miss some meetings due to travel for work. Judy will make up a ballot for next month's meeting. There will be spaces on the ballot for write-in nominees if anyone feels like they might want to run for one of the positions.

Charity Committee: Jan Murray reported we have two families, the Red Family and the Green Family, we are adopting for Christmas. The Red Family consists of eight members and the Green Family consists of six members. Jan had a Christmas tree with red and green paper ornaments. The red ornaments were for the Red Family and the green ornaments were for the Green Family. Each ornament had a family member's age, sex and an item they would like for Christmas. Members were asked to each pick an ornament from the tree. If any ornaments were left over they could take another. They should purchase the item, wrap it, put the ornament on top of the present and bring it to the November meeting.

Father Ed Stanger will be at the November meeting to thank everyone and take the gifts. If anyone wants to buy more than the items on the ornaments, Jan suggested McDonald's gift cards. Jan also requested each member bring a canned good to the November meeting.

Christmas Party Committee: Ruth Howard gave the report. There were fliers about the Christmas Party on each table. It will be held on Friday, December 12th at Bartolino's South on South Lindbergh. The cost will be \$30 per person and this includes the meal, tax and gratuity. The meal will be buffet style and will consist of chicken modiga, veal parmesan, pastas, salad, a vegetable, relish tray, bread and spumoni for dessert. There will be a cash bar starting at 6:30pm. Dinner will start at 7:15pm. Members were urged to contact Bev DuPont to RSVP. The deadline for payment is December 4th. Ruth suggested, as part of the entertainment, for the evening everyone share a funny or serious story that happened at an event this past year with the club. Everyone was encouraged to wear their "holiday finest" as this will be a dress event.

New Events

October 11: Miller's Grill Run-Washington, MO-Dave Ehrhard is coordinating this event. Meet at 10:30am at Walgreens parking lot on Long Road and Airport Road in Chesterfield and leave at 11:00am. Fliers and a sign-up

October 24: Liver Walk-Gary Murray is coordinating this event-meet at 8:30am at the World Fair Pavilion in Forest Park registration starts at 9:00am and the walk starts at 10:00am Gary said Ron Hagenow will try to set up a St. Louis Corvette Club team so that members can register online at LiverFoundation.org/walk. Members can call or email Gary with questions.

October 24: Hayride and Bonfire- Don Bradford is coordinating this event-Meet at the commuter parking lot at Highways 94 and 40 at 2:00pm and leave about 2:15pm for a road run and then go to Greensfelder Park for the hayride and bonfire-Anyone who wants can bring chili. Hot dogs, buns and chips will be provided. Bring lawn chairs, jackets and marshmallow roasting sticks. Fliers and a sign-up sheet were made available.

November 7: Veterans Day Parade-Ron Hagenow is coordinating this event. Fliers were made available. At least six convertibles are needed to drive Gold Star Mothers as well as three other cars, convertibles or coupes, to transport service members. A sign-up sheet was made available and those who are willing to drive a dignitary were asked to put a check mark by their name. American flags and service flags for cars can be purchased at flagcaddie.com.

Prior Events

Members thanked Ruth Howard for coordinating the Ladies' run to Josephine's Tea Room on Sept.12th.

Members thanked Ann Brown for coordinating the event at Scott Air Force Base on Sept.19th.

A good time was had by all who attended Funfest at MidAmerica Motorworks in Effingham, IL Sept 25-27.

Members thanked Carl and Sharon Ballinger and Jim and Sharon Love for all the hard work and dedication they put into the 2009 National Corvette Caravan Aug.29-Sept.5.

The Club Road Rally and Picnic on Sept.20th was a great success. Members thanked Charlie and Jackie Miget and Mike and Karen Price for coordinating this event.

Old Business

Les Gibson asked if the club would send a thank you card to Mike Yager at MidAmerica Motorworks for all he did for the Caravan. He had a delectable \$8 chicken dinner, and free continental breakfast for Caravan participants who traveled through Effingham. Judy Dooley offered to send him a thank you card from the club.

Armynta Craig suggested the club be very careful about disclosing illnesses of members in the minutes or on the website as this is a violation of HIPA.

Bob Woods suggested the sergeant at arms take the VA Fund can around at meetings. Theresa Luebcke said this would be taken under advisement at the next board meeting.

New Business

Peggy Craig reminded members about the autocross event at the GM plant this weekend.

Randy Howard would like to make up at pictorial club calendar for next year. Contact Randy if you are interested in submitting pictures.

Attendance

Total attendance was 64.

50/50

Lynn and Larry Taake won \$118 in the 50/50 drawing.

Dessert

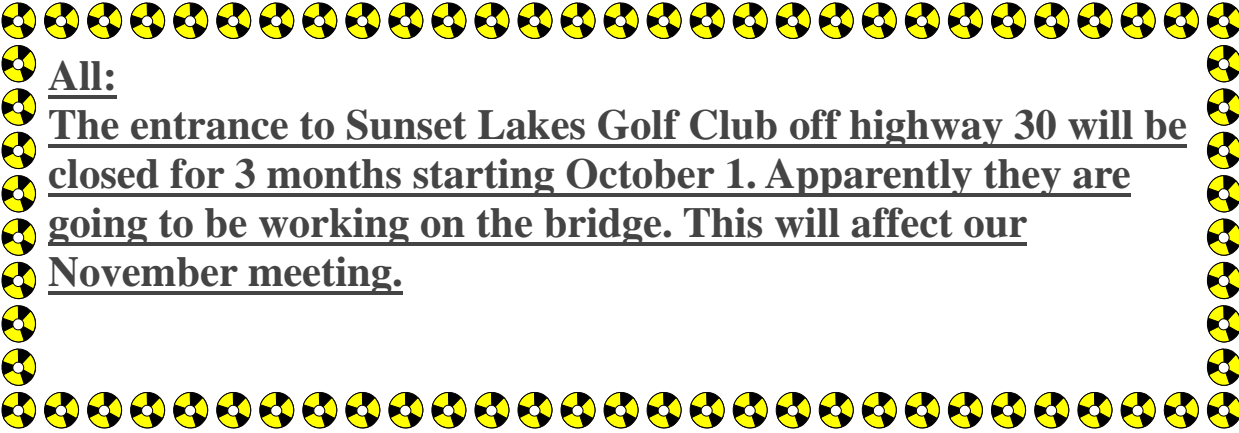
Thanks to Kevin and Jamie Smull for providing this month's cake. Ken and Judy Barron have volunteered to provide a cake for next month's meeting.

Steve Lyle made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm. The motion was seconded by Peggy Craig.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, November 3rd 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.

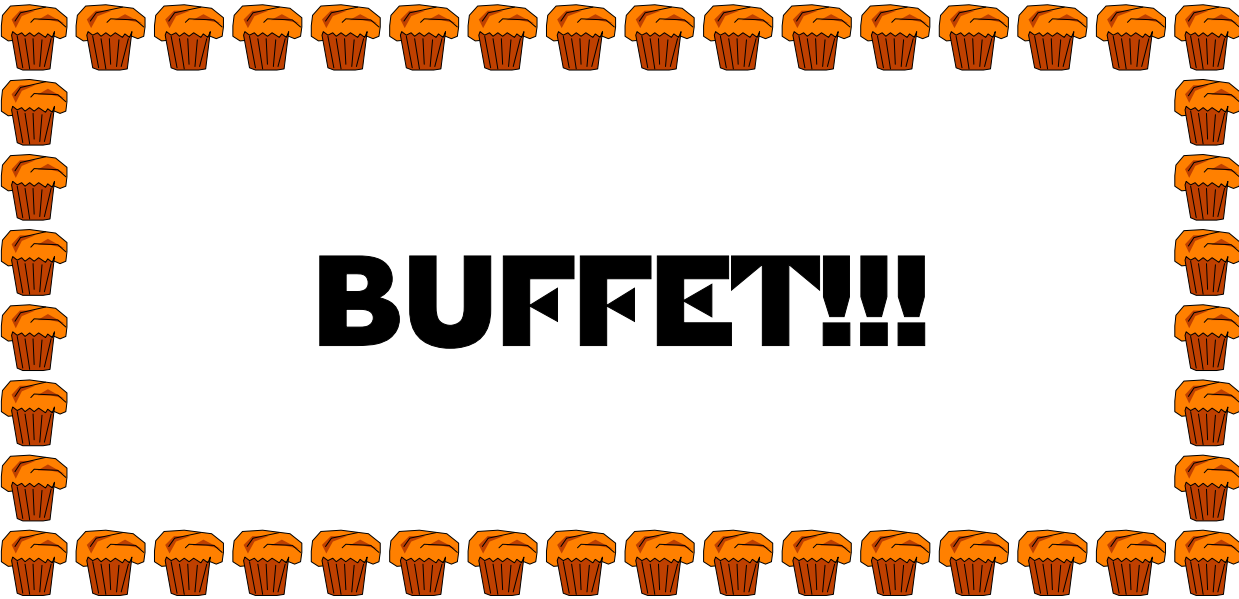
Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ehrhard, Secretary 2009



All:

The entrance to Sunset Lakes Golf Club off highway 30 will be closed for 3 months starting October 1. Apparently they are going to be working on the bridge. This will affect our November meeting.



BUFFET!!!

St. Louis Corvette Club

2009 - Year-at-a-Glance

Date	Event	Contact	Date	Event	Contact
JAN			AUG		
11	SLCC Meeting		4	SLCC Meeting	
FEB			13 - 16	LeMans at Road America	Jeff C
3	SLCC Meeting		22	Rich Run	Rich L
8	Valentine's Brunch	Steve Lyle	23	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy C
27-28	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke	30	Chicken Run	Barrons
MARCH			SEP		
3	SLCC Meeting		1	SLCC Meeting	
29	Whitmond	Jean D	2	NCM Caravan at ST. Louis Mills	Dooleys
			2-5	NCM Caravan	Carl/Judy
APRIL			11-12	NCCC	Rich
7	SLCC Meeting		12	Ladies Run	Ruth
19	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy	19	SAFB Car Show	Ann B
			20	SLCC Picnic	Miget
23-25	C5/C6 Bash	Judy D	25-27	Funfest	Rich
			27	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy C
MAY			OCT		
1-2	NCCC	Rich L	1-4	Eureka Springs	Carl
2	JB Garden Day	Bob/Karen	6	SLCC Meeting	
5	SLCC Meeting		11	Miller's Grove	Dave E
16 - 18	Corvette Run to Memphi	Angie	24	Liver Walk	Gary M
31	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy C		Hayride	Don B
			25	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy C
JUNE			NOV		
2	SLCC Meeting		3	SLCC Meeting	
13	Genghis Grill Show	Rich L	7	Veteran's Day	Ron H
21	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy C	13-14	NCCC Governor's Meeting	Rich Luebcke
			15	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy C
JULY			DEC		
4	Webster Parade	Michelle			
7	SLCC Meeting		12	Christmas Party	
16 - 19	Vintage Races	Jeff C			
19	Fritz's Ice Cream	Peggy C			
26	Mystery Run	Charlie Marty			

FROM THE NCM AMBASSADOR



We are getting close to the end of another year, and lots went on this past year at the [NCM](#).

Starting with the Bash in April, the Gathering in May and the Caravan/[15th](#) Anniversary this past Labor Day.

If you would like some picture memories of the Labor Day event from an aerial prospective,

you can go to a line at the [NCM](#) web site www.corvettemuseum.com where you can purchase

aerial images of the [15th](#) Anniversary Celebration, through the Corvette Store. These pictures

will give you a great view of the Labor Day event we attended.

The Corvette Store will also have items that are available in their gift shop that you might be

interested in as a Christmas gift. The Store also has items on sale each month so you may

want to look into that also.

Don't forget I will have tickets for the 2010 Torch Red Corvette Coupe for \$10 each.

Judy Dooley

[NCM](#) Ambassador

Upcoming Event

Once again this year the club will be participating in the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis. The parade will be on Saturday, November 7, 2009. We anticipate again driving the Mayor plus up to 6 Gold Star Mothers. We would like to use convertibles for the Gold Star Mothers so if you can participate it will be appreciated. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting along with more information.

Ron

These are the club members who have been nominated for our 2010 board:

PRESIDENT: Randy Howard

VICE-PRESIDENT: Jeff Craig

TREASURER; Ann Brown

SECRETARY: Judy Barron

MEMBERSHIP: Ruth Howard

SERGEANT OF ARMS: Jean Dupont

If you would like to run for one of these positions, please

let someone on the Nominating Committe know prior to our November meeting.

Judy Dooley

Ron Hagenow

Armynta Craig



**STLCC PRIDE OF
AUTOCROSS—PEGGY CRAIG.
WAY TO GO. ONE OF THESE
DAYS MAYBE YOU'LL HAVE
SOME COMPANY.**

Just a few reminders for the November meeting.

1. The road is still closed - please see website if you need the directions for entering in the back way to Sunset.
2. Membership dues are due! In order to be eligible to vote your membership dues must be paid. Dues are payable at the meeting on November 3rd or you can mail them to my house; 3004 Collington Court, St. Louis, MO 63129
3. The Christmas gifts also need to be turned in at the November meeting. If you weren't at the last meeting Jan Murray had a Christmas tree that names and ages on for gifts. Contact Jan Murray if you have any questions at 314-894-4405.
4. The Christmas party is December 13th at Bartolino's Restaurant on South Lindbergh. RSVP's must be rec'd by December 4th. Payment of \$30 per person can also be made at the November meeting. If you plan on attending please contact Bev Dupont at 636-391-1982 or email her at bhjdupont@att.net.

To quote one of our lovely members... "WATER ON THE ROAD" still. Maybe one day it will quit raining!

Thanks,

Ruth Howard
Membership



SOME PICS
FROM
EUREKA
SPRINGS.
CONGRATS
JEFF AND
PATTY ON
YOUR
AWARD. A
TOAST TO
JERRY.



The club will once again participate in the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday, November 7, 2009. We will meet at the Krispy Kreme in South County near the JC Penney's Home Store (I-55 and Lindbergh). We will meet at 9:30am and depart by 10:00 for the parade. Please see the attached flyer for more information.

As we have done in past years, we are privileged to be driving 6 Gold Star Mothers. And this year we will be transporting at least 3 veterans.

If you did not sign the signup sheet at the meeting last night but want to participate, please let me know. I need to also know whether you have a coupe or convertible and the color. We will have the November meeting right before the parade so you will have another chance to signup then.

After the parade we plan on having lunch, maybe at the nearby Sybergs. More details to follow.

Ron

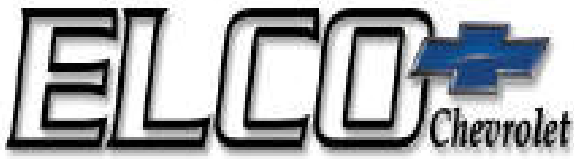


PICTURES
FROM LAST
YEARS
VETERAN
PARADE





SOME PICTURES FROM THE HAYRIDE AND COOKOUT. THE WIENIE ROAST ROASTER COMPETITION LOOKED PRETTY TOUGH.



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