

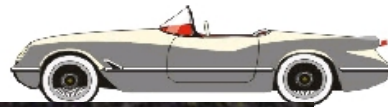
St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News

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THIS WAS OUR MASCOT FOR THE MOUSE RACES. NICE CAR.

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

MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Looks like Spring has finally arrived so take those car covers off and get those cars on the road! A couple of things to bring you up to speed on; at the March meeting we voted on a new charity and this year we will be supporting the Gateway Hemophilia Association. This charity was nominated by Karen Price. We had a nice turnout for the Jilly's happy hour, food, fun & friendship and maybe a drink or two was also involved!

If you didn't attend the Mouse Races you missed a great time! We were honored to have Matt from the VA speak to everyone and explain what STLCC does for the VA Hospital and the veterans. He also brought along Becky his assistant and two patients. I will let the Mouse Committee go into more detail regarding this event. Speaking of our Mouse Committee I have to congratulate Chris Woods, Karen Price and Ruth Howard for an outstanding event! They put together a great fundraiser and had the hall decorated awesome. Special thanks to Marty Dooley, Mike Price, Tammy & Tommy Ortmann for helping set up. Let's not forget that this event could not have been possible without the help of our volunteers and all the folks that sponsored tables, purchased tickets, sold tickets and purchased the mice! Thanks to all!

We also had some celebrities that made the National Corvette Museum newsletter! Congratulations to the Ballinger's and Luebcke's whose picture was featured on the article for the Labor Day and R8C event coming in September.

Unfortunately for those members that were planning on participating in the trip to French Lick in April this event has been cancelled. Seems like the hotel was taken over by REO Speedwagon fans! Hope to see you all at the April 6th meeting.

Sincerely,
Randy Howard
President



***St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting
March 2, 2010 - Sunset Lakes Banquet Center***

The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by President Randy Howard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and everyone was welcomed to the meeting. Randy introduced the board members, reminded everyone to sign the attendance sheet, and asked everyone to be sure to buy 50-50 tickets.

Guests

Bob Woods introduced two new members, Ann & Craig, who own a 1968 red Corvette. Ruth Howard introduced two new members, Ray & Sharon, who own a 2009 red Corvette. I wasn't sure how to spell their last names, so I'm very sorry not to have them. I will have both last names next month. Sorry!

Treasurer's Report

Ann Brown read the treasurer's report. Rich Doerr made a motion to accept the report and Theresa Luebcke seconded it.

Secretary's Minutes

There were no changes or discussion to the minutes from the February meeting. Chris Woods made a motion to accept the minutes and Don Giovanoni seconded it.

Membership Report

We have 88 regular members, 14 associate members and 1 lifetime member. Ruth Howard recognized all birthdays and anniversaries for March 2010. Ruth read a very nice thank-you card from Michelle Paillou.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley gave a report on upcoming events at the museum. If you need any information, e-mail or call Judy Dooley. Judy mentioned the drawing for the Build-Your-Own-Corvette. Tickets are \$100.00 each! You must buy tickets online.

Sponsor Report

There was no representative from ELCO Chevrolet. They want to have a car show June 26, 2010. We will have more information at a later date.

National Council of Corvette Club Governor's Report

No report given--Rich Luebcke was not present.

Committee Reports

Charity Committee: Jan Murray and Mary Doerr handed out ballots with five charities for members to vote on. The winner was the Gateway Hemophilia Association. They will have more information on this.

Chris Woods and Ruth Howard discussed the mouse races. I'm sure this will be a big success. Chris, Ruth and Karen Price have worked very hard to make this a fun event and make money for our charities. Ruth thanked everyone for bringing in baskets for auction.

Budget Committee: Nothing to report at this time.

Parade Committee: Ron Hagenow has nothing at this time.

Car Show Committee: Mike Price has nothing at this time.

VA Hospital Committee: Karen Price and Chris Woods talked about the mouse races. They have nothing else going on at this moment.

By-Law Committee: Ron Hagenow could not find anything in our by-laws about limiting membership to 100 members. We currently have 88 members, but if membership rises to near 100, we will talk about it again.

Nominating Committee: Gary Murray has nothing to discuss at this early date.

Christmas Committee: The date for the Christmas party is December 4, 2010.

Prior Events

A wonderful time was had by all at the happy hour at Wapango. Thanks Peggy Craig! Ann Brown set up the brunch at Scott Air Force Base. A good time was had by all. Thanks, Ann for setting up this event.

New Events

We have some very nice events coming up:
Happy Hour at Jilly's at 6:00 p.m. on March 5, 2010.

French Lick Hotel on Friday & Saturday, April 8 & 9, 2010 and returning on Sunday, April 10, 2010. Jerry and Armyata Craig will send an e-mail on this. The hotel rate came down to \$135.00/night instead of \$165.00/night. More information to follow.

Trip to Tunica, MS from Friday, April 30 to Sunday, May 2, 2010. Be sure to let Angie know as soon as you can if you plan to attend. We are renting a bus to take us into Memphis on Saturday from 4:00-9:00 p.m. Everyone had a wonderful time last year. Thanks, Angie & Don, for all your work.

Rich & Theresa Luebcke made a run to Mid-America and discovered a new restaurant called Fire-Fly. They may set up an event for us in the future.

April 25th will be the first run to Fritz's Ice Cream. If you need more information, contact Peggy Craig.

President Randy Howard asked members to sponsor an event.

50/50

Howard Turner won \$110.00 in the 50-50 drawing.

New Business

Crane Valve, Randy Howard's employer, donated 8-10 computers for the Veterans. Thanks to Randy and Crane Valve!

Thanks to Lynn & Larry Taake for bringing the cake this month.

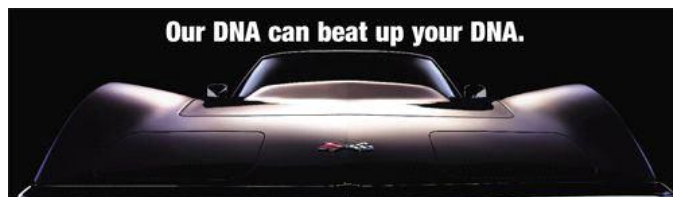
We had 56 members at our meeting this month.

Michelle Paillon made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and Ken Barron seconded it.

The next meeting will be held April 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Barron



SAVE THE WAVE

Ever since Corvette No. 00001 first met Corvette No. 00002 on the road, their drivers saluted each other with waves. Today, unfortunately, this grand and glorious tradition is wavering.

There's one item of standard equipment that comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It's the instant wave of recognition he receives when he meets one of his ilk on the road. The first time it happens, he is taken by surprise. He immediately thinks: (1) He has been mistaken for Sterling Moon; (2) His lights are on; or (3) He has just seen given the bird.

Flustered and puzzled, he doesn't return the "hi" sign. Usually, when the neophyte realizes his faux pas, the other driver is a mile away, storky at being snubbed, and the blunderer experiences a hollow feeling in the pit of his stomach and a "boy, am I drunk" feeling in the middle of his head.

Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, he experiments with his waves, running the gamut from the gaping "yoo hee" to the ultracool "two-finger flip." He perfects his timing, making sure he affects neither the too-cager, too-early wave, nor the jaded "oh, bother" too-late variety. Determined not to be one-upped, he even develops a defense mechanism for non-wavers, usually settling on the "Wave? My head was just on the way to scratch my head" approach. (This is especially useful when you're not driving your Vette, but you forget and like a dummy, wave anyway.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving next to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going in opposite directions is one thing. Circuits are recharged, and that's that. But what happens when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and then pull up next to him at the next light, a black hair? Wave again? Not bashfully? Grim self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're exceeding an owner, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have any.

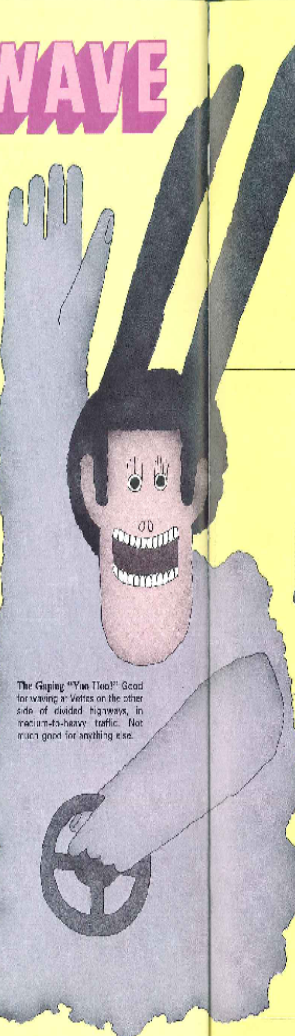
Girl-type Corvette drivers also have a unique problem: to wave or not to wave. The miss or missus who borrows her man's Corvette for the first time is immediately faced with this quandary. Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies who drive their own Vettes prefer to suffer the latter rather than take the chance of being misread. For this reason, all girls are encouraged for occasionally failing to return a well-meant wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is an excuse, however, for the guy who refuses to return a wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems that a few owners of newer models refuse to recognize and yield older than theirs, while some others simply *wave* wave, period. Boo on them. These ding-dongs don't seem to realize that they are helping to quash a tradition that had its beginnings back when most of us were still driving 1965 Chevys.

And besides, in this era of mechanical anonymity, we need to save all the human relationships we can.

What to do about the problem of non-wavers? Well, in the movie "The Hustler," Fast Eddie had his hands broken for not playing by the rules. But, maybe this is going just a bit too far. Maybe the solution is to cure these guys with kindness.

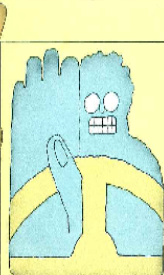
So, take a look at these drawings and pick a wave you like. Then, the next time you pass a fellow Veteran, make sure you use it. And the next time. And the next. Who knows? If you don't succeed in getting some of these hard-noses to wave back, at least you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you've started the ball of reform thinking. And that alone is worth a wave.



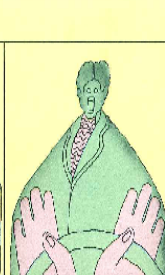
The Gaping "You Toot" Good for waving a Vette on the other side of shaded highways, in vacuums-to-heavy traffic. Not much good for anything else.



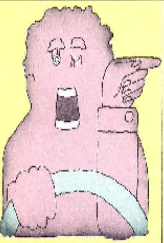
The Two-Finger Flip. A move that can say "Hi," or "Wew!" or "Hikey!" or "Peace!" Or most anything else, depending on the action of the giver, and the reaction of the taker.



The Four-Finger Pop-Up. One of the classics. Palm grips top of wheel, with 4 fingers extended straight, an admirable expression helps the rest effort.



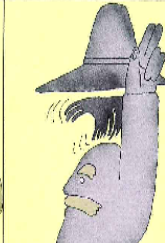
The Five-Finger Spread. Broad expansion and outgoing. The hand action is reminiscent of Al Jolson at a ball.



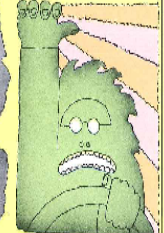
The Painter. Sort of a wink, a clik and a "bang, you're done!" combination. Can also be used to draw attention to a parking traffic sign, in which case, you are dead.



The Wiggle Wiggle. Sort of a "Hi, guys!" Primarily given by cartooning false-figure types.



The Tupper-Tupper. A rarely seen, but eloquent gesture. Can prove embarrassing when the upper waves both a nut and a weeper.



The Right-Handed "Hi-C Bye." A veneration move, given only of the last minute. Hand wheels straight skyward, occasionally scorching fingertips or knuckle in if a process.



The New-Funk Head Jack. A fast resort, when you think you'll be snubbed, but don't, or when you think you haven't been recognizing, but have.



The Last-Minute Left Elbow Crops. Another observation tactic, usually seen only in rear-view mirrors. Has all the grace and finesse of a leg-less man in a forest fire.

BIRTHDAYS

Mel Ludlow	4/5
Kevin Bayliss	4/5
Les Gibson	4/19
Peggy Craig	4/20

ANNIVERSARIES

Terry & Irene Wilson	4/10
Gary & Jan Murray	4/19

From Judy Dooley
National Corvette Museum Ambassador



Our calendars are starting to fill for this year. Some of the items on the list are at the Corvette Museum. For our club members that will be going to the Corvette Museum for the C-5 / C 6 Bash, don't forget to register soon. Another event that just opened for registration is the Labor Day Event. Both of these have a lot of activities at them. So, if you are interested, check out the events on the Museum websight and find some side trips. They do limit these these - check them out soon.

The NCM also has sale items in the store, or you can order on line. Something new are large metal nose emblems of your vette to hang on your wall (they range in size from 12" to about 32" long) Check them out. (www.corvettemuseum.com)

As always, we can help with directions and rooms for those going to Bowling Green, Kentucky. Just let us know what we can help you with.

Judy Dooley
NCM - Ambassador

Hi Patty, **MESSAGE FROM KEVIN BAYLISS**

Thank you for sending me the package. I don't know if Vik told you or not, but I love Peanut Butter Cap'n Crunch! I eat it like a snack by the handful. I also love the PB Girl Scout cookies. Thanks for all the magazines, munchies, earplugs, everything. Not that I "need" anything here, but it is fun to get mail.

The food here is decent but it is mostly boring. I think I'm losing weight out of boredom of the food! It couldn't have anything to do with no beer and soda..... Everybody loves munchies from home.

As I mentioned before, the biggest thing I appreciate is all you guys in the club taking care of Vik.

I went to a location north of my base. I've attached a couple pics of the mountains. It's a very rough country.

LTC Kevin S. Bayliss



BEFORE THE CROWD



DURING THE GAMING NIGHT



SOME BROUGHT PETS



OTHERS JUST GLOATED

EVEN OUR SPONSORS WERE AFFECTED—SEE NEXT PICTURE—NOT NECESSARRILY IN A RESPECTABLE WAY



WE HAD MOUSE OWNER WINNERS



WE RAFFLED OFF SOME GREAT BASKETS



WE EVEN HAD A LIVE AUCTION FOR SOME GREAT BASKETS



These 2 had interesting expressions— please add what you think they thinking and forward



Some of the professional gaming devices. Those that helped and those needed help



Matt and Becky brought some vets to enjoy the evening



AND THEIR OFF

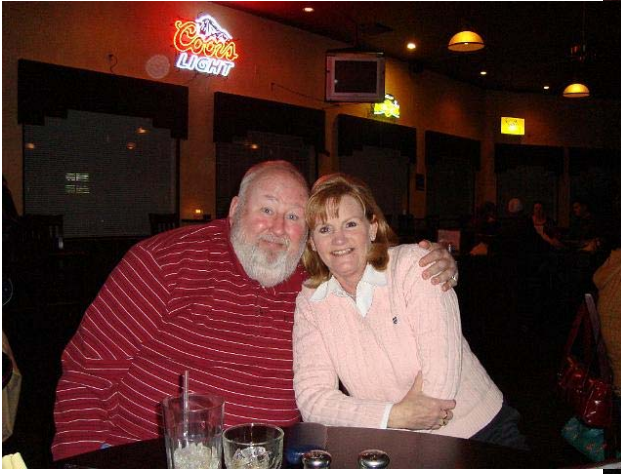


THE 50/50 WINNER

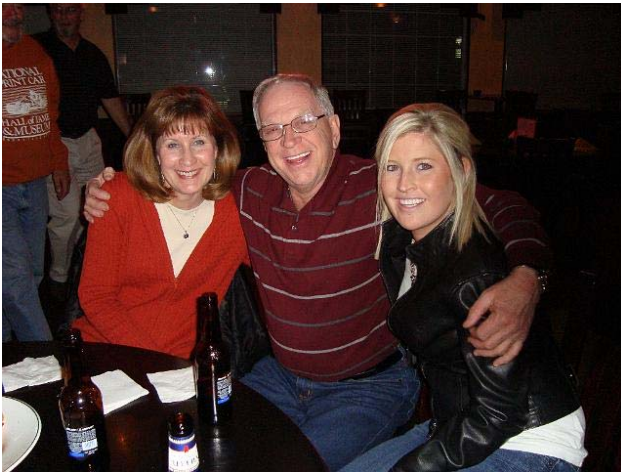
HAPPY HOUR AT JILLY'S

RUTH HAS NO PROBLEM MAKING BOB SMILE

THERE'S A SOBERING SITE



WE ARE TAKING VOTES AS TO WHO IS THE LUCKIEST—JUDY OR JEAN





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