



# Gateway News

The official publication of the St. Louis Corvette Club

May 2011

## Upcoming Events

- May 3 St. Louis Corvette Club Monthly Meeting
- May 7 Elco Corvette Show
- May 12-14 NCM C4 Gathering
- May 13-14 Tunica, MS Adventure
- May 22 Bob's Gasoline Alley Run
- June 7 St. Louis Corvette Club Monthly Meeting
- June 8 - 12 Wisconsin Dells
- June 26 Ice Cream Run to Fritz's Frozen Custard



### Mouse Races a Hit!

Many thanks to the Mousketeers (top photo) for planning and executing another wonderful fundraiser! We had a huge crowd (bottom photo) cheering on their favorite Corvettes rodents and raising money for several great causes.

Tommy's mouse wins a race! (left)



## President's Column



A very successful month. With a great fundraiser and all the preparations for it, some of us thought we could sit back and enjoy what we did. We went from one event directly into our annual V.A. garden party. With all the rain and bad weather we had this past week, it was decided that it was too wet and muddy to do our annual planting party. I started calling some of our members to cancel the plants and mulch deliveries. A couple of them said they had some time to go over and do some of the prep work to get things ready for the planting. We really were surprised at the group that showed up anyway with the forecast of storms. We were able to get the stonework done, planters and some other areas ready for the new plants. Then the rains started again... The yard looks good. When the planting is done and then the mulch put in, it will really be something to be proud of (when it is dry enough to do). These Veterans we are doing this for are so thankful for our club doing this work, but remember why we do this --- It is really us thanking them... It will probably be a few days, or maybe even a week before we can do the plants and mulch work. Hope to let you know soon when that will be.

Getting back to our fundraiser for victims of the New Years Eve tornado...it was my honor to present checks to **Mayor Bill Nolan** from Sunset Hills, **John Jerome** from Operation Homefront, and to the **Ortmann family**. This never would have been such a success without our club members who put so much time and effort into this event. Thanks to them and to all our club members who participated in one way or another. This was truly a great club event.

Now that these work-related events are over, let's get those cars cleaned-up and gassed-up. It's time to get them back on the road...

Drive carefully,  
*Marty Dooley*  
President - 2011



## 2011 Officers

President: **Marty Dooley**

Vice President: **Charlie Miget**

Secretary: **Mary Ann Hagenow**

Sergeant-at-Arms: **Carl Ballinger**

Membership: **Ron Hagenow**

Webmaster: **Jerry Craig**



National Corvette Museum Ambassador:  
**Judy Dooley, 314.894.0303**



National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor:  
**Rich Luebcke, 636.532.9620**





Corvettes line up for their frozen custard



GeoCachers and their Vettes...ready for action!



President Marty Dooley presents a check to John Jerome from Operation Homefront

## What we've been up to

Mouse Races, Monthly Meeting, Fritz's Ice Cream Run, GeoCaching



Sunset Hills Mayor Bill Nolan gratefully accepts our donation



Mmmmm...ice cream!



Front of the Challenge Coin presented to Mousketeers. Challenge them at the bar at the next meeting and see who has to buy a drink!



We had a prospective member join us April 17 for ice cream!



Rich tries to convince Zeus to buy his own Corvette. As long as it's not yellow.



Looks like we may need a larger venue for future Mouse Races – we're popular!

# Meeting Minutes

Couldn't make it to the meeting? Find out what you missed (or what we volunteered you for) here. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at Sunset Hills Banquet Center, 13366 W. Watson Road. 5:30 p.m. open bar, 6 p.m. buffet dinner (\$12), and 7 p.m. meeting.



Drumroll please! The Mouse Races raised almost \$13K!

## April 5, 2011 - Sunset Lakes

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by president **Marty Dooley**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Marty welcomed everyone and introduced current officers, immediate past president **Randy Howard**, NCCC governor **Rich Luebcke**, NCM ambassador **Judy Dooley** and newsletter editor **Mike Price**. Webmaster **Jerry Craig** was not present. Club sponsor **Elco Chevrolet** was represented by **Eric DeBruin** and **Mark Gerecke**. **Jean DuPont** served as Sergeant-at-Arms due to the absence of **Carl Ballinger**. Members were reminded to check sign up lists and purchase 50/50 tickets.

## New Members and Guests

Guests **Mike and Kristy Oster** were welcomed as were **Bill and Mary Ann Rerickbr**. The Osters own a bright yellow 2009 convertible. The Rerickbrs own a yellow '95 Pace Car and a yellow 2009.

**John Jerome**, representing **Operation Homefront**, was also welcomed.

## Meeting Minutes

**Don Pickles** moved to accept the minutes from the March 1, 2011 meeting. **Chris Woods** seconded the motion which was then approved by the membership.

## Treasurer's Report

**Ann Brown** presented the treasurer's report dated April 5, 2011. **Ruth Howard** moved to accept the report, seconded by **Ken Barron** and approved by the membership.

## Membership Report

**Ron Hagenow** reported that there are currently 87 regular club members, 12 associate members, and 1 honorary lifetime member. April birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Ron reminded members that he has club license plate frames, key chains, and can coosies for sale at \$2 each and round static clings with club logo for \$5.

## Committee Reports

None.

## Announcements

Fritz's Frozen Custard run on March 27 was cancelled. The event was rescheduled for Sunday, April 3. It was decided to change the next Fritz's run from Easter Sunday, April 24 to Sunday April 17. Plan to meet at 6 p.m. at Fritz's, 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park, Hwy 141 and Big Bend Road.

Sales personnel from **Midwest Monogram** were scheduled to be at tonight's meeting to take shirt orders. They had to cancel for tonight but will plan to be at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

## National Corvette Museum - Ambassador's Report

**Judy Dooley** provided information on the upcoming two-day Museum in Motion Tour to Charlotte, North Carolina, the home of NASCAR, on August 17 and 18. One day will be spent at Hendrick Motorsports complex, ending with dinner at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in the Speedway Club. The event is



Tammy wasn't the only one crying that night. We're all so grateful we can help.

limited to 75 cars. Cost is \$800 per person for members, \$840 per person for non-members. Hotel accommodations and meals are not included in the cost. Registration closes on July 18.

Judy reminded everyone of this month's C5/C6 Bash and asked those going to meet after the regular meeting to discuss departure times. She still has \$10



## Meeting Minutes, Continued

tickets available for the torch red convertible to be raffled at the Bash on April 30.

### National Council of Corvette Clubs - Governor's Report

**Rich Luebcke** reported that he and Theresa recently visited the site of the upcoming NCCC convention in Tinley Park, Illinois. They did a walk-through of the convention center and the site for the car show our club will co-sponsor on June 19.

### Website Report

None available.

### Newsletter Report

**Mike Price** announced that he has decided to step down from the position of newsletter editor due to time constraints. **Amy Zlatic** volunteered to try working on the April newsletter to see what was involved. Mike graciously offered to help with training his replacement. **Marty Dooley** said that if no one from the club was able to take over this position, it might be possible to hire someone from outside the club to prepare the newsletter for us.

### Sponsor's Report

**Eric DeBruin** reminded everyone to check Elco's website, at

[www.elcochevroletcadillac.com](http://www.elcochevroletcadillac.com). He provided flyers for the GeoCache event scheduled for Sunday, April 10. Plan to meet at noon at Culpepper's Restaurant in O'Fallon, Missouri at Highways K and 40. The group will find the first geocache together. Lunch will be at 2 p.m. at Culpeppers. Buffet will be available for \$15 per person which will include food, tax, and gratuity. Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, and rolls will be served. You may also order from the menu. A count is needed for the restaurant. Please contact Eric or Mark if you have questions about the event.

**Marty Dooley** mentioned that the recent issue of **Popular Mechanics** has an article about geocaching.

### Prior Events

**Charlie Miget** thanked the **Ballingers** for arranging the recent Happy Hour event at Jilly's Restaurant. **Sharon** said about 30 members attended. As mentioned previously, the March 27<sup>th</sup> Fritz's Frozen Custard run was re-scheduled to April 3.

### Future Events

**April 10, Sunday - Geocache - 12 noon at Culpepper's**

### **April 23, Saturday - VA Hospital Garden Planting-9 a.m.**

Marty said the yard looks good. A tree was recently taken down which might allow us the chance to install a flag pole with hospital maintenance doing the lighting. Take I-255 to Koch Road to Jefferson Barracks. Meet behind Building 52 at 9 a.m. Bring gardening tools and gloves. Directions and information will be put on the website and Ron Hagenow will send out an email. Talk to Marty after the meeting if you have a truck and can help with mulch.

### **April 28-30 - C5/C6 Bash at NCM in Bowling Green, KY**

### **May 7, Saturday - Elco Car Show - 12-2 p.m.**

Meet at Elco at noon. Trophies will be presented for Sponsor and People's Choice. Burgers and brats will be served. Club grillmasters will be put to work.

### **May 12-14 - C4 Gathering at NCM in Bowling Green, KY**

Dave Davidson will be going - see him for plans.

### **May 13-14 - Tunica, MS 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Adventure**

## May Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Angie Bradford, May 2
- Conita Shoulders, May 19
- Pat Cox, May 20
- Terry Wilson, May 20
- Don Giovanoni, May 24

- Anne Pickles, May 25
- Chris Woods, May 26
- Kevin Smull, May 27
- Sandy Kirby, May 29
- Mike Miget, May 30
- Linda Wombles, May 31



- Stephen & Leanne Lyle  
May 24
- David & Glenda Davidson  
May 28





### Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

National Corvette Museum  
[www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)

National Council of  
Corvette Clubs  
[www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

Official Corvette Site  
[www.chevrolet.com/corvette](http://www.chevrolet.com/corvette)

Boone Trail Corvette Club  
[www.boonetrailcc.com](http://www.boonetrailcc.com)

Original Corvette Club  
of St. Louis  
[www.occofstl.com](http://www.occofstl.com)

Corvette Racing  
[www.corvetteracing.com](http://www.corvetteracing.com)

Mid America Motorworks  
[www.mamotonworks.com](http://www.mamotonworks.com)

## Meeting Minutes (continued)

If you are going on Thursday, May 12, cost will be \$45. Let **Angie Bradford** know if you are going on Thursday or Friday, May 13. A bus will be available for \$25 per person. Make checks payable to **Don Bradford** and give checks to Don at the May 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Bus will pick riders up at 4:30 p.m. and return from Gold Strike at 10:30 p.m.

### May 22, Sunday – Bob’s Gasoline Alley near Cuba, MO

**Don and Anne Pickles** are planning this event. Meet at Route 66 State Park (97 N. Outer Road E. #1 in Eureka-exit 266) – will leave at 10:00 a.m. Will travel the old highway for an approximate two hour drive followed by a catered lunch at **Bob’s Gasoline Alley**-\$11.00 per person for lunch. After eating we will go through the displays. Would like to have 15 cars/30 people go at least. Information will be posted on the website.

### June 8-12 – Wisconsin Dells Trip

**Sharon Ballinger** said 15 cars are going. Will leave on Wednesday, June 8, with time to be determined and will return on Sunday, June 12. Go online to register.

**July 10, Sunday – Sybill’s, St. James** Please note the new date for this event prev. scheduled for 7/17.

**Mike Price** asked if members were interested in scheduling another bonfire for later in the year. With a positive response, Mike said he will start making plans.

**Marty Dooley** reminded everyone that there are still open dates on the club calendar if anyone would like to sponsor an event.

### New Business

**Dave Davidson** announced that he no longer owns a yellow Corvette...the convertible was sold and has a new home.

President **Marty Dooley** introduced guests **Sunset Hills Mayor Bill**

**Nolan, John Jerome** from **Operation Homefront**, and **Tom and Tammy Ortmann, their son Tommy and daughter Kelsey**. Mayor Nolan told club members that almost \$250,000 has been raised to date to help victims of the December 31, 2010 tornado. John Jerome said that of the money raised for Operation Homefront in 2010, 99.3 cents of every dollar was used to aid military families. Mouse Race committee members **Ruth Howard, Karen Price, and Chris Woods** proudly announced that \$12,947.44 was raised from this year’s event. Checks were presented to Mayor Nolan for the tornado victims in Sunset Hills, to John Jerome for Operation Homefront and tornado victims at Fort Leonard Wood. A check was also presented to the Ortmann family, whose home was severely damaged in the tornado.

John Jerome presented “Challenge Coins” for ‘service above and beyond the call of duty’ to club members Sharon Ballinger, Marty and Judy Dooley, Ruth Howard, Karen Price and Chris Woods and to club sponsors Eric DeBruin and Mark Gerecke for their help in organizing and sponsoring the Mouse Races. To coin a phrase from the evening.....it was AWESOME!!!!!!!

### 50/50 Raffle

**Karen Price** won \$95.00. Thanks to everyone for purchasing tickets.

**Dessert** – Thanks to **Kevin and Vikki Bayliss** for bringing this month’s cake. **Gary and Debbie Tidwell** have offered to provide the cake for the May meeting.

**Sharon Ballinger (aka Darla)** moved to adjourn the meeting. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center. Doors will open at 5:30 and buffet will be served at approximately 6:00 for those interested. May menu features Mexican buffet.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Mary Ann Hagenow**  
Secretary 2011

## May Menu

### It’s Cinco de Mayo!!

Hard & Soft Tacos  
(chicken or beef)

Taco Salad

Spanish Rice

Refried Beans

Fixin’s

*Please contact **Ron Hagenow**  
if you have menu suggestions  
and if you plan to eat at  
the May meeting.*



## News from the National Corvette Museum

by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley



### New NCM Bricks!

There is a new brick opportunity at the NCM. You can now purchase a 4" mini hexagon brick. Because of the popular demand of the larger Hexagon Brick Program they have decided to do a "Mini Hex" to commemorate your Museum visit, Corvette or club. The 4" mini is made of red alder wood, and includes the NCM logo on a beveled edge base and a keyhole for hanging featured on the hexagon.

Order yours now with a low introductory pricing of only \$50. For even bigger savings, order your Mini Hex as a duplicate to your large Hexagon brick order. To view the new Mini Hex and place your order, visit the NCM website: <http://store.corvettemuseum.com/detail.aspx?ID=3389>



NCM is always raffling off a **Corvette!** See Judy to purchase your ticket today!

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## Message from Membership

by Membership Chair Ron Hagenow

I am working on a potential event to attend a **Gateway Grizzlies** game on Saturday, July 16. We did this several years ago and had a lot of fun. You can look at their website at [www.gatewaygrizzlies.com](http://www.gatewaygrizzlies.com). The game begins at 7:05 p.m. and the cost would be roughly \$20. \$8 for field box tickets and \$12 for the pre-game buffet, which begins 75 minutes before the game. We would be in Section 121, right on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side in the first few rows. What we did the last time is that about every third inning we would drive some of our cars around the concourse area so everyone could look at them. There is a gate right at the end of Section 121 where we drove through which made it easy.



If you are interested, please reply back and I will have a signup sheet at the next meeting. We need at least 20 people to sign up to get the group rate. I need to give them our tentative numbers in the next couple of weeks to get the best seats and I will need commitments by the June meeting as we need to pay a deposit for the group. As a special interest to any **Jimmy Buffett** fans, that night is Hawaiian Shirt Off Your Back Night and there is a free concert after the game by **The Phins**, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band!

We will be celebrating Cinco de Mayo with a Mexican dinner. If you did not sign up for the dinner at the last meeting, please email me so we can give Tammy a count for the dinners.

There are several people going down to the Museum for the **C5/C6 Bash** the weekend of April 28-30. Contact **Judy Dooley** at [jmdooley6493@aol.com](mailto:jmdooley6493@aol.com) if you were not at the meeting. May 12-14 is the **C4 Bash** at the Museum. If you want to attend, please contact **Dave Davidson** at [forvettes@gmail.com](mailto:forvettes@gmail.com). If you plan on going to the **Tunica** event and have not talked to **Angie Bradford**, please contact her at [angdon43@yahoo.com](mailto:angdon43@yahoo.com). The car show to be held at **Elco Chevrolet** will be on May 7 from 12 to 2. There will be trophies and food. We need everyone to come out to thank our sponsor for helping our club. There is a new event being sponsored by **Don Pickles** to **Bob's Gasoline Alley**, which is about 3 miles west of Cuba, MO. We'll meet at the **Route 66 State Park** around 10 am and take old Route 66 to the restaurant for lunch. This is scheduled for May 22 and more information will be at the next meeting. As always, all this information is on the club website.



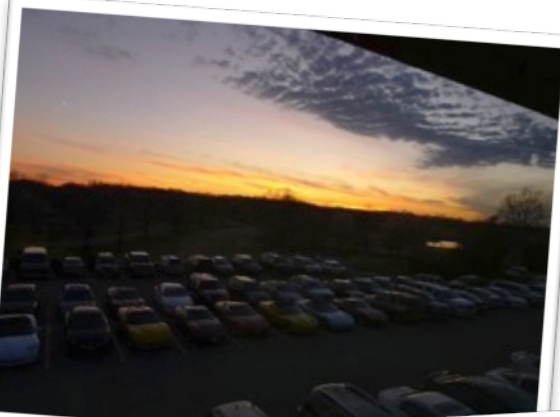
Zoe Zlatic's parents worry that, given her current fashion sense, she'll grow up to buy a yellow Corvette



Mouseketeers receive the Challenge Coin



We've heard of rose-colored glasses...



Hard to tell which view is more beautiful...the sunset, or the cars



Show me the money!



The new big block attracts attention at Fritz's



Rich has a great time waiting for his mouse to race



Pete's smiling because he got to drive Ann's car. Ann's smiling because she's tranquilized.



mmmm...ice cream



Heads, shoulders, knees and...butts?!





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## St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

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Thanks for reading our "trial run" at a new Gateway Newsletter! Let me know if you like it...my little experiment just might turn into a regular gig as your Newsletter Editor!