



Name this Newsletter!*

The official publication of the St. Louis Corvette Club

*See pg. 7 for our Newsletter Naming Contest!

July 2011

Upcoming Events

- June 23 - 26 Bloomington Gold
- June 24 Drive Your Corvette To Work Day / Breakfast Run
- June 26 Fritz's Ice Cream Run
- July 4 Webster Groves 4th of July Parade
- July 5 STLCC Monthly Meeting
- July 12-16 Black Hills Classic Run
- July 23 Mystery Run
- July 24 Sybill's Run
- July 31 Fritz's Ice Cream Run



We must really like each other...

Since the last issue of the newsletter, we've gotten together more than most families. From Bob's Gasoline Alley to the Wisconsin Dells to Chicago for NCCC, and closer to home with our monthly meeting and ice cream runs to Fritz's... its easy to see our club has a lot of fun!



President's Column



Summer is finally here, and so was our first car show of this year. After a couple of "rained-out" attempts, we had our first **ELCO** sponsor's car show of 2011. What a dry and hot afternoon it was. Thanks to our sponsor ELCO, **Mark Gerecke**, and to the great BBQ cooks. We had a good turnout of club members to show everyone their Vettes. There were even a couple of present surprises at the car show.

We also had the NCCC National Convention starting the same weekend. **Judy** and I drove to Tinley Park, IL early on Sunday morning to meet up with the **Luebckes**, the **Hagenows**, and **Jeff and Jerry Craig**. We were there to help with the parade and car show at the Tinley Park Train Station. It was quite a job lining up about 275 cars, the parade, and then getting them all parked in a hurry for the car show. Great job by all to get this done.

And there was the trip to Wisconsin Dells. Thanks goes out to **Carl Ballinger** for making all the arrangements and leading us all safely there. What a good trip we had with 17 cars going with us, and that included some club members from Iowa and Indiana. It's always good to see them. While at this event, they had some good side trips for us in the area. And we had a surprise while there. Our club was awarded the club participation award.

The June meeting had a lot going on, with a good turnout. Plenty of talk of past and future events. Then we got a chance to hear from some proud club members about their new cars. Congratulations to **Peggy, Marya**, and **Karen**. Enjoy those Corvettes. They are beautiful. (And to **Ruth** - we are so glad you did not get rid of your Vette for that new Caddie...)

Remember that we have some open weekend dates if anyone would like to help put on an event.

Drive carefully,

Marty Dooley

President - 2011



2011 Officers

President: **Marty Dooley**

Immediate Past President: **Randy Howard**

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National Corvette Museum Ambassador:
Judy Dooley, 314.894.0303



National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor:
Rich Luebcke, 636.532.9620



They're all smiling because the bar is still open.



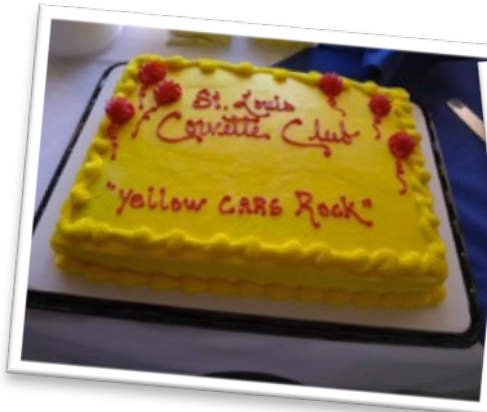
Corvettes take over Bob's Gasoline Alley!



Corvettes to the front.
Corvettes to the rear.
Heaven.

What we've been up to

Wisconsin Dells, Elco Corvette Show, NCCC Convention



"Yellow Cars _ _ ck"
You fill in whatever missing letters you like.



Nothing more romantic than hanging out in place called "Witch's Gulch"



The Blues Brothers.
And Sisters.



Happy DuPonts



Jerry picks a barrel



Whoosh!



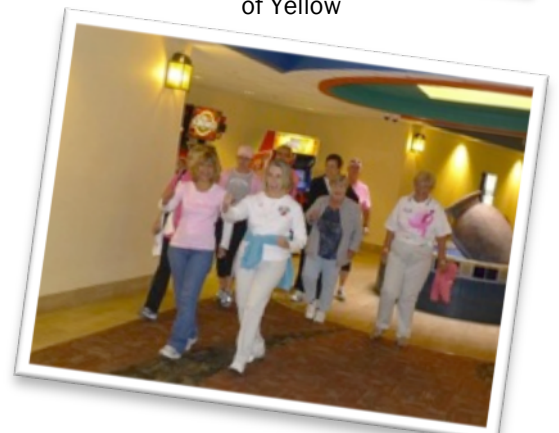
Reflections of Yellow



A sunny day for our Elco show!
Only took three tries!



The purse matches your outfit, Mike!



We took the Komen Walk to the Dells.

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.**



The Wine Committee of the St. Louis Corvette Club... is now meeting on a regular basis.

June 7, 2011 – Sunset Lakes

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by president **Marty Dooley**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Marty welcomed everyone and introduced the current officers, NCCC governor **Rich Luebcke**, NCM ambassador **Judy Dooley**, newsletter editor **Amy Zlatic** and webmaster **Jerry Craig**. Elco representatives **Eric DeBruin** and **Mark Gerecke** were also introduced and welcomed. Immediate past president **Randy Howard** was absent. Members were reminded to check sign up lists and purchase 50/50 tickets.

New Members and Guests

New members **Mike and Christina Oster** were welcomed. They have a yellow 2009 convertible. OCC member **Ron Hayes** was welcomed – he arrived a bit early for his club's June 14 meeting! Ron owns a yellow 2010 Grand Sport convertible.

Announcements

Marty Dooley congratulated several proud new car owners:

- **Peggy Craig** has a 'new to her' blue 2004 Commemorative Edition convertible. Her red '98 coupe is looking for a new home.
- **Karen Price** has a 'new to her' 2008 yellow convertible – **Mike** traded in the 2002 yellow coupe.

- Birthday girl **Marya Horstmeyer** was gifted with a new 2011 crystal red metallic Grand Sport from her loving husband **Dave!** (That will be a hard act to follow, gentlemen!)



Marya gets ready to take her new baby parading!

Amy Zlatic graciously volunteered to be **Dave's** second wife-her birthday will be in August!

- **Ruth Howard** said good-bye to her Traverse and welcomed a brand new white Cadillac CTS to the family garage.

As a final reflection, **Dave Davidson** announced a special on yellow Hot Wheels at the nearby Wally World!

Meeting Minutes

Ruth Howard noted an incorrect date in the May 3 minutes for the run to Sybill's in St. James. The correct date of the event is July 24 rather than the incorrect date shown of July 10. **Chris Woods**

moved to accept the minutes from the May 3, 2011 meeting as published in the newsletter and with the Sybill's correction made. **Peggy Craig** seconded the motion, which was then approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Brown presented the treasurer's report dated June 7, 2011. **Angie Bradford** moved to accept the report, seconded by **Rick Doerr** and approved by the membership.

Membership Report

Ron Hagenow reported that there are currently 92 regular club members, 12 associate members, and 1 honorary lifetime member. June birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. It was noted that **Horstmeyers'** anniversary date was incorrect as published in the newsletter. A correction to the roster will be made.

Committee Reports

No reports were available from Budget, By-Laws, and Charity Committees.

Car Show Committee – **Mike Price** reminded everyone of the car show at Elco scheduled for Saturday, June 18 from 12-2. Trophies will be presented and food will be served. Everyone is hoping for a dry day, as this will be a third attempt.
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Meeting Minutes, Continued

Christmas Committee – Party will be on Saturday, December 3 at Sunset Hills Banquet Center. **Chris Woods** will head the committee, assisted by members **Elise Akins, Vikki Bayliss, Mary Doerr, Michelle Finn, and Dave Luther.**

Nominating Committee – No report but Marty reminded everyone to think about serving on the committee and running for a club office.

Parade Committee – See information for July 4 parade under Future Events.

Picnic Committee – **Karen Price** said the picnic is scheduled for Sunday, September 25. She will check on availability of Durham Park in Jefferson County.

VA Garden – **Marty Dooley** said the yard looks great. Club members are needed to help with watering in the next few days-**Bob Woods** volunteered. Marty said the hose has been fixed and the fountains cleaned out.

National Corvette Museum - Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that \$165 will sponsor a child to attend Vette Camp. Contact the museum soon if you are interested in being a sponsor.

Upcoming raffles include June 9 “Build Your Own Z06 Grand Sport” or cash option—see Museum website for ticket information. Judy is also selling \$10 tickets for a black 2012 convertible to be raffled on Saturday, September 3 at the museum.

National Council of Corvette Clubs - Governor's Report

Rich Luebcke reported that there are currently 2,115 members and 547 FCOA members in the Midwest Region. He has minutes from the April Midwest Region Governors meeting. Rulebook changes are still open for discussion.

Re the NCCC Convention from June 18 to 26:

- ✓ Volunteer worker passes will be available from **Betty Parks**. She will be in the hotel registration area. Worker shirts will be handed out at that time also.
- ✓ All volunteers for the car shows need to be in position at the hotel at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 19.
- ✓ Volunteers will be needed until 7 p.m. when the shows conclude.
- ✓ The Midwest Region, as

convention host, will receive any profits from the event. A list of items to obtain with potential profits was discussed with the NCM being high on the list. NCM items for consideration include benches, a lifetime membership and a contribution to the Motorsports Park.

Newsletter Report

Amy Zlatic asked members to forward copies of event flyers and photos to her for inclusion in the newsletter. **Marty Dooley** said that the newsletter looks great!

Website Report

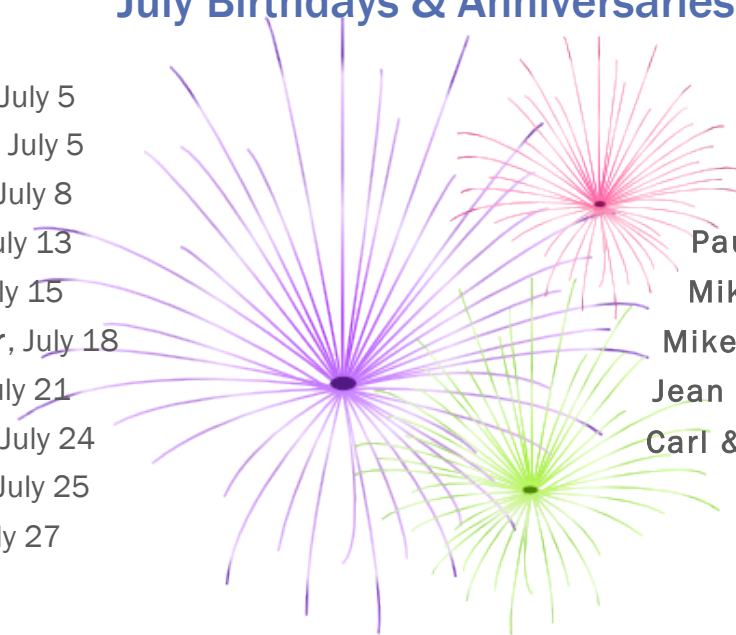
Jerry Craig announced that 1,000 pictures of 2011 events have been posted on the website to date. No one has yet expressed an interest in taking over the job of webmaster. Please contact Jerry if you would like to know more about the job requirements.

Sponsor's Report

Eric DeBruin thanked everyone for supporting the dealership. He reminded members that the used vehicle market is currently very tight as people are keeping their cars longer. Trade-ins are desperately

July Birthdays & Anniversaries

Armynta Craig, July 5
 Dick Shoulders, July 5
 Ron Hagenow, July 8
 Sharon Love, July 13
 Lynn Taake, July 15
 Marya Horstmeyer, July 18
 Dana Griggs, July 21
 Beverly DuPont, July 24
 Cherie Hopson, July 25
 Jan Murray, July 27



Paul & Kathy Craig, July 5
 Mike & Sandy Kirby, July 8
 Mike & Christina Oster, July 8
 Jean & Beverly DuPont, July 29
 Carl & Sharon Ballinger, July 31

Meeting Minutes (continued)

needed. Eric also reminded everyone that Elco will give the club \$200 for each referral to Elco of a new customer. Corvette inventory at Elco includes a 2011 supersonic blue coupe carbon edition, a crystal red Grand Sport convertible, and a new 2010 automatic jet stream blue convertible.

Mark Gerecke said that a sign-up sheet was available for the June 18 car show. He said he is making plans for a bonfire on Saturday, October 15 at a family-run farm in the St. Charles area. Alcohol is permitted but no glass containers. There is a corn maze and farm animals. A hayride is not planned. Time and possibility of a chili cook-off will be determined later. \$5 per person.

Prior Events

Angie Bradford said that the May trip to Tunica that was cancelled due to flooding is being rescheduled for August 18-20, Thursday-Saturday. Some members may only be interested in going on Friday and Saturday, the 19th and 20th. Angie will check with the casino and try to reschedule the bus for Saturday, August 20. A sign-up sheet is available.

The trip to Bob's Gasoline Alley on May 22 was great. 30 people went as well as 8 cars from Farmington. Food was good and everyone enjoyed the memorabilia displays. Some members even had a chance to practice their turkey calling! **Ruth Howard** sent a thank you note to Bob's. Thanks to **Don and Anne Pickles** for arranging this event.

11 Corvettes and 1 toy car made the May 29 run to Fritz's Frozen Custard.

Future Events

June 9-12 – Wisconsin Dells Trip

17 cars are going. Cars will be leaving at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, June 8 from South County. Weather forecast calls for cold temperatures and rain. The wine run is scheduled for Friday, June 10. **Gary Murray** has arranged 2 tee times at Coldwater Canyon for Thursday, June 9. Cost is \$49 plus tax which includes cart. Reservations are in Gary's name. Meet with **Carl**

Ballinger and Gary after the regular meeting to finalize details.

June 11, Saturday – 13th Annual Susan G. Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure

Ruth Howard will be walking for those interested in joining her locally. **Judy Dooley** will be walking at the Dells for anyone interested in joining her.

June 18, Saturday – Elco Car Show 12-2 p.m. Trophies and food provided.

June 18-25 – NCCC Convention – Tinley Park, Illinois

Contact **Rich Luebcke** for more information.

June 24, Friday – National Drive Your Corvette to Work Day

Members are encouraged to drive their Corvettes to work. Interested members will meet for breakfast at Mimi's Café, 17240 Chesterfield Airport Road, at 9 a.m. **Ron Hagenow** will send out an email regarding this event.

June 26, Sunday – Fritz's Frozen Custard Run

Meet at Fritz's at 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park, Hwy 141 and Big Bend Road at 6 p.m.

July 4, Monday – Webster Groves Parade

Michelle Paillou is coordinating this event. Parade starts at 10 a.m. Meet at 8:45 a.m. in the upper parking lot by the sub shop near Schnucks at Big Bend and Elm near 144. The parade theme is "In Bloom" for anyone interested in decorating their cars with flowers. Participants are encouraged to wear their red/white/blue. Members of OCC have been invited to participate with us as has been done in past years. Lunch will be at Joe Boccardi's at Elm and Watson after the parade for those interested. A sign-up sheet is available. Marty reminded members that car flags can be ordered from the website flagcaddy.com. Orders usually arrive in just a few days.

July 13-16 – Black Hills Classic, South Dakota

July 24, Sunday – Sybill's, St. James
Ruth Howard is planning this event.

Sybill's is a country-type restaurant in an old farmhouse. Doors open at 11 a.m. Will plan to meet at 9:30 a.m. This event is for all members, not just the ladies.

July 23, Saturday – Loading Dock at Grafton, Illinois

Cancelled.

July 23, Saturday – Mystery Run!!
Marty Dooley and **Charlie Miget** will plan this event. Details will be provided at the July meeting.

August 18-20 – Tunica Run See information under Prior Events.

Angie Bradford is planning this event.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Ann Brown has some new club shirts available with the checkered collars and cuffs for \$28. She can machine embroider the club logo for you and can monogram shirts. Contact her for more information.

Marty Dooley suggested a "Name the Newsletter" contest. The newsletter's name is currently "Gateway News." Send any naming suggestions to newsletter editor **Amy Zlatic** prior to the July 5 meeting. She will put suggestions in the newsletter and these can be voted on at the next meeting.

Marty also encouraged members to sponsor events. There are open dates on the club calendar.

Dessert – Thanks to **Angie and Don Bradford** for providing this month's memorable YELLOW decorated cake. **Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow** will bring the July dessert.

50/50 Raffle

Michelle Paillou won \$93. She CALMLY and QUIETLY accepted her winnings. Thanks to everyone for purchasing tickets.

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Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

National Corvette Museum
www.corvettemuseum.com

**National Council
of Corvette Clubs**
www.corvettesnccc.org

Official Corvette Site
www.chevrolet.com/corvette

Boone Trail Corvette Club
www.boonetrailcc.com

**Original Corvette Club
of St. Louis**
www.occfstl.com

Corvette Racing
www.corvetteracing.com

Mid America Motorworks
www.mamotorworks.com

Elco Chevrolet
www.elcochevroletcadillac.com

Corvette Motorsport
<http://www.corvettemotorsport.com/>

Corvette Central
<http://www.corvettecentral.com/>



Meeting Minutes (continued)

Approximately 52 members attended the meeting this evening.

Judy Dooley moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by **Rich Luebcke** and approval by the membership. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5 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. July menu will include hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, potato casserole, baked beans, cole slaw.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hagenow
Secretary 2011

St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter Naming Contest!

Several club members expressed an opinion that perhaps our newsletter should have a new name. There are several "Gateway" organizations around the region, and the thought is that they might want to use "Gateway News" for their own publications some day, and ours wouldn't be distinctive any more.

So put your thinkin' caps on and send in your ideas! We've had several good suggestions so far, but the field is still wide open. Throttle up, take off your traction control/active handling system, and start generating some names. We'll have a contest and all members will vote. (No word yet on what we'll offer as a prize...maybe Jerry Craig's webmaster job?!)



Send your new newsletter name suggestions to Amy Zlatic at azlatic@yahoo.com, or give her a shout at 314.604.0992.

Current suggestions:

- Corvette Carisma or Car-isma (a play on the word "charisma")
- First Gear
- Corvette Club News: All the News That's Fit to be RED
- Torque Talk
- Corvette Chronicle
- Corvette Gazette

July Menu

Hamburgers ♦ Hot Dogs ♦ Brats
Cole Slaw ♦ Potato Casserole ♦ Baked Beans
Rolls, Butter ♦ Fixin's

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

News from the National Corvette Museum

by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley

Membership has its benefits!



Are you a member of the National Corvette Museum? You should consider joining...there are quite a few benefits above and beyond the great feeling you'll have knowing that you're supporting the legacy of America's Sports Car! There are a variety of membership levels, each with unique perks. Score free admission to the museum, discounts in the gift shop, and subscription to the NCM's official publication, *America's Sports Car*. Most levels offer a discount to special NCM events, which will come in handy when you travel to Bowling Green with Club members!

For information on joining, or to learn about the extra benefits of being a Lifetime Member (ooh la la!), talk to me at a meeting. I'm happy to share the information and help get you enrolled.

\$200 gets you a chance to win a 2012 Centennial Edition Carbon Flash Metallic Grand Sport Coupe Corvette! These special tickets - only 1,000 will be sold - have to be purchased directly from the museum. Visit www.corvettemuseum.com to get yours!

As always, Judy will have the regular \$10 Corvette raffle tickets at the next Club meeting.

Message from Membership by Membership Chair Ron Hagenow

First off I want to welcome **Mike and Christina Oster** who joined the club at the June meeting. They are the proud owners of a 2009 Yellow Convertible. Since they have joined the club I have updated both our phone calling tree and the club phone list. Please remember if you happen to print new ones, when you get rid of your old rosters, please shred or otherwise tear them up since they have everyone's personal information on them.

Here is a list of some of the upcoming events in no particular order:

There is a run planned by **Ruth Howard** to go to Sybill's in St. James on July 24, not July 10. We will meet at 9:30 am at a place to be determined later. The club picnic is being planned for September 25 at Durham Park. More information as we get closer to the date. Elco is looking to sponsor a visit to a rural farm in St. Charles to take the place of our annual bonfire and hayride. Tentatively this is planned for October 15. **Angie Bradford** is trying to reschedule the Tunica trip that was cancelled earlier in the year. Right now it is tentatively planned for Aug 18-20.



One of our two big parades of the year will be the annual Fourth of July Parade in Webster Groves. We need to meet in the upper parking lot behind Schnuck's (near the sub shop) by 8:45 am on July 4. This is the Schnuck's off of Big Bend and Elm. We will not meet in the front of Schnuck's, as it is too busy. The parade starts at 10 am. After the parade we plan on going to Joe Boccardi's for lunch. If you haven't already signed up, please contact **Michelle Paillou** at 4everpalu@sbcglobal.net and her phone number is on the roster. If you have never done this parade it is a lot of fun with plenty of spectators and the folks really appreciate seeing our cars.

The annual Drive Your Corvette To Work Day is Friday, June 24. If you are one of the lucky retired folks (or you just want to skip work), several folks are planning on meeting a Mimi's Café in Chesterfield Valley at 9:00 am.

Marty and Charlie are planning on a mystery run on July 23. More details to follow.

Hopefully this catches you up on everything. Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 5. Keep checking the website for updates.

Corvette Racing Wins at Le Mans

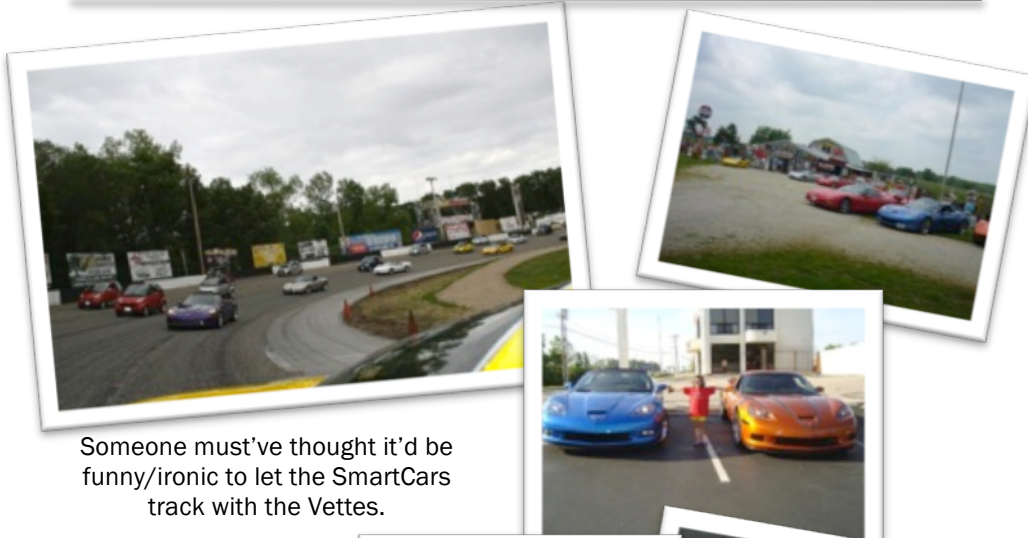
Re-printed from NCM e-News

After dominating the GT1 class with six wins in eight years, the Pratt & Miller GTEpro Corvettes took on Ferrari, Porsche, and BMWs to win the top spot in the greatest race on earth, the 24 Hours of Le Mans. The # 74 Corvette driven by the team of Oliver Gavin, Jan Magnussen and Richard Westbrook, was in the front of the pack for

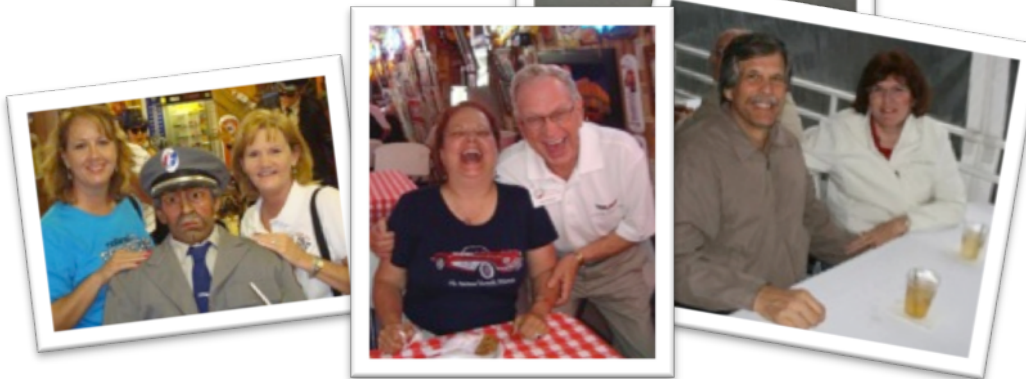


most of the first 17 hours of this race, but contact with a Porsche ended its chances with Jan at the wheel. Newcomer, Tommy Milner, took on the challenge in the #73 car and fought his way from a lap behind to take the lead from the #51 Ferrari. Milner continued to put distance between himself and the Ferrari until eventually turning the wheel over to Antonio Garcia to take the win.

"If I were to write a script to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Chevrolet and the 10th anniversary of Corvette Racing's first win at Le Mans, this would undoubtedly be it," said Corvette Racing program manager Doug Fehan.



Someone must've thought it'd be funny/ironic to let the SmartCars track with the Vettes.



Seen on our travels. What are these strange vehicles?!



Member Fun Facts

Congratulations to Gary Tidwell, who recently scored his first hole-in-one (hole #7) at Annbriar Golf Course!

Did you know?

Dave Horstmeyer once ate 28 White Castles to win a contest! He claims this dubious honor was done in college days, and refuses to try for a repeat.

Jeff Craig is always equipped to fix a tire, especially when it has a gigantic screw embedded. He performed surgery on the Zlatics' beloved SBHNTR in Wisconsin, and they're pleased to report she's recovering nicely thanks to Dr. Jeff.



Our members are very creative. They've been known to commandeer luggage carts to use as impromptu seating in hotel lobbies.

We have
21 Coupes
35 Convertibles
and
5 Z06s
in our club!

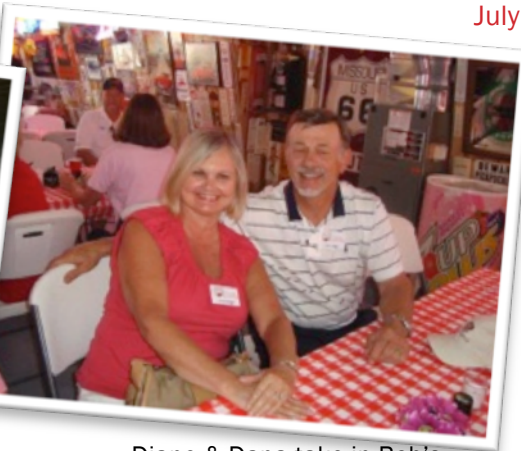
This averages to about 1.5 Corvettes per member.



Last month this space featured Marya two-fisting it. She got her evens by capturing Mike in the same pose!



Jeff & Patty enjoy the cruise.



Diane & Dana take in Bob's Gasoline Alley



The only thing that can keep our attention this long HAS to be a video about wine.



Peggy is quick to point out bird doo on Jeff's car.



Hanging out in downtown Dells



Isn't he more of a SmartCar-sized mechanic?



The sign says "No Backing Into Stalls." Oops.



After awhile we got smart and ditched the luggage carts for real chairs.



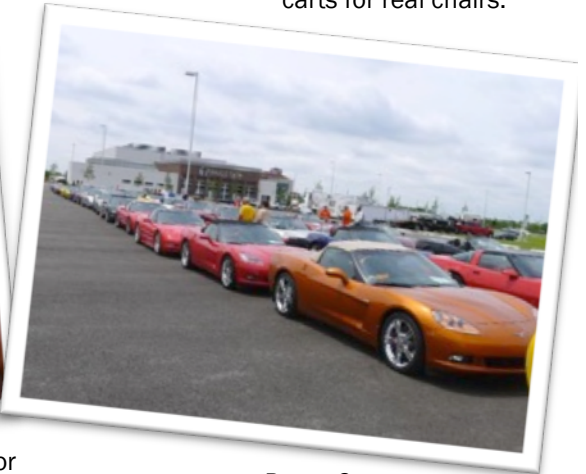
Chillin' in the Elco parking lot



The Dells Boat Cruise offered beautiful scenery. And alcohol shortages. But we're not bitter or anything.



How's that workin' out for ya, Charlie?



Pretty Corvettes... all in a row.



Fried Chicken Run to Gallagher's in Waterloo

Sunday, August 14, 2011

Meet at South County Home Depot – Leaving at 1:00 pm

Journey along the Bluff Road through Old Valmeyer to Waterloo – Eat at 2:00 pm

Gallagher's History



The original building dates from the 1870s and was restored in 2003 by John Gallagher and his wife Susie. You can see the original railings taken from the 1908 McKinley Bridge, when it was restored. These are now featured on the dining balcony over the entrance and in the first floor bar area.

There are six distinct dining areas in Gallagher's and each is unique. The owners gathered elegant pocket doors from the Chase Park-Plaza Hotel in St. Louis, when it was restored, as well as from other World's Fair Era buildings now being renovated in the Shaw's Garden area. These doors are now set on their sides and are being used as wainscot on first floor and to build booths.

One of the things you see immediately upon entering the restaurant is the more than century-old bar, which is original to the building. However, the owners have completely restored the old quarter-sawn oak wood, and repaired the broken stained glass to its original glory. Similarly, in the third-floor dining rooms, you can see a unique private bar that dates to the 1920s.



The old Bee Hive Bowl in Waterloo provided not only the hardwood bowling lanes which the owners turned into chic dining tables, but the special cookers were rescued from the kitchen there that was famous for its fried chicken.

Menu

Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, biscuits, cream gravy, corn custard, green beans with ham and dessert all served family style

Cost

\$12.95 plus soda, tax and gratuity will be about \$18.70 each

They may only do one bill so if you can have the exact amount it would be appreciated.

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