



# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

September 2011

## Upcoming Events

- August 28 Fritz's Ice Cream Run
- September 1-4 NCM Birthday Bash
- September 6 STLCC Monthly Meeting
- September 10 Ladies Run - Josephine's
- September 16-18 Corvette Funfest
- September 18-19 Covered Bridges Run
- September 25 STLCC Picnic Run
- October 4 STLCC Meeting
- October 6-9 Eureka Springs
- October 15 Elco Car Show/Chili Cookoff



## Get Around, Get Around...We Get Around

Good thing we like to drive. And drive. And...drive.

Top: Overlook for the confluence of Kaskaskie and Mississippi Rivers

Bottom: Sybill's Run in Illinois

Left: Jean demonstrates a typical happy Corvette driver saving the wave



## President's Column



We have been too hot for far too long this summer. The weather has finally cooled down a bit, and club members have been able to enjoy some events like dinner runs, car cruises, autocross, and even car shows that ended with a great evening watching SH-BOOM... We have been able to enjoy a number of these with our club friends.

There was a board meeting recently to follow-up on some club business. A lot of ideas were tossed around on how to help our club to be enjoyable and to run smooth. The board is doing their best to help make this happen. It is up to all our members to help make this an enjoyable experience for

all. Any ideas, questions, or changes are always welcome. Just be ready with good ways to make them work for our club.

Looking ahead for the next two to three months, we see a lot going on almost every weekend. Remember to check your e-mail and our club website as to when and where to join our club friends. With so many things going on, you have a lot of chances to enjoy those cars with others who enjoy the same things. Also, there are a couple of events and date changes coming up. We will get those finalized soon, so watch our website and your e-mail for them.

One more thing for now: with the end of the year not too far off, we want everyone to think about how we can all help make our club a success. It takes all of us to make it happen...

Drive carefully,  
*Marty Dooley*  
 President - 2011

## 2011 Officers

- President: **Marty Dooley**
- Immediate Past President: **Randy Howard**
- Vice President: **Charlie Miget**
- Secretary: **Mary Ann Hagenow**
- Treasurer: **Ann Brown**
- 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**





The Ballingers show off their latest trophy



Mid-Mystery Run relaxin'



Field of Dreams

# What we've been up to

## Mystery Run to IL, Canada Corvetting, Sybill's Run



Craigs & Ballingers conquer Canada!



A Mystery Run stop at a scenic overlook



Happy Mystery Runners

Angie's either showing off a new dance, or directing folks to the nearest casino



"What will it take to get you in this car today?"



Holy cow... the Dooleys are in the lead!



New Club Members Bluto, Alice The Goon, and Sea Hag



New Club Members Popeye, Olive Oyl and Swee'Pea



The Ladies of the Sybill's Run

# 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.**

## August 2, 2011 – Sunset Lakes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by president **Marty Dooley**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Marty welcomed everyone and introduced the current officers, immediate past president **Randy Howard**, NCCC governor **Rich Luebcke**, NCM ambassador **Judy Dooley**, webmaster **Jerry Craig**, and sponsor representative **Mark Gerecke** from Elco Chevrolet. Newsletter editor **Amy Zlatic** was not present. Members were reminded to check sign-up lists and purchase 50/50 tickets. Menu suggestions for the September meeting are needed.

### Guests

Guests **Tom and Sherri Marlo** were welcomed. They own a 2006 victory red convertible. Members **Terry and Irene Wilson** were welcomed as well. Terry said they own "some color" red car! New members **Mike and Christina Oster** scored a hat trick as they were re-introduced for the third time! By now, everyone should know who the Osters are. **Ken and Sue Dahman** were present, back from their stay in Florida. Guests **Joe Walker** and his daughter **Jill Clark** were also introduced. Joe has a 2005 metallic red convertible. He joined club members at the July 31 run to Fritz's Frozen Custard. **Steve Gerecke** and **Tommy Ortmann** were also welcomed.

### Meeting Minutes

**Jean DuPont** moved to accept the minutes from the July 5, 2011 meeting as published in the newsletter. The motion was approved by the membership.

### Treasurer's Report

**Ann Brown** presented the treasurer's report dated August 2, 2011. The treasurer's report was accepted by the membership.

### Membership Report

**Ron Hagenow** reported that there are currently 92 regular club members, 12 associate members, and 1 honorary lifetime member. August birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Milestone birthdays humorously noted were **Rich Luebcke's 105<sup>th</sup>**, **Charlie Miget's 21<sup>st</sup>**, and **Carl Ballinger's 75<sup>th</sup>**!

### Committee Reports

There were no reports available from the Budget, By-Laws, and Christmas Party Committees.

Car Show Committee – **Karen Price** announced that the Elco car show would be combined with a chili cook-off, followed by the club picnic and bonfire.

Charity Committee – **Jan Murray** indicated that this committee is no longer needed, thus making her role as committee head unnecessary.

Nominating Committee – No report given but **Marty Dooley** reminded everyone to think about serving on the committee. This committee is responsible for putting a slate of candidates together for November elections. Committee members don't usually run for an office.

Parade Committee – **Ron Hagenow** announced that the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 5. Our club has driven Gold Star Mothers in past parades.

VA Garden – **Karen Price** said the garden looks good. **Judy and Marty Dooley** and **Bob Woods** have been watering but additional volunteers are needed to help with watering. Bob said watering volunteers can just go anytime, no sign-up necessary. Club members fixed a cut electrical wire and replaced a pump for one of the fountains, which is now working properly. *(Contact Bob or one of the officers if you need directions to the VA Garden.)*

### Announcements

**The Howards** are having a Corvette Fire Sale-their '09 and '07 must go to make room for the 2012 on order!

### National Corvette Museum - Ambassador's Report

**Judy Dooley** said that drivers going to the museum's Birthday Bash over Labor Day weekend will



## Meeting Minutes, Continued

leave Thursday morning, September 1. See Judy after the regular meeting to finalize details if you are going. \$100 tickets are available through the museum's website for a chance to win \$50,000 or a Build-Your-Own Grand Sport. This raffle will be held on August 4. Judy is selling \$10 tickets for the black 2012 carbon fiber convertible to be raffled on Saturday, September 3 at the museum.

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

**Rich** said that **Theresa** was resting after an August 1<sup>st</sup> foot surgery but was doing well. He also mentioned that the last flying B-29 in the world would be at Spirit of St. Louis Airport through August 3 for anyone interested in seeing the plane. In NCCC news, there are currently 16,859 members in 265 clubs as well as 2,921 FCOA members. Convention awards for best newsletter went to the "Sportsmate" from the Corvette Club of Iowa, best website to Capital City Corvette Club. The Midwest Region, to which we belong, received the Outstanding Region award. 10 scholarships were also awarded to children of NCCC members. Student essays were

judged to determine winners. A member of the Royal Corvettes Club of western Michigan won the 2011 Grand Sport charity raffle. Be sure to check the NCCC website for interesting discounts available to us.

### Newsletter Report

Members were reminded to keep sending photos to editor **Amy Zlatic** or to **Jerry Craig** for posting to the website. Be sure to include names and scene descriptions as well as 'fun' facts about the photo—all of these help bring the newsletter to life. Thanks to everyone who submitted newsletter name suggestions to be voted on.

### Website Report

**Jerry Craig** said that he does not need anyone to take over as website editor at the present time.

### Sponsor's Report

**Mark Gerecke** said that summer is a busy time at Elco. They will also be adding a new Cadillac building on the west front lot this fall. Mark brought 2011 brochures and said they have both pre-owned and new inventory. The first 2012s are in with new models featuring both minor and major changes. Corvette sales have been robust! Mark said it has been

hard to get Corvettes in. He said this is the first time in 19 years that they have sold out their new Corvettes.

**Marty Dooley** commented that club members who are new car owners have appreciated Elco's help.

### Prior Events

July 15-16 – Autocross in Quincy, IL  
**Jeff Craig** said that the worst lap time was over 60 seconds, and the best time was 50.8. One record time was 47 seconds! **Rich Luebcke** worked as a starter. It was a great run!

July 23, Sat – "Mystery History Run"  
20 cars braved the high temperatures to participate-an excellent turn out. **Peggy Craig** said it was a "fabulous trip!" Route was south on IL Rt. 3 to Chester, IL with stops at Ft. Kaskaskia for a river overlook, and on to see the home of Popeye. Lunch was enjoyed at Reid's Harvest House Smorgasbord in Chester. A covered bridge stop added to a great day. Special thanks to **Marty and Judy Dooley** and **Charlie and Jackie Miget** for planning this adventure.

July 24, Sunday – Sybill's, St. James  
10 Corvettes and 1 metal car made the run to Sybill's in St. James,

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Jim Love, September 8  
Jamie Smull, September 14  
Larry Taake, September 18  
Carol Miesner, September 26  
Joan Handlang, September 27  
Elise Akins, September 29

Larry & Lynn Taake, September 7  
Jerry & Armynta Craig, September 11  
Bob & Chris Woods, September 20



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Missouri. It was a great run to a unique restaurant. **Ken and Sue Dahman** won a gift card and **Bev DuPont** celebrated her birthday. **Peggy Craig** enjoyed a rainy drive with the top down! Thanks to **Ruth Howard** for planning this event.



The Howards enjoy the Sybill's Run (thanks, Ruth!)

July 23-24 – Grand Prix of Mosport  
**The Craigs and the Ballingers** enjoyed their visit to Mosport and Ontario. They enjoyed the Watkins Glen wine Festival as evidenced by the various pictures of “wine in hand.” Carl said the Corvettes beat everybody!! 40 cars and 80 people participated and the host club was very gracious.

July 31, Sunday – Fritz's Frozen Custard  
**Peggy Craig** said it was too hot to count cars! About 10 cars participated.

### Future Events

August 13-14 – Autocross  
Jointly sponsored by our club and Route 66 Corvette Club at the GM plant in Wentzville. **The Craigs** will be racing. Everyone is encouraged to go out and watch and help – it will be a great chance to see some top competitors and true point chasers.

August 14, Sunday – Gallagher's Restaurant in Waterloo, Illinois  
**Ron Hagenow** is planning this event. Meet at South County Home Depot parking lot. Will leave at 1 p.m. and drive through the Illinois bluff area and old Valmeyer. Dinner at Gallagher's at 2 p.m. Come and enjoy some of the best fried chicken in Illinois. A sign-up sheet is available or contact Ron if you can attend.

August 18-20 – Tunica Run  
**Angie Bradford** is planning this event. Confirmations will go out in the next few days. A bus has been arranged for 4:30 Saturday, August 20. This will go to Beal Street and return riders to the Gold Strike. Will leave for St. Louis on Sunday after breakfast. If anyone else wants to go, call or email the Bradfords.

September 1-3 – National Corvette Museum 17<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration  
**Judy Dooley** will meet with those going after the regular meeting tonight to finalize details.

September 10, Saturday – Josephine's Tea Room in Alton, Illinois  
This is a 'ladies only' event planned by **Ruth Howard**. Meet at 9:45 at Syberg's lot on Dorsett near 270. We have an 11:00 reservation. Bring your moms, daughters, sisters, or girlfriends. Contact Ruth to sign up.

September 16-18 – Funfest at Mid-America Motorworks in Effingham, Illinois  
**Rich Luebcke** said that a tent will be set up for the club, allowing for about 20 club cars.

September 17-19 – Covered Bridge Festival in Park County, Indiana  
**Terry and Irene Wilson** are planning this trip which includes 31 covered bridges, paved roads, good scenery and tour routes. Plan to leave Saturday, September 17 from Effingham Funfest for Terre Haute, Indiana. Will probably leave around 5 p.m., before the Fun Fest Concert. Terry has reserved 6 non-smoking rooms in Indiana, available on a first come basis. Room rates for Saturday and Sunday evenings are \$79 + tax. He will do a pre-route and has eating places in mind. **Ron Hagenow** will email information from Terry to all about this trip. E-mail Terry Wilson to sign up. Check out the website on the information sheet for this event.

Old Business  
None.

New Business  
**Marty Dooley** commented that it is

not normal procedure for the club to have two activities in one weekend, as happened with the recent Mystery run and Sybill's restaurant run. Both events had good turnouts and turned out successfully. Thanks to everyone who participated in either or both events.

Marty said that the board is currently checking on insurance plans and rates. The club currently has insurance through NCCC but a comparable plan is available through the Museum at a lower rate. It may be to our advantage to have coverage with a different provider. If we would purchase insurance through the Museum, we would not be renewing our membership with NCCC. For members who want to race, individual NCCC memberships are available.

**Karen Price** announced that the date of the club picnic will be moved to Saturday, October 15. The day will include a car show at Elco combined with a chili cookoff from 12-2. Exciting games, a poker run, and evening picnic with bonfire will follow. More details will be available at the September meeting.

Ballots were distributed for voting on a new name for the club newsletter. Results will be announced at the next meeting.

Marty also reminded members to let the board know if you would like to sponsor an event and send your ideas to vice president **Charlie Miget**. In response, **Michelle Finn** suggested a trip to the Blue Owl Restaurant in Kimmswick, Missouri. She will work out details with Charlie.

**Rich Luebcke** reminded members that we had previously voted to sell our 7 NCCC sanctions to other clubs for \$80 each. The Great River Corvette Club of Quincy, Illinois purchased 2 of these sanctions to use at their July 15 and 16 autocross. They paid \$200 for the 2 sanctions and Rich presented

## Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

National Corvette Museum

<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.boonetraillcc.com](http://www.boonetraillcc.com)

Original Corvette Club  
of St. Louis

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

Corvette Racing

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

Mid America Motorworks

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

Elco Chevrolet

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

Corvette Motorsport

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

Corvette Central

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



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their check to the club this evening. Five sanctions have been given to the Route 66 club for their use at the autocross at the GM plant on August 13 and 14.

Discussion was raised concerning the feasibility of having numerous events on the day of the proposed Elco car show, as announced previously this evening. As presented, Saturday, October 15 would include car show and chili cook-off at Elco from 12-2 followed by a poker run from Elco with bonfire/annual club picnic at 6 or 6:30 p.m. **Mark Gerecke** said that the bonfire site had been reserved for October 15. It was suggested that the club picnic be moved back to the original planned date of Sunday, September 25 with a site to be determined. The car show/chili cook-off and bonfire would remain scheduled for Saturday, October 15. A majority of members in attendance favored this revised plan.

**Gary Murray** announced that a possible end-of-year Happy Hour will be planned at Sunset Lakes. He will let us know of details as they become available.

**Peggy Craig** announced a Happy Hour at d. Dooley's 026 Grill on Friday, August 5 beginning at 4 p.m. The restaurant is located in the Dierberg's plaza at 141 & Gravois Road.

### 50/50 Raffle

**Steve Gerecke**, Mark's son, won \$100 in tonight's raffle! Way to go, Stevie!

**Dessert** – Special thanks to **Karen and Mike Price** for providing this month's cake and to the cake's baker and decorator, our own **Ann Brown!** **Bob and Chris Woods** will bring the September dessert.

To quote Marty, "a bunch" of people attended tonight's meeting. 51 guests/members signed the attendance sheet.

**Mike and Karen Price** were called away from the meeting suddenly due to a family emergency. Please keep them and their family in your thoughts and prayers.

**Patty Craig** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m., seconded by **Ruth Howard**, and approved by the membership. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 6 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. The September menu has not yet been chosen.

Respectfully submitted,

**Mary Ann Hagenow**  
Secretary 2011

## September Menu

Pulled Pork ♦ Brats ♦ Potato Salad  
Pork & Beans ♦ Fruit Salad ♦ Lettuce Salad  
Rolls, Butter ♦ Dessert

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

## News from the National Corvette Museum by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley

Do you receive the eNews for the National Corvette Museum?

If not, you can sign up just by going to the NCM web site at [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com). You will then get the latest NCM news sent right to your in-box. You can also check out the Corvette Store specials, the latest raffles and other events going on at the museum.

Don't forget, I have the \$10 tickets for the Black 100th anniversary convertible to be raffled off on September 3 at the NCM. If you want to take a chance on this beautiful car, contact me before September 1.



## Message from Membership by Membership Chair Ron Hagenow

If you are like me, you got a Mid-America Motorworks catalog in the mail this week. If you look closely at the cover you will notice a very familiar 58 Corvette, our own Michelle Paillou's. The picture was taken at last year's Funfest. If you are not going to order anything, please save the catalog for Michelle. You can either bring them to the next meeting or to the Josephine's Tea Room run on September 10<sup>th</sup>. She appreciates any copies she can get.

Some club members signed up for Funfest but did not add our club name in the comment box for club parking. If you registered for Funfest but did not indicate our club name, please e-mail Lee to add your name ([Lee.willenburg@mamotorworks.com](mailto:Lee.willenburg@mamotorworks.com)). So far, the list Lee has for our club is: Dooley, Ballinger, Gibson, Strassburger, Brown, Kirby, Horstmeyer, and Joe Walker. If you don't see your name on this list and you are going, please email Lee as soon as possible.

Please see the attachment concerning the ladies only run to Josephine's Tea Room on September 10<sup>th</sup>. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting or contact Ruth at [rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net).

Also, while not a club event, there is a benefit poker run here in Waterloo for a local teacher that was killed in an accident two years ago. We can't attend but if anyone is interested, just drop me an email and I will get you the information.



Those of you who have been around the club for a while know that we especially like to recognize all our veterans. I would like to get a list together of all our veterans in the club and maybe do something during the Veterans Day Parade. Even if you can't attend the parade I would still like to get the names of all our veterans. We are especially glad to have back our own Kevin Bayliss who returned from a deployment last year and Ann Brown, currently serving at Scott AFB. Here is a list of people I know of so if you don't see your name and you are a veteran, please let me know.

- Kevin Bayliss, Army
- Ann Brown, Navy
- Eric DeBruin, Navy
- Marty Dooley, Army
- Bill Dotson, Air Force
- Jean DuPont, Navy

- Les Gibson, Marine Corps
- Ron Hagenow, Air Force
- Steve Lyle, Air Force
- Ron Miesner, Army
- Gary Murray, Air Force
- Bob Woods, Marine Corps





Armynta and Sharon offer some racing tips



All bridges should be covered for Corvettes if it's raining

Uh oh, someone needs to be detailed



The 2012 C6R Racing Team



Lining up for the Mystery Run at the most unmysterious regular meeting place for our Club



I have no caption for these. Really.



We have some really happy members





*Ladies Run to  
Josephine's Tea Room*  
September 10, 2011 • Godfrey, Illinois



Meet at Syberg's on Dorsett Road at 9:30 and we will depart at 10:00. This is a great tea room and if you've never been there before you are in for a treat! Their food and desserts are wonderful. If for some reason you can't drive your Corvette please feel free to join us in whatever vehicle that will get you there, or buddy up with one of the other ladies and go in their Corvette! Bring your mom, sister, girlfriend or whoever! Please call Ruth at (314) 846-6156 to RSVP as I need to know how many are going by September 7, or sign up at the September 6 meeting! Sign-up sheet is on the table.



After a lovely lunch they have numerous gift shops to walk through at your leisure! Please read the additional information below about the tea room.



*Josephine's Tea Rooms & Gifts Shops opened in 1979 in Godfrey, Illinois. We are located four miles North of Alton, an historic river town on the bluffs of the Mississippi River, and a 30 minute drive from downtown St. Louis, Missouri.*



*The gift shops are in the original house which once was part of Monticello College that was founded in 1838. The shops feature unique home decor, gifts, florals and accessories.*



*The tea rooms were added in 1986. There are three dining rooms plus the outdoor patios. Lunch is served 6 days a week.*



*Josephine's Monticello House was added as an addition next door. It features women's fashions, shoes, handbags, jewelry and accessories.*



*The newest addition is Fred's Shed located behind the Monticello House. It features sales, close outs and mark-downs.*

*Escape to Josephine's for the day, enjoy a delicious lunch, browse through our many shops and relax in the beautiful landscaped gardens.*



**Josephine's Tea Room**  
6109 Godfrey Road  
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