

The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

October 2011

Upcoming Events

October 1 Bonfire & Hayride

October 4 STLCC Monthly Meeting

October 6-9 Eureka Springs

October 15 Elco Car Show

October 22 Blue Owl Run

October 29 Corvettes & Warbirds

October 30 Fritz's Ice Cream Run

November 1 STLCC Monthly Meeting

November 5 Veterans Day Parade

November 12 Horstmeyer's Oil Change

Party





Building Bridges

The great thing about our club is...it's more than just a group of people who love the same car. Our club is a family, and we are there for each other in times of celebration and times of sadness.

We build bridges to lasting friendships, and have a mighty good time doing it!



President's Column

We just got back from checking on things at the V.A. garden that our club helps maintain. It's looking pretty good at this time. **Judy** and I have been able to stop by to water and fill the fountains. Thanks to **Anne and Don Pickles**, and **Bob Woods** for checking the garden out to keep it looking good. Remember, anyone can stop in to check things out or just to talk to one of the Veterans in the garden behind bldg. 52.

This past week I got a call from a local garden club that saw our garden work at bldg. 52. They would like to donate some plants and bulbs to add to the garden. Looks like word is out about the work we do there. Great job by all our members who have had dirty hands and muddy shoes to do this for our Veterans.

With summer just about over, we are not slowing down with things to do with our club. Meetings always seem to bring plenty of members. Some events coming up: the club picnic, sponsor's car show at ELCO, a bon fire, a run to Blue Owl, and trip to Eureka Springs. There are a few more in the works, like an oil change party at the Horstmeyer estate, the warbirds show, V.A.Parade, and a run to Millers Grill. We know that family and work comes first, but try to make as many events with our club friends as you can.

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

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What we've been up to

NCM Anniversary, Josephine's, FunFest, Covered Bridge Run



Founding members of Club

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fellow...

The FunFest Gang, hangin' out

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Member Fun

Nominations Needed!

Are you interested in leading and serving a fun group of people? Run for a position on our board! We need nominations for the October meeting with the election at the November meeting. Talk with any current or former board members to find out what's involved. We welcome fresh ideas and encourage everyone to get involved with your club!

Welcome to Future Corvette Owner Bruce Allen Smull



Congratulations to Kevin, Jamie and big sister Hayden Smull on the arrival of Bruce Allen on September 9, 2011.

Judging by his photo, he's already dreaming of owning his own Corvette someday.

Corvette Trivia

- 1. The radio antenna on the '53 Corvettes was found in what unusual place?
 - a. Rear deck lid
 - b. Front right fender
 - c. Windshield frame
 - d. Gas cap lid
- 2. Which year had the biggest sales?
 - a. 1956
 - b. 1957
- 3. In what year did the catalytic converter become standard on the Corvette?
 - a. 1971
 - b. 1972
 - c. 1973
 - d. 1974
 - e. 1975
- 4. In 1984, Option C3 was a see-through roof.

What was it made of?

- a. Laminated glass
- b. Acrylic plastic
- c. Lexan
- 5. What color were the wheels on the Indy Pace Car of 1998?
 - a. White
 - b. Silver
 - c. Yellow
 - d. Chartreuse

Thanks to Membership Chair **Ron Hagenow** for supplying the Corvette Trivia Questions! Answers can be found on page 9 at the end of his monthly membership message.

October Menu

Meat Lasagna
Vegetable Lasagna
Pasta Con Broccoli
Vegetable Medley
Garden Salad
Breadsticks
Dessert

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

Letter from the Editor

Now, ya'all know I don't normally write anything special for the newsletter, except maybe a few snarky photo captions. But I would be remiss if I didn't take this opportunity to say "Thank you" to the newsletter editors who came before me. If it weren't for Jerry Craig and Mike Price laying the foundation, we wouldn't have the publication we have today. Their hard work, Corvette spirit, and humor set the stage – I just caught the pass and ran. I also need to thank our wonderful members who continue to give me such great stories and photographs (and, selfishly, memories that I will cherish forever). Our recent NCM Newsletter 2nd Place Award goes to Editors Craig and Price, and you. You guys rock! -Amy



Covered Bridge 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.

Sept. 6, 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, immediate past president Randy Howard, newsletter editor Amy Zlatic, NCCC governor Rich Luebcke, NCM ambassador Judy Dooley, and sponsor rep Mark Gerecke from Elco Chevrolet. Webmaster Jerry Craig was not present. Members were reminded to check sign-up lists and purchase 50/50 tickets.

New Members

Tom and Sherri Marlo and Joe and Jackie Walker are new club members. Tom and Sherri own a 2006 victory red convertible. Joe and Jackie have a 2005 metallic red convertible. Joe's daughter Jill attended the August meeting with him. We wish her well as she recovers from surgery and look forward to meeting Joe's wife Jackie.

Meeting Minutes

Angie Bradford moved to accept the minutes from the August 2, 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 September 6, 2011. **Jean DuPont** moved to

accept the report, with a second by **Ruth Howard**, and acceptance by the membership.

Membership Report

Ron Hagenow reported that there are currently 92 regular club members, 12 associate members, and 1 honorary lifetime member. A new associate member is Scott Hall from Paris, Illinois. Scott served as auctioneer at the Museum's recent anniversary celebration. September birthdays and anniversaries were also acknowledged. Ron said that the October meeting menu will include lasagna, pasta con broccoli and sides.

Announcements

The Barrons are the proud new owners of a 2008 triple black convertible! Congratulations, Ken and Judy!

Ruth Howard thanked everyone who sent cards, e-mails, memorials, and attended the wake for her brother on August 28.

Committee Reports

There were no reports available from the Budget, By-Laws, and Car Show Committees.

Christmas Committee – **Chris Woods** and her committee will have an update at the October meeting.

Nominating Committee – Marty said that three people were needed to serve on this committee. **Armynta Craig**,

Judy Dooley, and Rich Luebcke volunteered to serve. This committee is responsible for putting a slate of candidates together for November elections and preparing ballots. Committee members don't usually run for an office.

Parade Committee - Ron **Hagenow** reminded everyone that the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade will be held on Saturday, November 5. Flyers and sign-up sheet are available this evening. Convertibles will be needed for the Gold Star Mothers/Fathers. A room has been reserved at d.Doolev's 026 Grill for lunch after the parade. Marty commented that this parade is one of the most important things we do all year. He encouraged members to tell people to bring their families and come and watch the parade spread the word!!



2010 Veterans Day Parade

VA Garden – Marty asked **Bob Woods** and **Karen Price** to meet with him briefly after the regular

Meeting Minutes, Continued

meeting to discuss some fall plans for the garden. He said that the fountains were running dry and the fountain pumps tend to go out if that happens. Plants in the garden need to be watered. Members were encouraged to stop in and check the garden whenever possible, help with watering, and visit with the veterans who are enjoying the garden. The garden area is located behind building 52 at Jefferson Barracks Hospital.

<u>National Corvette Museum -</u> <u>Ambassador's Report</u>

Judy Dooley attended the Ambassador's meeting at the museum on September 2 as well as the lifetime members' dinner that evening. Dinner guest speaker Dave Patton from GM thanked everyone for "keeping the dream alive." Judy also reported that NCM Executive Director Wendell Strode said that the grand opening of the museum's Motorsport Park will be in September 2014, in conjunction with the museum's 20th anniversary national caravan. Judy reminded everyone of the lifetime brick program at the museum. She said that if a museum member passes away, IMO (In memory of) bricks will be provided.

Judy presented newsletter editor **Amy Zlatic** with a second place award received for e-mailed newsletters. The award was one of several presented at the museum's birthday bash. The Dooleys also received their Master Ambassador Certificate at the bash. A 2012 torch red coupe will be raffled at the museum on February 2, 2012. See Judy for your \$10 raffle tickets.

Marty Dooley thanked Jerry Craig, Mike Price and Amy Zlatic for the great effort they have each put into developing the club newsletter over many years. Marty stressed that it has been a group effort and that the "heart and soul of the newsletter comes from the members."

National Council of Corvette
Clubs - Governor's Report
Rich Luebcke complimented the
club on being 1 out of 15 clubs that
sponsored a whole table at the Hall of
Fame banquet at the museum's
anniversary event. Corvette race
driver Ron Fellows, GM designer
Clare MacKichan, and enthusiast
Ray Quinlan were inducted into the
Hall of Fame. Quinlan was NCM
Lifetime Member No. 001 and

encouraged the establishment of a Corvette museum with his donation of his '53 Corvette.

The next NCCC Governors' meeting will be held in St. Louis on September 10. Rich presented a check from Route 66 for \$400 as payment for the sanctions we sold to them. These sanctions were used for the GM autocross. Marty thanked Rich for being the lead driver and leading the group to the museum for the bash.

Newsletter Report

Members were reminded that anyone can submit articles for publication in the newsletter.

Website Report

No report. Marty commented that the website features over 2100 photos.

Sponsor's Report

Mark Gerecke thanked everyone for the floral arrangement sent to his wife after her recent hospitalization. He said she is doing well. He is planning two upcoming club events:

Bonfire & Hayride- Saturday, Oct. 1
This will be held at a working farm with corn maze near Highways K and N. Elco will pay the fees charged for both the bonfire and hayride. Plan to

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



Pam Corrona, October 3
Pam Dotson, October 3
Frank Ellis, October 3
Theresa Luebcke, October 8
Paul Craig, October 9
Judy Barron, October 16
Tammy Walker, October 18
Jean DuPont, October 25
John Hopson, October 30

Rich & Theresa Luebcke, October 7

Jeff & Patty Craig, October 20

Michael & Amy Zlatic, October 25

Charlie & Jackie Miget, October 28



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arrive at 6 p.m. There is a smooth gravel drive with parking in the field. There is a \$5 admission charge per person-plan to pay this when you arrive at the farm. The hayride will last about 30 minutes. Three firepits are available. Mark can provide a grill if needed. Plan to bring chairs. No glass bottles are allowed. A sign-up sheet is available this evening. An email will be sent with reminders.

<u>Car Show and Chili Cook-off – Saturday,</u> October 15

This will be held at Elco (15110 Manchester Road, Ballwin) from 12-2. A sign-up sheet is available.

Prior Events

<u>August 14 – Gallagher's Restaurant in Waterloo, Illinois</u>

33 members attended. Thanks to **Ron Hagenow** for planning this event.

August 13-14 - Route 66 Autocross

Jeff Craig reported that there were 12
events. One of Jeff's course times was
.7 second off of the fastest time turned
in. Jerry Craig recorded a time .7
second off of Jeff's time. Marty
presented Jeff with a NCM license plate
for the front of the race car.

August 18-20 - Tunica Run

Angie Bradford planned this event. She reported that Mary Doerr had a really GOOD time! Angie and Randy Howard participated in the great Yahtzee challenge. Angie said the comedian at Harrah's was great. She will try to arrange the 2012 trip for the Memphis Barbecue week-end in Mayhopefully there won't be flooding issues next year.

August 28 – Fritz's Run 6 people attended including **Jerry and Armynta Craig** and their friends with Tiger.

September 1-3 - National Corvette

Museum 17th Anniversary Celebration

Judy Dooley said that 10 cars
participated. Several participated in
planned road tours. Carl Ballinger
worked the 4 a.m. shift on Thursday,
Sept. 1, and helped to serve breakfast
to GM plant employees. Club
members attended the Hall of Fame

dinner on Thursday evening while lifetime members attended a banquet on Friday evening. Associate members Jim and Sharon Love received an award in Thursday's car show. 20 year membership pins were awarded to the Loves on Saturday. Despite the extremely hot temperatures, everyone enjoyed the trip.

Future Events

<u>September 10, Sat. – Josephine's Tea</u> 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. Will leave at 10 a.m. We have an 11:00 reservation. Bring your moms, daughters, sisters, or girlfriends. Metal cars are welcome. Contact Ruth to sign up.

<u>September 16-18, Fri.-Sun. – Funfest at Mid-America Motorworks in</u> Effingham, Illinois

Rich Luebcke said that a tent will be set up for the club, allowing for 11 club cars to be parked. Be sure to indicate "club parking" when you register.

September 17-20, Sat.-Mon. – 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 around 3 p.m. for about a 1.5 hour drive to Indiana. Will plan to stay in Indiana Saturday and Sunday nights, returning to St. Louis on Monday. Contact Terry Wilson for more information.

September 25, Sun. - Club Picnic Meet at Quail Ridge Park in Wentzville (located at Hwy 40/61, exit highway 40 at Prospect Road) at 12 noon. Poker run will leave from the park and end at the park. Fried chicken will be provided. Will plan to eat at 2 p.m. Sign-up lists are available this evening - please sign if you are planning to attend and also to indicate the side dish/dessert you will bring. Paper products will be provided. Members should bring their own beverages. Glass containers are NOT allowed in the park. Information flyers are

available. No charge for members but non-members will be charged \$5 per person. **Ron Hagenow** will send an e-mail re sign-up.

October 1, Sat. – Hayride & Bonfire 6 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person, payable upon arrival. Bring chairs. Check website for details.

October 6-9, Thurs.-Sun. – 21st Annual Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

The Loves, Ballingers, and Dave Markland will be going to Branson on Wednesday a.m., October 5. Marty Dooley will organize another group leaving on Thursday, October 6, at 9 a.m. from the McDonald's in Eureka, MO. Have a full tank of gas. Will drive for about 2 hours and stop around the 110 mile marker. Dave Davidson reported that the Rapid Robert's Conoco station at the Sunshine exit in Springfield, MO has 93 octane cheaper than the QT in Ozark. Send Marty Dooley an e-mail if you will be going with his group on Thursday morning.

October 15, Sat. - Elco Car Show/Chili Cook-off

12-2 p.m. at Elco. Sign-up sheet will be available at the October meeting. We will need to know number bringing chili (crockpots) so an adequate number of electrical connections can be provided.

October 22, Sat. – Blue Owl Restaurant, Kimmswick Michelle Finn is planning this event. Information will be provided at October meeting.

October 29, Sat. - Corvettes & Warbirds

10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Missouri Commemorative Air Force Hangar in St. Charles, MO. Lunch will be available for a \$5 donation per person. Will plan to meet at Fast Lane Cars at Hwy 94 & 70 then take 94, left to airport at the Y. The event is open to the public but only Corvettes will be allowed to park on the ramp. It will be a live taxiway.

Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

National Corvette Museum

National Council of Corvette Clubs

Official Corvette Site

Boone Trail Corvette Club

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

Corvette Racing

Mid America Motorworks

Elco Chevrolet

Corvette Motorsport

Corvette Central



Meeting Minutes, Continued

The B-25 Mitchell will fly. Go to www.cafmo.org for more information. Steve Lyle is organizing this event. Flyers are available.

October 30, Sun. - Fritz's Frozen Custard Run

November 5, Sat. – Veterans' Day Parade, St. Louis **Ron Hagenow** is organizing this event.

November 12, Sat. – Corvette Oil Change Party
Tentative date for an active get-together at **Horstmeyers**. BYO oil and beverages. Dave will provide the lift! More information in October.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Marty Dooley asked if anyone would be interested in driving in the Rock Hill parade on Saturday, October 1. Corvettes are needed to drive dignitaries. No interest was expressed.

Ron Hagenow reminded members that 2012 dues are now payable. \$75 per couple for renewal. Dues must be paid in order to vote for new officers at the November 1st meeting. Ron said our membership numbers +/- 92 so at present there is no concern re the 100 membership cap noted in the by-laws.

Marty reported that information is still being gathered regarding club insurance. He encouraged members to sponsor events.

Carl Ballinger said he has a sign-up list for the Baymont Hotel (soon to be Holiday Inn Express) in Bowling Green, KY for the late August 2014 Caravan. Emails will be sent to those on the list when hotel rooms are freed up for the event. Carl also has several spec sheets available for anyone interested.

Armynta Craig reported that she and **Jerry** participated in a gathering of 40-50 former Corvette racers at Elkhart Lake during the week-end of August 19. She said the cars were grouped as "loud-louder-loudest" and "old-older-oldest"! The #3 and #4 pace cars led the others.

Amy Zlatic had some 2001 car brochures available for the taking.

50/50 Raffle

Angle Bradford won \$100 in tonight's raffle. **Pat Cox** won a t-shirt in a separate drawing.

<u>Dessert</u> – Special thanks to **Bob and Chris Woods** for providing this month's cake. **Jeff and Patty Craig** will bring the October dessert.

59 guests/members signed the attendance sheet. A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and was approved by the membership. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 4 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 October menu will feature Italian entrees.

Respectfully submitted, Mary Ann Hagenow Secretary 2011

News from the National Corvette Museum

by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley

As the Ambassador of the NCM, I need to keep track of all who are members. If you are a member and I do not have you on this list, please let me know. If your status has changed, I also need to know. Thanks!

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Lifetime	<u>Members</u>	<u>Senior</u>
Ballinger	Bayliss	Cox
Bradford	A. Brown	Walsh
J. & A. Craig	Davidson	
J. & P. Craig	Gibson	
P. Craig	Hagenow	
Dooley	Howard	
Love	J. Stockwell	
Luebcke	T. Walker	
M. Paillou		
Price		
Zlatic		



Message from Membership

by Membership Chair Ron Hagenow

2012 Membership Dues are Due!

Beginning with the September meeting, I started accepting dues payments for next year. Dues can be paid at the October or November meeting. Dues must be paid by the November meeting for two reasons:

- 1. You must be current in your dues in order to vote for new officers
- 2. We send in our annual dues to NCCC by November 15 so we need an accurate number of paid members by that date

Dues are \$45 for single members and \$75 for a couple. This includes your annual membership in NCCC. Associate member dues are \$24. Please make your checks payable to "St. Louis Corvette Club."

If for some reason you do not intend to remain in the club, please drop me an email and I will remove you from our membership roster.

If you cannot attend the October or November meeting, you can send your check to:

Ron Hagenow 428 Mockingbird Lane Waterloo, IL 62298.

If you have any questions, just let me know.

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Bev wins a gift at Josephine's



Dave, Dave, Dave. That's *not* a Corvette, dude! And there's a LOT of yellow there.



The Hagenowmobile at NCM







Debbie & Peggy



Every one of these cars was driven by a CHICK!



Carl explains the intricacies of an early Corvette steam engine



Bev, Michelle, Chris and Tina



One at a time, guys. Take turns!

Ron consoles Karen for being a Yellow Person. Karen consoles Ron for being Not a Yellow Person.



Congrats to the Loves

Janice & Sherri



Happy Horstmeyers



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Report from the Field: Trip to Mosport Racetrack, Ontario, Canada By Armynta Craig



Sharon and Carl Ballinger and Armynta and Jerry Craig recently participated in the MCM's *MUSEUM IN MOTION* with a trip to Ontario Canada ending at Mosport International Raceway and an ALMS (American Le Man's Series) race.

Ballingers and Craigs are no strangers to wine and started their trip couple of days in the Finger Lakes in upper New York State. While there, we participated in the Finger Lakes yearly wine festival where about 85 winery's offered pouring of their various wines. This festival was located on the grounds of Watkins Glen raceway. This race track is where Jerry went to driver's school about 50 years ago. Both Carl and Jerry had the opportunity to ride in a pace car around the track.



Arriving in Niagara-on-the Lake we met the rest of our tour group of 35 corvettes and to our great surprise we were joined by dozens of Corvetters from the **Durham Corvette Club** who were our host during out five days in Canada. We were treated to trips to local winery's, dinner with **Ron Fellows**. Ron was inducted into the Corvette Museum's Hall of Fame over Labor Day. He just became a co-owner of the Mosport Racetrack and told us at dinner that he would be "pissed" if either the 3 or 4 car did not win Sunday's race. We enjoyed trips to several museums, both automobiles and an airplane museum. The Durham club also treated us to a river cruse and picnic. Our days were filled from morning to night with activities this club planned.

Saturday and Sunday were spent at Mosport Raceway. Former corvette drivers Ron Fellows and **Johnny O'Connell** were at the Corvette Corral for a question and answer period. All the NCM guests were treated to a trip around the track. The Craigs were near the front of this group and made two trips around the trace with the second trip just a little too fast for Armynta!! Somehow the Ballingers were near the end and Sharon did not have to endure the hairpin curve at such a fast speed.

Sunday's race was super as the #4 Corvette won in the GT class. The BMW and Porsche Clubs shared a corral which was adjacent to the Corvette corral and a few strawberries were exchanged as their cars came in second and third at this race.

A big treat for the four of us was seeing old friends from the 2002 Motorama, **Scott and Kay Sinclair** who drove the 1956 red Corvette.

After the race we were given a special invitation to the paddock. We were fortunate to meet **Jan Magnussen** who was the winning driver of the #4 Corvette. Jan was charming and answered all our questions and posed for several pictures with good humor.

This was a great trip for us, we managed to include the time in New York, see old friends and the opportunity to meet many new friends from the Canada's Durham Corvette Club. We highly recommend our fellow club members look into other trips sponsored by the Corvette Museum.

<u>Veterans Day Parade</u> <u>Saturday - November 5, 2011</u>





Once again the club will be participating in this annual parade. Last year we had over 25 cars and would like to exceed that number this year.

We will assemble at the Krispy Kreme in South County near the JC Penney Home Store (I-55 and Lindbergh).

We will meet between 9:30 am and 10:00 am. Driver's meeting will be at 10:00 am and we will leave promptly after the meeting. We need to be in place around 10:30 am. The parade begins at 12:00 noon. Just like the military, hurry up and wait!

Once again some of our ladies will have the privilege of driving a Gold Star Mother and we may also be asked to drive other dignitaries. If you have a convertible please bring it out.

We will plan on having lunch after the parade at d.dooley's near Gravois Bluffs. The parade is usually over by 1:00 pm.

Dress appropriately for being outside. We have had 20 degree weather and 75 degree weather! And don't forget to bring your radio and car flags.

If you have not signed up yet, please contact Ron Hagenow at 618-939-1837 or hagenow1@charter.net.

Please support the men and women of our armed forces currently deployed as well as the veterans in our club who have already served.



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