



# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

December 2011

## Upcoming Events

- December 3     STLCC Christmas Party
- December 25     Merry Christmas!
- January 1        Happy New Year!
- January 15      STLCC Brunch & Planning Meeting



### 2012 Officers

**President:**  
Kevin Bayliss

**Vice President:**  
Michael Zlatic

**Treasurer:**  
Rick Doerr

**Sergeant at Arms:**  
Dave Horstmeyer

**Secretary:**  
Mary Ann Hagenow

**Membership:**  
Ron Hagenow

## Congratulations to our newly-elected officers!

Our November meeting brought an early Thanksgiving banquet and the election of our 2012 board. Congratulations to our new officers (see list at left), and thank you to our 2011 leaders. The incoming and outgoing board spoke briefly after the meeting, and arranged for a transition meeting to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities.



## President's Column



At this time of year, we can look back and see what we have been up to. This past year has been full of a wide variety of club events that kept a lot of us very busy. Not everyone could make all the things going on, and who could, with family, jobs, and other obligations. This club is a hobby, and we make as many events as we can fit into our busy lives. This past month was another one of those busy months. The Veterans Parade was another great event for our club. I was honored, along with five other club members that got to drive Gold Star Mothers (and two fathers) in the parade.

Weather was good again for the chicken run near Alton. Rides across two rivers and ferries, along with a ride down the Great River Road was really something. Who would ever expect that kind of weather for November? An oil change party at the **Horstmeyer** estate turned out really nice, with about 12 cars showing up. (Did someone drink all of **Marya's** wine?) Then there was one of our last rides of the year to Miller's Grill in Washington. This ride has been an on going event in memory of one of our original members, **Jerry Fain**. It was great to have **June Fain** join us for lunch that day.

Well, this is it for me as club president. I had a great time, and hope everyone else did this year. Of course, I want to thank all the club members who helped out with events, and those that participated in any of the things we did. Also I want to thank our board for all their hard work this year. It really made my part of this board easy. I'm looking forward to our new board keeping our club moving in the right direction. Good luck to them and all of our members this next year.

Drive carefully, and happy holidays!

*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**





Miller's Grill Run



Blue Owl Run



Moonlight Chicken Run

# What we've been up to

Blue Owl, Warbirds, Veterans Parade, Moonlight, Horstmeyers, Miller's



Lining up for Blue Owl



Loading the ferry



THIS is what we call an "oil change party!"



Parading



Showing patriotic spirit



Chowtime!



"She did it!"

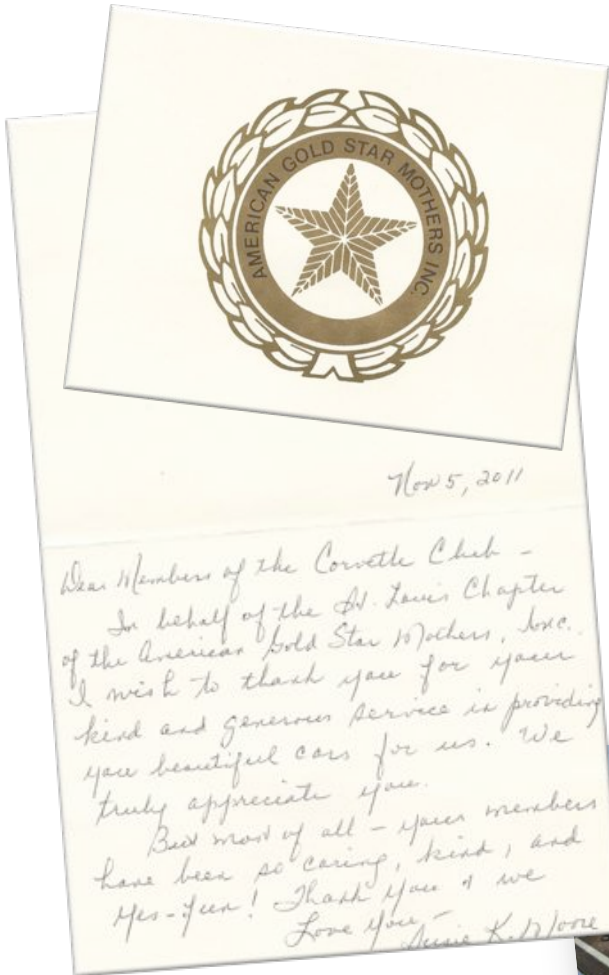
Michelle's monthly snack pic!



The pit crew



# Gold Star Mothers say "Thank you!"



*Dear Members of the Corvette Club -*

*In behalf of the St. Louis Chapter of the American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. I wish to thank you for your kind and generous services in providing your beautiful cars for us. We truly appreciate you.*

*But most of all - your members have been so caring, kind, and yes - fun! Thank you and we love you.*

*Susie K. Moore*



# Member Fun

## Corvette Trivia

- In what year was there a dark leather seat color offered called "Dark Saddle?"
  - 1970
  - 1971
  - 1972
  - 1973
- What was the first year for the 454 engine?
  - 1963
  - 1965
  - 1967
  - 1969
  - 1970
- What is one of the rarest decals you'll ever find atop the air cleaner on a 1960s big block?
  - 325 hp
  - 450 hp
  - 425 hp
  - 435 hp

Thanks to Membership Chair **Ron Hagenow** for supplying the Corvette Trivia Questions! Answers are on page 9.



## One of our members is a Kentucky star!

Check out the current edition of the Bowling Green Area Visitor's Guide and pay special attention to the photograph accompanying the segment on Bowling Green Pipe and Cigar. Recognize that gentleman?

It's our very own **Rich Luebcke!**

We recommend you get your copy signed quickly – they're bound to be collectors items some day.

Congratulations to Rich for being in the right place at the right time, and for a handsome mug thought to attract pipe and cigar smokers!



# 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.



Veterans Day Parade

## November 1, 2011 Sunset Hills Banquet Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 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**, NCM ambassador **Judy Dooley**, newsletter editor **Amy Zlatic**, and sponsor representative **Mark Gerecke** from Elco Chevrolet. NCCC governor **Rich Luebcke** and webmaster **Jerry Craig** were absent. Members were reminded to check sign-up lists and purchase 50/50 tickets.

### Meeting Minutes

**Mike Zlatic** moved to accept the minutes from the October 4, 2011 meeting as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by **Charlie Miget** and approved by the membership.

### Treasurer's Report

**Ann Brown** presented the treasurer's report dated November 1, 2011. **Judy Dooley** moved to accept the report with a second by **Gary Murray** and acceptance by the membership.

### Membership Report

Membership chairman **Ron Hagenow** reported that there are currently 90 regular club members, 17 associate members, and 1 honorary lifetime member. He noted

the increase in associate memberships. Recent among those are **Frank and Nancy Ellis**, friends of the **Craigs**. **Jerry and Fran Hanson** from Buffalo, Minnesota are also new associate members. They are friends of **Steve and Leanne Lyle**. The Hansons' stable of six Corvettes includes a '58, '68, '78, '88, '98, and a 2008 black Z06. **Jim Dietz and Marla Krugler**, friends of **Paul and Kathy Craig**, are new associate members from Polk City, Iowa. They own a 2004 LeMans blue convertible and a metallic mahogany '81. Welcome to all!

November birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Ron thanked everyone for paying their dues promptly.

### Committee Reports

None available.

### Announcements

Congratulations to new retirees **Jean DuPont** and **Kevin Bayliss**!



Jean was surprised at his retirement party. Many STLCC members helped him celebrate.

Marty Dooley said that **Ken Dahman** is recovering from an October 18 surgery. Get well wishes may be sent to his local area address. **Rich Luebcke** will be having an outpatient procedure tomorrow. We hope for his quick recovery.

The club will be sending a congratulatory message to Cardinals' World Series MVP **David Freese** in light of his baseball achievements and new status as a Corvette owner. Freese and several club members are alumni of Lafayette High School.

### National Corvette Museum - Ambassador's Report

**Judy Dooley** said that the museum is looking for cars to display for one year on the turnstile at the old main entrance to the museum. Contact Judy for more information. She is also selling \$10 raffle tickets for a 2012 torch red coupe to be raffled at the museum on February 2, 2012.

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

Though absent, **Rich Luebcke** provided a copy of his report, which included the following:

On the regional level: There are 17,287 NCCC members in 265 clubs. The Tulsa Vette Set club is the largest with over 400 members.

## Meeting Minutes, Continued

### NCCC News, cont.

Rule book changes to be voted on at the November 12 governors' meeting include the Z07 tire choice, rally rules and hi speed licensing. A sanction change - from 7 to 10 - will also be voted on. In the past, changes could be voted on individually. For 2012, the governors will be voting "all or nothing." A "nothing" vote will keep the rulebook as is. This will also hold for the 2012 budget.

Rich has returned both Midwest and National ballots, those being for the new officers. **Paul Haack** from the Midwest Region is running for National Competition Director.

On the national level:

"NCCC Family Helping Family" program will be started. The program will help members when their vehicle breaks down away from home. Each club is asked to recruit two members to assist-one being a mechanic with trailer access and the other being able to host overnight guests in their home. Contact **Rich Luebcke** if you are interested in helping with this new program. He will provide a form for inclusion in the newsletter.

understand where NCCC is growing and not growing, the composition of the Executive board, and several other initiatives.

2012 budget will be voted on in November. Money is being added for travel and meetings attended by the appointed officers. \$5,000 advance is being added to cover the next year's convention startup costs. Contact Rich if you would like a copy of the budget.

National Director of Public Relations **Doug McMahan** is asking for feedback about club sponsorship. Check the NCCC website for manufacturer discounts available to members.

### Newsletter Report

**Amy Zlatic** reported that she is "overloaded with pictures" but keep sending them.

### Website Report

No report available. Marty noted that there are many pictures on the website. He reiterated that we are a club that likes to drive, eat and take photos!

### Sponsor's Report

**Mark Gerecke** thanked everyone for the great car show turnout on October 15. He said the car show resulted in several new sales for the dealership. Groundbreaking on the new Cadillac dealership will take place soon. Mark said that this is typically a slow season. Service department will be less busy so it is a good time to schedule appointments. Mark said that Elco hopes to renew its club sponsorship with us for 2012!

### Prior Events

#### October 6-9 - 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

**Carl Ballinger** reported that two groups went down. Several members were event winners - **Jeff Craig** won two awards in his division - "one for driving slow and one for driving fast!" **Peggy Craig** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the ladies C5 autocross. **Dave Davidson** and **John Hopson** won awards at the Saturday car show. New associate member **Jim Dietz** placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the C5 autocross. Congratulations to all winners. As always "What happens in Eureka Springs stays in Eureka Springs!"

The Vision Committee is working to

## December Birthdays & Anniversaries



Jerry Craig, December 2  
Mary Doerr, December 4  
Craig Cobler, December 8  
Ruth Howard, December 9  
Jim Dietz, December 12  
Randy Howard, December 16  
Bob Woods, December 28  
Michelle Finn, December 29



Ron & Carol Miesner, December 5  
Joe & Jackie Walker, December 12  
Tom & Sherri Marlo, December 31

## Meeting Minutes, Continued

### October 15 – Elco Car Show/Chili Cook-off

Thanks to Elco, Mark and Eric for planning this event. Congratulations to award winners.

### October 22 – Blue Owl Restaurant, Kimmswick

10 Corvettes, 2 metal cars and lots of trick or treaters participated. Thanks to **Michelle Finn** for planning this event. Weather and lunch were wonderful!

### October 29, Sat. – Corvettes & Warbirds

Outstanding turnout with 46 cars from our club and two other clubs. The B-25 Mitchell participated in a “memorable pumpkin drop.” Thanks to **Steve** for coordinating this event.

**Ruth Howard** made a motion to give the club’s portion of this evening’s 50/50 proceeds to **Leanne Lyle**. **Karen Price** seconded the motion which was approved by the membership.

### October 30 – Fritz’s Frozen Custard Run

**Judy and Marty Dooley** were the only ones to make the Sunday run to Fritz’s! *Was it something we said?!*

## Future Events

### November 5, Sat. – Veterans’ Day Parade, St. Louis

**Ron Hagenow** is organizing this event. Meet at the South County Krispy Kreme lot at 9:30. Need to be at parade lineup by 10:30. Thanks to all who volunteered to drive Gold Star parents. Ron is considering lining cars up in years rather than colors. Each car driving in the parade will receive a line number to be placed in the windshield-these will be distributed before departing for downtown. A room has been reserved at d.Dooley’s 026 Grill (Hwy 141 and 30) for lunch after the parade.

### November 6, Sun. – Castelli’s Moonlight Restaurant; Alton, Illinois

**Ken and Judy Barron** are planning this event. Meet at 12 pm. Will leave at 12:15 sharp from Schnucks lot at 15425 Manchester in Ballwin. If rain, feel free to bring steel cars. Will not

take the ferry if rain. You will be able to order off of the menu and everyone will have their own check. Sign-up sheet is available this evening.

### November 12, Sat. – Corvette Oil Change Party

Meet at **Dave and Marya Horstmeyer’s** at 11:30 a.m. (see roster for address and flyer for directions). Bring oil and own beverages. The lift, tools and lunch will be provided. Ladies are welcome as well – wine and cheese will be provided. Sign-up sheet is available. No rain date due to scheduling conflict.

### November 13, Sun. – Miller’s Grill Run, Washington, MO

Annual event in memory of member and former club treasurer **Jerry Fain** who passed away September 21, 2009. Meet at Walgreen’s at Chesterfield Airport and Long Roads at 12 pm. Plan to leave parking lot at 12:30 p.m. sharp and eat around 2 p.m. Sign-up sheet and flyer are available. **Marty and Judy Dooley** are sponsoring this event and will contact **June Fain** to tell her.

### November 20, Sun. – Fritz’s Frozen Custard Run

Last run of the season to Fritz’s, old Big Bend and Hwy 141. Meet at 5:30 p.m.

### December 3, Sat. – Club Holiday Party

Club Christmas party will be held at Sunset Hills Banquet Center from 6-11 p.m. Cocktails and hors d’oeuvres served at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7. Cash bar will be available. Menu includes Caesar and garden salads, roast beef au jus, roasted pork loin, chicken cordon bleu, green beans, vegetable medley, mashed potatoes, dinner rolls, cheesecake bar and cookies. \$25 per person or \$50 per couple. Flyers and sign-up available. Please RSVP to **Chris Woods**. Reservation and payment must be made to Chris by Wednesday, November 30.

### January 15, Sun. – Club Brunch and Planning Meeting, Sunset Hills Banquet Center

Doors open at noon. Will eat at 12:30, followed by planning meeting. Be sure

to bring your event ideas for 2012. Due to remodeling plans, we will meet in the first floor snack bar.

## Old Business

None.

## New Business

Ballots were distributed for voting of new officers. While ballots were being counted, **Marty Dooley** took questions from the floor. **Don Giovanoni** asked about the treasury balance earmarked for the VA fund. Marty said that in the past, money used for VA garden improvements was taken from the general club fund. Subsequently, a major fundraiser was held with proceeds dedicated for the VA fund. That money is available to be used for garden improvements as needed. If that amount becomes depleted in the future, it might become necessary to plan another fundraiser.

**Chris Woods** commented that she had an opportunity recently to speak with a paralyzed veteran in regard to the VA garden. He described it as a “beautiful garden” and said that this year is the “best the garden has ever looked.” Marty referred to the “deer watering holes,” aka the garden fountains! He thanked members who have taken time to go to the garden and replenish the water in the fountains. He reminded everyone that by taking care of the garden “we are helping the veterans.”

**Dave Davidson** spoke about the new ownership of the former Gateway International Raceway, now known as Gateway Motorsports Park. He had an opportunity to participate in the first public event at the track since its reopening. **Glenda** came to his rescue by driving the Callaway to Gateway so Dave could drive on the track. He said he kept his speeds to 50-70 mph on the curves and 120 mph on the straightaway. The new owner is eager to get clubs to the park for events though this may be a little cost prohibitive.



## 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.boonetrailcc.com](http://www.boonetrailcc.com)

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

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

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

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



## Meeting Minutes, Continued

**Judy Giovanoni** shared the news that **Don** received his second Celebrity Choice Award at the Mid America Motorworks Air Cooled VW Funfest on June 4 for his Meyers Manx. Don's Meyers Manx, which he built completely, was also featured in a recent magazine. Congratulations, Don and Judy!

A belated welcome was given to **Kevin Smull** and his new son **Bruce Allen**, born September 9. Bruce is not quite ready to get behind the wheel yet but someday...!

Marty encouraged members to sponsor events.

### New Board Members

Nominating committee member **Armynta Craig** announced the new board members for 2012: president - **Kevin Bayliss**, vice president - **Mike Zlatic**, secretary - **Mary Ann Hagenow**, treasurer - **Rich Doerr**, membership - **Ron Hagenow**, sergeant at arms - **Dave Horstmeyer**. Marty thanked Armynta as well as **Judy Dooley** and **Rich Luebcke** for helping with nominations. He also thanked the 2011 board members for the work done this year. Outgoing board members are **Carl Ballinger**, **Ann Brown**, **Randy Howard**, and **Charlie Miget**.

### 50/50 Raffle

**Jeff Craig** won \$101 in tonight's raffle. The same amount was given to **Leanne Lyle** as voted on earlier.

**Dessert** - Thanks to **Jan and Gary Murray** for providing this month's cake. **Ann Peick** and **Craig Cobler** will provide the cake for the Christmas party on December 3. Sign-up for next year is available-cake volunteers are still needed for June and December 2012.

58 members signed the attendance sheet. **Jean DuPont** moved to adjourn the meeting. **Mike Zlatic** seconded the motion, which was approved by the membership. There will be no regular December business meeting. Brunch and planning meeting will be held on Sunday, January 15 at noon at Sunset Hills Banquet Center. *(Please note the name change of our meeting place to Sunset Hills Banquet Center, formerly Sunset Lakes Banquet Center.)*

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Hagenow*  
Secretary 2011

## Our Friends in Canada

By Jerry Craig

**The Ballingers** and **Craigs** had a wonderful time in Canada last summer as part of the "Museum in Motion" tour. Our tour ended East of Toronto so we had to navigate through Toronto to head west. There is a speedy bypass around the city that saves a lot of time known as the "407ETR." It is a toll road but has no tollgates. Instead, vehicle license plates are recorded and a bill is sent in the mail.



Many months later we received a bill for \$8.31. Not noticing the fine print, I sent a check for the total. A month later I got a additional bill for \$00.07 which was the difference in the exchange rate. Not wanting to incur additional fees due to the exchange rate, I sent a check for seven cents and 486/1,000,000 dollars.

This month I got an airmail delivery bill for \$00.01, which I assume is the accrued interest.

## News from the National Corvette Museum

by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley



Well Christmas is getting close and Santa may need some ideas for the good girls and boys. He may want to go to the NCM Store to find some items for the Corvette person in your house. Check it out and maybe get something for yourself. If not I have the \$10 tickets for the Torch Red 2012 coupe that make a great stocking stuffer. You can see me at the Christmas Party to purchase a ticket.



Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from your ambassador and the National Corvette Museum.

### NCM Seeking Corvette Stories!

The Museum is seeking heart-warming, interesting, bizarre, funny or inspiring stories about Corvette owners and their Corvettes for the Jan/Feb 2012 issue of America's Sports Car. An example would be the story of display car owner Chance Mayfield who had his 'Vette stolen in 1970, only to have it recovered by the police 40 years later, fully restored and in mint condition.

A limited number of stories will be printed. Please submit 500 words or less and up to three high quality photos by Wednesday, December 7 to [editor@corvettemuseum.org](mailto:editor@corvettemuseum.org). Articles must be from and about Museum Members. If your story is selected we will notify you, and if we don't use it this time we will hold it for future consideration.



## Message from Membership

by Membership Chair Ron Hagenow

I would like to welcome new associate members **Jim Dietz and Marla Krugler** who are friends of **Paul and Kathy Craig**. We met them at Eureka Springs in October and also saw them at the Corvettes and Warbirds.

Thanks to everyone for paying their dues. I sent the latest club roster via email; please let me know if you did not receive it. As usual, please remember to shred the old one since it has everyone's personal information on it.

Congratulations to new club President **Kevin Bayliss**, Vice President **Mike Zlatic**, Treasurer **Rich Doerr** and Sergeant-at-Arms **Dave Horstmeyer**. You have **Mary Ann** and I for one more year so start thinking about doing either the membership or secretary job. And congratulations for a job well done to our outgoing officers, President **Marty Dooley**, Vice President **Charlie Miget**, Treasurer **Ann Brown** and Sergeant-at-Arms **Carl Ballinger**.

Next club meeting will be Sunday, January 13, 2012 at noon, which is our annual event planning meeting. Brunch will be served. Bring your ideas for events for next year.





Waiting to eat at The Blue Owl



Ooooooo!  
Stripey goodness!



Perfect day for a Miller's Grill Run



Talk to me, Goose!



Patriotic Prices



They double-stack 'em at the Horstmeyers



Gorgeous scenery on the way to The Blue Owl



Nothing better than chilling on the tarmac



How many club members can we fit under one Corvette?



Look! Corvette private parts!



Image courtesy of Mid America Motorworks website. Congrats, Don & Judy!

## Meet your new president! Introducing Kevin Bayliss



A native St. Louisan, Kevin grew up in North County. (For those of you already wondering...he attended Hazelwood Central.) His very first job was as a busboy and dishwasher. Evidently he decided this wasn't a good long-term career plan because he went on to study engineering at University of Missouri – Rolla and enlisted in the Reserves in 1985. He just retired from the National Guard last month, and is currently Engineering Manager at Bastian Robotics. Kevin and his wife, Vikki, have two Shih Tzus, Pebbles and Teagan. “Pebbs is 18 years old...she’s our daughter,” he said.

When he’s not working, he enjoys do-it-yourself projects around the house and tinkering with cars. He’s currently restoring his father’s 1964 Corvette convertible, which his dad used as a daily driver from 1970 to about 1990. He still owns the very first car he ever bought: a 1949 Chevy ½ ton pickup. While his favorite car is his Z06, he says, “I do love that old truck.”

Kevin’s favorite STLCC run was the one that introduced him to the Club. Many of you already know this story. Kevin and Vikki, on their own, decided to participate in Vettes on the Rockies. At an event there, he spotted Carl Ballinger who was sporting his Club nametag, and asked where he lived. Carl responded, “Oh, you probably haven’t heard of it. High Ridge.” Kevin and Vikki had not only heard of it, they lived there themselves. “We only lived about five to ten miles apart, and here we were in Colorado...” Their longest run was to Ocracoke Island, North Carolina.

Only one police officer has ever tagged Kevin. “I was going 95...luckily I was slowing down from 130!”



Kevin and Vikki Bayliss with their Z06  
at the National Corvette Museum



# St. Louis Corvette Club Holiday Party

*Where:* Sunset Lakes Banquet Ctr.  
13366 West Watson Rd.  
Sunset Hills, MO 63127

*When:* Saturday, December 3, 2011  
6 pm to 11 pm  
Cocktails & Hors d'oevres, 6 pm  
Dinner, 7 pm (cash bar)

*Cost:* \$25.00/person or \$50/couple

*Merry  
Christmas*

#### **Menu:**

Caesar Salad, Garden Salad,  
Roast Beef Au Jus, Roasted Pork Loin, Chicken  
Cordon Bleu, Green Beans, Vegetable  
Medley, Mashed Potatoes, and Dinner Rolls  
along with a Cheesecake Bar & Cookies.

PLEASE RSVP TO CHRIS WOODS AT 314.846.6176 OR EMAIL AT WOODS1890@SBCGLOBAL.NET  
BY NOVEMBER 30, 2011. PAYMENT MADE TO: "ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB" MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>



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