



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

June 2012

Upcoming Events

- June 5 STLCC Meeting
- June 10 Sybill's Run
- June 20-24 Bloomington Gold
- June 22-24 Super Chevy Drag Racing
- June 23-29 NCCC Convention
- June 23 Komen Race for the Cure
- June 24 Poker Run & Fitz's Ice Cream Run
- June 29 Natl. Drive Your Corvette To Work Day (STLCC Breakfast/Lunch)
- July 4 Independence Day Parade & Picnic
- July 9 STLCC Meeting
- July 13 SMEA Car Collector Appreciation Day

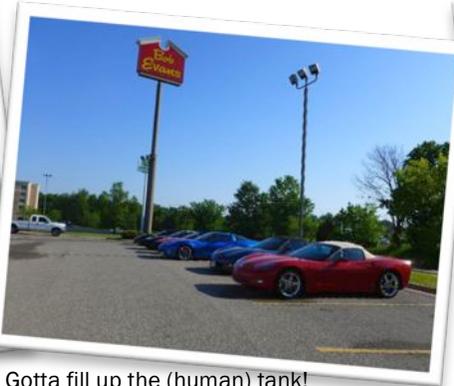


Let The Summer Fun Begin!

Oh boy, oh boy! The fine weather is here and we are all ready for a summer of Corvette fun! A few of us kicked it off with a trip to Bowling Green, where we did our usual Club activities of laughing, eating, laughing, driving, laughing, learning, and did I mention laughing? Here's to a great summer!



60 years of awesome



Gotta fill up the (human) tank!



Dave & Glenda's Vette Trailer. Or as Dave Horstmeyer calls it, "back-up."

President's Column



Hello again everyone! Please be aware a lot of schedule changes have occurred. Keep a close eye on the website calendar. Read on...

We noticed the July Meeting was going to fall on July 3 this year. I went with the assumption that the night before the holiday would not be a well-attended meeting so the Board decided to move the meeting date if Tammy could accommodate us. So we checked with Tammy about moving the meeting to Monday, July 9. That was good to go so please be aware that the meeting has moved to that following Monday night.

Due to the construction at Elco, we have also cancelled the June 16 car show there. The big reason for the show is to draw customers in for Elco. Both our sponsors and the Board agreed that an offsite location, albeit possibly adjacent to Elco wouldn't be conducive to drawing in those customers. So we have cancelled and as of right now, will not rescheduled. We'll focus later on a great show in the fall.

Of course we still have tons of club events. I know I plan to get to as many as Vikki and I can.

I still have those STLCC Wine Glasses! Come and get 'em while they last. They're going like hotcakes. Okay, maybe not, but please buy a couple so I can quit hauling them around.

Finally, I'd like to send a shout out to Marya...Farkle!

See ya'll soon!

Kevin Bayliss

President - 2012



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June Birthdays & Anniversaries



Irene Wilson, June 1
 Fran Hanson, June 11
 Dave Davidson, June 14
 Judy Dooley, June 14
 Sherri Marlo, June 15
 Dave Markland, June 18
 John Corrora, June 22
 Rick Doerr, June 29

Ken & Sue Dahman, June 1
 Carl & Pat Cox, June 5
 June & Jerry Fain, June 6
 Mark & Kimberlie Gerecke, June 6
 Gary & Debbie Tidwell, June 11
 Kevin & Jamie Smull, June 12
 Dave & Marya Horstmeyer, June 14
 Dana & Diana Griggs, June 17
 Don & Angie Bradford, June 26
 Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow, June 30



June Menu

Celebrating summer with our first barbecue!

Chicken Breast ♦ Pork Steaks
 Potato Salad ♦ Baked Beans
 Garden Salad ♦ Rolls, Butter ♦ Drinks

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

Corvette Trivia

Of the colors listed, which was not an exterior choice in 1957?

- A. Aztec Copper
- B. Cascade Green
- C. Venetian Red
- D. Inca Silver
- E. Topaz Blue

In 1956 RPO 440 referred to Corvettes with:

- A. 4-speeds
- B. The airbox
- C. Two-tone paint
- D. Hardtops

The inventor of the Corvette's fuel injection system was:

- A. "Boss" Kettering
- B. Zora Arkus-Duntov
- C. John Dolza
- D. Stu Hilborn

Answers: 1. E 2. C 3. C

Bonus Trivia

Randy & Ruth Howard joined the Club in 2006.
 Can you guess how many Corvettes
 they've had since joining?

- A. I don't know, he gets them so quickly I can't keep up
- B. You can never have too many, so it doesn't matter
- C. Just enough to keep Randy in the doghouse
- D. Six

Answer: all of the above

Congratulations to **Glenda Walsh**, whose Yellow Z06 placed second in a derby race at her church! We think this is the start of a very successful racing career.



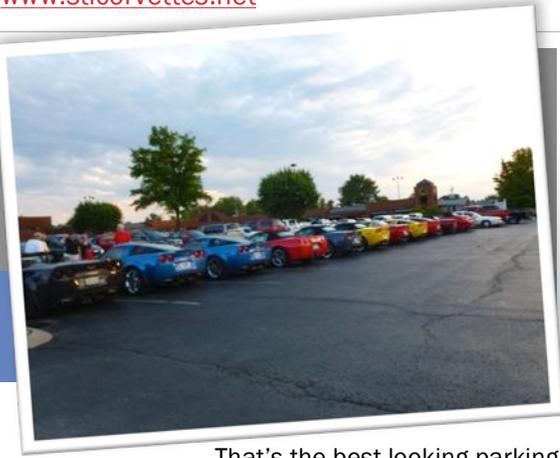
News from the National Corvette Museum by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley

Now through June 17 there is free shipping on orders placed in the Corvette Store at the NCM. Orders of \$75 or more (after any discounts) will be shipped for free. This is only on regular shipping in the U.S. and this does not include any special orders. This could come in handy for any Father's Day orders you may want to place. Check out the Corvette Store at www.corvettemuseum.org.



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 (\$14), and 7 p.m. meeting.**



That's the best looking parking lot I've ever seen.

May 1, 2012 – Sunset Hills Banquet Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by president **Kevin Bayliss**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Kevin welcomed everyone including Elco sponsor representatives **Mark Gerecke** and **Eric DeBruin**. Members were reminded to check sign-up lists and purchase 50/50 tickets.

Welcome

Tom Sandvoss, a friend of **Dave Davidson**, was re-introduced. This was Tom's second meeting and he intends to 'make it official' and turn in his membership paperwork at the June meeting. Tom took Museum Delivery of a 2012 Grand Sport Carlisle Blue coupe in mid-April. Congratulations, Tom! A special 'welcome back' was given to **Amy Zlatic** and **Jerry Craig** whose job responsibilities have prevented them from attending recent meetings.

Meeting Minutes

Sharon Ballinger moved to accept the minutes from the April 3, 2012 meeting as published in the May newsletter. **Michelle Paillou** provided a second to the motion, which was then approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Doerr provided copies of the April report for the membership.

Ken Barron moved to accept the report, with a second by **Jeff Craig** and approval by the membership.

President **Kevin Bayliss** opened the floor for discussion about the proposed annual budget. There was no discussion. Ballots were distributed and members were asked to cast their vote.

Membership Report

Ron Hagenow reported no change in membership numbers during the last month. He acknowledged May birthdays and anniversaries. The June buffet will feature barbecue pork steaks, chicken and sides. Ron congratulated **Randy Howard** on his recent purchase of a fully restored '65 red coupe. He also shared news of club members attending the Bash whose car plates were featured in a recent article in AutoWeek magazine.

Committee Reports

Budget – Balloting results were 47 to 2 in favor of passing the budget.

By-laws – No report.

Car show – **Dave Horstmeyer** reported that some changes may be made to the calendar due to new events.

Charity – **Judy Giovanoni** thanked everyone who brought donations for the Open Door Animal Sanctuary and Spotsavers. The June charity

will be Operation Food Search. Please be generous in bringing non-perishable food items. Monetary donations are also welcome.

Michelle Finn reminded everyone of the car photo shoot scheduled for Sunday, May 6 at 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane in Crestwood, near Grant's Farm. Sessions will be scheduled by appointment only starting at 10:30 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m. Up to two photos will be taken for a \$30 donation which will benefit Spotsavers. Finished photos will be sent in a digital format. You can sign up to bring two cars if desired. A sign-up sheet is available this evening. Michelle will send out an email if rain necessitates a re-scheduling.

Christmas – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Parade – **Michelle Paillou** said this year's July 4th Webster Groves parade theme is "Patriotic USA." A sign-up sheet is available. Lunch after the parade will be at the Prices'. **Karen** has also arranged that interested members can play 18 holes for \$18 at Sugar Creek Golf Course. E-mail Karen for more information.

VA Hospital – **Marty Dooley** thanked members who helped with the garden clean-up and planting last month, moved up from the

Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to BG we go!



Marya teaches Sherri how it's done in Bowling Green



Carl at his restaurant



Sharon always has a good time. Makes you wonder what she's drinking...



Huge thanks to Jeff Craig for sharing this photo of a speeding Jerry from 1961!



Seriously, Mike. Can't you buy this girl a Corvette jacket or something? Maybe with some bling?



If these guys are my pit crew, I'm gonna need more insurance!



One of the many restaurants we ~~disrupted~~ dined at in BG.



What's that big ol' truck doing back there?



Marya is happy to show you where the transmission is located on this cut-away. Hint: it's not red, and it's not in the wheel.



Rich's ride in a '63 Z06. Check out that grin!



Amy & Harlan: long-lost siblings? Check out that hair!



The more cars Randy buys, the bigger Ruth's earrings get!

original May 5 date due to weather changes. He said that the yard "looks great." Marty also thanked everyone who has helped in any way with this project over the years. Many positive remarks have been received from patients, hospital staff and doctors. Marty would like to recruit members to take turns with watering at the garden and he has a sign-up sheet available for this purpose. He did indicate a need for the board to activate the club phone chain to notify members when event dates are changed so that members don't make unnecessary trips.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Rich Luebcke was absent and no report was available.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that the price on window stickers will increase by \$5 on May 5. These may be ordered from the museum. Stickers, including the build sheet, are available from 1989-present. The next event will be the C4 Gathering on May 17-19. Our club's associate member **Frank Ellis**, retired GM executive, will be the featured speaker on May 17 from 9-11 a.m.

The winner of the 2012 torch red convertible raffled on April 28 was from Greenwood, Indiana. Judy has \$10 tickets for a black convertible which will be raffled on Labor Day week-end.

Congratulations to **Tom and Sherri Marlo** who became new museum members during the recent Bash!

Newsletter Report

Newsletter editor **Amy Zlatic** encouraged members to continue supporting the newsletter by sending articles and photos.

Website Report

No report.

Prior Events

Meeting - April 3

VA Garden Planting - April 14

Sugar Creek Winery Car Show, Lunch, Reception - April 21

Carl Ballinger said between 15 and 17 cars participated. The "wine was great" and there was "good dancing!" It was a "nice turnout."

1st Annual Blessing of the Vettes - April 22

Jean DuPont said that 13 cars participated. Lunch afterwards was at the Big Bear Grill in Wildwood. Thanks to the **Luebckes** for planning this event.

NCM Bash - April 26-28

Judy Dooley said we had a good club showing with 11 cars participating. Special thanks to **Charlie Miget** for arranging the GM Plant tour on Thursday. **Sherri Marlo** proudly announced that she had been chosen to give birth to a new yellow Corvette, becoming a new 'Corvette Mama.' **Sherri** and **Tom** and **Rich and Mary Doerr** were Bash newbies. Some of the ladies participated in a 'spirited' driving seminar! **Dave "Volts" Horstmeyer** thanked **Dave and Glenda Davidson** for "sticking around" in case he and **Marya** needed a ride home. **Amy Zlatic** was the unofficial super volunteer, the ladies shopped (*'til they dropped?*) and **Marya Horstmeyer** found out that there really is a difference between the transmission and a brake caliper. **Horstmeyers** received 2nd place in the Poker Run and **Marya** was a raffle winner. **Marty Dooley** said a milestone was reached in that all club members attended not one, but two evening meals together. *Sounds like a good time was had by all!*

Fritz's Frozen Custard Run-April 29

From the response at the meeting, apparently no one was hungry for frozen custard this month. Think May!

Future Events

Sunday, May 6 - Car Photo Shoot

Michelle Finn is sponsoring this charity event. Call her to schedule an appointment. Photos will be taken at

Whitecliff Park in Crestwood, near Grant's Farm. A \$30 donation will be collected. Please see prior Charity committee report in minutes for more details.

Sunday, May 13 - Happy Mother's Day!

Thursday, May 17 - Saturday, May 19 - Tunica Trip

This event has been cancelled.

Friday, May 18 - Mann's Auto Restoration in Festus, Missouri

Dave Davidson said this facility does high-end restorations, though not too many Corvettes. It will be open all day on Friday for anyone interested in visiting. **Dave** suggested that those interested could meet at the Quik Trip at 13099 Tesson Ferry about 1.5 miles south of I-270. Will depart there at 4 p.m. for Mann's. Will have dinner afterwards at Off the Hook Restaurant in DeSoto. Contact **Dave** or **Michelle Finn** for more information. Mann's will also be open on Saturday, May 19 from 9-3.

Saturday, May 19 - Tour of Private Car Collection

Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow are organizing this event. Meet at Schnucks at 8800 Manchester Road and Brentwood at 8:30. Tour begins at 9 a.m. Lunch reservations at Schlafly Bottleworks, 7260 Southwest Avenue at Manchester in Maplewood. Photos may not be taken during the tour at the request of the owner. Please be sure to wear your club nametag. A sign-up sheet is available. Contact **Ron** for more information.

Saturday, May 19 - Car Show at Vette's Restaurant in St. Peters.

Note: Poker Run previously scheduled for Sunday May 20 has been rescheduled to Sunday, June 24.

Sunday, May 27 - Fritz's Frozen Custard Run

Monday, May 28 - Memorial Day

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Fun at NCM



Tadge Juechter gives Amy and Marya racing tips



Dave's beautiful Callaway improves the NCM display



Watch out for this crew – when they start to caravan hilarity ensues!



Racing the sun



Ode to Yellow



This is why we get distracted in a parking lot for hours...

A First-Time Perspective of the NCM Bash

By Sherri Marlo

Tom's & my experience at the C5/C6 Corvette Bash in Bowling Green was more than we ever expected. Being new to the Corvette family and the Club, we weren't sure what it was going to entail.

First, the bond that you form with other Corvette owners is wonderful to see, especially when you travel on a trip like this. You really get to know everyone better and have more time to enjoy one another. Then to see so many Corvettes in one place is awesome, with all the special things people do to them to make them their own.

The corvette plant tour we took on Thursday was so educational and overwhelming, especially when I was chosen to start a new yellow 2012 off the assembly line!! They gave me a "birth certificate" and took my photo, which they e-mailed to me. It will be displayed proudly in our "garage mahal." This was certainly one of the most memorable highlights of the trip.

On Saturday several of us women attended a seminar at the museum to learn different aspects of our Corvette. It was very informative and I was surprised about how many women were involved in the design and racing of the Corvette. Marya, Amy & I took "Spirited Driving," which I think made our men a little uneasy, especially when we came back to tell them we needed a 5-point harness, neck protection and Coach driving shoes. That didn't go over too well!! Then Marya & I won attendance prizes, which was awesome!! Later that day they had a ceremony for the 60th Anniversary Corvettes with the engineers explaining different aspects of the cars; it was quite exciting! The museum is a great place to see and learn the history of the car and how proud the people were of being part of this American icon.

I have to say the trip was a great experience and also mention how wonderful our Club family was to take us under their wings and show us such a great time. Thanks!!

Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

National Corvette Museum
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com>

National Council
of Corvette Clubs
www.corvettesnccc.org

Official Corvette Site
www.chevrolet.com/corvette

Boone Trail Corvette Club
www.boonetraillcc.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/>



Sunday, June 3 – Run to Bob’s Gasoline Alley, Cuba, Missouri

Don and Ann Pickles are organizing this event. Will leave Route 66 State Park Museum, exit 266 on I-44, at 10 a.m. sharp. Arrive at Gasoline Alley at noon. Buffet lunch for \$10 per person. Museum tour after lunch. Some members from another club will be joining us. Sign-up sheet is available. Please wear your nametag.

Tuesday, June 5 – Club meeting

Sunday, June 10 – Sybill’s Run

The Howards are planning this event. A sign-up is available. More information at May meeting.

Saturday, June 16 – Elco Car Show

June 21 – 24 – Bloomington Gold Car Show in St. Charles, Illinois

Saturday, June 23 – Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure

Registration is now open. \$25 per participant. When you register, be sure to indicate the mall where you will pick up your t-shirt. Everyone should plan to pick up their own shirt this year. Contact **Judy Dooley** for more information. More details at June meeting.

Sunday, June 24 – Poker Run

Planned by the **Ballingers** and **Migets**.

Friday, June 29 – Drive Your Corvette to Work Day

July – Spearfish Trip

Contact **Marty Dooley** for more information.

Sponsor’s Report

Mark Gerecke said production of the 2013 starts May 7. Production of the 60th anniversary model will start a little later. He distributed a variety of information sheets. Said construction is underway and that the “pool” will soon be filled in! Will do barbecue at the June car show. The next car show will be November 3. **Eric DeBruin** said they have a shortage of used cars and need trade-ins! They have a few older Corvettes in their inventory.

Old Business

Kevin Bayliss still has club wine glasses available for sale at \$5 each. “Discount” prices of 2/\$10 or 3/\$15!

New Business

Mike Zlatic reported to the club that the board has begun the process of having a new high quality digital file format created for our club logo. The logo will not be changed but the new format will be more suitable for logo reproduction in a variety of forms. The EPS file would make it possible to get door clings and information is being gathered on that. The file can be used in newsletters and for the website and can be email to members in a jpeg file. The new format will be usable by Midwest Monograms, the company that has done most of our club logo embroidery. The phrase “Gateway to Fun” will remain in the logo. Will need to determine a permanent place to keep the logo file.

Randy Howard wanted to clarify that the club portion of monthly 50/50 proceeds will be designated for the charity donation and will not be spent on other club activities. This would be in addition to other activities planned by the charity committee. **Charlie Miget** questioned whether this would necessitate a by-laws change. Upon checking, it was determined that the by-laws would need to be changed to allow for this. **Ron Hagenow** said he would publish the proposed change to the by-laws. Per the by-laws, voting on this change would take place at the July meeting.



NCCC Governor's Report

By Rich Luebcke

I want to thank **Chris Reitz**, our Midwest region secretary, for taking really good minutes. I was back East caring for my Mom, and missed the Governors' meeting held May 6.

In the Midwest Region, our region,

- The region's finances have been audited and are OK.
- The latest treasurer's report shows a balance of \$17152.28.
- The MWR webmaster had been responsible for securing payment from our MWR website sponsors. That task is now in the hands of the region's treasurer, as voted in the May meeting.
- Some clubs are having problems getting membership applications properly completed. Thankfully, and due to the fact that OUR membership chair is on the ball, we do not have problems.
- Discussions around the annual MWR party and the annual MWR Championship Series will be continued at the next meeting. Region subsidies for the party are on the table, and the continued existence of the Championship Series is being debated.
- Clubs are again being asked to support the Hospitality Room for the Governors meetings. I've done it when a member of another club, and we had a good time, meeting people from around the country. I'll talk about it at our next meeting.
- We have 31 clubs with 2225 members, and 530 FCOA members in our region.

Nationally,

- 350 people have signed up for the Convention in Topeka.
- The IRS Audit is coming to a close.
- BlueBars may consider going electronic.
- 60 families have signed up to be included in the NCCC's Family Helping Family directory.

The next Governors Meeting is September 8.

As always, check the NCCC website for interesting discounts available to us. GM, MidAmerica Motorworks, Ecklers, Corvette Central, Corvette America, Zips, Goodyear, Kumho, BridgestoneFirestone, Michelin, and Southern Car Parts all support the NCCC.

Meeting Minutes, cont.

50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to **Judy Barron**, winner of \$85 in the raffle. **Ron Hagenow** won a t-shirt in a second drawing. Thanks to **Marty Dooley** for donating the shirt for the raffle.

Dessert – Thanks to **Dave and Marya Horstmeyer** providing this month’s cake. **Tom and Sherri Marlo** have volunteered to bring the June cake.

Approximately 50 people attended this evening’s meeting. **Judy Dooley** moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by **Amy Zlatic** and approval by the membership. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5 at 7 p.m. at Sunset Hills Banquet Center. Doors will open at 5:30 and buffet will be served for those interested. The June menu will feature barbecue.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hagenow
Secretary 2012

Proposed By-Laws Change

At the May meeting, the proposed annual budget for this year was presented and approved. Contained in this budget was a recommendation that the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle be directed to our charitable activities fund.

However, it was pointed out that in our current by-laws, it states that the proceeds from the 50/50 raffle be directed to our general operating fund. That means we will have to change our by-laws to properly allow the direction of the 50/50 money to the charitable activity fund.

Currently in Article VIII, Section 2: Proceeds from the 50/50 program, it reads “Proceeds of the 50-50 program at the monthly meetings are to be deposited to General Revenue Account.”

The proposed revision to this Article is:
“Proceeds from the 50-50 program at the monthly meeting are to be deposited in the Charitable Activities Account.”

In keeping with our by-laws, this proposed change is printed here and will be read at the June meeting. It will then be voted on at the next (July) meeting. Our by-laws state that any change must be read at one meeting and then voted on at the next meeting.



Blue seat stitching

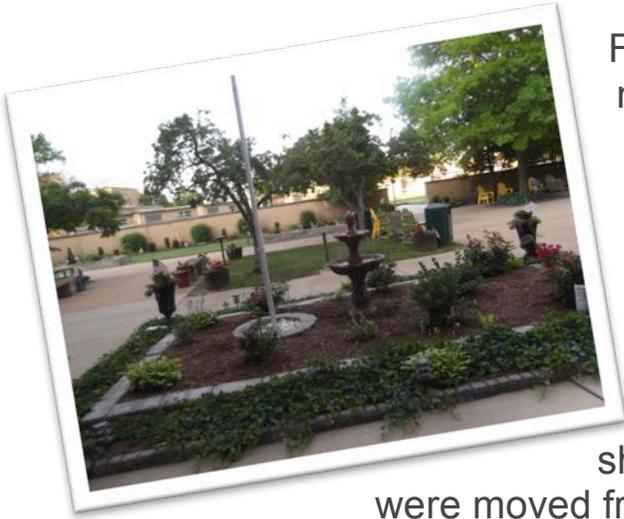
“Darla, I dedicate all my yellow to you...”



60 Years crossflags

VA Hospital Garden

By Marty Dooley



First of all, I would like to let all of our club members know how great the garden area behind Bldg. 52 looks. With the help of some very energetic members, we have transformed a plain, boring area into a lush garden area that veterans staying in building 52 (and their family / friends) are enjoying on a daily basis.

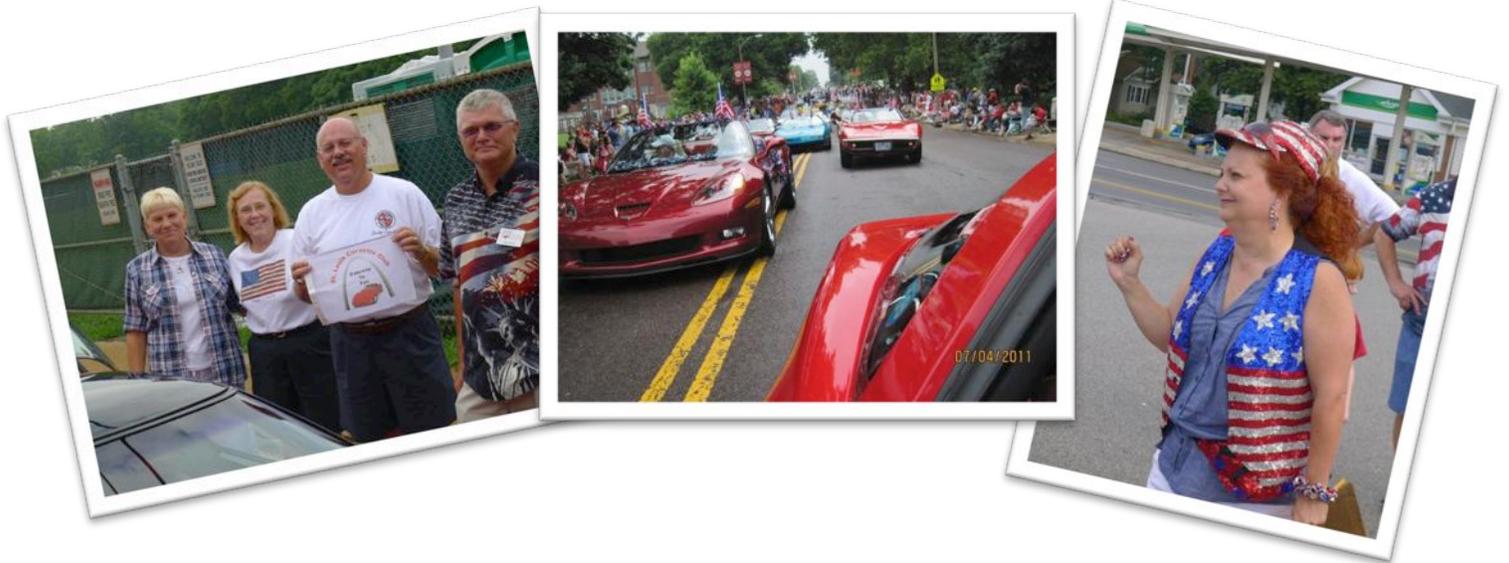
This past spring, we had a group of about 25 show to clean up the area. Weeks later, plants were moved from planter boxes that were falling apart. After that, another group showed up to put in some new trees, bushes, plants and new stone planter boxes. (A little mud was involved). And since then, club members have been stopping by to water these plants and keep the fountains filled.

Whenever anyone stops by this garden to do anything, there is almost always a vet or two that wants to thank us for what we are doing. They thank us for giving them a nice place to go just to get out of the hospital. What we really are doing there is a way to thank them for all they do for us, and our country.



This has been a great effort by our club. Be proud of what we are doing there, and let's keep this going.





Your Club needs YOU!

We're looking for Corvettes and drivers for the

July 4th Webster Groves Parade

No, you don't have to have convertible.
We are not driving anyone important except ourselves:
people who bought an AMERICAN-made automobile
and are proud to show it off.

We will meet at **8:30 a.m.** at the upper lot of
the Schnuck's parking lot at Elm and HWY 44.
We will line up there and head to the high school.

The parade starts at **10 a.m.** and is about 2 miles long.

The theme is: **Patriotic Webster Groves-Hometown USA.**

So let's wear the **red**, white and **blue**.

After the parade we'll probably head
to Joe Boccardi's like we did last year.

Sign-ups and more details at the June meeting.

Happy Birthday, America!



We are proud and grateful to Elco Chevrolet for their generous sponsorship.

Please visit ELCO Chevrolet Cadillac when shopping for a new or pre-owned vehicle and ask for our club sponsors **Mark Gerecke** or **Eric DeBruin**!



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