



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

May 2012

Upcoming Events

- April 26-28 NCM Bash
- April 28 Cruisin' for St. Jude
- April 29 Fritz's Ice Cream Run
- May 1 STLCC Meeting
- May 5 St. Louis VA Medical Center Clean-up
- May 6 Photo Shoot
- May 17-19 Tunica Trip or C4/ZR-1 NCM Gathering
- May 19 STLCC Car Collection or STL C3 Sharks Car Show
- May 20 Poker Run
- May 27 Fritz's Ice Cream Run
- June 3 Bob's Gasoline Alley
- June 5 STLCC Meeting



Dance like no one's watching

Our Club members work hard and play hard, and we do it all together. Whether it's caravanning to a great destination and having fun all along the way, or pitching in to help create a beautiful garden for our veterans, or sharing wine and a dance floor at a local winery, we share our spirit, our friendship, and our love for a pretty sweet car.



Isn't retirement great?



Clean-up time!



Cheeeese!

President's Column



Well, here we are-another month down. It's been another beautiful month at least.

We've hit the beginning of the event season! A hardy crew of folks got out in the rain to spruce up the VA Garden. Okay, maybe that wasn't the nicest day...

I think everyone that attended the winery car show had a good time. I know Vikki and I did. The very next day was the Blessing of the Cars. As I write this, several members are at the Bash in Bowling Green. I can't wait to hear those stories!

At the May meeting we will have our ballot vote on the proposed budget. Everyone should have received a copy via e-mail for review. Please come prepared with your questions. I do plan to limit discussion to about 10 minutes. This will be an up or down paper ballot vote. I hope we will have maximum participation at the meeting.

We have another worthy charity cause this month. I hope all of you like this approach of multiple charities that allow you to donate when and where you choose. Thanks again to the Charity Committee!

That's all for now. See ya at the meeting.

Kevin Bayliss

President - 2012

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May Birthdays & Anniversaries

Angie Bradford, May 2
 Vickie DeBruin, May 13
 Conita Shoulders, May 19
 Pat Cox, May 20
 Terry Wilson, May 20
 Don Giovanoni, May 24

Anne Pickles, May 25
 Chris Woods, May 26
 Kevin Smull, May 27
 Sandy Kirby, May 29
 Mike Miget, May 30
 Mark Gerecke, May 31



Jerry & Fran Hanson, May 10
 Dave & Glenda Davidson, May 28
 Stephen & Leanne Lyle, May 24



May Menu

Hard & Soft Taco Shells ♦ Shredded Chicken
 Ground Beef ♦ Mexican Rice
 Refried Beans ♦ Taco Salad
 Lettuce, Onions, Tomatoes, Cheese, Sour Cream,
 Guacamole, Sauteed Peppers

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

Corvette Trivia

The "big block" for 1966 displaced how many cubic inches?

- A. 396
- B. 427
- C. 403
- D. 409

Given the choice in 1967 between a big block and a small block, which size sold more?

- A. Big block
- B. Small block

What normal feature did the L88 get in 1968 and 1969 that it lacked in 1967?

- A. Radio
- B. Heater
- C. Emergency brake
- D. Ejector seats

Answers: 1. B 2. B 3. B

News from the National Corvette Museum by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley



If you wished you had picked up your Corvette at the National Corvette Museum, well you can do the NCM Xperience. You will get a special visit to the Museum and Assembly plant (if available). Your Corvette receives an exterior cleaning and then will be displayed on the floor of the Museum in the delivery area, where your car can be viewed via live web cam. You can get more information on the NCM web site at www.corvettemuseum.org. Some of our members have done the NCM delivery and some have done the Xperience – all have really enjoyed it.





It's good to see the Wine Committee is hard at work again.

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.**

April 3, 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. Vice president **Michael Zlatic** was absent.

Guests

Tom Sandvoss, a friend of **Dave Davidson**, was introduced. Tom is the proud owner of a '62, which he bought new in 1962. On April 16 he will be picking up his new Carlisle Blue Grand Sport coupe. Welcome, Tom.

Meeting Minutes

Theresa Luebcke moved to accept the minutes from the March 6, 2012 meeting as published in the April newsletter. **Charlie Miget** provided a second to the motion, which was then approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Doerr provided copies of the March report for the membership. **Ruth Howard** moved to accept the report, with a second by **Rich Luebcke** and approval by the membership.

Membership Report

Ron Hagenow reported no change in membership numbers during the last month. He acknowledged April birthdays and anniversaries. The May buffet will feature Mexican selections as we celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Committee Reports

Budget – **Rich Doerr** reported that the committee has developed a budget for the current year. Copies of the budget will be distributed to members prior to the May 1 meeting. A brief discussion of the budget and vote to accept will take place at the May meeting.

By-laws – No report.

Car show – **Dave Horstmeyer** reported that the car show will be on Saturday, October 20 and bonfire on Saturday, October 27. The 27th presents a possible event conflict as "Warbirds" may be scheduled for that weekend as well. **Mark Gerecke** will wait with reserving the bonfire spot until the "Warbirds" date can be verified.

Charity – **Judy Giovanoni** thanked everyone who brought donations for "Newborns in Needs" this evening. She has forms available for anyone who would like to have a tax receipt for their donation. We will be collecting blankets, towels and supplies for the Open Door Animal Sanctuary and Spotsavers at the

May meeting. Judy will email reminder info prior to that meeting. **Michelle Finn** announced that car photos will be taken on Sunday, May 6 at Whitecliff Park, 9245 Whitecliff Park Lane in Crestwood, near Grant's Farm. Sessions will start at 10:30 and will be scheduled at approximately 10-minute intervals. 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.

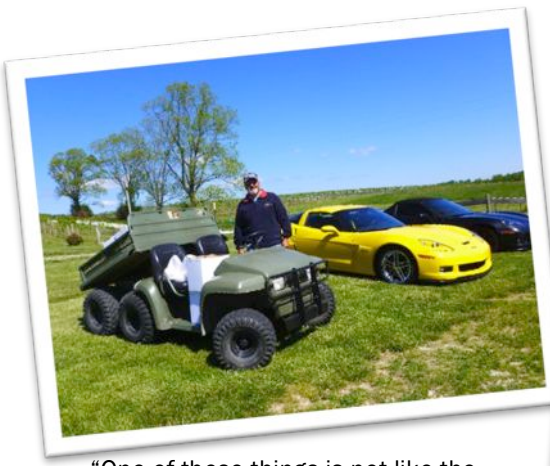
Christmas – No report.

Nominating – No report.

Parade – **Michelle Paillou** will have more information on the July 4th Webster Groves parade. 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** reported that VA maintenance will dismantle a stone wall and donate the stones for our use in replacing the rotting railroad ties around several of the garden flower beds. Marty asked for volunteers to help remove plants from the beds to be refurbished. Meet with Marty after tonight's meeting to plan details.

Oh, the fun we have...



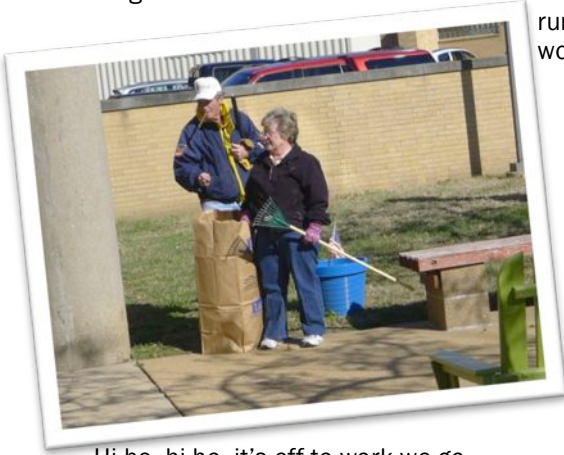
"One of these things is not like the others, one of these things just doesn't belong..."



Who wants a gummy worm? I mean a rummy worm. I mean a rummy gummy worm!



Lunch is served! (We need some way to dilute the wine we've been drinking.)



Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go...



I do! I do!



These must be the supervisors



Vikki, hon, take the cork out first.



Double trouble



If you guys are this happy to garden, I've got a yard that needs some work...



Bulldog!

Due to the unusually warm spring weather and the current availability of plants, it was decided to move the garden planting to Saturday, April 7 at 9 a.m.

Marty has fliers for the VA-sponsored Golden Age Games. Contact Marty if you are interested in helping with the games on Sunday, June 3–Tuesday, June 5. (At the present time, a trip to Bob’s Gasoline Alley is scheduled for June 3 and June 5 is the regular meeting night.)

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor’s Report

Rich Luebcke congratulated **Jeff Craig** who was sporting his Midwest Region award! Rich reported these items discussed at the February 25 Governors’ meeting at Westport:

- 3 Rulebook changes are being considered regarding cancelled event rescheduling, present point system and tire tread depth.
- A proposal for realigning the NCCC from 16 regions into 4 regions was presented. More consideration will be given at the next Governors’ meeting.
- The region’s books are undergoing their annual audit.
- 206 events have been scheduled in the Midwest Region this year.
- All airport venues now require FAA approval.
- \$19,230.25 was the Midwest Region final balance to 2011.

Nationally, membership numbers 16,243. All renewal packages have been shipped to the members. Blue Bars may consider going electronic. Electronic voting for the governors is being tested. 60 families have signed up to be included in the NCCC’s Family Helping Family directory. The next Governors’ meeting is scheduled for May 5.

Continue to check the NCCC website for discounts available from various manufacturers that support NCCC.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador’s Report

Judy Dooley reported that window stickers may be ordered from the museum. Stickers, including the build sheet, are available from 1989-present. Cost is \$35 for members and \$40 for non-members. Allow 3-4 weeks for orders to be processed.

Those going to the Bash are asked to meet with Judy after the regular meeting concludes this evening. **Charlie Miget** said that 6 couples attending the Bash are signed up for the Corvette plant tour on Thursday, April 26 at 2 p.m. Those taking the tour should plan to arrive between 1 and 1:30. Charlie reminded everyone that closed toe shoes must be worn on the tour. Cameras, cell phones, purses and fanny packs are not allowed on the tour.

Judy has \$10 tickets for a 2012 torch red convertible to be raffled on April 28.

Newsletter Report

President **Kevin Bayliss** asked members to continue supporting the newsletter by sending articles and photos to editor **Amy Zlatic**.

Website Report

Marty Dooley reported that the website is still under construction.

Sponsor’s Report

Eric DeBruin reminded everyone that the service department at Elco is still open for business, even though construction has begun on the new Cadillac building. He estimated that construction may take up to eight months. If you are looking for a car, be sure to ask **Mark Gerecke** or Eric for help. Elco also offers a referral service. *Randy Howard claims that his numerous visits to Elco have merited him his own office there! Eric said there is an unofficial campaign to keep Randy out of the dealership! And Ruth claims to have access to the VIP line at the local license bureau! Be sure to stay tuned for the next chapter in this continuing saga...*

Special Guest

An introduction to the local business Clear Auto Bra, LLC was shared by

company owner Mark. The business is located in Webster Groves on South Brentwood Blvd. and has been in operation for eleven years. Mark said that a ‘minimal contribution’ will protect vehicles from rock damage and that there is a lot of craft to the installation if done properly. The product is clear coated. When waxing a car with the product, the film should also be waxed. Installation costs between \$350-\$1250 depending on the extent of the coverage and will last for approximately 10 years. **Eric DeBruin** recommended the company’s work; Elco uses their service. Marty and Randy have also utilized the service. Price sheets are available this evening. Window tinting is also available.

Prior Events

Happy Hour at Jilly’s-March 9
Carl and Sharon Ballinger planned this event. 30+ members attended and all had a great time.

VA Garden Clean-up-March 10
Marty Dooley said about 24 members came to help and work was completed in about 40 minutes thanks to the great turn out.

MidAmerica Motorworks 1st Annual Manufacturers Blowout Sale-March 24-25
Michelle Finn reported that she and her son and **Michelle Paillou** attended. They had a nice day, bought lots of clothing. There were lots of Corvette and VW parts available.

Fritz’s Frozen Custard Run-March 25
Ruth Howard reported that it was a nice night for the first club custard run of the season.

Gateway Motorsports Park-SCCA-April 1
Jeff Craig reported that he and **Jerry** had a lot of fun at the track. The Jack Clark Show is broadcast from Gateway on Sunday.

Future Events

Saturday, April 7 – VA Garden Planting – 9 a.m.
Dependent on weather.

And the memories continue



Marty is feeling rakish...



Our little sign travels far and wide



The spring fashion trend includes mud this year



Tail gaters



Cute boots!



Winery supervisors



Happy wines Club members!



The view at the winery is always improved with the addition of some beautiful cars.

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/>



Friday, April 13 – Trivia Night

At St. Martin's Episcopal Church in Ellisville. Flyers and sign-up sheet available this evening. Contact the **Luebckes** for more information.

Saturday, April 21 – Sugar Creek Winery Car Show, Lunch, Reception

Marty Dooley shared information on this event, which is not limited to Corvettes. Sugar Creek Winery is located west of Defiance, Missouri. Car show is scheduled for 11-3 p.m. \$20 per car includes 2 BBQ box lunches (these will be delivered to the registrants) and a wine and cheese reception from 4-6 p.m. Marty said that if a few people can arrive around 10 a.m. to help park cars that he and Carl can assure club parking at Sugar Creek. **Judy Dooley** said that no liquids of any kind may be brought into the events (this includes bottled water). All beverages must be purchased there. Snacks may be brought in as well as lawn chairs. A sign-up sheet and registration forms are available tonight. **Bob Woods** noted past reviews of winery events as posted on their website.

Sunday, April 22 – 1st Annual SLCC Blessing of the Vettes

Takes place at St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 15764 Clayton Road in Ellisville. Blessing at 11:30, lunch after at Big Bear Grill in Wildwood on Old Route 66. **Rich and Theresa Luebcke** are planning this event. RSVP to Luebckes by April 20. Church service begins at 10:15 for those interested.

Thursday, April 26–Saturday, April 28 – NCM Bash

Sunday, April 29 – Fritz's Frozen Custard Run-5 p.m.

Tuesday, May 1 – Club Meeting

Saturday, May 5 – VA Garden Planting

Original planting date-dependent on weather.

Saturday, May 12 – Double Trouble Rally

Sponsored by Route 66 Corvette Club. 11-4:30 from Jim Trenary Chevrolet in O'Fallon, MO. Flyers are available.

(Note: Country Classic Cars event tentatively planned for Saturday, May 12 will be rescheduled. **Rich Luebcke** and **Tom Marlo** were putting this event together.)

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

Angie Bradford is organizing this event.

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 at 9:00. Lunch afterwards at Schlafly Bottleworks, 7260 Southwest Avenue at Manchester in Maplewood. Sign-up sheet is available. Contact Ron for more information.

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, exit 266 on I-44 at 10 am sharp. Will arrive at Bob's at noon. Buffet lunch for \$10 per person. To date, have 8 members from another club joining us. Sign-up sheet is available.

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.

Saturday, September 22 – 2012 Walk to End Alzheimer's

Sherri Marlo will organize club participation in this event. Walk originates at Busch Stadium. Go to www.alz.org/stl for more information. Sign-up at May meeting.

STLCC Charity Committee

Elise Akins, Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni

Thank you to everyone for the donations for Newborns in Need, our first charity for 2012, in addition to the ongoing for the VA.



Our charity event for May offers two opportunities: We will be collecting items for the Open Door Animal Sanctuary, a no-kill facility for homeless dogs and cats. Please bring your items to the May 1 meeting. Their Wish List is on the next page.

Also, on Sunday, May 6, Michelle Finn has scheduled a professional photo shoot of any club member and their car. It will begin at 10:30am at Whitecliff Park in Crestwood, next to Grant's Farm. Cost is \$30. Email Michelle at michelle_finn2002@yahoo.com for more information. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting. Proceeds from the photo shoot will be split between Open Door Animal Sanctuary, and SpotSavers Dalmatian Rescue, an all volunteer, not-for-profit organization. Michelle Finn is a foster parent with SpotSavers. Blankets and towels are also accepted.



These are the charity events planned, with more details to follow later. It's possible that some events may be moved around if necessary.

May: Blankets and cleaning supplies for Spot Savers and Open Door Animal Sanctuary. There will also be a Corvette photo shoot event with proceeds to split between these two charities.

June: Non-perishable food drive

July: Clean out your closet to benefit a Women's Shelter

August: School supplies drive

September: Clean out your closet to benefit a Men's Shelter

October: Elco Car Show benefiting Carney's Kids (at the October meeting, we'll also have a Giving Tree with ornaments you can choose to help a person/family in need)

November: Bring items for the Giving Tree

December: No activity

Please note that these efforts are voluntary, and nobody needs to feel they have to participate in anything. But this will make it easy for you if you wish to.

Thank you!



WISH LIST

Cat Supplies

Beds (No Foam)
Brushes
Canned Food (NO SHREDDED)
Collars
Ceramic Food and Water Bowls
Large Litter Boxes
Large Litter Box Scoopers
Rubber Backed Rugs
Dry Shampoo
Cat Litter (Clay or Scoopable/Clumping)
Scratching Pads - Sisal and cardboard
Scratching Posts (Sisal only - NO CARPET)
Cat Condos
Cat Toys
Catnip

Dog Supplies

Beds (No Foam)
Blankets
Collars (Small and Medium Sized)
Slip Leads
Food and Water Bowls
Small Metal Buckets
Rawhide Chews/Bones
Dog Shampoo
Long-Handled Scrub Brushes
Cotton Balls
Q-Tips
Nylabones
Kong Toys
Hard Rubber Toys

Cleaning Supplies

Bleach	Hoses	Brooms
Cotton Mops	Clorox Wipes	Windex
Febreeze or All Spray	ODO Ban	Towels/Washcloths
Dish Soap	Trash Cans	Fabric Softener
Paper Towels	Sponges	Scotch Brite Scour Pads
Toilet Paper	Pine Sol	S.O.S. Pads
Laundry Soap	Mr. Clean	Trash Bags (13 and 39 Gallon)

Other

Resting Benches
Oster Grooming Clippers and #10 Blades
Two Matching Office Desks (with drawers)



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