



# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

September 2012

## Upcoming Events

- September 4 STLCC Monthly Meeting
- September 9 STLCC Mystery Run
- Sept. 13-16 Corvette Funfest
- September 22 STLCC Walk to End Alzheimers
- September 23 STLCC Club Picnic
- September 30 Fritz's Ice Cream Run
- October 2 STLCC Monthly Meeting
- October 13 Josephine's Tea Room Run
- October 20 STLCC Bon Fire
- October 27 American Muscle, Corvettes & Warbirds
- October 38 Fritz's Ice Cream Run
- November 3 Elco Car Show



## Friends with Corvettes

Due to the overwhelming amount of images produced on the Great Western Corvette Trip of 2012, here's another issue chock full of friends having fun. People stopped us and asked, "Are you part of a convention? A show?" "No ma'am. We're just friends with Corvettes." How on earth do we explain how much more we really are?!



Sioux Falls



Welcome to Wyoming



Cody Cowboy Village

## President's Column



This upcoming meeting will be a sad one for the Club as the DuPonts are moving away to "greener pastures." We all wish them the best of luck. I sure hope they have room for the Club when we road trip!

It is also a sad time for Vikki and I personally as we are also moving out of state. The September meeting will be my last as President and full member of the Club. I have accepted a job offer in Colorado. Vikki will stay back for awhile to get things wrapped up.

We appreciate all the friendships we've made in the Club and I hope we can meet up with you at various events. Vettes on the Rockies maybe?

With all that said, Vikki and I are still sponsoring the Club Picnic at our house on the 23<sup>rd</sup>. We'll call it a Packnic!

I hope we have as good a turnout at this meeting as we did at the last one. See you Tuesday!

*Kevin Bayliss*

President - 2012



### 2012 Officers

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## September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Kimberlie Gerecke, September 2  
 Jim Love, September 8  
 Marla Krugler, September 9  
 Jamie Smull, September 14  
 Joe Walker, September 15  
 Larry Taake, September 18  
 Tom Marlo, September 26  
 Elise Akins, September 29

John & Pam Corrora, September 6  
 Larry & Lynn Taake, September 7  
 Jerry & Armynta Craig, September 11  
 Bob & Chris Woods, September 20



### Your Club Needs YOU!

As we approach the end of the year, we need to nominate and elect new officers for our Club. Please consider taking an active role in leading our Club. None of the positions take much time, and all are a ton of fun. Open positions will be announced soon, but we know that Membership and Secretary are definitely available as the Hagenows are prohibited by our bylaws from continuing (darn! they're so good at it!). We'll also need a new President since ours is moving to Colorado (booo!).

Please consider fulfilling your Corvette duty and serving - you'll find you receive much more than you give!

### Corvette Trivia

In the 1969 Corvette, what notable feature differed from the 1968 model?

- A. The outside door release
- B. Removable rear window
- C. Vacuum-operated windshield wiper cover
- D. Humped hood on the big block

What year saw a huge fall-off in convertible acceptance in the Corvette?

- A. 1966
- B. 1967
- C. 1968
- D. 1969

What was not a feature of the almighty 1969 ZL1?

- A. Aluminum block
- B. Aluminum heads
- C. Aluminum intake manifold
- D. Triple carburation

Answers: 1. A 2. D 3. D

## News from the National Corvette Museum

by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley

### Motorsports Park Update

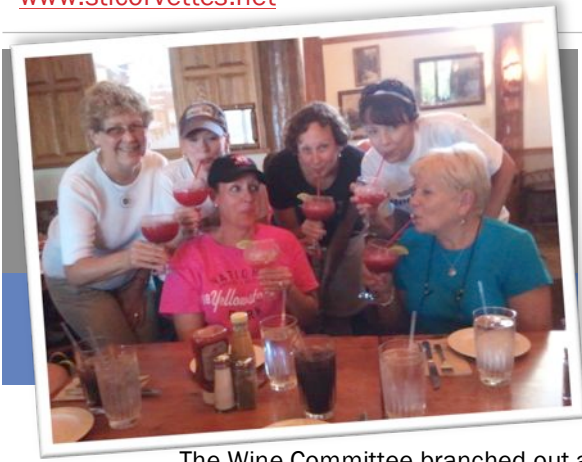
The National Corvette Museum has finalized the purchase and has paid for 184 acres, and have an option to purchase an adjoining 221 acres.

Right now, and for the next several months, fundraising and soliciting sponsorships will be the main focus at the Museum.

To contribute, or for more information on the Motorsports Park plans, visit [www.corvettemuseum.org](http://www.corvettemuseum.org).







The Wine Committee branched out and tested Blackberry Margaritas. As you can see, they really took one for the team.

# 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 7 p.m.

**ELCO Chevrolet Cadillac**  
**15110 Manchester Road**  
**Ballwin, MO 63011**

## August 7, 2012 – ELCO Chevrolet

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by president **Kevin Bayliss**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Kevin welcomed everyone and thanked members for attending. Special thanks were extended to sponsor reps **Eric DeBruin** and **Mark Gerecke** for allowing us to meet at Elco's facility and for accommodating our group. All board members were present. Kevin reminded everyone to check sign-up sheets on the counter and to purchase 50/50 tickets. The attendance sheet was circulated.

### Welcome

Guests **Jim Means** and **Mike Milsark** introduced themselves. Jim owns a blue '68 and a red '06. Mike has a '91 blue Vette. Welcome, gentlemen! Kevin Bayliss also welcomed members **Lynn Taake** and **Kevin and Jamie Smull**.

### Meeting Minutes

**Amy Zlatic** moved to accept the minutes from the July 9, 2012 meeting as published in the August newsletter. **Chris Woods** provided a second to the motion, which was then approved by the membership.

### Membership Report

**Ron Hagenow** reported that we have 89 regular members, 17 associate members, and 1 honorary lifetime member. He acknowledged August birthdays and anniversaries. Ron mentioned that **Bev and Jean**

**DuPont** are in the process of relocating and will be leaving the area in late September.

### Announcements

**Ruth Howard** and **Karen Price** thanked everyone for the cards, flowers and prayers sent on their behalf after their recent medical procedures. Special thanks for the prayer chain initiated by **Carl Cox** and **Glenda Walsh** during the Black Hills/Wyoming trip. A thank you card from Ruth was shared.

### Treasurer's Report

**Rich Doerr** provided copies of the July report for the membership. **Peggy Craig** moved to accept the report with a second by **Judy Dooley** and approval by the membership.

### Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

By-laws – No report.

Car show – No report.

Charity – **Judy Giovanoni** read a letter from the Kathy J. Weinman Shelter thanking the club for the women's clothing donations in July. Judy also thanked everyone who brought school supplies this evening. (Peggy Craig was especially excited about the Corvette themed spiral notebooks she found to donate!) The school supplies will be given to the Board of Religious Organizations for distribution, a group that also collects and distributes toys at

Christmas. Members are asked to bring clean, gently used men's clothing for the September charity drive. President **Kevin Bayliss** commended everyone on the "great job" for all donations.

Christmas – The club Christmas party will be held at Sunset Hills Banquet Center on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup> per contract. **Chris Woods** will have more information later.

Nominating – **Kevin Bayliss** reminded everyone that a chairperson and members will be needed for this committee. **Judy Dooley** explained that the nominating committee is responsible for contacting members with the final goal of presenting a slate of candidates for board offices. (*Per the by-laws, Article V, Section 1...*

*"Candidate may volunteer or be nominated at the September or October meeting. Recommendations of the (nominating) committee for office shall be made at the October meeting. Nominations for all offices will be closed at the end of the October meeting. Voting is to take place at the November meeting."* Absentee procedures for voting are outlined in the by-laws. **Marya Horstmeyer** volunteered to chair the nominating committee. **Judy Dooley** offered to assist.

Parade – **Ron Hagenow** announced the Veterans' Day Parade will be held in downtown St. Louis on Saturday, November 10 with a 12 p.m. start. He will have more details later.



# The Grand Western Adventure



Getting back to our roots



That arrow points to more gift shops



Glenda asked Mike if she could take it home. He said no.



Tom wins the prize for coolest headgear



These girls know how to have FUN



Walking the trail at Devil's Tower



Happy Corvetters



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If anyone has a clue what Sharon and Sandy are doing, please inform the editor.



Chapter 5,769,320 in the Poor Marya Chronicles



Vikki kisses Kevin goodbye, before he heads off-trail



Glenda next to the earliest Corvette prototype

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VA Hospital Committee – **Marty Dooley** thanked **Bob Woods** and **Mary Ann Hagenow** for watering at the garden while many of the regulars were out of town.

**Website Report**

Kevin complimented new webmaster **Dave Davidson** on the work he’s doing on the website. He encouraged everyone to visit the website to see the updates.

Dave commented that an unexpected water mishap led to a premature purchase of a new Mac and that led to a slightly different look of the website, known as Phase I. Phase II will include incorporating pictures submitted from events within the last year (*thanks to some very ambitious photographers, Dave has over 4,000 pictures and several hours of video to choose from!*). It was suggested to leave the weather feature on the new web page as that can aide in event planning. Dave would also like to add current pictures of members’ cars. He is open to suggestions as to how members would like to identify these pictures.

**National Corvette Museum Ambassador’s Report**

**Judy Dooley** reported on the museum’s “9/11/2001-Where Were You?” program. The museum is inviting members to send stories and relevant photos in honor of 9/11 victims. See **Judy** for more information on how to submit your story. **Judy** has \$10 tickets for a 2013 black convertible which will be raffled on Labor Day weekend.

**National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor’s Report**

**Rich Luebcke** was absent. **Jeff Craig** announced that the 2013 convention will be held in Bowling Green, Kentucky. The next Governors’ meeting will be held September 8 in St. Louis.

The **Craig family** racers continue to make us proud – regionally, **Peggy** is ranked #18 with **Jeff** #30 and **Jerry** #43. Nationally, **Peggy** again leads the trio at #57 with **Jeff** #63 and

**Jerry** #90. Plan to come out to the Route 66/SLCC Autocross Event on August 18 and 19 at the Family Arena in St. Charles to support them in their points’ quest.

**Newsletter Report**

Editor **Amy Zlatic** thanked **Ron Hagenow** for submitting his “Corvette Story” and encouraged other members to send in their similar stories, hopefully making this a regular newsletter feature. Keep sending in photos.

**Prior Events**

**Black Hills/Spearfish-Yellowstone**  
**Mike Zlatic** shared highlights of the second week of the recent Black Hills/Yellowstone trip. Eight cars participated in the second leg which included eight days, seven nights, and approximately 2,600 miles of great food, beautiful vistas, and lots of laughs with friends. It seems that the ‘man upstairs’ missed the ‘no rain’ memo for Steamboat Springs and apparently a little hail and a few grasshoppers made the trip even more entertaining. Regarding the natural beauty, **Kevin Bayliss** summed up the group’s feeling when he said “I feel insignificant!” The Wyoming group thanked **Dave Horstmeyer** for planning this week by gifting him with a framed, autographed photograph.

**Carl Ballinger** thanked **Marty Dooley** for doing a great job of preparing the Black Hills portion of the trip. **Judy Dooley** noted that it was “hot!”

**Webster Groves 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade**  
**Michelle Paillou** proudly showed the award won by the club for parade participation.

**Jefferson County Military Family Day – July 15**  
**Michelle Paillou** shared the special trophy she received at this event.

**Fritz’s Frozen Custard Run – July 29**  
**Marty Dooley** said that club members met some new friends at Fritz’s and they joined members for the Moonlight Chicken Run on Aug 5.

**Moonlight Restaurant Chicken Run-**

**Alton, Illinois – August 5**

Thanks to **Ken and Judy Barron** for planning this event. A beautiful day led to a busy ferry dock but after a good run, a little waiting, and a Corvette-packed ferry ride, a great chicken dinner was enjoyed by all.

**Future Events**

**August 18 and 19 – Rte 66 AutoX**  
**Jeff Craig** is coordinating this event. There will be 12 events with six each on Saturday and Sunday, all taking place at the Family Arena in St. Charles. Our club will be sponsoring the Saturday events. Registration will be at 8 a.m., plan to arrive around 8:30 a.m. **Jeff** said there will be lots of competitors participating. The initial course will be set up Friday evening and a longer course will be reset for Sunday. **Jeff** reminded everyone that racing will “not hurt your car” for anyone considering participating. Plan to come out and support the **Craig Family** racers! Saturday evening at 6 p.m., those interested will be going to Vettes in St. Charles at Highway 94. Thanks to **Ron Hagenow** for volunteering to help as a timer on Saturday.

**August 24-26 – Corvettes at Carlisle**

**Sunday, August 26 – Fritz’s Frozen Custard**  
6 p.m. at Old Big Bend and 141.

**August 30-September 2 – NCM Anniversary Bash**

**Judy Dooley** reported that four cars are going.

**Sunday, September 9 – Mystery Run**

**Charlie Miget** and **Marty Dooley** are planning this event and a sign-up sheet is available. Will leave the Quik Trip at Hwy K and I-64 by Cracker Barrel at 10 a.m. Come with a full tank of gas and a cooler of drinking water. Will arrive at the mystery destination around 2 p.m. for lunch. It will take about 2 hours to get home after lunch so plan accordingly. Flyers are available.

**September 13-16 – Corvette FunFest at Mid America Motorworks- Effingham, Illinois**

**Marty Dooley** will call Mid America to check on club parking; he will plan to reserve 10 parking spots.





### Marlos set to take delivery of their new Corvette!

Club members Tom and Sherri Marlo have received the call...their brand new Corvette is nearly ready for them! The Marlos have opted for a custom two-toned paint job of Velocity Yellow and Atomic Orange. Its striking appearance is sure to attract attention wherever they drive; we hope they take this beauty out for more than the dog days of summer. It'll be hard for any of us to ketchup to them! Here's to Sherri and Tom: may you relish your hot new ride!



Just one of the many lobbies we were kicked out of for having fun



Dave ate all these nachos BY HIMSELF



Wandering around Sioux Falls



Amy and Vikki supervise Michael cleaning the Jetstream Dirt Grand Sport, otherwise known as "Pigpen."



Singin' in the rain



Marlos are saddled up and ready. FCC regulations and technology prohibit your editor from inserting a video of Marya on the saddle...





Hikers



Hitched up at Buffalo Bill's



Visiting a scenic outlook



Look ma, no hands!



Scenic overlook...both foreground and background



The Yellowstoners

## Membership Reminders

By Ron Hagenow

This is just a reminder that the next club meeting will be on Tuesday, Sep 4 at ELCO Chevrolet beginning at 7:00pm. Bring camping chairs and a beverage of your choice (remember no alcohol). Remember your charitable items if you are so inclined and Box Tops for Education for Peggy Craig.

If anyone has a suggestion for a different meeting place please bring it to the meeting or let me know. I know Carl Ballinger has sent information on the Grand Slam Sports Bar and Grill and Michelle Finn has proposed Passing Lane Motors. Both are a few miles from Sunset Hills on Gravois. We have folks coming from Waterloo all the way to St. Charles so we would like to have a somewhat central location with easy access for everyone. We certainly appreciate what ELCO has done for us but most would agree it was a little tight (but I think we had a record attendance!).

You can pay your dues beginning this month and they must be paid by the November meeting. The dues are \$75 for a couple, \$45 for a single and \$24 for associate members. Make your check payable to the club and I have new membership cards prepared.

Several people ordered static clings at the last meeting. I will put in our order after the September meeting so if you want one, please either sign up at the meeting or email me. The cost is \$20 each. If you can bring a check payable to the club to the meeting that would help. Those that have ordered so far are Akins, Davidson, Paillou, Horstmeyer and Marlo.

There are a lot of activities planned in the next several months so please sign up at the meeting or let me know if you want to attend anything. Some of our upcoming events are a Mystery Run, Alzheimer's Walk, Josephine's Tea Room for the ladies, Corvettes and Warbirds, Funfest, Club Picnic/Poker Run and the Veterans Day Parade. We also need to work in an ELCO car show somewhere in all of this.

There will be several club officer positions coming up in November so please consider serving in one of them. It's not hard and only takes a few hours a month. See one of the current officers for more information.



## Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

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

National Council  
of Corvette Clubs  
[www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

Official Corvette Site  
[www.chevrolet.com/corvette](http://www.chevrolet.com/corvette)

Boone Trail Corvette Club  
[www.boonetraillcc.com](http://www.boonetraillcc.com)

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

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

Mid America Motorworks  
[www.mamotorworks.com](http://www.mamotorworks.com)

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

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

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



### Meeting Minutes, continued from page 6

For the past two years, some club members have participated in the Covered Bridge Festival in Indiana as an extension of FunFest. **Terry Wilson** has coordinated this effort. Due to the number of events occurring during the same week-end this year and a lack of expressed interest, it was decided to possibly reschedule a Covered Bridge run for spring of 2013.

#### September 15-16 – Scott Air Force Base Air Show

This year's air show marks the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Scott and the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the USAF. The U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds are scheduled to perform and the B-2 Bomber will do a fly-over in addition to others. Looking Glass Car Club will be participating in this event and we may join them if enough interest. Names of participants must be turned in to SAFB by September 1 for security clearance. Those participating must arrive around 8 a.m. and cannot leave the base prior to 5 p.m. Call **Ron Hagenow** for more information.

#### Saturday, September 22 – Alzheimer's Walk in downtown St. Louis

**Sherri Marlo** is organizing our participation in this event. A sign-up sheet is available with more details to follow.

#### Sunday, September 23 – Annual Club Picnic

This event is being planned by the board members. Thanks to **Kevin and Vikki Bayliss** who have graciously offered to host the picnic at their residence. A sign-up and more information will be available at the September 4 meeting. Save the date!

#### Sunday, September 30 – Fritz's Frozen Custard Run

6 p.m. at Old Big Bend and 141.

#### October 13 – Josephine's Tea Room –Godfrey, Illinois

**Ruth Howard** is planning this ladies' trip. A sign-up sheet is available with more information to follow.

### Sponsor's Report

**Eric DeBruin** thanked everyone for coming to the dealership this evening and said that a "group hug" might be in order. He cautioned members to be careful with their car doors and with backing up as parking on the crowded lot is a little bit of an issue. They anticipate construction completion sometime in October.

**Mark Gerecke** said that there are technology components available in the meeting room if we wish to make use of them at future meetings. He also said that the whole dealership is available for club use and they will be glad to accommodate us. *Mark denied that he was impersonating the UPS delivery man though there was certainly a strong resemblance!*

### Old Business

**Marty Dooley** said that his '64 was finally fixed, thanks to **Jeff Craig!! Amy Zlatic** reported that **Dave Davidson** had already sent his "My Corvette" story to her...wow, *that was fast, Dave!* **Patty Craig** said that she got to visit with former club president **Bill Dotson** and his wife **Pam** recently – they said "hello" to everyone.

### New Business

Meeting Location: Several members offered ideas regarding the search for a new meeting location. **Michelle Finn** has some information on a car showroom on Highway 30; no charge for room and they could cater in meals. **Randy Howard** suggested meeting at Elco while we look for other places. **Patty Craig** said the **Dotsons'** club has a committee that arranges for meetings at a different restaurant each month. **Rich Doerr** said that several members would like to continue the social aspect of having dinner prior to the meetings. He will get info on the Two Hearts Banquet Center at Lindbergh and Hwy 30. **Mark Gerecke** said that it is no trouble for the club to meet at ELCO. He can arrange dinner for

# Charity Committee

By Judy Giovanoni, Elise Akins, and Michelle Finn

Thank you to everyone for the school supplies for the Board of Religious Organizations (BRO). We had a great response and it is appreciated.



Our charity event for September is Clean Out Your Closet for Peter & Paul Community Services emergency shelter for men. All sizes of new or gently used clothing are needed, especially white tube socks, underwear, and tee shirts. Please bring your items to the September 4 meeting.



PETER & PAUL COMMUNITY SERVICES

*helping our neighbors find the way home*

These are the remaining 2012 charity events planned, with more details to follow later for each one.

October event is actually on November 3: ELCO Car Show benefiting Carney's Kids. Also, at the October meeting, we'll have a Giving Tree with ornaments for people to choose to help a person/family in need.

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**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. Thank you!

## Jerry Craig's Corvette Care Tip of the Month

Used dryer sheets will remove bug splats from car paint.

After 1700 miles the front of the Black Corvette was a disaster.  
Wash the car and leave it wet. Then moisten a couple of used dryer sheets.  
Rub lightly and the bug spats wipe off cleanly like magic!



**Meeting Minutes**, cont. from pg. 8

about \$8 per person. Other car clubs in the area also use the facility. Might try meeting in the service bay which could offer more space. **Judy Giovanoni** said that meeting at ELCO seems to be a natural choice since they are the club sponsor. **Carl Ballinger** mentioned a place called Grand Slam behind the old Pietro's location on Hwy 30. They could do a buffet.

**Kevin Bayliss** said that members should send information regarding possible meeting places to the board. Include photos of the facility if possible. We will plan to meet at ELCO for the September 4 meeting at which time we can use the video screen in the room to review information received. **Ken Barron** suggested that people travelling to ELCO from the south might take 141 to New Ballwin Road to avoid congestion.

**Static Clings: Ron Hagenow** displayed the new plastic static cling for the car. Each cling measures 12"x18" and features the newly formatted club logo. Clings will adhere to car doors when moistened, are removable and will not harm car finish. They can be used in parades. Cost is \$20 per cling which includes sales tax. An order sheet is available this evening. Give payment to club treasurer **Rich Doerr**.

**Box Tops for Education: Peggy Craig** thanked everyone for the box tops saved and turned in this month. Keep collecting and bring your box tops to the next meeting!

**50/50 Raffle**  
Congratulations to **Glenda Davidson**, winner of \$103 in the raffle. **Bob and Chris Woods** won two can cozies in two separate ticket drawings. Thanks to **Marty Dooley** for donating the cozies. Thanks to **Mike Walsh** who donated four tickets to the August 9 Cardinals baseball game. They were won by **Marty Dooley** in a special drawing.

**Dessert** - Thanks to **Bob and Chris Woods** for providing this

month's cake and paper supplies. **Michelle Finn** has volunteered to bring the September cake.

63+ members attended this evening's meeting. **Gary Murray** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 with a second by **Ken Barron** and approval by the membership. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 4 at 7 p.m. at ELCO.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Hagenow*  
Secretary 2012

**Dues are Due!**

Once again it is everyone's favorite time of the year...DUES PAYMENT! You can pay your dues at the September, October or November meeting. You must have your dues paid by the November meeting in order to vote for the upcoming slate of officers. Dues are \$45 for a single, \$75 for a couple and \$24 for associate members. We have a couple of our snowbirds who pay their NCCC dues to their Florida club so their dues are \$40. If for some reason you do not want to rejoin, please email Ron Hagenow at [hagenow1@charter.net](mailto:hagenow1@charter.net). If you know you won't be at a meeting but want to send your check, make it payable to the St. Louis Corvette Club and mail it to Ron's address which is 428 Mockingbird Lane, Waterloo, IL 62298.

**Static clings with the STLCC logo now available!**

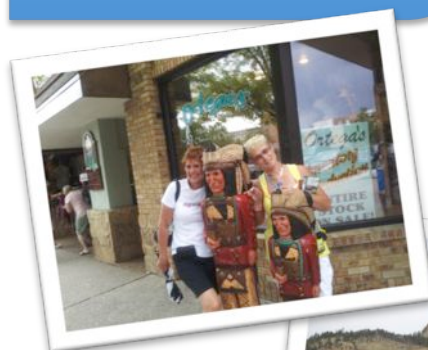
Ready to proudly identify yourself - and your car - as members of the best Corvette club in St. Louis (or the universe, for that matter)?



Twenty bucks will get you this great static cling featuring our newly formatted Club logo.



A sign-up sheet will be available at the August 7 meeting, or you may email your order to **Ron Hagenow**.



# My Corvette Story

(Or How I Achieved The American Dream)

By **Dave Davidson**



In 1958 my buddies and I came across a brand new Corvette that had been involved in a one-car accident. It was in an insurance lot - an open field. Hmm, was there a fence around it? Even from a distance, it was a beautiful car. And it didn't look too bad when you got closer. There wasn't a lot of damage to it but the driver had died. He had run off the road and wasn't found for several days. We were told that the odor from body fluids could never be removed from the car. That was one nice car.

So began my interest in Corvettes. I vowed to own a Corvette some day, but college, family, etc. etc. put my plans on hold. While our boys were growing up I bought a couple of '57 Chevies. My oldest son bought one of them from me but sold it when he became engaged.

One very hot day in July, 1987 I was tinkering under the [red hard top](#). I kept asking myself, "Why am I doing this?" I wasn't driving it very much but still, I didn't consider selling it. Then one day a fellow called me and asked, "Do you have a '57 Chevy for sale?"

I said "I have one, but it isn't for sale".

He said "Can I look at it?"

I guess the thoughts of that 100 degree day were in the back of my mind so I let him look at it and I sold it that night! How many times since then have I said, "I wish I still had that red '57."

About 1995 I bought a ['67 Mustang convertible](#) (oldest son married into a Ford family and I let that influence affect better judgment). But I enjoyed driving that car. It had been restored so didn't need much done to it. I had the carb rebuilt in 1999 and it was really running great when, on a whim, I put an ad in the Post-Dispatch. It sold that week.

Ford fever caught me again a few months later. I bought a ['96 Mustang Cobra](#) convertible. It was a great car, but it just wasn't a Corvette (sorry Ford fans). I considered buying a new Corvette at that time but chose the Cobra instead.

I decided that if I was ever going to fulfill my dream, it was time to do it. So I began looking for a vette. I didn't buy the first one I saw, just the first red one. No, not really. But I found one that suited me. Not a show car but a driver in excellent condition. It had a lot of goodies: 327 cubic inches fuel injected (360 hp), 4 speed, 2 tops. RED! My dream - er my investment. We took possession in December, 2003.



After buying that first Corvette I didn't know when to quit. Since then I've owned nine other Corvettes.

### **Gone but not forgotten:**

'62 Ermine White, '69 Monaco Orange convertible, '70 LT1 Corvette Bronze coupe, 1992 Yellow convertible, 1996 Grand Sport coupe, 2005 Machine Silver Coupe and 2006 Victory Red convertible.

I still own that first Corvette, a 1996 Grand Sport convertible and 2010 Grand Sport Callaway convertible. There aren't any plans for another one but who knows? There might be room in the garage for one more.





# American Muscle Corvettes & Warbirds



*Saturday,  
October 27,  
from 10 AM to 3  
PM at the  
Missouri  
Commemorative  
Air Force  
Hangar in St.  
Charles, MO.*

*Lunch concession available at 12 pm provided  
by EAA 32.*

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# Veterans Day Parade

Saturday November 10, 2012

Once again our club will be participating in this annual parade. Last year we had 30 cars and would like to have even more this year. As in past years we will also have the distinction of driving the Gold Star Mothers. This parade, along with the Fourth of July parade, is one of our most important events of the year.

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

*Be there between 9:30am and 10:00am. There will be a driver's meeting at 10:00am and leaving promptly after the meeting. We need to be in place by 10:30am with the parade beginning at noon. Those of you who have done this before know the hurry up and wait drill.*

*We will have lunch at a place to be determined. The parade usually lasts about an hour.*

*Dress appropriately. We've done the parade in 20 degree and 75 degree weather. Don't forget to bring your radio and car flags.*

*Sign-ups will be at the meetings or email Ron Hagenow at [hagenow1@charter.net](mailto:hagenow1@charter.net).*

*Please support the men and women of our armed forces!*







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## St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

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## A Letter from your Editor

Greetings my fellow wonderful Club members,

It appears that our outgoing President, **Mr. Kevin Bayliss**, feels that he can produce documents of such a nature as to rival those of your monthly newsletter. I am attaching his most recent work for your review. This attachment is no way condoned or endorsed by the editorial staff of the St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter or its affiliates. However, in the spirit of bipartisanship, and because federal election regulations and my own funny bone say so, your editor feels it's only fair for Mr. Bayliss to have his chance to blather on about nothing in particular.

In fact, his musings are so inconsequential as to not even warrant your time. So stop reading. Right now. Stop. I mean it.

DO NOT READ ANY OF THE NEXT PAGES. EVER.

Thank you.



*P.S. Your innocent and sweet editor, pictured above, would like to remind all of you that she loves and adores each of you, and would never, ever disparage any treasured member of our Club in the pages of our monthly newsletter. Unless you p\*ss me off. That is all.*





BAYLISS'S  
**DIME NOVELS**



**THE LIFE AND TIMES OF CALAMITY AME**



LITTLE IS KNOWN OF THE EARLY YEARS OF AMY ZIELINSKI, AKA CALAMITY AME. THIS REPORTER WAS ABLE TO TRACK DOWN WITNESSES TO HER EARLY FORMATIVE YEARS. MARTY AND JUDY DOOLEY LIVED WITHIN THE RING OF TERROR WHEN CALAMITY WAS BEGINNING HER DRIVE TOWARD INFAMY. THEIR STORIES ARE A MIXTURE OF FEAR AND LOATHING AS THE BATTLES RAGED BETWEEN HOUSEHOLDS.

FEW PHOTOS STILL EXIST OF CALAMITY AME BEFORE RECENT TIMES. HOWEVER, THE DOOLEYS WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE THIS REPORTER WITH VERY TELLING PHOTOS FROM CALAMITY'S EARLY YEARS. THESE PHOTOS SHOW A DESPERATE YOUTH BENT ON DESTRUCTION.



NOTE THE EVIL IN ALL FOUR EYES

AS A MASTER OF DISGUISE, CALAMITY WAS ABLE TO INFILTRATE ORGANIZATIONS AND THEIR EVENTS. NOTICE THE EVIL IN HER



ALL-AMERICAN GIRL OR EVIL INCARNATE?

EYE(S), AS REPORTEDLY, THIS PHOTO WAS TAKEN MERE MOMENTS BEFORE SHE UNLEASHED HELL UPON THE PATRONS SEEN IN THE BACKGROUND. NO KNOWN PHOTOS EXIST FROM THE MOMENTS OF TERROR AS THESE POOR PEOPLE RAN FOR THEIR LIVES. MANY REACHED SAFETY, OTHERS DID NOT.....



TALK ABOUT "GRAPES OF WRATH"!

THERE IS A GAP IN CALAMITY'S HISTORY AT THIS POINT. IT IS BELIEVED BY THIS REPORTER THAT CALAMITY WENT INTO HIDING TO AVOID PURSUIT. WHILE IN HIDING, CALAMITY PATIENTLY PLANNED HER RETURN TO INFAMY.

IT IS REPORTED THAT UPON HER EMERGENCE FROM HIDING, SHE HAD CHANGED HER NAME TO AMY ZLATIC AND PORTRAYED HERSELF AS A LOVING WIFE AND MOTHER. THIS SENTINEL OF EVIL WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN THIS FAÇADE FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS BEFORE THE EVIL INEVITABLY BOILED OVER.

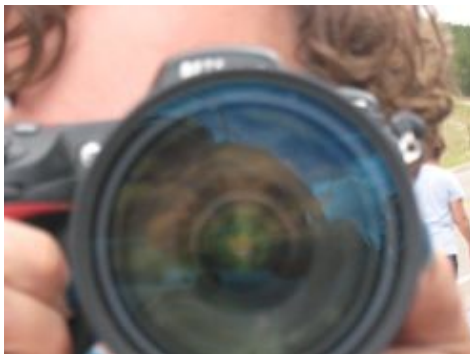
IT BEGAN WHEN SHE WAS ABLE TO INFILTRATE THE SELFLESS HUMANITARIAN ORGANIZATION KNOWN AS THE ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB (STLCC). THESE HARD WORKING INNOCENT PEOPLE OF GREAT





CHARACTER ACCEPTED AMY AS ONE OF THEIR OWN. IT WASN'T LONG BEFORE SHE WAS ABLE TO PUT HER EVIL PLAN INTO ACTION. SHE WAITED PATIENTLY UNTIL THE ROLE OF NEWSLETTER EDITOR BECAME VACANT. HER PLAN WAS ALMOST FOILED AS A NUMBER OF STLCC'ERS VIED FOR THE POSITION. BUT CALAMITY WAS NOT TO BE DETERRED. SHE INSISTED THAT SHE MUST BE THE EDITOR. THE OTHER CANDIDATES MELTED UNDER HER PRESSURE AND STEPPED ASIDE. TERROR REIGNED IN THE STLCC. NO ONE DARED DEFY HER OR ELSE SUFFER THE PUBLISHING OF SOME EMBARRASSING PHOTO WITH AN EQUALLY DEMEANING CAPTION.

THEN A NEW POWER CAME TO THE STLCC TO CRY, "NO MORE!" THIS SUPERHERO, KNOWN SIMPLY AS "KEVLAR", MADE IT HIS SOLE MISSION TO BRING CALAMITY AME DOWN. AS CALAMITY CONTINUED HER REIGN OF TERROR, KEVLAR LIE IN WAIT. HE SAW HIS OPPORTUNITY IN JANUARY 2012 WHEN ANOTHER STLCCER AND FELLOW HERO, DAVE "MR. MARYA" HORSTMAYER, DEvised A PLAN TO DRAW CALAMITY OUT OF HER FAMILIAR TERRITORY TO THE HOSTILE LANDS OF SOUTH DAKOTA AND WYOMING. AS DAVE PLANNED THE TRIP, KEVLAR PLANNED CALAMITY'S DOWNFALL.



HER WEAPON OF TERROR.



BUT THE TABLES ARE TURNED.....



CALAMITY UNLEASHES HER DEVILISH CHIPMUNKS FROM THE UNDERWORLD. THEY WILL BITE THE HAND THAT FEEDS THEM!



AND OTHER FOUL CREATURES.





KEVLAR'S PLAN WAS SIMPLE, DOCUMENT CALAMITY'S EXPLOITS AND LATER ATTACK CALAMITY WITH HER OWN WEAPON OF CHOICE, THE CAMERA. IF KEVLAR COULD CAPTURE CALAMITY IN EMBARRASSING CONDITIONS, ALL THE WHILE TRYING TO GET UNDER HER SKIN, MAYBE, JUST MAYBE, CALAMITY AME COULD BE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE.



CALAMITY TRIES TO DUCK RESPONSIBILITY....AGAIN.

IT COULD NOT BE CONFIRMED, BUT SOMEHOW, DID CALAMITY FIND OUT ABOUT THE PLAN? INDICATIONS ARE SO, AS CALAMITY SUDDENLY ATTEMPTED TO THROW OFF OUR HERO BY TAKING ON ANOTHER ALIAS. SHE REINVENTED HERSELF AS AN INDIAN NAMED "SH\*TS WITH HORSES". BUT KEVLAR WAS NOT FOOLED. HIS OPERATION WENT ON AS PLANNED.

THEN, IT APPEARED OUR HERO'S PLAN WAS FOILED. CALAMITY RETALIATED WITH BIOLOGICAL WARFARE. SHE NEARLY DESTROYED KEVLAR BY POISONING HIM AT YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK. BUT KEVLAR WAS ABLE TO SURVIVE THE ATTEMPT ON HIS LIFE. POOR CARL "MELLOW YELLOW" BALLINGER WAS ALSO COLLATERAL DAMAGE.

MUCH TO OUR HERO'S DISMAY, CALAMITY AME WAS UTMIMATELY ABLE TO ESCAPE JUSTICE. BUT IT IS THIS REPORTER'S HOPE THAT THIS DOCUMENTARY WILL MAKE YOU AWARE OF THIS LURKING EVIL AND THAT THE PHOTOS CONTAINED HERE WILL ALERT YOU TO CALAMITY AME'S PRESENCE AMONG US.



FOILED AGAIN!



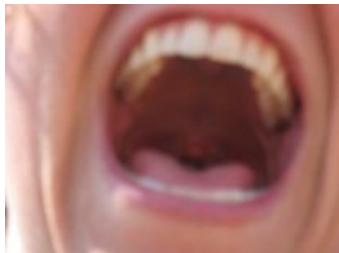
CALAMITY PICKS HER NEXT VICTIM. IS YOUR TICKET IN THAT STACK?







**SHE EVEN ENTRAPPED ONE OF OUR INTREPID HEROES!**



**THE EVIL LAUGH.**



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**DEVIL'S TOWER-HOME TO HER  
UNDERGROUND LAIR. HOW  
APPROPRIATE.....**



**IF YOU CROSS HER-YOU SPEND  
TIME IN THE BOX. JUST LOOK  
AT THE ANGUISH ON HER  
VICTIM'S FACES.**



**YOU DON'T WANT "THE  
LOOK"!**







**“WE’LL BE GOOD. PLEASE  
DON’T MAKE US JUMP!”**



**ALWAYS BE WARY-EVIL LURKS FROM BEHIND!**

