



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

October 2012

Upcoming Events

- 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
- November 6 STLCC Monthly Meeting
- November 10 Veterans' Day Parade
Oil Change Party & Lunch/Dinner
- November 25 Fritz's Ice Cream Run
- December 1 Christmas Party



Members win valuable prizes in the Poker Run

Prizes worth thousands of dollars were given to the following winners of the STLCC Picnic Poker Run:

First Place: Marty & Judy Dooley
Second Place: Dana & Diana Griggs
Third Place: Don & Ann Pickles

Fourth Place: Michelle Paillou
Biggest Loser: Jean & Bev DuPont

Congrats to all!



President's Column



Hello Fellow St. Louis Corvette Club Members,

First and foremost, I would like to thank **Kevin Bayliss** for his service to our club as President for the past nine months. While his new professional role takes he and **Vikki** back to their beloved Colorado, maybe we will see them again on our many adventures. Happy trails to the Bayliss duo on their new adventure out west...you guys will always have friends within the St. Louis Corvette Club.

As summer transitions to fall, our club continues to offer many ways to have a ton of fun, laughter, and friendship. In September alone, there was a trip to the National Corvette Museum, a mystery run, an Alzheimer's walk, the annual club picnic, and an ice cream run. Our October monthly meeting will be held at ELCO Chevrolet on Tuesday, October 2 and there are a number of events scheduled in October too. Check out the website for details on each.

With so many ways to get together with club members, it also means there are many opportunities to serve the club as a whole. Whether you are inclined to join a committee (we have MANY) or hold an office on the board, if you haven't gotten so immersed, I encourage you to consider the opportunity. The pay is zero, the stress is low, and the return can be measured in the smiles we see on the people we meet during our events and the thank you notes we receive from our charities.

Don't forget to "save the wave" when you are driving the greatest American sports car.

P.S. Some new business I think we should consider at the October meeting is making Jet Stream Blue Metallic the official color of our club.

Michael R. Zlatic

President - 2012



2012 Officers

President: **Michael Zlatic**, president@stlcorvettes.com

Immediate Past President: **Marty Dooley**

Vice President: **This could be YOU!!!**, vice-president@stlcorvettes.com

Secretary: **Mary Ann Hagenow**, secretary@stlcorvettes.com


Treasurer: **Rick Doerr**, treasurer@stlcorvettes.com


Sergeant-at-Arms: **Dave Horstmeyer**, sgt-at-arms@stlcorvettes.com

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Or, you can contact the Club through the general email box at stl.corvettes@gmail.com

 National Corvette Museum Ambassador: **Judy Dooley**, 314.894.0303

 National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor: **Rich Luebcke**, 636.532.9620, nccc@stlcorvettes.com

October Birthdays & Anniversaries



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

Rich & Theresa Luebcke, October 7
 Jeff & Patty Craig, October 20
 Michael & Amy Zlatic, October 25
 Charlie & Jackie Miget, October 28



Corvette Trivia

In the 1971 model year, you could order an automatic with what choice?

- A. LS6
- B. ZR2
- C. ZR1

Which of the following drivers was NOT a National Champion in a Corvette?

- A. Richard Thompson
- B. Bob Wingate
- C. Don Yenke
- D. Jim Jeffords

How many L88s were automatics in 1969?

- A. 0
- B. 25
- C. 17

Answers: 1. A 2. B 3. C



I WANT YOU

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 include Membership and Secretary (the Hagenows are prohibited by our bylaws from continuing - darn! they're so good at it!), President (ours is moving to Colorado - boo!), Vice President (who is currently filling in as President), and Sergeant at Arms (or Grand Poobah of 50/50 Raffle Tickets).

Please consider fulfilling your Corvette duty and serving - you'll find you receive much more than you give! **Note: Elections are held at the November meeting.**

News from the NCM by Ambassador Judy Dooley

Motorsports Park Update

The National Corvette Museum has finalized the purchase and has paid for 184 acres, and has 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.





A huge group from our Club went with the Marlos to take delivery at NCM. Some of us just stalked via the webcams.

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

September 4, 2012 – ELCO Chevrolet Cadillac

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by president **Kevin Bayliss**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Kevin welcomed everyone and thanked members for attending. Vice President **Mike Zlatic** was not in attendance. All other board members were present as were sponsor representatives **Mark Gerecke** and **Eric DeBruin**. Kevin reminded everyone to check sign-up sheets on the counter and to purchase 50/50 tickets.

Welcome

Kevin extended a special welcome to members **John Hopson** and **Ken and Sue Dahman**. No guests were present.

Meeting Minutes

Vikki Bayliss moved to accept the minutes from the August 7, 2012 meeting as published in the Sept. newsletter. **Jeff Craig** provided a second to the motion. Membership approval was not requested.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Doerr provided copies of the August report for the membership and gave an overview of same. He noted that the report does not show any income for the month. Deposits were made late and will be reflected on the September report. **Jean DuPont** moved to accept the report with a second by **Chris Woods**. Membership approval was not requested.

Membership Report

Ron Hagenow reported that we have 89 regular members, 17 associate members, and 1 honorary lifetime member. He acknowledged September birthdays and anniversaries.

Ron is collecting money for static cling orders and dues. Make checks payable to the St. Louis Corvette Club.

Committee Reports

Budget – No report.

By-laws – No report.

Car show – No report.

Charity – **Judy Giovanoni** thanked everyone for the school supplies donated in August. She read a thank you letter from the Board of Religious Organizations which received the school supplies. Clothing donations brought this evening will be given to the Peter and Paul Men's Shelter in St. Louis. *(A giving tree will be available at the October meeting. Members will have the opportunity to select an ornament specifying needed items. Those gifts are to be brought to the November 6 meeting.)*

Christmas – No report.

Nominating – **Marya Horstmeyer** reported that **Rich Doerr** and **Dave Horstmeyer** are willing to continue in their respective offices of treasurer and sergeant at arms. The other offices will need to be filled.

Members are encouraged to help fill the vacancies and should contact **Marya** or **Judy Dooley** for information. Elections will be held at the November 6 meeting.

Parade – **Ron Hagenow** announced that he has submitted our participation application for the Veterans' Day Parade, which will be held in downtown St. Louis on Saturday, November 10 with a 12 pm start. He presumes that we will be driving Gold Star Mothers/Fathers once again. Lunch after the parade will be at Granite City Food and Brewery in the West Oaks Shopping Center at 11411 Olive Blvd., Creve Coeur. A sign-up sheet is available.

VA Hospital Committee – **Marty Dooley** reported that a little fall planting is needed to correct a few bare spots. He will send out an email when a date is decided on. Marty thanked everyone for their help with taking care of the garden.

Website Report

Webmaster **Dave Davidson** reported that a section on members' cars has been added. He admitted that he may stoop to a little bit of car thievery in the future to obtain needed car pictures. **Marty Dooley** said that he has taken pictures of members' bricks at the NCM to add to the website. Dave also had a variety of car magazines available to anyone interested.

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FunFest & Fritz's



STLCC Associate Member Frank Ellis went to FunFest and got an award. Seems it was all in good fun – the judge was retired Corvette engineer Dave McClellan, with whom Frank used to work. Shown here (l-r): Corvette Mike, Frank, wife Nancy, and Dave. Frank's '96 is in the background.



While at FunFest this year, our members scooped up the awards. Michelle Paillou and Tom Sandvoss had their cars chosen for awards by celebrity judges.



Marlos took their new ride to FunFest



Wild paint scheme

Corvette in a Bubble



Tom still wonders if this Scotch gentleman is going commando

Members of the Lucky Duck Corvette Club. 16 members. 1 car. *Someone's getting hosed.*



Mmmmm, ice cream. Oooooo, Corvettes.

**National Corvette Museum
Ambassador's Report**

Judy Dooley ("Yes, I am!") reported that the museum is sponsoring a "One + One Membership Drive" through April 27, 2013: when you recruit new museum members, your name will be entered into drawings for gifts and prizes. Judy also said that the museum is working on creating a more user-friendly website though it is not quite ready (*and no, Marty is not helping with this one*). Eventually museum website users will need only one password to navigate the site. This year club websites and newsletters were judged by journalism students at Western Kentucky University but unfortunately, our club did not win in either category. *Maybe next year...*

The 2014 Caravan will take place Labor Day weekend August 28-30 of that year. Judy encouraged anyone considering participation to reserve hotel rooms soon as they go quickly for this weekend. The Baymont is now the Holiday Inn Express. The 2014 Caravan will be the 5th National Caravan, marking the 20th anniversary of the Corvette Museum. Regional caravans will form with hundreds of Corvettes making their way en masse to Bowling Green for the weekend activities. It is hoped that the grand opening of the Museum's Motorsports Park will also be that weekend.

Congratulations to **Rich and Theresa Luebcke** who received their 10-year NCM membership pins during the recent Labor Day Anniversary celebration!

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

Rich Luebcke reminded everyone that clubs are being asked to support the Hospitality Room at the Governors meetings.

Congratulations to the **Craig family** racers for putting our club at number 12 in club competitive standings! **Peggy** is number 22 in Ladies, **Jeff** and **Jerry** are numbers 17 and 51, respectively, in Mens. The Route 66/STLCC Autocross event on August 18 and 19 was a success. Thanks to **Jeff Craig** for representing the club

at the autocross and to **Ron Hagenow** who worked the event both Saturday and Sunday. **Tom Reitz** will present STLCC with their sanction check of \$350 at the Governors' meeting to be held September 8 in St. Louis.

John Hibbler of Staunton, Illinois lost all of his Corvettes, motorcycles and parts in a fire at his home in June. Friends and his fellow club members are helping to rebuild the garages. He purchased a replacement '66 coupe while at Corvettes at Carlisle.

Nationally, Convention competition results are being posted on the NCCC website as they become available. **Pat Dolan**, the National Chair for Charities, was inducted into the NCM Hall of Fame. **Dave Heinemann** from the Midwest region was appointed to take over as National Parliamentarian due to the death of **Kevin Milton** who passed away after a lengthy illness. Dave led the effort to get the convention in Tinley Park last year.

60 families have signed up to be included in the NCCC's Family Helping Family directory. The 2013 budget will be reviewed at the September 8 Governor's meeting. Income is projected to be slightly less than \$400,000 with anticipated expenses exceeding \$450,000. Some of the expenses include a payment toward the purchase of one acre at the NCM Motorsports Park, covering the cost of the President's reception at the Convention, taxes and fees for an audit of the books for the incoming treasurer.

Be sure to check the NCCC website for discounts available to us from various manufacturers.

Newsletter Report

No report.

Prior Events

Route 66 Autocross-August 18 and 19

Fritz's Frozen Custard-August 26
Wet but refreshing!

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

Activities included the Hall of Fame dinner honoring new inductees and a dinner honoring Lifetime Museum members. **Michelle Paillou** had some car trouble but with a little help she avoided losing her engine and got home safely. Congratulations to Michelle for winning a Celebrity Choice Award, chosen by Hall of Famer **Gerald Thompson**.

Future Events

Friday, September 7 - Tom and Sherri Marlo's Museum Delivery

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 destination around 2 p.m. for lunch. It will take about two hours to get home after lunch so plan accordingly. Flyers are available. If you need to cancel, please let Marty or Charlie know.

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

Marty Dooley said there will be club parking and it is in closer this year. Parking passes were mailed out if pre-paid.

September 15-16 - Scott Air Force Base Air Show

Our club will not be participating due to a lack of interest.

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

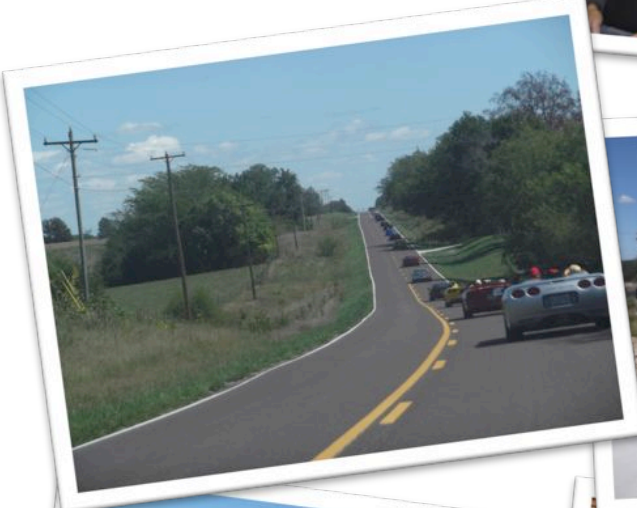
Sherri Marlo is organizing our participation in this event. Registration will begin at 8 a.m. at Ballpark Village lot with the walk starting at 9. Sherri suggested meeting at the Casino Queen and taking the Metro Link to St. Louis. May consider going to Lumiere for lunch afterwards. The event will include a 1-mile walk and a 5K walk. There will be vendor booths and live bands. Sherri is team captain for team STLCC. Go to website alz.org/stl to find steps to register. You can also sponsor Sherri by making a donation **6**

Walkin' for a Cause

The Marlos and The Kirbys walked for Alzheimer's, and Sherri thanks the STLCC for their generous support. She raised \$425!



Beware the Angry Beaver



Nobody is real sure where they went, but when you're following the **Dooleys** and the **Migets** it doesn't really matter...you just know you're in for a good time!

NCCC Governor's Report – October 2012

By Rich Luebcke

In the Midwest Region, our region,

- We have 31 clubs, 2308 members, 32 members-at-large, and 521 FCOA members, the most of any region.
- The NCCC membership database will be closed from 10/1 to 10/13. I will be able to enter renewing and new members up to 12/1, when our Regional membership Director will need them submitted.
- Our Regional Competition Director has let us know that club members with expired memberships are trying to enter sanctioned events. Host clubs will need to step up their scrutiny and turn those attempted participants away.
- A new competition database is currently undergoing test. Better than the current Excel file, it will be done on a national basis, with sanction event numbers assigned automatically.
- There is ongoing discussion about allowing (?) women to compete in men's events.
- The 2013 sanctioned event meeting will take place at the November governors meeting. We will likely be asked to provide sanctions to the Rt. 66 Corvette Club.
- The 2013 slate of Midwest Region officers has been placed on the NCCC website. The treasurer is the only one contested.

Nationally,

- 820 events out of 1470 have been completed as of 9/1. Safety levels are consistently high.
- Rt. 66's Tom Reitz is fifth in National men's points, his wife Chris is third in women's points.
- The new 2 part forms are still to be used for new members; a copy of the form is available on the NCCC website
- A brand new national budget is coming out; the original submission for 2013 showed a \$61,000 deficit.
- Mid America Motorworks is starting their 40th anniversary celebration, kicking off at Funfest.
- The NCCC can and will get NCCC info flyers to our sponsors at ELCO to get to new Corvette buyers (who don't already belong to our hallowed club).
- The Fall issue deadline for Blue Bars is/was 9/30. They are really in need of tech articles written by the membership.
- The 2013 Raffle car is a Torch Red 6 speed 3LT coupe.
- April 2013 is the deadline for submissions for next year's Scholarship requests.
- Clubs are being asked to solicit volunteers for the 2013 Newsletter and Website contests. If you're interested please let me know (governors are not eligible).
- A proposed dues increase was voted down by the governors.

The next Governors Meeting is November 10, again, right here in St. Louis

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.



Rich proposes that all future STLCC and NCCC meetings be held in Alaska.

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.boonetrailcc.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/>



on the website. A sign-up sheet is available or contact Sherri to participate.

Sunday, September 23 – Annual Club Picnic

The board is planning this event. Thanks to **Kevin and Vikki Bayliss** who have graciously offered to host the picnic at their residence. **Dave Horstmeyer** has prepared a Poker Run that will last about 90 minutes. The run will start at the Ballwin Plaza Schnucks on Manchester Road and will end at the **Bayliss** residence. There is a short gravel drive and parking will be on the yard. Plan to bring your chairs, beverages, and a side dish or dessert to share. Paper products and meat will be provided. A sign-up sheet is available or contact **Kevin and Vikki Bayliss**. *(Since the Baylisses are moving, we're thinking of this as a 'Pack-nic!' Boxes are welcome!)*

Sunday, September 30 – Fritz's Frozen Custard Run
6 p.m. at Old Big Bend and 141.

Tuesday, October 2 – Club Meeting at Elco

Buffet dinner will be available prior to the meeting with meeting start at 7 p.m. Watch e-mails for more information. Bring your chairs and beverages, no alcohol please.

Thursday, October 4 – Sunday, October 7–22nd Annual Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

Hotels have begun calling to confirm reservations. More trip news at October meeting. *(Note: The Bikes, Blues and BBQ event will not be held on this same week-end.)*

Saturday, 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.

Saturday, October 20 – Elco-sponsored Bonfire and Hayride

Saturday, October 27 – Vettes and Warbirds

Steve Lyle is organizing this event. More information to follow.

Sunday, October 28 – Fritz's Frozen Custard

Saturday, November 3 – Elco Car Show

Saturday, November 11 – Veterans' Day Parade

Sponsor's Report

Mark Gerecke thanked everyone for coming and supporting the dealership. He cautioned that the parking situation might get worse before it gets better as construction continues. Might consider letting club members park in the building to ease congestion. Mark also reminded members that the dealership could arrange for meeting night dinners to be catered for approximately \$8 or \$9 per person. He will need a head count of those attending the October 20 hayride and bonfire. Wristbands will probably be issued for those attending.

Announcements

Rich Luebcke announced that club members are invited to participate in a Trunk or Treat event being held at St. Anthony of Padua in High Ridge on Sunday, October 21, 5-7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the best decorated car.

Kevin Bayliss said it was interesting to be at the **Howards'** car delivery. **Ruth**, aka **Wanda**, and **Randy** are the proud new owners of a 2013 60th anniversary convertible. Congratulations!! In light of their recent purchase (*Ruth said it was HER idea!*), watch for the "Randy & Ruth Elco Wing" coming soon to a certain dealership near you.

Charity Committee

By Judy Giovanoni, Elise Akins, and Michelle Finn

Thank you to everyone for the clothes for Peter & Paul Community Services emergency shelter for men. Your donations are appreciated.

Our charity event for October 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.

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!

In Memory Of

Roger E. Ruengert



August 26, 1944
September 16, 2012

Memorial Service
Saturday, September 22 2012 @ 11:00 AM
Emmanuel Baptist Church

Officiating
Pastor Richard Grayson

Under the Direction of
Dietrich-Mothershead Funeral Home

Farewell to Corvette Friend Roger Ruengert

Roger was one of the first people to join STLCC. He and Bonnie were great friends to many of us, and he will be missed.

Mystery Run Wrap-Up by Marty Dooley

We had a good turnout for our Mystery Run this year; 36 people joined us. It seemed like everyone had a good time and good food. We had a leisurely ride on one of the best weather days we've had in a long time. It took a bit of planning for the directions and stops but we surely couldn't plan for such great weather. As in the past, we had a bit of history to go along: we learned interesting things about Mark Twain and saw beautiful lake areas. Along with Charlie, Jackie and Judy, I thank everyone that joined us. We enjoyed doing it. Remember, there is always room for Club members to step in and put together an event. Just bring your ideas to the board and we can help make it happen.

October Meeting Menu

Stuffed Pork Chops, Pasta Con Broccoli,
Tossed Green Salad w/ranch & Italian
Dressing, Corn, Tea

If you plan to eat at the October meeting and you didn't sign up at the September meeting, please notify **Ron Hagenow** as soon as possible.

Ron Hagenow offered congratulations to **Tom Marlo** who officially reaches retired military status this month! Thanks to Tom and all of our club veterans for serving our country.

Michelle Finn invited members to support her son **Thomas**, a 9th grade Homecoming King nominee, on September 14 at the home of the Fox Warriors. Congratulations to Thomas.

Sharon Ballinger suggested that members might want to send well wishes to associate member **Jim Love** who was diagnosed with pneumonia while in Bowling Green at the anniversary celebration.

Kevin Bayliss congratulated **Theresa Luebcke** on her recent retirement.

Thank you notes from the **Dooleys** and the management at Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant were shared with members.

Old Business

Meeting location - **Michelle Finn** had suggested Passing Lane Motors in Fenton as a possible meeting place. She said the business is still in dispute with the county re the parking capacity so for now, no action is possible.

Carl Ballinger suggested Grand Slam Sports Bar/Restaurant off of Highway 30, behind old Pietro's Restaurant, about 4 miles west of Watson Road. It is a smoke-free establishment, will cater. Buffet available for \$12.95 and management can work with special food needs.

Charlie Miget suggested trying the restaurant in October and going back to ELCO for the November meeting.

Ken Barron said that he likes supporting ELCO and **Amy Zlatic** concurred that ELCO is a good location. **Randy Howard** reminded everyone that the new ELCO facility will be completed in November.

Mark Gerecke said he was not sure if there would be more room available at the new building but that the club could meet in the showroom. He said the dealership is

open to all possibilities concerning hosting the club on meeting nights.

Marty Dooley suggested trying the restaurant for the January planning meeting. **Ann Pickles** said she enjoys having dinner before the meetings and the camaraderie that provides. She felt that the room used at ELCO this evening is not really conducive to conducting a meeting due to space limitations. Members asked how catering would work at ELCO. Mark said Cusamano's would provide the catering.

Kevin Bayliss suggested having the October 2 meeting at ELCO with a catered meal and having the January planning meeting (*date to be determined*) at the Grand Slam restaurant. **Jeff Craig** mentioned a "dine out" idea. He also offered to bring a PA system for the October meeting as it is difficult to hear without a microphone. Members offered to help set up at ELCO prior to the meal/meeting. Final decision was to meet at ELCO on October 2 with catered meal served. A serving time of 6:30 was mentioned with 7 meeting start. A meal sign-up was provided.

New Business

Kevin Bayliss announced that he will be resigning as club president effective this evening. He and **Vikki** will be moving to Colorado for an October 1 work start date. **Mike Zlatic**, vice president, will take over in the interim and until elections are held in November. **Ron Hagenow** is available to assist if Mike is out of town.

Jean and Bev DuPont will be moving to South Carolina at the end of September. Club members wanting to visit should bring their inflatable bedding! The **DuPonts** and **Baylisses** will be missed. We wish you safe travels and remember...*save the wave!*

Box Tops for Education - Keep saving your boxtops for **Peggy Craig**.

50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to **Bev DuPont** who

drew her own winning ticket and won \$80.

Dessert - Thanks to **Michelle Finn** and **Randy Rickermann** for providing this month's cake and paper supplies.

Larry and Elise Akins have volunteered to bring the October 2nd cake.

57+ members attended this evening's meeting. **Don Giovanoni** moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 with a second by **Michelle Paillou** and approval by the membership. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 2 at 7 p.m. at ELCO with dinner beforehand.

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. 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.

His Corvette Story

(Or How He Shared His Lifelong Dream With Me)

By Amy Zlatic

When I met him, we were in college. His dorm room was papered in Corvette pictures. Literally. The boy had saved every Corvette calendar he had ever received since he was a child (and there were a LOT), and had carefully cut out each glossy color photograph and had them laminated. Then he posted them around his room, an homage to the car he had loved nearly his entire life. Or at least from the time he was old enough to identify a Corvette.

Corvettes run in my family. When I was a child, my father had two C3s, yellow and blue, at one time. My mother drove a red C4 with a 4+3 tranny. To me, this boy wasn't weird...he was a man with excellent vehicular taste.

One thing led to another, and five years and a week after our first date, we were married.

One of our first acts of marriage business was to draft up a household budget, complete with a savings plan to purchase a Corvette. We saved and we stuck to our guns, forgoing eating out and new clothes and whatever gadget-of-the-month came along. And we came nearer and nearer to our goal. He started doing serious research on the latest model: a bright blue C5. It was gorgeous. His favorite image was on his computer desktop, and the newest Corvette dealer catalog had a permanent place on the coffee table. He had options lined out, including Museum delivery.

We were a couple months away from placing our order when the house we had been looking for came on the market. It was out of our budget, and we couldn't afford it with what we had to put down. Without blinking, he took the entire Corvette savings and put it towards our new home. "It's the right thing to do," he said. He was stoic, but I knew his heart was breaking.

On his birthday that year, the day we were supposed to order our Corvette, we went out for dinner. He was quiet throughout the entire meal, and silent on the way home. We pulled in the driveway, and he said, voice cracking, "I think I just need to go for a drive." I got out and cried as I watched him roll away, knowing that I had seen tears in his eyes for the dream he had given up.

We moved into our new home and life went on. We updated and renovated. We had a baby. We went back to graduate school, together, and lost our personal lives for two years. At the end of it all, we looked at each other and sighed. And I said, "It's time. We have the money. It's time." And he finally agreed. We needed to have fun.

We ordered our 2010 Jet Stream Blue Metallic Corvette without telling anyone, taking Museum Delivery just after Mother's Day (May 10, 2010). It was one of the best days of our lives. Our plant tour was extraordinary, with proud American workers coming off the line to shake our hands. He got to start a brand new Corvette, and received a "birth certificate" to commemorate the occasion. We went back to the Museum and I snapped hundreds of photos while he was oriented to the cockpit. We needed to fasten his seatbelt just to keep him in the car, he was floating so high.

After we left the Museum that night, all he wanted to do was drive. I was all for it, until we passed the water treatment plant three times and a café with the same patrons out front four. I made him leave city limits and we hit the countryside. His face beamed, and he practically vibrated with happiness. His joy was contagious, and from that day I loved the car not just because it's the best car in the world, but because it makes the man I love so happy.

Little did we know that it was only the beginning. Our Corvette led us to join the St. Louis Corvette Club and become members of a loud, boisterous family that sticks together through good times and bad. What they say is true: owning a Corvette is more than just a car...it really is a lifestyle. And it's a lifestyle for which we are truly grateful.



American Muscle Corvettes & Warbirds



*Saturday,
October 27,
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Corvette Chef Corner

By Sandy Kirby

This month we are featuring my famous HiHo Crystal Red Apple Pie, along with the C6rust recipe.

Filling

- 6 cups water
- 80 Ritz or HiHo crackers
- 3 cups sugar
- 6 tsp Cream of Tartar
- 2 Tbl sugar mixed with 1 tsp cinnamon

Dough

- 4 cups flour
- 1 cup oil
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 eggs
- 1 tsp salt
- ½ cup milk

Add water, sugar and cream of tartar in a clean oil pan and stick it on a hot Corvette engine. Let it come to a full boil for 2 minutes. Race up and down your street with your "Mild to Wild" set to Wild. Add all of the crackers and bring to a boil. **DO NOT STIR THE CRACKERS.** I mean it. I'll come beat you with a rolling pin if you do.

Mix the dough, and divide in half. Roll one half between two pieces of wax paper (run over with Corvette if you want to get it really flat) and place in 10x15 baking dish.

Pour the filling in.

Roll the second half same as the first. Sprinkle the sugar mixture over the crackers and place the top crust over the filling. Do a little dance.

Bake in oven at 400 degrees for 30-40 minutes, or about how long it takes **Jeff Craig** to complete an autocross race.

Looks and tastes delicious, much like myself. Enjoy!

New Corvette Series Coming to Speed Channel

This coming January the Speed Channel will have a new show you won't want to miss.

'Vette, a Corvette Series' is filled with fast cars and people who live and breathe Corvettes. (Hey...there are more people out there just as crazy as we are! We should make them all Associate Members!)



The 13-episode series will air during prime time on Wednesday nights. Check out the preview online [here](#).

Sample episodes include a visit to Rick Hendrick's Corvette Collection, tour of the Corvette Plant and Museum, a journey down Route 66, a behind the scenes look at Corvette Racing, stories of Corvette Pace Cars and much more.

You can follow the show and join the conversation on their Facebook Fan Page [here](#).

(Since Mike and Amy Zlatic don't have cable, we'll need some Club members to volunteer to host them for drinks, dinner and possibly a guest room on Wednesday nights for 13 weeks. Thanks in advance!)

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 9:30 and 10 am. There will be a driver's meeting at 10 am and depart 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 immediately after the parade at Granite City Brew Company, West Oaks Shopping Center at 11411 Olive Boulevard in Creve Coeur. 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.

Please support the men and women of our armed forces!



ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE: Saturday, December 1, 2012

RSVP: Chris Woods at (314) 846-6176 or woods1890@sbcglobal.net by November 17, 2012

COST: \$25 per person

TIME: 6 -11 pm (Cocktails & Hors d'oevres at 6 p.m., Dinner at 7 p.m., Cash Bar)

PLACE: Sunset Hills Banquet Center, 13366 West Watson Road, Sunset Hills, MO 63127

MENU: Caesar Salad, Garden Salad, Roast Beef Au Jus, Chicken Cordon Bleu, Green Beans, Vegetable Medley, Mashed Potatoes, Cheesecake Bar & Cookies

PAYMENT: Make check out to "St. Louis Corvette Club" (Payment must be received by 11/17)





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