



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



April 2013

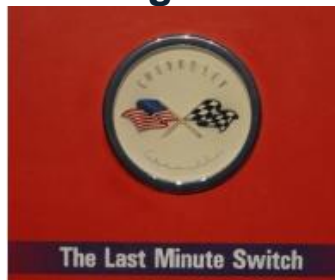
Upcoming Events

April 2	STLCC Monthly Meeting Charity: Baby essentials for Nurses For Newborns
April 11-14	Corvettes and Covered Bridges
April 20	VA Work Party
April 25-27	NCM Bash
April 28	STLCC Ice Cream Run
May 4	STLCC Car Show @ Elco
May 7	STLCC Monthly Meeting Charity: Dog & cat items, blankets & cleaning supplies for Stray Rescue

Welcome to St. Louis Spring! (it has to get better soon!)



The Original 1953 Corvette Emblem



Although the Corvette crossed flags emblem as seen some variation over the years, it actually had a controversial beginning. The first logo design included an American flag crossing over the checkered flag to emphasize America's entry into the sports car world. Originally created by Robert Bartholomew, an interior designer at Chevrolet, this emblem was installed on the 1953 prototype that was set to debut in New York's Waldorf-Astoria during the "Motorama" show. As preparations were made for Corvettes' big day, the Chevrolet legal department discovered that it was against the law to use an American flag on any commercially made product. With only four days left before the show, the pressure was on to come up with a new logo, and fast.

The designers acted quickly, and looked toward Louis Chevrolet for inspiration. Searching at first for a family crest that could be adapted into a flag they ran into a dead end, as the Chevrolet family didn't have a crest. Getting desperate, they looked to the French origins of Chevrolet's name for ideas. They chose the fleur-de-lis, which means "flower of the lily" as it is the French symbol for royalty. Beneath that there are three lines to represent the three Chevrolet brothers. The revised emblem was quickly made by jewelers and installed on the prototype where it has remained on Corvettes ever since.



Remember April Charity: Baby essentials for **Nurses For Newborns.** <http://www.nfnf.org>
Participation is always voluntary. Thank you for your kindness!

Letter from the STLCC President



We had a great meeting in February lasting a record 50 minutes! Congratulations to Vice President Larry Akins for winning the monthly dinner gift certificate.

In the beginning of the year a suggestion box was set out for suggestions. I would like to remind you that if you put a suggestion in, please try to include a solution. Last month we received two suggestions, but no solutions.

On March 9th we had the first STLCC bowling event! We had 32 bowlers and if you ask any of them, it was a fun time! Most want to pick a date and do it again. Of course it was a crazy bowl and I can tell you it was crazy. It was great to see everyone having so much fun. Congratulations to Ann Brown and Mike Price for bowling the high games, and for the “Losers” with the low game scores – Sandy Kirby and Pete Sedovic. Check the website for hilarious pictures. This event was sponsored by Judy & Marty Dooley, and me and Randy.

March 24th is our first ice cream run of the year to Fritz’s. I look forward to our next meeting on April 2ndmight see some cars out!

Don’t forget if you mentioned at the planning meeting that you were working on an event to put on the calendar it’s getting to be that time.

Welcome Spring and see you soon.

Save the Wave!

Ruth Howard

2013 Officers

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

Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

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

National Council
of Corvette Clubs
www.corvetteanccc.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>
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Corvette Central
<http://www.corvettecentral.com/>



April Birthdays & Anniversaries



Pete Sedovic	4/10	Gary & Jan Murray	4/19
Peggy Craig	4/20	Terry & Irene Wilson	4/10
Sue Dahman	4/3		
Kevin Bayliss	4/5		

News from the National Corvette Museum



Build Sheets and Window Stickers

Your Corvette Collection just isn't complete without a copy of your build sheet and a reproduction window sticker! The National Corvette Museum offers build sheets and window stickers for any Corvette assembled in Bowling Green since the GM Plant opened in 1981.

What's a Build Sheet?

There's a lot of nifty paperwork associated with cars. Most people throw the car's documents out shortly after buying their car but in some cases the original paperwork is still available with the car. Some of this paperwork is obvious, and some of it is hidden. Obvious paperwork is dealer invoices, window stickers and other sale information often found in the glove box. Some paperwork is hidden or left in the car in various places - mainly the Build Sheet.

The Build Sheet, often considered "the holy grail" to many folks is a cool item to find. It is often the only means of verifying exactly what options came with your particular car, and helps you determine how many Corvettes were produced exactly like yours. The build sheet is what goes down the line with the car when it is being assembled. It indicates to the line worker exactly what goes on that specific car i.e. all the options, type of wiring harness, shocks, radiator, owner package, mirrors, engine, engine harness, transmission, paint codes, interior codes, order number, etc. and the dealer charge to and the dealer shipped to.

Build sheets vary in size from year to year, 8½ X 11 up to 11 X 17 and you have the option for it to be laminated. You can order your build sheet and window sticker on our website at <http://store.corvettemuseum.com/services/buildsheet>.

Thought you might be interested in this. I know Marty and some other members have them for their Vettes and thought others might be interested too.

Flint Bricks

Own a piece of Corvette history! The GM Assembly Plant where the 300 1953 Corvettes were made in Flint, Michigan was razed in 2003. Thanks to General Motors, the National Corvette Museum has obtained the bricks to use as a fundraiser. The preserved bricks have been cleaned and these historic pieces of the 1953 Corvette's heritage are available for Corvette enthusiasts to own. These unique bricks are offered with an engraved sequence numbered plate and a certificate of authenticity.

These bricks not only make great gifts for the Corvette lover in your family, but also make unique awards for car shows and banquets.

Flint bricks are available 3 for \$75 and can be ordered [here](#).

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

Meeting Minutes

Couldn't make it to the meeting? Here is what you missed (and maybe what you were volunteered for):

St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting - March 5, 2013- Pasta House

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by president, Ruth Howard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ruth recognized current board members president Ruth Howard, vice president Larry Akins, secretary Karen Price, treasurer Rich Doerr, membership Jan Murray, sergeant at arms Don Pickles, immediate past president Mike Zlatic, NCCC Governor Jeff Craig, and NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley. Don Giovanoni, the club's newsletter editor, was also introduced. Webmaster Dave Davidson was absent. The club sponsor ELCO's representatives Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin were introduced.

Announcements

Ruth reminded everyone to sign the attendance sign in sheet and purchase 50/50 tickets from Don Pickles. She also reminded members to sign up for the dinner next meeting if they planned on eating by emailing Jan Murray.

Guests

There were no guests at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Bob Woods moved to accept the minutes from the February 19, 2013 meeting as published in the February newsletter. Judy Barron provided a second to the motion which was then approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Doerr provided copies of the February report for the membership and gave an overview of same. Bob Woods moved to accept the report with a second by Rich Luebcke and approval by the membership.

Membership Report

Jan Murray reported that we have 79 regular members, 20 associate members, and 2 honorary lifetime members. She acknowledged March birthdays and anniversaries.

Comments from February Suggestion Box:

- Loved the place, great food and no smoke
- I think the officers meals should be paid by members- to which Ruth explained that a hand writing analysis of the Board members had been done and it was determined it was not put in by one of them. The Board thanked the membership for this thoughtful gesture, but this would not be done.

Ruth then read an update from Ron Hagenow regarding MaryAnn's recovery and good news on her surgery. She also read a Thank you note from Mary Ann.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee: Rick Doerr, Randy Howard, Don Pickles and Charlie Miget. Rick presented the monthly expense report along with the 2013 budget for the memberships review and comments. Rich Luebcke moved to accept the report with a second by Michelle Palliou and approval by the membership.

By- Laws Committee: Ron Hagenow, Jeff Craig, Rick Doerr, Ron Miessner- no report.

Car show Committee: Larry Akins, Carl Cox, Mike Price.

Larry reported that Mike was willing to cook and the dates were set- May 4th for the Spring and Oct. 19th for the Fall/Chili Cook-off. Mark Gerecke asked if the club would be willing to have the Cadillac car club hold their meeting during the May 4th Car Show. The membership was agreeable to this.

Charity Committee- Judy Giovanoni, Elise Akins, Michelle Finn. Judy thanked everyone that brought donations of food into the meeting tonight for Feed My People and reviewed the April charity, Nurses for Newborns. Full details will be in the Newsletter.

Christmas Committee- Chris Woods and Judy Dooley- Chris reported that the party will be held on Saturday, December 7th at Sam's Steakhouse.

Historians Committee: Carl Ballinger, Marty Dooley, Jerry Craig. Marty reported that they had their first meeting at Sugar Creek Winery and they were gathering and reviewing the history that they had gathered from members.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Newsletter Editor: Don Giovanoni. Don thanked Jerry and Jeff Craig for the tech articles and requested more articles from members. He also was happy to report that Ruth was able to post her pictures to the website now.

Parade Committee: Ron Hagenow was not present. Michelle Palliou reported that she is waiting for a theme for the Webster Parade.

VA Hospital Committee: - Marty and Judy Dooley, Bob Woods and Karen Price. Marty reported that he had received a phone call from Matt at the VA that they will be putting in a putting green in behind the wall by the barbeque pit. The wheelchair games will be held May 3rd so he was planning on trying for April 20th for the planting day to be prepared for the races. He thanked the Akins, Bob Woods, the Pickles and the Dooley's for watering last year and all who had helped.

Announcements from the floor:

Judy Dooley thanked Ruth Howard for the Christmas Slide Presentation. Rich Luebcke thanked the membership for the cards, prayers and donation in memory of his mother.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Jeff Craig was not present.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that the Bash is April 25-27th. There are a block of rooms at the Country Inn and Suites in Bowling Green. See her for details and itinerary for side trips.

Registration is now open. The Assembly Plant is closed for change over to the C7.

Website Report: Dave Davidson- no report since Dave was absent.

Sponsor's Report

Eric DeBruin reported that they have a 2009 Calloway Coupe with 12,000 miles for sale and that they are moving vettes with deep discounts.

Prior Events: Larry Akins

Larry began with the 1st rule of Italian racing, what's behind me is unimportant.

- Valentines/ Mystery Run Brunch- sponsored by the Akins and Murray. Larry reported that 21 cars participated in the run which included a police escort to get out off of the parking lot and 21 questions along the way which resulted in a tie between the Pickles and the Prices. The Price's won with a guess closest of how many bridges were crossed over.

Future Events

Crazy Bowl- March 9th – deposit of \$179.50 made, members to pay the club.

Fritz's Ice Cream Run- March 24th at 6pm.

Covered Bridges- April 11-14th see Newsletter for details.

NCM Bash April 25-27th.

April 20th- VA planting date.

Winery run May 18th in memory of Armynta Craig to be sponsored by Leanne Lyle, Patty and Peggy Craig. Leanne reported that the Run would be to Armynta's favorite Winery- Sugar Creek and held in the fashion that she would approve of. More details to be presented in April.

Mackinaw Island Car show/run- Carl Ballinger reported that we would be leaving August 20th and head toward Mackinaw ending up at the Labor Day Bash at the Museum. Details are available in the Newsletter or from Carl.

Respectfully submitted,

**Karen L. Price
Secretary 2013**



Corvettes/Warbirds- Steve Lyle reported that no car clubs would be invited so the event was cancelled as of now.

Old Business

Ruth reported that she did not break the club website by downloading pictures! Operator error by others!

New Business

Ruth reported that the Board had voted to continue the tradition of sending a plant or donation to a charity of their choice instead of a brick at NCM.

Charity Issue- Ruth reported that in September the club would ask for ideas for donating to a charity. In October the members would have the opportunity of presenting their charity for consideration. In November, members would vote on the charity where there would be money in the budget for distribution.

Bee Tree Park had been secured by Mary Doerr for the Luau on June 15th.

Millstadt, Ill park has been secured by the Kirby's for the club picnic Sept 29th.

Ruth encouraged members to sponsor events. There were 40 members in attendance tonight. Next meeting –April 2nd at Pasta House. Larry Akins won the monthly attendance prize of a gift certificate to TGI Fridays.

50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to Pat Cox who won \$68- the winning ticket was pulled by Eric DeBruin.

Dessert – Thanks to the Zlatic's for the cake tonight. The Howard's will bring the April cake.

Peggy Craig moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 with a second by Bob Woods and approval by the membership. Ruth thanked everyone for coming and wished them a good night and reminded them to drive safely.

Who will own the first C7 in the club?

Steve Lyle - My (Old) Corvette Story:

I got "the bug" in 1965. The year I graduated from High School. I was a budding "gearhead". I had saved up to buy myself a new 'Vette (I was dreaming of course). My MOM insisted the money was to pay my tuition for college. I SO disliked her for that (but what a wise lady she was!) About that time, my Uncle Ronnie, a 20-something "ladies man", was being transferred to Korea with the USAF. He had a white-with-red-leather-interior convertible V-8 '64 Buick Wildcat that he wanted to keep, and let ME drive for the 4 years til he returned! I was not thinking "reliable school transportation", but "chick magnet"!....but again my MOM said "no way, he'll kill himself". Man, I disliked her SO MUCH for that one.

Meanwhile, my 19 year college old buddy, chasing an urban legend actually "found" a '64 Corvette fuelie roadster in a barn (true story). Originally bought by a 20-year old GI who died in Vietnam, it only had 9000 miles, black/white, 2 tops, white custom Naugahyde interior....with a chrome roll cage! Fast? OMG. He had what we called "come from money", so I just lusted after it in my heart (ala Jimmy Carter). He never let me drive it. Heck HE seldom drove it 'cuz it scared him. Several years after we graduated, he built his HOUSE around the car. Yes, a near perfect 99-point Corvette -sitting in the "conversation pit" inside his home. Now finally moved onto a trailer I think.

I HAD to have it. After 20 years or so, I was finally making enough money to make him some (ridiculous) offers to buy that car. Nope, no way would he part with it. So I gave up and began my own search for the right mid-year Corvette. I was then working for United Healthcare and had Sales Reps. all around the U.S. Perfect for looking in local car lots and newspaper ads! I even made "finding the boss a nice Corvette" part of their Annual Performance Review (informally). No such luck.

Finally while driving around my own neighborhood in Burnsville, MN, I saw a guy pushing a pretty little red mid-year roadster with a For Sale sign, out of his garage. I pulled up and asked him about it. He said it needed paint (duh), had the wrong motor (a hi-po 350ci LT-1, but no slouch) and THOUGHT it was a '67 "big block" 427 car. He had found it derelict, a non-running drag racer in SD. Some shade tree mechanic had rebuilt the engine and installed the push rods upside down! Since he was also a mechanic he bought it, towed it home, rebuilt most of the mechanicals -and it sat in his garage —because he fell in love with bass fishing. The wife finally told him, "...I need space in the garage, so the boat goes, the Corvette goes...or YOU go." The 'Vette lost.

I wrote down the VIN and called quickly Nolan Adams, the Grand Guru of Corvette history. Nolan said it was the "lost 396" that he had never accounted for in his list of 396s built. He asked if I was seriously interested in buying it, because he would be on the next plane to MN if I wasn't. He said it should still be worth around \$12,000. When I contacted the owner, he said he'd paid little for it (and it wasn't pretty), so he was only asking \$6,500(!) By then I knew everything on the car was wrong: the '67 black & orange "stinger" hood, the 66-67 427 flags, the AR wheels, paint chipped and spider-cracked everywhere. He had never even looked at the VIN! He did say he thought the original engine was being used as a commercial warehouse door counterweight at the Polaris snowmobile plant in MN(?). So, I half-heartedly 'negotiated' his price, based on the current condition, never telling him that I KNEW what the car really was, but nope he stuck to his price (had to pay off the bass boat apparently, as part of the deal with wifey) so I finally said, "well, ok I guess I'll take it". Ha.

After MANY years of tinkering, maintaining, gradually restoring my '65 to a numbers-matching 396 car, I still wanted that ORIGINAL engine. After all who in their right mind would destroy a rarest-of-rare 427hp 396ci motor? It was a less-than-1-model-year engine. Only 2116 sold. Flash forward to 2008. I had put out feelers to every 'Vette shop and engine dealer.

I was never able to locate that engine in MN, but I finally saw it (correct serial numbers) selling on eBay a few years ago in -of all places, a shop near Sullivan, MO! But they wanted too much money for it, so I never bid on it and it was sold.

Then in 2010 I got a call. An engine shop in Asheville, NY thought they had my motor. After confirming the numbers, he said only wanted what he'd paid for it -and even had a set of good, OEM correct-dated '396' rectangular-port, hi-perf. cylinder heads for it! He set what I thought was a very fair price for the whole deal, so I jumped at it....then I realized I had to tell my wife. Uh-oh, was I in trouble? Nope, she was all for it. She said we'd eat cereal for a few months if we had to. What a gal! I'd waited patiently for 24 years for this and she was fine with it. Of course I didn't tell her the REAL cost was yet to come.

I found a great East Coast shop, ProMar, that re-manufactures engines to OEM specs. using OEM parts. Not rebuilt, reMANUFACTURED. The only downside to that process is to mate the cylinder heads to a new block requires milling the block on a special computer milling machine to ensure a perfect fit, which all but removes the visible serial numbers, but they're still 'in the metal' if ever needed to verify correctness.

Thanks to Mike Walsh, who let us ship it to his factory warehouse and used his forklift to load all 663 pounds of it onto Jerry Craig's truck, we brought it to Jerry's workshop. Then he, Jeff and I began The Great Engine Swap. I spent weeks locating all the (mostly original) accessories, manifolds, lines, connections, radiator/core -support/shrouding, etc. etc. We (i.e. Jeff) finished building the engine over about a dozen weekends (with Armynta patiently feeding us "to keep your strength up"). Jeff, Jerry, Marty and I pulled the 350 and installed the 396 in only 4 hours. The tension mounted as we turned the ignition key for the first time...and VOILA, it fired right up! Rich Luebcke was in attendance to verify "it" actually happened, after listening to me grousing about wanting that engine for 20+ years!

Today it's our driving dream. My wife loves the smoother, quiet motor. That 396 produces so much torque and horsepower, it's like there's no need to shift gears. Dyno-tuning confirmed it's making well over 430hp. Nothing against those wonderful hi-tech C5s and C6s, but you haven't lived til you've ridden behind a solid-lifter, 7000rpm redline, hot, noisy, smelly old big-block engine. Enjoy!



Corvettes and Covered Bridges 2013

April 11th thru April 14th

Thursday April 11th

8:30am, Meet at east-bound rest stop Illinois Interstate 70 just before Highland Silver Lake at about mile marker 26 or 27.

8:45am, Drivers Meeting

9:00am, Depart for Indianapolis. Stop for lunch?

2:00pm est (1:00pm cst), Arrive at Lodging in Plainfield, IN. Room registration, unpack and plan for dinner.

Friday April 12th

9:00am est, Drivers Meeting at motel parking lot, but if raining will meet in motel lobby

9:15am, Depart for Indianapolis Motor Speedway and its Hall of Fame.

9:45am, Arrive at the Hall of Fame. Visit the museum and gift shop, and tour buses are available for a lap around the track. You racing fans will enjoy the many cars, drivers and memorabilia displays. Marty is checking his contact to see if we may drive the Corvettes around the track.

1:00pm, Drivers Meeting. Anybody hungry?

1:15pm, Depart Indy and drive to Turkey Run State Park to stay at Turkey Run Inn. Note that we are not restricted on time at this point, so if we are all done sooner, we have the option to leave earlier, or even leave somewhat later if needed. My only concern is the "rush hour" traffic getting out of Indy.

3:00pm, Arrive at Turkey Run Inn for room registration and to unpack. If some of you choose to forego Indianapolis, but would still like to experience the Covered Bridge tour, you could option to meet us at Turkey Run at this time. The remainder of the evening would be a good time to tour some of the park, and plan for dinner. The only cautionary thing to remember is to not wander too far if walking a trail. The deep ravines and darkness factor do not go well together.

Saturday April 13th

9:00am, Drivers Meeting. The Turkey Run Inn begins serving breakfast at 7:00am. This would also be a good time to plan for lunch.

9:15am, Tour the Covered Bridges until everyone is worn out.

6:00pm, Dinner and drinks at the "36 Saloon" in Rockville, on Hwy 36 at the northeast corner of the square.

Sunday April 14th

9:00am, Meet for breakfast in the Inn dining area. I believe they have a buffet or order from the menu. At this time, we can discuss plans for the day. The park itself has many scenic and historic things to see. Or some of you may wish to visit Jungle Park, which is an old race track. Photos of it are on the club web site. Some may wish to head for home. Regardless, we hope all of you who participated had a great time!

Related Information for the Trip

For our stay in Plainfield arriving the evening of April 11th:

We will be staying at **Comfort Inn Plainfield, phone (317) 839-9600**

- 9 rooms are blocked off in the name of the St. Louis Corvette Club
- those rooms not reserved will be cancelled by March 28th
- the cost for each room will be \$79 per night, and with taxes will be \$90.85
- the address is 6107 Cambridge Way, and is just off of Interstate 70
- Comfort Inn Plainfield <http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-plainfield-indiana-IN082?source=rseeds23>

For our stay at Turkey Run arriving the evening of Friday, April 12th, and departing Sunday, April 14th

We will be staying at Turkey Run Inn located inside the Turkey Run State Park, phone (765) 597-2211

- 9 rooms are blocked off in the name of the St Louis Corvette Club. **If you have decided to stay at Turkey Run Inn, you must call them at the latest February 19th at (765) 597-2211.** This is to give them a deposit. You may still cancel by March 28th, and receive your deposit back.
- The rooms are different, and one couple will need to change rooms from Friday night to Saturday night.
- The rooms available on a first come-first serve basis are as follows:

2 rooms- 1dbl bed, 64.99 plus tax
5 rooms- 1 queen size bed, 85.99 plus tax
1 room- 1 queen size bed with sofa fold-out, 109.99 plus tax
1 room Friday, 1 disability room with 1 dbl bed, 64.99 plus tax, and then 1 room Saturday, 2 dbl beds, 85.99 plus tax.
- Turkey Run Inn http://www.turkeyrunstatepark.com/Turkey_Run_Inn/reservations.htm

Other Web Site References

- Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum <http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/about/35204-Museum/>
- Parke County Covered Bridges http://coveredbridges.com/index.php/covered_bridges?cfid=52
- Turkey Run State Park <http://www.turkeyrunstatepark.com/>
- 36 Saloon http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g37480-d667305-Reviews-Thirty_Six_Saloon-Rockville_Indiana.html



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Meet at Hwy 40 & 94 at Commuter Parking Lot @ 9:45AM. Leave @ 10:00 sharp, for a scenic drive along MO Wine Country...arriving at Sugar Creek by 11:00. Those who prefer may go directly to the Winery and meet us there. The winery owners, Ken and Becky Miller close friends of the Craig family, are donating the use of the Pavilion for our club that day.

Everyone is invited to join the Armynta Craig "Winery Place Settings" competition. Show us how well YOU can create an elegant place setting with crystal, linen, and delicious foods like she would always love to do. The winner will receive one of Armynta's crystal bells!

Please sign up if you plan to compete at the April or May meetings.

We are also making this a fundraiser for the Mercy Pratt Cancer Center in Armynta's memory. All money raised at the event will be donated. We'll have several baskets with some of Armynta's favorite things to raffle -and our usual 50/50 drawing at 2:00 PM. There will be a brochure (made by Jerry Craig) telling a little about our dear friend & why she would love having us doing this.

Please sign up for the Cruise at the April 2nd or May 7th meeting

Questions: Call Patty, Peggy, Chris, Judy or Leanne

NOTE: No liquids of any kind (not even water) can be brought into the winery at Sugar Creek!



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Mackinaw, Michigan Trip August 2013

1. Wednesday Aug. 21, 2013 - travel from St. Louis to Sawyer MI. where we have arranged a tour of the "Corvette Central" facility. We will be eating dinner and spending the night in the Sawyer, MI. area. This is a 375 mi. trip so we will be leaving early to have plenty of time to travel to Sawyer, tour the facility and enjoy our evening. Room reservation details later.....
2. Thursday, Aug. 22. - depart early and travel 340 mi. from Sawyer, MI. to Mackinaw City, MI. where we will be staying at the Baymont Inn. Call Baymont central reservations at 800-337-0550 and tell them you want a room from the St. Louis Corvette Club room block. They also have a confirmation # 703-006697 which might be helpful but is not necessary. We plan to arrive on Thursday, Aug. 22 and depart on Monday, Aug. 26.
3. Friday, Aug. 23. - We will visit Mackinaw Island with a lunch at the Grand Hotel. The charge for the ferry ride to the island, admission to the Grand Hotel, lunch at the hotel and taxi ride will be \$69.50 per person. There will also be free live entertainment Friday PM at the Mackinaw Crossings Mall in Mackinaw City.
4. Saturday, Aug. 24 - Corvette Show - sponsored by the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce. This event is held in a parking lot next door to our motel so we will have easy access to our rooms all day. The Chamber has booked a full day of activities during and after the Corvette Show. We can keep busy up till 9:00 PM if we want - see the attached flyer for details.
5. Sunday, Aug. 25 - this is an open day so you can tour the region at your leisure. I am gathering information on the area - you may want to go back to the Island, travel to Canada (bring your passport), go to the "tunnel of trees", etc.
6. Monday, Aug 26 - drive to Flint, MI. and visit the Sloan and Buick Museums. The Sloan Museum is very interesting with a lot of history of the region. Room reservation details later....
7. Tuesday, Aug. 27 - depart Flint and drive to Louisville, KY. This is a 400+ mile day so we will depart early so we do not have to push hard all day. Room reservation details later....
8. Wednesday, Aug. 28 - spend day in Louisville visiting local attractions like the Louisville Slugger Museum, downtown museums, take a riverboat excursion trip on the Ohio River

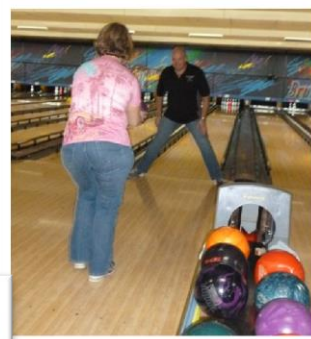
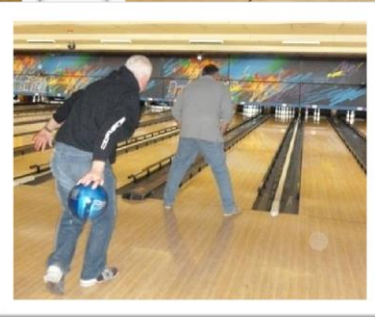
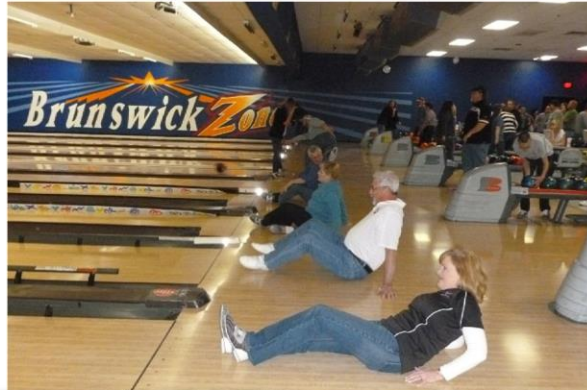
that lasts approx. 2 hours, etc. - Lots of things to do in Louisville.....Room reservation details later....

9. Thursday, Aug. 29 - leave Louisville and stop at distillery in Bardstown, Ky. area on our way to Bowling Green, KY. Arrive in Bowling Green in time to register for event and enjoy time at the Corvette Museum and Corvette assembly plant. Plant tours may be available for either Thursday or Friday. This is a large event so we will want to book our rooms ASAP.....

10. Event runs until Saturday - enjoy your trip. Will depart for home on Sunday. Sept. 1.....



STLCC Bowling Tryouts



Lastly, Jerry Craig kindly provided the following:



For those who never saw any of the Burma Shave signs, here is a quick lesson in our history of the 1930's and '40's. Before there were interstates, when everyone drove the old 2 lane roads, Burma Shave signs would be posted all over the countryside in farmers' fields. They were small red signs with white letters. Five signs, about 100 feet apart, each containing 1 line of a 4 line couplet.....and the obligatory 5th sign advertising Burma Shave, a popular shaving cream. Here are more of the actual signs:

DON'T STICK YOUR ELBOW
OUT SO FAR
IT MAY GO HOME
IN ANOTHER CAR.
BURMA SHAVE

BROTHER SPEEDER
LET'S REHEARSE
ALL TOGETHER
GOOD MORNING, NURSE
Burma Shave

NO MATTER THE PRICE
NO MATTER HOW NEW
THE BEST SAFETY DEVICE
IN THE CAR IS YOU
Burma Shave

TRAINS DON'T WANDER
ALL OVER THE MAP
'CAUSE NOBODY SITS
IN THE ENGINEER'S LAP
Burma Shave

CAUTIOUS RIDER
TO HER RECKLESS DEAR
LET'S HAVE LESS BULL
AND A LITTLE MORE STEER
Burma Shave

A GUY WHO DRIVES
A CAR WIDE OPEN
IS NOT THINKIN'
HE'S JUST HOPIN'
Burma Shave

SHE KISSED THE HAIRBRUSH
BY MISTAKE
SHE THOUGHT IT WAS
HER HUSBAND JAKE
Burma Shave

SPEED WAS HIGH
WEATHER WAS NOT
TIRES WERE THIN
X MARKS THE SPOT
Burma Shave

AT INTERSECTIONS
LOOK EACH WAY
A HARP SOUNDS NICE
BUT IT'S HARD TO PLAY
Burma Shave

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT
Burma Shave

THE MIDNIGHT RIDE
OF PAUL FOR BEER
LED TO A WARMER
HEMISPHERE
Burma Shave

BOTH HANDS ON THE WHEEL
EYES ON THE ROAD
THAT'S THE SKILLFUL
DRIVER'S CODE
Burma Shave

DROVE TOO LONG
DRIVER SNOOZING
WHAT HAPPENED NEXT
IS NOT AMUSING
Burma Shave

AROUND THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?
Burma Shave

THE ONE WHO DRIVES
WHEN HE'S BEEN DRINKING
DEPENDS ON YOU
TO DO HIS THINKING
Burma Shave

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