



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



June 2013

Upcoming Events

June 4	STLCC Monthly Meeting Charity: Clean Out Your Closet for Kingdom House
June 8	Litchfield Run
June 15	Luau
June 22	STLCC Night at the Races
June 24-28	NCCC Convention
June 27	NCM 60 th Anniversary Event
June 28	Drive Your Corvette to Work Day
June 28-30	Bloomington Gold
June 30	STLCC Fritz's Ice Cream
July 2	STLCC Monthly Meeting Charity: Non-perishable food for St. Louis Foodbank



Remember the June Charity: Clean Out Your Closet for men's and women's clothing to benefit the Kingdom House. <http://www.kingdomhouse.org>
Participation is always voluntary. Thank you for your kindness!



Letter from the STLCC President

First of all I apologize for not being present at the May meeting. We were up in Chicago watching the Cardinals beat up on the Cubbies!

Thank you very much for those members that made it out to the ELCO car show on May 4th. It wasn't exactly the perfect day weather wise, but fun was had by all! I would like to thank Larry Akins and Mike Price for putting this event together. Thanks to Mike for doing a great job as the head chef! Thanks to Mark & Eric for supplying the food, drinks and prizes. Congratulations to Randy Howard for winning the Customer Choice award with his 1965, and Marty Dooley for winning the Sponsor's Choice award with his 1964. Check the website for pictures.

Kudos to Peggy & Patty Craig, Leanne Lyle, Judy Dooley, Sharon Ballinger, and Chris Woods for an awesome job on the "1st Annual Armynta Craig Winery Run". It turned out to be a beautiful day. As we rode the beautiful hills of Augusta (lead by Jeff) it was a little overcast. Once we pulled into the winery the clouds starting disappearing and the sun came out. We all know who was in charge of the weather! Good job Armynta! Congratulations to Sherri & Tom Marlo (doubt Tom had anything to do with this) on winning the beautiful Waterford Bell for best table setting. In the end it was a beautiful day to celebrate a beautiful person. Great job! Check the website for pictures.

The winery run supporting Armynta and the entire Craig family was just another way of showing that this is not just a "car club". Sure is funny how cars can bring people together and we become family! It was also great to see Paul & Kathy Craig make the event.

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.

Save the Wave!

Ruth Howard

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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.occcstl.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/>



June Birthdays & Anniversaries



Irene Wilson	6/1	Ken & Sue Dahman	6/1
David Davidson	6/14	Carl & Pat Cox	6/5
Judy Dooley	6/14	Mark & Kimberlie Gerecke	6/6
Sherri Marlo	6/15	Gary & Debbie Tidwell	6/11
Dave Markland	6/18	Dave & Marya Horstmeyer	6/14
John Corrora	6/22	Dana & Diana Griggs	6/17
Richard Doerr	6/29	Don & Angie Bradford	6/26
		Ron & Mary Hagenow	6/30

Oops: There was an error in last month's Birthday list. It was Anne Pickle's birthday on 5/25, not Don's. Sorry! – Ed.



News from the National Corvette Museum

Registration is now open for the 19th Anniversary Corvette Celebration which takes place on Aug. 29-31 at the National Corvette Museum.

Lifetime Members - no charge (but you must register)
Members - \$15 each
Non Members \$25 each.

There will be lots of events going on during this weekend: Car Show, Hall of Fame inductee banquet, Lifetime members dinner, Ladies Oasis, Cruises, Road Trips (you must register for cruises & road trips, some have a fee), seminar's about the new C-7, and lots more.

Just go the NCM web site and select events to register for this event if you plan on going.

Hope to see you there

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):

May 7, 2013- Pasta House

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by vice president Larry Akins in the absence of president Ruth Howard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Larry recognized current board members president Ruth Howard (absent), 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, as well as Webmaster Dave Davidson were introduced as well as the club sponsor ELCO's representatives, Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin.

Announcements

Larry reminded everyone to sign the attendance sign in sheet, purchase 50/50 tickets from Don Pickles and place their name in the monthly drawing for the attendance prize. The envelope for collection of "Box Tops for Education" for Peggy Craig was noted to be available at the table with the sign-up sheets. He then asked for a vote to have a Pizza buffet at the next meeting- this was passed for the dinner next meeting in June.

Guests

There were no guests at the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Chris Woods moved to accept the minutes from the April 2nd, 2013 meeting as published in the April newsletter. Mary Doerr provided a second to the motion which was then approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Rich Doerr provided copies of the April report for the membership and gave an overview of same. Ann Brown moved to accept the report with a second by Ron Hagenow and approval was passed by the membership.

Membership Report

Jan Murray reported that we have 79 regular members, 20 associate members, and 2 honorary lifetime members. She acknowledged the May birthdays and anniversaries as printed in the Newsletter. She then read thank you notes from the American Red Cross for the Hurricane Relief Fund donation and a thank you note from Michelle Palliou for the donation in memory of her dad.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee: Rick Doerr, Randy Howard, Don Pickles and Charlie Miget. No report.

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 the next car show was scheduled for October 19th. He would provide details of the Spring event later.

Charity Committee- Judy Giovanoni, Elise Akins, Michelle Finn. Judy read a thank you note for the baby essentials donations for Nurses for Newborns. She noted that Michelle Finn would be accepting any donations tonight for the May charity - Stray Rescue. The June charity will be for Kingdom House- clean out your closets and bring clothes to the June meeting. Elise Akins read the thank you note from Feed My People.

none

Christmas Committee– Chris Woods and Judy Dooley- December 7th at Sam's Steakhouse deposit has been sent in. Rick Doerr noted that the check has cleared.

Historians Committee: Carl Ballinger, Marty Dooley, Jerry Craig. Marty reported that there was no report at this time. Jerry noted that they had not had time to fit in a winery run to date.

Nominating Committee: No report.

Newsletter Editor: Don Giovanoni. Don requested more stories of how members acquired their passion for Vettes, etc. along with any tech ideas.

Parade Committee: Ron Hagenow –no report for the Veteran's Day Parade as of yet. Michelle Palliou noted that the July 4th Webster Groves parade would be followed with lunch at the Prices and an opportunity to golf. Sign-up sheet to be provided.

VA Hospital Committee: – Marty and Judy Dooley, Bob Woods and Karen Price. Marty recognized the Dooley's, Karen Price, the Kirby's, Carl Ballinger, Tom Marlo, the Woods, the Murrays, the Akins and the Doerrs for all of the help planting and preparing the Gardens for the Wheel Chair Race Events. He reminded everyone that he would be looking for help in watering and maintenance of the gardens and noted how many thankful comments were given by the vets and staff.

Announcements from the floor:

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley noted that since the Club is a Life Time Member, all members would receive a 25% discount off of their membership. The 60th Anniversary will be held in late June- look at the Museum Website for an agenda and details. She also has available \$10 raffle tickets for a 60th Anniversary coupe.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Jeff Craig was not present.

Website Report: Dave Davidson noted that it was still hard to upload pictures to the website. Jerry Craig suggested to download the program Filezilla to use to make it easier. Please place the pictures with the date and name in a folder for easy access.

Sponsor's Report

Mark thanked all that attended the May 4th Car Show. In spite of the cloudy day, he noted that a lot of people came to admire our cars. He thanked Mike Price for the excellent BBQ skills displayed in preparing the brats, hamburgers and hot dogs. Elco's photographer, Chris had posted pictures that he had taken on Facebook. Mark noted that he expected the C7's to start in the \$52,000 price range for a coupe and \$55,000 for a convertible but would have definite pricing by late summer. He forgot to ask about the cabinet approval, but will check with Cort and Bill to see where it is at and get back to us by next meeting.

Prior Events: Larry Akins

Covered Bridges- April 11-14th sponsored by the Wilsons. Anne Pickles gave details of the fun run which included a visit to Indy where attendees enjoyed not only a tour of the track but also received a Brick from the track and enjoyed a memorable lunch at Charlie Brown's. The next day's tour included 7 Covered Bridges and an excellent dinner at the Beef House. She also noted that due to the heavy rains this past week, some of the areas we toured were now flooded. It was a great trip- thanks to Terry and Irene for hosting.

NCM Bash April 25-27th- Judy Dooley noted that over 1600 members of the Museum were invited to view the new C7. The Museum has received approximately \$189,000 in donations for use for the Motor Cross venue which now has 120 acres secured. It was a wet weekend but a lot of food and fun was had.

April 28th- Fritz's Ice Cream Run- Don Giovanni reported that it was cold but no rain or snow, so those that attended enjoyed the first taste of summer.

May 4th- Spring Car Show at Elco- Larry Akins reported that we had 16 ½ cars displayed and despite the forecast, no rain was seen. Mike Price was noted to be the Master of the BBQ. Attendance prizes were given out with the last and most prized being a yellow C6 hat which was appropriately won by Karen Price. A Customer Choice award was presented to Randy Howard for his beautiful 65 and a \$25 gift certificate with a thank you letter was sent to Maurice Kroll who won the attendance prize for voting. The Dealer's Choice went to Marty Dooley's 64- so the older Vettes swept the awards for this show. Mark noted that the Elco photographer, Chris was willing to donate a photo shoot as a raffle prize for the Oct. 19th Show.

Future Events

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. The run would begin at 9:45am from the commuter lot at 40/94 and continue with a scenic drive that would end up at the Winery at 11am. There would be a competition that would include judging by the staff at Sugar Creek to include table setting, food choice etc. in honor of "What would Armynta bring?" The award is to be a crystal bell from Armynta's private collection. There will be raffle baskets with the proceeds to go toward the Pratt Cancer Center in honor of Armynta's. Sign- up sheet available.

Fritz's Ice Cream run May 26th.

June 8th- The Marlos are sponsoring a Run to Airiston Café and Market Place. Plan to leave Columbia, Ill by 11:30 and head to Edwardsville to tour the historic district then on to Livingston for lunch. Sign up sheet available.

June 15th Luau- Mary Doerr reminded all to sign up for the event which will be held at Bee Tree Park- more details at the June meeting.

June 22nd- Fairmont Race Track- Jan Murray noted that the event would be \$25/person and there were 2 spots available to fill.

June 28th Drive your Corvette to Work day- plans to meet at Mimi's at 10am and then drive out to Sugar Creek Winery for the afternoon.

NCM 60th Anniversary, Bloomington Gold- June 27-28th.

Mackinaw Island Car show/run- Carl Ballinger. Details are available in the Newsletter, Website or from Carl.

Comments from March Suggestion Box:

None to review.

New Business

Larry reminded everyone to plan events and ask for help if needed.

Questions/comments/suggestions:

None.

50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to Ann Brown who won \$75, Gary Tidwell who won a C7 hat (donated by Marty Dooley) and a C7 lapel pin was captured by Chris Woods.

Drawing for the monthly attendance prize:

Peggy Craig received a \$25 gift card to Macaroni Grill.

Dessert – Thanks to the Akins for the delicious cupcakes provided for tonight's meeting. The Dooleys will bring the June cake.

Next meeting: June 4th.

Tonight's attendance was reported by Jan Murray as 39.

Chris Woods moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 with a second by Judy Dooley and approval by the membership. Larry thanked everyone for coming and wished them a good night and reminded them to drive safely.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Price
Secretary 2013

Member News

Submitted by Jerry Craig

Peggy Craig's Orchestra wins competition

Peggy's middle school orchestra took home the grand prize trophy. First, over all middle school, junior high and high school orchestras!

The second selection was the winner. Very moving.

Subject: YouTube video! Worlds of Fun. Kansas City.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XA2I0iAUZ2I&sns=em>

ABOUT THE V.A. GARDEN

A little club history.....



Back in the spring of 2004 some of our club members were looking at what some organizations were doing as a way of giving back. One couple in the club came up with an idea to make a garden area in the rear of Bldg. 52, at the V.A. Hospital at the Jefferson Barracks complex in south St. Louis County.

Years ago, there was a concrete patio, block walls and a couple of trees. Not too much else going on in this area. What happened next was a small army of club members showed up to transform this little used area, into a garden, with new plants, flowers, a couple of fountains, a 24' flag pole, colorful planters and some stone block planters.

Every year, with the help of some very dedicated club members, this garden area behind Bldg. 52 looks better and better. This area gives patients and their family and friends a lovely and peaceful place to go to get out of the hospital for a while.

One more thing, whenever we do any work at the garden, there is always a patient or a hospital employee thanking us for what we do there, but it is really us thanking them for all the Veterans have done for us...

Marty Dooley



Ruth Howard suggested a regular recipe column in the newsletter. Please submit your recipes to the newsletter editor by the 20th deadline or he will be forced to publish his recipe for microwave popcorn. – Ed.



STLCC Recipes

Submitted by Ruth Howard: Armynta gave me this recipe in 2011 and I made it for the winery run. Everyone loved them and requested the recipe.

Cranberry Tarts

1 (14.1 ounce) of box refrigerated pie crust – (2 rolls)

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup sugar

$\frac{1}{4}$ cp butter, melted

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 cup dried cranberries

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup toffee bits

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup chopped walnuts

1. Preheat oven to 325°. Spray 24 mini muffin tins with non stick baking with flour.—I just use PAM without flour.
2. Roll out each pie crust just slightly larger and using a 23/4-inch round cutter, cut 12 circles from each pie crust. If necessary just re-roll crust. Press crusts into the bottom and up the sides of each cup of muffin pan.
3. In a medium bowl, combine sugar, melted butter, eggs and vanilla, whisking to combine. Stir in cranberries, toffee bits and walnuts. Spoon about 1 Tablespoon mixture into each prepared crust. Bake for 24 to 26 minutes or until lightly browned. Let cool in the pan for 10 minutes; remove tarts to wire racks to cool completely.

Ruth, be sure the crust come up over the top of each tin. Also use a rounded tablespoon of filling and then re-fill whatever is not used.

I have only transported these tarts once to Karen's house. What I did was to remove the tarts from the tin to a cooling rack then wash the muffin tin and when the tarts were cool I just put the tarts back into the tin, covered it with foil. They were easy to transport and I didn't have one problem with any of the little tarts breaking or getting smashed one into another.

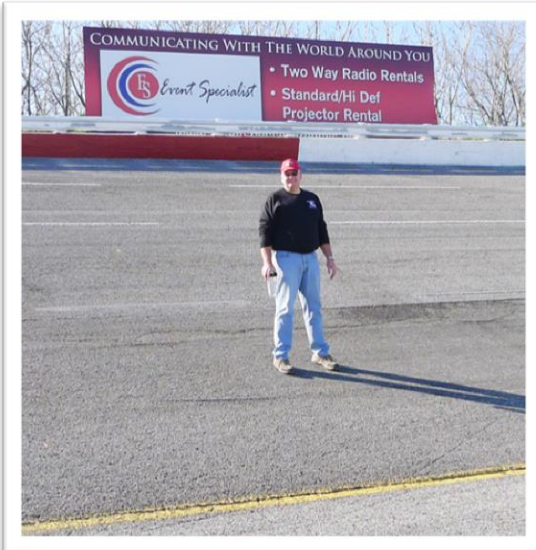
Corvette Pricing through the Generations - Adjusted for Inflation

Generation	Average Adjusted MSRP
C1	\$28,372
C2	\$31,350
C3	\$33,024
C4	\$55,996
C5	\$54,157
C6	\$51,245
C7	\$51,995

Full details including individual years on **Corvette Online**:

<http://www.corvetteonline.com/news/corvette-msrp-through-the-years-the-affordable-dream-car/>

A few racing shots from this year shared by Jerry Craig:



Come join us on a trip to Mackinaw Island, MI. and beyond to Bowling Green, KY. – home of the Corvette

You can join us for the entire trip or any portion – you do not have to do the entire trip!!!!

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.....



May Elco Car Show

Photos courtesy of Engine Light Creative



Randy Howard – Customer's Choice



Marty Dooley – Sponser's Choice





1st Annual Armynta Craig Winery Run





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