



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



May 2014

STLCC Upcoming Events

April 27	Monthly Fritz's Ice Cream Get Together
May 6	STLCC Meeting @Grand Slam 6pm Dinner 7pm Meeting
May 17	STLCC Car Show at ELCO, gathering at Kusky's afterward!
May 18	- VA Gardening - Monthly Fritz's Ice Cream Get Together
May 30	Villa Antonia Wine Run
June 3	STLCC Meeting @Grand Slam 6pm Dinner 7pm Meeting
June 7	2nd Annual Luau



Photo: Chevrolet .com

Need at least 635hp but gotta have a convertible? You are in luck. Chevrolet announced the 2015 Z06 drop top at the New York auto show. The new chassis is said to be stiff enough that the Z06 convertible will have the same suspension tuning as the coupe. This new chassis is also why the new Z06 coupe is will have the same removable hard top as other Corvette coupes. Prices for the 2015 Z06s have not yet been announced.

Dear St Louis Corvette Club Members-

There were three items brought forward and discussed by the attending members at the April meeting. These items will go to the membership for paper vote at the May meeting.

- 1) The Charity Committee chair, Michelle Finn, made a motion requesting the 50/50 proceeds be split between the two charities that were not chosen from last year:
Helping Strays of Monroe County, IL and Love U2 Pieces.
- 2) Ron Hagenow made a motion for the club to purchase static clings for the Gold Star Parents. The club will keep the clings and use at the annual Veteran's Day parade. Cost of the clings is \$300 plus tax.
- 3) Our club is a life time member of the National Corvette Museum. For the past two years, Judy & Marty Dooley have purchased the club banner that hangs all year at the museum. Marty made the following motion: Each year the old club banner will be raffled off and the proceeds be used to purchase the next year's banner. The club will supplement if the proceeds are not enough to cover the cost. The club banner runs approximately \$500.

Mike Price will be presiding over the May meeting.

Thank you!

From Marty & Judy Dooley:

So for this spring we have had some very energetic club members volunteer their time at the V.A. garden behind building 52. We have cleaned up the yard area, got rid of all the old growth and have it ready for some fresh new colorful flowers. We have replaced and set up 2 new fountains for our injured veterans and their families to enjoy.

Because of scheduling issues, weather, cold, freezing and plants not ready for us, the final rescheduled planting & mulching date is **Sunday, May 18, 2014 at 1:00 pm** (about 2 hours).

This garden work is our way to thank our Veterans at the Bldg. 52 Spinal Cord Rehab Center.





Letter from the STLCC President

Yeah! Spring is FINALLY here!!

And with Spring come various ponderings – such as -- what is a divot? Is it in fact the hole or is it the clump of earth that flies out? How does that Bunny carry all of those eggs in one basket?

And...how do I get those nasty bug guts off of my car hood without removing the paint with an SOS pad?

We had a beautiful day and a nice showing for the Mystery Run on the 12th. Thanks to Patty & Jeff Craig and Judy & Marty Dooley for putting together a fun drive and a noteworthy history lesson. Lunch was tasty, too!

Hopefully May 17th will have sunny skies as well for the Car Show and “after party” get together at the Kusky’s.

Well, that’s about all from me for now. Mike Price has the helm for the next meeting. Pete and I will be back in time for the Villa Antonio Wine Dinner on May 30th. Have a safe Memorial Weekend.

Save the Wave and Arrivederci!

Ann M. Brown

President

2014 Officers



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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/>



May Birthdays & Anniversaries



Joan Jennewein 5/9
Vickie DeBruin 5/13
Conita Shoulders 5/19
Pat Cox 5/20
Don Giovanoni 5/24
Anne Pickles 5/25
Chris Woods 5/26
Sandy Kirby 5/29
Pamela Queen 5/30
Mark Gerecke 5/31

Stephen & Leanne Lyle 5/24
David & Glenda Davidson 5/28



News from the National Corvette Museum

Well, all 8 Corvettes have been recovered from the sinkhole in the Sky dome. Unfortunately, the Mallet Hammer is the worse of the 8 Vettes. You can follow this on the NCM Facebook Page as updates are posted and watch time lapse video each week on their YouTube channel. Work will continue on the sinkhole project with dirt and debris being removed in search for more of the parts from the cars. All 8 Corvettes are now on display in the exhibit hall.

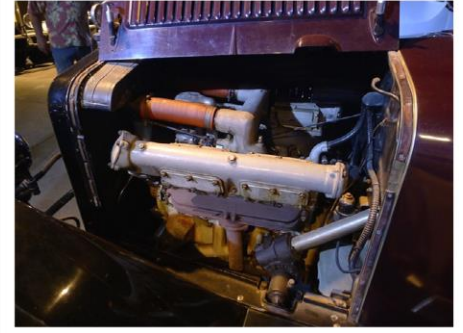
The Motorsports park is coming along. Since the warm weather is finally here, paving has begun on the autocross/skidpad area. They are using the new 3D paving system which can lay down hypersmooth pavement within 1/8" of thickness tolerances. This is needed for a track that has elevation changes and other technical challenges.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador



STLCC Mystery Run - 4/12/2014







Pig (hog) Oilers

At Marlene's restaurant and Crane's museum (as part of the great Mystery run), there were several items on display that none of the Club members could identify. When asked, Mr. Crane (owner) explained that farmers would save their used motor oil and pour it into these devices. In the late 1800s and early 1900s hog lice and hog cholera could prove devastating to livestock producers and the hog oiler was seen as one way to combat the problem.



Please save your used printer cartridges for me for Newborns in Need, and bring to the meetings. We get a small amount of money through a recycling program. We can take any kind that fit into your hand, except remanufactured ones. Just put in any plastic bag. *Thank you!* - Judy Giovanoni

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

April 1st, 2014- Grand Slam

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Ann Brown. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ann introduced current board members-president Ann Brown, vice president Mike Price, Secretary Karen Price, sergeant at arms Michelle Paillou, Treasurer Bob Kusky, and membership Tom Marlo, Immediate Past President, Ruth Howard. Club sponsor ELCO's representatives Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin were also introduced. Ann welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to review the sign ups sheets, purchase 50/50 tickets, and put their names in the drawing for the monthly attendance prize as well as sign up for bringing a monthly cake. She was pleased to present the Zlatic's with their Christmas present.

Guests/New Members

Ron and Norma Zimmer were introduced as guests- they are the proud owners of a 2009 White coupe. Welcome!

Meeting Minutes

Ron Hagenow or Ron Howard as introduced by Ann Brown, moved to accept the minutes from the March meeting as published in the April Newsletter. Sandy Kirby provided a second to the motion with approval by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Kusky provided a verbal report of the March monthly expense report for the membership. Laurie Grubb moved to accept the report with a second by Shari Marlo and approval by the membership.

Membership Report

Tom Marlo acknowledged the April birthdays and anniversaries as printed in the newsletter. He reported that we had 77 regular members, 2 lifetime members for a total of 93 members.

Newsletter Editor

Don Giovanoni was absent so no report.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that the first big event for the museum since the sink hole disaster would be the Bash April 24-26th. She noted that raffle tickets were available for a Torch Red Convertible to be held on April 26th thru the museum- she noted that she and Marty would be bring it home for the winner. New rooms at a reasonable rate will be available for the 20th Caravan.

Attendees would be able to drive a lap on the Motorsports track. She reported that Jerry Craig had purchased some pavement for the track.

NCCC Governor's Report-Jeff Craig (National Council of Corvette Clubs)

No report

Website Update: Dave Davidson

No report.

Sponsor's report:

Eric DeBruin reported that Elco appreciated the support of the club by the dealership. He noted that they offered a referral program and the Elco was here for the club. Currently they only had one black convertible in stock.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee – Rick Doerr, Randy Howard, Don Pickles.- no report

By-laws Committee – Ron Hagenow- no report

Car Show Committee – Larry Akins, Carl Cox, Mike Price. – no report

Charity Committee – Michelle Finn. Michelle thanked both Judy Giovanoni and Elise Akins for a great job last year. This year's focus would change to acknowledge the 2 charities that were nominated last year but were not chosen- Love U 2 Pieces and Helping Strays of Monroe County by splitting the proceeds of the 50/50 between the two. A proposal was made by Randy Howard for this, seconded by Mike Price. Ann Brown will put this into an email and then post this in the Newsletter for review and then provide a paper vote at the May meeting. She would also like to start a 50/50 raffle with a goal of selling 200 tickets at a price of \$5/ticket with the winning ticket to be drawn at the club picnic, proceeds to benefit the charities. She would also like to have a giving tree for Christmas to benefit families suggested by St. John's Vincent DePaul - she will contact her priest for families and have a tree by the November. Ann Brown will also provide this information for a vote by the membership.

Christmas Committee – Chris Woods and Judy Dooley. Judy noted that she had talked with Chris and she was having further surgery to correct scar tissue from her January knee surgery- we miss you Chris, hurry back. Judy noted that the cost would remain the same as last year, with the club supplementing the additional cost.

Historians Committee – Carl Ballinger, Jerry Craig, Marty Dooley. They noted that they have not had an opportunity to visit the winery for a meeting but were planning to do so.

Nominating Committee – Mike and Sandy Kirby- Sandy noted that they were looking for volunteers.

Parade Committee – Ron Hagenow for Veteran's Day Parade and Michelle Palliou for the July 4th Webster Groves parade. Michelle noted that she will have a sign-up sheet for the Webster parade and there will be picnic at the Price's following the parade- you do not need to participate in the parade to come to the picnic. Ron noted that he would like to have the club purchase static clings for the Gold Star Mom's. He had contacted Dale's signs and the cost would be \$300 + tax. Ann Brown will also provide information for this to vote on. He also noted that if you needed flags you could go to Flag Caddie.com for caddies and service flags.

VA Hospital Committee – Marty and Judy Dooley, Karen Price. Marty will talk about this in future events.

Newsletter Editor - Don Giovanoni.

Prior Events/activities: Mike Price

March 16th - Board & Committee Meeting- Ann Brown reported that we had a lovely dinner at Michelle Paillou's home- the food was fabulous and the Moonshine and Cherries made the meeting a success. Events for the year were discussed and the committee's roles and procedures were reviewed.

March 22nd - Crazy Bowl sponsored by the Howard's and the Dooley's Judy and Ruth reported that 36 bowlers and a couple of dinner guests enjoyed a fun evening. Ann Brown was a repeat winner for the women and Larry Akins took home the prize for the Men's division. Thomas and Peggy Craig took home White Castle gift cards as the proud losers.

March 23rd - Va Garden Clean Up. Marty Dooley thanked the members that showed up to prepare the gardens for the spring planting. He noted that we would have to move the planting day until May due to the potential freeze. He also reported that he had purchased 2 new concrete fountains for the Garden and that Bob Kusky had generously donated \$100 for the old ones.

March 28th - Happy Hour sponsored by the Dooley's, Ballinger's, and Kirby's- Hot Shots in Arnold 4-7pm. 17 members were able to join in the fun.

March 29th - NCCC Rally with the Little Egypt Car Club in Centralia, Ill- see Jeff reported that 11 cars participated including 1 from WS, 8 from RT 66, 2 from Chicago. The Craig's took 2nd, 3rd and 6th and all enjoyed pizza and beer. He also reported that Jerry and Peggy Craig had 200 points and Peggy was #11 in the Midwest region.

March 30th - 1st Fritz's Ice Cream Run – Rick Doerr reported that 6 members enjoyed the first taste of summer.

Future Events/activities: Mike Price

April 12th - Mystery Run sponsored by the Dooley's and the Craig's- meet at 9:30 at the commuter lot off of hwy 94/40/61- bring cash \$6/person admission fee and radios and plan for a fun day including lunch and antiquing. Should be back in town around 4pm.

April 20th - Easter Car show in Forest park

April 27th - Fritz's Ice Cream Run

May 4th - Ann and Pete finally tie the knot!

May 15-17th –ZR-1C4 Gathering

May 17th - Elco Car show- noon until 2pm with the after party at the Kusky's.

May 18th - Ice Cream Run to Fritz's (early due to Memorial Day)

May 30th - Villa Antonio Wine Dinner sponsored by the Doerr's and the Pickles- \$45/ person, meet at winery at 6pm. Sign up available. Make check payable to Club.

June 7th - Luau- Laurie Grubb- Club to provide the meat and members to bring side dish- they will have the pool open.

June 21st - 2nd Annual Armynta Craig Wine run to Sugar Creek Winery.

New Business

Ann announced that she had sent a nice thank you note to May Dental Arts for the use of their parking lot to which they responded that was so sweet but we could not use their lot to park for the meetings.

Bob Kusky announced that he had talked to the director while over helping with the fountains about having a drive in movie night at the VA with the Corvettes and would explore when we could do that.

Club Banner at the Museum - Ann noted that the Club is a lifetime member and that Marty and Judy Dooley had bought the club banner for display at the museum in the past. She suggested that the club purchase the banner (cost around \$500) and we could raffle the old one off at the club picnic to cover the cost- Ann will provide this information for a vote at the May meeting.

Ann read a thank you note from our donation to Cardinal's Care in honor of Judy Dooley's brother, Mike Richard.

Announcements from the floor

The Duke's noted that they had just made reservations for Eureka Springs and if any members were interested, reservations were available.

Tom Marlo reminded members that there were 5 hotels booked for the trip out west and also a train trip in Durango. He has information about the 12 day trip.

Bob Kusky encouraged visitors to join.

Dana Griggs had a photo book that Chris Hayes had taken pictures of his Corvette for members to look at.

50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to Ann Brown who won \$90 pulled by visitor Norma Zimmer. The Ballinger's donated 3 hats and a T-shirt for additional raffles- the T-shirt was won by Don Pickles and hats were won by Mike Price, Pat Cox and Gary Duke.

Drawing for the monthly attendance prize

Michelle Paillou won a \$25 gift card to Olive Garden

Dessert

Thanks to Ann Brown for baking and bringing the delicious cake tonight in celebration of her upcoming wedding. May's cake to be brought by Jeff and Patty Craig.

Next meeting: May 6th - Mike Price will chair due to Ann's honeymoon.

Tonight's attendance was reported by Tom Marlo as 49.

Sharon Ballinger moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15pm with a seconded by Erin Duke and approval by the membership. Ann thanked everyone for coming and reminded them to drive safely and save the wave.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Price, Secretary 2014



Radios for road trips.

STLCC members enjoy travelling to new places and somehow, food is always involved.

Communication on the road is important so everyone is up to date on turns and other conditions. Two methods are used. For short trips hand held two-way radios are helpful. They work well for line of sight talk but the range is limited to a mile or so. On longer trips, cell phones are best when the group gets spread out. Trip organizers are encouraged to supply a list of cell phone numbers to everyone on the trip.

Hand held radios come in a variety of prices and features. Two "services" are combined into most radios. FRS or Family Radio Service is intended for short range low power use. GRMS service (General Mobile Radio Service) uses higher power and legally requires a FCC license. License compliance seems to be a matter of personal preference and is a complex process.

Talk is available on 15 channels. High power is limited to channels 1 to 7. Each of the main channels has 22 sub-channels. Radios transmitting on a sub channel transmit a tone or beep that opens the receiver for anyone listening on that sub channel. This gives a bit more privacy. STLCC uses main channel 6 and sub channel 6 for most road runs.

Hand held radios come with too many features and settings. Most come with rechargeable batteries and the option to use regular AA or AAA throwaways. Either kind will last about 7 hours or less. On long trips this means remembering to recharge each night or carrying a supply of standard cells.

__Be sure to purchase a radio that has the main and sub channel capability. Really inexpensive units have only the main channels.

__**Motorola** has a couple of models that allow recharging in the car using a cigar lighter plug and mini USB cable (same as used by many cell phones). This is a feature worth a few extra dollars.

Check out the Motorola Talkabout MR350R models.

VOX feature. Turn off VOX. VOX will transmit without pressing the transmit key. It is voice (and noise) activated. We have listened to embarrassing conversations and loud muffler noise because someone had VOX turned on.

Radio Courtesy. If it has been sometime between transmissions, transmitting a "RING" is a good idea so everyone knows to listen. (Most units have a ring button). A end-of-transmission beep may be turned on so people know you have finished transmitting. Jocularly is fine if limited. Transmitting a favorite song is not good as musical quality is poor. "Heads up" about a strange sight is good. "Brake Test" warns everyone about a sudden slow down or stop.

There are lots of sources for purchasing hand held FRS/GMRS radios. Check out "buytwowayradios.com" and of course – Amazon.

Jerry Craig



1967 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe Unrestored with 2,996 Miles

In the fall of 1966, 30-year-old Don McNamara of Colorado Springs, Colorado, celebrated his retirement from the United States Marine Corps with a trip to Las Vegas. It was the one and only time he would visit Sin City, and it proved fortuitous when Lady Luck intervened and a slot machine Don was playing paid out the massive sum of \$5,000. By the time he returned to his parents' home where he lived, he knew what he would do with his winnings. He asked his father, a car salesman, to take the money and buy a new Corvette.

The Don McNamara Corvette is not only quite likely one of the most well-preserved, lowest-mileage and exceptionally original 1967 Corvettes in existence; it is also accompanied by exquisitely unspoiled documentation. The paperwork was kept by McNamara in a bank safe deposit box and remains in crisp as-new condition. It includes the original window sticker, showroom sales brochure, Chevrolet warranty book with Protect-O-Plate, the original keys and fob and a duplicate set of keys; the original owner's manual and plastic pouch, dealer record book issued by Ray Motor Co., a cashier's check for a deposit and a receipt for the balance of the purchase price, the original State of Colorado license registration and title issued to McNamara dated May 22, 1967 and the NCRS Shipping Data Report confirming delivery at Ray Motor Company in Lamar, Colorado.



- Unrestored with 2,996 original miles
- One owner until July 2011
- Original 427/390 HP V-8, M20 4-speed and 3.36 Positraction rear end
- Original paint, interior and chrome
- Documented with practically every original document including the window sticker, Protect-O-Plate, purchase receipt, title, registration, photos and owner's manual
- The original owner, Don McNamara is the only person to have driven the car
- 2 people are known to have sat in the car
- No one has sat in the passenger seat
- Factory original side exhaust
- Telescopic steering wheel
- Tinted glass, AM/FM radio
- Original Kelsey Hayes bolt-on wheels
- Double whitewall and Blue stripe tires
- Last driven regularly in October 1967 and not driven since the mid 1980s
- Stored in a dry Colorado Springs garage for over 40 years under a car cover
- Displayed in the entrance to the Bloomington Gold Great Hall in 2012
- Mr. McNamara's belongings remain in the car
- Discovery photos from McNamara's garage

Bob Kusky is looking for members who would be interested in attending this event:

ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY AND MUSEUM

AUGUST 2, 2014

Adult (16 - 61 years of age)	\$15.00
Senior (62 years of age and up)	\$ 12.00
Children (5 - 15 years of age)	\$ 6.00
Military (id required)	\$ 10.00
Students (school/college id required)	\$ 12.00

Ticket price includes admission to the exhibit areas and both theater presentations.

1. Do groups need to reserve time in advance? If so, who is the contact?

Yes, all group visits of **15 or more must be scheduled** through the [Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau \(SCVB\)](#). The SCVB is available by telephone at 217-789-2360. <http://www.visit-springfieldillinois.com>

[Purchase advance tickets on-line now!](#) or call the box office sales at 217-558-8934

For the comfort and safety of others, we require guests to abide by these rules:

No backpacks or large bags are allowed. Umbrellas and bags exceeding a size limit of 11x16x8 must be checked into a locker. Headsets, personal stereos and other electronic equipment must be checked into a locker. Cell phones should be silenced.

Photography is allowed only in the Plaza area and Mrs. Lincoln Attic. No photography is allowed in the theaters, galleries, or exhibits.

No food, beverages, candy, or gum are allowed in the Museum. In addition, the Museum is a smoke-free facility.

Do not touch the exhibits. Video surveillance is used throughout the building to protect the Museum and its guests.

From Tom Marlo:

Here is the itinerary for the trip this summer to Colorado and New Mexico. I thought it would be a good idea to include it in the next newsletter so the folks that did not attend the meeting would have the opportunity to consider it in their summer plans. Please let them know that, as always, they don't have to do the whole trip, they can do part of the trip and go on elsewhere or make it a short trip and come home early.

If any new members did not get a welcome packet of goodies to please let me know.

St Louis Corvette Club Pikes Peak, Durango, Santa Fe, Taos NM Trip Wednesday July 16th to Saturday July 26th

Wed - July 16th Day 1 from St Louis to Hayes KS 515 miles 7hr 30 min - Stay in Hayes KS

Thurs - July 17th Day 2 from Hayes KS to Colorado Springs Co 325 miles 6 hours - Stay in Colorado Springs

Afternoon day 2 - Garden of the Gods 3 - 4hrs

Fri - July 18th Day 3 Colorado Springs – Stay in Colorado Springs

Morning - Pikes Peak - 4hrs

Air Force Academy - 4hrs



Sat - July 19th Day 4 Leave Colorado Springs for Durango 365 miles 6hr 30 min – Stay in Durango CO

Stop 2 hours Great Sand Dunes?

Sun - July 20th Day 5 - Stay in Durango Co

Silverton RR Tour

Mon – July 21st Day 6 – Stay in Durango CO

Jeep rental – Million Dollar Highway – Open day

Tues – July 22nd Day 7 Stay in Durango CO

Mesa Verde

4 Corners

Wed – July 23rd Day 8 Travel to Santa Fe NM - 212 miles 4hrs – Stay in Santa Fe

Enchanted Circle Highway Tour

Thurs – July 24th Day 9 Stay in Santa Fe NM

High Road to Taos

Fri – July 25th Day 10 Travel from Santa Fe to Oklahoma City – 540 miles – 8hrs

Sat – July 26th Day 11 Travel Oklahoma City to St Louis MO – 500 miles – 7-1/2hrs



Please submit your recipes (preferably in MS Word format) to the newsletter editor by the 20th deadline. If I have multiple submissions the remainder will appear in a upcoming newsletter. If no recipes are submitted, he will be forced to publish his recipe for peanut butter toast. – Ed.



STLCC Recipes

Darla's Famous Water

10 oz. Of purified drinking water (can use tap but bottled is best)
For a different taste, add a twist of lemon or Crystal Light.
ADD ICE

Darla prefers it plain, but what is really great about this, it has no calories, no carbs & no fat!
It's so delicious. Darla drinks it all day!

Jerry Craig submitted the following about their recent event:

Nashville Fairgrounds. NASCAR Nationwide track.
16 degree banked 5/8 mile oval.



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