



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



August 2015

STLCC Upcoming Events

August 4	Club Meeting at Grand Slam
August 8-9	Pontiac Run sponsored by the Kusky's
August 15	Sunset Hills Car Show
August 30	Fritz's Ice Cream



Your 2014-2015 Board

President's Letter

Good Day Fun Friends

To all those who missed the Tail of the Dragon, we had a blast! Can you say .84Gs on a corner? Actually Karen didn't say much. ☺. The run was a trip, Hendricks Motorsports was fun, and I can honestly say all had a blast. The end had to come, some went home, others expanded their outing and all are home now. Should have plenty of pictures, and some GoPro strips, on the website. A little shout out to The Smoke Pit, made us great food and featured us on their website too.

More fun to come, the Pontiac run hosted by the Kusky's, there was a wine run on Sunday the 26th and more in August. There are also various car shows around and we will have flyers at the meeting.

Speaking of the meeting maybe we will have a State of the Club, short but sweet. Also time to start thinking about nominations for officers. Feel free to jump right in. ☺

I wish you all fun times and Corvette on.

Save the Wave

Mike

July Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club meeting, July 7, 2015, was held at Grand Slam.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Officers were introduced as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice President-Carl Ballinger, Membership-Tom Marlo, Treasurer-Bob Kusky, Secretary-Erin Duke, Sergeant of Arms-Michelle Palliou, Immediate Past President-Ann Sedovic and our Sponsors from Elco Chevrolet-Eric DeBruin and Mark Gerecke.

Mike reminded everyone in attendance of the 50/50 raffle and also the STLCC coolers that are for sale. We have New Members to announce. They are Tony and Jane Jokerst. They are the owners of a Torch Red C7 Coupe. And we also had a guest with us. She is Marie Chance. She is a friend of Michelle Palliou and she is the owner of a 2000 Torch Red C5. Welcome to our new members and guest!

The Secretary minutes were announced for discussion and a motion was made by Ron Hagenow to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Judy Dooley gave the second motion to accept and the minutes passed with all in favor.

Bob Kusky announced the Treasurer's report. Gary Duke made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Rick Doerr gave the second motion to accept the treasurer's report with all in favor to accept the treasurer's report. Bob also made a motion to discuss at the next meeting, the purchase of 2 hoses be taken out of the Club Fund instead of the VA fund.

Tom Marlo announced the Birthdays and Anniversaries for July. Our membership numbers are as follows: Regular members: 94, Associate members: 13, Sponsors: 4, Lifetime members: 2, for a total of: 113. At this time, a motion was made by Jeff Craig to make Judy Giovanoni a Lifetime Member of the Club with Bob Kusky giving a second motion and ALL were in favor!

NCM Ambassador's Report was given by Judy Dooley. She reminded everyone that the bricks are still for sale. They are \$100 for members, \$125 for non-members and if you would like to purchase one for your home it is an additional \$75. The Bricks are engraved and will be set around a bench at the National Corvette Museum Racetrack. She also reminded us about the Torch Red C7 Corvette that is being raffled off at \$10/ticket.

Jeff Craig had no new news to report from the National Council of Corvette Clubs. He did say that \$200 was put into the fund from sanctions.

Ron Hagenow didn't have any news to report on the newsletter.

There was no news to report on the Website.

The Sponsor report was given by Eric DeBruin. They are starting to take orders on New Corvettes and there was a flyer on the table with a listing of all of the used Corvettes that are for sale. He also mentioned that the Cox's will be taking delivery in about 3 weeks of their New Corvette!!! Carl also let everybody know that his C6 is for sale. They are also selling the Bra for it.

Committee Reports:

Activities Committee- No news

Charity Committee- Michelle Finn announced that will be getting names for the Christmas tree in August and the tree will be up in September.

No News from the Budget committee, By-Laws committee, Christmas Committee, Historians committee. The Nominating committee will start up in September.

The Parade Committee: Michelle Palliou said that the Webster Groves Parade was a huge success and thanked everyone who came out for the parade that day. There was a great turnout for the Price's picnic that followed the parade and a great time was had by all.

VA Hospital Committee is on target.

Prior Events/Activities

June 7th- Waterloo Car Show

June 20th-The Great Race in Kirkwood

June 20th- The Luau sponsored by Mike and Laurie Grubb. All who attended had a wonderful time!

June 25th- Bloomington Gold in Indianapolis Motor Speedway

June 26th- Drive your Vette to Work Day

June 27th- St. Charles Car show

June 27th- Night at Fairmount Park Racetrack. There was a turnout of 24 members and everyone had a great time.

June 28th- Fritz's Ice Cream Run

July 4th- Webster Groves Parade with a potluck picnic at the Price's following the parade.

Future Events/Activities

July 11-18- Tail of the Dragon Run

July 26- Fritz's at 6pm: 815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088

Aug. 4- STLCC Meeting 7pm @ Grand Slam

Aug. 8-9- Pontiac, IL Run sponsored by the Kusky's

Aug. 15- Sunset Hills Car Show

Aug. 15- Trivia Night for the Gold Star Mothers

Aug. 30- Fritz's Ice Cream Run

Other Activities

Don Pickles went over some details for those that are going on the Tail of the Dragon Run.

New Business

The Gold Star Mother's Day is at the end of September. The Club would like to invite them to Fritz's and would pay for their ice cream that day.

Marty Dooley made an announcement to the club about helping out with some club expenditures.

A big thank you to Gary and Debbie Tidwell for bringing the cake tonight. The Grubb's are signed up for next month.

We had 58 members in attendance tonight.

The winner of the 50/50 ticket was Mark Portman! Other winners tonight for various prizes are: Dana Griggs, Sharon Ballinger (twice!!!), Ann Sedovic, and Mike Walsh.

The Attendance Prize Drawing winner of a restaurant gift certificate was Randy Howard!

Next Meeting is Tuesday August 4th at 7pm.

Judy Dooley made the motion to adjourn the meeting with a second motion from Sharon Ballinger. Motion accepted with all in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Thank you for coming!

Meeting Minutes graciously prepared by Erin Duke- Secretary

August Birthdays & Anniversaries



Erin Duke Aug 4
 Glenda Davidson Aug 6
 Annie Dobson Aug 7
 Tina Burkhardt Aug 13
 Mike Kunst Aug 15
 Jeff Craig Aug 16
 Charlie Miget Aug 20
 Debbie Tidwell Aug 20
 Carl Ballinger Aug 22
 Frank Burkhardt Aug 25
 Nancy Ellis Aug 25
 Gary Tidwell Aug 25
 Nikki Carter Aug 28
 Steve Ward Aug 31

Jim and Sharon Love Aug 15
 Mike and Karen Price Aug 17
 Craig and Susan Brown Aug 18
 Frank and Nancy Ellis Aug 22

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NCM Ambassador Report

On our way back from the Tail of the Dragon run, we stopped by the National Corvette Museum. The repair of the skydome floor is now complete. It looks great and is better than ever. Car displays are beginning to be staged. The Great 8 will be one of the displays.

While we were there, we were lucky to get to see THE 83 outside on its way to the prep area so it could be put back on display in the skydome. All displays should be finished in time for the 21st anniversary celebration, Labor Day weekend.

I still have some raffle tickets for the 2015 Torch Red coupe. These are the \$10 tickets. See me if you would like to purchase a ticket.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador



Judy provided a picture of what the Sledgehammer looks like now

I just happened to have a picture of what it looked like on display prior to the sinkhole collapse. Do you notice the difference?

The Reason Why We Maintain the VA Garden

A couple weeks ago I subbed for Marty and Judy watering the plants at the VA Hospital Garden. While there I talked with a gentleman representing the Paralyzed Veterans of America organization. He was taking a group of veterans to Kansas City. He asked if the Pastoral Care Unit had thanked us for maintaining the garden. I told him I was unsure since I was just a substitute. He then told me that the Pastoral Care Unit had been moved to Building 52. Their office overlooked the garden. He said that when individuals went to the Pastoral Care Unit for counseling, they were often sent to the garden to contemplate their problems. He said it was such a nice place for the patients to relax and it helps them to think through and possibly overcome some of their issues.

That folks is why we maintain the garden. Thank you to all the dedicated club members who plant, weed, water and clean up the garden. Your service is not going un-noticed.

2015 Production Stats

The final 2015 rolled off the line on Wednesday, June 17, and the first 2016 started on June 22. Here's a quick look at how the year stacked up:

- 34,240 Corvettes Produced
- 1,049 R8C Museum Delivery Cars, the 2nd highest number delivered when compared to Chevrolet Dealerships
- Stingray Coupes 60.6%; Z06 Coupes 20.4%; Stingray Convertibles 14.1%, Z06 Convertibles 4.9%
- 68% had automatic transmissions
- Black wheels and black interiors were the most popular
- Arctic White was the top selling color, though if you combine Torch Red and Crystal Red then "red" is #1.



New Plant Manager

GM announced that Kai Spande, Director of European Powertrain Test Facilities, Engineering Operations and Quality, will take on the role of GM Bowling Green Corvette Assembly Plant Manager effective September 1. Kai replaces Jeff Lamarche who was promoted to the position of Plant Manager at Flint Assembly and Stamping.

Kai has been instrumental in accelerating the implementation of GMS in the European Laps and PPO operations, and in leading a 250M Euro upgrade of the Powertrain test facilities in Turino, Italy, Ruesselsheim, Germany, and at the Dudenhoffe Proving Grounds in Germany, according to an email from GM. He has also been a key contributor and valued member of the European Powertrain Engineering staff.



Pontiac Trip August 8th & 9th



Overnight trip to Pontiac, Illinois on historic Route 66 where 24 city buildings feature painted murals.

Route 66 Museum

The Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame and Museum has thousands of pieces of historic memorabilia from the glory days of the Mother Road. Come learn the history of Route 66 in Illinois, see images of the road's wonderful history, and hear a few great stories about life in America when Route 66 was the most important highway in the nation. Also, we will visit the Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum and other Route 66 attractions.



Designed by Route 66 artist and icon, Bob Waldmire, this mural features a map of the entire length of Route 66. The mural is 66 feet in length and was painted in Bob's memory by members of the Waldmire family and about 500 of Bob's friends from along the entire Mother Road. Completed in May, 2011.

A Saturday evening dinner will be arranged and an official STLCC "Pub Crawl" will in the plans.

After a leisurely Sunday morning, you can head back to St. Louis early, or leave with the group for an afternoon late lunch in Litchfield, Illinois at the St. Louis Corvette Club's favorite dining spot, The Ariston Café.



For Some Of Our Newer Members

I am going to repeat this article from the March newsletter for the benefit of all our newer members. As you will see in Jerry's article, we use small walkie-talkies to stay in contact with each other when on the road.

Radios for the Road by Jerry Craig

STLCC uses hand-held radios for communication on road events. Generally, we run on channel 6 sub-channel 6. These radios keep us in touch for rest stops and other road events.

Talking: Manufacturers recommend that you hold the radio about six inches away and talk in a normal voice. Talking too close or too loudly distorts the sound. Use the "Ring" button if there has been no

transmission for a few minutes. This sends a ring sound to everyone to alert them that a message is coming. This avoids a lot of repeats.

Rechargeable or standard batteries? Up until now, using rechargeable batteries was a problem because we had to carry a transformer and charging base. On long trips batteries had to be charged every night. Regular AA or AAA dry cells can be used but spares are needed as these last a day or so, sometimes less. Manufactures like Motorola have now come out with radios that can be charged from the cigarette lighter. The Motorola units can be charged while listening or talking. They use a common USB connector used by many cell phones and tablets. Cost about \$70 per pair.

Turn off VOX: VOX is a common feature which turns on transmit when you speak. Road noise and local conversations can turn on transmit when not intended. At times we have driven many miles with no ability to communicate because someone was transmitting.

Talking distance: Radios make wild claims about communication distance. On the road, line of sight is the rule. 1 mile is the maximum expected. In cities with a lot of steel cars around the distance can be only a block or two. If a larger separation occurs it is best to use cell phones. A list of travelers and their cell phone numbers is always useful on long trips.

High power and low power channels: Some channels are automatically limited to low power transmission. High power channels are: 1 to 7 and 15 to 22.

License Required? No for FRS (Family Radio Service). Yes for GMRS radios (General Mobile Radio Service). Reality – it's another unenforceable government regulation.

Recommended radios: FRS (Family Radio Service) or GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service)
Motorola: **MR350R** <http://www.buytwowayradios.com> or Amazon. \$70

Accessories: Cigarette lighter USB charger. A higher power, multiple connector, regulated unit is recommended. These can run a GPS and charge a radio or cell phone at the same time. The Anker from Amazon works well. \$10.

Mini USB cable. There is also a “micro” USB plug which looks similar but will not work with the Motorola MR350 radios. You may need both for other devices.



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Parade Flags

Also when we do the July Fourth Parade and the Veterans Day Parade, most of us have flags for our car. The best source most of us have found is by using FlagCaddie.com. The link is www.flagcaddie.com. They flags fit all our cars and come with two U.S. flags. Some of the veterans use their service flag. I believe Ann Sedovic has a source for these or you may be able to find them on the web.

Club Static Clings

Finally, several years ago we purchased static clings of the club logo to put on our cars when doing parades. It is time that we purchase a few replacements for the club. If you would like to purchase your own clings, which some folks did, there will be a signup sheet at the next meeting. They run anywhere from \$12 to \$18 depending on the numbers we order. We will order them after the September meeting so we have them in time for the Veterans Day Parade.

Club Plays the Pony's at Fairmont



Hey guys, you should see what this couple is doing in their car!



This picture has been sent to the IRS



Randy wants "Mama's Pride" in the 3rd and Gary wants a cheeseburger and fries!



The look you get when your horse falls asleep at the starting line!



Mr. President and the First Lady





We all got our AARP cards!



Point to the oldest person in this photo. Sorry Ruth!



July Fourth Parade

About 18 cars participated in the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade. While Bob Kusky made it without trouble this year, Michelle's 58 was smoking heavily about half way through the parade and finally gave out a few hundred feet from the finish. Hot and slow is not kind to clutches. Hopefully it will be fixed soon. And a great party was had at the Price's with the compliments of grill-masters Marty and Carl.





Tail of the Dragon



There are way too many pictures to put here so be sure and check out the website for all of them. It looks like it was another epic club trip. Thanks to Don and Anne for setting it up.



Why are these cars parked in front of Pickles' new house? And is that Randy with the hood up and fluid under the car?



Some of the club members at the Dale Earnhardt Sr. statue.



More Upcoming Events

Mid-America Motorworks Funfest

Funfest is on September 17-20, 2015. If there are enough going we can do club parking. More at the next meeting.



Route 66/St. Louis Corvette Club Autocross

The Route 66 Corvette Club, along with the help of the St. Louis Corvette Club, has their autocross event the same weekend as Funfest, September 19-20. If you don't want to drive up to Effingham, then come on out and see the racing Craig family. If you are lucky you may even get a ride-along! I've done this several times and it is a blast. The event is at the St. Charles Family Arena beginning at 8:00am but bring your chairs and come on out anytime.



Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

Always a club favorite, Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend is October 1-4. Hopefully you have your reservation. If not see Carl Ballinger as he may be able to help.



St. Louis Veterans Day Parade

The last of our big parade events is the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade. This year it is on November 9, 2015. Some of our ladies drive the Gold Star Mothers (and sometimes their family members). These are women who lost a son, daughter or spouse during wartime. While not nearly as well attended as the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade, it is definitely a worthwhile event. We do this in any weather so come on out to show your support for our veterans. We always take the Gold Star Mothers out to lunch after the event. More information at upcoming meetings.

Vettes in the Vineyard

Some club members joined some former members and friends from other clubs at Chaumette winery on July 26th. A great ride, good food, and friendly talk with other Corvette owners make for a nice Sunday afternoon.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Carl and Pat Cox on their new 2016 Torch Red convertible delivered a week early at ELCO Chevrolet. I believe Carl's new nickname is Racer Boy!

And Finally, a Recipe from Sandy Kirby

1 pound bulk (spicy) sausage, 2 cups sharp shredded Cheddar cheese, 1 can [8oz] Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls, 2 tablespoons of flour and Jalapeños. Preheat oven to 375. Line a 15x10 cookie sheet with foil and spray. In a large bowl mix sausage, cheese and Jalapeños. Unroll crescent dough. Coat each side with flour. Roll and cut with pizza cutter into 1/4 pieces. Mix the dough into sausage blend well. Make mixture into balls. Bake 15 to 17 minutes or golden brown.

BE SURE AND CHECKOUT ALL THE PICTURES ON THE CLUB WEBSITE

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