



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



December 2015

STLCC Upcoming Events

December 5	Club Christmas Party
December 25	Merry Christmas!
December 31	Happy New Year!
January 2, 2016	Prices' 12 th Day of Christmas Party
January 10, 2016	Club Planning Meeting



Your 2014-2015 Board

President's Letter

My Fellow STLCC Members,

Gobble, Gobble, Gobble. Wait that's not till Thursday. Oh well never too early to gobble since I'll be gobbling for weeks after Thursday. Enough about my eating habits.

We had our transition meeting between the outgoing and incoming board members which was a very productive get together. I would first like to thank the outgoing members for all their efforts. I feel that the club is better for the work of those board members, even if I was involved. Next year is setting up to be another great year with another great group of board members.

Don't forget the upcoming Christmas party! The Christmas committee has done it again so come for the fun. Also bring ideas for the transition meeting in January.

Hope to see all of you at the Prices' twelve days of Christmas party.

CYA and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Mike



Meeting Minutes from November 3, 2015



St. Louis Corvette Club meeting on November 3, 2015 at Grand Slam.

The meeting was promptly started at 7pm with the reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Mike Price reminded everyone about the sign-in sheet, 50/50 tickets, coolers and attendance prize. We are also raffling a C6 Leather jacket and cap for \$10 each with the proceeds going towards the VA flower fund. We are also selling banner tickets.

We had guest/new members Sonja and Jerry Giffhorn from Waterloo, IL. They own a C7 2016 White with red interior Stingray. Welcome to our Club! Michelle Finn introduced the St. Vincent DePaul's Outgoing Presidents Darryl and Sue Swaller, and Incoming Presidents Jackie and Jerry Butell who were present this evening. Jackie and Jerry actually own a 1976 Orange Corvette. And also, Steve Willis who has a 2016 Z06. Welcome!

The Secretary's minutes were discussed and Jeff Craig made a motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter. Steve Kirby seconded the motion with all in favor of accepting the minutes as published.

Mike Price gave the Treasurer's report in Bob Kusky's absence. Ron Hagenow made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Steve Lyle seconded the motion with all in favor of the treasurer's report.

Tom Marlo announced the November and December Birthdays and Anniversaries. The membership report was given with: 94 Members, 14 Associate Members, 4 Sponsors, and 3 Lifetime Members for a total of 115 Members.

Our NCM Ambassador, Judy Dooley, announced that tickets are for sale at \$10/each to win a 2016 Torch Red Coupe. The drawing is February 11, 2016.

Jeff Craig announced that the NCCC was on target. The racing season is winding down. Our club is 20th nationally, we are 10th in the Midwest, and Peggy Craig is in 14th place nationally, and Jeff is 10th nationally!

Ron Hagenow says that the Newsletter is on target! Excellent Job!

Steve Kirby says that the Computer is fixed and upgraded but the server is not working properly. There will be new pictures posted soon.

Eric DeBruin gave the Sponsor report. Nothing new to report.

Michelle Finn gave a follow up on the Christmas tree ornaments and was very thankful for everyone who made a donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Budget Committee is on target.

By-Laws Committee is on target.

Chris Woods reminded everyone that the Christmas Party is Saturday December 5th at Sam's Steakhouse. Ruth Howard requested any new members to email pictures of your Corvettes.

Historian's Committee is on target.

Ron Hagenow announced there are about 28 cars this year attending the Veteran's Day Parade. We are driving the Gold Star Mothers and treating them to lunch afterwards. We will also be driving a few Grand Marshals this year.

Tonight we are voting for New Board Members. 61 Members in attendance voted. The New Board is as follows: Returning President- Mike Price

Returning Vice President- Carl Ballinger

Returning Secretary- Erin Duke

New Treasurer- Don Pickles

New Membership – Judy Giovanoni

New Sergeant at Arms – Gary Duke

Congratulations to the New Board Members Elected this evening!

VA Hospital Committee is on target. Marty wanted to thank those that volunteered with the VA Hospital garden this year and for those that helped decorate the garden at Halloween. And our Club was given a Humanitarian Award for the Charity of the year from the NCM.

Prior and Future events/activities: Carl Ballinger

Oct. 6- STLCC Meeting

Oct. 10- Josephine's Tea Room for the Women

Sharpshooter's Pit and Grill for the Men

Oct. 12- Columbus Day

Oct. 24- Elco Hayride

Oct. 25- Fritz's Ice cream run

Oct. 31- Halloween

Nov. 1- Daylight Savings time ends

Nov. 3- STLCC Meeting

Nov. 7- Veteran's Day Parade

Vets for Vettes at NCM

Nov. 11- Veteran's Day

Nov. 25- Thanksgiving

Dec. 5- Club Christmas Party at Sam's Steakhouse

Dec. 24- Christmas Eve

Dec. 25- Christmas Day

Dec. 26- Day after Christmas Day

Dec. 31- New Year's Eve

Jan. 1, 2016- New Year's Day

Jan. 2- Prices' 12th day of Christmas Party: 6pm with Ugly Sweater Contest

Jan. 3- Planning Meeting@ Grand Slam Sports Bar and Grill from 12pm-2pm. Buffet @noon. Meeting starts at 1pm (NOTE: Since been changed to January 10)

Announcement from the floor: Ruth Howard's Sister-in-Law received a new heart on October 19th. Mike Kirby had a total knee replacement on November 2nd. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to the Ballingers for bringing the cake this month!

Ray and Pam Queen are signed up for cake duty in January.

We had 60 members in attendance tonight.

Eric DeBruin won the 50/50 raffle for \$100. Eric was kind enough to donate that \$100 back to the VA fund! Thank you very much!!!!

Charlene Wozniak was the winner of an Imo's gift card for the attendance prize.

Mike and Pat Moore were the winners of the C6 Leather Jacket and cap raffle.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Party at Sam's Steakhouse.

Chris Woods made the motion to adjourn and Don Pickles seconded the motion with all in favor.

Thank you for coming tonight! Good night, Drive safely, Save the Wave and always have fun.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Secretary, Erin Duke

December Birthdays and Anniversaries



Jerry Craig	Dec 2
Mike Moore	Dec 2
Dale Zeisset	Dec 2
Mary Doerr	Dec 4
Ruth Howard	Dec 9
Randy Howard	Dec 16
Gina Kessinger	Dec 18
Dawn Kirby	Dec 18
Mike Grubb	Dec 22
Bob Rogers	Dec 26
Bob Woods	Dec 28
Michelle Finn	Dec 29

Mike and Joan Jennewein	Dec 29
Tom and Sherri Marlo	Dec 31



NCM Ambassador Report



Free Membership benefit for NCM Club Members

Is your club a Business/Club member or Business/Club Lifetime Member of the NCM?

If you answered yes, (and our club is a business member) we have a great new benefit for your club members!

We are providing a free eMembership for one year for each member of your club that is not already a member of the NCM. This membership provides a 5% store discount, subscription to NCM eNews and membership card.

This is available to new members only and not valid on upgrades or renewals. If your club members are currently members of the NCM, they can upgrade to individual or family levels for a 25% discount.

Members can sign up online at www.corvettemuseum.org/etrial.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

Christmas Gifts

Thank you to all the generous members who donated Christmas gifts at the November meeting. Thanks to Michelle Finn for heading this up again. Representatives from the St. Vincent DePaul Society were present at the meeting and were very appreciative of our donations. Here are a couple of pictures of our gifts.



President: **Mike Price**, president@stlcorvettes.com

Immediate Past President: **Ann Sedovic**

Vice President: **Carl Ballinger**, vice-president@stlcorvettes.com

Secretary: **Erin Duke**, secretary@stlcorvettes.com

Treasurer: **Don Pickles**, treasurer@stlcorvettes.com

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Membership: **Judy Giovanoni**, membership@stlcorvettes.com

Webmaster: **Steve Kirby**, webmaster@stlcorvettes.com

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 National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor: **Jeff Craig**, 636.397.4071, nccc@stlcorvettes.com

New Board Members

Election of new officers for 2015-2016 was held at the November meeting. President Mike Price, Vice President Carl Ballinger, and Secretary Erin Duke all ran unopposed to complete a second term in office. Don Pickles was elected as the new Treasurer to replace Bob Kusky. Gary Duke was elected as the new Sergeant-at-arms to replace Michelle Paillou. And Judy Giovanoni was elected as the new Membership Chairman to replace Tom Marlo. Thank you to Bob, Michelle and Tom for a job well done for the last two years. And congratulations to Don, Judy and Gary as members of our new board.

Thank you to Sandy Kirby and Judy Dooley for heading up our nomination committee.

Remember board members can only hold office for 2 consecutive terms so there will be big shoes to fill next year as we will need a new President, Vice President and Secretary.

Veterans Day Parade

On November 7 the club once again participated in the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade. This year we drove 5 of the parade Grand Marshals as well as 10 Gold Star Mothers and some of their family members. The weather was great and everything seemed to run smoothly. Thank you to all who participated!





Club Christmas Party

Don't forget about our annual Christmas Party at Sam's Steakhouse on Saturday, December 5, 2015. This is the one time of the year when we get to dress up and enjoy an excellent dinner. Thanks to Chris Woods and Judy Dooley for organizing this event again this year. There will be pictures in the next newsletter.

Upcoming Events

The Prices' will be hosting their famous "Twelfth Day of Christmas" party on Saturday, January 2, 2016 at their house. For the third year we will be having an ugly sweater contest with fabulous prizes. Party begins at 6:00pm and please bring a dish or dessert to share. I think Mike has already started decorating!



The next regular meeting will be our annual planning meeting. It will be on Sunday, January 10 at Grand Slam. We will be having a buffet lunch consisting of sliced beef & chicken and dollar buns to make sandwiches, potatoes, dessert & veggies. Cost is \$12 plus taxes and your drink. Lunch begins at noon with the meeting beginning at 1:00pm. Remember to bring your ideas for things we might want to do this coming year. Some events, like the parades, we do every year but the board is always looking for new events. And it's never too early to plan a big event like we seem to do every summer.

If you were not at the November meeting, please email Carl Ballinger at vettnst.att.net to let him know you will be at the meeting so Grand Slam can be prepared.

New Corvette Challenge

Mike Kunst send the following article about a new Corvette Challenge. If you recall the November newsletter contained an article concerning our Associate Member Frank Ellis and his involvement with the 1988-1989 Corvette Challenge. Looks very interesting.

LAS VEGAS, Nov. 2, 2015 /PRNewswire/ – Spring Mountain Motor Resort & Country Club announced a new spec-racing series based around the award-winning 7th generation Corvette. The Michelin Corvette Challenge race series kicks off its inaugural season, February 20th, 2016 at the Spring Mountain facility, near Las Vegas.

Composed of identically prepared, track-ready Corvette Stingray models, the series will feature 15 races over 8 weekends, utilizing multiple configurations of Spring Mountain's 6.1-mile racetrack. With a unique season-long payment plan, competitors will simply arrive and drive for each event and take delivery of their Corvette Stingray following the season finale on December 10th, 2016.

The Ron Fellows Performance Driving School, based at Spring Mountain, will serve as the technical race partner for the series.

"The Corvette Stingray is one of the most track-capable production cars available and our enhancements simply augment the production specs to help ensure durability for a dedicated racing life," said Ron Fellows. "With the cars mechanically on equal footing, driver skill will be the determining factor in the rankings, which should make it a very exciting series."

The Ron Fellows Performance Driving School collaborated with Chevrolet and Michelin to develop the series, as well as the package of performance and safety equipment required for each participating race car.

Many of the performance components are derived from a new portfolio of Corvette Z06-based parts from Chevrolet. They're designed to enhance the handling, braking, cooling and downforce performance of the Stingray. Chevrolet showed a Corvette Stingray Z51-based concept race car featuring the new Z06-based parts at today's announcement. It is on display this week at the SEMA Show, in Las Vegas.

Additionally, all of the cars will run on Michelin racing slick tires in dry conditions or Michelin Pilot Super Sport tires in wet conditions. Michelin tires are the exclusive choice on all Corvette Stingray and Z06 production models. Michelin also is a long-time partner of the Corvette Racing team, which in 2015 won the Triple Crown of endurance racing including the Rolex 24 at Daytona, the Mobil 1 Twelve Hours of Sebring and the Le Mans 24 Hour race.

"Corvette owners have been competing in showroom-stock-type racing for six decades and the new Michelin Corvette Challenge extends that legacy," said Harlan Charles, Corvette marketing manager. "With Michelin's support and the direction from Ron Fellows and his team, the series offers Corvette racers a unique competition experience all their own."

Below is the schedule for the 2016 series, with each race weekend featuring a pair of 30-minute races on the challenging Spring Mountain circuit:

- February 20/21
- March 19/20
- April 16/17
- May 21/22
- Sept 17/18
- October 15/16
- November 19/20
- December 10 (followed by awards banquet).

More information on the racing series is available at: <http://michelincorvettechallenge.com>

FAST FACT: The concept for the new Michelin Corvette Challenge Series is similar to the original Corvette Challenge series that ran 1988-89 and featured production-based C4 Corvette race cars.

Corvette at the St. Louis Art Museum

I found this article in the St. Louis Post Dispatch.



St. Louis Art Museum workers carefully push a Chevrolet Corvette into place for "St. Louis Modern," an exhibit that opens Nov. 8. Photo via St. Louis Art Museum

The presence of a 1954 Chevrolet Corvette inside the St. Louis Art Museum was a matter of curating, not careless driving.

On loan from **Stephen Brauer**, the 1954 model of the iconic American roadster was wheeled carefully into place Monday by museum workers.

The car will be featured [in "St. Louis Modern," an exhibit opening Nov. 8](#) that looks at STL's contributions to mid-century modern design between 1935 and 1965, the year **Eero Saarinen's** Gateway Arch was completed.

From 1954 to 1981, Corvettes were made at the General Motors plant at Union Boulevard and Natural Bridge Avenue.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch, November 3, 2015 Article by Joe Hollerman

In Our Thoughts and Prayers



Since the last newsletter it looks like Mike Kirby is recovering from his recent knee surgery as well as Ruth Howard from her surgery. Jerry Craig has completed all his treatments which is great. Unfortunately he will be having surgery soon so we continue to pray for his recovery. It looks like Jeff Craig finally had his bum knee tightened up so he will be ready for the racing season next year. We wish Erin Duke the best of luck with recent health issues. And I also heard that Bob Woods is back in the hospital but he may be home by the time this goes out. I saw a brief post on Facebook from Honorary Member June Fain that said she had a bad doctor's report so we hope it is nothing serious and that she gets better soon. It seems like as soon as one person gets well we have another one who is having health issues. Best wishes and prayers for everyone to get well.

BE SURE AND CHECK OUT ALL THE PICTURES ON THE CLUB WEBSITE

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