



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



January 2015

STLCC Upcoming Events

January 3	Price's 12 th day of Christmas Party
January 4	2015 Planning Meeting



Editor's Comments:

As some of you know, our esteemed newsletter editor, Don Giovanoni, has had some health issues recently and has tendered his resignation. Being in the holiday spirit, or maybe a little crazy, I volunteered to try and fill his shoes. This will be a combined effort since Mary Ann is a former English teacher and newspaper columnist so she will attempt to keep me from making too many mistakes. She thoroughly enjoys correcting anything I author. It might be a long year for the both of us! Anyone have a supply of red pens?!

I will endeavor to at least keep up Don and his predecessor's newsletter efforts.

On the subject of health issues, in addition to wishing Don the best, I know that Ron Deatherage and Dave Davidson have also had health issues recently so hopefully the New Year will see them and everyone in the club in good health.

I am open for suggestions or improvements of any kind. If you want to pass along any information to be included in the newsletter please send me an email at hagenow1@charter.net.

Wishing you a Happy New Year!!

Ron Hagenow

President's Letter

Fellow Corvette Owners and Members

It's a new year. A few position changes to the board. Another year to have fun!

So let's start by having a fun planning meeting on Sunday the 4th. It might start slow after the Price's 12th day of Christmas party but should pick up after the brunch Carl has set up for us.

Hopefully we have a lot to talk about, after all this club is only as much fun as you make it. We'll review what was fun last year, many things we've done over the years and new stuff. We have many new members that should bring some additional ideas.

I'm excited and I hope you are. New cars to look at (maybe not in January), maybe some new restaurants (one of my favorite activities, kills my resolutions) and did I mention travels, don't have to that's why we have corvettes to drive and have fun.

Every President has always hoped to do the best for the club, me included, work with me and we'll have some fun.

Mike

2015 Officers

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

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December Birthdays & Anniversaries



Pete Sedovic – Jan 4
Mary Ann Hagenow – Jan 9
Mike Price – Jan 11
Ken Dahman – Jan 17
Larry Akins – Jan 20
Don Bradford – Jan 22
Michelle Paillou – Jan 23
Marty Dooley – Jan 25
Carl Cox – Jan 26
Jackie Miget – Jan 31



Mike and Charlene Wozniak – Jan 16
Randy and Ruth Howard – Jan 19
Mike and Glenda Walsh – Jan 22

Webmaster Needed

All Club Members

I would like to thank Dave Davidson for his work with the St Louis Corvette Club website for the last 3 years. Excellent work Dave.

Dave has tendered his resignation letter and therefore the club needs someone to take over the duties of web master. Anyone with web

experience is highly encouraged to step up and fill the very professional shoes being left by Dave.

Please forward your inquiry to myself and I will meet with the club board for considerations.

Thanks
Mike Price

The National Corvette Museum and I would like to thank everyone who supported the museum this past year in one way or another. Your support is always very much appreciated.

The Motorsports Park is now breaking ground for the building of the garage area and pavilion area for the track, which will have concessions, restrooms and more.

Lastly I would like to welcome our new NCM members: Mike Kunst, a new lifetime member and Mike & Laurie Grubbs as a member. Don't forget to give your membership number when ordering on line for your discount.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

News from the National Corvette Museum

2015 Torch Red Stingray Coupe to be raffled off Jan 29, 2015



- 6.2 liter V8, 460 HP engine
- 8 speed auto w/paddle shift transmission
- 2LT equipment group including memory pkg, Head up display, heated & ventilated seats
- Bose 10-speaker audio system
- Chevrolet MyLink Navigation system
- Universal home remote
- transparent removable roof panel
- 5 spoke chrome aluminum wheels with red calipers
- Performance Data & Video recorder front vision camera
- Multi- mode performance exhaust
- Battery protection pkg.
- R8C Museum delivery

\$10 per ticket. See me at the planning meeting.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

NCM 2015 Event Schedule
corvettemuseum.org | 800-53VETTE (83883)

January 14-16 MIM NAIAS Detroit**	May 21-23 C4 Gathering	September 3-5 21st Anniversary
Late March MIM TBD**	June 11-21 MIM LeMans Tour**	September 14-18 MIM Lone Star TX
April 23-24 NCM HPDE	June 20-July 5 Two NCM Cruises to Europe	October MIM 1-Lap of Kentucky**
April 23-25 NCM Bash	June 29-30 VIR HPDE*	November 5-7 Vets 'n Vettes
April 26-29 MIM Tail of the Dragon*	September 3-4 NCM HPDE	November 14-15 NCM HPDE

*Off-Site Event | **Tentative Dates Check website for updates.

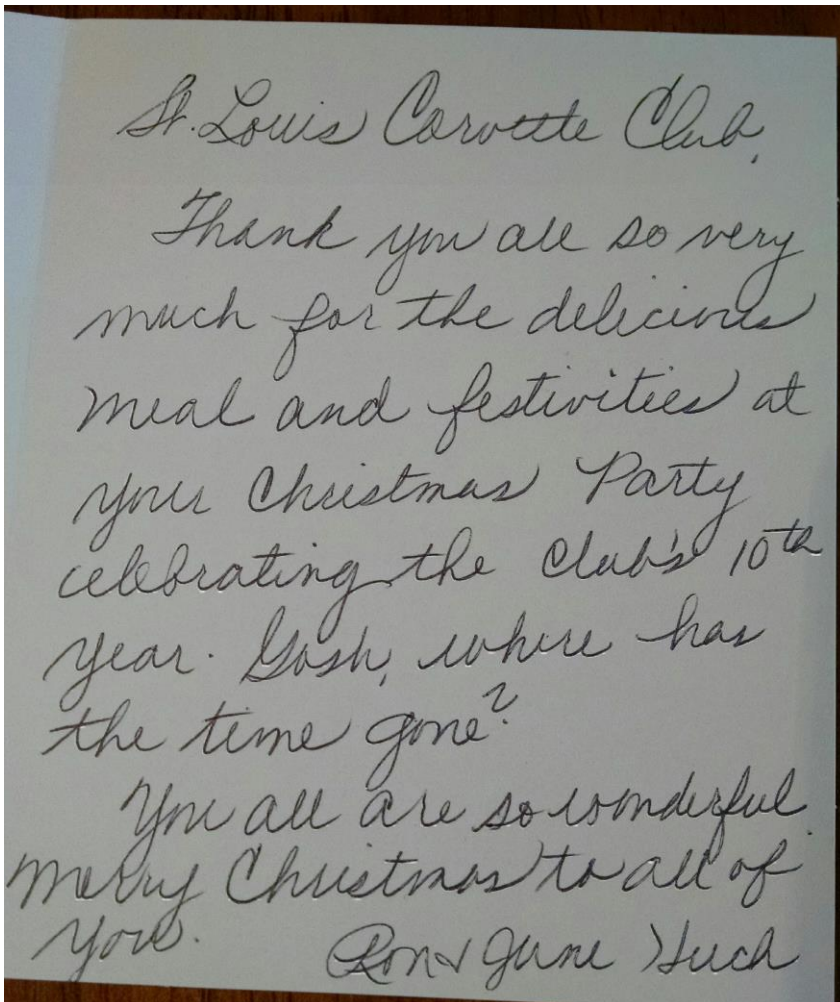
Christmas Thank Yous

Pam and I would like to thank the St. Louis Corvette Club for including us in your Christmas Party. It was really great to see some people we haven't seen in a number of years. It was very thoughtful of the club to have all of the past presidents to help celebrate the club's 10th anniversary. Not to mention, the food was fantastic.

We hope you have a wonderful and Merry Christmas and Holiday Season. Please give our best to the entire club.

Best Regards,

Bill and Pam Dotson



New Year's Babies:

Congratulations to Mike Kunst who is the new owner of a 2015 Laguna Blue Z51 Stingray.

Congratulations to Mike and Laurie Grubb who are the new owners of a 2015 Shark Gray Z06 Stingray.

And I believe Steve and Leanne Lyle as well as Carl and Pat Cox are contemplating new cars in the near future.

Below are some pictures of Grubb's delivery compliments of Jerry Craig. I also understand they got to take everyone's cars to the new track thanks to the Dooleys and may(?) have exceeded the legal speed limit. There are rumors of a party the preceding night but so far no pictures have made their appearance. (What happens in Bowling Green stays in Bowling Green!)





NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM





There are no meeting minutes since those from the November meeting were included in the December newsletter.

Interesting Website

I found this website very interesting. It is <http://www.tvraaca.org/oldmovies.htm#movie>. It has a large number of old movies and commercials. You can probably spend days looking at it all.

Ron

This article appeared in the local Waterloo newspaper recently. You may recognize Otis and his owner Tom Marlo. Otis's comment was that he was first place material but with Tom all they could do was second place. Congratulations Otis!



Winners of the dog and owner lookalike contest are, from left, Tom Marlo and Otis in second place, Mieke Hoock and Lucy in first place, and third place went to Rebecca Phillips and Kai.

In honor of Don, here is a reprint of his favorite recipe

STLCC Recipes

Don's Peanut Butter Toast

- Fresh bread (I prefer white Bunny Bread)
- Skippy Creamy Peanut butter

Toast bread to golden brown
Spread peanut butter ASAP so it melts into the bread.

Enjoy!

Be Kind to your Battery

Corvettes may not get driven much during the winter. Electrical systems continue to work even though the key is turned off. Batteries tend to go flat in several weeks which is hard on the battery. Incorrectly jump-starting the newer Corvettes can cause serious problems.

Using a microprocessor controlled “float” charger will avoid stress on the battery and maintain its charge. Several charger options are available – of course at varying costs.

The lowest cost SAFE charger can be purchased at Harbor Freight or other online sources. It is a simple (and somewhat fragile) unit with transformer, controller and battery clips. Price around \$10. Very handy for lawn tractor batteries also.



More expensive units add features like de-sulfonating the battery plates. As the battery discharges and recharges sulfates build up on the plates. Eventually the capacity is reduced and the battery fails. The more expensive chargers add electrical signals that help clean the plates. Does it work? I have had batteries last reliably for 8 years which is about twice the expected life. I was worried about the cleaning operation affecting the Corvette's computers. The manufacturer stated the process was 100% safe. A very good unit is the BatteryMINDER 2012 \$80 at Northern Tool and on line.

Jerry Craig

Also another reminder from Jerry...

Save \$\$

Many insurance companies will allow you to reduce coverage on your Corvette while it is not being driven for an extended time. Be sure to keep comprehensive coverage in case something happens while the Vette is in storage.

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