



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



March 2015

STLCC Upcoming Events

March 3	STLCC Meeting at Grand Slam
March 21	Crazy Bowl
March 28	VA Garden Clean-up
March 29	Fritz's Ice Cream



Your 2014-2015 Board

President's Letter

My Fellow Corvette Enthusiasts,

I used the term "enthusiasts" because that's what we are. On a cold day, like today, most of us think about driving our Corvette. Maybe even walk out and look at it, touch it, sit in it, it's a 50 shades of Corvette. What torture. But the day will come when we rumble out of our garages, scare the neighbor's dog and drive the speed limit out of the subdivision.

Not so fast though, we must do due diligence till that time. Without a full tech class remember to check your trickle charger to make sure it's keeping your battery charged up. Tire pressures can drop on a cold day. If you can't stand it and start it up, preferably outside your garage, make sure you let it warm up to operating temperature to keep water from forming.

OK I've talked myself into it, out to the garage. This cold has to leave sometime. We have some fun stuff coming up, maybe a Corvette ride, maybe not, but we will have fun and be ready.

Look forward to seeing you all.

Your Bumbling President

Mike

March Meeting Minutes

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by President, Mike Price. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Mike introduced the board members as follows: President-Mike Price, Vice President-Carl Ballinger, Secretary-Erin Duke, Treasurer-Bob Kusky, Sergeant at Arms-Michelle Palliou, and Membership-Tom Marlo. Our Sponsors from Elco Chevrolet, Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin were also present tonight.

A reminder about the sign-in sheet, 50/50 tickets, and raffle tickets for the STLCC Banner, attendance prizes and STLCC Coolers and Baskets for sale were announced.

The STLCC welcomed new guests, Doug and Carol Johnson. They own a 1964 Daytona Blue Corvette and, also present, a potential new member, Craig Brown and he owns a 2005 Millennium Yellow Corvette.

We had a guest speaker, Butch Mays, who talked about having a Conceal and Carry Class at the end of the meeting. Anyone who was interested in the class stayed after the meeting for more details.

Thank you letters were received by the Corvette Club from: Helping Strays and Love U 2 Pieces for the Clubs generous donations to these charities.

There were corrections made to the Secretary's Minutes from the January Planning Meeting and those are as follows: The Membership numbers-82 Regular, 13 Associate, 2 Lifetime, and 4 Sponsors giving a total of 101. The January Club event to Shooters Firearms and Indoor Range date was on the 24th of January, not the 17th. The Crazy Bowl Club event at Brunswick Lanes is sponsored by the Howard's and the Dooley's. The November 6th NCM event is Vets N Vettes, and January 2nd 2016 will be the date for the Price's Annual 12th Day of Christmas Party. The minutes were discussed and Jeff Craig gave the 1st motion to accept and Chris Woods with the 2nd motion to accept the revised secretary's minutes which passed with all in favor.

Treasurer's Report- Bob Kusky presented the budget numbers and discussions were made about ratifying the budget with Membership approval. Discussions of cutting back on expenses were also discussed. Randy Howard offered the 1st motion to accept and Steve Kirby 2nd the motion to accept the treasurer's report with all in favor. Voting on the budget ratification will take place at the March meeting.

Membership Report- Tom Marlo gave the Membership report with 84 Regular members, 13 Associate Members, 2 Lifetime Members and 4 Sponsors making a total of 103.

Birthday and Anniversaries were announced.

NCM Ambassador Report- No news

NCCC Governor's Report- Jeff Craig announced that there is a new person at NCCC that has taken over the Membership duties and we should be receiving our Membership packets soon.

STLCC Newsletter- Ron Hagenow said there was no new news with the Newsletter.

STLCC Website- Steve Kirby announced that he has started updating pictures and names for the website.

Sponsors Report- Mark Gerecke announced that Steve and Leann Lyles have a new 2015 Corvette soon to arrive at Elco Chevrolet within the next week or so. Eric announced that there is a Black Z06 and other Corvettes for sale and he also announced that there is a \$200 referral fee for those who refer customers to Elco.

Committee Report- Mike announced a new Activities Committee. Ruth Howard and Karen Price are heading up the committee. Anyone interested in planning a club event, please present it to Ruth or Karen.

Charity Committee- Michelle Finn had no new news concerning any charities at this time.

Budget Committee-Rick Doerr, Randy Howard and Don Pickles had no comments at this time.

By-Laws Committee- Ron Hagenow had no new news. Anyone with interest in being involved in this committee, please see Ron.

Christmas Committee- Chris Woods and Judy Dooley. No news until August unless there is anything new to report.

Historian's Committee- Carl Ballinger, Jerry Craig, Marty Dooley. Be sure to keep an eye on the newsletter for club history news.

Nominating Committee- Will be starting up in July.

Parade Committee- Michelle Palliou will be heading up the July 4th Parade in Webster Groves and Ron Hagenow will be doing the Veteran's Day Parade in November.

VA Hospital Committee- Judy and Marty Dooley and Karen Price. There is still construction going on at the VA. Cleanup is still planned for March 28th, but may be rescheduled dependent upon construction there.

Carl Ballinger announced prior activities/events:

January 3rd was the Price's Annual 12th Day of Christmas Party. A great time was had by all!

January 4th was the Planning Meeting. We have several events planned for the year and are always looking for more events and/or activities.

January 18th The Grubbs hosted a road trip to Cape Girardeau for brunch then headed to The Barrens Winery. The weather was unseasonably nice and there were 11 cars in attendance for this fun trip!

January 24th was the Club shooting event at Shooters Firearms and Indoor Range sponsored by the Marlo's. Everyone who attended had a great time! The Range sent the club a thank you letter for coming. Sherri Marlo was 'Annie Oakley' at the range that day with 28 hits, 10 of which were on the bull's eye.

Future events/activities:

February 15th- Valentine Dinner at Our Lady of the Snows sponsored by the Sedovic's

March 21st- Crazy Bowl at Brunswick Lanes off Dougherty Ferry and Big Bend. Howard's and Dooley's sponsors.

March 29th- Fritz's Ice Cream

Little Egypt Car Show to be discussed in the March Meeting

Future event/activities continued:

June 27th Horseraces at Fairmount Park

Cardinal Baseball Game- possible outing date TBD

Moto Exotica Car Shop Day/Tech Day- Date and time TBD

The Great race in Kirkwood is needing volunteers June 17-19. The Race starts on June 20th.

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

May 29th Villa Antonio Winery Run sponsored by the Doerr's

July 11-18 Tail of the Dragon Trip sponsored by the Pickles

The April 11th Pinball/Arcade event will be rescheduled for a later date TBD.

New Business: A discussion of the 50/50 raffle money going towards the VA Garden from the General Fund will be voted on at the March meeting. First motion to accept was Steve Lyles with Sherri Marlo giving the second motion.

Thank you to the Duke's for the delicious cake tonight. The Marlo's are signed up to bring the cake to the March meeting.

There were 52 members in attendance tonight!

50/50 Drawing: The winning ticket for \$98.50 went to Annie Dobson! Congratulations!

The Attendance prize winner of the \$10 Steak n Shake Gift Card and \$10 Culvers Gift Card went to Debbie Tidwell! Congratulations!

Don Giovanoni gave the first motion to adjourn tonight's meeting with a second motion from Don Pickles. Motion was accepted with all in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Erin Duke, Secretary 2015

Proud New Parents

Steve and Leanne Lyle welcomed their new Crystal Red Corvette at ELCO Chevrolet on February 13. According to Steve it rides "slightly" better than his old big block. Congratulations!! Now if they could only figure out how everything works. I'm sure the old pilot in Steve is pouring through the manuals right now.

Here are some pictures of the big day.









Leanne reading the owner's manual to Steve on the way to the Valentine's Day Brunch

There are also rumors that Ray and Pam Queen are expecting a new arrival. Maybe it will be here in time for the March meeting. Congratulations!!

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

March Birthdays & Anniversaries



Diana Griggs 3/2
 Leanne Lyle 3/5
 Judy Giovanoni 3/30

Eric and Vickie DeBruin 3/14

VA HOSPITAL SPRING CLEANING

Our club volunteer work at the V.A. Hospital at Jefferson Barracks (behind Bldg.52) will continue this year. We have been in touch with the Hospital personnel about our plans. We are planning to do the spring cleaning and freshening of the flowers in late March (3-28-15). This consists of raking, sweeping, mulching, etc. to make the garden area look clean and inviting to the Vets and their families. It is a lot of work, but everyone who shows up to help seems to have a good time and the few hours we are there goes by fast. A lot of times some of the Vets will come out to visit with us while we are there and that makes all the hard work worth it.

There will be some construction work in the near future that will destroy some of what we have done to make the area a peaceful, quiet place for our injured Veterans to enjoy. Knowing how the Government works, we still do not know the extent of the works or even the time line for the work. At our last meeting we were told it has now been pushed back to fall of 2015. Our yard work this year may be tuned-back a little, but we won't know how much we can do until we get there.

Thanks to all who have helped at this event in the past, and we hope to see more of that enthusiasm this year.

Marty & Judy Dooley and the rest of the VA committee

FROM THE HISTORY COMMITTEE

STLCC winter event 57 years ago. Corvettes and steel cars line up for a time and distance rally. Where is the location in the picture?



Also from the History Committee

I have been told by some club members that they have some pictures from club events that they never sent to our webmaster to post on our club website. I would like to add them to the collection the history committee has been putting together. If anyone has pictures they would like to include, please copy them to a cd, a flash drive, or a memory card, and I will add them to our collection (about 9200 pics at this time) This is an ongoing project, and you will get your cd's back to you after I copy them.

Marty Dooley
Jerry Craig
Carl Ballinger

On the Mend

I don't want to put anyone on the spot but it seems like one of our members who is married to Ruth Howard tore his ACL playing basketball. Ruth said something about being too old but again, I don't want to mention anyone's name. I hope whoever it is gets well soon.

Doesn't Anybody Stay In St. Louis For The Winter?

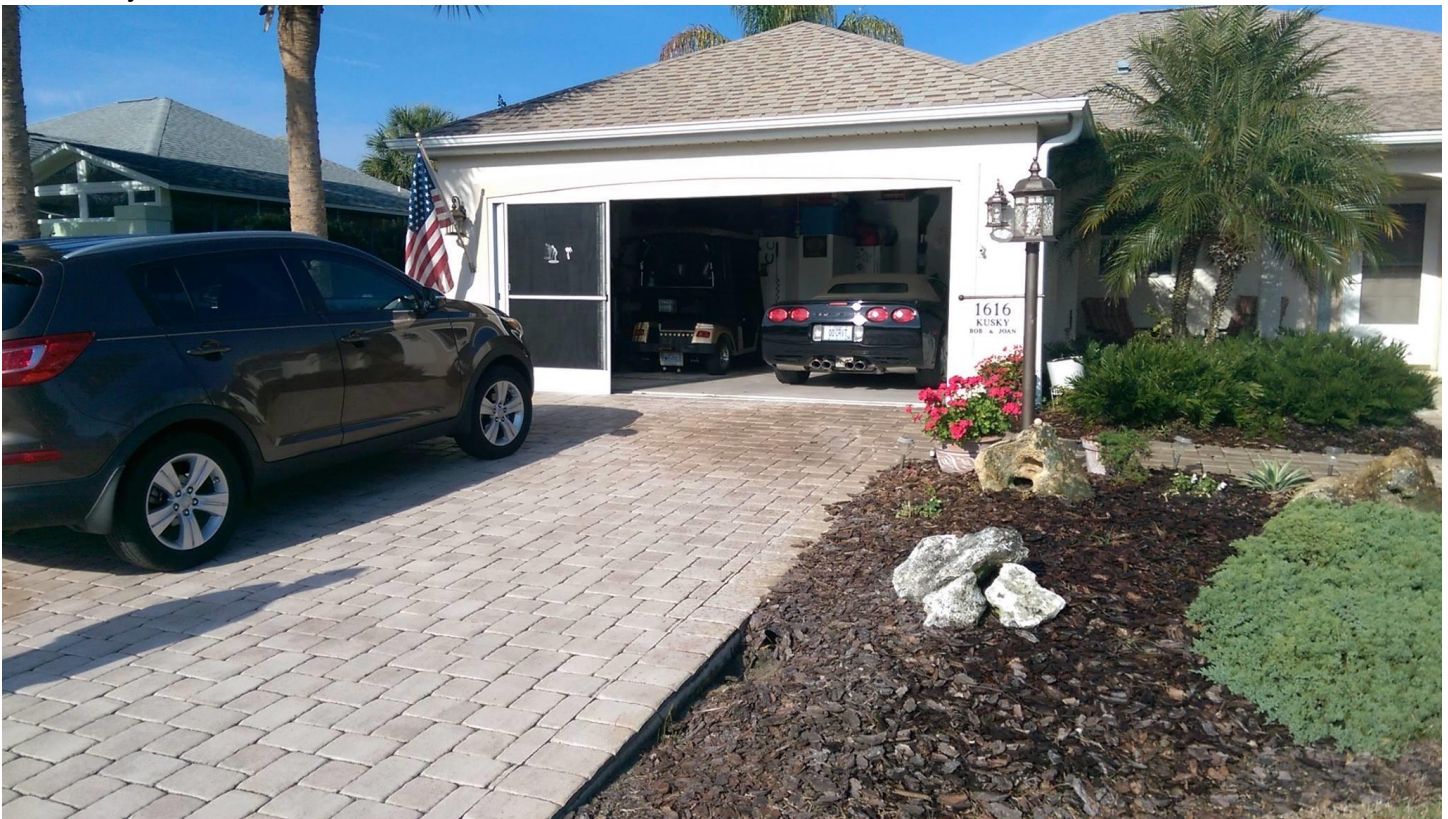
It seems that in February most of our board members found a reason to go to Florida. Are we may be paying them too much?

Here are some pictures to prove it.





The Kusky-mobile!



Bob even kicked his own Dad's car out of the garage!!!

NCM Ambassador Report

The History committee has purchased a bench at the NCM and there is room for bricks to go by the bench. Our club has a large brick near the old front door, but there is no room around it for any new bricks.

If you would like to make your own mark at the NCM and purchase a brick, a small brick with text is \$125 for non-museum members and \$100 for members. A brick with a logo on it (C-1,2,3,4,5,6,7,Z06 etc.) \$175 non-members - &150 for members.

I need to update my list of NCM members. If you are a member of the museum, please email me (jmdooley6493@aol.com) with your name and current membership status.

Judy Dooley, NCM Ambassador

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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Upcoming Events

Crazy Bowl Saturday March 21st

St. Louis Corvette Club Crazy Bowl March 21st

Brunswick Lanes

1254 Dougherty Ferry Road

Valley Park, Mo 63088

BOWLING STARTS PROMPTLY AT 6:00!

\$20 per person includes 1 game of Crazy Bowl, 1 regular game, bowling shoes and Pizza Party that includes, pizza, wings, salad and bread sticks afterwards!

If you want to watch and cheer us on as we bowl and join us for the pizza party afterwards the price is \$12 per person.

Please bring cash as Judy and Ruth will be collecting your money.

Final sign up is March 16th.

Any questions contact Judy Dooley (jmdooley6493@aol.com) or Ruth Howard (rhoward15@charter.net)



STLCC Night at the Races

August 8, 2015

Gates open at 6:00

Price per person is \$21.95 includes tax.

**Includes admission to park, program, buffet, ice tea,
soda and coffee.**

Cash bar for alcoholic beverages.

**This event is sponsored by Dan & Stacie Danahy,
Randy & Ruth Howard and Mike & Karen Price**

**Sign up sheet will be at future meetings. Please
feel free to rsvp to any of the above sponsors!**

Tickets must be purchased in advance!

MUST RSVP BY JULY 8TH



TAIL OF THE DRAGON RUN

July 11-18, 2015

Note: Mention St. Louis Corvette Club when making your reservation so you get our group rate.

July 11: St. Louis to Nashville, TN

Hampton Inn and Suites – Opryland

Phone: 615-620-2500

\$169 per night plus taxes Note: “Convention rate”

July 12-13: Fontana Village, NC

Fontana Village Resort

Phone: 800-849-2258 option 1

\$99 per night plus taxes Note: Lodge

July 14: Asheville, NC

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Phone: 828-665-6519 ext. 0

\$119 per night plus taxes for room with 2 Queen beds

\$129 per night plus taxes for room with 1 King bed

July 15-16: Charlotte, NC (Concord/Kannapolis, NC actually)

Hampton Inn

704-793-9700

\$99 per night plus tax Note: group code = COR

July 17: Nashville, TN

Holiday Inn Express – Nashville Airport

Phone: 615-883-1366

\$129 per night plus taxes

July 18: Drive home

Option: stay in Nashville an additional night.

For all of those members of the St. Louis Corvette Club who were unable to attend today's planning meeting and who want to join us on the Tail of The Dragon trip, attached is a listing of the hotels that we will be staying at on the trip. You are responsible for making all of your own reservations. Should you have any problems making the reservations, please do not hesitate to contact me at 314-846-0354. After you have made your reservations I would appreciate a call or email stating that you have done so. That is my way of making sure everyone is taken care of.

Also, in advance of the trip I must know if you are going to join us on 4 activities. Those activities are: Grand Ole Opry (\$43.20 per person check made payable to Don Pickles); Fontana Lake sunset cruise (\$10.00 per person); Biltmore Estate (approx. \$50.00 per person); and, Hendrick Motorsports (\$25.00 per person). It is time to commit. July 11th will be here before you know it.

Don and Anne Pickles

Valentine's Day Brunch

It was a cold day but several brave souls drove their Corvettes, and some of us chickens drove our steel cars, to Our Lady of the Snows Shrine Restaurant for our annual Valentine's Day Brunch. Thanks to Ann and Pete Sedovic (also new grandparents) for setting this up.

Pictures below:





I think there was more than orange juice in Don's drink!!



Crazy new grandparents!



All of our sweethearts!

BE SURE AND CHECK OUT ALL OF THE PICTURES ON THE CLUB'S WEBSITE

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