



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



November 2015

STLCC Upcoming Events

November 3	Club Meeting
November 7	Veterans Day Parade
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24	Thanksgiving



Your 2014-2015 Board

President's Letter

My Fellow STLCC Members,

We are heading into that time of year where the trees are beautiful, hayrides (remember ours), pumpkins and hot chocolate are a must. The temperatures vary from almost cold in the morning to shorts in the afternoon. Or I could say add air in the morning and letting air out in the afternoon. All great cruising weather. So get out and enjoy your car and those around you.

The year is closing down too. Elections next meeting. Vote for those that you think will take the club to new heights or will just do a good job. The Christmas party is also coming up and that's always a good time. I'll mention the Price's twelve day of Christmas for those who want to keep partying.

Be thinking because it all starts over in January with our planning meeting. We've had a great year and if we just did this year again I wouldn't complain.

Save the Wave!

Mike



October Meeting Minutes

St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting October 6th, 2015 at Grand Slam was called to order at 7pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was called to order at this time.

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

Mike gave out a reminder about the sign-in sheet, 50/50 tickets and the STLCC Coolers available for purchase.

We had a guest in attendance this evening. His name is Bryan Schuetz and he is the owner of a 2007 Black Corvette. Welcome!

The Secretary Minutes were up for discussion. Ann Pickles made the motion to accept the minutes and Karen Price made the second motion with all in favor of accepting the Secretary Minutes as published in the newsletter.

Bob Kusky discussed the Treasurer's Report. Don Pickles made the motion to accept the Treasurer Report and Jeff Craig made the second motion to accept with all in favor to accept the Treasurer's Report.

Tom Marlo announced the October Birthdays and Anniversaries. We have: 94 Members, 12 Associate Members, 3 Lifetime Members, and 4 Sponsors for a total of 113 Members.

Judy Dooley announced that the New STLCC banner is now hanging at the National Corvette Museum and the old banner is going to be raffled off. The money raised will go towards a new banner for next year. The NCM is in the process of updating their website.

Ron Hagenow says the Newsletter is on target.

The STLCC website is on target.

Jeff Craig announced the NCCC Governor's Report. The Craig Racing team is doing a fantastic job!

In the Sponsor's Report, Eric DeBruin announced the Hayride will be Saturday October 24th at 6pm at Dickherber Farms.

Michelle Finn had the Christmas tree set up with ages and gift ideas for 2 families. Presents will be collected at next month's meeting.

Budget Committee is on target.

By-Laws Committee is on target.

Christmas Committee is on target.

Historians Committee is on target. Be sure to keep an eye on the newsletter for club history news.

Sandy Kirby announced that if you are not up to date with your dues, you will not be able to vote for new officers. For those able to vote, nomination ballots are available for voting. Veteran's Day Parade is November 7th. We have several cars attending. If anyone is interested in driving in the Parade, please talk to Ron Hagenow.

The VA Hospital garden is on target. If you are interested, the VA Hospital committee is in need of fall decorations for the gardens.

Prior and future events/activities: Carl Ballinger

Sept. 13- Club Picnic Sponsored by Karen Price. Bob and Tom were the winners of the washer game this year!!

Sept. 17-19 – Fun Fest in Effingham, IL

Sept. 20- White Mule Run sponsored by Karen Price

Sept. 19-20- Family Arena Autocross sponsored by the Craig's

Sept. 27- Fritz's Ice Cream Sunday

Oct. 1-3- Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

Oct. 6- Meeting at 7pm

Oct. 10- Josephine's Run Sponsored by Ruth Howard and Shooters Day Sponsored by Mike Price

Oct. 12- Columbus Day

Oct. 16- New Car Delivery for the Luebcke's in Bowling Green

Oct. 24- ELCO Hayride at 6pm at Dickherber's Farm

Oct. 25 Fritz's Ice Cream Sunday at 815 Meramec Station Rd, Valley Park at 6pm

Oct. 31- Halloween

Nov. 1- Daylight Saving Time Ends

Nov. 3- Meeting: dinner at 6pm, Meeting starts at 7pm

Nov. 7- Veteran's Day Parade NCM Vettes for Vets

Nov. 11- Veteran's Day

Announcements/Suggestions from the floor: Karen Price made a motion to raffle the leather jacket off to go towards the general fund, New STLCC Banner, or the VA Hospital Garden. Sharon Ballinger made a second motion and the matter will be discussed at the November Meeting.

A special thank you to the Craig's for bringing the cake for tonight's meeting. Next month will be the Ballinger's.

Number in attendance tonight was 64.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing for a total of \$108.50 was Patty Craig!

Attendance Prize winner was Marc Portman.

Next meeting will be November 3rd.

Judy Dooley made the motion to adjourn the meeting and David Davidson gave the second motion with all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

Meeting Minutes Respectfully Submitted by:

Erin Duke (Secretary)

November Birthdays & Anniversaries



Gary Murray	Nov 1	Don and Anne Pickles	Nov 16
Karen Price	Nov 5	Steve and Dawn Kirby	Nov 22
Ron Deatherage	Nov 6	Larry and Elise Akins	Nov 23
Ray Queen	Nov 11	Dick and Conita Shoulders	Nov 26
Valerie Zeisset	Nov 13	Mike and Laurie Grubb	Nov 26
Charlene Wozniak	Nov 18	John and Cherie Hopson	Nov 27
Janice Kerin	Nov 26	Rick and Mary Doerr	Nov 28
Patty Craig	Nov 28		
Sharon Ballinger	Nov 30		
Steve Lyle	Nov 30		

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NCM Ambassador Report



The newest exhibit at the National Corvette Museum is "Car Art". All of the art displays are made out of car parts. The artists are local and they used car parts that you would never think of, to be used in art. This picture is a wind chime.



This display will be in the exhibition hall through January 8th. If you are going to the NCM, be sure to check it out.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

One Millionth Corvette by Paul Craig



1992 Corvette – The 1 Millionth Corvette

When I'm not updating images on my computer desktop of the grandkids (right now it's high school volleyball "action" shots), I'll occasionally peruse the National Corvette Museum's Web Site for their Monthly Calendar Wallpaper. October's picture happened to be of the 1 Millionth production Corvette that rolled off the assembly line in Bowling Green in 1992.



As many of you know this is one of eight Corvettes that fell into a sinkhole under the National Corvette Museum's Skydome that has been restored.



Our newest club members might not be aware of two of our associate members, Frank and Nancy Ellis, and the long and treasured history they have with Corvette;

“The Corvette Challenge went 1988 and 1989....I was an assistant manager at that time of Chevrolet Marketing Special Projects, which became the Chevy Race Shop. In 1992 I was the Motorsports Marketing Manager of the Chevy Race Shop; and about that time, I handed off the editor’s job at the Corvette Quarterly. I still had responsibility for the racing promo of the Millionth Corvette...which is why the Road America Event happened in 1992....”



Left to right: Frank on the podium, Tommy Kendall and Dan Gurney at the 1992 dedication of the Corvette Bridge at Road America, Elkhart Lake, WI.



Frank standing by the 53's fender and Zora Duntov (blue jacket) perched in the '92.

Zora's behind Frank driving the '92.



“Picture taken across the street from the old GM Building in Detroit.....Lots of VIP’s in the picture: Bill France Jr. standing next to Roger Penske.....I picked up Mr. France at Detroit City Airport (in a ZR1 company car) for a meeting with my Boss Jim Perkins, and dropped him off at Chevy HQ in Warren.....He was invited to attend this event. They were negotiating changes to the Chevy Winston Cup Car at the time.....”



Club photo of Frank with their newest ride.

For those of you who get the NCM Magazine there is also a nice write-up on the 1 Millionth Corvette. There is also a video of its restoration at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4QCG31K8FOs>.

New Car

Former long time members, and now associate members, Rich and Theresa Luebcke, picked up their new 2016 shark grey coupe at the Museum on October 16. Congratulations!!



Christmas Gifts

Remember to please bring your Christmas gifts to the November meeting if you picked an ornament at the October meeting. Please wrap your gift and place the ornament tag on the gift. Thanks to Michelle Finn for heading this project up again this year!



Club Featured in Magazine

Those of you who are members of the National Corvette Museum may have noticed on page 22 of the latest "America's Sports Car" a feature about the club. Here is a reprint for those who haven't seen it.

Club Feature

St. Louis Corvette Club

If you've never thought about being a part of a Corvette club, we'd like to present the St. Louis Corvette Club to you as an example of what you might be missing out on. This friendly, outgoing group enjoys getting out together and forming squadrons of Corvettes that always get attention wherever they go.

Founding Museum Members and Club Ambassadors Martin and Judy Dooley, see their club as more of a family. "We are a social group," says Martin. "We like to spend time with each other, even if it is only a day run to take in the scenery and get something to eat. It really is like being with family."

As you can see in the pictures, they have a big family that enjoys family vacations and reunions.

"We like to go on one big trip a year," Martin says. "We've gone to Mount Rushmore a couple of times, Breckenridge Colorado, Hershey Pennsylvania, and this last year we did the Tail of the Dragon together, going to the Biltmore Estate, and we went to see Rick Hendrick's car collection in Charlotte. We had fifty members go on that run. It was a lot of fun."

"Being a part of a club is all about camaraderie," Judy says. "We have a connection with our members, but the Corvette gives us a connection with other fans of the car too. Marty will drive with his CB antenna up and we'll get into conversations with truckers who want to talk about a Corvette they had, or the one they wished they had. Everywhere we go, we are enjoying our cars, and getting the word out."

Founded back in 1953, this club has stopped and started a few times in its long history, with the most recent resurgence taking place in 2004. They've grown to 100 members since then and are proud to have one original member from 1953, Jerry Craig, still active in their ranks.

Along with fun activities they like to support their local Veteran's Hospital and the National Corvette Museum.

"I think the Corvette Museum events are a great place to meet other people," Judy says. "Quite honestly, I think the Museum has helped to keep the Corvette alive during some of its bad times, as it kept people interested in it. We need to support the Museum, and show pride in it. No other car has one like ours."



Eureka Springs

The club's annual visit to Eureka Springs was a hit as always. And this year we had visitors all the way from the Denver area to celebrate the weekend with us. Richard and Fancy Loch met some of our members at the Labor Day Anniversary at the NCM. And these crazy kids drove 13 hours to have some fun with us. They liked us so much they are even going to join as Associate Members. For those of you who hesitate to buy one of those raffle tickets from Judy, well Richard and Fancy WON their car on a \$300 raffle. And while there is the saying "what happens in Eureka Springs, stays at Eureka Springs" you may want to ask Marty what this is.



If this guy is your pilot you may want to switch flights!



Carl models his latest purse collection!



The Smurf Sisters!



Richard and Fancy with their car.



While the ladies were off shopping, the guys toured the Aviation Cadet World Museum.

(P. S. If any pictures show up at the Christmas party I will state now that no alcohol was involved!)

Club Elections

Listed below is the official ballot for the new slate of officers for the 2015-2016 year. There will be ballots available at the November meeting. If you are unable to attend the November meeting and wish to vote for a nominee, please cut out and send this ballot to either Judy Dooley or Tom Marlo prior to the November meeting. Remember you must pay your dues in order to vote and only send in your ballot if you know you will not be at the November meeting.

Nomination Committee

Sandy & Judy



Election Ballot

Place an X in O for selection:

President O Mike Price

Vice President O Carl Ballinger

Secretary O Erin Duke

Treasurer O Don Pickles

Membership O Judy Giovanoni
 O Michelle Paillou

Sergeant at Arms O Gary Duke
 O Michelle Finn

Veterans Day Parade

The last of our big parade events is the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade. This year it is on November 7, 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. This year we are also driving 5 of the Grand Marshals of the parade. 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. So far we have 27 cars but can always use more. Here is a short bio of the ladies we are driving this year:

Frances Turley, American Gold Star Mother of son, Army Sgt. Francis "Duke" Corter Jr. - Vietnam

Mary Jane Kiepe, American Gold Star Mother of son, Air Force Lt. Kent Kiepe - Kuwait

Joan Scott, Gold Star Wife of Army Colonel Stephan Scott (Col. Scott was one of the highest ranking officers killed in Iraq).

Pam Woods, American Gold Star Mother of son, Army Special Forces William Brian Woods Jr. - Afghanistan and Iraq

Terrie Hobson, American Gold Star Mother of son, Marine Lance Corporal Jack "Jt" Kenner - Iraq

Cyndie Blakey, American Gold Star Mother of son, Army Specialist Mark Blakey - Iraq

Lisa Chapman, American Gold Star Mother of son, Army Sgt. Kameron Alexander Womack - Afghanistan and Iraq

Margaret Bahmandeji, American Gold Star Mother of son, Army Sgt. Kameron Womack - Germany and Afghanistan

Rhonda Kemper, Gold Star Mother of son, Army PFC David Allen Schaefer Jr. - Afghanistan and Iraq

Kim Johnston, Gold Star Mother of son, Army PV2 Charles M. High - Afghanistan

Veterans Day Parade

Saturday November 7, 2015

For the 10th year our club will be participating in this annual parade. Last year we had about 20 cars. We have had more in previous years and can always use more. As in past years we will also have the distinction of driving the Gold Star Mothers. We usually need 8-9 ladies driving convertibles for the Gold Star Mothers. The GSMs and their family will be joining us for lunch after the parade. This parade, along with the Fourth of July parade, is one of our most important events of the year.

We will assemble near the Krispy Kreme in South County near the JC Penney Home Store (I-55 and Lindbergh).

Be there between 9:30am and 10:00am. There will be a driver's meeting at 10:00am and leaving promptly after the meeting. We need to be in place by 10:30am with the parade beginning at noon. Those of you who have done this before know the hurry up and wait drill.

We will have lunch at Granite City Brew on Olive as we have in past years. The parade usually lasts about an hour.

Dress appropriately. We've done the parade in 20 degree and 75 degree weather. It is only cancelled if heavy sleet/snow. Don't forget to bring your radio and car flags.

Sign-ups will be at the meetings or email Ron Hagenow at hagenow1@charter.net or 618-939-1837.

Please support the men and women of our armed forces!



Club Christmas Party

Don't forget to pay Chris Woods if you are planning on attending the annual Christmas Party. Deadline is November 5th.



Fall Colors

Marty and Judy sent in a picture from the garden we maintain at the VA Hospital. So who's going to be trick or treating this year? And don't forget Thanksgiving is just around the corner!



Josephine's Tea Room

It looks like all the ladies enjoyed themselves at the annual trip to Josephine's Tea Room. Thanks to Ruth for setting this up.





Meanwhile the guys were getting in some target practice.



Great Commercial

Jerry Craig sent this via email to a few of us but I thought it was so good I had to post it here. I hope you can click on the link and enjoy it. It is a Ferrari commercial for Shell gas. Make sure and turn the sound up. https://www.youtube.com/embed/1_kwxzU4wL4

Speaking of commercials...

Did anyone catch the latest Elco Chevrolet commercial on TV? If you look closely I believe you will see our own Mark Gerecke at a desk. But wait, was that Randy across from him getting his frequent buyer card punched again??!!



Hayride

I happened to find this picture on Facebook. According to the poster, this was her wiener roast date at the hayride. I think she could do much better especially since he drives a **YELLOW** Corvette. (Sorry Charlie!)



Final Ice Cream Event

Here is a picture I found of the club members at the final Fritz's ice cream event.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers



I guess I'm going to have to make this a regular column. While we continue to pray for Jerry Craig there are several other members who also need our help. Mike Kirby is having knee replacement surgery the same day as our meeting so hopefully he will be up and about soon. And Ruth Howard recently had surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery as well. Lets get healthy everybody!!

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

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