



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



December 2016

STLCC Upcoming Events

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| December 3, 2016 | Club Christmas Party |
| December 6, 2016 | St. Nicholas Day |
| December 25, 2016 | Merry Christmas! |
| December 30, 2016 | Prices' Party |
| December 31, 2016 | Happy New Year's Eve! |
| January 8, 2017 | Club Planning Meeting |



Your 2015-2016 Board

Gary Duke, Sergeant at Arms (replaced by Michelle Finn)
 Erin Duke, Secretary (replaced by Ron Hagenow)
 Carl Ballinger, Vice President
 Mike Price, President
 Judy Giovanoni, Membership
 Don Pickles, Treasurer

President's Letter

My Fellow Corvette Owners,

Baby it's cold outside.

We had our transition meeting last Monday and the club will be well cared for. Ray and Mike started right in asking the right questions, coming up with ideas and Judy, Don and Ron showed their experience with answers and pertinent points.

Carl and I would like to thank all of you for helping us have a great and fun time. Sitting up front gives you a different view of the club. We see everyone talking, laughing, and acting like you like each other. We have a special club and I'm proud to be a part of it.

I look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas party.

Have a great day!!

Vette On!

Mike

Meeting Minutes



The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Grand Slam Bar and Grill in Fenton.

The meeting was called to order on November 1, 2016 at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Introduction of Officers was as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice President- Carl Ballinger, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Don Pickles, Sergeant at Arms- Michelle Finn, and Membership- Judy Giovanoni and our sponsor from ELCO Chevrolet- Mark Gerecke.

Mike reminded everyone about the sign in sheet, 50/50 tickets, and attendance prize. Mike also reminded everyone that ballots are available for voting for the new board as well as a 2017 cake signup sheet.

Introduction of guests and new members: There were 2 couples from St. Vincent DePaul who were there to accept our Christmas gifts. Sue and Syl Berand from Washington, MO were visiting as prospective members.

Jeff Craig made a motion to accept the secretary minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Judy Dooley and the motion passed.

Judy Giovanoni announced the November and December birthdays and anniversaries. She gave the membership report as follows: Members- 103; Associate members- 14; Sponsors- 4, and Lifetime members- 3 for a total of 124. Judy also explained that while we are over our 100 members as outlined in the by-laws, the number of members should be about 92 after December 31 as several members have already stated they are not rejoining.

Don Pickles gave the Treasurer's report. Rick Doerr made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Michelle Paillou. The motion passed.

Judy Dooley gave the NCM Ambassador report. The year is winding down for Museum events however the Vettes for Vets event will be this weekend. She also reminded everyone that they are still needing Hot Wheel cars to take to the Museum. There was also discussion concerning working or visiting the Museum as a group next year. Tickets for the next raffle car are available.

Jeff Craig gave the NCCC Governor's report. Racing is winding down for the year and he is working on membership renewals. NCCC has a new charity this year, St. Jude's. They are raffling off a car and he has tickets for \$50 each. He also reminded everyone about the NCCC Convention which will be held in Bowling Green next year on August 21-25. Jeff also mentioned that the Midwest Region will be having an autocross at the Museum during the Memorial Day weekend. Patty Craig also spoke about the past convention and that it's not just for racers.

Ron Hagenow said that the newsletter is on target. Jerry Craig has offered to do the newsletter and will begin with the January 2017 edition.

Dawn Kirby reported for Steve that the website is up to date.

Mark gave the sponsor's report. He thanked everyone who attended the bonfire/hayride as well as Ruth Howard, Karen Price and Bob Kusky for their help. He said that the month of October was good and they still had a few 2016s on the lot.

Committees:

Christmas Party - Chris Woods announced that the Christmas party will be at Sam's Steakhouse on December 3, 2016. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. 79 members have signed up to attend. Thanks to Chris, Judy Dooley and Ruth Howard for putting this on.

By-laws - Ron Hagenow reported they are on target.

VA Garden - Marty Dooley reported that the garden looks great and thanks to all the volunteers who helped maintain the garden during the year.

Charity - Michelle Finn introduced the 4 members from St. Vincent DePaul who were present to accept our Christmas gifts. One of their members spoke about the 2 families we bought gifts for this year and thanked us for our generosity.

Budget - The budget committee consisting of Rick Doerr, Randy Howard, Don Pickles, Charlie Midget and Bob Kusky need to get started on a budget for next year. This is due at the February meeting.

Historian - Carl Ballinger reported it is on target and he is still putting together material for an archive.

Parade - Ron Hagenow reported on the upcoming Veterans Day Parade being held on November 5.

Nominating Committee - Ballots have been tabulated and congratulations to the new board. They are President - Ray Queen, Vice President - Mike Grubb, Secretary - Ron Hagenow, Treasurer - Don Pickles, Membership - Judy Giovanoni and Sergeant at Arms - Michelle Finn. Thanks to Sandy Kirby, Karen Price and Ruth Howard for heading up the committee. Thanks also to everyone who ran for an office.

Prior and future events were reviewed by Carl Ballinger -

Prior -

October 6-9 - Eureka Springs. There were 3 cars that went down early and about 8 more cars followed on Thursday. Everyone had a great time as always.

October 19 - Retirees (or whoever wants to be retired) lunch at Crusoe's sponsored by the Pickles. Everyone had a good time and there were about 23 members attending.

October 22 - Josephine's Tea Room for the ladies. There were 8 Corvettes and 1 steel car. Thanks to Ruth Howard for setting this up.

October 29 - Club Hayride. Thanks to ELCO for sponsoring the hayride and there are plans to have it again next year.

October 29 - While it was not on the calendar several members attended the memorial car show for Officer Blake Snyder who was killed recently. It was reported that almost 1500 cars attended.

October 30 - Fritz's Ice Cream sponsored by Peggy Craig. It was a little chilly and this will be the last one of the year but everyone enjoyed the ice cream.

Future -

November 5 - Veterans Day Parade in Downtown St. Louis.

December 3 - Christmas Party

December 30 - Prices' 12th Day of Christmas Party

New Business - Bob Kusky has calendars available for those that ordered them. Thanks to Bob for this effort.

Ruth Howard suggested that the club reimburse the members who bring the monthly cake. This would be for no more than \$50. Sharon Ballinger made this a motion and it was seconded by Anne Pickles. The motion passed.

Randy Howard made a motion that the club purchase a club shirt for every member. This was tabled for discussion among the new board and budget committee.

There was also discussion about us going back to Pupillo's Banquet Center. Apparently there is still a disagreement among the owners so it looks like we will continue to meet at Grand Slam. However with the number attending the meeting we are running out of space so another location may be needed.

A tentative annual planning meeting date of January 8, 2017 was discussed. Meal will be available at noon with the meeting starting at 1:00 pm. Confirmation will be sent out once the date is firmed up.

Thank you to Mike and Pat Moore for bringing the cake. There will be no cake next month because of our Christmas party. Bob and Patti Kusky will bring the cake to the January meeting.

Number in Attendance -69.

The 50/50 Drawing winner was Bob Kerin who won \$107.

The attendance prize was won by Randy Rickermann. Winners of several posters were Dan Danahy, Mike Wozniak, Mike Price, Larry Akins, Barb Payne, Diana Griggs, Tom Sandvoss, Mike Kunst, Elise Akins and Sandy Kirby.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 8, 2017.

Mike Kunst made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Sandy Kirby. The motion passed.

Thank you for attending. Drive Safely, Save the Wave and always have fun!

Respectfully Submitted by Ron Hagenow - Secretary

Birthdays and Anniversaries



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| 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 |

Tom and Sherri Marlo Dec 31



NCM Ambassador Report



Shopping on Amazon can benefit the National Corvette Museum. A percentage of your purchase can benefit the museum at no additional cost to you. This program is called Amazon Smile and it offers all the same products as Amazon. It can help the NCM when doing your online Christmas shopping.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

Interesting Article from Road and Track

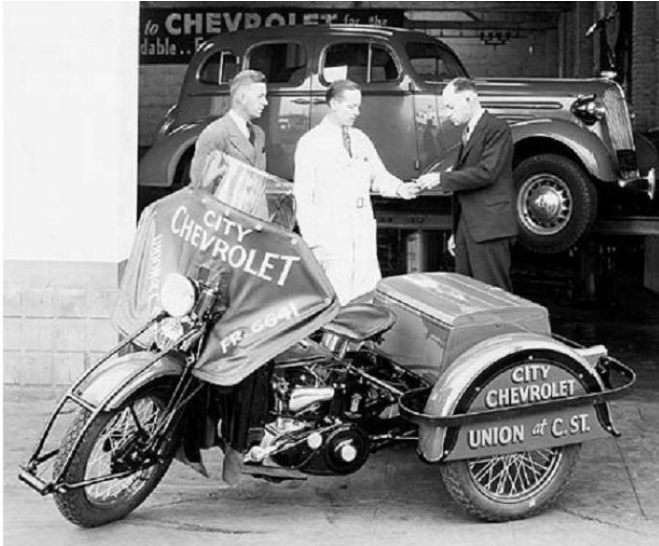
I found this article concerning the Grand Sport and thought you might like to check it out:
<http://www.roadandtrack.com/car-culture/a31423/corvette-grand-sport-pcoty/>.

Hot Wheel Cars for NCM by Marty Dooley

While Marty is still needing any Matchbox or Hot Wheel Corvette cars for the NCM, he wanted to thank those of you who have already given him cars. But does anyone notice anything unusual about this one he was given?



Bring Back the Old Days!



Fritz's Ice Cream Run

The last of our monthly run to Fritz's was on October 30. It was a little chilly but still great weather for late October.



Officer Blake Snyder Memorial Car Show

St. Louis County Police Officer Blake Snyder was killed on October 6. A memorial car show was organized in a couple of weeks. Several club members attended the event on October 29. It was estimated over 1500 cars attended, with every type and model you can imagine. It was a great tribute to one of our fallen officers. Here are a few pictures from the event.





And naturally Ruth and Val have to get their picture taken with “Bumblebee” (aka Transformers)



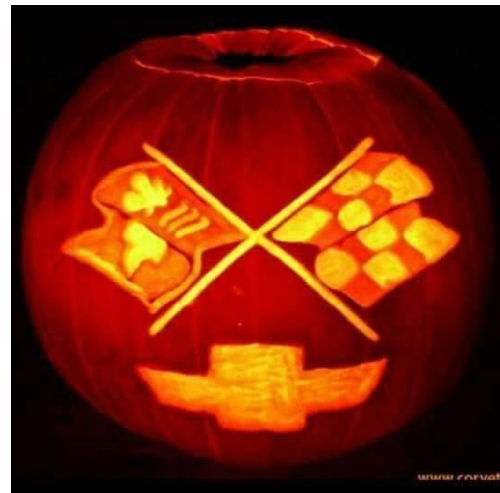
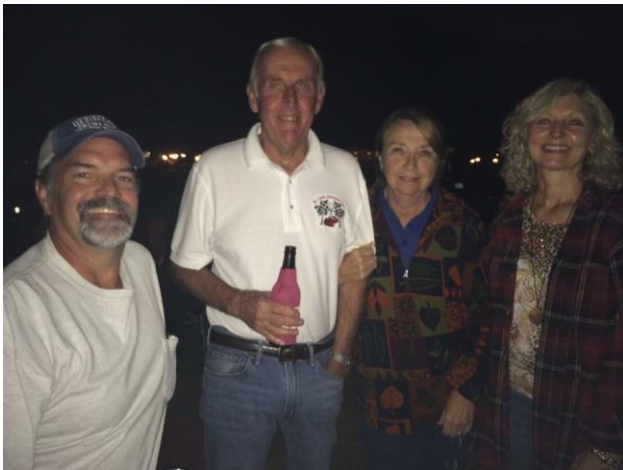
Then you would think that with all the police officers at the car show Ruth would watch what she says, so naturally this happened.

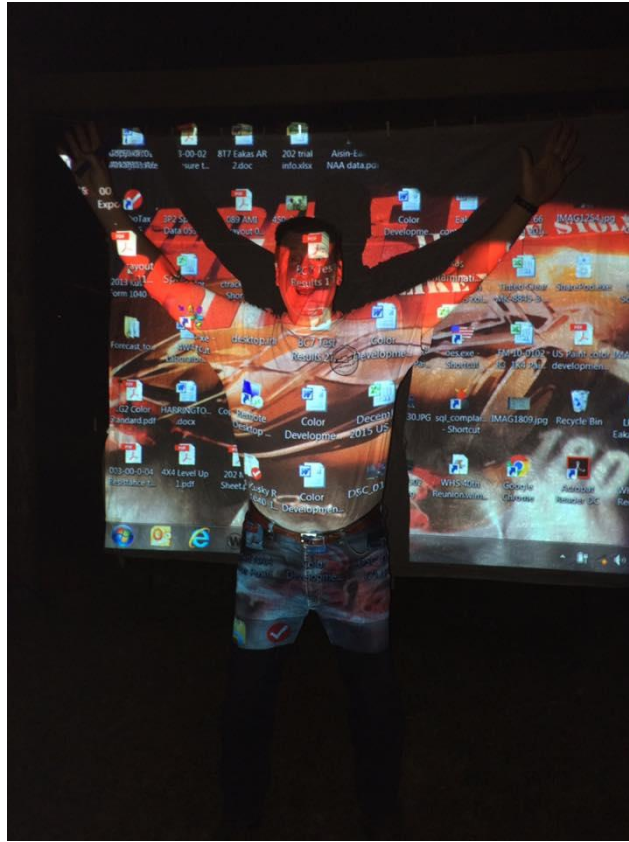




Club Hayride

Thanks to ELCO for again sponsoring our annual cookout and hayride. Everyone had a great time and thanks to "Mr. Entertainment" Bob Kusky for the movie.





Veterans Day Parade

The string of great weather held out and it was a perfect day for the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade on November 5. Some of our ladies drove three Gold Star Mothers and one Gold Star Sister as well as driving 4 dignitaries. About 31 cars participated which was a great turnout. I think everyone enjoyed the lunch afterwards. Thanks to everyone who participated. We also received a thank you card from the Gold Star Mothers and I've included it below as well.







Dear Corvette Club -
 Thank You - everyone of You!
 Thank you for your continued
 Service to the Gold Star Mothers
 and Families! You are so very
 much appreciated! Your
 kindness helps our Mothers
 in their grieving -
 Deepest Appreciation!
 Love forever,
 Sannie Moore HGSM

New Club Officers

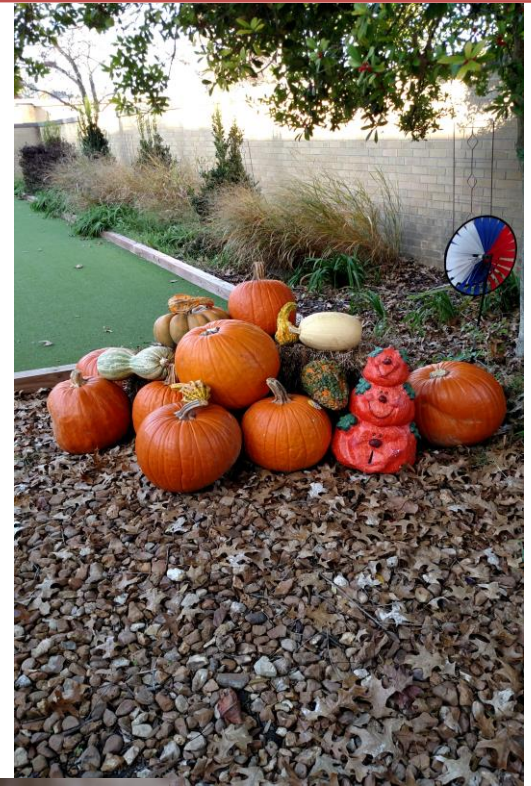
Congratulations to our 2017 club officers. They are President - Ray Queen, Vice President - Mike Grubb, Secretary - Ron Hagenow, Treasurer - Don Pickles, Membership - Judy Giovanoni and Sergeant at Arms - Michelle Finn. Thanks to the outgoing board of officers as well as those members who volunteered for an office but were not selected.

Prices' Twelfth Day of Christmas

OK, it's not 12 days after Christmas this year but I am sure there will still be plenty of food. Our traditional after Christmas party will be at Mike and Karen's house on Friday, December 30 beginning at 6:00 pm (if you get there earlier you might be helping Karen clean the house!). There will be celebrity judging for the ugly sweater contest. Bring a dish or dessert to share. There will be soda and beer available but you are always welcome to bring any refreshments you would like. Please let Karen know as soon as you can if you are attending and what you are bringing. Her email is santa17@msn.com.

VA Garden

The garden we maintain at the VA hospital looks great. Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped maintain the garden throughout the year. And a special thank you to those that helped decorate as well as those that donated the decorations.



More on the New ZR1

Check out the latest from the Corvette Forum: http://www.corvetteforum.com/articles/new-c7-corvette-zr1-looks-even-better-than-you-think/?newsletter?utm_source=jan16&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=content

**ST LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

SAMS STEAKHOUSE

10205 GRAVOIS ROAD, 63123

6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

(COCKTAILS – 6:00 PM. DINNER – 7:00 P.M.)

**COST \$45.00 PER PERSON (PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO
"ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB)**

**ENTRÉE SELECTIONS – SELECT 1 ENTRÉE ONLY AND EACH
ENTRÉE INCLUDES SALAD, BAKED POTATO, DESSERT, COFFEE
AND TEA**

TENDERLOIN FILET (80Z)

PRIME RIB (140Z)

SALMON (80Z)

**PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 8 TO CHRIS WOODS @ 314-846-6176 OR
EMAIL AND INDICATE YOUR ENTRÉE SELECTION TO
"WOODS1890@SBCGLOBAL.NET**



Retiree's Lunch

The third monthly retiree's lunch was held at Ethyl's Smokehouse and Saloon on November 16. Here are a few pictures of the lucky people. Thanks to Marc Portman for setting this up.



New Members and New (Old) Members

Welcome back to Rich and Theresa Luebcke. They were long time members and officers until moving to Farmington several years ago. Although they continued as Associate Members I guess they couldn't stand the separation so they are back as regular members again. I can see a roadtrip in our future to Rich's garage-mahal. Welcome back! And also a warm welcome to Celse and Sue Berard who joined after the November meeting. They are from Washington, MO and recently moved here from Wisconsin where they were in a club there. And the Luebckes and Berards have something in common, they both have 1973s!

Article from the National Corvette Museum

When Your Corvettes Are Like Family

For Ed and Geri Goldman, through the years they've had a lot of children... and by children we are referring to their Corvettes. Because when you love Corvettes as much as they do, it does seem like your cars are part of your family (and there's a reason we call Corvette Boulevard our 'nursery').

On Thursday, October 27, 2016 – the Goldmans picked up their 21st R8C Delivery Corvette – the most deliveries by a couple to date. Their love affair with Corvette started with the purchase of convertibles on even years. That was, until September 11, 2001. “After 9/11, no one was buying cars so GM started offering zero percent financing. That was the same year the Z06 came out. So instead of just having the convertible on even years, I started getting a Z06 on the odd years.”

Ed trades in his Corvettes through his dealer, and while one reason he participates in the R8C Delivery Program is to keep his Corvettes off a truck, he says it is also the people at the NCM that bring them back. “We’ve gotten to know the people down here. Particularly in delivery.” Ed remembers the early years when they would pick up their new Corvette in the spring. “When we first took delivery we would do it during what used to be known as the Birthday Bash, the C5 Registry Bash. It wasn’t as crowded back then so they would do deliveries.”

While many of our delivery customers select the option as an excuse to visit Bowling Green, Kentucky and have a mini vacation, for the Goldmans, the proximity helps to keep them coming back. “We’re not very far away, in Cincinnati. You can survive I-65.”

(I think Jerry and Randy now have a goal to meet, only 20 more to go!)

Recipe

JoAnn Rogers brought this to the hayride and it went over so well it is reprinted here.

PUMPKIN CRUNCH DESSERT

1 can pumpkin (16 oz.)
1 can Milnot Milk (13 oz.)
4 eggs
1 1/2 cups sugar
3 t. pumpkin pie spice
1 tsp salt

Mix all ingredients with electric mixer for 5 minutes. Pour into lightly greased 9 x 13 cake pan.

1 Box yellow cake mix (pudding cake mix okay)

Break up lumps and sprinkle dry cake mix evenly over mixture.

2 sticks melted butter (not margarine)

Drizzle evenly over cake mix so as not to have dry flour spots on cooked dessert.

1 cup toasted chopped pecans, or more if desired

Sprinkle pecans over complete mixture. Bake 1 hour at 350 degrees. May want to cover the pan with foil the last 20 minutes or so, so the nuts won't be too dark.

Great dessert for fall and Thanksgiving.

Club Static Clings

Several years ago the club ordered static clings with the club logo to use when we do parades. With all our new members we are planning on making another order around the March timeframe. If you want to order one or two there will be a signup sheet at the January and February meetings.

Club Member is a Mayor

I learned recently that one of our newer club members, Terry Walster, is actually the mayor of Maeystown, IL, near Waterloo. If you have never been to Maeystown you need to make a trip. The entire town is on the National Register of Historical Places. Check out this link for more information:

<http://www.maeystown.com/>. You still cross a one-lane stone bridge to get to the town and there are several nice shops to visit. And yes, there are a lot of old Germans still living in the area (the entire town turns out to make apple butter in large brass kettles in the fall). And if you are into genealogy, Mary Ann found out she is a distant relative of Jacob Maey, the town's founder.

Another Barn Find Corvette

Today people would cringe to see a 1963 cut-up like this one but that's what racing was back in the 60's. Check out the article and pictures: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/classic-cars/corvette-barn-find-is-a-period-perfect-race-car-blast-from-the-past/ar-AAkhSLT?li=BBisPVf&ocid=spartandhp#page=3>.

The Final Edition

As I mentioned in the November newsletter, I am relinquishing my editorial duties to Jerry Craig as of this newsletter. I have enjoyed doing the newsletter these past 2 years and my "live-in editor" didn't disown me but she sure went through a lot of red ink! Please support Jerry by sending in articles or items of interest. Remember this is **your** newsletter and I am sure Jerry will be looking forward to anything you send him.

Thanks,

Ron

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

It was great to see Bob Woods at the meeting and Veterans Day Parade but he is still having continuing health issues so we wish him continued healing.

BE SURE TO CHECK ALL THE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE

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