



# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



June 2016

## STLCC Upcoming Events

June 7, 2016	Meeting at Grand Slam beginning at 7:00pm
June 11, 2016	Car Show at Elco
June 18, 2016	Luau at Mike and Laurie Grubbs
June 24, 2016	Drive your Corvette to Work Day
June 25, 2016	Horse racing at Fairmont Park
June 26, 2016	Fritz's



Your 2015-2016 Board

Gary Duke, Sergeant at Arms  
Erin Duke, Secretary  
Carl Ballinger, Vice President  
Mike Price, President  
Judy Giovanoni, Membership  
Don Pickles, Treasurer

### President's Letter

Great Weather Members,

First mine, Karen and the Club's deepest condolences go out to the Murrays, Jan and Gary, on the passing of Gary's Mother and the passing of the Marlos, Sherri and Tom's Brother-in-Law. Our prayers are with you.

Now if you're not driving you're not living. It doesn't rhyme but you get the idea.

Congratulations to both Jerry and Judy on their new babies. The cars couldn't ask for better owners. I've seen pictures but look forward to meeting them both.

Back to the living stuff. Saw pictures of you all either going to Bowling Green with Jerry or on the Excel Bottling run with Craig Brown. More to come on both at the next meeting.

Speaking of which see you there.

Roar on and save the wave.

Mike



## Meeting Minutes



The St. Louis Corvette club was held May 3, 2016 at Grand Slam Bar and Grill. The meeting started promptly at 7:00 pm. At this time, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike Price announced the officers of the club as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice President- Carl Ballinger, Secretary- Erin Duke, Treasurer- Don Pickles, Sergeant at Arms- Gary Duke, Membership- Judy Giovanoni, Immediate past President- Ann Sedovic, and our Sponsors from ELCO Chevrolet- Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin.

Mike reminded everyone about the sign-in sheet, the 50/50 tickets and attendance prizes. Marty Dooley is also selling banner tickets and the sign-up sheets for future events.

We had a couple of new guests with us this evening. John Midkiff is the owner of a '07 Dark Blue convertible Corvette and Wil Mertsch who is becoming a new member tonight. He owns a '08 Silver Corvette! Welcome!

The Secretary's minutes were voted on as posted in the newsletter. Ron Hagenow made the motion to accept and Peggy Craig made the second motion to accept the minutes as posted in the newsletter with all in favor.

Judy Giovanoni announced the May Birthdays and Anniversaries. The membership was also given at this time as follows: Members: 91, Assoc. Members: 14, Sponsors: 4, and Lifetime: 3 for a total of 112.

Don Pickles gave the Treasurer's report with Chris Woods making the motion to accept and Mary Doerr gave the second motion to accept the Treasurer's report with all in favor.

Marty Dooley gave the National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report. This past weekend was the NCM Bash and everyone that attended had a great time. And they are selling raffle tickets for a 2016 Black Convertible Corvette for \$10 each. The Raffle is Labor Day weekend.

Jeff Craig was absent tonight, so there was no news to report on the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

Ron Hagenow, our Newsletter Editor, asked everyone if they were not receiving the newsletters. If not, they should see Ron at the end of the meeting.

Steve Kirby had no news to report on the website.

Eric DeBruin announced that Judy Giovanoni purchased a new '16 Torch Red Corvette Coupe.

Parade Committee- Michelle Palliou announced that a sign-up sheet for the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is available. There will be a potluck lunch at the Prices following the parade.

VA Hospital Committee- Flowers were planted and weeds were pulled from the garden on May 1, 2016. Thank you to everyone who took time out to help in the planting. Volunteers are needed to help with watering. Mike Wozniak has volunteered to help.

PRIOR AND FUTURE EVENTS: Carl Ballinger

Gary Duke talked about the NCM BASH first time experience. It was a wonderful, fun weekend and we thoroughly enjoyed it.

May 5- Looking Glass 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

May 6-7- Kansas NASCAR

May 8- Mother's Day

May 21- Excel Bottling Plant Run- Craig Brown

May 30- Memorial Day

June 7- STLCC Meeting- Grand Slam Bar and Grill

June 11- ELCO Car Show?

June 18- Club Luau- the Grubbs'

June 19- Father's Day

June 27- Night at the Races- Fairmount Racetrack- Howards and Prices

July 4- Webster Grove's 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

July 4- Independence Day

July 5- STLCC Meeting- Grand Slam Bar and Grill

July 16-17- Route 66 Christmas in July Run- Kuskys

August 2- STLCC Meeting- Grand Slam Bar and Grill

August 13- Car Show @ Pub 231- Murrays and Tidwells. Rain day Sept. 17

September 5- Labor Day

September 6- STLCC Meeting- Grand Slam Bar and Grill

September 10- Club Picnic

September 16- Villa Antonio Winery Dinner Run

October 4- STLCC Meeting- Grand Slam Bar and Grill

NEW BUSINESS: Grand Slam has approached us about moving to their new building. They will have drinks and parking, but there is still discussion about food. They may set up a buffet if everyone is interested. We will discuss this more at the next meeting.

Thank you to Judy Giovanoni for bringing the cake tonight!

The Dooleys are signed up to bring the cake for the June meeting.

We had 54 members in attendance this evening.

Mary Ann Hagenow was the winner of the 50/50 drawing for \$89!

Carl Cox was the winner of the Cheesecake Factory gift card!

Winners of miscellaneous prizes were- Mike Kunst and Pat Moore.

Our next meeting will be on June 7, 2016.

Steve Kirby made the first motion to adjourn the meeting. Laurie Grubb gave the second motion with all in favor.

Thank you for coming! Goodnight, drive safely, save the wave and always have fun!

Respectfully submitted by- Erin Duke: Secretary

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Angie Midkiff	June 5	Ken and Sue Dahman	June 1
Stacie Danahy	June 13	Carl and Pat Cox	June 5 (40 <sup>th</sup> )
Judy Dooley	June 14	Mark and Kimberlie Gerecke	June 6
Sonja Giffhorn	June 15	Gary and Debbie Tidwell	June 11(40 <sup>th</sup> !)
Sherri Marlo	June 15	Dana and Diana Griggs	June 17
John Corrora	June 22	Bob and Patti Kusky	June 21
John Midkiff	June 25	Bob and JoAnn Rogers	June 25
Rick Doerr	June 29	Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow	June 30
		Dan and Stacie Danahy	June 30(10 <sup>th</sup> !)



### NCM Ambassador Report



By now I guess everyone has heard about Jerry Craig's GREAT news. Yes Jerry won a raffle car at the National Corvette Museum.

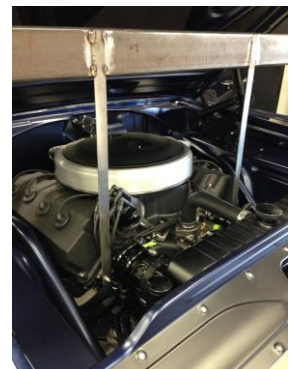
I did not sell Jerry the ticket (it was an online raffle) but you could win a raffle car too. The \$10 tickets for the Labor Day raffle are for a 2016 black Convertible, 8-speed paddle shift automatic, chrome wheels and Corvette Museum delivery. There are other raffle cars to be raffled off at the NCM, but you need to go on line to read about those cars and purchase a ticket. Please see me if you would like to purchase a ticket for the \$10 black raffle car and maybe you could also have a big smile on your face, just like Jerry.

Judy Dooley  
NCM Ambassador

PS:. I would also like to congratulate Judy Giovanoni on her new Corvette. Marty and I attended her delivery also, only hers was at ELCO.

### Custom Car Builder Continued

Last month I had an article about Rad Rods by Troy. Troy is a custom car builder in my little home town. I had a taken several pictures of a 66 Plymouth Belvidere and engine that he had in the shop but the newsletter was so long I didn't put it in. Here is the picture of the engine.



Then I found this on You Tube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F09f1BcCbNs>. This is from SEMA 2015 and the owner explains how the car was built and the engine information. Now you need to watch this: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6Kgv50pahc>. 195mph in this thing! Maybe we need to get Mike Grubbs to put his Z06 against it?!

### Eureka Springs

I got my Eureka Springs information in the mail about May 2. If you haven't ever been, then you need to make your plans and reservations now. Here's the website for more information: <http://www.eurekaspringscorvette.org/>.

### VA Garden Planting

Several club members completed the planting at the garden we maintain at the VA hospital. Typically it was a little cool and overcast but thankfully no rain. The garden really looks amazing. Thanks to all the dedicated volunteers who maintain the garden all year round.



One with me



One with Karen



Looking good!



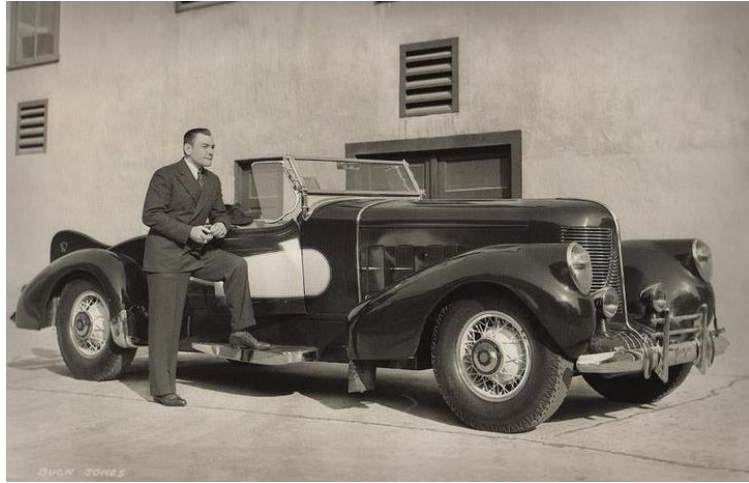
Don practicing his disco moves while watering

### Old/Unique Cars Version 3

Here is the continuation of the old/unique cars section that has been in the past several newsletters:



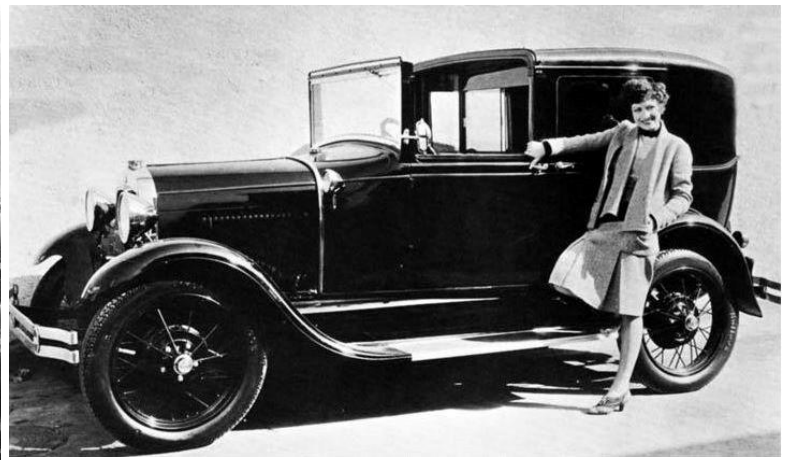
Errol Flynn with a Packard



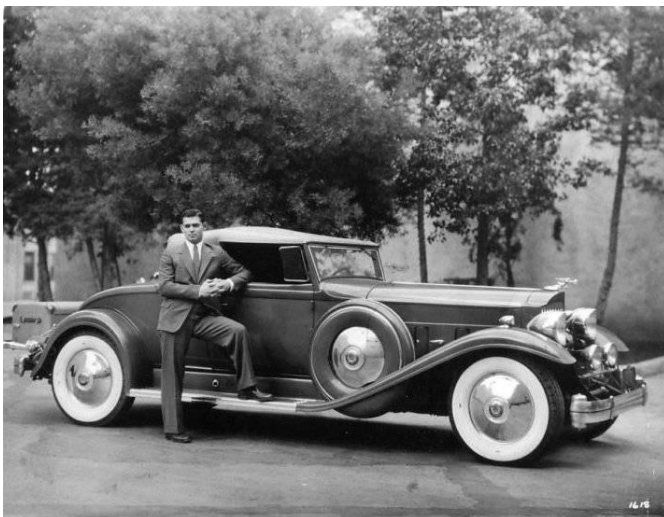
Buck Jones with a 33 Packard Special



Jean Harlow with a Cadillac



Joan Crawford and 1929 Ford Town Car



Clark Gable and 1932 Packard



Robert Montgomery with his Cadillac Sport Phaeton

Then these are just crazy!



## NCM Bash

Everyone had a good time at the NCM Bash. Here are a few pictures of people who attended and a couple of the new Grand Sport.



The obligatory shot eating and drinking



Erin and Ruth with Harlan Charles





## New Car

Judy Giovanoni picked up her new Torch Red coupe a few weeks ago. Congratulations! Somehow I know Don is looking down and smiling. Those of you who were at the meeting or saw this on Facebook know that her son-in-law Steven bought the car for Carrie (Don and Judy's daughter). Nice Mother's Day present!! Congratulations to Steven and Carrie. Now we need to get them in the club (Judy, you are the Membership Chair you know!).



Carrie and her "new" ride!



## And On To The Big Surprise

After everything he's been through these past few months, a little ray of sunshine shown down on Jerry Craig when he was notified that he WON a new Shark Grey coupe at a recent raffle at the National Corvette Museum. Now he has something in common with Associate Members Richard and Fancy Loch as they won a car several years ago. Some of us went down on May 20 to see the delivery on May 21. What a great surprise and it couldn't happen to anyone more deserving. Some of you may have seen Leanne Lyle's comment on Facebook and she said it best when she said "Armynta must have whispered in God's ear." I remember the big party we had at the Museum when he and Armynta picked up their new 2008

exactly 50 years to the day he got his first new one in 1958. Here is the raffle car specs from the NCM website:

## Win a Corvette!



### **2016 Shark Gray Stingray Corvette Coupe**

**Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 2pm CT**

**Tickets \$100**

**Raffle is limited to 1,500 tickets.**

**Only 172 Tickets LEFT as of Monday, May 9!**

- 6.2 Liter V8 460 HP Engine
- Z51 Performance Package with Magnetic Selective Ride Control and Performance Traction Management
- 7-Speed Manual Transmission with Active Rev Matching
- Multi-Mode Performance Exhaust
- 5-Split-Spoke Chrome Aluminum Wheels with Black Painted Calipers
- 2LT Equipment Group with Gray Leather Interior, Heated and Ventilated Seats, Head-Up Display, Bose 10-Speaker Audio System, Memory Package, and Universal Home Remote
- 1-Piece Transparent Removable Roof
- Carbon Flash Hood Stinger Stripe
- Chevrolet MyLink Audio System w/ Navigation
- Performance Data and Video Recorder
- Battery Protection Package
- Front License Plate Bracket

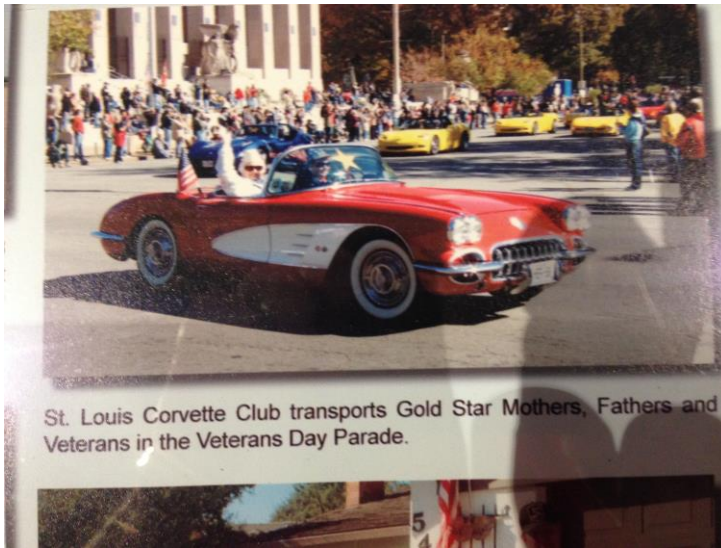
- Corvette Museum Delivery



IMG\_2887.MOV

If I did this correctly you should be able to click on the movie above to see Jerry's first drive.

And while at the Museum we noticed this picture in one of their displays. It shows Michelle and a Gold Star Mother from a recent Veterans Day Parade. Also a picture of our new club banner.



### Getting Ready for Racing Continued

Some of you might recall from the last newsletter that I helped Jeff start to get the cars ready for the racing season. I didn't mention that the black one sat out all winter under a cover. When we uncovered it the car was still dirty and full of pine needles. I told Jeff at the time that the car would go faster if it was clean. He said he didn't want to bother with it. Now I see however that if a cute, young blond girl says clean cars go faster and also offers to help clean his car he changes his mind real fast.



### Another Vette Resurrected

Found this on MSN.com via a Hot Rod article: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/enthusiasts/1962-corvette-goes-from-yard-art-to-powerfully-artful/ar-BBsGfOR?ocid=spartandhp>. Then there is this one: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/classic-cars/barn-find-1967-corvette-built-to-the-max/ar-BBswD1j?ocid=spartandhp>.

## New Members

We welcomed three new members in May. Wil Mertsch has a 2008 Silver Vette and John and Angie Midkiff have a 2007 Lemans Blue Vette.

## Cars and Coffee at Ballpark Village

Several members attended the first monthly Cars and Coffee event at Ballpark Village. It was a little unorganized but a great opportunity to see a lot of different cars. Everything from Corvettes to Jaguars to street rods. There was even a Bentley there. Future gatherings will be on the second Saturday of each month for the next few months. We also met up with a couple of members of the Mid Illinois Club from Peoria. They just completed a Saint Jude Corvette run for charity and are interested in maybe meeting our club half way between Peoria and St. Louis for a get together. We also want to get more information on this run because it sounds like a great time. Two of the guys were picking up new C7s on Monday. Here are just a few pictures of some of the cars.



## Excel Bottling Tour

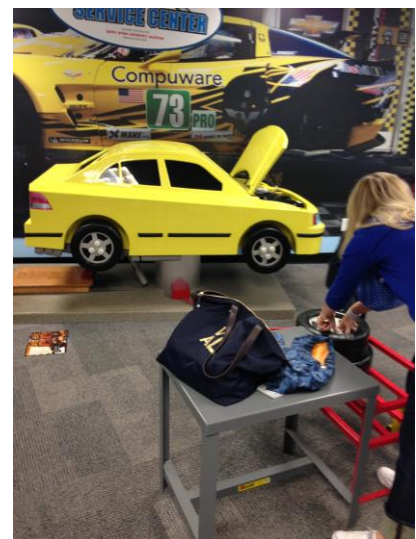
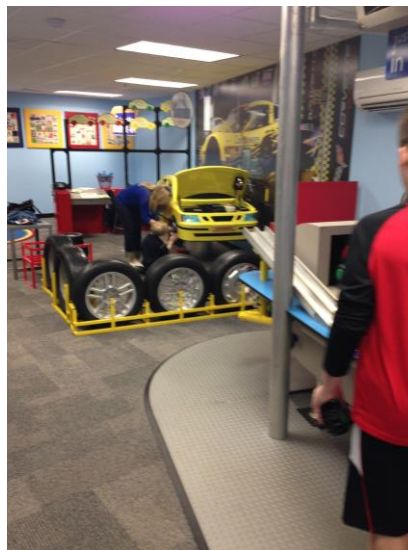
It looks like one of the first spring runs was very well attended. I think there were 23 cars in the mix. Thanks to Craig and Susan Brown for hosting. I'm sure everyone was full after eating at Popeye's!





**Hot Wheel Cars for NCM by Marty Dooley**

I'm looking for help from our club members. A couple of years ago, I helped start a program where the National Corvette Museum gives a Hot Wheel Corvette to kids that visit the Museum as a school field trip. These kids don't have much and when they leave, they receive a Hot Wheel Corvette as something to remember their trip. What we are looking for are club members, family or friends that have any Hot Wheel (size) Corvettes and would be willing to donate them, or keep an eye out for them where you shop. We are looking for the less expensive cars not the high dollar collectables. Bring them to a meeting and I will take to the NCM and donate them for the club.



**Corvettes at Indy**

Back in 2006, Associate Members Jim and Sharon Love got us involved in the Opening Day ceremonies for the 90<sup>th</sup> running of the Indy 500. I think there were 17 of our cars that were on the track (I still have my dash plaque on my console). This year former members Bill and Pam Dotson, who also did the 90<sup>th</sup>, got to participate in the Opening Day ceremonies for the 100<sup>th</sup> running of the Indy 500 with their 2008 Pace Car.



### Fritz's!!

Look who showed up at Fritz's with their new cars!



### New Feature

Jerry Craig had an idea for a new feature so here it is. What was your first car? What did you drive in high school? Unfortunately I guess nobody read the newsletter because I didn't get anything. So how about looking through your old photo albums and scan in some pictures.

### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Everyone seems to be getting healthy however I saw that Erin Duke was in the hospital recently but should be out by now. We wish Erin as well as Jerry Craig and Bob Woods continued healing. We also had several members who lost family members this past month and we wish them our sympathy in their time of loss.



BE SURE TO CHECK ALL THE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE

## St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

Ron Hagenow, Editor  
428 Mockingbird Lane  
Waterloo, IL 62298  
618-939-1837

www.stlcorvettes.net



We are proud and grateful to  
ELCO Chevrolet for their  
generous sponsorship.

Please visit ELCO Chevrolet Cadillac when shopping  
for a new or pre-owned vehicle and ask for our club  
sponsors Mark Gerecke or Eric DeBruin!

**ELCO**   
Chevrolet

15110 Manchester Road  
Ballwin, MO 63011

[www.elcochevroletcadillac.com](http://www.elcochevroletcadillac.com)