



THE ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



March 2016

STLCC Upcoming Events

March 1, 2016	Meeting at Grand Slam beginning at 7:00pm
March 19 2016	Crazy Bowl at Show Me Lanes
March 26, 2016	Little Egypt Rally

President's Letter

If this past weekend didn't give you the itch to get behind the wheel of your Corvette all is lost. I had the itch along with a cold which was a horrible combination. I went and coughed all over my car. Now I have it sputtering.

I decided not to share my cold with everyone but I heard the Valentine run to Papa Vito's was great. Thanks to the Zeissets and Howards for setting that up. We have a happy hour and a shooting day coming up, good thing they are on separate days.

Carl and I have been working on the calendar so if you see anything wrong Carl did it but let us know if we've missed something or got it wrong. The season, Corvette season that is, is almost here so get ready.

Look forward to seeing all of you.

Mike



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



Meeting Minutes

January 2016



St. Louis Corvette Club January 10, 2016 Planning Meeting at Grand Slam was called to order at 2pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Our Officers were introduced as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice President- Carl Ballinger, Secretary- Erin Duke, Treasurer- Don Pickles, Membership- Judy Giovanoni, Sergeant at Arms- Gary Duke, Immediate Past President- Ann Sedovic, and our ELCO Chevrolet Sponsors- Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin.

Mike Price reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets being sold, as well as, the sign-up sheets.

Mike introduced guests, Bill and Gail Mattler. They are the owners of a blue 2004 Corvette.

The Secretary's minutes from November were up for discussion. Ron Hagenow made the first motion to accept the minutes as published in the newsletter and Anne Pickles made the second motion to accept with all in favor of accepting the minutes as published in the newsletter.

Don Pickles read the Treasurer's report. Sharon Ballinger gave the first motion to accept the treasurer's report and Chris Woods gave the second motion with all in favor.

Judy Giovanoni announced the Birthdays and Anniversaries for January. At this time the membership report was read we now have: 84 Regular Members, 14 Associate Members, 4 Sponsors, and 5 Lifetime Members for a total membership of 105!

We are not discussing any committees today so that we can concentrate on the planning part of the meeting.

Judy Dooley wanted to remind everyone that she is still selling raffle tickets for a new 2016 Corvette and whoever buys a ticket, has a chance to win a Corvette bag!

At this time all members introduced themselves and what type(s) of Corvette they own.

Announcements from the floor included a surgery date for Jerry Craig for January 14. Please keep Jerry and his family in your prayers.

Carl Ballinger took the floor to talk about planning events for 2016.

JANUARY:

The last Sunday of every month is Fritz's Social Sunday. We meet at the Fritz's at Old Meramec Station Rd. and Big Bend at 6pm.

FEBRUARY

- 19th- Classic Car Trivia Night
- 20th- Mo. Veteran's Home trivia night @ Overland VFW Hall
- 21st- Papa Vito's Valentine Lunch in Downtown Belleville
- 26th- Happy Hour from 4-7pm at O26 Pub and Biergarten
- 27th- Shooter's Firearm Event w/lunch

MARCH:

19th- Crazy Bowl @ Show Me Lanes on Lemay Ferry Rd.

26th- Little Egypt Car Rally in Centralia Ill.

APRIL:

Pinball Arcade Run w/lunch- Date TBD

28-30th- NCM Bash in Bowling Green

MAY:

27th- Villa Antonio Winery Run in Pevely Mo.

Electric Indy Car Racing Event- Date TBD

28-30th- NCCC @ NCM Museum Racing Event Weekend

JUNE:

Chula Vista Run- Date TBD

18th- Grubb's Luau

19th- Father's Day Car Show @ Wine Country Garden's Winery

24th- Bloomington Gold in Indianapolis

24th- Take your car to work or if retired- Mimi's Café and then drive to Sugar Creek Winery

25th-Fairmount Racetrack Run – TBD

JULY:

4th- Webster Groves Parade with a potluck lunch following the parade at the Prices'.

16-17th- Christmas in July on Rte. 66 Run

AUGUST:

Mystery Run by the Migets and Dooleys- Date TBD

SEPTEMBER:

Labor Day Weekend Event at NCM Museum

Club Picnic in Millstadt- Date TBD

15-18th- Funfest in Effingham

17-18th- St. Charles Autocross @ the Family Arena

OCTOBER:

2nd- Queens' Winery Run

6-8th- Eureka Springs Corvette Event

ELCO Sponsored Hayride- Date TBD

15th- Josephine's Run

NOVEMBER:

5th- Veteran's Day Parade

DECEMBER:

3rd- Club Christmas Party at Sam's Steakhouse

We encourage members to sponsor events!

The winner of the 50/50 drawing was Sharon Ballinger for \$79!

Judy Dooley won the drawing for the Monthly Dinner Gift Certificate and Mary Doerr won the NCM Magazine.

A special thank you to the Queens for bringing the cake this month. The Prices are signed up for the cake for February.

Rick Doerr gave first motion to adjourn the meeting and Anne Pickles gave the second motion with all in favor.

Thank You for coming today and Drive Safely!

Respectfully Submitted by: Erin Duke, Secretary

February 2016

The St. Louis Corvette Club meeting was held on February 2, 2016 at Grand Slam.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at the start of the meeting.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the officers of the club were introduced as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice President- Carl Ballinger, Secretary- Erin Duke, Membership- Judy Giovanoni, Treasurer- Don Pickles, Sergeant at Arms- Gary Duke, and our ELCO Sponsors- Eric DeBruin and Mark Gerecke.

Mike reminded the members of the sign in sheets, 50/50 tickets, coolers, attendance prizes, banner tickets and sign-up sheets for future events.

There were no new guests or new members to announce tonight.

STLCC members introduced themselves again.

Due to illness of Secretary Erin Duke, there were no minutes to discuss. The January and February Meeting minutes will be up for discussion at the March meeting.

Judy Giovanoni announced the February Birthdays and Anniversaries. The membership report is as follows: 90 Regular Members, 14 Associate Members, 3 Lifetime Members and 4 Sponsors for 111 Members.

Judy Dooley announced that now until the end of February, there is a discount for NCM Membership. The password is VALDAY16 for anyone who is interested in taking advantage of the discount. Tonight is the last chance to buy tickets for the New Corvette drawing.

Jeff Craig had no new news to report for the NCCC.

Ron Hagenow is in charge of the Newsletter. He was having trouble with email addresses and server issues. Please let Ron know if you are not getting the newsletter.

Steve Kirby gave the Website update. If anyone has any pictures to share, please upload them and send them to Steve to put on our website. He is working on getting pictures from the 12 Days after Christmas Party from the Prices' house on the website.

Eric DeBruin and Mark Gerecke gave the Sponsor's Report. They announced that they still have many Corvettes for sale.

Don Pickles gave the treasurer's report. Steve Kirby made the first motion to accept the report and Sandy Kirby made the second motion to accept with all in favor.

Don also gave a new Budget proposal of possibly lowering the Membership fee and broke down the budget as to where the monies are being divided up to. Randy Howard made the first motion to accept the budget report and Pam Queen made the second motion to accept the budget report with all in favor.

Ron Hagenow spoke about the By-Laws and it was announced that we are proposing to change our membership due date to be paid in September instead of November so that the money can be sent in to NCCC in a timely manner. We also deleted the Past Immediate President in the By-Laws. Activity Chairman was eliminated from the By-Laws. Board Meetings can be done anytime that the President sees necessary. There was a 100-member limit on Associate Members. Ron will re-type the By-Laws and will be voted on at the next meeting.

Marty Dooley announced that the VA Garden work is on hold for the moment. Chris and Bob Woods gave a donation to the VA Garden Fund. A huge thank you to the Woods for their generous donation.

Future Events announced by Carl Ballinger are as follows:

February:

2/20- Conceal and Carry Class at the Prices' House 8am-4pm. \$125 per person. For extra instruction, it is an extra \$25.

2/21- Papa Vito's in Downtown Belleville at 12:30pm.

2/26- Happy hour at O26 Pub and Biergarten in Fenton from 4-7pm

2/27- Shooters Event \$15/person 3pm

March:

3/19- Crazy Bowl at Show Me Lanes on Lemay Ferry Rd. at 6pm

3/26- Little Egypt Car Rally

May:

5/21- Mystery Run with Craig Brown

June:

6/8- Corvette Adventures in Wisconsin Dells (Chula Vista Resort)

September:

9/10- STLCC Club Picnic in Millstadt Illinois

A big thank you to Karen and Mike Price for bringing the cake tonight. The Giffhorns are signed up for cake duty for March.

We had 58 in attendance tonight!

The attendance prize winner tonight is Mark Gerecke for a Buffalo Wild Wings gift card.

The winner of the 50/50 tickets was Mark Portman for \$86.

Winners of miscellaneous prizes are:

- Mark Portman- ELCO gift certificate for an oil change
- Don Pickles- Sun Visor Stickers
- Karen Price- License Plate Frame
- Judy Dooley- Corvette Theme Deck of Playing Cards
- Erin Duke- Corvette Tote Bag from the NCM ticket sales

Our Next Meeting will be March 1st.

Steve Kirby made first motion to adjourn the meeting and Sharon Ballinger made the second motion with all in favor to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Thank you for coming! Drive Safely.

Respectfully submitted by Erin Duke
2016 Secretary

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Diana Griggs March 2
 Leanne Lyle March 5
 Jane Jokerst March 10
 Judy Giovanoni March 30

Eric and Vickie DeBruin March 14



NCM Ambassador Report



Something you will only see at the Museum.



New exhibit at the Museum.



There are lots of new things happening at the National Corvette Museum. They have just opened a new Sinkhole display and in the exhibition hall there is a great Street Rod display. The new changes to the website are great. Hope you have checked it out.

The NCM is gearing up for the first big event of the year, The Bash which takes place April 28-30. If you are planning to attend now is the time to sign up for this event & get a hotel room.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

Valentine's Day Brunch at Papa Vito's

It was a beautiful Sunday afternoon when some members went to Papa Vito's in Belleville. I think everyone had enough to eat (you could feed 6 with the salad alone!). Thanks to the Howards and Zeissetts for setting this up.



Fish Fry in Columbia

We had a good turnout to the American Legion in Columbia for a Friday fish fry. While there Jerry Giffhorn told us how to NOT unload a gun. Some guys will do just about anything to get out of working a fish fry!



Reminder for Members Only

Several proposed changes to the current club by-laws were reviewed at the February meeting. Copies of the proposed changes have been emailed to all regular members. They will be voted on at the March meeting for approval.

Crazy Bowl



St. Louis Corvette Club
Crazy Bowl March 19th
Show Me Lanes
4575 Lemay Ferry Road
St. Louis, Mo 63129
BOWLING STARTS AT 6:00!

\$6.50 per person includes 2 games of Crazy Bowl and shoes.

Due to a change in location this year we will not be having a pizza party at the bowling alley. We are currently looking for a restaurant that is close by to go to after bowling.

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

Final date to sign up is February 15th!

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



Cruzin in Illinois in May

Here is a flyer for a cruise sponsored by Craig and Susan Brown. I can personally attest that you will not leave Popeye's hungry. Be sure and try the onion rings. This is one of our favorite places to go.

ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB

SAT MAY 21ST

ROADTRIP JOURNEY:

- Meet at Walmart at 9am, leaving at 9:30am sharp.
(961 N Market St, Waterloo IL)
- Lunch at Dairy King from 11 am - 12:30pm.
(691 N 4th St, Breese IL - 618.526.4321 - edairyking.com)
Free large drink compliments of owner, Michele Maue.
- Tour of the Excel Bottling Plant from 1 pm - 3pm.
(488 S Broadway, Breese IL - 618.526.7159 - excelbottling.com)
An exclusive inside look and taste of their local beer and soda plant.
- Dinner at Popeye's Chop House at 4pm.
(17910 St Rose Rd, St. Rose IL - 618.526.7369 - popeyeschophouse.com)

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Corvette Museum to be featured on Season Three of Velocity's Hit Series 'Americarna'



Ray Evernham speaks with former GM Plant employee Angela Lamb, whose signature was the only one not saved on the 1-millionth Corvette restoration. Angela signed the replacement part at the car's unveiling.

Velocity's hit series AMERICARNA returns to television next month with NASCAR legend Ray Evernham leading viewers through revolutionary moments in automotive culture. In the all-new season, premiering Thursday, March 3 at 9 PM ET/PT, Evernham opens the door to stories involving amazing cars and celebrity superstars. Ray explores the fascinating details behind the disastrous sinkhole that swallowed the showroom at the National Corvette Museum and visits with car loving A-list celebrities such as country music star Tim McGraw, racing legend Dan Gurney and blue's musician Joe Bonamassa.

The episode featuring the Museum is the premiere episode, a special one-hour on Thursday, March 3, following the story from the day rare and invaluable Corvettes were swallowed by the earth while on display, to the rebuild and salvage of the priceless cars. The episode will also include exclusive original footage of Corvettes being lifted from the sinkhole, interviews and behind the scenes planning with the team leading to the restoration of the valuable cars.

In the premiere, Evernham also heads to Music City – Nashville, Tenn. – to work with renowned [Big Machine Label Group](#)® President and CEO Scott Borchetta in sharing his extensive car collection and the story behind each one. From leading the world's biggest independent record label (home to artists like Taylor Swift, Florida Georgia Line and Tim McGraw) to serving as Contestant Mentor on FOX's "American Idol", Scott balances his work life with his car passion as he currently is a three-time champion at Nashville Speedway.

"AMERICARNA is full of new car related stories including the tale behind the renowned old-fashioned hot rod race The Race of Gentleman (TROG). Featuring autos from 1934 or earlier, TROG participants race their old-fashioned wheels in vintage apparel down the coast of the New Jersey Shore. Also new this season, Evernham explores the legendary Beverly Hills Speedway, as well as racing icon Dan Gurney and his #48 AAR Eagle.

Corvette a 'Top of the Line' Brand Museum

MentalFloss.com posted their list of 10 "Top of the Line" Brand Museums, a list of what they deem the most interesting museums dedicated to brand-name products. Some names on the list are not surprising - like Coca-Cola, Hershey, and Gucci. But listed in the #1 spot on their list is yours truly - the National Corvette Museum. The post cites our more than 80 cars on display and even the sinkhole.



Bobby Darin's Car

Got this from a friend. As noted in the article the car is at the Museum of Transportation in St. Louis. I remember seeing it several years ago on a visit.

For those who remember Bobby Darin and Sandra Dee . . .

The 1960 DiDia 150 was a luxury, custom-designed iconic, handmade car also known as the "Dream Car" forever associated with its second owner, singer Bobby Darin. The car was designed by Andrew Di Dia, a clothing designer, who Bobby Darin had met whilst on tour in Detroit in 1957. Darin telling Di Dia at the time that he would purchase the car if he ever "hit it big". For seven years, from 1953 to 1960 the DiDia 150 was hand-built by four workers, at a cost of \$93,647.29 but sold to Darin in 1961 at a cost of over \$150,000 (1.5 million today).] At the time the car was listed as most expensive 'custom-made' car in the world by the Guinness Book of Records.] The body was hand-formed by Ron Clark and constructed by Bob Kaiser from Clark Kaiser Customs.

Its metallic red paint was made with 30 coats of ground diamonds for sparkle. Built in Detroit, Michigan, clothing designer Andrew 'Andy' Di Dia designed this "unrestrained and unconventional" automobile. Only one example was ever built. The normal V8 engine is located at the front with an engine displacement of 365/427. It has a rear-wheel drive, the body and chassis is hand-formed from 064 aluminum with a 125-inch wheelbase alloy tube frame.



It has a glass cockpit in back, a squared steering wheel and thermostatically controlled air conditioning system.



This is Andrew Di Dia the car designer.

The interior is rust coloured in contrast to the ruby paintwork. The design included the first backseat-mounted radio speakers and hidden windshield wipers, that started themselves when it rained. Other features include retractable headlamps, rear indicators that swivel as the car turns, 'floating' bumpers and a trunk that was hinged from the driver's side. Each of the four bucket seats have their own thermostatically controlled air conditioning, individual cigarette lighters and ashtrays, as well as a radio speaker. The original engine, a Cadillac V8, was later replaced by a 427 high-performance by Ford when it was taken on the show circuit.



Darin drove his wife, Sandra Dee, in the car to the 34th Academy Awards in 1961. When Bobby drove the car to the Academy Awards, Andrew Di Dia and Steve Blauner followed behind him in a limousine. The car had two fans and a switch that you had to turn on. Bobby didn't realize, so it heated up. All the magazines said the car caught fire but it didn't.



Di Dia toured the car around the country, when Darin wasn't using it for public appearances. After publicity and film use, Darin donated his "Dream Car" to the St Louis Museum of Transportation in 1970 where it remains.





Not car related but ...

Check out this website that has vintage pictures of St. Louis. Recognize anything?

<http://www.vintag.es/2015/02/30-stunning-vintage-photographs-of-st.html>

In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Please continue to keep Jerry Craig in your thoughts and prayers as he recovers from his recent surgery. The best news is that Jerry has been moved to DePaul rehab. If you want to send a card, please send them to Peggy's address and she will make sure he gets it. Sandy Kirby is going to have surgery soon and we wish her a good outcome and recovery. I also understand Bob Woods was in the hospital recently so we hope he is back to his old self soon. I believe that Karen Price brought home some exotic germ that put Mike on the couch recently so we hope he is up soon. Heavens, we don't want Carl to run the meeting!! Jerry Giffhorn had an accident recently but is on the mend. Maybe we need to put him and Bob Woods off in the corner by themselves. If you don't know the whole story, just ask. We also wish Janice Kerin well in recovering from a back injury.

If you know of anyone who is having health issues please let me know so I can include them in this column.

BE SURE TO CHECK ALL THE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE

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