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BIRTHDAYS

Erin Duke	Aug 4
Bill Mattler	Aug 4
Rich Luebcke	Aug 5
Mike Kunst	Aug 15

Jeff Craig	Aug 16
Charlie Miget	Aug 20
Debbie Tidwell	Aug 20
Carl Ballinger	Aug 22
Nancy Ellis	Aug 25
Gary Tidwell	Aug 25
Sue Berard	Aug 26
Don Pickles	Aug 30
Steve Ward	Aug 31
Celse Berard	Aug 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Sharon Love	Aug 15
Mike & Karen Price	Aug 17
Frank & Nancy Ellis	Aug 22
Butch & Cheri Riebeling	Aug 24

President's Message

July 24, 2017

Greetings everyone:

July has been a sizzler of a month, weather wise, and with our activities. We started the month with the July 4th Webster Groves parade and once again our club had a great showing. We won the Classic Entry Award which Michelle Paillou will receive for the club at the next City Council meeting. Thanks Michelle for a great job organizing all the participants. Following the parade the

Prices once again hosted the annual 4th of July get to together. Thanks Karen and Mike, everyone had a great time.

Our July meeting was the second Tuesday of the month and we had a record attendance with 75 people attending the meeting, Wow!!!. It was a busy meeting to say the least but Ron will do a much better job with the details in the meeting minutes.

On July 15th Bob and Patty Kusky sponsored The Route 66 trip and a great trip it was. I believe we had over 34 cars on this trip and about 66 people. The weather could not have been better and we drove some beautiful roads to get to the Munger Moss Motel, a classic Route 66 Motel right out of the 50's and 60's. The food at each stop was great and we all had a great time. Thanks Bob and Patty for all the great planning and organizing, it's not always easy.

July 19 was the Retiree's Lunch sponsored by Mark Portman. I was told 25 people attended, we do like to drive and eat, Thanks Mark.

July 28th is the Walker's Bluff Run sponsored by Mike and Laurie Grubb. If you went last year you know what a great time it will be. Don't forget Fritz's Ice Cream on July 30th .

Some Reminders:

1. All Events must be sent to Mike Grubb before sending to membership; Mike will see that they are sent out. We want to avoid double booking. If you have questions on how to plan an event, talk to Mike.
2. Name badges at club functions help all members get to know each other.
3. The annual dues collection process has started. Remember your dues are due no latter then September 30th. Since we are at our maximum membership this date is very important.

We have a very active club that we can be very proud of and as a result we are getting many inquiries from prospective members. Unfortunately at this time membership is closed due to reaching the maximum number of members per the by laws. These prospects will be placed on a waiting list and will be allowed to join in order when spots open up.

I think that's about it for now, sorry to be so long winded but there is a lot going on. See you all On August 1st.

Save the Wave and keep cool!!!!

Ray and Mike

Minutes of the July 2017 Meeting

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Grand Slam Bar and Grill in Fenton for the monthly meeting on July 11, 2017.

Prior to the meeting, Ruth Howard read a letter from Sandy Kirby's concerning her present medical situation.

The meeting was called to order by President Ray Queen at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Introduction of Officers is as follows: President- Ray Queen, Vice President- Mike Grubb, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Don Pickles, Sergeant at Arms- Michelle Finn and Membership- Judy Giovanoni. Our sponsors Eric DeBruin and Mark Gerecke were not present.

Ray reminded everyone about the sign in sheet, 50/50 tickets, and attendance prize.

We had a guest speaker, Nick Calandro from Dents Express. He spoke about their dent repair process and also invited the club to their barbecue on August 19. All club members were given a card for a 15% discount on any of their services.

Guests Larry and Diane Walker were introduced. They have a 1965 that still holds one of the NCCC drag records. Kevin Yovich was also introduced. He has a 2013 Supersonic Blue Grand Sport. Also associate members Erin and Gary Duke from Florida were in attendance.

Ruth and Randy Howard gave a presentation concerning Drive for St. Jude's. This event is every year and funds raised go to support St. Jude's Hospital. They asked for club members to participate next year which will be May 17-18, 2018. Cars are asked to raise \$1500 to participate and there is a \$275 fee which covers materials, hotel accommodations, etc. Participants will meet at the hospital and those kids who are able can see and maybe sit in the cars. This event is growing each year. The route goes from Peoria to Memphis. We would be meeting up with a group coming from Mid America Motorworks. Even if you can't participate you can still support the Howards who plan on participating.

Ray asked for a motion to approve the June minutes. Chris Woods made the motion that they be approved and it was seconded by Peggy Craig. The motion passed.

Judy Giovanoni gave the membership report. We currently have 101 regular

members, 18 associate members, 3 lifetime members and 4 sponsors for a total of 126. The reason we are over our 100 members as stated in the by-laws is that we were at 99 members and had a couple that wanted to join. Rather than put them on a wait list since it would put us over our numbers, the Board decided to accept them as members which put us at 101 total. This is allowed per the by-laws. There has been a wait list started for anyone else wishing to join the club and we will see what our number are after the renewal period in September. It is the Board's intention to not go over our 100 member total for next year. Judy also announced the July birthdays and anniversaries as well as reminded everyone that dues are now due.

Don Pickles presented the treasurer report. Bob Kusky made a motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Gary Duke. The motion passed.

Judy Dooley gave the NCM Ambassador's report. Since the club is a Lifetime member of the NCM, if you want to join you can have a 25% discount on the cost. The plant is closed for the next 18 months. And she has tickets for the

next car raffle. Also the latest club banner that was displayed at the museum was behind the officer's table. They are raffling off the banner with chances of \$5 per ticket.

Jeff Craig gave the NCCC Governor's report. Competition season is well underway. Currently in the Midwest Region, Peggy is 2nd in Ladies and Patty is 4th in Ladies. Peggy is 8th in the overall Ladies category while Patty is 10th. Jeff is currently 15th in the overall men's category. The club is 13th in points overall because of the Craig's racing.

Jerry Craig said the newsletter was on target.

Steve Kirby reported the website was on target.

Carl Ballinger reported the historical committee is on target.

Under Committees, Michelle Paillou reported that the club won the Classics

entry in the Fourth of July parade and will receive an award at the next Webster Groves city council meeting. 15 cars participated and everyone had a good time at the Price's after the parade. Thanks to them for hosting us again. Pam Queen spoke about the recent ALS walk we participated in. Our goal was \$2000 and we raised \$2505. Great Job! There is also an ALS fundraiser on October 27 and members are urged to attend.

Vice President Mike Grubb, reviewed the previous and upcoming events. They are:

Previous:

June 7-11 – Chula Vista, WI sponsored by Steve and Dawn Kirby. The club had the most cars in attendance.

June 17 – Luau sponsored by Mike and Laurie Grubb

June 21 – Monthly Retiree Lunch to Big Chief Restaurant sponsored by Ray and Pam Queen

June 25 – Fritz's Ice Cream

June 30 – Drive your Corvette to Work at Mimi's Café and Sugar Creek Winery afterwards sponsored by Peggy Craig.

July 4 – Webster Groves Parade sponsored by Michelle Paillou with picnic at the Prices

July 9 – Route 66 Car Show at the History Museum

Upcoming:

July 15-16 – Route 66 trip sponsored by Bob and Patti Kusky

July 19 – Monthly Retiree Lunch sponsored by Marc Portman

July 28 – Walkers Run sponsored by Mike and Laurie Grubbs

July 30 – Fritz's Ice Cream

August 1 – Club meeting

August 12 – Pub 231 Car Show sponsored by the Murrays and Tidwells

August 16 – Retirees Lunch

August 19 – Dent Express Barbecue

August 21-26 – NCCC Convention in Bowling Green

August 31 – September 2 – Anniversary Celebration at NCM

September 5 – Club meeting

September 16 – Walk for Alzheimer's sponsored by the Marlos

September 30 – Josephine's Tea Room sponsored by Ruth Howard

Also Bob Kusky would like to have an event in the fall for those that bike to ride the Katy Trail and meet at Sugar Creek Winery afterwards.

Thank you to the Pickles for bringing the cake. Next month the cake will be brought by the Woods.

The 50/50 winner was Michelle Paillou for \$118.00

There were 75 members in attendance, possibly a new record.

Mike Kirby won the door prize. Attendance prize was won by Michelle Finn.

The next meeting will be on August 1, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Randy Howard made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Rick Doerr. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Ron Hagenow - Secretary

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<http://stlcorvettes.com>, <http://stlcorvettes.net>
*Event schedules, Weather, Pictures, Archives***

Please submit pictures from events

so we can look back on fun times

St. Louis Corvette Club

Today   Wednesday, July 26 ▾

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Friday, July 28

9:30am Walker's Bluff Run - Wine tasting, beer, country store, and chicken dinner

Sunday, July 30

6:00pm Fritz' Ice Cream Run

Tuesday, August 1

7:00pm STLCC meeting.

Saturday, August 12

Crestwood Car Show

12:00pm Pub 231 Corvette Show

Wednesday, August 16

1:00pm Retiree's lunch

Saturday, August 19

12:00pm Multi Car Club BBQ

Monday, August 21

NCCC Convention

Tuesday, August 22

NCCC Convention

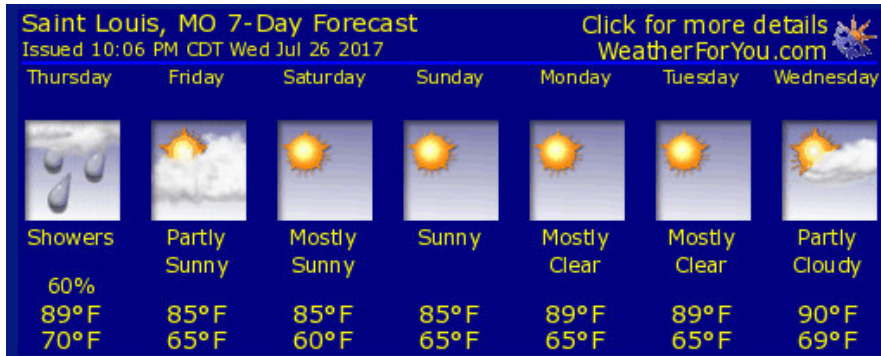
Wednesday, August 23

NCCC Convention

Thursday, August 24

Events shown in time zone: Central Time





Corvette Museum - Our new Club Banner



If you are planning to purchase a new Corvette and would like to have the R8C museum delivery, they are now offering FREE touring laps. While you can't drive your new Vette until it is properly broken in, you can drive a NCM Corvette on the track! This is new for the 2018 models with R8C delivery and has a value of \$199 and is based on weather, track & car availability at the NCM Motorsports Park.

Don't forget that the 23rd Anniversary celebration at the NCM is Aug. 31-Sept. 2 (Labor Day weekend). You can register now online for the event. There will be lots of seminars, road trips, banquets and much more. This is when the 2018 Torch Red coupe will be raffled off. If you would like to purchase a \$10 ticket for this car. Please see me at the August meeting.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

Mike Kunst sent this along:

The Corvette Assembly Plant's Three Month Shutdown to Begin July 28th

By

Mitch Talley -

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The Corvette Assembly Plant's Three Month Shutdown to Begin July 28th

Amid speculation on the Web that the General Motors Bowling Green Assembly Plant is getting ready for a new generation that could include hybrid or mid-engine Corvettes, most workers at the Kentucky plant will take off beginning July 28 and won't be returning to work until October.

That was the word from Plant Manager Kai Spande, who talked last Thursday about the upcoming 13-week shutdown during the awarding of the plant's grants to local non-profit organizations.

Fortunately, the plant has already assembled some 2018 Corvettes in the past few weeks for delivery during the shutdown, but production and delivery of what will be the fifth year of the C7 models won't resume again until November.

Spande said the shutdown will allow installation of equipment, setting up a new car build process for the 2018 Corvette, and getting the nearly \$500 million new paint shop up and running.

Meanwhile, a United Auto Workers Local 2164 leader said some areas of the plant will still be on the job during the shutdown, "mostly painters."

Vice President Jack Bowers told a reporter for The Bowling Green Daily News that all of the 838 permanent employees should be back at work in October, but the several hundred temporary workers who also help produce the Corvette won't return immediately.

"It will be a slow, steady process when you do this level of restructuring in the plant," Bowers said. "We're basically rearranging things so that parts coming from the paint area are coming from a different area, and we'll be using a conveyor system to bring all parts over to be assembled. It will take at least a month to get things rolling."

The Corvette Assembly Plant's Three Month Shutdown to Begin July 28th

In an earlier story, we told you the new paint facility is on the other side of the factory than the previous paint shop. So moving the panel assembly areas closer to the new paint shop means that there is less opportunity for those newly painted parts to get dinged or damaged as the car moves through the assembly process. Second is the fact that they want to change the current assembly layout so those painted panels are among the last steps of the assembly process, again to mitigate the potential for damage as the car is being assembled.

Finally, the general assembly process will be transformed by utilizing flexible assembly methods that feature robotic delivery of parts and components to the stations as well as allowing the worker greater access to the vehicle and its sub-systems during assembly. An example is the engine dress line that will allow workers to easily rotate the engines to make it as easy and as accessible as possible for the worker to do their jobs.

Another significant move is the time for each worker to install the parts. Currently, the assembly line moves at a rate of 17 cars completed per hour. This will be decreased to 12 cars per hour as the workers will get an additional two minutes per car (from three minutes to five minutes) at each of their stations. Not only does this allow the worker more time to do their jobs, but it should also increase quality as they will have more time to inspect and review the cars as they go down the line. The rate of 12 cars per hour is not something that can be changed. At the NCM Bash in April, Kai said if you want to build more cars, then you need more hours to do so, not a faster running line.

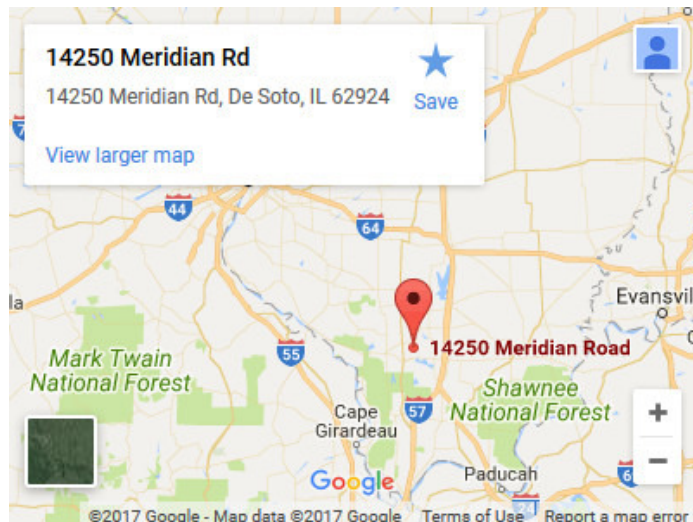
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At the Bash, he showed how the current line features a lot of steel scaffolding and an inflexible line that carries parts through the factory. Another key stat is that currently 80% of the parts are delivered via forklifts. Following the upgrades much of the scaffolding and delivery of parts will be replaced with a new system of automated guided carriers which are essentially robots that follow a predetermined path to deliver the completed sub-assemblies or the other parts needed for building the cars.

Of course, with the plant closed for the renovations, the factory tours are shut down, and we've been told they may not resume until early 2019 – a move that has caused speculation that GM doesn't want prying eyes seeing any eighth generation models widely rumored to be the long-awaited mid-engine Holy Grail.

New Events

July 28 - Walker's Bluff Wine Run



Please meet at the back of the Waterloo Walmart parking lot (closest to Denny's) at 9:30 a.m. Drivers' meeting will be at 9:45 and

we will depart immediately after that. We will drive straight to Walkers Bluff General Store (arriving about 11:30 a.m.) where you can shop or enjoy a cold beverage on the porch. At noon we will depart for the very short drive to Walkers Bluff Tasting Room where you can do wine tasting, have a cold beer, explore the cave, or just relax with a cold beverage in the oversized leather chairs. At 2 p.m. we will go next door to the event center for a family-style fried chicken dinner. Cost is \$22.50 per person which includes a soft drink or tea, tax and gratuity. Since this is an event center (versus a restaurant) we have to pay for the number of reservations I make on July 21. If you have not already paid, you can pay that day. The following members have signed up at this point:

August 12 STLCC Car Show



St. Louis Corvette Club
Gateway To Fun



Pub 731
First Floor Corner
8275 Telegraph Rd
between Nixon Wayground &
1st & Tyngrove
Columbia, MO 65120
ph 314-292-1018

CORVETTE SHOW

SATURDAY

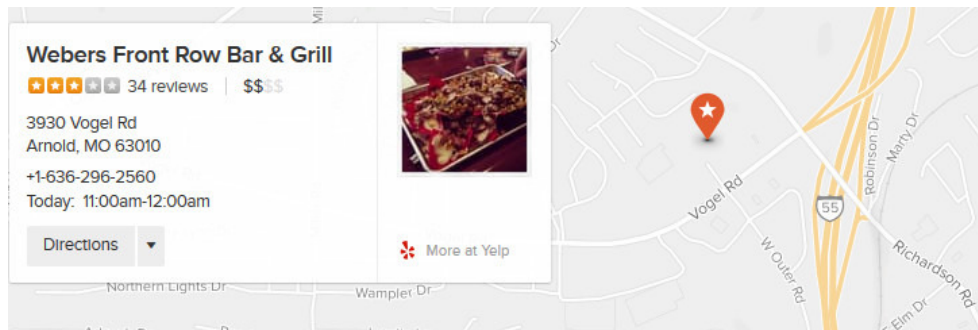
AUGUST 12, 2017

12 PM - 4 PM



Trophies awarded for:
Charity Choice
Pub Owner's Choice
People's Choice

August 16. Retired Lunch at Webers Front Row 3930 Vogel Rd., Arnold Mo.
12:00 Noon



August 21-25 NCCC Convention in Bowling Green Ky. Info at: www.corvettesnccc.org



BOWLING GREEN IN '17

Bowling Green, KY
August 21 - 25, 2017

August 31 – September 2 – Anniversary Celebration at NCM.

More information at the meeting.

2017 NCM 23rd Anniversary Celebration and Hall of Fame Induction Aug 31 – Sept 2, 2017

In the 2 decades since the Museum opened the scope of the vision has blossomed to include changes such as the dedicated special exhibit hall, dedicated PDI delivery area, restoration area, full service store, interactive exhibits and a full motorsports park.

Every year around the Labor Day weekend we celebrate the Grand Opening of the Museum in 1994 with a participant focused event. This year we mark the 23rd Anniversary milestone and focus on the diversity of the people that Corvette has brought together for a look back on the Museum's history and forward to the future! Registered can enjoy 3 days of activities in and around the Museum including access to interesting and unique road tours, special video presentations, raffles, the annual open Membership meeting and more during this event in honor of your help and support! The event will also include the Lifetime/HOF Inductee dinner, 10/15/20/25-year member recognition, Ambassador Luncheon, and the "Corvette Hall of Fame" Induction Ceremony and banquet where we will induct new members into the prestigious and elite group of recipients who have made a significant contribution to Corvette history.

Hall of Fame inductees for 2017 are Peter Brock, Jim Minneker, and Tommy Morrison. Individual seating and group tables are available.

Anniversary registration is no charge to Lifetime members, \$20 for members and \$30 for non- members with deadline for online registration 5:00pm central, Thursday, August 17th, 2017. Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque.

Host Hotel for this event only:

Holiday Inn University Plaza

*** Discounted rate: \$119 + tax per night**

1021 Wilkinson Trace

*** Code Word: MUM**

Bowling Green, KY 42101

*** Link: [Museum in Motion](#)**

Phone – 270745-0088

Past Events

Ice Cream





Overnight Vacation







Retiree Lunch





Notes from Members

Paul Craig - Track Day at Iowa Speedway





Judy and Marty toast a new Corvette in the family

A Chuckle

Interesting way of slowing down traffic in Canada



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