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A note from the editor:

A few years ago we had to print or type each page and paste in pictures. Then, a trip to Insty-Prints to run copies. An evening of collating, stapling, folding, addressing, stamping and mailing. (Wine helped attract friends to the party).

Along came computers with page size screens and the Internet for free mailing. This issued in the use of PDF files, more pages and color pictures.

Now, in the era of cell phones the "page" has changed and needs to be much more flexible. Page widths and text heights must rubberband to fit each reading device.

So, with 2017, we begin a new method of formatting the newsletter and a new way of sending copies to hopefully keep up with changing times.

Birthdays






Ann Sedovic	Jan 4
Mary Ann Hagenow	Jan 9
Larry Akins	Jan 11
Mike Price	Jan 12
Kathy Craig	Jan 17
Ken Dahman	Jan 20
Don Bradford	Jan 22
Marty Dooley	Jan 25
Carl Cox	Jan 26
Jackie Miget	Jan 31
Michelle Paillou	Jan 31

Anniversaries

John & Angie Midkiff	Jan 12
Mike & Charlene Wozniak	Jan 16
Ken & Barbie Payne	Jan 16
Ruth and Randy Howard	Jan 19
Mike & Glenda Walsh	Jan 22

2017 Dates are Thursday, June 8 - Saturday, June 10, 2017
Hotel Reservations for 2017 are currently available

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2016 Corvette Adventures Parade



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[Click here for 2016 event photos](#)

Corvette Adventures

Early Reservations for Corvette Adventures Recommended.

Here's something to think about on a cold, icy night - a Corvette Summer Event!

Merry Christmas

'Tis the Season"

I thought we could hold this event until the planning meeting in January but talking with Mike Grubb and Steve Kirby we thought it best to relay the info now. This is a very popular

event and will draw lots of cars from all over. The event is in June and I suggest you go on line and see what they have to offer. The Registration is 80.00 per couple and it includes all road trips and the banquet Saturday night. Contact info

Corvetteadventures.com

The Kirbys, the Grubs and Pam and I went last year and had a great time. The room block is filling quickly so if you're interested I suggest you don't wait.

Happy Holidays

Ray

314-504-4093

Judy Giovanoni, Membership



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.

Set your GPS to 2400 Oak Mont Ct. , High Ridge, Mo. 63049



2017 Planning Meeting

Date: January 8, 2017

Where: Grand Slam

Time: A buffet lunch will start at 1 PM followed by our meeting at 2:PM

The Grand Slam has prepared a special buffet for us with a cost of \$9.95 per person.

2016 was a busy year as recounted at our Christmas party, we had lots of events and activities and 2017 promises to be just as busy. Bring your calendars and all your best ideas and suggestions. This is the time to get it all on the calendar.

Since this is our first communication to all of you Mike and I want to thank Mike and Carl for a great two years, your dedication to the club is most appreciated and this is what makes our club special. It's just too bad we couldn't re-write the bylaws in time to extend your term another 8 years, Ron offered but we were

too late.

I also want to thank Mark, Eric and Elco Chevrolet for the great donation and for taking the time to participate and come to our meetings. It is appreciated.

I think that's all for now we look forward to seeing you all in January.

Happy Holidays

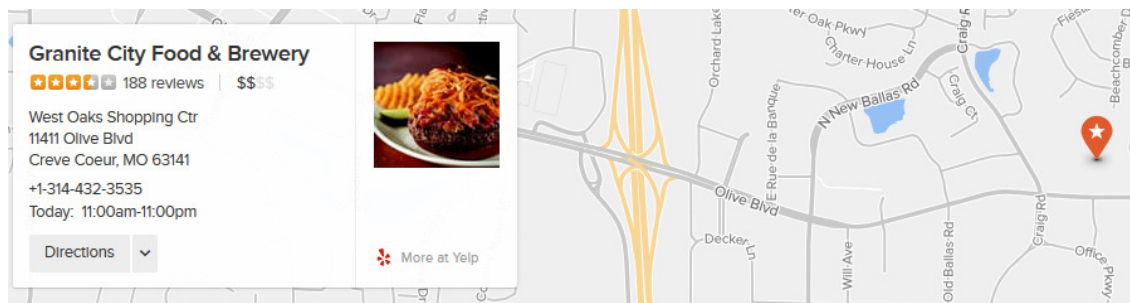
Ray & Mike.



Thanks to everyone who supported the National Corvette Museum last year by attending an event, Museum delivery, making purchases in the Corvette Store or making a donation.

Good luck to all of you who purchased a ticket for the 2017 white coupe that will be raffled off on February 9th. It's a nice looking car. Thank you for your support.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors



Retired Guys - everyone welcome. Luncheon Wednesday January 18 1PM.
Weather permitting. We will try to get the closed room. Please let us know if you are coming so we can reserve the space. Jerry Craig.

1this1@stlcorvette.club. **Check email for cancellation due to weather.**

In December we met for lunch at Gallagher's in Waterloo, Il. A happy, noisy group of about 25 enjoyed the specialty fried chicken and other menu items.



Notes for New Members

Welcome

Welcome to new members. We hope you will find enjoyment in the activities and friendships in the St. Louis Corvette Club. Our roots go back to 1953. Corvettes have changed but the special feelings associated with being around Corvettes and Corvette people have not changed a bit.

Meetings

Monthly meetings are held at Grand Slam, 519 Mae Ct. Fenton, Mo. 63026. www.grandslamstl.com for location and menus. Dinner at 6PM. Meeting at 7PM. We try to keep the meeting time to one hour. We recommend wearing a name tag. Lots of socializing after. Everyone is offered deserts provided by volunteers each month. We introduce officers, welcome new members and guests, get reports from the treasurer, secretary, and committee chairs and our sponsor. Old business and new business are discussed. A recounting of past

events and reports on new events keeps members up to date.

Website

Our website maintains a calendar of events, current weather, links to officers, pictures from events, picture and newsletter archives and links and general club information.

<http://stlcorvette.club>, stlcorvettes.net and stlcorvettes.com (no www).

Newsletter

Monthly newsletters are sent on the Internet. Notes from the meetings, pictures from events, articles of interest and future events are listed. Starting in 2017, newsletters will be available in cell phone/tablet and desktop PDF formats for easy reading.

Road Trips

Road trips may be a single day or extended multiple day events. Always be on time, have a full tank of gas and hit the restroom before starting a day on the road. The next rest stop may be a couple of hours away. Hand held radios for quick information/emergency announcements with large groups and cell phones for longer distance are used for communication. Trip sponsors will provide maps or instructions. Longer trips will have cell phone numbers.

If anyone has a problem, one additional car will stay behind and the rest of the group will continue.

Large group road trips will often break into smaller groups with 12 to 15 cars.

Sharp attention to driving is needed. Highway speed limits and right lane travel are recommended.

Courtesy in passing and merging back in takes judgement and timing. Crowding in front of a passed vehicle and slowing down may cause problems (road rage) especially with trucks. We do not have to travel bumper to bumper.

Radios for the Road



The Motorola MR350R radios are a good choice. They have a charging port which allows use and charging while driving. Batteries run out after hours on the road.

www.buytwowayradios.com

or Amazon.com

We usually run on Channel 6
Sub-Channel 6



A USB MINI cable is needed. The mini plug has a "T" shape while the micro plug has a elliptical shape.



The ANKER lighter port adapter has two outlets for charging a cell phone at the same time.

See Amazon.com. It has higher current capacity for quicker charging.

Car Shows
and Picnics

Car Shows are usually informal. Wash and shine. Food is usually involved and people may be asked to provide a side dish. Charity car shows may be added to the events calendar. Same for Picnics. Folding chairs, umbrellas and drinks make life easier. We try to schedule only one event per day or weekend to be fair to the people who take responsibility for an event.



PICO chairs fold small and are comfortable.

Parades

Parades are always fun. We participate in parades with good crowd control. The 4th of July Webster Groves parade is well done and very well attended. We drive celebrities and Gold Star Mothers/Fathers/Families in the Veterans Day parade.

We have a very close affiliation with the Gold Star Mothers.

Charity

Charity work is important to us. Owning a Corvette is a great thing. Giving back is something we can do. We maintain gardens at the Veterans Hospital at Jefferson Barracks. Cleaning, planting, trimming, watering jobs are open for volunteers. The folks there really appreciate what we do. One religious leader calls it his prayer garden. Christmas is a great time to do something for other people. STLCC provides gifts for families and kids down on hard times due to floods and other events out of their control.

Corvette Museum

St Louis Corvette Club is a lifetime member of the National Corvette Museum. We make several trips there each year. Club members participate in Museum events and many have elected Museum delivery for their old and new Corvettes. Often, a group travels down to help with the great day. We recommend being a member of the Museum. Many in STLCC are individual

lifetime family members. We also collect Hot Wheels miniature Corvettes which are donated to the Museum to be given to kids who visit. Some of the kids are very poor.



STLCC is affiliated with NCCC. National Council of Corvette Clubs is a organization whose purpose is to advance the Corvette on many levels. We get excellent insurance for our events at a very low price. You may be asked to sign a waiver for events which means the club and all are insured in case something happens. NCCC has many interesting things to do including rallies, several types of racing and a fun yearly convention.



We have a great relationship with ELCO Chevrolet. Their sales and service are excellent. ELCO provides funds and discounts for the club and people sponsor events for STLCC. Mark and Eric work together for us whether it is a new Corvette or a reliable Pre-Owned Corvette.

Mark Gerecke 636-227-5333 primarily New Corvettes

Eric DeBruin 636-227-5333 primarily Pre-Owned. Either person can help.

John Brinkman 877-591-4517 Service



A great thing about new members is new ideas, new activities to try, new restaurants to visit. Sponsoring an event is appreciated by everyone. Planning and communication aid in success with fun for all. A few thoughts and a checklist on the process:

- Check with the Vice President to add the dates and times to the calendar.
- Start at a place with restrooms. McDonalds, large filling station, etc.
- Provide maps or instructions, cell phone number in case people get lost.
- Rest stops every 1 1/2 to 2 hours. Rest stops take more time. People socialize!
- Radios keep everyone informed. Use channel 6, sub-channel 6 or specify.
- Specify expenses when appropriate.
- Plan for food. Inform resaurant if numbers are large.

Food takes more time. People socialize!

___ Break up large groups with additional leaders. 12 - 15 Corvettes is manageable.

___ Travel back roads when possible. Takes more time but scenery and driving are more fun. Obey speed limits. Sheriffs see \$\$ when they see a Corvette.

___ Prepare a sign-up sheet for meetings and a graphic for the newsletter.

Promote your event at the meeting.

Links:

From Ron Hagenow:

Something of interest for our veterans in the club. The American Legion has a website that outlines veterans benefits for each state. You might want to check it out. The website is: <https://www.legion.org/veteransbenefits/state>. Click on the state and see what you might be eligible for.

Many thanks to our sponsor ELCO Chevrolet.
We really appreciate their help and friendship



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