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## **President's Message**

August 22, 2018

Greetings everyone:

August has been a busy but sad month for the St Louis Corvette Club; we lost a very special lady with the Passing of Sandy Kirby. A Celebration of Sandy's life was hosted by the Kirby Family on August 12<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville IL. Our Club once again came together as a family to celebrate Sandy's life. I am always proud to be the President of this great club but on this day with the huge number of members filling the room and all the cars coming in together it's truly something very special.

The very next day we got the news of Elise Akins pending surgery on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup>. Our prayers go out to Elise and the Akins family. I understand Elise did well with the surgery and has been moved to the Mercy Rehab facility. Jan and Gary said she was up walking with a walker and her spirits and determination are good. We are all praying for a full recovery.

Mike Moore also underwent knee replacement surgery on the 7<sup>th</sup>. He was having some difficulty with rehab but I heard today that he may be able to go home shortly, just has to be able to climb stairs. Come on Mike we are rooting for you. You can do it!!!!

I think that's it for all the sad news, the rest of the month was busy with our activities. The trip to Wisconsin for Road America was great, thanks Mike and Tom for all the great planning. The Murray's and Tidwell's hosted an outstanding car show at Pub 231, Awesome Job!!!

Mike will review all the events, past and future at our meeting on September 4<sup>th</sup>, and do a much better job than I can do in a cover letter, so that's all my news for August, don't forget Fritz's Ice cream on the 26<sup>th</sup>

Some Reminders:

1. Name badges at club functions helps all members get to know each other.
2. The annual Dues collection process has started. Remember your dues are due and the final date to pay is the September meeting.
3. The Club Picnic, September 15<sup>th</sup>..

Save the Wave and keep cool!!!!

Ray and Mike

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Bob Kusky	Sep 1
Kimberlie Gerecke	Sep 2
Patti Kusky	Sep 7
Lynda Roth	Sep 7
Jim Love	Sep 8

Kevin Yovich	Sep 14
Fancy Loch	Sep 23
Mike Wozniak	Sep 25
Tom Marlo	Sep 26
Randy Rickermann	Sep 27
Elise Akins	Sep 29

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Mike & Pat Moore	Sep 2
John & Pam Corrora	Sep 6
Ray & Pam Queen	Sep 20
Bob & Chris Woods	Sep 20
Tony & Jane Jokerst	Sep 25

## **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Grand Slam Bar and Grill in Fenton for the monthly meeting on August 7, 2018.

The meeting was called to order by Acting President Mike Price at 7:00 pm. Prior to the pledge, Michelle Finn and a representative from the Jefferson County Foster Care Foundation spoke about the foster care program and thanked everyone for their generous donations of school supplies. There are currently about 800 children in foster care in Jefferson County. Michelle also mentioned that the Giving Tree will be at the October meeting with gifts to be returned at the November meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:10 pm. Mike Price asked for a moment of silence in memory of Sandy Kirby as well as Mark Gerecke's father-in-law. He also asked that we keep Mike Moore in our thoughts as he had knee replacement surgery today.

The Introduction of Officers is as follows: President- Mike Price substituting for Ray Queen, Vice President- Don Pickles substituting for Mike Grubb, Secretary - Ron Hagenow

substituting for Sherri Marlo, Treasurer- Anne Pickles, Sergeant at Arms- Bill Mattler substituting for Tom Marlo and Membership Director – Judy Giovanoni substituting for Pat Moore.

Mike reminded everyone about the sign in sheet, 50/50 tickets, and attendance prize. Mike also reminded everyone of Sandy Kirby's Celebration of Life lunch at Our Lady of the Snows restaurant on Sunday, August 12 beginning at 1:00 pm.

Ron Hagenow made a motion that due to Sandy's passing, Mike Kirby be granted Honorary membership status as has been a tradition of the club. Chris Woods seconded the motion and the motion passed.

There were no new guests.

Mike asked for a motion to approve the July minutes. It was noted that Ron Hagenow had forgotten to include any alcohol donations for baskets for the car show. Chris Woods made the motion that they be approved and it was seconded by Judy Dooley. The motion passed.

Judy Giovanoni gave the membership report. We currently have 100 regular members, 20 associate members, 4 lifetime members and 4 sponsors for a total of 128. Judy also announced the August birthdays and anniversaries. She also reminded everyone that dues are due by September 1.

Anne Pickles presented the treasurer report. Don Pickles made a motion to approve the report and it was seconded by Michelle Paillou. The motion passed.

Marty Dooley gave the NCM Ambassador's report. The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caravan will be August 28-31, 2019. Rooms are going fast and the prices are getting expensive. Also tickets for the banner that hung at the NCM are available for \$5.00. Judy Dooley presented a 10 year Membership Certificate to Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow. She also has \$10 raffle tickets for sale.

Jeff Craig gave the NCCC Ambassador's report. He said the convention went well and he, Patty Craig and Larry Walker all came home with awards. The club is currently ranked 24<sup>th</sup> in the nation in points. He noted that Patty was in the top 15 in points this year. Larry Walker also spoke about his experience at the convention and has videos of his runs that he has posted to Dropbox if anyone wants to view them.

Mike Kunst said the newsletter was on target. Roughly 69 % opened the newsletter.

Steve Kirby said the website was on-target. He is doing some updates and has reworked the "In Memoriam" section. If you have pictures, please sent them to him.

Mark Gerecke said that Elco was doing well and they hired two more sales personnel. He thinks their 2019 ZR1 that they sold is coming back to the dealership as that person just bought a Ford GT. They do have a good selection of new and used Corvettes for sale. There are also discounts for some other cars other than Corvettes.

Under Committees, Judy Dooley spoke about the upcoming elections. Don Pickles has agreed to run as President and Rick Doerr has agreed to run as Vice President. If you want to nominate anyone else, there is a box at the back of the room to do so. All other officers have agreed to run for another term. Rich Frierdich mentioned that he hopes to have the service flags that were ordered at the next meeting. Chris Woods spoke about the Christmas Party which will be on December 8, 2018. The club is picking up \$10 of the cost so tickets will be \$15. She asked if we wanted an open bar but tickets would cost \$35. A show of hands indicated we wanted to keep the \$15 cost and have a cash bar. The cash bar will only accept cash, no checks or credit cards.

Don Pickles reviewed the previous and upcoming events. They are:

Previous:

July 1 – Train Show sponsored by Rick Frierdich. 4 cars attended and they had a great time.

July 4 – Webster Groves July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade sponsored by Michelle Paillou. We won an award for the Classic Car Entry. A great time was had at the Price's after the parade.

July 15 – Retiree's lunch sponsored by Rick Frierdich to Lester's. Great lunch and about 15 attended.

July 21-22 – Route 66 Overnight Trip sponsored by the Kusky's. Another great event and all the rooms were booked. Thanks for all the prep work to put this on again.

July 28 – Night at The Races sponsored by the Howards. 48 people signed up. Mike Price was the big winner of the night.

July 29 – Fritz's Ice Cream. It rained but a couple hardy souls showed up.

August 3-7 – Road America. Some people are on a side trip to Door County but everyone had a good time.

Upcoming:

August 7 – STLCC Meeting.

August 18 – Pub 231 Car Show sponsored by the Murray's and Tidwell's. Hoping for more cars and there will be more food available. Benefits go to the Fischer House. If you can donate any items please contact Jan Murray or Debbie Tidwell.

August 26 – Fritz's Ice Cream.

August 30 – September 1 – 24<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at NCM. See Dooleys if you are going.

September 4 – Club Meeting.

September 15 – Club picnic in Millstadt beginning at noon. Sponsored by Mike Kirby and the Giffhorns.

September 15-16 – Autocross at Family Arena. Sponsored by the Racing Craig Family.

September 19 – Retiree's Lunch at Walnut Grill in Sunset Hills.

September 20-21 – Funfest in Effingham.

September 29 – Car show at Dent's Express.

October 4-7 – Eureka Springs.

There was no new business.

The 50/50 winner was Pat Cox for \$93.00. Attendance prizes were won by Barb Payne, Rich Luebcke and Marcia Sheer. Gary and Debbie Tidwell donated PGA tickets to this Friday's round. The winner was Kirt Scheer, who is taking up golf. Thanks to the Tidwells for their generous donation.

There were 58 members in attendance.

The next meeting will be on September 4, 2018 at 7:00 pm.

Chris Woods made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Patty Craig.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Ron Hagenow – Secretary for Sherri Marlo

# Special Newsletter Section

## Remembering and Celebrating Sandy Kirby



Gathering and Staging to enter Our Lady of the Snows  
Some of the 30+ Corvettes



Mike watching his Corvette Family  
arrive at Our Lady of the Snows  
conference center for the celebration of  
Sandy's Life.





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## Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

### NCM Ambassadors Report

If you would like to get a build sheet or a copy of the window sticker for your Corvette, from the National Corvette Museum, well the laws in Kentucky have recently changed. Now things like window stickers and build sheets will now be taxed along with some other things. So as soon as we get the new pamphlets with the new pricing we will pass them on to you.

As a member of the National Corvette Museum you can access a digital copy of your membership card and print it out from home. Simply log into your account and on the summary page, click on your membership level under membership information.

Judy and Marty Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors



## Future Events

# 2018 NCM 24TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION AND HALL OF FAME INDUCTION AUG 30 – SEPT 1, 2018



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 24<sup>th</sup> 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 2018 are John & Burt Greenwood, Tom Wallace, and Mike Yager. 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 16th, 2018. Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque.

Onsite registration will Begin on Wednesday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 1pm. Onsite prices are \$5 for Lifetime, \$25 for Members, \$35 for Non-Members

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St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Picnic

Liederkrantz Park

Millstadt Illinois 62260

September 15, 2018

Join us for all the fun and games and some great food.

**Festivities start at Noon food will arrive about 12:30**

**Following Lunch we will have our annual Washer Toss tournament. Who will be this years Champs???**

What to bring

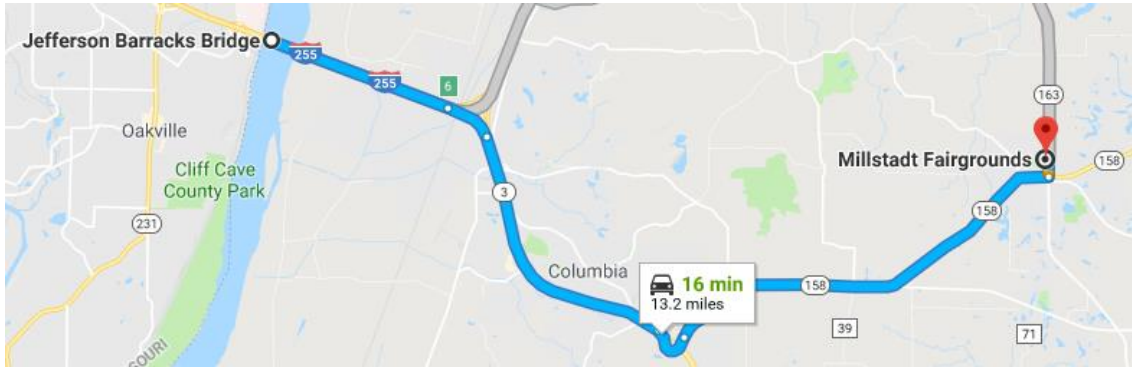
- Bring your favorite beverage
- Bring a side dish
- Folding Chairs

**Most importantly come and have Fun!!!!!!!!!!!!**

Sign up sheet will be available at the September Club Meeting or

RSVP To: [pamqueen13@gmail.com](mailto:pamqueen13@gmail.com) Please include the side dish you will bring.





**16 min** (13.2 miles)




via IL-3 and IL-158 E


Fastest route, the usual traffic


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## Jefferson Barracks Bridge



St. Louis, IL 63129


-  Head east on I-255 E  
2.4 mi 



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-  Take exit 6 for IL-3 S toward Columbia  
0.6 mi 

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-  Continue onto IL-3  
3.7 mi 

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-  Use the right lane to take the IL-158 E ramp to Belleville  
0.6 mi 

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-  Continue onto IL-158 E  
 Pass by Subway Restaurants (on the left in 5.4 mi)  
5.5 mi 

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-  Turn left onto N Jefferson St  
0.2 mi 

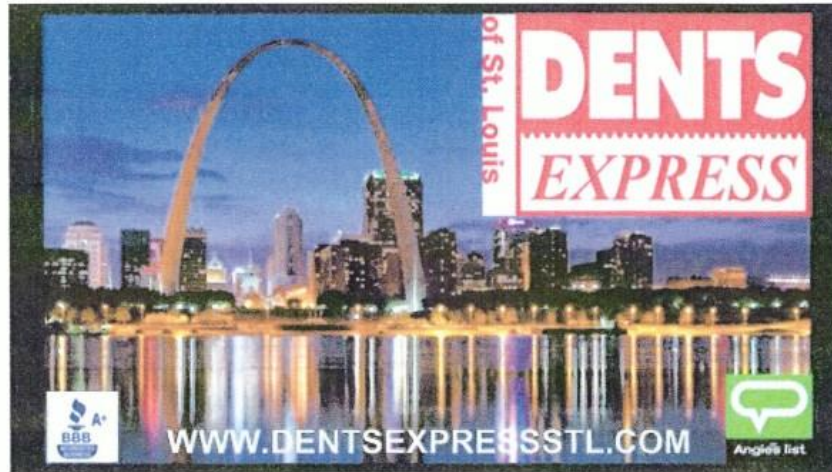
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-  Turn left onto W Parkview Dr  
 Destination will be on the left  
226 ft 

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## Millstadt Fairgrounds

Millstadt, IL 62260

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## CAR CLUB BBQ EVENT

**WHEN** : SATURDAY SEPT 29TH

**RAIN OUT DATE** : SATURDAY OCT 6TH

**TIME**: 12PM-3PM

**WHERE** : DENTS EXPRESS ST.CHARLES LOCATION.

223 HUGHES LN, ST.CHARLES MO 63301

### WHATS HAPPENING

- .FOOD / BEVERAGES
- .COOL CARS
- . PAINT LESS DENT REMOVAL(PDR) DEMO
- . NITROGEN PLASTIC WELDER DEMO
- .ATTENDANCE GIVE AWAYS
- .CONTEST PRIZES
- . ATTENDANCE GRAND PRIZE \$250.00 GIFT CERTIFICATE



ANY QUESTIONS CALL NICK - 314-583-8910

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## Past Events

# Corvette Racing at Road America!

Organized and Hosted by Mike Grubb and Tom Marlo

Aerial photography by Tom Marlo





Port Washington





Door County



## The Retiree and Anyone Who Can Show-up Lunch

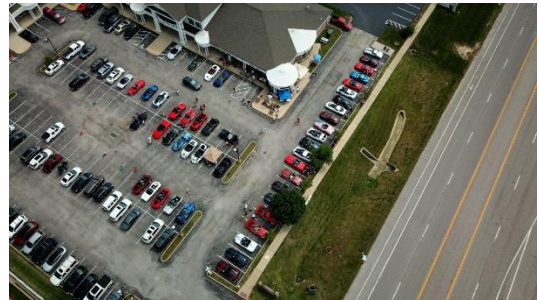
Hosted by Anne and Don Pickles



## Pub 231 Car Show to Benefit the Fisher House

Organized by the Murray's and Tidwell's

Aerial photography by Tom Marlo







The organizers and some of the volunteers.



Julie and Chris Hollander, co-owners of Pub 231, allowed the St. Louis Corvette Club to take over their bar for a car show. Sorry Chris, we know Julie does all the work!





Marsha Behnen from the VA. She thanked the St. Louis Corvette Club for the event and picked a car for a trophy.

The Fisher House posted the following on their FaceBook page:  
The St. Louis Corvette Club had a Car show last week. They have donated the proceeds to the Fisher House for years. We are grateful for the event and the support you provide the Fisher House guest. We appreciate you.



And the top trophy, The People's Choice Award, goes to the Walker's.





The Pub Owner's Choice goes to Dale Zeisset (Valerie is close by somewhere).



Somehow Mike won a trophy (VA Choice).

**Ice Cream. Hot day but not too hot for these folks**





## Articles

### The Road America Trip

By Mike Grubb, Vice President, St. Louis Corvette Club

On Friday August 3rd six cars left Columbia for Port Washington, Wisconsin. The caravan consisted of Grubbs, Doerrs, Midkiffs, Pickles, Marlos, and Queens. We enjoyed a beautiful sunny morning dodging Illinois potholes until around 11 AM when I found one that was unavoidable. I blew a tire and limped to the side of the road with the others. The tire had a large cut out and a corresponding hole. There was nothing the others could do, and I sent them on their way while I googled tire repair. I decided on Highway GM in El Paso, Illinois and it was nine miles back in the direction that we had come. Thank God for run flats because I drove nine miles at highway speed on a tire with zero air pressure. We pulled into Highway GM expecting the worst. Then a series of miracles transpired! We were checked in and the car was soon brought into the shop. In the meantime, I found the GM there was Skip Harmon who up until a

couple of months ago had owned the world's fastest C7 Z06 (google it). We spent a considerable amount of time swapping Corvette stories. Soon to my delight I was told that they had located a tire in Peoria and were on their way to get it. In the meantime, they provided Laurie and I with the keys to a brand-new truck to take to town for lunch, where Laurie broke a tooth. When it rains it pours. When we got back the tire had arrived, and they took it across town to a shop that had the proper tire mounting equipment for large tires and chrome wheels. It was returned, put back on the car, and we were back on the road all within three hours. A huge shout out to Highway GM in El Paso, Illinois.

Back on our way we were able to get to Port Washington in time to meet the rest of the group for dinner (and a pitcher of margaritas). Saturday we spent the day sightseeing and had a nice dinner in town Saturday night. On Sunday we left for a 30 minute drive to Road America in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin. We were able to park in the Corvette Corral and as the name implies it was Corvette only parking. There were too many beautiful Corvettes to count, rows and rows of them. Much to our surprise we were served a free buffet lunch in the Corvette Corral tent and a goody bag. We explored the pit area of the track, met the Corvette Race Team, got up close and personal with the C7Rs, and enjoyed walking around the track. There were so many beautiful grassy areas to stand and watch the race as well as a few areas with grandstands. When the race started we were all blown away. The sights and sounds of the race were amazing. The race lasted 2 hours and 40 minutes and we watched it from several different vantage points.

Back in Port Washington we had another nice dinner in town as a group and enjoyed drinks back at the hotel. On Monday morning the Pickles headed home and the five remaining cars left for Door County and the Bay Shore Inn. It was right on the water and the facilities were spectacular. We spent the rest of Monday and all-day Tuesday exploring little towns, lighthouses, and curvy

Corvette Roads. On Wednesday we left for home and everyone made it back without incident.

We enjoyed the trip so much that we all booked rooms for next year's race and were able to get a couple of extra rooms. Some of the people who wanted to go this year and couldn't have signed on to those rooms and at this point we are full. We also decided on spending a few more days in Door County next year as well. So, the trip will be from August 2nd through August 10th, 2019. I have inquired about some more rooms at the Port Washington Hotel for the race but have not heard back yet. Also, it is possible that more rooms at Bay Shore Inn will open up in January as that is the deadline for booking cancellations. There is also a resort next to Bay Shore Inn that may have rooms. So, if anyone else is interested in making this trip next year let me know asap and I will do my best to get accommodations for you if possible.

## **Member News**

Ron Hagenow secures a back alley deal for a Black 2016 Stingray  
Convertible!



Here is Ron Hagenow receiving his (and Mary Ann's) National Corvette Museum 10 Year Anniversary Recognition!



## Bucket List

What is on your Bucket List if you have a 2017 Long Beach Red coupe?  
How about a 2009 Blue Convertible. Paul Craig has been yearning for this Corvette ever since he traded his 2009 coupe. This 11000 mile beauty turned up and was quickly a part of the family.



## Racing at Ankeny Iowa

Patty and Jeff Craig







## Racing at Rantoul Illinois

Patty and Jeff Craig

Peggy Craig was going but a trailer tire failure changed her plans.



"86" Jeff lines up for a start. Ron Hagenow did some of the starting tasks.

"186" Patty navigates the cones. Don't hurt the cones!