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President's Message

Well, here it is, another new year. I hope everyone enjoyed the Club Christmas party and the gifts provided by your Board. The highlight of the party was, of course, the slide presentation created and narrated by Ruth Howard. It's hard to believe that she has been doing the slide show for ten years and has, playfully, insulted just about every member of the Club. Since she is retiring from doing the presentation, it will be greatly missed. However, I understand a replacement may be in the works. Here's hoping.

All club meetings of the year 2020 be held on the SECOND MONDAY of the month. The January meeting will be the most important meeting of the year... our planning meeting. This is the meeting where all members are encouraged to bring their ideas of any and all events that they plan to sponsor during the year. Since this year is 2020, I hope that everyone brings their "perfect vision" as to what the club should do.

As stated above, the planning meeting will be held on Monday, January 13, 2020 (I apologize to any college football fans, in advance, because that is also the date of the NCAA football championship game). The meeting will be held at the Grand Slam Bar & Grill (our previous meeting place). As I understand it, the doors will be opened around 5:00 pm, and you can order dinner and drinks (if you wish) prior to the meeting that will begin at 7:00 pm, sharp. I encourage everyone to order

food/drinks to support Grand Slam, since they are generally closed on Monday but are opening up for us, ONLY, so that we may have the whole place to ourselves.

Save the Wave

Don Pickles, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Joe Vogt	Jan 1
Mary Ann Hagenow	Jan 9
Mike Price	Jan 11
Kathy Craig	Jan 12
Larry Akins	Jan 20
Michelle Paillou	Jan 23
Marty Dooley	Jan 25
Carl Cox	Jan 26

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Angie Midkiff	Jan 12
Joe & Loretta Vogt	Jan 13
Ken & Barbie Payne	Jan 16
Randy & Ruth Howard	Jan 19

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 5th, 2019

Meeting Place: Arnold Recreation Center

Starting time: 19:00

Pledge and Introduction of Officers: Don Pickles -President

President- Don Pickles

Vice President- Rick Doerr

Secretary- Sherri Marlo

Treasurer- Anne Pickles

Sergeant at Arms- Tom Marlo

Membership- Pat Moore

Immediate Past President- Ray Queen

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President Announcements:

- Introduction of board members made by Don Pickles
- Members need to check off their names on the attendance sheet.
- Buy 50/50 tickets, sign up for drawings and check out all the sign-up sheets for upcoming events at the back of room.
- Don announced the club has license plate frames for sale for \$5 & 2 beer mugs left for \$10 that were surplus items.

Introduction of Guests and New Members and their cars: Brian Berger became a new member and has a Long Beach Red 2016 Stingray. Larry Potashnick has a 2020 white mid- engine corvette on order. He was inadvertently given a new member packet, but his membership was rescinded due to the by-laws stating you must own a corvette in order to qualify for membership.

Previous Secretary Minutes:

Don Pickles requested a motion to accept the secretary's minutes from the October meeting. Carl Cox made a motion to accept the minutes and Marcia Sheer 2nd the motion. Motion was accepted to correct the report.

Membership: Birthdays, Anniversaries and Membership report:

Pat Moore presented the membership report. November & December's birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Total number of members 97 regular, 15 associates, 4 sponsors, and 5 Lifetime. We currently have 1 person on the waiting list. 2 regular members have cancelled their club membership. Pat also announced there were still members who had not paid their dues and others who have not met the required participation in order to remain in the club

Treasurer's Report:

Anne Pickles presented the Treasurer's Report. Don asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's report. Bob Bradley made a motion to accept the minutes and Jerry Craig 2nd the motion. Motion was accepted.

NCM Ambassador Report: Judy Dooley reported the NCM has a Christmas gift for C-7 Z-06 or Grand Sport owners called the Ultimate Personalization for your Corvette Stingray. This package includes a personalized plate the fits on the dashboard, a 2nd plate that is mounted on a 8"x 5" gun metal frame with black and red matting, the corvette cross flags or the NCM logo, your VIN number and choice of wording. You also get either a 2yr. individual membership or 1yr. family membership. There are other gift ideas available and free shipping is available on your purchase of \$75 or more until Nov. 30th. She also reminded everyone about downloading the form to purchase raffle tickets from the NCM which must be mailed back in and they only accept credit cards.

NCCC Governor's Report: Jeff Craig reported the NCCC meetings are this weekend in St. Louis. Our club is 17th in the points standings out of 190 and Ron Hagenow was the #1 worker in the Midwest region. The Club came in 3rd overall! In the women's division Patti Craig is #10 in points and Peggy is #1 in the Midwest! Jeff is 8th in the region and 13th overall. Don congratulated them on their standings.

Newsletter Report: Mike Kunst gave the report. It was very large due to the number of pictures of the Utah trip. Mike also stated he will be e-mailing members that did not open the newsletter to see if there is an issue. Please respond ASAP so he can figure out the problem. Don mentioned since Mike will now be on the board in the membership position, we need someone to take over the newsletter.

Website Report: Steve Kirby gave the website report. He informed the members that when you open the events tab and click on the event flyer, a calendar will come up. You then get to choose which calendar you want to add this event to, depending what application you use, example Google. The website calendar will be deleted with this added feature. Ruth also mentioned a problem with the newsletter archives which Steve said he was aware of and is working on it. Someone asked about a section for advertising cars for sale and Steve said there used to be a classified section, but he took it off. Don responded that the new board would discuss the matter.

ELCO Report: Mark Gerecke gave the report. He thanked the club for their participation at the car show. They received a lot of positive feedback on the event. He announced the Howards purchased a new Silverado and the Prices have a new Chevy Blazer. Mark mentioned they have a 2017 red Z06 convertible with 3,000 miles and is a manual. They also have a matching one with automatic transmission and 4,000 miles.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee- Randy Howard-No report

By-Laws Committee - Ron Hagenow - Don asked if the results of the voting were available yet. ron responded no but said he felt it would pass!

Charity Committee- Michelle Finn and Judy Giovanoni thanked everyone for donating to the 3 families, 2 from St. Vincent DePaul Church and 1 from Newborns in Need. Jerry and Jackie from St. Vincent DePaul were there to thank everyone and to collect the gifts. Judy will deliver the gifts to the mother of twins from Newborns in Need.

Christmas Committee- Chris Woods & Judy Dooley. Chris reported she is still collecting money for the party which will be held on Dec. 14th at Royal Orleans from 6:00-10:00 PM. Please have your payment in by Dec. 1st. The sign-up sheet is available, and the cost is \$15 per person, due to the board subsidizing \$10/pp toward the cost. There will be a cash bar only. Ruth also wanted to remind the new

members to send her a picture of their car to put in the slide show.

History Committee- Ron Hagenow asked the members if they were reading the articles that he was putting in the newsletter monthly about past events. Everyone responded in a positive manner so he will continue doing this.

Nominating Committee- Ruth Howard & Judy Dooley. Ballots were passed out and members voted. Ruth announced the results for the 2020 board: President- Don Pickles, Vice-President-Rick Doerr, Membership- Mike Kunst, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Marcia Sheer and Sargent of Arms- Mike Kirby.

Parade Committee- Rick Frierdich- Please remember to sign -up for the Veterans Day Parade. We will meet at the Ameren UE facility (Lot B) at Chouteau & 18th St. at 9:45. Afterwards we will park at the Jefferson Bank on Market Street across from Syberg's then have lunch there. There will be 3 Gold Star Mothers and 1 Gold Star Father that will be riding with the club in the parade.

VA Garden- Marty Dooley thanked everyone who worked at the VA this past year. The fountains have been shut down, but we need to clean the dead plants out of the pots.

If anyone is interested in volunteering or would like to know more, please meet with him at the end of the meeting.

Vice- President's Report on Past Events: Rick Doerr gave the report.

- September 22nd through October 7th- Utah National Parks & More Tour sponsored by Ken & Barb Payne. Barb & Pat Cox spoke about the trip.
- October 1st- Club meeting at Arnold Rec. Center.
- October 3rd—6th Eureka Springs Annual Corvette Gathering.
- October 12th- Annual ELCO Hayride at Dickherber Farms in Dardenne Prairie, MO.

- October 16th- Retiree lunch at Hofbräuhaus in Belleville, IL. Sponsored by Ken Payne. Location changed to Olive Garden on Lindbergh in Mehlville, MO.
- October 27th: Fitz's Ice Cream Run. Sponsored by Peggy Craig.

Vice- President's Report on Upcoming Events for 2019: Rick Doerr gave the report.

- November 5th-- Club meeting at Arnold Rec. Center.
- November 9th- Veteran's Day Parade- Sponsored by Rick Frierdich.
- November 20th – Retiree lunch at Hofbräuhaus in Belleville, IL. Sponsored by Rick Frierdich.
- December 14th- STLCC Christmas Party at Royale Orleans. Sponsored by Chris Woods & Judy Dooley.
- December 18th- - Retiree lunch at Tucker's on Manchester starting at 11:00. Sponsored by Mike & Laurie Grubb.
- January 4th- Price's 12th Day of Christmas Party at 6:00. Bring a food item to share!

New Business: Marcia Sheer asked if the by-laws could be amended to allow 101 members, since there is only 1 opening left to accommodate a couple. Judy Giovanoni stated the club's by-laws state this would be under the board's discretion if they wanted to change this.

Thank- You for cake: Don thanked Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow for providing the cupcakes. There will be no meeting in December.

- 50/50 Winner: Chris Woods-\$143/ Club- \$143
- Number in Attendance: Regular members 74 and 2 guests.
- Attendance Prize Winners: Anne Pickles & Mike Kirby

Next meeting: Planning Meeting will be January 13th, 2020 at Grand Slam.

Adjournment: Don asked for a motion to adjourn. Michelle Paillou motioned to

adjourn and Steve Kirby 2nd. Motion accepted. Time 20:05 CST

Respectfully,
Sherri Marlo, STLCC Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Hi Everyone. Hope you had a nice Christmas. Here is what is going on at the National Corvette Museum. The 2020 Chevy Corvette Stingray won the Best Sports Car in the 2020 Edmund's Top-Rated Awards for its performance and value and the transformation to a mid-engine sports car. The all new Corvette has the kind of balance, poise and agility you would expect from an exotic supercar and the low base price keeps it in reach for shoppers.

The all new "Rat Fink" exhibit will be opening in 2020. The new exhibit will have Car-Toon Creatures, Kustom Kars and Corvettes of the art influence of Ed "Big Daddy" Roth. The Museum is bringing in cars from builders who were inspired by Ed Roth.

The NCM has added 4 new Board Members. These four people joined the Board and will start in January 2020.

If you want to know how we find out about things happening at the National Corvette Museum, some of the information comes from the NCM E-news. It's easy to get the E-news, go to the NCM website (www.corvettemuseum.org) in the search bar enter enews and then subscribe to E-news and fill in the information. The E-news usually comes on Thursdays in your email.

Don't forget about the raffle cars that are being raffled off at the NCM. On January 23, 2020 a 2019 black Z06 coupe: tickets are \$250 and limited to 1,000 tickets. On April 25, 2020 a black 2020 Corvette coupe: tickets are \$20 with unlimited tickets to be sold. See Judy or Marty Dooley if you are interested.

Some of the events happening at the Museum are:

- The NCM Bash - April 23-25
- The C-4 Gathering - May 14-16
- The 26th Anniversary Celebration - September 3-5.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

Corvette Club
January Retiree Lunch

Walnut Grill
Ellisville

January 15 (Wed.) 12:00 noon

LOCATION:

1386 Clarkson Clayton Center

Sponser: Dana & Diana Griggs

Djg5@charter.net or 314 757 0742



VALENTINE DAY LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 9TH - 12:30pm

PAPA Vito's

741 W. Washington St.

Millstadt, IL 62260

*For those interested in caravanning over please meet at
the Hooter's on South Lindbergh for
departure at 11:45*

*If you are interested in attending please email Valerie
Zeisset at val56@aol.com or Ruth Howard at
rhoward15@charter.net no later than February 3rd.*

Or please sign up at Planning Meeting on Jan. 10th

Food will be order off the menu

Dessert choices will be Cheesecake or Triple Chocolate Cake

Valentine Luncheon sponsored by the Howard's & Zeisset's

2020 MICHELIN NCM BASH



APRIL 23 – 25, 2020

MORE INFORMATION COMING SOON

Past Events

Utah National Parks and More! A Lot More!

Trip Planned and Hosted by Barb and Ken Payne

Narrative by Mike Kunst

Welcome back once again to the St. Louis Corvette Club Utah Trip! In this edition of the newsletter, we will pick up the entire group going to Bryce Canyon National Park.

Day 7, Saturday, September 28th, Panguitch, UT (2 nights here)

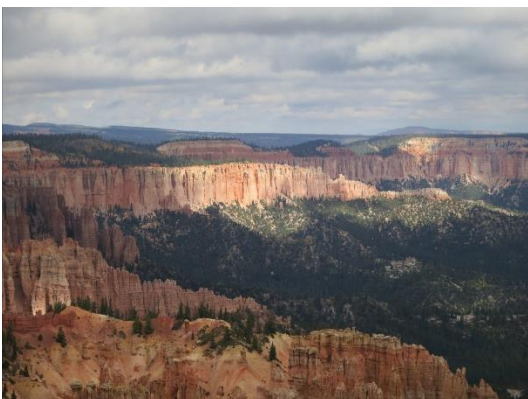
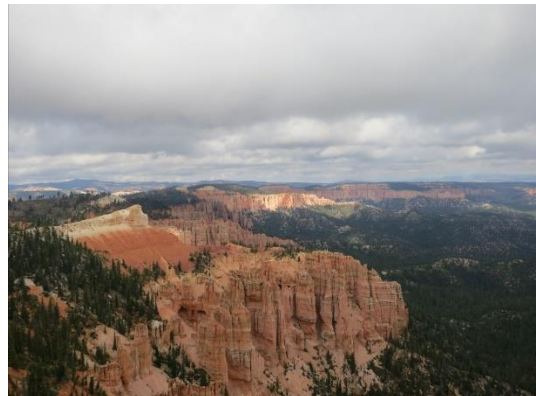


Time to go outside our old-fashioned motel (no inside hallways) and see a nice sunrise to take some photos.



After our continental breakfast, we mount up (get in our Corvettes... trying a little western dialogue here). It is a short drive to Bryce Canyon NP. Soon we arrive at the Visitors center and have good luck parking our Corvettes together, all 8 of

them. We talk to one of the Rangers at the information desk who advises us to drive all the way to the end of the long road and stop at the look out pull offs on the way back (they are all on the right side that way). At the end of the road is Rainbow Point. On our way back to the cars we run across the German guy again who takes a group photo for us.



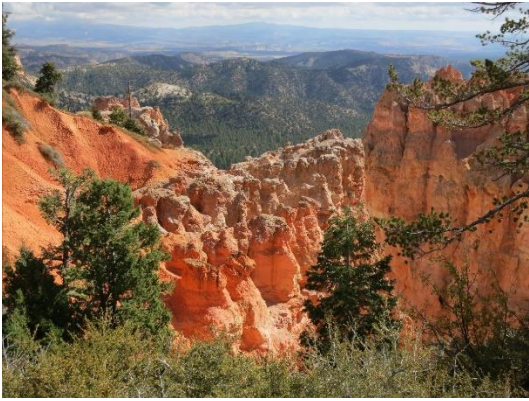


Photos from Rainbow Point where it was quite windy! The elevation here is 9115 ft.





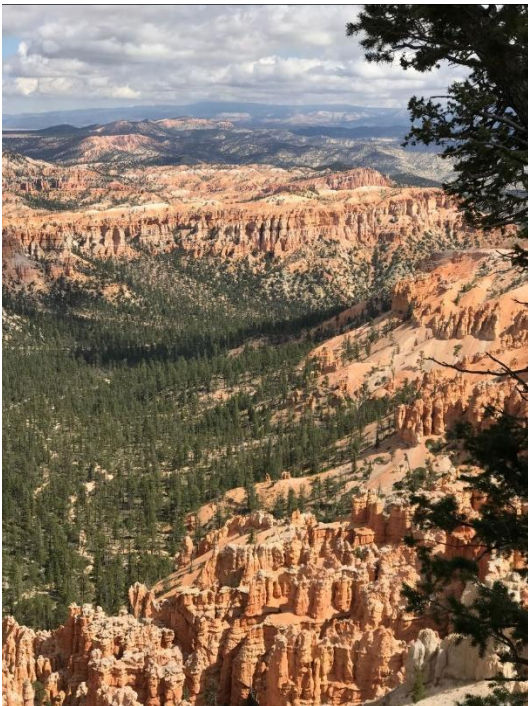






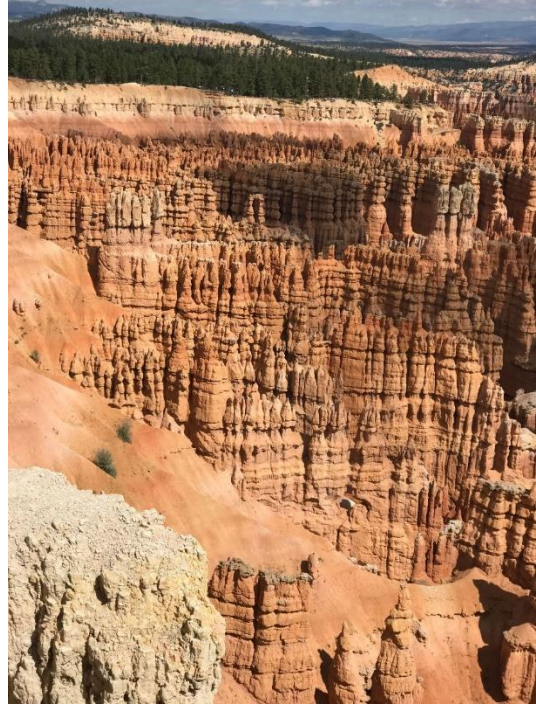


This next group of photos is from various lookouts along the road back to civilization, i.e. the Lodge and Restaurant where we will have lunch. The names of the lookouts are Black Birch Canyon, Ponderosa Canyon, Agua Canyon, Natural Bridge, Fairview Point and Swamp Canyon. See if you can pick out one of the photos from Natural Bridge. Did you see the black eagles? A Navajo guide told us about black eagles later on our trip. I didn't know black eagles existed until then.



Bryce Point

credit: Barb Payne



Inspiration Point

credit: Barb Payne



Sunrise Point

credit: Barb Payne



Finally, back to the Lodge for lunch at the Restaurant. It was a buffet. After lunch, it is off to Kodachrome Basin State Park.

Kodachrome Basin is a spectacle of towering sandstone chimneys... This color

and contrast prompted the National Geographic Society in 1949, with consent from Kodak Film Corp., to name the park Kodachrome.



The Park Ranger directed us to the Angel's Palace Trail. It is classified as easy to moderate. Let's give it a try! Some of us start walking along the flat part of the trail.





That was easy!



Starting to get a little more challenging! Kirt is not deterred!



You can see 6 of our Corvettes in the parking lot from here. A little further, you can see the road below without much to keep you from a big tumble.







We came to the end of the trail which lead to a point with a rather unforgiving narrow path to it. By now our group had dwindled to about 6 of us. Who would dare to go to the end? It looks like John is checking it out. Keep in mind that it is very windy here with gusts that keep you on your toes. I used my zoom to capture Daredevil John at the end of the trail to prove he was brave enough to do it. Or maybe we should check his IQ?





A few more photos on the way down. Those two C6 Convertibles look nice side by side in the parking lot. If you remember the parking lot photo from above, you can see who bailed.



Back to Panguitch for dinner at the Rambler's Café. It is right next to Thunder Horses Mercantile. In fact, they are owned by the same people and there is an

inside doorway to walk between them. We browse a little after dinner as they have some unusual items.

This was a very busy day for us! We return to our Panguitch “motel” for the evening after a stop for gas. The journey will continue in the next edition of the newsletter.

The St. Louis Corvette Club

Annual Christmas Party

Organized by Chris Woods and Judy Dooley



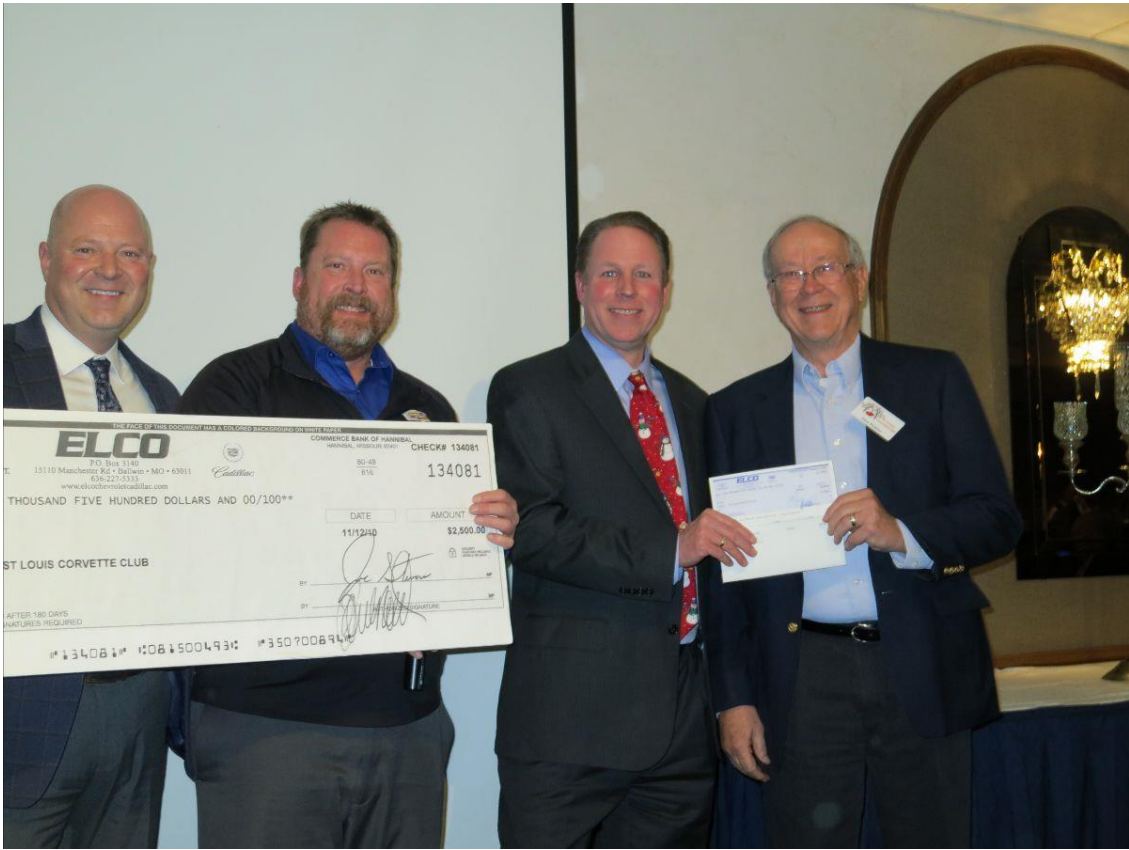
Our Sponsors from ELCO Chevrolet from left to right:
Kat, Bill Gawlikowski, Mark Gerecke, Eric DeBruin, Kimberlie Gerecke,
Vicky DeBruin, Bill Pastor, and Kim Frodyma.







In the two photos directly above, our substitute photographer (no disclosure) did not reposition Larry's head which blocked Elise. So, I had to step in and take one of just them. Maybe I should have left Larry out of that photo? Ed.



We love our sponsor, ELCO Chevrolet!





Don Pickles, our President, presents appreciation awards to retiring Board members. Sherri Marlo, Secretary, Pat Moore, Membership, and Tom Marlo, Sargent at Arms. Our retiring Treasurer, Anne Pickles, was at home nursing a cold.



The St. Louis Corvette Club Board for 2020. From left to right: Mike Kunst, Membership, Don Pickles, President, Rick Doerr, Vice President, Marcia Sheer, Treasurer, Ron Hagenow, Secretary, and Mike Kirby, Sargent at Arms. What is it about the light around Marcia?

Retiree and Anyone Who Can Show Up Lunch

Sponsored by Laurie and Mike Grubb





Special Announcements

New Member of the Newsletter Staff

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Kathy Mueller to the position of

Senior Editor of the St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter. The appointment is authorized by the St. Louis Corvette Club Board. Kathy will join the staff immediately. Initially, she will have editing responsibility for the Past Events section and the Articles section of the newsletter. Newsletter Staff photo journalists will submit their documentary photos of events to Kathy for inclusion in the next available newsletter. Columnists will submit their columns to Kathy by the publication deadline. In subsequent newsletters, Kathy will assume increasing responsibility leading to her promotion to the position of Managing Editor.

Kathy has held various positions as an Executive Assistant to Senior Executives including Senior Director of Marketing, Vice President of International and Vice President of Marketing at UniGroup headquarters, parent organization of United Van Lines and Mayflower Transit. She was responsible for preparation of presentations in PowerPoint, and she prepared supporting documents in Word and Excel among many other duties.

Please join me in welcoming Kathy to her new position.

Mike Kunst
Publisher & Managing Editor
St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club

Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

What Happened This Month of January in Previous Years

In January 2006, Rick Frierdich was our president and we were meeting at Hessler's Pub. We were planning our weekly Thursday dinners as well as planning event for the upcoming year. Some of the events from the previous year were Eureka Springs, Funfest and NCM visit as well as a poker run, lunch at Dreamland Palace in Waterloo and several car shows plus several work parties at the VA garden.

In January 2009, Theresa Luebcke was our president and several of us were planning on attending the 15th national caravan to the NCM to be held in August. Our own Carl and Sharon Ballinger were the captains from the west region. For our planning meeting at Sunset Hills we had butcher block paper arranged on the walls so everyone could write down their ideas for activities in the coming year. We were planning our annual Valentine Day brunch at Scott AFB. It was also reported that we delivered six large boxes of toys to Ranken Jordan Pediatric Hospital for Christmas.

In January 2015, Mike Price was our president and Judy Dooley announced that Mike Kunst as well as Mike and Laurie Grubb were the newest members of the NCM as well as having recently picked up their new cars. At the previous

December Christmas party we welcomed back several of our past presidents who were no longer in the club and it was great to see them again. And in the local Waterloo news, Tom Marlo and his dog Otis won second place in the look-alike contest (actually Otis said he came in first!)

Pictures from January



From our January planning meeting in 2008.



From the Price's 12th Day of Christmas party in 2011. Do we ever run out of food?



And from the Price's party in 2014, the picture caption reads "are they husband and wife or brother and sister?"



And from the Stone Wolf happy hour, that Ruth Howard certainly gets around if you know what I mean.

Grubb's Day Off

What is a fella to do when he stays home and plays hooky? I know, build a snow sculpture of a Corvette! Actually, Mike is retired, so not really hooky.



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