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## President's Message

Nobody said that being President of our club was going to be easy. Guess what. They were right. In the past 16 months, I have been involved in trying to find a new meeting place, TWICE, and that is no easy chore. But, hopefully, we have found a new permanent location that everyone will enjoy. After the rejection of the Grand Slam room charge, several members offered ideas. Thanks go out to Karen Price for giving me the name and telephone number of the owners of Jillys. Jillys is a popular meeting place for several organizations, including OCC (Original Corvette Club), the Mustang Club (Ugh !), and several others. As a dutiful President, Anne and I have checked out the meeting room and, especially, the food. We will be ordering from a full menu ranging from appetizers to burgers to salads to steaks. We are sure that you will like this place.

Save the wave

Don Pickles, President

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

### BIRTHDAYS

Diana Griggs	Mar 2
Jane Jokerst	Mar 10
Jack Braznell	Mar 13

Pat Ross	Mar 13
Cheri Riebeling	Mar 27
Judy Giovanoni	Mar 30

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Eric & Vickie DeBruin	Mar 14
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## **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Grand Slam Bar and Grill in Fenton for the monthly meeting on Monday, February 10, 2020.

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

The Introduction of Officers was as follows: President- Don Pickles, Vice President- Rick Doerr, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Marcia Sheer, Sergeant at Arms- Mike Kirby, and Membership- Mike Kunst. Immediate Past President Ray Queen was not present. One of our sponsors, Mark Gerecke, was also present.

Don reminded everyone about the sign in/attendance sheet, 50/50 tickets, event signups and attendance prizes.

President Don Pickles requested a motion to accept the secretary's minutes. Secretary Ron Hagenow noted there were 2 corrections to the minutes as printed in the newsletter. After the corrections were noted Ken Payne made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Jeff Craig. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman Mike Kunst read the names of the February birthdays and anniversaries. He reported that we had 96 regular members, 6 lifetime members,

15 associate members and 4 sponsors for a grand total of 121. We have room for 4 new members.

Treasurer Marcia Sheer presented the treasurer's report. Ken Payne made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Judy Dooley. The motion passed.

NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley reported that memberships are half price this month. New members receive several items as well as discounts for items in the store. She also mentioned that the club is a lifetime member of the NCM which will give you a discount on new membership. Judy also announced the 2020 Hall of Fame inductees are Doug Fehan, Wendell Strode, Dr. Mike McCagh and Henry Haga.

NCCC Governor Jeff Craig reported that the next Governor's meeting is February 22. He will be attending the Midwest banquet on March 7. Autocrosses will be starting up in April with the first one in Pekin on April 25-26. He also reminded everyone of the Route 66/St. Louis Corvette Club autocross in St. Charles on June 26-27. Jeff also mentioned that the biggest supporter of the National Corvette Museum is the NCCC.

Newsletter Editor Mike Kunst reported he has turned everything over to Kathy Mueller.

Webmaster Steve Kirby was not present but Mike Kunst mentioned that he worked with Steve recently and didn't realize the amount of work and knowledge that went into maintaining our website.

Mark Gerecke gave our sponsor's report and noted there are only 5 C7s left. They are planning on getting in 65 C8s this year. He recently attended Spring Mountain Driving School and said the C8 is a fantastic driving car. He also noted that it is possible for it to accept a drivetrain for the front wheels (maybe a Z06/ZR1 is in the works?!). Mark also noted they have a good selection of used Vettes if anyone is interested.

By-law chairman Ron Hagenow reviewed upcoming changes to the by-laws. If anyone has comments or concerns please let him know. The by-laws will be voted on at the March meeting.

The Christmas committee reported they were on target.

The History committee reported they were on target.

The Nominating committee reported they were on target.

The Charity Committee consisting of Michelle Finn and Judy Giovanoni reported on a possible trivia night put on by the club with proceeds going to Missouri's National Veterans Memorial in Perryville. The event would be on May 1 at the Arnold Elks. Michelle has a tentative reservation at the Elks for \$500 and a professional caller for \$150. Entrance fee would be \$20 and we would need 33 players to break even. We may also have a 50/50 raffle and/or silent auction for baskets. We need the full support of the club to make this happen. Ballots were handed out with the results to determine whether we proceed further.

The Parade Committee consisting of Michelle Paillou reported that the Webster Groves Fourth of July parade will be on a Saturday this year and she will need cars as a lot of folks may be on vacation for the holiday.

There was no report on the VA hospital.

Vice President Rick Doerr reviewed the following events:

Previous:

January 4 was the Prices' 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas – Thank you to the Prices for opening their house. Everyone had a great time and congratulations to the winners of the ugly sweater contest.

January 13 was the club planning meeting.

January 15 was the retiree's lunch at Walnut Grill by Dana and Diana Griggs. Dana mentioned that Walnut Grill donated a portion of their proceeds to charity.

February 9 was the Valentine Day Brunch at Papa Vito's in Millstadt by the Zeissets and Howards. Everyone went away full!

February 10 is tonight's club meeting.

Future:

February 19 is the Retiree Lunch at Corner Pub by Kirt and Marcia Sheer. It starts at 11:30.

March 9 is the club meeting

March 14 is the Crazy Bowl at DuBowl sponsored by the Dooleys and Howards. Food afterwards at the Pickles' house.

Barb Payne discussed the upcoming Boonville trip and reported there were 40 people signed up so far. This is July 17-19.

Jared Ramsey asked if we could change the retiree's lunch from May 20 to May 22 and he hopes to get us a tour of the Classic Car Studio where Speed Is the New Black show was filmed. Everyone agreed.

Carl Cox reported he is still working on a trip to New Haven for the fall for a tour of a vodka distillery.

Mike Price asked if anyone was interested in going to the NASCAR races in Kansas City. There is one in April and another in September.

Under New Business Barry Seelig mentioned that another organization he belongs to collects clothing for the homeless and delivers them to St. Patrick's Center downtown. If anyone has anything to donate, please bring it to the next meeting.

Thank you to Jared and Traci Ramsey for bringing the dessert tonight. Next month the cake will be brought by Rick and Mary Doerr.

The 50/50 winner was Mary Ann Hagenow for \$106.00.

There were 56 members in attendance.

Attendance prizes were won by Pat Moore, Dale Zeisset and Judy Giovanoni.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Ken Payne made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded by Randy Howard. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Ron Hagenow - Secretary

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## **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

The Bowling Green assembly plant started making the new C-8 Corvette coupes in early February and should start shipping them to dealerships in late February or early March. If you decide to take museum delivery of your NEW C-8, first, let us know so some club members can join you at the National Corvette Museum to help you celebrate. Second, the delivery package can be added on through your Chevrolet dealership. The delivery package includes a guided tour of the NCM museum and a plant tour (when they resume), laps at the NCM Motorsports Park, a 1 year membership to the NCM, special commemorative items which include a plaque, lapel pin, a door jamb decal, and your NEW car will be on display at the museum until your museum guide has shown you everything you need to know about your new Corvette.

Don't forget about the Corvette raffles that are available:

2020 Arctic White Corvette Coupe

Tickets are \$100.00 & limited to 2,000

Drawing is 3/26/2020

2020 Black Corvette Coupe

Tickets are \$20.00 & unlimited

Drawing is 4/25/2020

Check out the NCM Corvette Store. They have items for all generations of Corvette.

Judy and Marty Dooley

NCM Ambassadors

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## **Future Events**



## CRAZY BOWL

**Saturday March 14, 2020**

**DuBowl Lanes**

**2711 Lemay Ferry Rd.**

**St. Louis, Mo. 63125**

**Arrive by 5:45 pm bowling starts at 6:00 pm**

**\$4 per person for 2 games of**

**Bowling and shoes.**

After bowling we have been so graciously invited back to Don & Anne Pickles house for food and awards ceremony. Just like last year there will be sandwiches and we ask that members bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your beverage of choice.

**Additional price for sandwiches is \$4.00 per person.**

**Please pay with cash night of event.**

Please rsvp to Judy at [jmdooley6493@aol.com](mailto:jmdooley6493@aol.com) or Ruth at [rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net). There will be a signup sheet at meeting.

**Last day to sign up is March 2!**

***Event is sponsored by the Dooley's and Howard's***

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DATE & TIME: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fortel's Pizza Den, 7932 Mackenzie Road, St.Louis, MO 63123

MENU: <https://www.fortelpizzaden.com/menu/>

Sponsored by Kirt and Marcia Sheer

Email: [msheer2010@charter.net](mailto:msheer2010@charter.net)

Phone: 314.603.1524

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## STLCC April Luncheon

Rosalita's Cantina Des Peres

12796 Manchester Rd, Des Peres

Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:30 am

Sponsored by: Rick Frierdich & Patricia

314-223-0969

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## 2020 MICHELIN NCM BASH



**APRIL 23 – 25, 2020**

Are you interested in the new 2020 Corvette? Want to see several in one place? Yes, you can touch them and even sit in them. How about questions. You do have questions, don't you? How about asking a Corvette Design Team member?

Want to know what is going on at the Assembly Plant? Think about remodeling your kitchen. Start by completely gutting it. Then expand it outside the current footprint of your house by 50%. Now rearrange everything. Nothing goes back in the same place. That is what they did to the Assembly Plant!

What about an opportunity to drive your car on a real racetrack? You wouldn't be racing, but you would be going fast! Have you even seen the NCM's Motor Sports Park?

So much to do and see! Why not come with us to Bowling Green?

Contact Judy and Marty Dooley for more information.

[jmdooley6493@aol.com](mailto:jmdooley6493@aol.com)

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# APRIL DRIVERS CHALLENGE AT Pekin, ILL.

Pekin Airport

13906 Airport Lane

Pekin, IL. 61554

## 14 Sanction Event Weekend

### Saturday April 25, 2022

Low Speed 1 – MW-278-001  
Low Speed 2 – MW-278-002  
Low Speed 3 – MW-278-003  
Low Speed 4 – MW-464-001  
Low Speed 5 – MW-464-002  
Low Speed 6 – MW-522-001  
Low Speed 7 – MW-522-002



### Sunday April 26, 2020

Low Speed 8 – MW-278-004  
Low Speed 9 – MW-278-005  
Low Speed 10 – MW-464-003  
Low Speed 11 – MW-464-004  
Low Speed 12 – MW-464-005  
Low Speed 13 – MW-522-003  
Low Speed 14 – MW-522-004

**Hosting Clubs:** Central Illinois Corvette Club  
Rolling Prairie Corvette Club  
St. Louis Corvette Club

**Event Fees:** \$10 per Event  
\$70 per Day – 7 Events  
\$120 Both Days – 14 Events

**Location:** Pekin, Airport Parking lot and Grass Area  
Racing at Ramp and Hanger Area

SEE DIRECTION ON PAGE 2

### Saturday April 25, 2019

Registration: 8:00 – 9:15am  
Tech: 8:15 – 9:30am  
Drivers Meeting: 9:30am  
1<sup>st</sup> Car out 9:45am  
Events 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

### Notes:

#### **All Times Are Central Time**

*Entrants may be asked to volunteer  
and help work the events.*

*"Numbers will be assigned by registration  
per the Assigned number list and available  
numbers. MWR members requesting numbers other  
than those assigned will be charged per MWR Rules"*

### Sunday April 26, 2019

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Tech: 8:00 – 8:45am  
Drivers Meeting: 8:45am  
1<sup>st</sup> Car out 9:00am  
Events 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14



### Central Illinois Corvette Club

John Hibbeler – Chairperson  
Events: MW-278-001, 002, 003, 004, 005  
John Hibbeler – Governor  
510 Second St., Staunton, IL 62088-2140  
Phone: H: 618-635-8388 C: 618-791-3275  
Email: [jhibb@madisonnetco.com](mailto:jhibb@madisonnetco.com)

### Governors/Chairpersons

#### Rolling Prairie Corvettes

Juliea Finke – Chairperson  
Events: MW-464-001, 002, 003, 004, 005  
Juliea Finke – Governor  
4104 Nottingham, Decatur, IL 62526-9440  
Phone: C: 217-412-1610  
Email: [finke77@gmail.com](mailto:finke77@gmail.com)

#### St. Louis Corvette Club

Jeff Craig – Chairperson  
Events: MW-522-001, 002, 003, 004  
Jeff Craig – Governor  
107 Golden Harvest Ct., St. Peters, MO 63376  
Phone: 314-941-0974  
Email: [EMAIL2JC@aol.com](mailto:EMAIL2JC@aol.com)

### Track Info:

Coolers Allowed  
Fast Food Restaurants in Pekin  
No alcoholic beverages are allowed  
Pets allowed but must be kept under control

### Note:

Have your Drivers License and  
NCCC Card with you to Register  
ALL EVENTS ARE CLOSED EXHAUST

### Lodging Info:

See Information Page 2

**Food & Refreshment Concession available track-side.**

No Alcoholic Beverages Allowed

In-Lue of Awards: Coupon to be used at Avanti's for Saturday Night

Food and drink will be served at the track by Mike's Knot Just BBQ for purchase.

He offers a variety from hot dogs to a BBQ sundae. He will serve from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

We will have dinner at Avanti's Italian Restaurant, across from the hotels, they offer a full bar, desserts, specials and are known for their Gondola Sandwich, made with their freshly baked bread. Use your gift card for dinner.

Saturday we will take orders for Sunday Boxed Lunches for \$7.00. The lunch includes an 8" sub, chips, cookie and drink. Lunches will be delivered at 11:00 a.m.

Location of Pekin Airport, approx.. 4mi. south of Pekin, IL. On IL. Rt 29. Entrance to airport on west side of Rt 29



Hard service parking limited, trailers and motor home parking in grass area.

**Host Hotels: Complimentary Breakfast at Both Hotels**  
Super 8 3830 Kelly Dr, Pekin, IL 61554 309-347-8888 Discounted Rate \$55 + tax NO Trailer Parking. Use Code ACT  
Holiday Inn Express 3615 Kelly Dr Pekin, IL 61554 309-353-3305 Discounted Rate is \$109, + Tax with Trailer Parking.  
Call early to reserve, cutoff date for Autocross Rate is 30 days prior to event. Use Code CAC



*St Louis Corvette Club Sunday run to Fritz's Frozen Custard*

*Last Sunday of the month starting at 6:00 PM March-October*

*Fritz's Frozen Custard, 815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088*



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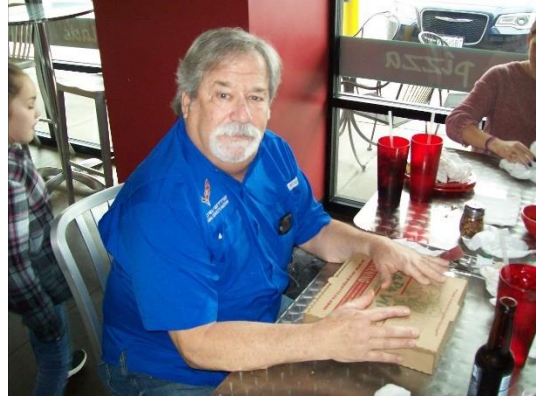
**Past Events**



# Valentine Dinner

Sponsored by Valerie Zeisset and Ruth Howard













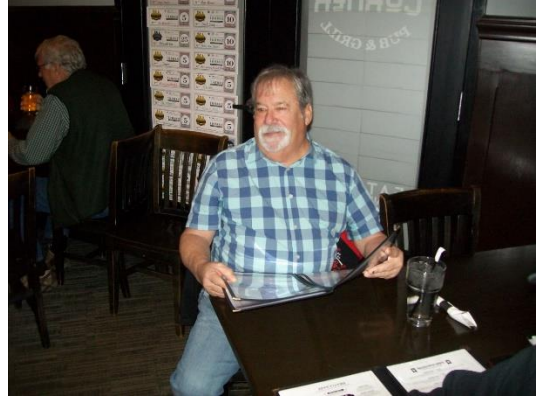


# Retiree and Anyone Who Can Show Up Lunch

Sponsored by Kirt and Marcia Sheer







Utah National Parks and More!  
Maybe Less This Month  
Trip Planned and Hosted by Barb and Ken Payne  
Narrative by Mike Kunst

I was going to work on the installment of the Utah Trip this week. However, our meeting was moved and the publishing date for the newsletter is now a week earlier. Everyone will just have to patiently wait for the next newsletter cycle.

My sincerest apologies!

Mike Kunst, Field Reporter for the St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

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## **Special Announcements**



Sharon got to ring the bell in celebration of her last treatment on February 25th.

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## 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 March in Previous Years

In March 2006 Rick Frierdich was our president and we were meeting at Hessler's Pub. On March 13, Carl and Pat Cox were taking a museum delivery of their new car. We were doing a Thursday night dinner each week during that time and Bob and Chris Woods were in charge of planning the dinners that month. We went to Scott AFB Officer's Club for our Valentine's Day brunch in February. It was also reported that the new C6 Corvette would be the pace car for at least 6 major races that year.

In March 2009, Theresa Luebcke was our president and Membership Chairperson Ruth Howard reported that we had 72 members in the club. It was also reported that we did not have a club sponsor at that time. Plans were well underway for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caravan to the NCM which was scheduled for Labor Day weekend. Members were also planning on attending the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Funfest in Effingham at Mid-America Motorworks. It should be noted that Mid-America Motorworks hosted a breakfast for all those travelling through the area for the NCM Caravan.

In March 2009 Randy Howard was our president and we had 86 members. Club members Dave and Glenda Davidson took the museum delivery of their new 2010 Grand Sport convertible and promptly shipped it out to Callaway Motors for a horsepower upgrade (and they still have the car). I believe it puts out 650 hp! We were anticipating a happy hour at Jilly's as well as a sponsoring a mouse race to help out with expenses at the VA garden.





This was our Sunday chicken dinner trip to Gallagher's in Waterloo in March of 2007. That's Gary and Jan Murray with the late Roger Ruengert and Bonnie Ruengert at one table. And that is Bill and Pam Dotson with Ron and June Huch at the table in the background.



We sponsored a car show at Lynch Hummer in March 2008 to benefit the Albert Pujols Foundation. We knew Jeff was a hot dog on an autocross track and here he proves it.



Here are our local celebrities Ruth Howard and Chris Woods being interviewed by Kelley Jackson on Channel 5. Somehow Channel 5 was doing a show on Corvettes and Art Holiday and crew ended up at our meeting. This is from March



2011. And then some members were on Fox 2. (Autographs are \$5 each!)



And finally from just last year these brave souls attended the first ice cream event at Fritz's. Looks more like hot chocolate weather than frozen yogurt

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## In Memoriam

By Ron Hagenow

For some of the newer members, if you look at the club roster you will see members designated as Lifetime members. A Lifetime member is one whose spouse passed away while an active club member. Lifetime members do not pay club dues and may remain in the club for as long as they want.

For March we want to remember Ken Dahman who died March 28, 2019 at the age of 74. Ken was married to Sue for 50 years. Sue is a lifetime member. What you may not know is that Sue and Don Pickles both went to Edgar Road Elementary School, Hixson Junior High and Webster Groves High School, graduating in the same year. Sue met Ken when she attended the University of Missouri. Ken and Don lived in the same dorm at Mizzou for 2 years before Ken moved off campus. And that's how both couples came to know each other. They lost track of each other after college until Ken and Sue joined the club in 2007 and Don and Anne joined in 2008.

Ken worked in management systems for Anheuser Busch for over 30 years. Once he retired, he and Sue spent their winters in Bonita Springs, FL. Ken was a golf nut and had a hole in one to his credit. He loved to tinker with things and was a history buff. In addition to belonging to our club he was a member of numerous car clubs such as the British Car Club, Triumph Car Club, Austin Healey Car Club, and the Porsche Car Club. I believe he got the first C7 convertible in the club and drove it from Florida to St. Louis after the purchase.

Ken was a larger than life person and once you met him, you were a friend for life. His laugh (some would say a snort) was the funniest thing you ever heard.

In future newsletters we will cover more Lifetime members as well as introduce you to our Associate members.



Ken and Sue Dahman

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Featured STLCC Members and Their  
Corvette  
Dawn and Steve Kirby



**Steve & Dawn Kirby**



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