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President's Message

Well, what can I say? Here we are, entering the month of May, and all of the Club's activities for the month have either been canceled or postponed to a later date. Obviously, your Board had to cancel this month's activities because of the state and local restrictions, and it is not possible to guess exactly what will happen to our activities planned for the month of June.

As I understand it, only one member has been affected by the virus, and she is recovering well. However, we have had some sad news. Tony Jokerst had, unexpectedly, passed away during the month of April, apparently of natural causes. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Jane, and her family. Our Club is one big family, and we, as a family, are here to support Jane in any way necessary.

On a lighter note, a big THANK YOU goes out to Mike (call him scruffy) and Laurie Grubb as well as many other Club members who have made daily postings on Facebook. Their humor is refreshing and very much needed during these dark and boring days.

That is all for now. For me, personally, it is back to doing picture puzzles and re-reading the Harry Potter series of books. Please stay safe, and I hope to see you soon.

Don Pickles, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Vicki Steinbach	May 3
Vickie DeBruin	May 13
Conita Shoulders	May 19
Pat Cox	May 20
Anne Pickles	May 25
Chris Woods	May 26
Pam Queen	May 30
Mark Gerecke	May 31

ANNIVERSARIES

Alex & Pam Rethy	May 8
Brian & Nancy Berger	May 11
Jerry & Sonja Giffhorn	May 25

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Well, hope this finds you all doing well. It's a good thing that we have cancelled all of our April events including the National Corvette Museum BASH. At least it has been postponed (for now) till the end of May (28-30), but the (C-4) Gathering May 14-16 has been cancelled.

So while you are at home, I hope some of you took part in the Online Car Show at the NCM as Marty & I did. I know I saw a few of our Club members' pictures there, but I didn't look at all of the categories. Good Luck to all who did participate. Something else you can do in your spare time (ha ha) is to check out the Vettecademy. It's for all Corvette enthusiasts, and yes it's FREE.

Don't forget about the raffle cars. I know we were supposed to be driving one home for someone, but for some reason we will not be able to go to the museum. I guess we will just stay home and wash our hands!

Judy & Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

All events scheduled for the month of May are either cancelled or postponed due to the coronavirus. The only event that has not yet been cancelled is the 2020 Michelin NCM Bash.

2020 MICHELIN NCM BASH



MAY 28 – 30, 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.

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Details for the following events in June are not available due to the coronavirus. They may become available later if appropriate.

June 17 - Retiree Lunch sponsored by Marty and Judy Dooley

June 20 - Club Luau sponsored by Mike and Laurie Grubb

June 26 - Drive your Vette to Work sponsored by Peggy Craig (brunch at Mimi's then to a winery)

Please Join Elise's Angels Team

2020 Head for the Cure- St. Louis 5K Run/Walk
Sunday, June 28, 2020

Race begins at 8:00 a.m. At the Upper Munny Lot



As most of you know, Elise Akins was diagnosed with a Glioblastoma brain tumor in August 2018. After removal of the tumor, radiation therapy and 13 months of chemotherapy, the tumor has not grown back, and she's holding her own. She continues to have MRI's every other month at Duke University where her treating physicians are.

Her daughter, Amanda Greubel, is the Team Captain for Elise's Angels Team. If you would like to join us for the Race in June, please Google:

2020 St Louis Head for the Cure to Register and Join our Team or to make a donation to the Team.

ALS Walk

Captain Pam Queen

Phone 314-616-4726

Please visit the ALS website [here.](#)



Please join us on June 27th for

St Louis Walk to defeat ALS

Walk Check-in 8:30

Walk Starts at 10:00

Location: Forest Park

Distance 1 & 3 Miles

Followed by Lunch at Granite City

Brewery, Creve Coeur

11411 Olive Blvd

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

In May 2007, Bill Dotson was our president and Lynch Hummer was our new club sponsor (we did not have a sponsor for a couple of years). We were still having our meetings at Hessler's Pub on Tesson Ferry Road. We had our first car show at Lynch Hummer in May. Past members Mike and Glenda Walsh took possession of a new to them yellow 2002 (at one time they had 3 yellow cars!). Jerry Craig made CDs for everyone of club pictures from the past year. There were over 700 pictures on the CD. The Dooleys were planning our trip to Spearfish, SD for later in the year. And there were rumors of a supercharged Vette engine coming out in the next couple of years which would make over 600 horsepower.

In May 2011, Marty Dooley was club president and we had 87 members. We were having our meetings at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center and Golf Course. In April of that year we had a successful mouse race, raising almost \$13,000 to benefit victims of the recent Sunset Hills tornado. Tammy Ortmann was our special friend from Sunset Lakes and her house was destroyed in the tornado. The mayor of Sunset Hills was present at the May meeting to accept our check. We had a car show at ELCO this month and were planning a trip to see the Gateway Grizzlies in July in which we got to drive our cars on the concourse. Steve Lyle was able to break out his overhauled big block '67 for a Fritz's run.

In May 2013, Ruth Howard was our president and we had 79 members. We were

planning a car show at ELCO and were having our meetings at the Pasta House on Manchester. Everyone was anxiously awaiting the new C7 Corvettes and there were rumors of a C7 Z06 convertible. There was a 2 page article in the newsletter from Don Giovanoni about how he got into racing. By Don's calculations he and Judy had owned 51 cars by then. And did you know that Judy's nickname is "Scoot"? You'll have to ask her about that. This month we also had our inaugural Armynta Craig Memorial Run to Sugarcreek Winery. Miss you, Armynta!



In May 2007 we participated in the St. Peters Armed Forces Day Parade. These were some of our cars prior to the parade.



In May of 2008 we visited at Jeff and Patty Craig's for a picnic. Our two favorite things then, Corvettes and food! Some things never change!



In May of 2014 we enjoyed a dinner at Villa Antonio Winery sponsored by Rick and Mary Doerr. It probably rained.

In Memoriam

By Ron Hagenow

We were all saddened to hear of the sudden death of our friend and fellow club member Tony Jokerst. Tony died on April 7, 2020. With the current self-quarantine in place, the family plans to have a memorial service at a future date.

Tony and Jane joined the club in July 2015. They have been active members, and in fact Tony ran for the position of treasurer in our last election. Tony was always the life of the party while Jane is the quiet one. We got to know them better several years ago when they were Eureka Springs “virgins”. While they went off on their own and saw the sights, we usually had evening dinner with them.

What is especially poignant is that Tony’s birthday is April 23.

Here are a few pictures of Tony in happier times.





50 Years to the Day

By Jerry Craig

1958, I was just out of school with a new job and a fascination for the styling and engineering found in the Corvette. The pink slip shows the 2 four-barrel 245 HP 3-speed stick Vette was delivered on June 23, 1958 at a price of \$3,273. In 1959 the '58 was traded for a race prepared 1959 Corvette and you know how that goes.

2008, June 23, 50 years to the day we enjoyed museum delivery of a 2008 convertible. Black, of course, but vaguely missing the silver coves. Having learned the hard way, the 2008 still enjoys a cozy garage space.



Dana Forrester's watercolor captures the first 50 years of our affection for the Corvette.



A large group from St. Louis Corvette Club helped celebrate the event.

How Did the Club Get Started?

Original Article By Jerry Craig

Submitted by Ron Hagenow

From time to time we have listed how the club got started. Here is a reprint of an article from February 2014 by Jerry Craig, the “godfather” of our club.

It was June, 1953. My friend Bill Curson and I were at the Sports Car Club of

America meeting. We were a couple of high school kids who flagged races and helped out for the SCCA. I spotted Mack Yates at the far end of the bar with six or eight people. Mack was the general manager for Barford Chevrolet in Ladue. He commented that they were having the first meeting of the St. Louis Corvette Club. The Corvette had been announced and spy pictures were in the magazines. The group at the meeting had all ordered Corvettes but no one had really seen one. I was partial to Corvettes. Bill went to the dark side – Porsche.

Barford Chevrolet was poised to be the top Corvette dealer in the country. Ladue is an affluent area, and the Corvette plant was in St. Louis. Mack was an avid sports car racer. He built a strong group of owners and was the first STLCC president. Bob Spooner was the second president. Bob raced the “Purple People Eater” Corvette after Jim Jeffords. I was the third president from 1958 to 1962. I raced a 1959 Corvette prepared by VV Cooke. Each year the Route 66 television show would trade in their old Corvettes at Barford as they filmed their way up Route 66. Mack would wholesale the beaten and worn movie star cars as they were in terrible shape.

Meetings and events were very informal. No rules and no dues. SCCA road racing was the main interest. We did go to restaurants and had rallies and economy runs. Channel 5 actually filmed an economy run on Sunday. Fuel injection Corvettes could be set to full lean and get 40-50 mpg! Unheard of mileage in those days but one had to be very careful not to accelerate very fast. (And proof the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, Jeff leaned out the carburetor on his 1978 to win the fuel economy run at Eureka Springs several years ago.)

In 1962, the St. Louis Corvette Club was part of the formation of the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

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To further add to our story, the club stayed in existence until about 1979. At some time another club formed called the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis (OCC). Several of our current members were members of that club until OCC got too large and some folks disagreed with the direction of that club. They decided to form their own club and re-took the name St. Louis Corvette Club. Our founders still with us are Jerry Craig, Sharon Ballinger and Marty and Judy Dooley.

For those that don't know, Jerry got his first new Corvette in 1958. It was black with a cream top. And 50 years ago to the day he and Armynta took NCM delivery of their black with cream top 2008 convertible along with about 50 members of the club. Still one of the highlights of what the club has done.

Social Distancing in Waterloo

by Ron Hagenow

With the self-quarantine in place and the social distancing we are to practice due to the recent coronavirus, here is a picture of our own Dennis Trost. It appears that Janet doesn't even want him around and sent him out in his antique truck into the woods just to have his lunch. Hopefully this will be over soon and Dennis won't have to sleep in the garage anymore. Dennis is also part of the local Waterloo McDonald's breakfast group (Zeissets and Mike Kirby among others) and they are

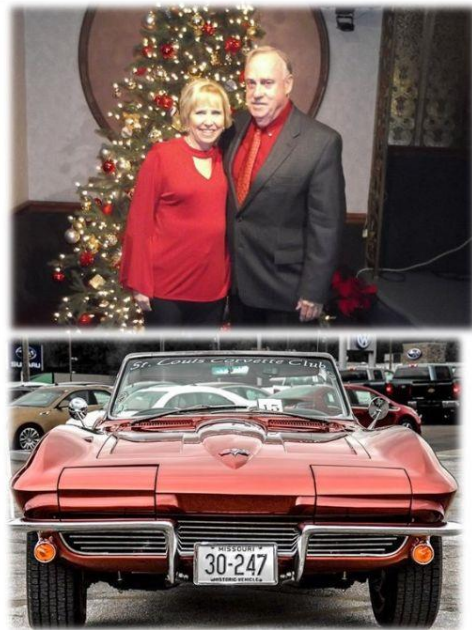
anxious to get back together to solve all the world's problems.



Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvettes

Judy and Marty Dooley

Marty & Judy Dooley



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