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President's Message

As you are probably aware, November is a month when we determine our future. On the Federal, State and local scene, we have the right to vote for whoever we want to govern our lives for the next several years. We really don't have much say as to who runs for what office, but we vote for who we feel is the best of the group that is put in front of us, and we really don't know them very well. That is totally different from what we experience with regards to our Club. We are not voting for multi-millionaires who have their own agenda and who think that they know what is best for us (supposedly). What we do have are down to earth friends who are volunteering their time and talents to help our Club strive to be the best in the area, and have fun doing it. Change is always good, and I'm sure our current volunteers have a lot of fresh ideas that will be good for our Club.

Obviously, with COVID-19, the decision to attend the meeting, or not, is totally up to you. You must do what you feel is best for you, and I understand. However, for your information, the vote will not be done using paper (we won't be passing around paper and pens). It is a precaution that we are taking, in addition to asking the servers to wear masks. As always, your safety is our utmost concern. Until we see you again, please stay safe and save the wave.

Don Pickles, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Gary Murray	Nov 1
Karen Price	Nov 5
Ray Queen	Nov 11
Valerie Zeisset	Nov 13
Gail Mattler	Nov 16
Nancy Berger	Nov 21
Bev Givens	Nov 21
Patty Craig	Nov 28
Sharon Ballinger	Nov 30
Jerry Giffhorn	Nov 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Pickles	Nov 16
Steve & Dawn Kirby	Nov 22
Mike & Laurie Grubb	Nov 26
Dick & Conita Shoulders	Nov 26
John & Cherie Hopson	Nov 27
Rick & Mary Doerr	Nov 28
Terry & Kathy Mueller	Nov 29

**Celebrating our Veterans
on Veterans Day**
Article Researched and Compiled by Kathy Mueller

Veterans Day

The end of World War I was considered to be when the Allies and Germany put an armistice into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. In 1938 Congress officially recognized that day as the end of the war, and November 11 became an official holiday to recognize veterans of World War I. The holiday was originally named Armistice Day. After World War II and the Korean War, veterans' service organizations urged Congress to change the day to remember all veterans, so on June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to recognize all American veterans who have served in war or peace.

The Poppy

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae was a physician from Canada during World War I. During the battle of Ypres in Flanders, Belgium, a close friend of his was killed. During the burial service for his friend, he noticed poppies growing among the graves of those who had died. This inspired him to write the poem "In Flanders Fields" to express his grief over the many soldiers who were killed. In the US poppies are worn on Memorial Day as a remembrance to all who gave their lives for our freedom, but in the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Belgium, Australia and New Zealand they are worn on November 11. Veterans at VA hospitals and veterans service organizations help make the poppies. The proceeds of the sale of poppies help support veterans and their families.

"In Flanders Fields" by John McCrae

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.*

Thank you to all veterans. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated!

St. Louis Corvette Club Veterans

Jim Avery	Marines & Army
Carl Cox	Navy
Eric DeBruin	Navy
Marty Dooley	Army
Rick Friedich	Army
Jerry Giffhorn	Army
Ron Hagenow	Air Force
Steve Kirby	Air Force
Mike Kunst	Army
Tom Marlo	Army
John Midkiff	Navy
Terry Mueller	Air Force
Gary Murray	Navy & Air Force
Don Pickles	Army
Marc Portman	Army
Mike Price	Army
Jerry Schmidt	Air Force
Dennis Trost	Army
Larry Walker	Marines
Brian Walsh	Air Force
Bob Woods	Marines
Joe Vogt	Army

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Jilly's on October 6, 2020 after a break of 7 months due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Marcia Sheer, Sergeant at Arms- Mike Kirby, Membership- Mike Kunst and Immediate Past President Ray Queen. Vice President Rick Doerr was not present. One of our sponsors, Mark Gerecke, was also in attendance

President Don Pickles welcomed everyone back after our long break. He hoped everyone was staying safe and abiding by the current restrictions due to COVID-19. He thanked Jilly's for having us back. Due to the on-going restrictions due to COVID-19, there was no signup sheet, cake nor 50/50 raffle.

President Don Pickles mentioned that we unfortunately lost four members during our long break. Tony Jokerst who died April 7, Elise Akins who died June 8 and Jerry Craig who died September 23 plus long-time associate member Sharon Love who died July 31. There was a moment of silence in their memory.

President Don Pickles read thank you cards from the Akins family, the Zeisset family, the Grubb family as well as a thank you letter from Our Lady's Inn for our donation in the memory of Tony Jokerst.

We had no new guests.

President Don Pickles requested a motion to accept the March secretary's minutes. Jeff Craig made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Ken Payne. The motion passed.

Treasurer Marcia Sheer presented a combined treasurer's report for the months of April through September. Ken Payne made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Barry Seelig. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman Mike Kunst read the names of the October birthdays and anniversaries. He reported that we had 94 regular members, 7 lifetime members, 14 associate members and 4 sponsors for a grand total of 119. There have been several couples who have not renewed their membership, but we have gained 4 new couples.

NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley reported that she and Marty attended the 26th Anniversary Bash at the NCM in September. She reported attendance was down which was to be expected. While there they did get to see the two new Corvette colors. She reported that the plant tours are suspended indefinitely. On Friday, they put their 2017 Black Rose Corvette in the Celebrity Car Show and Amy Hardin picked their car for an award! Amy works at the NCM as the director of Development and Sponsorships. On Saturday she and Marty received their 25 year membership pin from the NCM. They also received their Master Ambassador badges from last year. Don't forget to check out the raffle cars: on October 15 a 2021 Silver Flare coupe, 2000 tickets at \$100.00 each. On November 5 a 2021 Elkhart Lake Blue coupe, 1500 tickets at \$150.00 each. On April 24, 2021 a 2021 Arctic White coupe, unlimited tickets at \$20.00 each. You can check the website or see Judy or Marty on how you can purchase a ticket.

NCCC Governor Jeff Craig reported that all the Midwest region autocrosses were cancelled. They hoped to have a Governor's meeting in November.

Newsletter Editor Kathy Mueller was not present but several members remarked that the October newsletter was excellent and had a large number of pictures which was nice to see. Ron Hagenow was recognized for his major contribution to the newsletter particularly the Memoriam for Jerry Craig.

Webmaster Steve Kirby was not present.

Mark Gerecke gave our sponsor's report. He noted that business was down due to COVID-19. ELCO has reduced their operating hours. Sales of new cars fell from 600 to 120 although business has picked up in the past month. Used car prices have increased. Corvette production is down. Some who have 2020s on order may get bumped and will have to start the process all over to get a 2021.

By-laws chairman Ron Hagenow reported that there will be several changes proposed for next year.

The Christmas committee reported that the party will still be at Royale Orleans on December 12, beginning at 6:00 pm. Don Pickles, Judy Dooley and Chris Woods have met with their management and they are taking every precaution for us to have a safe party. Money is due by December 1. Cost is \$15 per person with the club picking up the remaining portion of the bill. Cash bar only with no credit cards accepted. There will be a buffet line set up that you will go through; however, staff will be plating your meal in keeping with current COVID-19 guidelines.

The History committee reported they were on target.

The Nominating committee reported that the current slate of proposed officers are: President, Jim Givens, Vice President Karen Price and Secretary Bev Givens. Voting will take place at the November meeting.

The Charity Committee reported we will support one family this year for our Christmas giving tree. Gift suggestions were available for pickup at the meeting. Please return the gifts at the November meeting.

The Parade Committee reported that both the July 4th Parade and the Veterans Day Parade were cancelled.

Marty Dooley reported that the VA hospital garden we normally support is not looking good. We have been unable to plant or tend the garden due to the ongoing construction and COVID-19. It will be a large undertaking once we can get back on-site.

In the absence of the vice president, President Don Pickles reviewed the past and upcoming events. With the COVID-19 restrictions we have had only a few events.

Past events were several Fritz's ice cream runs, Club Luau at the Grubb's house, Coffee and Cars visit to Mike Kirby's house, Road Trip to the Ramsey's house in Litchfield and the Covered Bridge Picnic sponsored by the Paynes.

Several upcoming events are:

October 10 – Winery trip to Labadie, MO sponsored by the Grubbs

October 17 – Hayride/bonfire at Dickherber Farms sponsored by ELCO

October Fritz's run on the last Sunday of the month. The November Fritz's ice cream run is usually the Sunday prior to Thanksgiving, weather permitting.

December 12 – Club Christmas Party

Barb Payne mentioned that for next year she is planning on a Kentucky Bourbon run for about the 3rd week of October. She also will try again the Boonville trip that was cancelled this year.

Karen Price reported that there will be no Twelfth Night of Christmas party at their house this year due to the ongoing pandemic.

Under New Business Michelle Finn reported that Randy Rickermann had another heart issue and is having a pacemaker implanted this week. It was also mentioned that former members Ken and Judy Barron have both been in the hospital with COVID-19. While Ken was in 2 weeks and is now out, Judy has been in the hospital for at least 5 weeks. Chris Woods had a procedure done today and is home recovering. Please keep them all in your prayers.

There was discussion concerning moving the November meeting due to the national election. President Don Pickles will take it under advisement.

There was discussion concerning the previous email about the Christmas

party. Apparently a lot of members did not read down to the end of the email and take the survey. Membership Chairman Mike Kunst is to resend it.

It was announced that Ruth Howard is now on the St. Jude's Corvette Drive Board of Directors.

Peggy Craig mentioned that they will be scheduling a memorial service for Jerry Craig at a later date.

It was mentioned that we may want to have a Zoom hookup for the next meeting so those who are not in attendance can still participate. President Don Pickles will determine if that is possible.

There were 35 members in attendance.

Attendance prizes were won by Pam Queen and Bev Givens.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Ken Payne made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded by Marc Portman. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Ron Hagenow - Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Hope you all go vote, if you haven't already done so.

The new Silver Flare (color) Corvette made its debut at the National Corvette Museum in the middle of October. This color replaces the Blade Silver and is one of the two new colors for 2021. The new Red Mist made its debut in September on a fully painted Corvette.

The NCM Motorsports Park has a new executive director, Greg Waldron of Naperville, Illinois. He worked for Disney for about 30 years. His philosophy is "if you can dream it, do it" and he has brought this with him to the Motorsports Park.

Twinkle at the Track will again take place at the NCM Motorsports Park on the track from November 27 to January 1 at dusk. If you are in the area during this time by the National Corvette Museum, it's worth the time to drive through and see all the lights.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

**ST LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020

ROYALE ORLEANS

2801 TELEGRAPH ROAD,

ST LOUIS MO 63129

6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM

COCKTAILS – 6:00 PM. (CASH BAR)

DINNER – 7:00 P.M.

COST \$15.00 PER PERSON

(PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO "ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB")

**TENDERLOIN OF BEEF MEDALLION WITH SAUCE LA FITTE; CHICKEN CORDON BLEU; HOME-STYLE GREEN BEANS; RED BEANS AND RICE; PASTA CON BROCCOLI; POTATOES ROYALE; CHEF SALAD, RELISH TRAY; DINNER ROLLS WITH BUTTER; DESSERT; COFFEE, TEA AND SODA
APPETIZER – TOASTED RAVIOLI**

**PLEASE RSVP BY DECEMBER 1, 2020 TO CHRIS WOODS AT
WOODS1890@SBCGLOBAL.NET OR 314-846-6176**

(IF YOU CANCEL AT THE LAST MINUTE YOU WILL NOT GET A REFUND)



The Christmas Party for the St. Louis Corvette Club will soon be here (December 12, 2020). We know that we are all going through a rough time right now with the Coronavirus, and some of us are still concerned about participating in group

gatherings or going out to a restaurant to eat indoors. With this in mind we have met with Royale Orleans to make sure that they are prepared to provide a safe environment for our members. They have assured us they will have the following protocols in practice at our event:

1. All their staff members will have their temperatures taken at the beginning of their shifts and will wear masks for the entire time they are working.
2. They now have food stations which means that you will not have any direct contact with food or serving utensils, and only their staff will serve the food items and drinks (cash bar & complimentary) behind a protected Plexiglas shield.
3. The tables are social distanced at least 6 feet apart and limited to six members to a table.
4. They will be cleaning all door handles and bathrooms with sanitizers on an hourly basis.
5. Hand sanitizers can be found throughout the building.
6. They have advised us that the CDC and Health Department strongly suggest that our members wear masks when not eating or drinking. Our guidelines require face coverings to be worn at all times indoors except when eating or drinking.
7. If you have been in direct contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19 in the last 14 days prior to this event, or if you are experiencing any symptoms of the coronavirus on the day of our Christmas Party (fever, loss of taste or smell, cough, body aches, etc.) please **DO NOT ENTER ROYALE ORLEANS – STAY HOME....** Our guidelines have a more comprehensive list of symptoms. Please review before attending.

Please send your check (made payable to “St Louis Corvette Club”) in the amount of \$15.00 per person and mail it no later than December 1st to:

Chris Woods
6063 Gettysburg Estates Drive
St. Louis, MO 63129-4042

Let's have a safe and healthy rest of the year and a wonderful and joyful Christmas Party. If you have any questions please contact Chris or Judy (jmdooley6493@aol.com or woods1890@sbcglobal.net).

Past Events

Point Labaddie Brewery

Sponsored by Laurie and Mike Grubb and Pam and Ray Queen









St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Hayride

Sponsored by ELCO







Ice Cream at Fritz's

Sponsored by Peggy Craig





Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

In November 2005, Marty Dooley was our president and we had 39 members. Our meetings were held at Hessler's Pub. The club completed an autocross at the Wentzville GM Plant as well and enjoyed a weekend at Eureka Springs, AR for Corvette Weekend. Plans were being made to participate in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis. We were still doing our weekly Thursday night dinners in which we met at a different area restaurant every Thursday.

In November 2010, Randy Howard was club president and we had 96 members. We welcomed back Kevin Bayliss from his recent deployment with the Army. Kevin would go on to be our president in later years. We had a successful weekend at Eureka Springs resulting in some interesting pictures taken by our own Ruth Howard. Luckily what happens in Eureka Springs, stays in Eureka Springs! It was reported that both Peggy and Jeff Craig won their classes in autocross while at Eureka Springs. We had a successful Corvette and Warbirds

fly-in and car show in October. We also had a car show at Scott AFB. The car show scheduled for ELCO had to be cancelled at the last minute. We were also making a decision on changes to our club logo.

In November 2015, Mike Price was president and we had 94 members. We were planning on participating in the Veterans Day Parade as we had in previous years. Some of our past events were the annual ladies day out at Josephine's Tea Room, Eureka Springs, ELCO hayride and new car delivery for Rich and Theresa Luebcke. The club was also featured in *America's Sports Car*, the magazine of the National Corvette Museum.



From one of our first road trips, here are several cars from our visit to the World Bird Sanctuary in November 2004.



A nice shot of our cars on our visit to Pere Marquette State Park in November 2006.



Our chili cook-off winners from November 2010 at ELCO.



Judy Dooley and one of our Gold Star Mothers from the Veterans Day Parade in November 2013.

Getting to Know Our Associate Members

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

For the month of November we celebrate Dick and Conita Shoulders' anniversary on November 26. We've met them earlier in previous columns. They are the aunt and uncle of Jeff and Peggy Craig and live in Vincennes, IN.

On November 27 we celebrate John and Cherie Hopson's anniversary. They were long time members until moving to Ft. Myers, FL several years ago.

Happy Anniversary to all!

The Racing Craig Family Continues

By Ron Hagenow

While the NCCC autocross racing season was cancelled due to the coronavirus, our own Jeff Craig still managed to get to a few racing events in the Midwest area. According to Jeff, his reworked engine in the red 1986 is allowing him to keep up with Z06s and Porsches. Who said C4s are old?!

Here is an article concerning a recent racing event at the National Corvette Museum:

Ridetech Renegade Award

Congratulations to Jeffrey Craig for winning the Ridetech Renegade Award. Jeffrey has been to a number of 10/10ths events and has always demonstrated great sportsmanship and the effort to get the most out of his car. While working on improving his driving this weekend, he did miss one turn but handled the situation correctly. He immediately came to us to apologize and to make sure no other drivers were affected. This is exactly the type attitude we like to see at 10/10ths. None of us are professional drivers and we all make the occasional mistake. It is how we respond and how we try to improve that is important.

Job well done Jeffrey and I hope to see you again at the track. Jeff wins a nice

trophy and a \$250.00 Gift Certificate from Ridetech.



Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

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