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President's Message

It is, again, with a heavy heart that I am writing this message. As you all know, we lost a long time member and friend in Jerry Craig. Jerry was not only the father of our racing team but also a great supporter of the Corvette and a founder of our Club. He will be truly missed by all. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family. But have no fear; Jerry and Armynta are surely enjoying each other's company, again.

After careful consideration, the Board has decided to resume having monthly meetings. I know many people, including some Board members, are concerned about having indoor activities. I share that concern. But, at some point in time we have to try to return to some sense of normalcy, whatever that is these days. Besides, we have several things that we want to address. First of all, we have to finalize our slate of officers for the upcoming Club election. Secondly, we want to address our charitable Christmas gifts, organized by Michelle Finn. Thirdly, we want to support Jilly's as the host for our meetings during these hard times for them.

So, again, please make a decision regarding the up-coming meeting that you feel comfortable with. We would love to see you (it's been a long time), but we understand if you do not attend.

Please stay well, and save the wave!

Don Pickles, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Ken Payne	Oct 2
Pam Corrora	Oct 3
Frank Ellis	Oct 3
Rick Frierdich	Oct 3
Theresa Luebcke	Oct 8
Paul Craig	Oct 9
Robin Avery	Oct 14
Loretta Vogt	Oct 18
Marie Chance	Oct 25
Marcia Sheer	Oct 27
Laurie Grubb	Oct 28
John Hopson	Oct 30

ANNIVERSARIES

Rich & Theresa Luebcke	Oct 7
Kirt & Marcia Sheer	Oct 10
Micah & Khourtney Miller	Oct 13
Jeff & Patty Craig	Oct 20
Bruce & Kathy Wooldridge	Oct 23

In Memoriam

Jerry W. Craig

One of our founding members and club icon, Jerry Craig, died on September 23, 2020. Jerry was instrumental in founding our club and has been associated with Corvettes and racing almost his entire life. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Jeff and Patty, Peggy and Bob, Jerry's brother Paul and wife Kathy as well as his in-laws John and Pam Corrora and Dick and Conita Shoulders.

Where to begin? First, you won't meet a kinder or gentle man. Jerry was a friend to everyone he met. He did so many things in the background and never sought any recognition. Jerry was a retired engineering professor at Washington University and authored and published several engineering texts during his career. Besides racing, he was also active in boating and sailing. Even when his health declined in recent years, he started tinkering with a ham radio again and taught himself Morse code. You never saw Jerry in poor spirits and he was always seeking to improve himself and those around him.

Stories about Jerry would take up too many pages. I am sure each of us has our own favorite memories of him. Here are just a few that I recall...

Rumors were always floated about that when the Corvette plant was in St. Louis, certain "special" parts would make their way out the back door for "testing". Jerry would neither confirm nor deny he received any but there was a twinkle in his eye when he talked about it.

There is also the story about Jerry racing at Elkhart Lake if I remember correctly. Apparently a young guy in a supercharged Mustang wasn't going to let this "old" guy in his Corvette beat him. Yep, he blew up the Mustang trying to keep up with Jerry.

I remember Jerry and Armynta taking their C5 from St. Louis to California. They

drove all up the coast, stopping at wineries along the way. Now you can't put much wine in a trunk of a C5 convertible so they had to ship everything home. I think Jerry mentioned that it was an expensive trip.

And while some of us (namely me) like to baby our cars and keep the mileage down, Jerry drove his. I believe his old 84 had over 300,000 miles. Jerry sold and rebought it back several times.

One of the best times we've had in the club was going to the National Corvette Museum in June 2008 for Jerry and Armynta's museum delivery of their 2008 convertible, 50 years to the day from when they got their first new one in 1958. Both cars were black with a cream top. We took over the museum with our cars on display that day. You may see some of the older club members still wearing t-shirts we had made for the event.

In 2016, Jerry purchased a ticket for a car raffle at the NCM and he won! How many other people do you know with that kind of luck? Again some club members went down to the museum for his delivery. But I believe Jeff was more excited getting checked out in it than Jerry. Jerry's love of C4s never went away.

The last time I was with Jerry was at the NCM during the Labor Day Celebration in 2019. Jerry was doing a track day and I got to ride along with him. We're flying down the straights at about 120 mph and 80 mph in the curves and all Jerry was saying was he wished we could pick up the pace as it was too slow for him!

I am sure that when Jerry got to heaven, Armynta was waiting for him with his glass of orange juice in a Waterford crystal glass, which she did each day. Then I know the two will be enjoying a nice glass of wine. We will all miss you two.

For our newer members, I'm reprinting an article from a previous newsletter that Jerry wrote which outlines his influence in starting the club.

How Did the Club Get Started?

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.

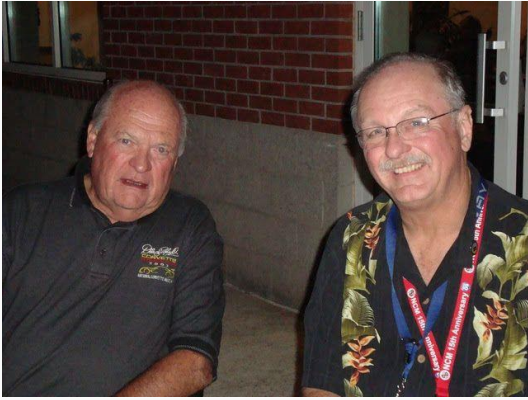
It was June, 1953. My friend Bill Curson and I were at the Sports Car Club of America meeting. We were a couple of high school kids who flagged races and helped out for the SCCA. I spotted Mack Yates at the far end of the bar with six or eight people. Mack was the general manager for Barford Chevrolet 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. 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.





Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at our new meeting place, Jilly's, and on our new meeting date of the first Tuesday of the month, March 3, 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, Membership- Mike Kunst and Immediate Past President Ray Queen. One of our sponsors, Mark Gerecke, and his family were also present.

Don reminded everyone about the sign in/attendance sheet, 50/50 tickets, event

signups and attendance prizes. Don explained the situation about Grand Slam and why we no longer were going to meet there. Don asked what everyone thought of our new meeting place and everyone seemed to enjoy it. It is large enough to hold most of the club.

We had one new couple as guests, Gene and Marian Glandt. They own a 1999 pewter convertible and have had several Corvettes previously, going back to a new 1958. They look forward to joining the club.

President Don Pickles requested a motion to accept the secretary's minutes. Randy Howard made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Chris Woods. The motion passed.

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

Membership Chairman Mike Kunst read the names of the March 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. He also congratulated Jim Givens for his recent retirement.

NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley reported that the new exhibit at the NCM is Car-Toon Creatures, featuring drawing and creations from Ed "Big Daddy" Roth which were curated by Tom Peters. Big Daddy was famous for creating the creature called Rat Fink back in the 60s. Also congratulations to Kirt and Marcia Sheer for becoming new members of the Museum. A reminder that the Anniversary Bash is in April so you are urged to register soon.

NCCC Governor Jeff Craig reported that 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 on June 26-27. However we lost our venue at Family Arena and they are pursuing other sites. There are also several autocrosses upcoming at Rantoul

and Pekin. Jeff urged people to attend the national convention which is July 5-10 in Indianapolis. They are making it more family friendly with many events other than racing. He also mentioned that the Midwest region is the largest in NCCC and sponsors the most events.

Newsletter Editor Kathy Mueller requested that you send newsletter articles directly to her rather than using the club newsletter email. Mike Kunst reported a number of members still do not open their newsletter email. He also reminded everyone they need flyers for events.

Webmaster Steve Kirby reported everything was on target.

Mark Gerecke gave our sponsor's report and noted there are only 4 C7s left. They are planning on getting in 65 C8s this year, with 3 already built. All their allocations have been taken but he anticipates some may be turned back. Mark also noted they have a good selection of used Vettes if anyone is interested. Mark also complimented Jilly's as our new meeting location. He mentioned former member Bob Kusky recently purchased a new Blazer.

By-laws chairman Ron Hagenow reported by-law ballots on proposed changes are available tonight.

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 reported that the proposed trivia night has been postponed until the fall.

The Parade Committee Rick Frierdich reported that Veterans Day Parade signups are available tonight.

Marty Dooley reported that the VA hospital cleanup and planting is now April 26 beginning at 1:00 pm. Meet at Building 52 and we will go for food afterwards.

Vice President Rick Doerr reviewed the following events:

Previous:

February 19 was the Retiree's Lunch at Corner Pub by Kirt and Marcia Sheer. We had a good turnout.

Future:

March 3 is the club meeting tonight.

March 14 is the Crazy Bowl at DuBowl sponsored by the Dooleys and Howards. Food afterwards at the Pickles' house. Flyer has been sent out. \$4 per person for bowling and \$4 per person afterwards to cover food at the Pickles' house. Bring an appetizer/dessert to share plus your beverage.

March 18 is the Retiree's Lunch at Fortel's Pizza beginning at 11:30 am. Sponsored by Kirt and Marcia Sheer.

March 29 is the first Fritz's night. Meet around 6:00 pm.

John Midkiff spoke briefly about a Collectors Car Trivia night on April 4 in St. Charles. It runs from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. He has flyers available.

Rick Frierdich is sponsoring the April 15 Retiree's Lunch at Rosalita's in Des Peres. Signups are available.

Rich Luebcke spoke about the Corvettes, Camaro and Collector Car car show at Chaumette Winery scheduled for May 16. This is in support of PRISM. The show is from 11:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Randy Howard mentioned there is a meeting at Gianino's on March 12 at 7:00 pm for those going on the St. Jude's run in May or anyone else that is interested.

Barb Payne discussed the upcoming Boonville trip and reported there are 37 people signed up so far. This is July 17-19. She mentioned that there was a service charge she was unaware of when ordering the tickets so those going need to pay \$1.50 more.

Under New Business Sherri Marlo mentioned that the Paws for the Cause benefit in Columbia, IL is coming up soon and she has 2 tickets if anyone wants to join their table. They are \$75 each. Ray Queen mentioned that Pam will be placing an order soon for shirts, etc. so if you are wanting any club wear, please email her soon.

President Don Pickles made several announcements. Bob and Chris Woods donated money toward the VA hospital planting tonight. Also Bob from Bob's Gasoline Alley, who we visited recently, died suddenly this week. Club member Dale Zeisset had a heart attack recently while in Florida. He is doing well and he and Valerie are on their way home. Also Carl Cox mentioned he will be going on an Honor Flight in the next few weeks. Congratulations and thank you for your service, Carl!

There were also announcements from two members with new cars. Bruce and Kathy Wooldridge recently purchased a Shark Grey 2016 coupe in Texas and Kevin Yovich recently purchased a 2017 Black Rose Z06.

Thank you to Rick and Mary Doerr for bringing the dessert tonight. Next month the cake will be brought by John and Angie Midkiff.

The 50/50 winner was Kathy Wooldridge for \$110.00.

There were 57 members in attendance.

Attendance prizes were won by Randy Howard and Theresa Luebcke.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Bob Woods made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded by Jeff Craig. 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

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Hi, hopefully everyone is doing well. Marty and I did attend the 26th annual anniversary event at the National Corvette Museum over Labor Day weekend. While the attendance was way down, (imagine that), people who did attend did take all the precautions. We attended a seminar given by Kai Spande (plant manager) and he showed us the two new Corvette colors. He also said that as much as he would like there to be plant tours again soon, it will probably be quite a while for the plant to reopen to the public due to Covid-19. He said that he needs to take care of his employees first and everyone agreed.

We did attend the ambassador meeting, and we were told that they have a new storage building to keep artifacts in and that it is almost full. The Rat Fink display in the exhibition hall will be extended through the BASH in April of 2021. The next display will be "Powered by Corvette". The Elfi's Silver Pearl Society has grown 60%. Senior memberships (65 plus) for one person are \$500.00 & a onetime payment. The Vette Academy will start up again, and clubs can sponsor a class.

There is a You-Tube video with Zora at the Black Hills Classic. Zora is near the middle and the end, but it's worth watching. It shows a lot about the area. [1985](#)

[Black Hills Corvette Classic/Zora Duntov.](#)

On Friday, we put our 2017 Black Rose Corvette in the Celebrity Car Show and Amy Hardin picked our car for an award! Amy works at the NCM as the director of Development and Sponsorships. Only three vendors were attending this year, but lots of new C-8s were being delivered.

On Saturday Marty and I received our 25 year membership pin from the NCM. We also received our Master Ambassador badges from last year.

Don't forget to check out the raffle cars: on 10/15 a 2021 Silver Flare coupe, 2000 tickets at \$100.00 each. On 11/5 a 2021 Elkhart Lake Blue coupe, 1500 tickets at \$150.00 each. On 4/24/21 a 2021 Arctic White coupe, unlimited tickets at \$20.00 each. You can check the website or see me or Marty on how you can purchase a ticket.

Get the E-news! It's easy. Go to www.corvettemuseum.org scroll down to the bottom. It will say receive our newsletter, tap subscribe, fill it out, and start receiving the newsletters on Thursdays.

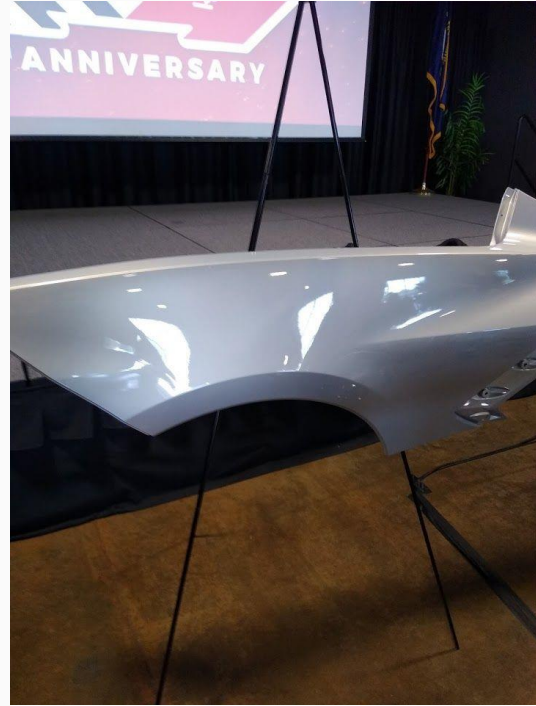
Judy & Marty Dooley



Marty and Judy receiving the Master Ambassador badges



Judy receiving Celebrity Car Show Award from Amy Hardin



New colors for Corvettes

Future Events



ST LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB GIVING TREE

**WE WILL BE KICKING OFF OUR ANNUAL GIVING TREE ORNAMENT PICKUP
AT THE OCTOBER 6TH BUSINESS MEETING.**

**IF YOU ARE NOT ATTENDING THE MEETING, BUT WOULD LIKE AN
ORNAMENT (OR TWO) PLEASE EMAIL ME AT Michelle_finn2002@yahoo.com**

Point Labaddie Brewery

Join us on Saturday, October 10 for a beautiful fall drive to Point Labaddie Brewery in Labadie, Missouri. We will all meet at Bank of America located on Route 100 in

Wildwood at 11:00 a.m. with an 11:30 departure for the Brewery. The Brewery will have a spot roped off for us to park, right along the grass where we can sit and keep a close eye on our cars. To help this small business during the pandemic, we gave them permission to announce on their website that we would be there “with beautiful cars” (their words!) in hopes of attracting more customers. You can bring your own picnic lunch or order from Guffey’s Pizza that is three minutes away and delivers. All beverages must be purchased at the Brewery. Contact Laurie Grubb or Pam Queen if you have any questions. Also, please let one of us know if you plan to attend so we know how much space to have them rope off (lgrubb61@gmail.com or pamqueen13@gmail.com).



**ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB
ANNUAL HAYRIDE SPONSORED BY ELCO**

SATURDAY – OCTOBER 17TH – 6:00 pm

Dickherber Farms
7063 Highway N
Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368



Please come out and join us for a great night around the firepit sharing stories and going for a ride on the hay wagon!

Multiple rides on the hay wagon will be available.

Due to the current Covid pandemic we ask that everyone bring their own food and drink. Unfortunately this year we will not be allowed to share food.

We still plan on having a great time! Don't forget your chairs to sit around the firepit.

Please respond to the Evite by October 12.

**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).

St. Louis Corvette Club

COVID-19 Guidelines for Events

St. Louis Corvette Club Board Statement

These are unusual and difficult times because of the SARS-CoV-2 coronavirus and the disease it causes, COVID-19. The Board has struggled with event management. It seems as if all we have been able to do is cancel events. We continue to look for a safe way to offer events that our members can enjoy. In the near term, we will only sponsor outdoor events. Our public health experts all agree that it is safer outdoors. We will follow all public health directives issued by local and state health officials.

Our annual Christmas Party is still on the schedule. Of course, it will be an indoor event. Detailed planning for the Christmas Party is under way. This revision of the COVID-19 Guidelines adds new information for indoor events. Of course, we will follow all protocols for the venue.

Guidance for Attending St. Louis Corvette Club Events

Prior to the Event

Please take a moment to reflect on your well-being.

- Have you been in contact with someone who has a suspected or lab-confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 2 weeks? Please stay home.
- Do you have a fever? If it is greater than 100.4 F°, please seek medical attention and stay home.
- Do you have any of the following symptoms? Please stay home.

- Fever
- Cough
- Nausea
- Chills
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Vomiting
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Diarrhea
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Unexplained weakness
- Fatigue
- Congestion or runny nose

Going to the Event

Do you have the supplies needed to attend an event?

- Face Coverings (Masks)
- Hand Sanitizer
- Disinfectant wipes (optional depending on circumstances)

At the Event

Are you prepared to avoid complacency? We want to provide a safe and responsible environment for all Club events. Please respect the safety and well-being of other members as well as yourself.

- Always practice social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Outdoors, wear your mask when approaching other members; be respectful
- Indoors, always wear your face covering (mask) except to eat or drink
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently and when appropriate
- Do not share objects
- Stay safe, have fun and enjoy the fellowship of being with other St. Louis Corvette Club members!

Past Events

Ice Cream at Fritz's

August 30

Sponsored by Peggy Craig





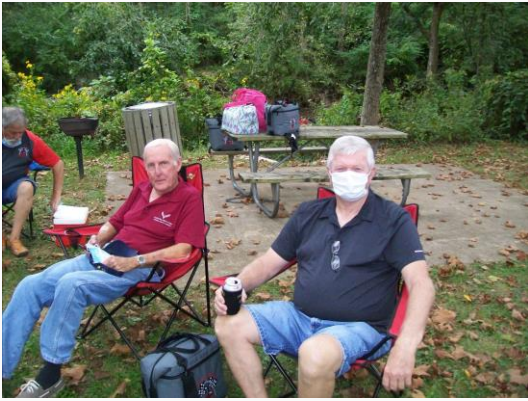




Picnic and Winery

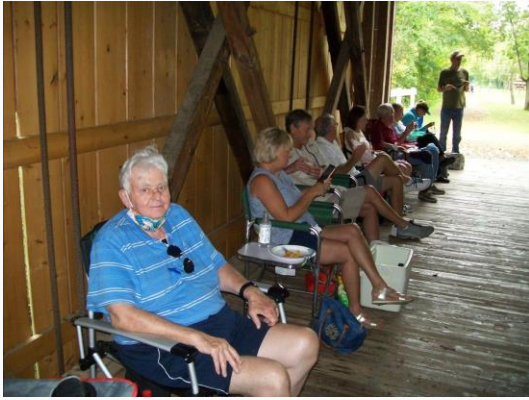
Sponsored by Barb and Key Payne













Visit with Gary Duke and Erin
McDonald Duke









Ramsey Lake House Corvette Cruise

Sponsored by Jared and Traci Ramsey











Ice Cream at Fritz's
September 27
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 October 2006, Rick Frierdich was our president and we had 59 members. Our then club sponsor, Route 66 Chevrolet, had been sold to Johnny Londoff. Londoff declined to sponsor our club so we went searching for another sponsor for several years. The club in the previous month sponsored a car show, went to the National Corvette Museum for their anniversary celebration, attended Funfest and the Route 66 Fest. Members were eagerly looking forward to the upcoming trip to Eureka Springs as well as a dinner cruise to Dreamland Palace in Waterloo.

In October 2011, Marty Dooley was our president and we had 92 members. We welcomed Bruce Smull, new son of Kevin and Jamie Smull, who was born in September. We had a lot going on this month. A hayride and bonfire, Eureka Springs, Funfest, ELCO Car show, a dinner run to the Blue Owl, Corvettes and Warbirds fly-in and car show, and finishing off with Fritz's. We were meeting at Sunset Lakes and Banquet Center. Our club newsletter won second place at the anniversary celebration at the NCM. Our editor then was Amy Zlatic. Sharon and Carl Ballinger and Armynta and Jerry Craig participated in the NCM's MUSEUM IN MOTION with a trip to Ontario Canada ending at Mosport International Raceway and an ALMS (American Le Mans Series) race.

In October 2014, Ann Brown was club president and we had 88 members. At the September anniversary celebration at the NCM, the club received a Good Samaritan Award for our work at the VA garden. Congratulations to Marty and Judy Dooley for heading up this project. We had our usual events such as Eureka Springs, Josephine's Tea Room run for the ladies, Funfest, a car show at ELCO and of course ending up with Fritz's. And this was reported from the previous month: *Judy Giovanoni introduced her daughter, Mandy and her boyfriend Mike Swain who were in the process of rehabbing Mike Kunst's old home (they did not*

know that Mike was a previous owner at the time they bought it). In the process of removing some drywall they were able to salvage a priceless love note from his wife Susie written on March 29, 1984 which they presented to Mike.



This picture from Eureka Springs in 2008 seemed to say that the lady Harley rider was looking for a hot time but all she could find were these old guys (Carl Ballinger, Jerry Craig, Randy Howard and Dave Markland). Now you know why we say “what happens in Eureka Springs, stays in Eureka Springs”.



Our run to the Blue Owl Restaurant in Kimmswick in 2011. The couple sitting on the left is Glenda and Dave Davidson. Dave was our first webmaster.



A few gathering for one of our first events, a fall color run in October 2004.



Some of the folks who showed up for the Happy Hour at the Terrazza Grill in 2013.

Getting to Know Our Associate Members

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

For the month of October, we have a bunch of birthdays and one remembrance for a special lady.

First the birthdays. On October 3 we wish a happy birthday to Pam Corrora. Pam is the sister of Armynta Craig and the sister-in-law to Jerry as well as an aunt to Jeff, Patty and Peggy. Her husband is John who we featured earlier this year. Pam and John live in Vincennes, Indiana.

Associate member Frank Ellis also has a birthday on October 3. We talked about Frank earlier in the year when he and Nancy celebrated their anniversary in August. Frank was instrumental in the Corvette Challenge back in 1988-89.

Paul Craig celebrates his birthday on October 9. Paul is Jerry's younger brother. We got to know Paul earlier in the year when he and Kathy celebrated their anniversary in July. As Paul tells it, big brother Jerry was the one who always got him in trouble, especially if it involved a car.

Marie Chance's birthday will be on October 25. She and her friend Michelle Paillou co-own a C5. Marie lives in Cypress, California but has been able to attend a few of our meetings in the past.

John Hopson's birthday is October 30. John and his wife Cherie were members of the club for several years. They currently reside in Fort Myers, FL.

Now we remember a special lady, Armynta Craig, who passed away on October 31, 2012 at the age of 75. Armynta and Jerry were founding members of the club. In addition to Corvettes, they spent many hours sailing, bringing along Jeff and Peggy as well. Armynta was a surgical nurse. Armynta was a force to be reckoned with. She famously served Jerry his orange juice in Waterford crystal each morning. She was not afraid to let you know her opinion on things either. I remember a story she told of needing surgery. She knew her doctor, having worked for him. She told him she didn't like him very much but he was the best surgeon she knew and he'd better do a good job! She was also not afraid to tell me when I was wrong when I was president of the club. One of the best trips the club has done is when Jerry and Armynta did a museum delivery of their 2008 black convertible, 50 years to the day that they got their first new Corvette in 1958. We took over the museum, having our cars on display in all the areas, as

well as a dinner and appearances of the Corvette plant personnel. Armynta is sorely missed by her family as well as the club.



Jerry and Armynta with then Plant Manager Paul Graham



Armynta



Jerry and Armynta with their 2008 out west.



Jerry and Armynta at the dinner for their car delivery in 2008.

"Crashing" Coffee and Donuts

Submitted by Ron Hagenow

This was in the latest "America's Sports Car" Magazine put out by the NCM.



'CRASHING' COFFEE AND DONUTS

The St. Louis Corvette Club has a few members who get together for coffee and donuts a few mornings a week. When the virus hit, that practice had to change. One of the friends decided to invite others to meet in his garage. The group of about six would sit, socially distanced, in the garage to enjoy their coffee and talk. Before too long, other club members decided they would 'crash' the so-called party.

"We put an email out to our club members that we were going to crash the breakfast club get together and got

about 15 Corvettes / 30 people to join us," shared Museum Ambassadors for the Club, Judy and Marty Dooley.

The Dooleys soon learned that the day they planned to 'crash' would have been the host (Mike) and his late wife's wedding anniversary. "When we all got there, we found out he was having a hard time that morning, but the surprise 'crash' really made his day. It's a good thing we all brought our own coffee and donuts!"

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