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President's Message

Happy December everyone!!!

I hope you all enjoyed a festive Thanksgiving. Bev and I are truly thankful for each of you and the friendships we have built through this awesome club.

It seems like yesterday it was April and we had our first Coffee & Corvettes event at Upshot's Coffee Brake Shop in St. Charles, which for me kicked off the driving season. Luckily, we were able to put a few miles on our Vette this summer and enjoyed every mile. Our club rebounded from the lack of events (cancelled) in 2020 to many events this year, and Bev & I were able to attend most of them. I am looking forward to our 2022 Kickoff Meeting (previously called Planning Meeting) on January 9th at Jilly's from 1pm-3pm. Come with your ideas to make 2022 a record year for events.

We hope you have a safe, fun and hopefully relaxing Christmas season. We look forward to seeing most of you at the Christmas Party to enjoy an evening of laughter, fun and socializing. Until then, stay safe and warm.

Merry Christmas, Jim

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Moore
Dale Zeisset
Mary Doerr
Ruth Howard
Mike Henges
Randy Howard
Dawn Kirby
Kathy Wooldridge
Josh Cate
Mike Grubb
Linda Pilla
Bob Rogers
Khourtney Miller
Bob Woods
Michelle Finn

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Sherri Marlo

Meeting Minutes

The November Meeting Minutes will be published in the January Newsletter to be approved at the Kickoff Meeting in January.

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

The National Corvette Museum had a display last month to honor those who lost their lives on 9/11. It was presented by the FDNY firefighters who provided firsthand accounts of what happened on that horrible day.

The National Corvette Museum honored General Colin Powell on his passing by thanking his service to our country, his enthusiasm for Corvettes, and his lifetime membership to the NCM. During his career, besides becoming a four star general, he also was the 65th Secretary of State, the 12th Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, 16th National Security Advisor, and Deputy National Security Advisor. Thank you General Powell for your service.

The NCM BASH is scheduled for April 28-30, 2022. Mark your calendar if you're interested in attending.

Mike Soto from South Carolina won the Build your own Corvette that was raffled off on November 11, 2021, Veterans Day. Sure hope he was a Vet.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events



**ST LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB
ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY**

Royale Orleans

2801 Telegraph Road 63129

Saturday, December 11, 2021

(6:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.)

Cocktails – 6:00 p.m.(cash bar)

Dinner – 7: p.m. (Buffet)

Buffet (Tenderloin of Beef Medallion with Sauce La Fritte;
Chicken Cordon Bleu; Sautéed Green Beans; Glazed
Baby Carrots; Potatoes Royale; Chef Salad, Dinner Rolls
with Butter; Dessert; Coffee, Tea and Soda.

Cost - \$35.00 per person (Payment
to be made to "St. Louis Corvette Club")

Please RSVP by November 26, 2021 to Chris Woods at
woods1890@sbcglobal.net or 314-846-6176





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AND WHAT GOODIES YOU'RE BRINGING.

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Past Events

All Things Kentucky Trip

Planned by Master Trip Organizer Barb Payne with Ken Payne

Assisted by Kathy & Terry Mueller and Mike Kunst

Introduction

Welcome to the “All Things Kentucky Trip”. Departure was on October 15, 2021 from the Home Depot parking lot in South St. Louis County. Our destination was Bowling Green, Kentucky. Our trip itinerary included 10 days and 9 nights from Bowling Green as far east as Pikeville. We even crossed the border into Virginia at one point. Trip reporting will be spread over several editions of the newsletter.

Friday, October 15, 2021

We departed from the Home Depot in South County and proceeded to Bowling Green. We arrived at our hotel in the late afternoon after a lunch stop in Evansville, Indiana. After checking into the hotel, we headed out to Rafferty’s for dinner.





Saturday, October 16, 2021

The plan for the day starts with a photo op in front of the National Corvette Museum (NCM). Debbie Eaton of the NCM staff has arranged for our photo op. We lined up 17 cars and one truck in front of the NCM. Marty and Judy

Dooley brought their truck. Why? Because it was full of Hot Wheel Corvettes to donate to the NCM. 5,000 to be exact... maybe approximate.





Marty and Judy present the Hot Wheel Corvettes to the NCM staff. The NCM staff were taking the photos of the presentation. Marty and Judy liked having other members of the St. Louis Corvette Club participating. It was kind of a big deal.

Next on the agenda was a special tour, "Behind the Scenes of Maintenance and Preservation". This tour was led by Associate Curator Bob Bubnis. He took us to places that you won't see on your next visit to the NCM! We went behind lock doors and saw some unique Corvettes. Take a look below.





After the tour, we were admitted to the NCM staff office area, usually off limits for museum visitors. We gathered in the NCM Board room for a special presentation from the Bowling Green Assembly Plant Director, Kai Spande. Kai was very

generous sharing an hour with us. He presented a deck on the new paint shop and provided technical details of the process improvements over the old paint shop. When the presentation concluded, we had a catered box lunch. Debbie Eaton coordinated the morning facilities, tour, and lunch for us.



After our lunch, we headed over to the Motor Sports Park (MSP). We met Greg Waldron, Executive Director. He directed us to a classroom in the “Holly Tower” building where he presented the offerings and programs at the track. The track facilities are very impressive.

The track was rented to a motorcycle event for the weekend. Also on site was Rusty Wallace’s Extreme Experience which was located on the vast expanses of the parking area. The three exotic cars below were the driving experience for those who participated. The rows of new Corvettes are waiting to be delivered through the R8C NCM delivery program. Some of our members took to the Kart Track for some fun, although John might have been better off staying off the track because a teenage girl crashed hard into him.





It was a very busy day. We managed to make it downtown to Mariah's for dinner.



In the next edition of the STLCC Newsletter, the trip will continue with a stop at Mammoth Cave National Park and then on to Shaker Village at Pleasant Hill.

Gateway Classic Car Show/Trunk or Treat

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens







Ice Cream at Fritz's

Sponsored by Peggy Craig Bradley







St. Louis Veterans Day Parade

Organized by Rick Frierdich





Gold Star Mothers and Fathers are driven by our Club in the parade. Jeanine Rainey driven by Karen Price, Lisa Chapman driven by Ron Hagenow, Jason Johnson driven by Jack Braznell, April Johnson driven by Judy Giovanoni, Glenn Kiepe driven by John Midkiff, Mary Jean Kiepe driven by Michelle Paillou, and Maggie Bahmandeji driven by Chris Woods.



Gold Star Mothers and Fathers from left to right -- April Johnson with Jason Johnson, behind; Maggie Bahmandeji; Jeanine Rainey, President of MO Chapter of Gold Star Mothers; Maryjane Kiepe with Glenn Kiepe, behind; Lisa Chapman.



Some of the Veterans in the St. Louis Corvette Club.









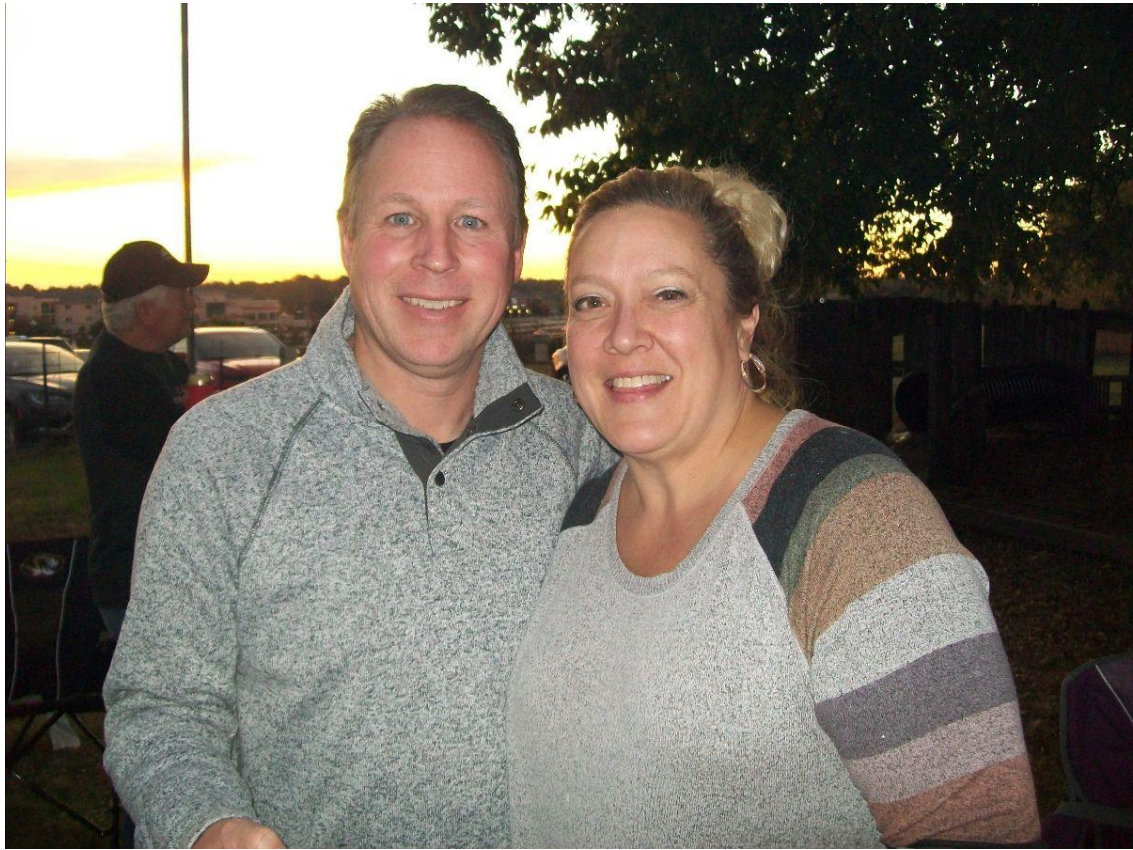






ELCO Hayride

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VA Garden Cleanup

Sponsored by Marty and Judy Dooley





November Retiree Lunch

Hosted By Laurie and Mike Grubb







Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, Mike Price and
Peggy Craig Bradley

In keeping with last month's column, here are some pictures of various activities the club has participated in from 2011 to 2021.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your History Committee! Here's hoping for more events in 2022!



A few club members trying to digest their food from the ELCO car show and chili cook-off in October 2011.



Some of the folks that showed up for a surprise party when Tom and Sherri Marlo picked up their 60th Anniversary Edition car from the NCM in September 2012.



Club members who participated in a mystery run in July 2013. We ended up at Bollinger Mill and naturally had food.



All the “winos” who attended the Villa Antonio Winery dinner in May 2014.



Some members went on the Tail of the Dragon road trip in August 2015. This picture is all of the cars in front of the Biltmore Mansion from a side trip.



Our club veterans from the Veterans Day Parade in November 2016.



Obviously sisters-in-law were not getting along when the club visited the Missouri Penitentiary for a tour back in March 2017.



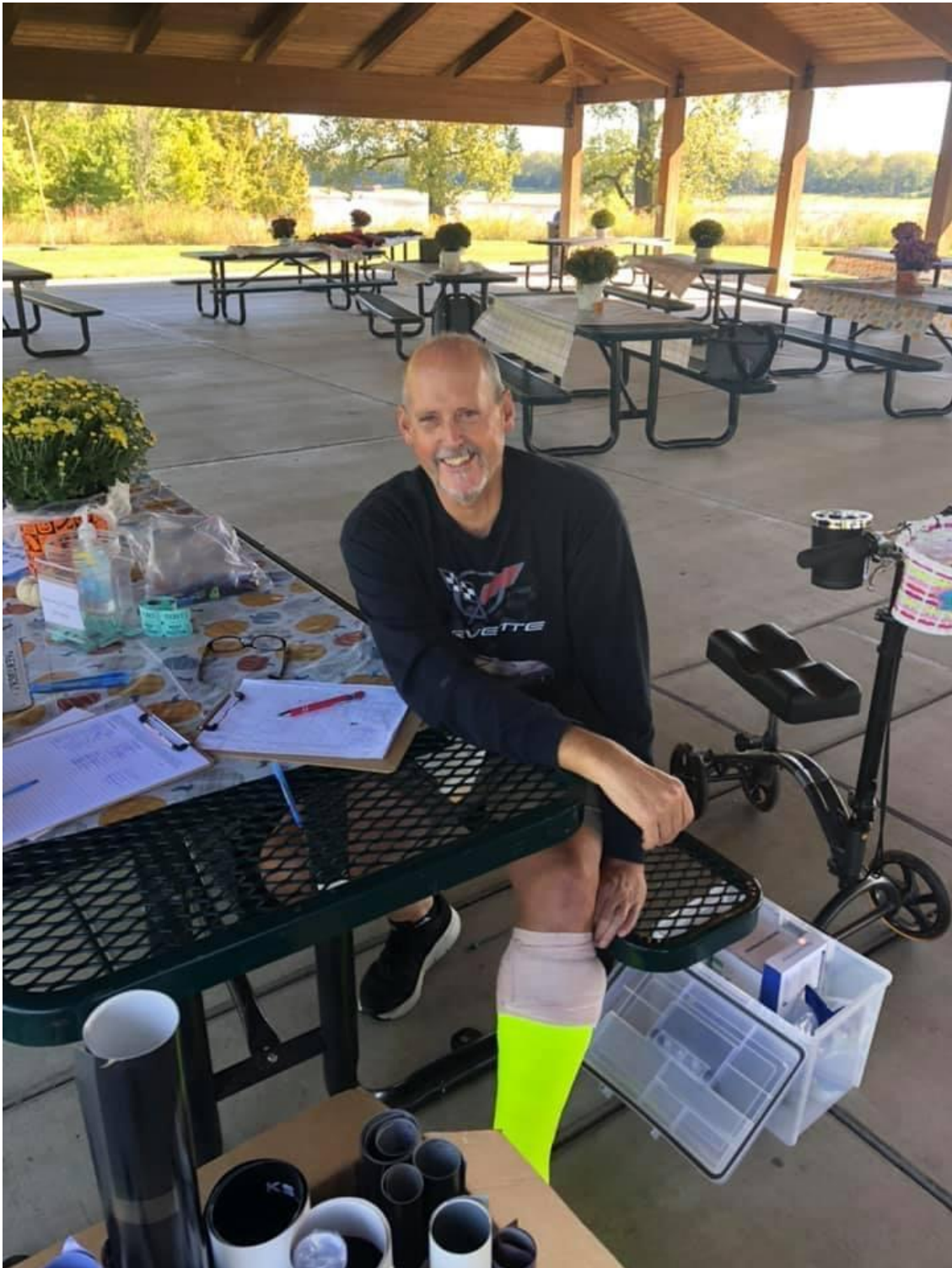
Winners (and a couple of losers) from our trip to Fairmount Park in July 2018.



And from master planner Barb Payne, here are some club members visiting Utah in October 2019.



Drive your Corvette to the winery was in June 2020. Notice the new fashion accessory that was all the rage – yes a mask!



And finally from the club picnic in September 2021 is our illustrious president with his newest fashion statement. I guess a mask just wasn't enough. Here's

hoping everyone has a healthy 2022!

Exclusive First Drive: 2023 Corvette

Z06

Submitted by Terry Mueller



What's it like to drive the 2023 Chevy Corvette Z06? Click on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mRU3UDvhF0s>

"I Have a Story."

Content from Paul Craig

By Mike Kunst

It is always sad when members leave the St. Louis Corvette Club. All but our newest members know that six of our Associate Members are part of the extended Craig family. They are Paul & Kathy Craig, John & Pam Corrora, and Dick & Conita Shoulders. All of them have elected not to renew their Associate Member status for 2022. Paul is Jerry's younger brother.

When Paul responded indicating that they would not renew, I wrote back:

I understand. I miss Jerry and all he represented for our club. He knew many Corvette people. I remember the Tail of the Dragon trip that you and Kathy attended with us.

There are still many people in the club that miss Jerry. I want to invite you to send any interesting stories you might remember about your time with Corvettes and Jerry. If you ever come to St. Louis, let us know in advance as we might be having an event that you could come to as a guest.

I thought that would be the end of the email string, but I was wrong. Paul responded:

I have a story.

In the early days of racing at SCCA (Sports Car Club of America) events, SCCA

rules did not permit oil coolers in competition. As a result of this rule, engines never lasted more than a few races. Jerry fell victim to this rule in his Corvette racer.



This is a photo from Mid America Raceway (MAR – Where the Big Ones Are!), circa 1963.

Jerry's car is off the track in the weeds after the engine let go. The Cobra in the lead was owned by Mack Yates. Jerry went on to co-drive the 289 Cobra with Mack. This was the first small block race car model that Carol Shelby sold to the public.



Jerry's Corvette Race Car, but is that Jerry?

I have questions. So, I write Paul again:

Thank you for this short story. I love it! It will appear either this month or next month in the STLCC newsletter.

Two questions for clarification:

Is this a picture of Jerry standing behind the No. 24 B Corvette?

Is the "small block" engine referencing a Ford sourced 289 cubic inch engine?

Paul quickly responded:

Yes, that is Jerry (with hair).

He bought this as a race prepared car with a 283 CI engine and Rochester mechanical fuel Injection. All cars came off the assembly line from the St. Louis factory. Duntov was starting to make available a parts book of items that racers could order from. From there it was up to the individual to follow the rule book to get the car ready by adding a roll bar, etc.

The Cobra came equipped with a Ford 289 CI sporting Weber carburetors. I don't know who built this engine, but I suspect it came from Ford and Shelby did the fine tuning. Mack's car was set up so well that he could run with the big block cars. There will always be debate as to whether these race cars could ever be classified as production vehicles (to run in B Production) because they were hand built in California. Cobras had the advantage because of less weight, disc brakes, and independent rear suspension. Early Vettes came with a solid rear axle and drum brakes - good for drag racing, not so much for road courses.

Jerry went on to co-drive the Cobra with Mack in future events.

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Many thanks to Paul Craig for this delightful story. Mike Kunst

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Jerry Schmidt

**Jerry
Schmidt**

**2015
Stingray
Convertible**



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