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President's Message

It is hard to believe we are almost through the month of February.

Last week we had negative wind chill degrees and this week we have mid to high 50s – only in St Louis. I have seen people wearing shorts and T-shirts this week. I even saw a guy walking his dog wearing flip flops. People just want to get out and enjoy life.

Daylight Savings Time is just around the corner on March 14th, the days are starting to get longer, and spring training has begun, so springtime is near.

It is time to thaw out our Corvettes and meet for the first time since November. We will be having our planning meeting on Sunday, March 14th, from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m., and will resume our business meetings on Tuesday, April 6th. We are currently working on the location for these meetings. We want to create a safe space for all of you, allowing enough space to social distance and with a constant flow of fresh air. We have a couple of options available to us and will have them nailed down within the next week. At either one of these locations, you will need to bring your own food, beverages and chairs. More detailed information to come.

I hope you all were able to attend the St. Jude Corvette Drive Teleconference on 2/23. It was very informative and as stated on the call, it is truly for the kids. It

takes more than \$1M per day to operate this facility, so the more participation, the more money we can raise. This will be our fourth year participating in this awesome event, and I hope many of you will join us.

Stay Safe and Keep Warm,
Jim

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
Roger Reinhardt & Teresa Lindemann	Mar 28

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Jilly's on November 4, 2020, delaying our regular meeting by 1 day due to Election Day.

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, and Immediate Past President Ray Queen. Vice President Rick Doerr and Membership Chairman Mike Kunst were not present. Our club sponsors were not in attendance.

President Don Pickles welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded members that there would be no 50/50 raffle nor cake due to COVID-19 restrictions. He reminded everyone to social distance as much as possible and wear masks unless you are eating.

President Don Pickles read a thank you note from Rich and Theresa Luebcke thanking the club for our donation in memory of Theresa's father.

We had 2 new members join at us at the meeting. Roger Reinhardt and Theresa Lindemann who met the Grubbs recently in Waterloo. Also, Jim Avery introduced himself. He has been a member for a few months and has participated in some events but this was his first meeting.

President Don Pickles requested a motion to accept the October secretary's minutes. Peggy Craig made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Mike Price. The motion passed.

Treasurer Marcia Sheer presented the treasurer's report for the month of

October. Chris Woods made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Kirt Sheer. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman Mike Kunst was not present so President Don Pickles reported that we had 100 regular members (with the new members joining at the meeting), 7 lifetime members, 12 associate members and 4 sponsors for a grand total of 123.

NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley reported that there is an event at the National Corvette Museum honoring all veterans which is free on Veterans Day. There is little activity going on right now due to the COVID-19 restrictions but the museum is still open.

NCCC Governor Jeff Craig was not present but Peggy Craig reported there was no activity and all racing was cancelled for the year.

Newsletter Editor Kathy Mueller was not present but several members reported that they appreciated the excellent report on our club veterans.

Webmaster Steve Kirby was not present.

Mark Gerecke was not present for our sponsor's report. Randy Howard, reporting for Mark, mentioned that they had 1 C8 that the person ordering it did not take delivery so it was available. The dealership is running a special on \$10,000 off selected cars for November and December.

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. Chris Woods reported that 50 people have signed up so far.

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. Since there was no opposition for any office, the nominated people were elected by acclamation. Congratulations to our new board!

Michelle Finn of our Charity Committee introduced Jerry and Judy from the St. Vincent DePaul Society who accepted our donated gifts for Christmas. Judy reported shortly on the family the gifts are going to and thanked the club for our generous support the last several years.

The Parade Committee had no report since the Veterans Day Parade was cancelled. While on the subject of the parade, it was mentioned that we might want to make a donation to the Gold Star Mothers even though we will not be with them in the parade this year. Marty Dooley made a motion that we send \$200 to the Gold Star Mothers and Ken Payne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Marty Dooley reported that the VA hospital garden we normally support is not looking good and we continue to not have access to the garden. Sherri Marlo mentioned that since the Veterans Day Parade is cancelled, maybe we could do a

drive by at the hospital for our veterans. Marty Dooley will check with the hospital to see if that is possible. More information will be sent out prior to November 11.

In the absence of the vice president, President Don Pickles reviewed the past and upcoming events.

Past events were a Fritz's ice cream run and the Point Labaddie Brewery run sponsored by the Grubbs and Queens. There were about 18 cars participating. There was also the club hayride which had about 36 members attending.

The only upcoming event will be the club Christmas party on December 12, 2020.

President Don Pickles also mentioned that there are several proposed events for next year. Jared Ramsey is investigating a trip to the Detail Garage in Valley Park and Barb Payne spoke about a 9-day trip to Kentucky for next October.

There was no new business but Immediate Past President Ray Queen thanked the outgoing board for their work this past year. Randy Howard asked about a budget meeting. A transition meeting for the new board is scheduled for November 19 and the budget will be brought up at that time.

There were 41 members in attendance.

Attendance prizes were won by Bev Givens and Bob Bradley.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm, unless we are restricted due to COVID-19.

Anne Pickles made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded

by Gail Mattler. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Ron Hagenow - Secretary

Editor's Note: The Minutes of the November, 2020 meeting have been included again in this newsletter because we will be voting to accept them at the March planning meeting.

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Hopefully everyone is feeling good and has a vaccine scheduled.

If you watched the Daytona 500, you were able to see the C-8 Corvette Pace car, but maybe you were enjoying Valentine's Day instead.

If you are not able to attend the National Corvette Museum BASH you can still join in the fun by using a virtual streaming option. This option will offer seminars, and for the first time you can stream the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. The virtual streaming option is for Thursday and Friday of the BASH April 22 & 23. You must register for the virtual event, and the cost is \$20.00 per household.

The NCM has acquired the Mobile 1 C-8 Corvette Stingray to add to its

collection. This car will be used in a different capacity. It will be used as a lead car for event road tours, in parades, Museum in Motion events, and other driving functions. Its first event is to be at the 12 Hours of Sebring by helping to lead parade laps, and it will be displayed at the Mobile 1 event booth in March. The 12 Hours of Sebring IMSA race is March 17-20.

For a short time you can receive free UPS economy shipping from the NCM Corvette Store when you spend \$75.00 or more after discounts are applied. This offer is not valid on previous purchases.

You can save 10% on tires when you purchase them through TireBuyer.com. The coupon code is CORVETTE MUSEUM10 and should be entered in the box at checkout.

Congratulations to the Howards on their new Red Mist C-8. Enjoy that new Vette if we ever get nice weather.

Don't forget about the NCM events:

BASH – April 22-24 (registration is open)

La Man's racing weekend viewing party – June 12-13

27th Anniversary Celebration – September 2-4

Check out the raffle cars on line at the NCM.

Judy and Marty Dooley

NCM Ambassadors

Past Events

A Glorious Day!

Ruth and Randy Howard Welcome an Addition to the Family

By Mike Kunst

February 3, 2021 was a glorious day! The sun was shining brightly. The temperature was close to 50 degrees! It was a really nice day.

This new addition to the Howard family is a special car. It was born in Bowling Green, KY on January 19, 2021. Ruth and Randy celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary on that same day. The stars really have aligned for them with this car. I can't wait to see the Howards in their new car with the top down! Yes, it is the new hard top convertible design in the new color Red Mist. Beautiful!

It was a glorious day!

I am writing this on Friday, February 19, 2021, and this is the 14th day in a row where the temperature has not reached the freezing mark of 32. I hope we get some nice weather next week to potentially get the cars out for a drive.





Howard's Rear End!



The Birth Statistics
Attached to Randy's Nuts

Special Announcements

Marie Chance Bought a Brick at the
National Corvette Museum



Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

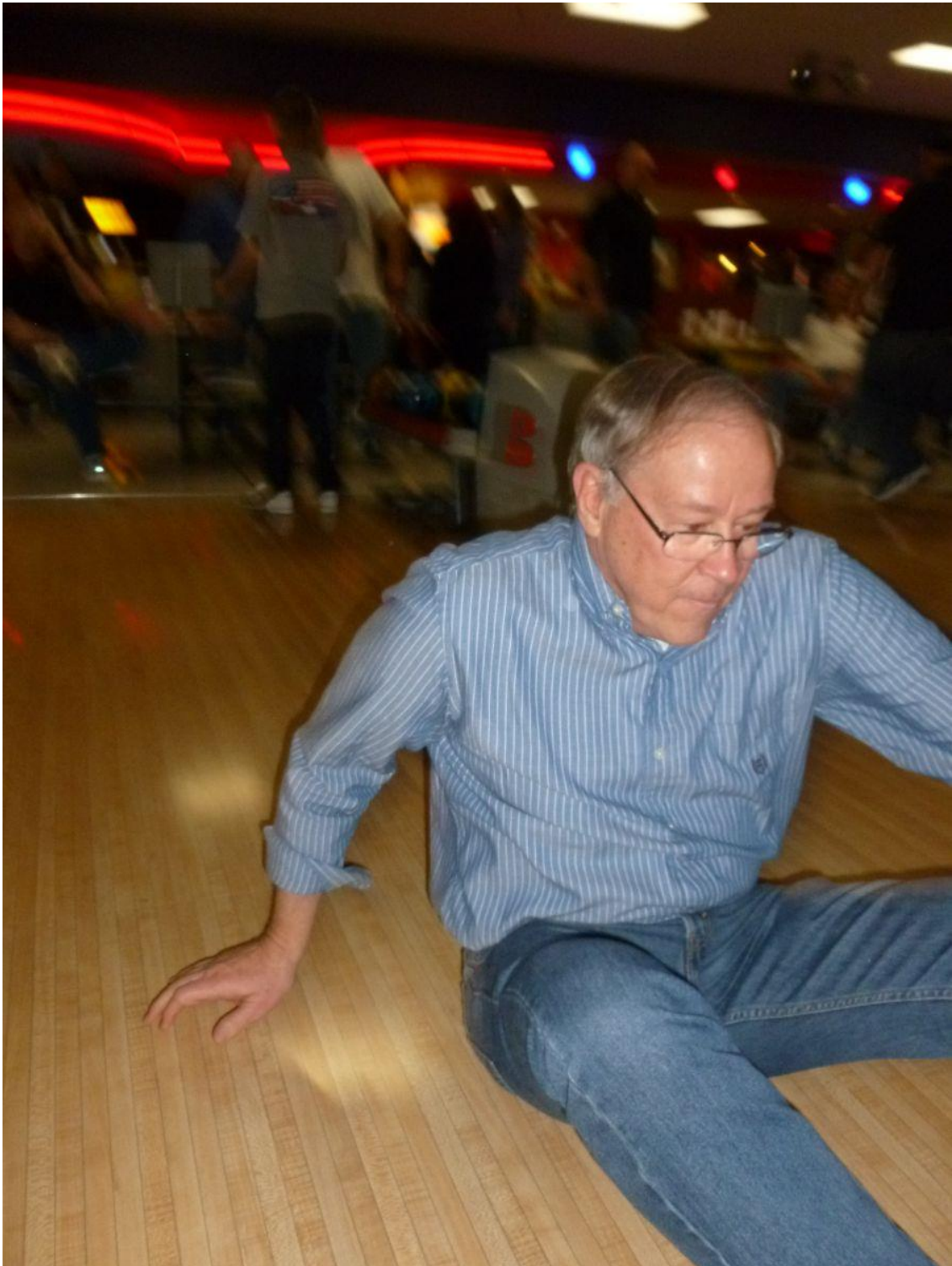
History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

In March 2006, Rick Frierdich was our president. His opening line in the newsletter read "I've heard it said that people brighten a room, some when they come in and others when they leave". *I think since it's been so long since we've been together we'd like to see anybody!* There were 55 members in the club and we were meeting at Hessler's Pub. It was about this time that we were looking for a different meeting place as we had almost outgrown the current one. A new U. S. flag and stand were purchased which we continue to use at each meeting. We continued to have our Thursday night dinners each week. One couple planned a different place for each Thursday of the month. Carl and Pat Cox were scheduled

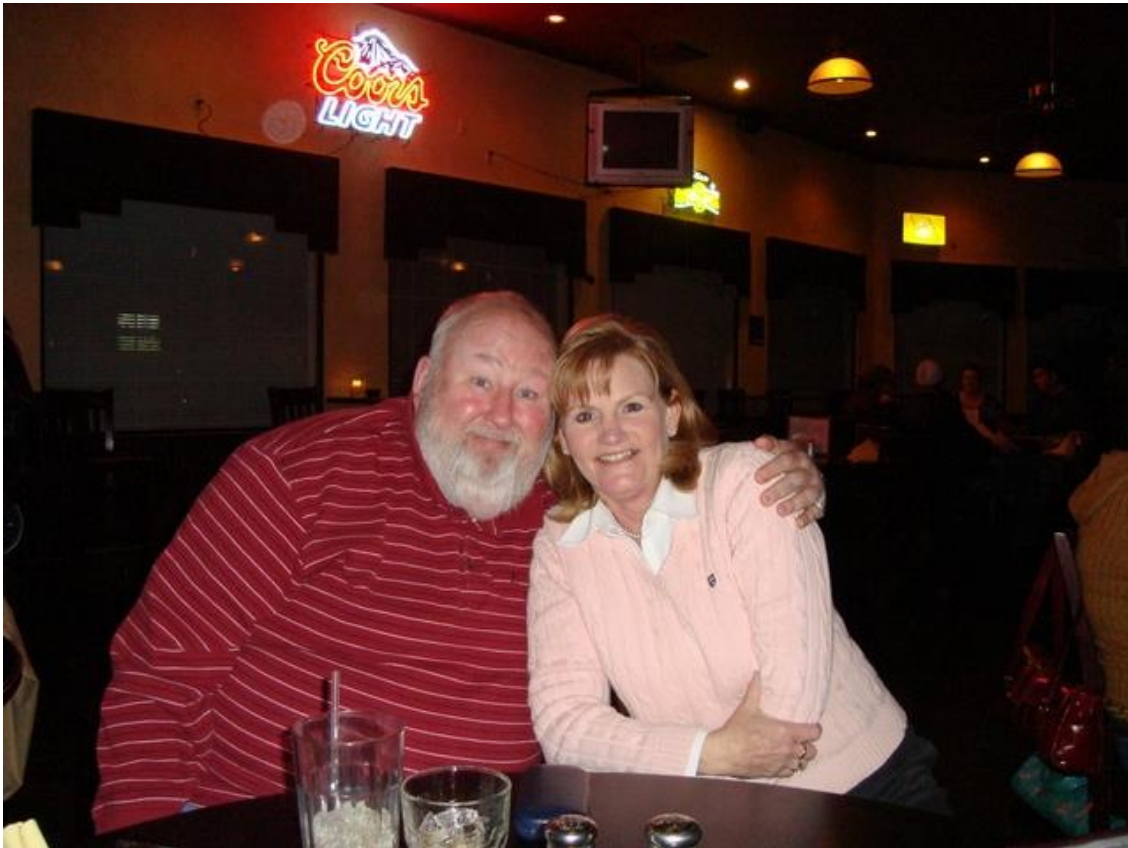
for a NCM delivery of their new 2006 convertible on March 13.

In March 2012, Kevin Bayliss was club president and we had our meetings at Sunset Lake and Banquet Center. About the same time, we learned there were new owners for Sunset Lake who wanted the club to pay a meeting fee. This started the same process of looking for a new place as when we left Hessler's. We had 86 members in the club. It was reported that Mark Gerecke, one of our club sponsors, was named ELCO Salesman of the Year for 2011. Plans were underway for a Happy Hour at Jilly's (our current meeting place) as well as a trip to Tunica. It was reported that we had a great Valentine's Day brunch at the Officer's Club at Scott AFB.

In March 2017, Ray Queen was the club president. We were meeting at Grand Slam Sports Bar now and had 94 members. Butch and Cheri Riebeling joined us as guests and eventually became members. Planned activities this month were a Crazy Bowl, a day at Shooter's in Columbia, IL and the Little Egypt Car Rally. We were also planning an early cleanup at the VA garden for the first Saturday in April (but it probably rained – just ask Marty!). We also planned for our first Fritz's run of the year.



From the Crazy Bowl in 2013, Don Pickles doing what he does best, sitting around. Somebody needs to pick this old man up!



This is from the Happy Hour in 2010. Boy, that Ruth Howard sure gets around.



In 2008 our club, along with our then sponsor Lynch Hummer, sponsored a charity car show event for the Albert Pujols Foundation. This is a guest checking out one of our Vettes. And you might notice his pants are muddy. Lynch had several Hummers out on their mud course giving rides.



Getting lined up for the St. Patrick's Day parade in Cottleville in 2011.

2021 Dayton 500 Pace Car

Submitted by Terry Mueller



This Corvette Stingray was the 2021 Daytona 500 pace car.

Click on this link for a related article. [\[VIDEO\] Check out the Corvette Pace Car and Other Behind the Scenes Action from the Daytona 500 - Corvette: Sales, News & Lifestyle \(corvetteblogger.com\)](#)

A Blast from the Past!

Submitted by Kathy and Paul Craig

In 1980 my Dad and I flew to San Diego where I had just purchased a 1972 War Bonnet Yellow 4 Speed Corvette Coupe. When we arrived on Coronado Island, it was parked next to the aircraft carrier, USS Kittyhawk. The original owner was a Navy pilot stationed on board the ship.

In the 32 years that Kathy and I owned the car, it was taken on lots of trips, including the opening of the Corvette Museum in 1994, and on display in the Rotunda in 2008 as part of the collection of Craig Corvettes that were there to celebrate my brother, Jerry, taking Museum delivery of his new C6 convertible. The C3 has seen service on the East and West Coast, as well as visiting Tijuana, Mexico, and Thunder Bay, Canada.

We sold it to a "bloke" from "down under" in Renella, Australia, several years ago. I recently received a call from the new owner, "Oy! GDay, Mate. Enjoyin' your car!"

Apparently, he was in the Outback, many miles from civilization...



Kathy and Paul Craig at the NCM with their 1972 War Bonnet Yellow Corvette.

Corvette Facts

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No. 255: The best-known rear-V-8 Corvette test car was the XP819 of 1965. Styled by Larry Shinoda, it was Chevrolet's dead-end answer to the Porsche 911. Going from sketchpad to test track in an amazing nine weeks, it resembled a 1968 Corvette with extra rear overhang. Riding on staggered (big and bigger) aluminum laced-spoke wheels and tires similar to those used on Jim Hall's Chaparral road racers, the XP819 featured a central-spring chassis and coil-over suspension and looked ready for the showroom.

No. 380: Knowing full well that the standard cast-iron small-block V-8, as light as it was, would result in a severe tail-heavy platform, Winchell pulled strings and had

an aluminum-block 287-ci V-8 made for the car. Still, records show it had 30/70 front/rear static weight distribution. According to Shinoda, who drove it, full-throttle wheel stands were a hazard. The XP819 shuffled around General Motors for several years. After a minor accident at the GM Proving Grounds, it was sent to GM-friendly race-car builder and innovator Smokey Yunick's Daytona, Florida, shop in 1973. Ostensibly, the suspension parts were to be harvested for use in a Yunick Indy-car project. However, that was a smokescreen, and Yunick merely sought to protect the XP819 from oblivion. Still, he was legally compelled to slice the XP819 into four chunks and submit photographic proof to General Motors of the completed deed. That was done on January 16, 1973, but the bits were retained. At Yunick's 1976 "garage sale," it sold to a Corvette enthusiast for \$7,000, who gave it a loving restoration.

No. 381: The XP819 can still be viewed today at the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Having escaped destruction twice, one might wonder if it perished in the February 12, 2014, sinkhole that opened up beneath the Skydome exhibit. Luckily, the sinkhole only impacted a small section of the display grounds, and the XP819 survived. For the record, the cars that were affected were a 1962 roadster, a 1984 coupe, a 1992 (the 1-millionth Corvette built), a 1993 ZR1 Spyder, a 1993 40th Anniversary Edition, a 2001 Mallet Hammer Z06, a 2009 ZR1 Blue Devil, and a 2009 (the 1.5-millionth Corvette built). In fact, not a single shark-era Corvette was among the wounded.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

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