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President's Message

Welcome to November!!!

Fall is here, the temps are dropping, the leaves are turning colors and daylight savings time is ending soon. I hope you have been able to enjoy this time of year.

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Chase Duke is now at a rehabilitation center in Jacksonville, Florida, where he has been going through extensive physical therapy. And Michelle Finn is at home recovering from a broken leg. Please continue to keep Chase and Michelle in your prayers as they continue on their road to recovery.

It is my hope that each and every one of you continues to be blessed during this holiday season.

See ya on the 2nd.

Jim

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Gary Murray

Karen Price
Teresa Lindemann
Ray Queen
Valerie Zeisset
Gail Mattler
Nancy Burger
Bev Givens
Patty Craig
Sharon Ballinger
Jerry Giffhorn

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Pickles
Steve & Dawn Kirby
Mike & Laurie Grubb
Dick & Conita Shoulders
John & Cherie Hopson
Rick & Mary Doerr
Terry & Kathy Mueller

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Jilly's Café & Steakhouse on October 5, 2021.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Givens @ 7:00 p.m. Jim offered up a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Introduction of Officers:

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| President: Jim Givens | Vice President: Karen Price |
| Membership: Mike Kunst | Treasurer: Marcia Sheer |
| Secretary: Bev Givens | Sargent at Arms: Bruce Wooldridge served as fill in for Sargent of Arms |
| Immediate past president: Don Pickles | Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark & Kim Gerecke |

President Jim Givens welcomed everyone to the meeting. Previous member, Carol Meisner, was in attendance as a guest.

President Jim Givens covered the following information:

- Reminder that there would be a 50/50 drawing, attendance prize drawing, and sign-up sheets for attendance and future events were available.
- Thanks went out to Maryann Hagenow for filling in as secretary at the September meeting. A motion was requested to accept the September secretary's minutes as published. Ron Hagenow made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Jack Braznell. The motion passed.

Marcia Sheer presented the treasurer's report for the month of September. Ken Payne made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Steve Kirby. The motion passed.

Membership Officer Mike Kunst read the names of the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries. The Membership Report was as follows:

New members added since September Business Meeting

- Jenny Lanter and Josh Cate

Members leaving since September Business Meeting

- None

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members:100 (includes 12 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members:7 (includes 2 Charter Members)
- Associate Members:12
- Total Members:119 (excludes sponsors)

The club is currently at full capacity with 100 regular members.

Membership Waiting List

- Leslie and Brandon Hoosier
- Maggie and Steve Hedgorth

Charter Members

- Sharon Ballinger
- Patty & Jeff Craig
- Peggy Craig Bradley
- Judy & Marty Dooley
- June Fain
- Rich Frierdich
- Teresa & Rich Luebcke
- Karen & Mike Price
- Chris & Bob Woods

Bev Givens shared thanks on behalf of Gary & Erin Duke for the club's support following Chase Duke's accident. Club members provided monetary donations and items to fill two large baskets with snacks, drinks, gifts cards, books, magazines and much more to help the family during Chase's hospital stay. Please continue to pray for Chase during his rehabilitation and recovery process.

Committee Reports:

Sponsor Report: The new Cadillac sales building should be operational by the first week in November. New cars are starting to trickle in! If you have a car to sell, give them a call!

Charity: Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni/Sonja Giffhorn – Michelle Finn had Christmas tree ornaments available to bless three families from St. Vincent DePaul church. Wrapped gifts should be brought to the November meeting. If you need to make other arrangements for gift drop off, please contact Michelle. Judy Giovanni expressed her appreciation for the sleepers donated to benefit Newborns in Need. The goal of 500 sleepers was surpassed with 112 sleepers coming from our club!

Christmas Party – Chris Woods, Judy Dooley – Christmas party is scheduled for December 11th @ Royal Orleans.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Rick Frierdich – Rick Frierdich confirmed the Veterans parade would be held on November 6th. Members should meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Ameren parking lot. All cars should be displaying flags. We will once again be driving gold star parents, and there will be lunch immediately following the parade. For more information, please contact Rick.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley reminded members there is free shipping for orders over \$50.00! May be time to do a little Christmas shopping!

Website: Steve Kirby – On target. Thanks went out to Steve Kirby for his outstanding work on the website.

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, Peggy Craig – A special thanks went out to Ron Hagenow for the history update provided monthly for the newsletter.

NCCC Governor's Report – Jeff Craig – Larry Walker gave an update in Jeff's absence. Jeff will be running for Midwest Regional Competition Director. If he is chosen, he will not be continuing as NCCC governor. Kudos to John and Angie Midkiff on their autocross success!

VA Garden – Marty Dooley, Karen Price – Marty shared the VA is anxious to get us back in and we are still maneuvering the red tape to get the job done. There are currently limits to the number of people allowed on premise at a time. Volunteers are needed to water on a regular basis. A tentative workday has been set for November 18th. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Marty or Karen.

Budget Committee: Randy Howard, Larry Akins, Ray Queen – On target

By-laws Committee: John Midkiff, Valerie Zeisset, Mike Price – On target

Newsletter – Kathy Mueller – Thanks to Kathy for a job well done!

Nominating Committee – Ruth Howard, Judy Dooley – Ruth announced that President Jim Givens has agreed to run for another term. Current nominees for open positions are: Secretary – Angie Midkiff, Sargent at Arms – Jack Braznell, Membership – Judy Giovanoni, Treasurer – Patti Kusky. Additional nominees are welcome. Please contact Ruth or Judy.

Vice President's Report: Vice President Karen Price reviewed the calendar of

upcoming events and reviewed past events. Additional information is available on the club's website.

Past & Future Events

September 12, 2021, club members, friends and family gathered @ Liederkrantz Park in Millstadt for a Celebration of Life to honor Mike Kirby. One of the highlights of the day was seeing Mike's grandson in Mike's Corvette and the revving of the engines in Mike's memory.

- Thanks to Karen & Mike Price for the awesome job they did on organizing an awesome club picnic! The Road Rally was a big hit with Jenny Lanter and Josh Cate coming in as 1st place winners!
- Congratulations go out to Ruth and Randy Howard for receiving the Celebrity Choice Award for their C8 Convertible at the 2021 NCM 27th anniversary celebration held on Labor Day at the museum.
- Michelle Paillou gave an update on Fun Fest 2021 and shared information on Wreaths Across America. If you are interested in sponsoring a wreath for Jefferson Barracks, visit wreathacrossamerica.org for additional information.
- Mark Gerecke will have additional information in the future regarding the possibility of our club driving NASCAR drivers at a 2022 NASCAR event.
- Fritz's ice cream run sponsored by Peggy Craig will be held on October 30th due to Halloween.
- The ELCO Hayride is rescheduled for Sunday, October 24th @ 4:00 p.m.
- Barb Payne thanked her team for their hard work in organizing the upcoming trip across KY. Members will be leaving on October 15th to begin their journey.

- Please refer to the website for the list of all future events and additional information.

Thank you to Marcia Sheer for providing cookies for dessert from Missouri Bakery on The Hill.

Judy Giovanoni and Jack Braznell won \$76 in the 50/50 drawing.

Congratulations to John Midkiff and Diana Walker for winning attendance prize gift cards. Other members were lucky winners of museum license plates.

There were 47 members in attendance, 2 sponsors and 1 guest.

President Jim Givens asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jack Braznell made a motion to adjourn, Kathy Woodridge seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

Respectfully,

Bev Givens
Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

The Kentucky group/members went to the National Corvette Museum and I think everyone had a great time. We took a pickup truck full of Hot Wheels down to the

NCM, and the members donated them to the museum. A special thank you to all the Club members who have donated Hot Wheels to the National Corvette Museum Education program. All of you helped make all of this possible. We had a great tour of the museum then a talk/presentation from Kai Spande, the Corvette plant manager. We then had a nice lunch and then went to the Motorsport Park and had an informative talk about what goes on there. Some members then drove the Go-Karts while the rest of us went to the viewing area to watch the racers. It was a fun day.

The NCM will now be closed on New Year's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This will start as of November 1st of this year. The Stingray Grill will also have new operating hours.

The National Corvette Museum has started a new exhibit called Generations of Innovation. This exhibit tells the story of the evolution and the revolution innovation of the Corvette through its long history. Each generation of Corvette adds to its legacy, and each innovation inspires the future of the Corvette. This display will be available for viewing through December 30, 2021.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

Date Change for last Fritz's Run

Sponsored by Peggy Craig Bradley



The last Fritz's Run was to be held on October 24th because the last Sunday is Halloween. Since the ELCO Hay Ride was scheduled for October 24 (and canceled due to weather), it is being moved to Saturday, October 30, 2021 at the normal time (6:00 pm).



November Retiree's Lunch

Wednesday, November 17

Mr. BBQ at Mystic Oak

643 Ridge Road

Waterloo, Illinois

11:30 AM

Hosted by Mike and Laurie Grubb

RSVP to Laurie at lgrubb61@gmail.com

St. Louis Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 6, 2021

Meet: 9:30 am at Ameren Parking Lot

18th Street and Choteau

Departing: 9:50 am to Staging Area

Parade Starts at 10:30 am

Vicinity: Union Station

Noon- "Ceremony & Celebration

At Soldier's Memorial

Lunch after the parade at [Syberg's](#)

2211 Market Street

Parking at the Bank or at the Restaurant

Questions: Call/Text Rick F. at 314-223-0969

VA Garden Workday

A VA garden workday will be held on Saturday November 13th. We will meet at the entrance on Koch Rd at 10:00, and we can all go in together.

We will talk more about it at our next meeting.

Marty and Judy

A decorative border surrounds the text, featuring various blue and white snowflake designs. In the bottom-left corner, there is a cartoon snowman wearing a black top hat and holding a broomstick.

**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

Past Events

October Retiree Lunch

Hosted by Kirt and Marcia Sheer



Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend



Dinner at Local Flavor Café



Railroad Station



Dinner train ride



Baked Alaska dessert on dinner train



Price's heads sticking out Uranus



The group in the hot tub room at the Best Western Eureka Inn

Coffee and Corvettes

Hosted by Jim & Bev Givens









All Things Kentucky Trip

By Field Reporter, Mike Kunst

The All Things Kentucky Trip was a great success! The last of us returned on Sunday, October 24, 2021. Unfortunately, that did not allow enough time for articles to be written for this edition of the STLCC Newsletter. Look for our reporting of the trip in the next edition of the Newsletter.

In the meantime, here is something to ponder!



Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

Rather than the usual “what was happening this month”, we thought we would look back on a little of our history via pictures. First, if you have any questions about the club or why we do things a certain way or why we have certain bylaws or procedures, just ask one of the History Committee members. We are all long time members of the club and can probably answer your question.

We owe the club’s existence to one person, the late Jerry Craig. He got started in Corvettes in 1953. At first there was an informal club called “The St. Louis Corvette Club”. Jerry was their third president. The club remained active until about 1979. Shortly thereafter a club was formed called “The Original St. Louis Corvette Club” which is still in existence. Eventually some members thought that club was too large and going in the wrong direction, so they broke off and started what is our club today in February 2004. We still have two of our founding members of the club at almost every meeting and event, Marty and Judy Dooley.

It would be hard to go through all the fun activities the club has done over the years. When we first started, we had weekly Thursday dinners where we went to a different restaurant each week. We’ve had several meeting places, starting with Hessler’s Pub to our location at Jilly’s. We’ve had numerous car shows and club picnics over the years. Some of our traditional events are the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade and the Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis. Funfest in Effingham and Eureka Springs, AR Corvette Weekend are always popular events. We’ve done A Night at the Races at Cahokia Downs as well as the lady’s Josephine’s Tea Room run. Some of the more memorable events were participating in the opening day ceremonies for the 90th Indy 500 in 2006 where we got to drive on the track. We’ve had several trips out west to Spearfish, SD as well as Elkhart Lakes, WI for Corvette racing.

With this in mind, here are pictures of some of our events through the years. Hope

you enjoy!



One of the first meetings of the St. Louis Corvette Club.



Club volunteers and patients starting our garden for the Spinal Cord Unit at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital in April 2005.



Some of our cars lined up on the track for the Indy 500 opening day in May 2006.



Club members who attended the Black Hills Corvette weekend at Spearfish, SD in September 2007.



Club members enjoying dinner at Vettes on the Rockies in July 2008.



Lunch on a side trip to the Opryland Hotel for some of the folks that attended the 15th Anniversary Caravan to the NCM in September 2009 led by Carl and Sharon Ballinger.



Club members who participated in run to Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant in Alton, IL for their famous fried chicken in August 2010.

2023 Chevy Corvette ZO6

Submitted by Terry Mueller



2023 Chevy Corvette Z06 with a 5.5 liter, 670 hp, flat-plane crank V8, making it the most powerful V8 ever put into a production car. Corvette Z06 is offered with multiple aero packages, carbon fiber wheels, and carbon ceramic brakes. This is without a doubt a super car!

Corvette Facts

Reprinted from "Steve Magnante's 1001 Corvette Facts" with permission from CarTech

EDITOR'S NOTE: *This is the last month that "Steve Magnante's 1001 Corvette Facts" will be included in the newsletter. Many thanks the Dooleys for providing the book and Terry Mueller for choosing the facts to include in each newsletter!*

898: With the C7's (and C6's) heavy dependence on electricity to run everything from the steering rack to the seat belts, total battery failure could render it immobile. Although true, it was also the case with the vast majority of other new cars on the road. One rumor held that six people became trapped in their cars and perished when dead batteries prevented the electric door latches from releasing. Mythology aside, the C7 included a manual driver-door release lever on the doorsill. A quick pull on the handle tripped the latch cable in emergency situations.

926: General Motors assigned small-block chief engineer Jordan Lee with the task of revamping the LS3 for Stingray duty. He said, "We essentially had to melt and re-core the engine," meaning that with so many changes, the C7 needed an entirely new block structure, carrying over little of the C6 engine. The resulting 2014 6.2-liter Stingray engine was known as the Gen V LT1 small-block, which brought the base level Stingray up to an amazing 455 hp, 25 hp more than the base C6 LS3.

932: Another LT1 and LT4 addition was direct fuel injection (DI). Instead of spraying atomized gasoline into the intake manifold several inches above the combustion chamber, DI sprayed the gas right into the chambers at 2,175 psi. This resulted in superior air/fuel mixing during combustion and greatly improved efficiency and power. In comparison, the LS3's upstream fuel-injection method operated at a mere 58 psi.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

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