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President's Message

It was with great sadness to hear that Mike Kirby passed away this morning. As I was scrolling through Facebook today, it was nice to see all the pictures many of you were posting and reading how much he meant to so many people. He was truly loved, and the pictures speak for themselves. Thanks to everyone for sharing some of your memories, I'll always remember his smile. Mike is going to be greatly missed but we take comfort in knowing he has been reunited with Sandy.

My biggest takeaway from 2021 so far is prayer.

The world is crumbling around us, Covid is still strong as ever and the various types of cancer/sickness is alive and taking its toll on our loved ones. In the last four months, we have personally lost Aunt Marie, Uncle Floyd, Uncle Ed and most recently Aunt Janet. My last conversation with Aunt Janet put everything in perspective for me. Two days before she went home to be with Jesus, I asked her how she was doing. She looked me in the eyes and stated she knew where she was going and smiled. I immediately stated what a glorious day that will be when she gets to meet Jesus. I was able to sit with her while she rested and it gave me time to reflect, to reflect on her life, to reflect on the last statement she made to me and to reflect on myself. At that moment I realized the power of prayer, not just for the person you are praying for, but you are blessed as well.

Please continue to lift in prayer all our club members and their families who are suffering from illness. We specifically want to remember:

- Ken & Barb Payne
- Debbie Tidwell
- Chase Duke
- Our Armed Forces
- And whether we agree with them or not, the leaders of our great country need to be lifted in prayer.

God is in control!!!!

Philippians 4:6 – Don't worry about anything, instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank him for all he has done.

Have a great September and stay safe!

Jim

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Kimberlie Gerecke
Jerry Schmidt
Lynda Roth
Jim Love
Kevin Yovich
Marian Glandt
Tom Marlo
Randy Rickermann



ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Robin Avery
Mike & Pat Moore



John & Pam Corrona
Ray & Pam Queen
Bob & Chris Woods
Jared & Traci Ramsey



Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Jilly's Café & Steakhouse on August 3, 2021.

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

Introduction of Officers:

President: Jim Givens	Vice President: Karen Price – Absent
Membership: Mike Kunst	Treasurer: Marcia Sheer - Absent
Secretary: Bev Givens	Sargent at Arms: Mike Kirby
Immediate past president: Don Pickles	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark & Kim Gereke - Absent

President Jim Givens welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guests in attendance were Brandon and Leslie Hoosier, new owners of a 2017 black Z06.

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.
- Members signing up for dessert were asked to keep the total cost under \$50.00.
- Members were directed to the “sanitizer zone” containing touchless sanitizer and items to enhance safety and sanitation.

- A motion was requested to accept the July secretary's minutes as published. Chris Woods made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Bill Mattler. The motion passed.

In the absence of Treasurer Marcia, Mike Kunst presented the treasurer's report for the month of July. 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 upcoming birthdays and anniversaries. The Membership Report was as follows:

New members added since July 2021 Business Meeting

- None

Members leaving since July Business Meeting

- None

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members: 100 (includes 12 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 8 (includes 2 Charter Members)
- Associate Members: 12
- Total Members: 120 (excludes sponsors)

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

Membership Waiting List

- Trisha and Dan Carver
- Jenny Lanter/Josh Cate

- Leslie and Brandon Hoosier

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

Committee Reports:

To allow additional time for the by-law proposed/recommended discussion, Marcia Sheer contacted the various committees in advance to see if they had any new business to report.

Sponsor Report: Ruth Howard gave an update on behalf of Mark Gerecke. Cadillac remodel will go on-going through January. 2021's are in the hopper and the microchip issue will be rolling into 2022. If you have a car to sell, give them a call!

Charity: Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni/Sonja Giffhorn – Judy is collecting new or gently used sleepers from preemie to 4T at the September meeting to benefit Newborns in Need. Please bring your donations to the September meeting.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Rick Frierdich – Michelle was absent from tonight's

meeting due to attending the presentation of awards from the Webster Groves 4th of July Parade. Marty Dooley offered information on how to order parade flags in preparation of the Veterans Day Parade and reminded members that all cars should have flags when participating in parades.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley reminded members about the Labor Day weekend celebration at the museum.

Website: Steve Kirby was absent from the meeting but wanted to pass along to everyone that he had submitted the website and the newsletter to the NCM's contest.

Vice President's Report: In Karen's absence Jim went through the calendar of upcoming events and reviewed past events. Additional information is available on the club's website. Be sure to sign up for the Club Picnic to be held at Cliff Cave Park on Sept 25th and make your meat selection and list your side/dessert.

Past & Future Events

There was a great turnout at the Coffee and Corvettes event for July in Washington, MO. Check the calendar for upcoming dates and locations. Jim & Bev Givens are sponsoring Corvettes & Coffee at 9:00 a.m. one Saturday each month. The August event will be at The Orange Coffee House, Eureka, MO on August 21st.

- Fritz's ice cream run sponsored by Peggy Craig was held on July 25th. The August event will be on August 29th.
- 8/7 -Mystery Run sponsored by Sonja & Jerry Giffhorn. Meet at 11:30 a.m. Saturday @ Waterloo Walmart parking lot. Sonya needs a head count for lunch and she is providing dessert!

- 8/14 – PRISMS Fundraiser sponsored by Rich & Theresa Luebcke at Chaumette Vineyards & Winery in Ste. Gen featuring Corvettes, Camaros, and Classics. Be sure to call and make reservations for lunch. No outside food or drink will be allowed.
- 8/21 – Coffee & Corvettes sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens at The Orange Couch Coffee House in Eureka.
- 8/26 – Hot Rod Power Tour will be held at the Gateway Racetrack featuring over 3000 Hot Rods.
- Please refer to the website for the list of all future events and additional information.

New Business

- John Midkiff presented proposed changes to the existing club by-laws on behalf of the By-Laws Committee (John Midkiff, Mike Price & Valerie Zeisset). President Jim Givens assisted in facilitating the discussion.
 - Members were given the opportunity to ask questions. Some offered personal opinions regarding proposed changes.
 - Members were reminded to review the existing by-laws to have a better understanding of what the current practice is and what was being proposed as a change.
 - There was discussion around NCCC and the benefit participation provided to the club.
 - Mike Kunst will send out NCCC FAQ's for club review.
 - The By-Laws Committee was asked to take into consideration member comments when preparing the ballots for voting on by-law proposals at the September meeting.

Thank you to the Midkiffs for bringing dessert.

Jerry Giffhorn won \$118.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

61 members were in attendance and 2 guests.

President Jim Givens asked for motion to adjourn the meeting. Judy Dooley made a motion to adjourn and Gary Duke seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

Respectfully,

Bev Givens
Secretary

Special Announcements

Club Suffers the Loss of a Member

By Ron Hagenow

Long-time member Mike Kirby passed away on August 31, 2021. Mike was the current Sergeant-At-Arms for the club. Mike and Sandy, who passed away on August 3, 2018, had been members of the club since 2011. Many of us will remember Sandy's struggles with ALS and how well Mike took care of her until her passing. I know Mike missed her each day and now they are back together again.

How many of you know that Mike's real first name is James? Did you know that Mike's father ran a candy store and Mike was helping at the store at an early

age? And has anyone ever seen Mike get mad? No me either.

We all have stories of our friendship with Mike. He still talked about the good time he had on the Utah trip of a couple years ago. And there was always a good time when he and Sandy were able to attend Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend.

After Sandy's passing, Mike moved from Millstadt to Waterloo. There he and several club members held daily discussions at the local McDonald's for breakfast. After COVID shut everything down, the meetings were transferred to Mike's garage. Many lively discussions were held solving the world's problems. The meetings were open to anyone who happened to drop by. Dennis Trost, and sometimes Janet, were regular members while the Marlos, the Zeissets and I were sometimes visitors. The last time I saw Mike was on August 10 along with Dennis when we visited on Mike's back deck. Who would have thought that 3 weeks later Mike would be gone?

Mike's passing means we've lost 6 members or former members in the past 16 months. We had only lost 7 members in the previous 15 years. With this in mind, please hold your family and friends close to you. And remember Mike and Mike's family (Chris, Cheryl and Cameron) in your prayers.

Now for a few pictures and hopefully fond memories of better times.







Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

The STINGRAY GRILL is now open at the National Corvette Museum.

The last day to see "The Vision Realized: 60 years of Mid-Engine Corvette Design" will be Sunday September 12th. It will be replaced by "Generations of Innovations" in the design and engineering area of the museum. This display will be there from October 1st to December 31st of this year.

A new vendor, Llummar Films, will be attending the 27th anniversary event over Labor Day Weekend. It is the preferred paint protection of the National Corvette Museum. They will have a booth outside of the museum near the NCM logo circle. Their product will be shown on a C-8 Corvette for you to see

Sports Car Magazine is featuring its top 40 under 40 for 2021, and this year the NCM Director of Collections and Curator Derek Moore has been chosen. This is only the second time that this magazine has picked 40 car enthusiasts under 40 years old to be recognized in its magazine.

This year at the 27th anniversary/Labor Day event the car show will have a Best in Show category. The Corvette Team will be at this event also.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

September Retiree Lunch
Walnut Grill
Hosted by Dana and Diana Griggs



The Corvette Club retiree lunch is scheduled for Wednesday, September 15 at the Walnut Grill in Ellisville, basically at the intersection of Clayton and Clarkson roads. The address is 1386 Clarkson-Clayton Center, Ellisville, MO 63011.

We have the back room reserved starting at 12:00 noon.

A sign-up sheet will be at the September meeting or call Dana Griggs at 636-227-5917 or just show up.

St. Louis Corvette Club

Annual Picnic

Sponsored by the STLCC Board

The St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Picnic

When: September 25, 2021
From 10 am until you wear out or sunset

Where: Cliff Cave Park
806 Cliff Cave Road
St. Louis, MO 63129



At 10am you can come to participate in a road rally, work on your game skills or sit and relax. There will be a road rally that will include driving directions and clues for you to find out the answers to. We will also have washers, corn hole, ladder golf, etc. for you to compete in and of course there will be lots of prizes! Lunch will start around 12:30 pm. The club will provide the main dish. Kenrick's will be catering our protein- please sign up for your choice of meat. Every member will bring an appetizer, side dish, or dessert to share. There is electricity for crock pots, and we will have ice chests to keep food safe. As always, bring your own drinks. Plan on plenty of fun, food, and competition as we enjoy the day together.



CAR SHOW

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2021

9:00AM - 2:00PM

REGISTRATION

9:00AM - 11:00AM

\$15 REGISTRATION FEE

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Hand'n Hand Pregnancy Help Center, Barnhart, MO
and

MyLife Medical & Resource Center, High Ridge, MO

Judged Show -

Official judging by non-participants

*Awards for Car & Truck
(1st, \$100) (2nd, \$75) (3rd, \$50)*

*People's Choice Awards
(\$100 Car/Truck, \$100 Motorcycle)*

*Kids Choice
(\$25 Car/Truck, \$25 Motorcycle)*

FOOD!

50/50 DRAWING!

DOOR PRIZES!

No Alcohol Please



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SATURDAY – OCTOBER 2nd – 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. We are not sharing side dishes this year.

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

Sign up at the September 7 meeting or contact Ruth Howard by September 25 by email or text. rhoward15@charter.net 314-486-6836.

Past Events

Mystery Run

Sponsored by Sonja & Jerry Giffhorn



Sonja and Jerry Giffhorn, our sponsors and hosts for the Mystery Run.



Preparing to start the Mystery Run at the Waterloo Walmart.



Here we are in historic Maeystown. On the left, we are queued for a turn at a photo op in front of the historic church. On the right is Sonja and Jerry with their Corvette. This church has been maintained by the locals in perfect condition. The stone work is outstanding. The steeple was removed, restored, and reset with a crane.



Alright, listen up everybody!







Hank & Lily's Creekside in Maeystown provided a great spot for lunch. Their banquet room provided plenty of room for us and a great place to separate us from the general clientele. Sonja brought a cake for dessert!

Photo Journalist and Field Reporter - Mike Kunst

August Retiree Lunch

Sponsored by Marc Portman







Corvettes, Camaros, and Collectibles in the Vineyard

Sponsored by Rich & Theresa Luebcke







The young lady featured in the photo is Jackie Huston. She suffers from the Smith Magenis Syndrome. That's SMS in PRISMS.



The DARE officer from Genevieve County joined us.



Michelle Paillou received the Hanks Award from the owner of the winery. He said he picked Michelle's car for this award because he turned 15 when the 58s came out. He fell in love with the car and wanted one in the world's worst way. He couldn't wait to turn 16 and get his driver's license and get his first car. The 1958 Corvette was his dream car.

Coffee and Corvettes

Hosted by Jim & Bev Givens









Ice Cream at Fritz's

Sponsored by Peggy Craig







Carl Cox Honor Flight Welcome Home Parade



After having his Honor Flight canceled last year because of the pandemic, Carl was aboard the first scheduled Honor Flight as they resumed on August 31, 2021. With the pandemic still hampering activities, it was not possible to meet Carl at Lambert International Airport. So, we did a drive-by parade on September 1st. We had 15 cars! Thanks to Marcia Sheer for organizing the parade.

Photo Journalist and Field Reporter - Mike Kunst

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

Fifteen years ago in September 2006, Rick Frierdich was our club president and we had 59 members. We were meeting at Hessler's Pub but were actively looking for a bigger place for our meetings. We had a lot on our schedule: Anniversary Weekend at the NCM, a car show, a Sunday brunch run, Funfest in Effingham, a Route 66 Fest, Thursday dinners, and planning for our annual Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend in October. It was also reported that we won the Best Classic Car entry at the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade. And we were already looking for nominations for officers for the following year.

The September 2011 meeting was a bittersweet day. President Kevin Bayliss announced that he and Vikki were moving back to Colorado. And long-time members Jean and Bev DuPont were moving to South Carolina. They will be missed by all. Kevin said the club picnic this month would be at their house only it will be called a "packnic" so we can help them box up their house. We had 89 members in the club at this time. Charlie Miget and Marty Dooley were planning one of their famous mystery runs for later in the month. In addition to our normal September calendar of events, we also participated in a car show at the Scott AFB open house as well as the Alzheimer's Walk in downtown St. Louis.

President Mike Price opened the September 2015 meeting and announced we had

92 members in the club. Our normal September events were in the planning stages as well as a run to the White Mule Winery. And something that never ends, Judy Dooley was selling \$10 chances on the NCM car raffle. The Kuskys reported on the club's recent trip to Pontiac, IL via Route 66. In the newsletter this month there was a picture of Frank Burkhart and Tom Marlo evidently on a Corvette run in the rain. Rather than get their hair wet as they got out of their cars, the picture showed Tina and Sherri holding an umbrella so their husbands didn't get wet. Who said that chivalry is dead!



Some of the club members that went on the Jerry Fain Memorial Run to Miller's Grill in 2010. Lifetime Member June Fain is standing just to the right of the club sign.



Josephine's Tea Room attendees from September 2009.



Members at the club poker run and picnic from September 2011. Hey, Dana had hair!



From September 2019 some of the club members that went on the most excellent trip to Utah.

Larry Walker's Race Car

By Larry Walker



I finally got it running reasonably well – it still needs some more tuning and a paint job but have a look. It's been a 30 year project, but its a hoot and a blast to drive – “wicked quick” according to Jeff Craig. Current bests – 9.39 sec and 145 mph; this session was its second visit to the drag strip; out of consideration for breaking this new motor (which I built), I ran a reduced rpm 6,600 on the limiter, however, on the 4th run, I used a 6,800 rpm limiter. Now that it has a grand total of 17 miles on the odometer, it's almost broken in!

Here's the link to my dropbox folder containing some videos and the time slips:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jumc9hq6mp9vvsj/AADQKqYMQp_Z9cZyYrL0Gdda?dl=0

I linked a new Dropbox folder with the most recent testing of the beast in case any

of our club may be interested.

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/xfp4jrlnhmx4u24/AAAxKybmp1EDLHksqGMSesNGa?dl=0>

I made 3 runs that day – the last run was the first deployment of the parachute at speed ~150 mph. Sorry no video of that – I'll turn the camera around before I run next time!

Cheers,

Larry

C8 Corvette vs Z06 C7 Corvette Drag Racing

Submitted by Terry Mueller



WHO WILL WIN? Click below to find out.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LGbXpsKTpK0>

Corvette Facts

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No. 626: Like every generation before it, the C5 Corvette development program resulted in many fascinating preproduction testbed vehicles. The first running C5 example was the CERV IVa in May 1993, a cobbled-together C4 with the C5's backbone frame, rear transaxle, and an iron-block Gen II 350. Then came the CERV IVb in January 1994 with similar C4 bones but packing an iron-block version of the Gen III LS1 because Alcoa was having trouble with aluminum block castings when it was built. These two C4-based mules saw more than a year of hard use until the arrival of alpha (July 1994) and beta (May 1995) test cars. The CERV IVb was sold at the 2009 Barrett-Jackson West Palm Beach auction for \$37,400. Considering it was reported to have cost General Motors \$600,000 to build, the buyer received quite a deal.

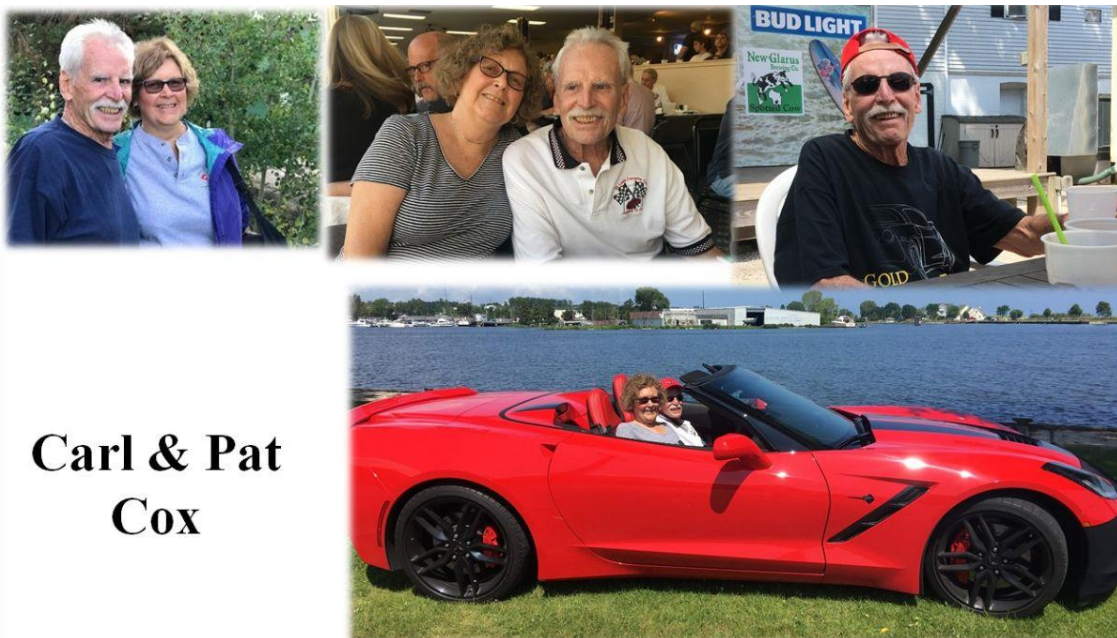
No. 639: The path from the proving grounds to the customer's driveway was littered with debris. During C5 oil-system testing, the engine did well in straight-line acceleration. But when test drivers subjected test cars to high-g turns, seven engines in three days failed from oil starvation. It turned out the extremely grippy tires and suspension surged crankcase oil up into the outboard cylinders and

allowed the oil-pump suction tube to admit air. General Motors borrowed a remedy from the circle-track race world, adding horizontal bustles to the bottom of the oil-pan sump. To test the remedy, General Motors drained Corvette test engines of all but 2 quarts of oil then ran them flat out in a counterclockwise direction. When they survived, General Motors knew that the Corvette oil-pan design was ready for production.

No. 642: Although production C5 Corvettes were the first Corvettes ever sold without spare tires or the spare-tire well to store them, early C5 design renderings dated from July 1992 show that provisions were made for a vertically stored mini spare tire to be placed directly behind the taillight panel. By the C5's January 1997 release date, run-flat tire technology made possible the total elimination the bulky fifth wheel.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Carl and Pat Cox



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