

### **President's Message**

Weather is warming up, spring showers are turning the grass green and the Corvettes are being uncovered and cleaned up. I didn't realize how dirty our Vette was until we came home from church last week and my son-in-law washed and waxed it, detailed the wheels, tires and even the brake calipers. It really looks great and runs much better, because we all know our cars run better when they are clean!!!

I am really excited about 2022 and the number of club events we have scheduled so far this year. If you still have events to schedule, send them to Karen so she can place them on the calendar. We have already had a few events this past month, lunch at Pere Marquette State Park (sponsored by Ken & Barb Payne and Jerry Schmidt), the retiree's lunch (sponsored by Patty Craig) and our first Coffee & Corvette's of the year. It is going to be a fantastic year of driving and socializing with some of the best people we know. Here's to an exciting 2022.

Stay safe and warm as we move into spring.

Jim

## **Meeting Location Change**

**VERY IMPORTANT!!!!** The location for April 5th's meeting has changed. We will be meeting at Bandana's at 11750 Gravois Road, Sunset Hills, MO. 63127. We will be able to order off a limited menu. We have the room (located downstairs) reserved from 6-9 p.m. We appreciate your patience as we continue to work through the process of finding a permanent meeting location.

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Sue Dahman

Janet Trost

Traci Ramsey

Gary Duke

**Bob Bradley** 

Peggy Craig Bradley

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Dennis & Janet Trost

Gary & Jan Murray
Brandon & Leslie Hoosier
Bill & Gail Mattler
Gary & Erin Duke

## **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Sugar Creek Golf Course Banquet Center in High Ridge, MO on March 1, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Givens. Ken Payne offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Karen Price introduced and thanked Mike, the course golf pro and head of the clubhouse and Brittany, the evening's bartender. Karen said that the club was not being charged for use of the facility this evening.

Jim thanked outgoing board members Bev Givens, Mike Kunst, as well as Marcia Sheer who was absent. He also asked members to remember Mike Kirby and all that he did for the club as Sargent at Arms.

#### Introduction of Officers:

President: Jim Givens	Vice President: Karen Price
Membership: Judy Giovanoni	Treasurer: Patti Kusky
Secretary: Angie Midkiff, absent (Mary Ann Hagenow substituting)	Sergeant at Arms: Jack Braznell
Immediate past president:	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet
Don Pickles	Mark Gerecke & Eric DeBruin, absent

Jim reminded members to sign the attendance sheet and various event participation sheets. Jack Braznell sold 50/50 tickets. Ron Hagenow distributed attendance tickets. Jim also asked for members' help in delivering Christmas gifts

to members who were unable to attend the party in December. There are a few extra gifts available for purchase for \$35. Contact Jim if interested.

Jim commented on the recent passing of former club member Ken Barron. It was noted that Ken liked lots of chrome! Jeff Craig reminded members that Ken was instrumental in initiating the club's relationship with ELCO, leading to ELCO's sponsorship of the club. Ken and his wife Judy were members from 2008 – 2013.

Guests Jeff and Tracy Stieren were welcomed. They have a '64 Corvette, red with black interior which previously belonged to Tracy's father.

President Jim Givens covered the following information:

- A motion was requested to accept the November secretary's minutes. Bev
   Givens made a motion to accept the minutes with a second by Judy Dooley.
   The motion passed.
- A motion was requested to accept the treasurer's report for the months of January and February. Ken Payne made a motion to accept the report with a second by Chris Woods. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman Judy Giovanoni read the names of members celebrating January, February and March birthdays and anniversaries. The Membership Report since November was as follows:

- Leslie and Brandon Hoosier were added as new members
- Regular Members: 100
- Lifetime Members:7
- Associate Members:4

There are currently individuals on the Membership Waiting List.

Judy also mentioned the current problem with sending and reception of club group emails. Recent mail going to members with *charter.net* domain has not been successfully delivered with the group attempt and it has been necessary for Judy to send email to those affected separately. She is searching for answers to this problem. Judy did recommend that if the "*charter*" people start getting duplicate messages, please let her know as this may be a sign that the problem is being fixed.

#### **Committee Reports**

Sponsor: Mark Gerecke was absent. It was noted that ELCO had one C5 convertible available. Judy Giovanoni was at ELCO recently and saw a C8 with a retractable hardtop! She wants one!!

Newsletter: Kathy Mueller – Jim thanked Kathy for a job well done on the newsletter. Ron Hagenow was also thanked for the monthly history articles he contributes.

Budget: Randy Howard, Larry Akins, Ray Queen – Ray reported that expenses in the last few years have resulted in a lower bank balance at present. ELCO's \$2,500 contribution to the club each year is very helpful but reducing expenditures and staying within the established budget is necessary. Club planning has been to have sufficient money in checking to cover one year of expenses. A few changes this year will allow the balance to increase satisfactorily.

Club dues will be raised at the end of 2022. Less expensive Christmas gifts for club members will be purchased. Cost of cakes provided for club meetings will no longer be reimbursed-members who volunteer to bring cakes will be doing so at

their own expense. One attendance prize, usually a restaurant gift card, will be awarded at each club meeting. Previously two attendance prizes were given.

A suggestion to eliminate club Christmas gifts was made. Ray said that the committee will review this idea.

By-Laws: Mike Price, Val Zeisset, John Midkiff – No report.

Charity: Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni, Sonja Giffhorn – On target.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley, Karen Price – Marty thanked members who had donated new or gently used cold weather clothing items for patients. Due to the ongoing restrictions in place at the VA due to the virus, it is not known when the club will be able to go back and work in the garden. Marty will let us know when restrictions are lifted.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Rick Frierdich – On target.

President Jim Givens mentioned his interest in the club possibly participating in the St. Louis Thanksgiving Day parade.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley – A new club banner has been ordered. This will be displayed in the parking lot at the Museum throughout the year. Last year's banner will be raffled tonight with chances for \$5. Proceeds from the raffle will help to defray the cost of the new banner. Changes at the Museum include raffle tickets now being available in the Museum shop. Cars to be raffled will also be on display in the shop.

This year's Michelin NCM Bash will be April 28-30. Online registration is available until 9:00 a.m. on Friday, April 1st. See the Museum website for details.

NCCC Governor's Report: Larry Walker – Larry reported on the Midwest Region Governors meeting that was held in St. Louis on February 26. He congratulated the following club members on their final NCCC national competition rankings: Jeff Craig #25 and John Midkiff #36 in the men's division and Angie Midkiff #18 and Patty Craig #33 in the ladies' division. Our club was ranked #21 nationally.

Larry said that more workers are needed to help with events. He thanked Ron Hagenow who worked 12 events last year.

Some points from Governors meeting-

A few newly issued NCCC membership cards may be missing numbers on bottom right side of card. Contact Larry if you have this issue. If you have had a recent change of address or email, be sure to let Larry know so that he can update information for Blue Bars delivery and NCCC messages.

Proposed rule changes pertained to changing model years from 1982 to 1991 to allow for removal of catalytic converters on C4s and modifying the national points program. Let Larry know if you have thoughts on these proposals.

Information for obtaining a competition number is available on MW Region website.

Haggerty Insurance gave a presentation including information on their Driver's Club and discount available to NCCC members.

NCCC convention will be held at Harrah's in Atlantic City, NJ from June 12-17, 2022. Registration is now open. 2023 convention will be held in Bowling Green, KY. The Ozark area of Missouri was proposed as a possible location for 2024 convention.

Midwest Region Banquet will be held March 12 in Burr Ridge, IL.

A rally event will be held April 10 in Rock Island, IL.

There will be autocross events at Rantoul, IL on May 14.

Jeff Craig needs help for an event he's sponsoring at Rantoul on May 28.

Jeff also mentioned NCCC's FCOA Michelin Tire Raffle that benefits St. Jude's. Information can be found on NCCC website.

History: Marty Dooley, Ron Hagenow, Peggy Craig – On target.

Website: Steve Kirby – Steve was absent. Website on target.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods, Judy Dooley – Chris announced that this year's party will be held on Saturday, December 10 at The Legends Country Club in Eureka. Jim Givens thanked Chris and Judy for the work done in planning last year's party. Great job!

Nominating: Judy Dooley, Ruth Howard – On target.

#### **New Business**

Jim Givens asked for input regarding enforcing the member participation requirements as stated in the club by-laws. Due to lack of events during recent Covid months, keeping track of event participation was not needed. Suggestions were made to put this requirement on hold for the time being. It was also suggested to enact the requirement now but change if virus concerns grow. No decision was made.

#### **Past & Future Events**

Vice President Karen Price shared dates of future club events. Members also provided event information. As always, be sure to check the club website for a complete schedule of event activities and event details. Event planners need to prepare an event flyer that will need to be sent to Karen Price, Steve Kirby and Kathy Mueller for posting on the calendar, website, and newsletter.

#### **Future Events**

- March 4 Great River Eagle Watch. Sponsored by Barbie and Ken Payne and Jerry Schmidt. Meet at Sybergs at 270 and Dorsett. Will depart at 11:00.
- March 12 NCCC Midwest Region Banquet in Burr Ridge, IL.
- March 16 Retirees Lunch. Sponsored by Patty Craig. Meet at 11:30 at The Brass Rail Steakhouse in Laboure Shopping Center, 4601 State Hwy K, O'Fallon, MO. RSVP to Patty by March 12.
- March 19 Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. 9:00
   a.m. at Toasted Coffee House, 3015 High Ridge Blvd.in High Ridge, MO
   63049.
- March 27 Fritz's Frozen Custard Run. Sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley. 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Arrive 5:30-6:00.
- April 5 Club meeting at Sugar Creek Banquet Center in High Ridge. 7 p.m.
   Bring your own food if interested. Beverages available for purchase. Kuskys volunteered to bring cake.
- April 9 Crazy Bowl. Sponsored by the Howards and Pickles. 6:00 p.m. at Du Bowl Lanes, 2711 Lemay Ferry Road in Mehlville. After party at Pickles' residence in Arnold.
- April 10 NCCC Rally Event in Rock Island, IL.

- April 16 Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. 9:00

   a.m. at On the Grind Coffee Co., 1277 N. Truman Blvd. in Crystal City,
   MO63019.
- April 20 Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Marc Portman. Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon in St. Charles at 12:00.
- April 24 Fritz's Frozen Custard Run. Sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley. 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Arrive 5:30-6:00.
- April 28-30 Michelin NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY.
- Possible clean-up at VA garden-TBD.
- May 3 Club meeting at 7 p.m. Place TBD. Jack Braznell and Judy Giovanoni volunteered to bring cake.
- May 12-13 St. Jude Corvette Drive. Sponsored by Randy and Ruth Howard. \$1500 minimum donation needed per participating car. New packaged Hot Wheel/Maisto/Matchbox diecast model Corvettes will also be collected by club and donated to St. Jude's.
- May 14 Non-Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Bill and Gail Mattler. Fenton Bar & Grill. Time TBD.
- May 14-15 NCCC autocross in Rantoul, IL
- Possible planting at VA garden-TBD.
- May 18- Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Terry and Kathy Mueller.
- May 21 Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. 9:00
   a.m. at Bean Tree Café, 219 S. Main in Waterloo, IL 62298.
- May 28-30 NCCC Autocross Event in Rantoul, IL. Jeff Craig sponsoring.
- May 29 Fritz's Frozen Custard Run. Sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley. 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Arrive 5:30-6:00.

- June 4-5 Nascar Race at Gateway in Collinsville, IL. Club to help ELCO with race activities and attend race. Sponsored by Mike Price with Mark Gerecke. Truck race is on June 4.
- June 7 Club meeting at 7 p.m. Place TBD. Cake volunteer needed.
- June 10-11 50<sup>th</sup> Bloomington Gold event. Bloomington, IL.Check with Michelle Paillou for information on room availability.
- June 11 Fairmount Race Track in Collinsville, IL. Sponsored by Randy and Ruth Howard. Possibly box lunch if buffet not offered.
- June 12-17 NCCC National Convention in Atlantic City, NJ.
- June 15 Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Randy and Ruth Howard.
- June 18 Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. 9:00
   a.m. at Sugar Beans Coffee House, 2621 Muegge Road in St. Charles, MO
   63303.
- June 24 Drive Your Corvette To Work Day. Brunch at Mimi's in Chesterfield Valley. Sponsored by Bob and Peggy Bradley.
- June 25 ALS Walk for Team Sandy. Sponsored by Ray and Pam Queen.
- June 26 Fritz's Frozen Custard Run. Sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley. 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Arrive 5:30-6:00.
- July 4 Tentative date for Webster Groves parade.
- July 5 Club Meeting at 7 p.m. Place TBD. Cake volunteer needed.
- July 16 Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. 9:00
   a.m. at Maeva's Coffee, 1320 Milton Road in Alton, IL 63002.
- July 20 Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Dennis and Janet Trost.
- July 31 Fritz's Frozen Custard Run. Sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley. 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Arrive 5:30-6:00.

- August 2 Club Meeting at 7 p.m. Place TBD. Cake volunteer needed
- August 17 Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Marc Portman.
- August 20 Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. 9:00
   a.m. at The Annex Coffee and Foods, 8122 Big Bend Blvd. in Webster
   Groves, MO 63119.
- August 20 Indy Race at Gateway.
- August 28 Fritz's Frozen Custard Run. Sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley. 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Arrive 5:30-6:00.
- September 10 Club Picnic. Sponsored by board members. 10:00 at Black Hawk Pavilion at Jefferson Barracks.
- September 16-18 Mid America Motorworks Corvette Funfest in Effingham,
   IL.
- September 17 Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens.
   9:00 a.m. at Pour @ 322 Coffee, 322 East Main in Belleville, IL 62220.
- September 21 Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Ray and Pam Queen.
- September 24 Ladies Run to Josephine's Tea Room & Gift Shops in Godfrey, IL. Sponsored by Ruth Howard. Meet at 10:15 at Sybergs on Dorsett and 270.
- September 25 Fritz's Frozen Custard Run. Sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley. 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Arrive 5:30-6:00.
- September 29-October 2 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Eureka Springs Corvette Week-End in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. (Note that the event was moved up one week-end from the usual first full week-end in October. Best Western Inn at 101 E. Van Buren has reportedly moved club reservations made for week-end of October 6-9 to the week-end of September 29-October 2.)

- October 15 Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens.
   9:00 a.m. at Proving Ground Coffee Roaster and Café, 180 Columbia
   Center in Columbia, IL 62236.
- October 19 Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Mike Kunst.
- October 29 Gateway Classic Cars Trunk or Treat. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. O'Fallon, IL. 9:00 a.m. Decorate cars, wear costumes and bring treats to hand out.
- October 30 Fritz's Frozen Custard Run. Sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley. 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. Arrive 5:30-6:00.
- November 1 Club Meeting at 7 p.m. Place TBD. Cake volunteer needed.
- November 16 Retirees' Lunch . Sponsored by Barry Seelig.
- November 19 –Coffee and Corvettes. Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens.
   9:00 a.m. at That's Sip, 6060 Telegraph Road in Oakville, MO 63129.
- December 10 Club Christmas Party at The Legends Country Club in Eureka. Judy Dooley and Chris Woods plan.
- December 21 Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Mike and Laurie Grubb.

Other event possibilities mentioned (with dates TBD) include:

2022

Drag Racing practice at Gateway with Larry Walker in May. Test and Tune on Wednesday.

Route 66 Christmas in July – by Kuskys

Warm Spring Ranch and Booneville, MO – by Paynes

Memorial Run for Deceased Members to Sugar Creek Winery – by Dooleys

Chicken Run to Castelli's Restaurant in Alton, IL – by Jan Murray and Ruth

Howard. In memory of Ken Barron. Date TBD.

Mystery Run – by Marty and Judy Dooley. Summer.

Club car show at ELCO.

White Mule Run Winery – by Mike and Karen Price

November 24 - Ameren Thanksgiving Day Parade in St. Louis

Gateway Classic Cars and Coffee – held 9:00 - noon on last Saturday of each month at Gateway in O'Fallon, IL

#### Down the Road (dates TBD)

Nashville, TN trip – by Kathy and Bruce Wooldridge

Tail of the Dragon – by John and Angie Midkiff

Louisiana Blues trip - by Ken and Barbie Payne

Club car show as fundraiser

Jim Givens thanked Ray and Pam Queen for providing cupcakes tonight. Cake volunteers are needed for future meetings—sign-up sheet available.

Tom Marlo won the 2021 NCM banner. Jerry Schmidt was lucky winner of both the attendance prize gift card and \$78.00 from 50/50 raffle.

47 members and 2 guests were in attendance.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Sugar Creek Golf Course Banquet Center in High Ridge.

Jan Murray made a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second by Bob Bradley. The motion was accepted and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Hagenow Acting Secretary

### **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

Sure hope some of you have signed up for the National Corvette Museum BASH (April 28-30). There will be seminars, road trips, shopping and lots of vendors. If you still want to register for the BASH you can do so on the website until April 1st and that's no April Fool's joke!

Don't forget about the NCM MIM. That's Museum in Motion Outings. Some of the outings are:

4/21 A 9 day Caribbean Cruise

5/1-4 Tail of the Dragon/Biltmore Estate

5/24 - 28 Explore Buffalo

5/31-6/4 Branson Experience

These are just a few of the upcoming events.

Did you know that the NCM insurance can insure your Corvette as well as your metal car? You can go to the Museum website and then go to the insurance site and get a bid on how much you can get insured for.

Judy and Marty Dooley NCM Ambassadors

### **Future Events**









### When:

• Saturday, April 16th @ 9am

## Where:

- On the Grind Coffee Company
- . 1277 N Truman Blvd
- · Crystal City, MO 63019

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens 314.341.3383



## The April Retiree Lunch Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon

### Hosted by Marc Portman

One of our favorites is back! Have you been to Ethyl's before? It is a great BBQ place, and Wednesday is pork steak special day! You might want to check out their website and menu at:

Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon | Restaurant O'Fallon MO | Home (ethylssmokehouse.com)

When: April 20, 2022, at 12:00 noon

Where: Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon, 8505 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, O'Fallon,

MO 63366

There will be a sign-up sheet at the April 5, 2022 club business meeting. If you will not be in attendance, you can email Marc Portman at mportman@centurylink.net.



On May 12 – 13, 2022 we have members participating in the 11<sup>th</sup> annual St. Jude Corvette Drive. Current members signed up to participate are Givens, Grubb, Marlo and Howard. There is still plenty of time to join us on this most rewarding experience.

For years you have heard me talk about this event. From the first year of participating, we knew this would be an event that we would support every year. We are blessed to have healthy children and grandchildren. Walking the halls of St. Jude made us realize how blessed we are. The work that is done at St. Jude is astounding! The medical team, the research scientist, and the nurses are all just amazing.

This year we will depart St. Louis on May 12<sup>th</sup> and arrive in Dyersburg,
Tennessee. We will spend the night in Dyersburg and have a group dinner that
evening. On Friday morning we will have breakfast at the hotel and then depart for
St. Jude. The board members are diligently working on getting us on the
campus. As you can all understand keeping these children safe from Covid is their
highest priority. So, the campus plans have not been finalized yet.

We do have plans at the Sheraton Hotel on Friday for a luncheon and a couple of presentations from St. Jude representatives. After this event you are free to leave.

If you are interested in donating to one of our club members you have numerous ways to donate:

- 1. Check made out to St. Jude Research Hospital
- 2. Cash given to member
- 3. Donate on their Facebook page

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to either one of us.

Ruth & Randy Howard

Board Members of the St. Jude Corvette Drive

Donations to St. Jude are tax deductible.



St Louis Corvette Club Sunday run to Fritz's Frozen Custard

Last Sunday of the month starting at 6:00 PM March-October

Fritz's Frozen Custard, 815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088



## **Past Events**

## **Great River Road Lunch**

Sponsored by Ken & Barb Payne and Jerry Schmidt









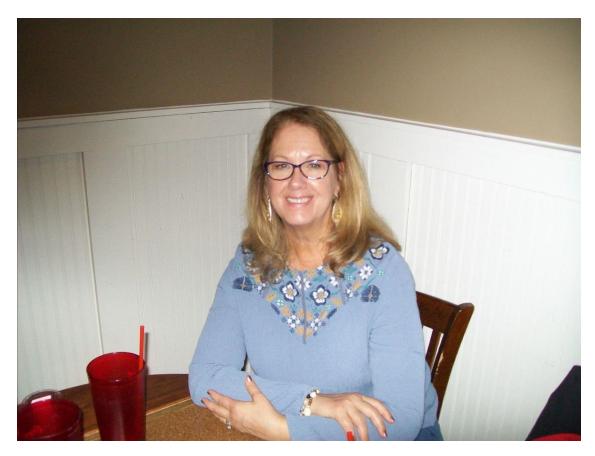




## March Retiree Lunch

**Sponsored by Patty Craig** 



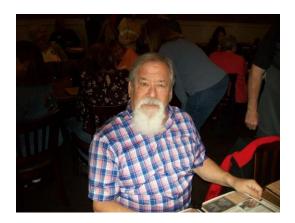
































## Coffee and Corvettes

Hosted by Jim & Bev Givens









## Ice Cream at Fritz's

Sponsored by Peggy Craig Bradley















# All Things Kentucky Trip

Planned by Master Trip Organizer Barb Payne with Ken Payne

# Assisted by Kathy & Terry Mueller and Mike Kunst Trip Report by Mike Kunst, Field Reporter

The All Things Kentucky Trip was nearing an end and the trip home. We still had one eventful day of activities though. First up was a stop at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky. How about brunch at the Kentucky Castle close by? After brunch, there were various activities to choose from, but most of us headed over the Kentucky Horse Park. Later, we dined at Belle Notte for dinner.

Sunday, we hoped to drive through Frankfort for a look at the downtown area and the old capital building. However, it was raining cats and dogs which made it impossible. Everyone opted to start our journey for home in the morning.

#### Saturday, October 23, 2021

The Aviation Museum of Kentucky is located at the Blue Grass Airport (LEX). We toured the museum from 10 am to noon. We prearranged for our visit with the museum director. He provided additional docents to welcome us and help us enjoy the museum.







On the left: The Douglas A-4 Skyhawk is a single-seat subsonic carrier-capable light attack aircraft developed for the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps in the early 1950s.

On the right: The McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom II is an American tandem two-seat, twin-engine, all-weather, long-range supersonic jet interceptor and fighter-bomber originally developed by McDonnell Aircraft for the United States Navy.





It is a short drive to the Kentucky Castle which is known for brunch. It is easy to see how it got the name. We were able to go onto the roof for an interesting perspective.



We parked around back in the employee / overflow lot out of the way of pick up trucks etc.





**Above:** Two photos taken of the entrance hallway with an iPhone. **Left** is a normal portrait. **Right** is a vertical pano. Look closely in the middle of the steps. This photo technique was learned on the Utah Trip from several of our guides. If you would like to know how to do this, ask anyone from the Utah Trip.













The rest of the day was dedicated to the Kentucky Horse Park (KHP). There were other options available, but most of us went to KHP. There is a horse museum there in addition to the live horse exhibits including retired Kentucky Derby winners.







**On the left:** Go for Gin, currently the world's oldest living Kentucky Derby winner, earned his place in history in 1994.

**On the right:** Winner of the 2003 Kentucky Derby and Preakness Stakes, Funny Cide earned the nickname "Gutsy Gelding" as he achieved a number of firsts to become the "people's horse."

Our dinner reservation was at 7 pm at Belle Notte. This restaurant is owned by a

long-time friend of Jim and Bev Givens. I think everyone who made it this far on our trip would agree that this was the best dinner of the trip. It didn't hurt that the management treated us to a round of appetizers!





Sunday, October 24, 2021

Not much to report for Sunday. The drive home is about 5 to 5 ½ hours depending on your home destination in the St. Louis area.

Many thanks to Barb and Ken Payne for organizing the planning group and the overall trip!

Where will the St. Louis Corvette Club go next?

### **Special Announcements**

Jenny Lanter and Josh Cate Are Engaged Josh proposed to Jenny on February 8th. She said, "yes". They will be married in early 2023.

Congratulations to Jenny and Josh!



### **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 April 2006 our president was Rick Frierdich and for some reason our newsletter front cover featured yellow Corvettes! Who let those taxi-cabs in our newsletter? We were rapidly running out of meeting space at Hessler's Pub and were actively looking for a new meeting place (hey, at least it didn't burn!). We had 55 members in the club at this time. We visited Fast Lane Cars in St. Charles as well as Blue Springs Café in Highland, IL this month. Several members also attended the Mid-Missouri Corvette Cup show in Columbia. We were also holding a weekly dinner get together on Thursdays each month at various restaurants.

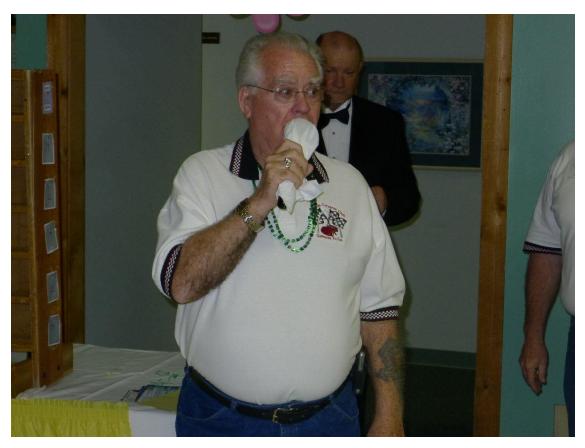
Bill Dotson was our president in April 2008 and the club had grown to 70 members. The previous month we sponsored a car show at Lynch Hummer, our then club sponsor and donated the proceeds to the Albert Pujols Foundation. We also met up with a group called "63-67 Vettes.com" who were driving old Route 66. We had a dinner with them at Ruby Tuesday's in Fenton.

Our April 2013 president was Ruth Howard whose claim to fame was having a meeting only lasting 50 minutes! We had 79 members at this time and our meeting place was the Pasta House on Manchester. We had a suggestion box and this is one of the suggestions: I think the officer's meals should be paid by members-to which Ruth explained that a hand-writing analysis of the Board members had been done and it was determined it was not put in by one of them. The Board thanked the membership for this thoughtful gesture, but this would not be done. Upcoming events were a car show at ELCO as well as a covered bridges tour throughout IL and IN.

Now for pictures.



From our VA garden cleanup in April 2006. This is the reason we volunteer to maintain the garden. Matt, on the right, is still there.



From April 2011, the late Ken Barron was our auctioneer for our mouse races which raised money to help victims of a recent tornado in Sunset Hills.



A group of well-fed members after visiting Favazza's in April 2018.



Ray (Deadeye) Queen at Shooters in Columbia in April 2019.

## Past Meeting Places Submitted by Marty Dooley

- Hessler's
- Pietro's West
- Sunset Lakes Banquet Center
- ELCO
- Pasta House
- T.J. Wings
- Grand Slam
- Arnold Community Center
- Jilly's
- Sugar Creek Golf Course Club House

# Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Larry and Diana Walker



Larry & Diana Walker





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