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President's Message

Happy February everyone.

I hope this message finds you doing well.

February has always been a month known for celebrating Valentine's Day. But did you know there are many other celebrations in the month of February. Here are a few worth mentioning.

- 2/3 – Carrot Cake Day
- 2/5 – Chocolate Fondue Day
- 2/9 – National Pizza Day
- 2/16 – One of my favorites, Do a Grouch a Favor Day
- 2/18 – One of Bev's favorites, National Drink Wine Day, and who can forget National Sticky Bun Day on 2/21.
- There is literally something to celebrate every day of the month.

There has been a lot of event planning going on behind the scenes in January. We have a new venue for our annual Christmas party (thanks to Bob & Patty Kusky), the location/date for our annual picnic has been reserved, Coffee & Corvette dates have been set (starting in March), Larry Walker will have some exciting news and dates for autocross events in 2022, and our very own Mike Price

has partnered STLCC with ELCO & World Wide Technology Raceway to help host/support/participate in many events at the racetrack this season. This is the start of a great 2022 for our members. If you have event ideas, please forward them to Karen so she can put it on the calendar.

Unfortunately, COVID is still something we must continue to monitor and make decisions based on the safety of all our members. **The board has made the decision to cancel all club sponsored events in the month of February.**

And lastly, continue to pray for the needs, both spiritually and physically, for all of our members as we hibernate during these winter months.

Stay Warm and Safe,

Jim

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Pilla	Feb 16
Dennis Trost	Feb 16
Eric DeBruin	Feb 17
June Fain	Feb 19
Steve Kirby	Feb 19
Kirt Sheer	Feb 19
Barbie Payne	Feb 21
Brian Walsh	Feb 27

Judy Henges

Feb 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Diana Walker

Feb 5

Marty & Judy Dooley

Feb 7

Meeting Minutes

The last business meeting of the St. Louis Corvette Club was held on November 2, 2021. Since the January and now February business meetings have been canceled, the minutes from November 2, 2021 meeting will be published in the newsletter edition prior to the next scheduled meeting which hopefully will be March 1, 2022.

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report



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It's Banner time again. We need to purchase a new parking lot banner at the National Corvette Museum. We have in the past years raffled off the old banner to help defer the price of the new banner. We can use the same artwork as last year and proceed with ordering a new banner so we can continue to keep our club name out there.

The National Corvette Restorers Society and the National Corvette Museum are working together to offer a \$2,500 scholarship for the 2022/2023 school year. Applications are now available. The deadline to apply is February 28, 2022. Applicants for this scholarship must be members, children or grandchildren of NCM members. They also must be pursuing a degree related to the automotive, museum or a nonprofit industry or a field which would work in one of those industries. You can get an application online if you have someone who is interested.

The Motorsport Park is offering a "day date" for Valentine's Day. On February 12th this exclusive one day experience is priced at \$450 and includes Corvette touring laps with one driver and one passenger. Space is limited so book online now.

The Corvette Store is getting a new look. So right now the store is set up in the NCM Conference Center while construction is underway. The new and improved store will reopen in mid-march, but you can still shop online. So don't forget your Valentine!

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

2022 Eureka Springs Event Date Change

Email Below Submitted by Rick Friedrich

Notice of Change of Dates for the 2022 Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

This email is being sent to advise that due to circumstances beyond our control and in an effort to provide the best show possible, the Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend Board has elected to move our show to September 29, through October 2, 2022.

Through the City of Eureka Springs and the Eureka Springs Chamber of Commerce, we have attempted to advise the merchants, hotels, motels, etc. of the change in our date. As we did not find any other major event for this earlier weekend in the area, we are in hopes that there will not be problems with your room reservations. Many of the hotels/motels have indicated that they would be moving the reservations for the Corvette Weekend up a week. Our recommendation is to contact your hotel/motel to make sure there are no problems with your reservations.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you, but feel this is the best option for a successful show. Our Website and Face Book have been updated. Should you know anyone else this might affect, we would appreciate your passing this information along. Thank you for your understanding in this regard and we hope to see you for our next show.

Past Events

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 continues with stops at Swope's Cars of Yesteryear in Elizabethtown, lunch at Swope's Toyota dealership, more fun on our own in Bardstown, the Natural Arch Scenic area, and Cumberland Falls over two days.

Tuesday, October 19, 2021

First stop today is in Elizabethtown at Swope's Cars of Yesteryear about 40 minutes away. Don found his 57 Chevy sister car. He had to check her out. I wonder if he was thinking about making an offer? After visiting the museum, we had lunch at the Swope's Toyota dealership. Yes, that is right! They have a really good café right inside for customers and anyone else that stops in, like us. It was prearranged for us to go up to the second floor to have lunch in a large conference room. Thanks Terry and Kathy! The desserts were home baked by the General Manager, Kathy Mccubbin. She is the woman standing behind Mike and Karen Price below. Karen describes how good the desserts were in her photo.







Back to Bardstown where the afternoon is open with suggestions of Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History, Old Bardstown Village and Civil War Museum, My Old Kentucky Home, and downtown shops. Dinner is at the Rickhouse Restaurant & Lounge.



Above: The Oscar Getz Museum of Whiskey History



Above: Old Bardstown Village and Civil War Museum

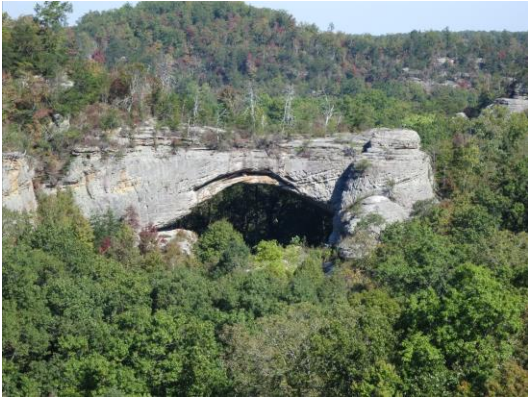


Above: My Old Kentucky Home

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

We are driving to the Natural Arch Scenic Area with a stop in Somerset to pick up boxed lunches at Amish & More Country Store. At the Natural Arch Scenic Area, we have lunch at a shelter and enjoy the view of the Natural Arch. While we have lunch, Barb has games for us. The best part is the prizes! Then we press on to Cumberland Falls. Very scenic. Then we have a 3-hour drive to Pikeville. We meet our guide there (thanks Barb!) who has arranged for our dinner, other meals and activities for Thursday and Friday morning. Dinner tonight is at Chirico's Restaurant which is in Randall McCoy's home. Yes, that McCoy! We pass by an umbrella alley and some angels on the walk back to the hotel.









We will continue our trip report in the next edition of the STLCC Newsletter.

Special Announcements

VA Hospital Garden

Submitted by Marty and Judy Dooley



We had a meeting recently at the JB VA hospital and because of Covid, we have been kicked out again. They are not letting any visitors or volunteers in till further notice.

We talked about what we have done in the past and plan to do in the future for our Vets. It was brought up that some of these patients do not have some things for long stays. One way we could help is to check your closets for any gently used (or new) sweatshirts, stocking hats or gloves. These things will help them when they go out to the garden on those chilly days.

Please bring any donations to our next meeting, or let Judy or me know, and we can make arrangements to get these items to the Veterans.

Thanks,

Marty and Judy Dooley

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Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

Since the club was reestablished in February 2004 (it originally existed from 1953 to 1979), I thought it would be interesting to look back at various Februarys to see how far we've come since then.

Our first official meeting was held on February 3, 2004. Founding members Marty and Judy Dooley as well as Sharon Ballinger are still members of the club. Carl Ballinger and Jerry and Armynta Craig were our other founding members but sadly are no longer with us. 14 members attended the meeting. Our first club president, Ron Huch and his wife June, our first secretary, while no longer in the club, still live in the area and we see them occasionally. The first meetings were held at

Hessler's Pub on Tesson Ferry Road in St. Louis. Since the club wanted to be in the Midwest Region of the NCCC, they used Ron's address in Columbia, Illinois as the official club address. At that meeting the first set of club by-laws was developed as well as our official club logo.

On our fifth anniversary in 2009, Theresa Luebcke was club president and Jeff Craig was vice president. We were meeting at Sunset Lakes Golf Course and Banquet Center. There were 79 members and 12 associate members. Notably at that meeting Ann Brown (now Ann Sedovic) as well as Kevin Bayliss joined the club and both went on to become club presidents. A sampling of club events for 2009 were a run to the Whitmond Hotel (a ferry ride each way), 15th Anniversary Caravan to the NCM, with our own Carl and Sharon Ballinger as Midwest caravan leaders, a couple of Happy Hours and a car show at Scott AFB.

By our tenth anniversary in February 2014, Ann (Brown) Sedovic was club president and Mike Price was vice president. We were meeting at Grand Slam Sports Bar in Fenton. There isn't much to report from that meeting since it was cancelled due to weather! We had 77 members and 14 associate members at that time. In addition to our annual events like the club luau and Veterans Day Parade, we also participated in a caravan to Colorado for the Black Hills Corvette Classic, Road America race trip, a trip to Springfield, IL to visit the Lincoln museum and the Motorsports Park opening at the NCM.

We will finish up our anniversary look back in the next newsletter.



The first informal meeting of the founders of the St. Louis Corvette Club.



From March 2009, some of us on the Grafton Ferry going to the Whitmond Hotel for their famous fried chicken. Sight seekers seemed to enjoy seeing all of our cars being loaded and unloaded on the ferry. Luckily no scraped Vette bottoms!



Club members who attended the luau at the Grubbs' house in June 2014.

Presentation of Hot Wheels at the NCM

Submitted by Marty and Judy Dooley

Original Article from "America's Sports Car", the official magazine of
the National Corvette Museum

FREEWHEELIN' **FOR THE FUTURE**

HOW THE NCM HOT WHEELS DONATION INITIATIVE BEGAN

WORDS DEB HOWARD // PHOTOS MARIAH HUGHES

Do you have fond memories of playing with Hot Wheels toy cars as a child? If so, you're certainly not alone. These mini diecast model cars have been entertaining children of all ages for decades.

Over a half-century ago, in May 1968, the Mattel Company released the first of 16 small-scale model cars affectionately called the "Sweet 16." This original collection of Hot Wheels was designed with inspiration from the muscle cars and hot rods roaming the streets of California at the time. A fun fact to note is that one of the special Sweet 16 cars was a custom Corvette. Hot Wheels cars were a success from the start. Since the late 1960s, billions of Hot Wheels have been sold, and the toy's designers have made many different Corvette models over the years.

Saint Louis Corvette Club members and Corvette Museum Master Ambassadors, Marty and Judy Dooley, have been in search of these miniature Corvettes for several years — for a wonderful purpose. About seven years ago, the couple, while cleaning their basement, discovered a few hundred Hot Wheels cars in the

mix and wondered what they could do with them. The Dooleys had an idea and contacted staff at the National Corvette Museum to ask if the Education Department would like the cars to pass out to school children. The staff happily accepted the donation. The children loved the souvenir gifts and Marty says, “The next year we brought about 1,000 of them [to the Museum].”

Over the course of the next several years, the Dooleys delivered about 1,000 Hot Wheels Corvettes per year. They were a big hit with students, and the NCM Hot Wheels donation initiative began. Marty and Judy not only told their own club what they were doing, but they also spoke with other Museum Ambassadors resulting in not only many of their own club members searching high and low for the special toy Corvette cars, but other clubs from around the country started joining in on the fun as well

The Dooleys visit multiple stores in their local area looking for the hidden gems. Judy says, “Sometimes I’ll find one [Corvette Hot Wheel]. Sometimes I’ll find 2 or 3; whatever’s hanging, I take and put in the cart.”

The couple’s wish is that all young students visiting the NCM for an educational program will receive a car to take home as a souvenir. Judy mentions, “Every once in a while, we’ll get a thank you from the kids in the mail. We take that to the Club and add it to the Club’s newsletter.”

The Dooleys are also looking forward to the Museum’s upcoming Hot Wheels: Race to Win exhibit (coming May 2022). The NCM thanks Marty and Judy Dooley for the thousands of Hot Wheels Corvettes they have personally donated over the past seven years, including the more than 10,000 they have brought to the Museum in the past two years.

Many thanks as well to all the clubs and individual members who have been a part

of this fun initiative. We are truly grateful for your generosity, and we appreciate the efforts you make to help ensure our students have a wonderful experience while visiting the NCM.



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