

#### **President's Message**

Happy March everyone. It's time to prepare for planting flowers, fertilizing, tuning up the lawn equipment and of course getting our cars ready for the driving season. Even with the recent snow and ice, we have had a mild winter and I am ready for the warmer weather and sunshine.

Please keep Judy Barron and her family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Ken, who passed away on February 11<sup>th</sup>. I did not know Ken, but from all the comments I have read, he was a fun person to be around and he had a love for chrome.

The board has decided to hold our March meeting at our temporary meeting place, the clubhouse in the Price's subdivision. We will have a combination business and planning meeting, so be sure to come prepared with your ideas for events in 2022.

We have many members who have been sick, have had physical issues or who are just mentally exhausted, please continue to pray for God's healing and comfort as they work through these issues.

Please be safe out there and we are excited to see you at our meeting on the 1st.

Stay safe and warm,

#### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

#### **BIRTHDAYS**

Diana Griggs Mar 2
Jane Jokerst Mar 10
Pat Ross Mar 13
Jack Braznell Mar 18
Cheri Riebeling Mar 27
Leslie Hoosier Mar 29
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 Café & Steakhouse on November 2, 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:

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

President Jim Givens welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome to new member, Brandon (Leslie) Hoosier joining tonight and lifetime member Marian Glandt. Guests in attendance were John and Joyce Jordan.

President Jim Givens reminded members there would be a 50/50 drawing, attendance prize drawing, and sign-up sheets for attendance and future events were available.

A motion was requested to accept the October secretary's minutes as published. Marty Dooley made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Judy Dooley. The motion passed.

Notes and cards of thanks from Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni, Sonya Giffhorn, Patty & Jeff Craig and Honor Flight donation in honor of Carl Cox were shared by Bev Givens, Marcia Sheer and Karen Price.

Erin Duke expressed appreciation to the club on behalf of Gary and herself and the Duke family regarding Chase's injury and recovery. Erin stated the family has been overwhelmed by the continued support through prayer, calls, texts, and gifts to help make the hospital stay a little easier and lessen the financial burden. Gary

will be traveling to Jacksonville, FL to be with Chase during the next phase of his rehabilitation. Your continued prayers are appreciated!

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

Membership Chairman Mike Kunst read the names of the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries for November and December. Membership changes since the October 2021 Business Meeting are as follows:

New members added since October Business Meeting

None

Members leaving since October Business Meeting

Tina and Frank Burkhardt

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)

Membership Waiting List

Maggie and Steve Hedgcorth

**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:**

Sponsor Report: ELCO is still looking for cars. There is a 2020 on the lot with 5,000 miles purchased from the Burkhardts. The new Cadillac sales building is scheduled to open on December 15<sup>th</sup>! Mark announced that ELCO is happy to continue their sponsorship of St. Louis Corvette Club for the upcoming year! Mark announced the hayride has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m.

Charity: Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni/Sonja Giffhorn – Jerry & Jackie, representatives from Vincent St. Paul were present to accept the gifts donated by club members. They expressed their appreciation for the club's continued support and generosity in making Christmas special for the three families. Michelle stated she was still needing a donation for a bicycle and an outdoor basketball hoop.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods, Judy Dooley – Christmas party is scheduled for December 11<sup>th</sup> @ Royal Orleans @ 6:00 p.m. There will be a cash bar. No credit or debit cards will be accepted. Please be sure to sign up and pay Chris Woods.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Rick Frierdich – Rick Frierdich confirmed the Veterans parade would be held on November 6<sup>th</sup> and shared information on the parade route which is different this year. 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 shared information on Twinkle on the Tracks (Christmas Lights) which will take place Fridays and Saturdays from 4:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. from Thanksgiving through Christmas. Thanks to the KY trip another 5,000 Hot Wheels Corvettes were delivered to the museum for a lifetime total of over 15,000 cars! There was a reminder about participating in the raffle for the Corvette Museum banner.

Website: Steve Kirby - On target.

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

NCCC Governor's Report – Congratulations to Jeff Craig for being elected to the Regional Competition Director of the Midwest Region. Jeff has recommended that Larry Walker take his position as the NCCC Governor. Larry gave an update regarding recent events and informed the club he would be attending a Governor's meeting 11/13 – 11/14 and there would be a vote on a new rule book.

VA Garden – Marty Dooley, Karen Price – Marty made a correction to the communication for the VA Garden clean-up date. The date is 11/13 @ 10:00 a.m. Volunteers will enter through the 2<sup>nd</sup> entrance on the main road. If you have questions, please contact Marty Dooley.

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 – There was a vote for open board positions. The following individuals were voted in to join President Jim Givens and Vice-President Karen Price for the upcoming year. Secretary – Angie Midkiff, Sargent at Arms – Jack Braznell, Membership – Judy Giovanoni and Treasurer – Patti Kusky. Congratulations to all!

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**

Thanks to all the event organizers! It's great to see our club members out fellowshipping with each other!

#### Past Events

- 10/6 Retiree's lunch @ Frankie Gs in Imperial, Mo sponsored by Marcia and Kirt Sheer.
- 10/7 10/10 Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend.
- 10/15 10/26 All Things KY Road Trip sponsored by Barb & Ken Payne and assisted by Mike Kunst and Terry & Kathy Mueller.
- 10/23 Coffee & Corvettes Puna Café in Arnold, MO sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

- 10/24 Fritz's Ice Cream Run sponsored by Peggy Craig
- 10/30 Gateway Classic Car Show / Trunk or Treat in O'Fallon, IL.

#### **Future Events**

- 11/6 Veterans Day Parade sponsored by Rick Frierdich
- 11/7 ELCO Hayride and Bonfire 4:00 p.m. 8:00 p.m. Dickherber's
   Farm
- 11/13 VA Garden Clean-up Day sponsored by the Dooleys.
- 11/17 Retiree's Luncheon @ Mr. BBQ at Mystic Oak Golf Course 11:30
   a.m. sponsored by the Grubbs.
- 12/8 Retiree's Luncheon @ Twisted Tavern in Arnold, MO sponsored by The Zeissets.
- 12/11 Christmas Party at The Royal Orleans 6:00 p.m. 10:00 p.m. sponsored by Judy Dooley and Chris Woods.
- 1/1/22 Twelve Days of Christmas party at the Price's house.

Thank you to Linda Roth for providing the cakes for dessert.

Congratulations to Ruth Howard for winning \$93.00 in the 50/50 drawing.

Congratulations to lucky winners Joyce and John Jordan for winning attendance prize gift cards. Other members were winners of various prizes including passes to Gateway Car Museum and special Corvette Museum lanyards.

There were 52 members in attendance, 1 Lifetime member, 2 sponsors and 2 guests.

President Jim Givens asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Finn made a motion to adjourn. Tom Marlo seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

Respectfully,

**Bev Givens** 

Secretary

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

#### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

Just to let everyone know, we ordered the new parking lot banner at the National Corvette Museum. We will have the old banner at the meeting and will be selling tickets for it at \$5.00 each and then will raffle it off at the end of the meeting. This is a way for our Club to support the National Corvette Museum.

We hope that some of you were able to apply a loved one for the scholarship program at the NCM.

If you are thinking of going to the NCM BASH, the registration is now open. The fee for Lifetime members is \$25.00 per person, members are \$30.00 per person and non-members are \$40.00 per person. The BASH will take place at the National Corvette Museum on April 28-30.

There is a new executive chef at the NCM Stingray Grill - Bobby Hammock. He will be in charge of the grill and the catering of small to mid-size events.

The raffle cars will now be displayed in the newly renovated Corvette Store, and you can also purchase tickets for the Corvettes there

#### **Future Events**

#### **March Meeting**

Submitted by Karen Price

Our next club meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 p.m. at the Club House at Sugar Creek Golf Course in High Ridge (at the entrance to Mike and Karen's subdivision, 5224 Country Club Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049). They will have a full cash bar providing soda, beer, wine, and mixed drinks but no food. FYI: They will not have table service; you can purchase your beverages in the bar. The Club House is not charging us for the room but hoping to cover the



cost by our bar bill

Here are some options for the evening:

- 1. Eat before the meeting and enjoy a drink while we plan fun events.
- 2. Bring your own food with you and purchase drinks from the bar.
- 3. St. Louis Pizza and Wings will deliver to the club house your personal order by 6 p.m. -- they are located at 4519 Gravois Village Plaza, High Ridge, MO 63049. You can call them at 636-376-8300 or order on <a href="mailto:line@STLPW.com">line@STLPW.com</a>. They would like your order a week ahead of time (2/22/2022). Ray is the owner and will have specials for us. Be sure to let them know you are with STLCC prior to ordering.

4. There are numerous other options close by, Imo's and Pasta House to name a couple.

This will be a temporary plan until we can come up with another meeting place. So please come with suggestions and ideas for events in 2022. Can't wait to see all of you and hear the great fun ideas that you have!

Please call Karen with any questions 314-954-4803.

Your 2022 Board

#### St. Louis Corvette Club

Great River Road Lunch
(& Eagle Watch??)

Pere Marquette Lodge

13653 Lodge Blvd, Grafton, ILL 62037 618 786 2331

#### Thursday March 3, 2022 Lunch begins at 12:30 pm

- · We will be eating in the Main Dining Hall
- If our group is larger than 20, we must order the Fried Chicken lunch – 2 piece \$9.95 or 4 piece \$14.95, potatoes & gravy and vegetable
- We will caravan to Pere Marquette State Park leaving from Syberg's lot on the Northeast corner of Dorsett & 1270
- Meet at 10:40 AM Leave at 11:00 AM
- Let Ken know you will attend and if you plan to caravan.
- Ken Payne at <u>kcpayne7000@gmail.com</u>
- Sponsored by Ken & Barbie & Jerry Schmidt

Menu: https://www.pmlodge.net/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Lunch.pdf

### March Retiree's Lunch Wednesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, 11:30am



The Brass Rail Steakhouse
4601 State Hwy K
Laboure Shopping Center
O'Fallon, MO

Sponsored by Patty Craig

Please R.S.V.P by 3/12 to: <a href="mailto:pattysandberg@yahoo.com">pattysandberg@yahoo.com</a>

Or text to: 636-577-2911

#### **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 from our hotel in Pikeville with stops at Breaks Interstate Park, the Webb General Store & Butcher Holler Loretta Lynn Home, Mountain Home Place (1850 working farm), and Country Music Highway Museum. And that is just Thursday! We depart Pikeville Friday morning. There are stops at a scenic overlook of the Pikeville Cut-Through Project, the Sky Bridge area of Red River Gorge, Natural Bridge State Resort Park (Sky Lift there). Finally, on to Lexington where dinner awaits.

#### Thursday, October 21, 2021

First stop is Breaks Interstate Park. This park is partially in Kentucky and partially in Virginia. We have the Park Director to guide us starting with a history discussion of the park. There is a Stateline Overlook where we have a group photo. We have lunch at the park lodge dining room (private for us) with a million-dollar view.

















After lunch, we make an unscheduled stop for liquid refreshments, a request from some bourbon lover in our group.







Above: Tony Tackett is the Director of the Pikeville-Pike County Visitors Center and has arranged for all our activities in the Pikeville area as well as leading our caravan to the attractions (in the Chrysler mini-van ②). Watch out for Machine Gun Queen!

On to the Webb General Store and Butcher Holler Loretta Lynn Home Place. The exterior of the house is recognizable to many. The mini-van is useful as our cars will not make it up the hill to the Home.

















Above Right: Hermalee Webb provided a tour of the house. She is Loretta Lynn's niece, daughter of Herman Webb, Loretta Lynn's brother.

Quiz: Who is the other famous female vocalist in the Webb family. You can find a clue in the photos.

Next stop is Mountain Home Place. After touring this 1850 era working farm, we have a catered dinner in the welcome center building.



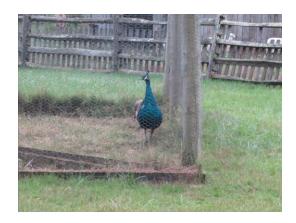






















Thought we were done? Not yet! How about a visit to the Country Music Highway Museum for some live entertainment? They have a dance floor! Most of us departed for the hotel after a while, but Karen and Mike Price shut the place down!



#### Friday, October 22, 2021

The view of the Pikeville Cut-Through Project is spectacular. This is billed as the second largest civil engineering project in the world behind only the Panama Canal.









There is a bit of a drive from here to the Sky Bridge area of Red River Gorge.

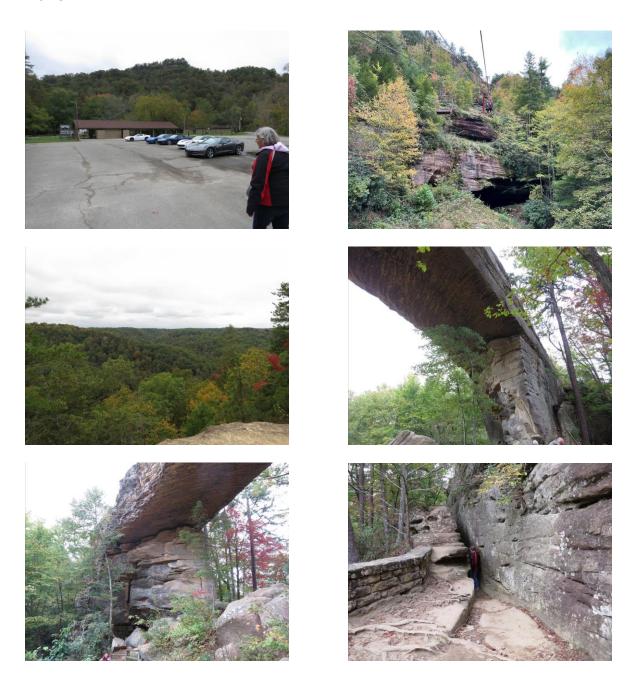








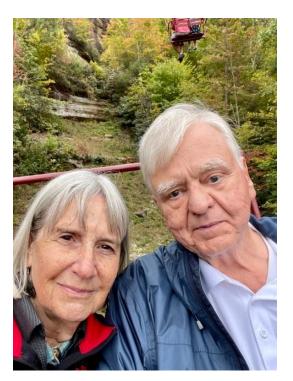
It is a short drive to Natural Bridge State Resort Park where we have a boxed lunch at a shelter. I think all of us took advantage of the sky lift for more great views.







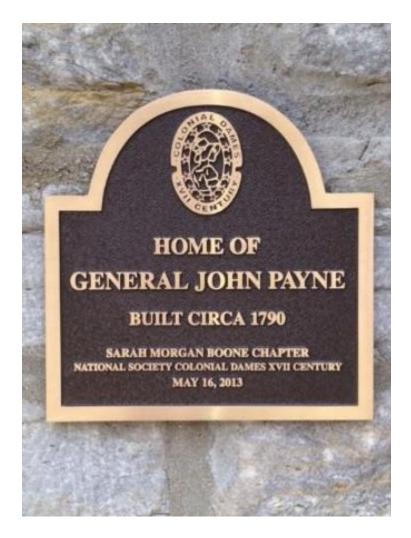








On to Lexington where dinner awaits at Wilshire's in General John Payne's home, a stone house built circa 1790.



We will finish our All Things Kentucky Trip report in the next edition of the St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter.

#### **Articles**

## The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

Continuing with the theme from last month, here is a look back at the club on our fifteenth anniversary as well as a few important events from past years.

For our 15th anniversary in February 2019, the newly elected club president was Don Pickles and the vice president was Rick Doerr. We were having our meetings at Grand Slam Sports Bar in Fenton. Don's first official act was to cancel our January meeting due to weather. Actually he rescheduled the original January meeting to the following week but the weather was still bad so that meeting was cancelled as well. Consequently our February meeting was our rescheduled January planning meeting. (Did you get all that?) Looking back on it, between weather cancellations and COVID cancellations, I think Don only presided at about 12 meetings in his two year term. Maybe he owes us another year?! We had 93 members in the club and no one on the waiting list. It was reported that at the end of the competition season, Jeff and Patty Craig were ranked 9th in NCCC points for the nation. New members that month were Terry and Kathy Mueller, Jared and Tracy Ramsey and Brian Walsh and June Wachter (now Mrs. Walsh). The only event that month was the retiree's lunch.

So now in 2022 our club is celebrating its 18<sup>th</sup> anniversary. With the COVID restrictions these past several years, our events have been sort of hit or miss. It

seems like just when we start to get back to normal, we have to hunker down again. In these 18 years, we've lost 15 members or former members. And as we age, we've experienced our share of hospitalizations or illnesses or deaths of family members. But through it all, we are still a Corvette family and together we hope to one day have a full event calendar.

Speaking of events, here is just a short list of some of our events these past 18 years:

Numerous lunches and picnics

Opening day ceremonies at the 2006 Indy 500

Road America

Numerous trips to the NCM and Funfest

Mystery runs

Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

Veterans Day parade and Fourth of July parade

World famous Prices' Twelfth Day of Christmas party

Fritz's Frozen Custard monthly runs

Numerous car shows

Poker runs

Crazy Bowl and Night at the Races

Volunteering at the VA garden at Jefferson Barracks

Christmas parties

Winery runs (do we really need a reason to drink wine?)

Corvette run in the Black Hills

Several great trips sponsored by our resident trip planners Barb and Ken Payne Hayrides

And many more too numerous to mention.

#### And now for several pictures.



First, from August 2019 is our trip to Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba, MO.



Some of the spectators from the Crazy Bowl in March 2019.



And from the most excellent trip to Utah, a group of intrepid travelers from October 2019.

# Introducing the 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition of the 2023 Chevrolet Corvette Z06

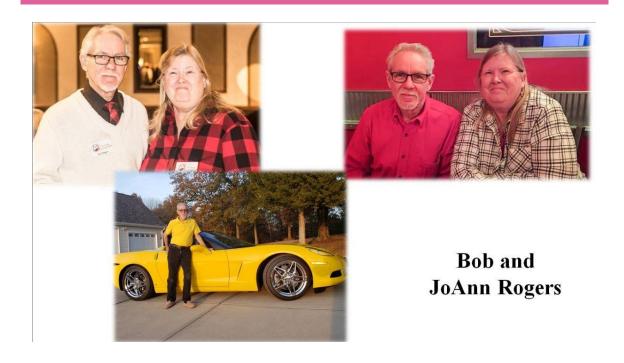
Submitted by Terry Mueller



This commemorative Z06 features 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary exterior and interior badging, graphite red striped wheels, your choice of Satin Black Metallic or Satin Matrix Gray racing stripes. Available summer 2022.

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