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## **President's Message**

Happy May everyone,

Spring time has always been an exciting time of the year for us. Observing the “greenery” happening right before our eyes, the spring cleaning of our yard and the spring cleaning of our garage and house. Being able to attend T-ball games, late evening runs to Ted Drewes or just listening to all the activity going on in the neighborhood. Kids being creative is an awesome experience to witness. We all have heard of hide and seek, we have a neighborhood version where the entire subdivision is the boundary, and the kids use their phones to provide hints if needed. So far all the kids have been found.

May is a busy month for our club as well. There are a few events listed on the events page of the website, but there are even more planned that are not listed. Please get those flyers to Karen so we can update our website.

And there are plenty of car cruises and car shows to attend throughout the area.

Remember our monthly meetings will be held at ELCO, so bring a chair and whatever you want to eat and drink.

Bev and I are looking forward to spending time with each and every one of you this

year.

Stay safe and cool,

Jim

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## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Vickie DeBruin

Pat Cox

Anne Pickles

Chris Woods

Pam Queen

Mark Gerecke

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Bob & Peggy Bradley

Jerry & Sonja Giffhorn

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## **Meeting Minutes**

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The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Bandana's Bar-B-Q in Sunset Hills, MO on April

5, 2022. President Jim Givens called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Gary Duke offered a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Members were reminded that 50/50 tickets were available for purchase.

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: Don Pickles	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark Gerecke & Eric DeBruin

There were no new members or guests present. President Jim Givens noted Karen Price’s recent retirement and asked several members to share their health updates. Member Mike Henges said that he had suffered a pulmonary embolism earlier in the year despite having received Covid vaccines. Kevin Yovich was hospitalized recently for a week. Rich Doerr gave an update on wife Mary who had been in ER due to an infection and kidney stone but was doing better and was at home. She has surgery scheduled for April 26. Karen Price read a thank you note from Mary. Condolences were extended to Dale and Valerie Zeisset on the recent death of Dale’s mother. Gary Duke gave an update on his son Chase’s rehab. Erin Duke shared that she will be having extensive foot surgery on April 14.

Jim Givens reminded members to sign the attendance sheet and various event participation sheets. He explained that the meeting location change to Bandana’s was due to the start of league tournament play at the Sugar Creek Golf Course in High Ridge and expected crowds there.

President Jim Givens covered the following information:

- A motion was requested to accept the March secretary’s minutes. Bev Givens made a motion to accept the minutes as published with a second by Chris Woods. The motion passed.

- A motion was requested to accept the treasurer's report for March. Judy Dooley made a motion to accept the report with a second by Marc Portman. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman Judy Giovanoni read the names of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. There were no changes to the membership report since the March meeting. The Membership Report was as follows:

- Regular Members: 100
- Lifetime Members: 7
- Associate Members: 4
- Sponsors: 4

There are currently 14 individuals on the Membership Waiting List. Judy reminded members that attendance at club events needs to be tracked and reported. Event organizers need to provide Judy with names of all event participants.

### **Committee Reports**

Sponsor: Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin – Mark reported that ELCO normally stocks 600 new cars but at this time has only 14-20 new Chevys. Lots of orders are being placed with an approximate 12 week wait. The '23 Corvette is 'around the corner' with production to start in mid-May. Five '23s have been ordered per ELCO's allocation. Mark thanked Brian and June Walsh for their purchase of a new Cadillac XT6. He also noted Ruth Howard's new Escalade acquisition as part of a 2 for 1 trade. Ruth noted that this is her new 'Granny mobile'.

Eric reminded everyone that he is manager on ELCO's pre-owned side. He noted

that there is a lot of price gouging going on but ELCO is not marking over the MSRP. He said that they have 200+ used vehicles available. He also noted that the service side is dealing with current supply chain issues. He thanked the Hoosiers for their recent new tire purchase.

Newsletter: Kathy Mueller – Jim thanked Kathy for a great newsletter. Kathy reminded everyone to email event pictures to her for inclusion in newsletter.

Budget: Randy Howard, Larry Akins, Ray Queen – No report.

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

Charity: Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni, Sonja Giffhorn – No report.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley, Karen Price – Marty reported that a mid-May Saturday work day may be possible. He will send an email to members with firm plans when available. Will possibly schedule lunch after as well.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley – Marty Dooley presented the NCM club banner to Tom Marlo as winner of the March raffle.

This year's Michelin NCM Bash will be April 28-30. Dooleys will be going – contact them if you plan to attend.

Judy is not selling NCM car raffle tickets. Contact the museum directly if you want to buy a raffle ticket.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Rick Frierdich – Rick received an email from Ameren with information re parking at their lot on November 5, date of the Veterans Day parade. Bob Kusky mentioned that his work parking lot would also be available for

club use on the 5<sup>th</sup> if the Ameren lot would not be available.

NCCC Governor's Report: Larry Walker – Larry reported that all is on target. He may try to get a representative from Hagerty Insurance to speak at a club meeting. Be sure to check the NCCC website for information on future events.

NCCC convention will be held at Harrah's in Atlantic City, NJ from June 12-17, 2022. Drag events at the event have been cancelled. No club members in attendance indicated that they would be going to the convention.

Larry plans to go to Gateway for Test and Tune on Wednesday, April 6. See him after tonight's meeting if you are interested in going.

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

Website: Steve Kirby – Steve was absent. Website on target. Jim Givens reminded everyone to send event flyers to Steve for posting on the club website. Flyers should also be sent to Karen Price for inclusion on club calendar.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods, Judy Dooley – Chris said that they toured The Legends Country Club in Eureka, location of this year's club Christmas party. Chris said she 'fell in love with the place!' There will be complimentary music and dancing available, plenty of parking and a designated photo area. There will be three meat choices and sides. Meals will be served to guests at tables rather than buffet style. Save the date for Saturday, December 10.

Nominating: Judy Dooley, Ruth Howard – No report.

St. Jude's Run: Ruth Howard – Ruth said that four club couples will be participating in this year's run to St. Jude's - the Givens, Grubbs, Howards and Marlos. The

event will be on May 12-13. This is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that our club members have participated in this run. See the newsletter for ways to donate to club participants - a \$1500 minimum donation per car is required. Ruth also mentioned that Clear Bra at Westport has given a \$2500 donation as sponsor of this event.

### **Past & Future Events**

Vice President Karen Price shared information on past and future club events.

#### **Past Events**

- March 1 – Club planning meeting
- March 4 – Great River Eagle Watch sponsored by Barbie and Ken Payne. No eagles spotted but enjoyable trip to Loading Dock and Fast Eddie's.
- March 16 – Retirees' Lunch at The Brass Rail Steakhouse sponsored by Patty Craig.
- March 19 – Cars and Coffee at Toasted Coffee House in High Ridge sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. Was a "cold day".
- March 27 – First Fritz's Frozen Custard Run in Valley Park sponsored by Peggy and Bob Bradley.

#### **Future Events**

- April 5 – Club meeting at 7 p.m. Kuskys volunteered to bring cake.
- April 9 – Crazy Bowl – CANCELLED DUE TO LEAGUE CONFLICTS. Will try to reschedule.
- 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, MO 63019. Bring lawn chairs due to limited seating.
  - April 20 – Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Marc Portman. Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon in St. Charles at 11:00. NOTE TIME CHANGE FROM ORIGINAL POSTING.
  - 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.
  - April 30 – Caffeine & Chrome at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon, IL. 9 a.m. – 12 noon.
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- May 3 – Club meeting at 7 p.m. at ELCO. Brian and June Walsh 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. Fenton Bar and Grill at 12 noon. Parking available on side street in fenced area.
  - May 14-15 – NCCC autocross in Rantoul, IL
  - Possible planting at VA garden-TBD.
  - May 18 - Retirees' Lunch. Sponsored by Terry and Kathy Mueller. The Hawthorne Inn in Labadie, MO. Meet at U.S. Bank in Wildwood at 11:00. Will caravan to Inn with lunch at 12:00.
  - 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.
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### **New Business**

Jim Givens said that the May meeting will be held at ELCO. Due to unpredictability of weather, it was decided to meet inside of the facility rather than outside. No food will be provided but members may bring food if they wish. Members should also bring chairs. Thanks to Mark and Eric for offering this meeting place at no charge to the club.

Chris Woods asked about the possibility of having a car show at ELCO, perhaps in June.

Dana Griggs mentioned the possibility of having a club car show in late July at St. Martin's Church Episcopal Church in Ellisville. Would need to decide if Saturday or Sunday with probable starting time at noon.

Gary Duke said that he and Erin had completed the circulating Corvette jigsaw puzzle. Bill and Gail Mattler offered to be the next puzzle solvers!

Jim Givens thanked Patti and Bob Kusky for providing dessert tonight. Brian and June Walsh have volunteered to bring dessert for May meeting.

Lifetime member Marian Glandt was introduced and spoke to the club. She and her husband Eugene had attended a meeting as guests in March 2020, then joined the club in July 2020. However, due to Covid restrictions, they did not attend any

other meetings that year. Sadly, Eugene passed on January 25, 2021. Tonight's meeting was Marian's first as a lifetime member.

Terry Mueller won \$100 in the 50/50 raffle. Bev Givens won a Chili's gift card in the attendance prize drawing.

Attendance numbers were not immediately available, but Judy Giovanonni indicated that "a whole bunch" of members attended this evening!

The next meeting will be Tuesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m. at ELCO in Manchester. Jim Givens thanked everyone for coming and reminded everyone to tip their servers.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and unanimously seconded by the membership. The motion was accepted and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully,

Mary Ann Hagenow  
Acting Secretary

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## **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

The National Corvette Museum is pleased to announce plans for a fully reimagined 2,000-square-foot area dedicated education gallery. The new space is tentatively scheduled to open in late 2022 or early 2023 and will allow the National Corvette Museum to provide a state-of-the-art educational experience geared directly to the

next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, designers and more.

Since 1953 the Corvette has been America's sports car. The National Corvette Museum was established and opened in 1994 as a 501(c)3 not-for-profit foundation. The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to celebrate the Corvettes invention and preserve the legendary vehicles past, present and future. The museum will serve as an educational research model for all to enjoy.

In 2021 the NCM won 15 awards, had over 220,000 visitors, and added 5,716 members. 1,276 Corvettes were delivered in the R8C program and 4,304 build sheets and window sticker orders were also filled.

Judy and Marty Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors

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## Future Events



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.**

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# Non-Retirees' Lunch

(Retirees invited)

Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> – 12:00

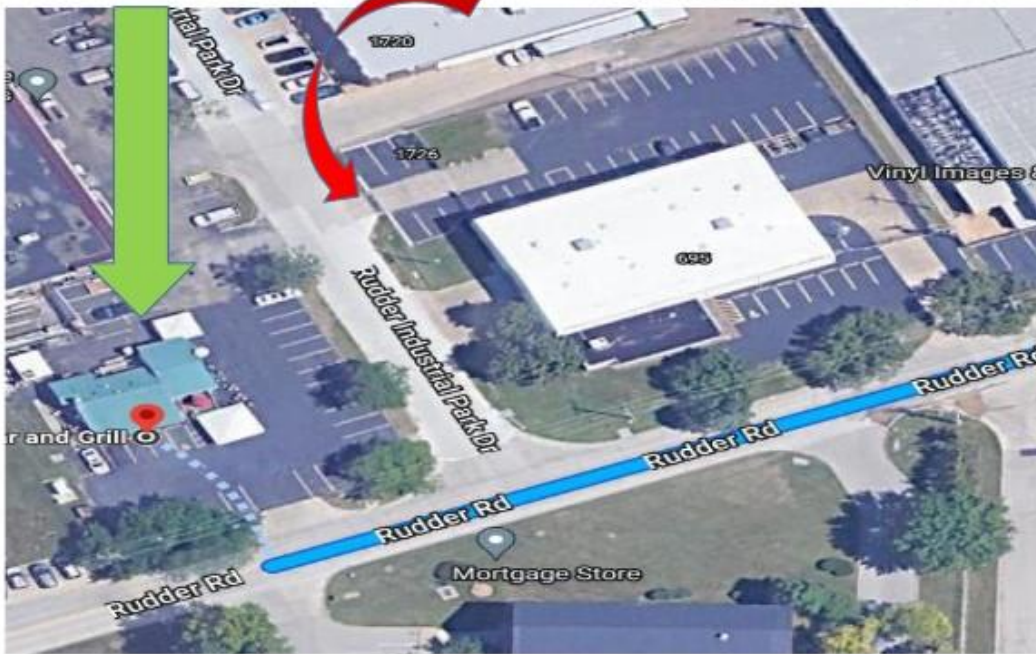


701 Rudder Rd.

Fenton, MO 63026

Fenton Bar and Grill

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Hosted by Bill & Gail Mattler

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## May Retiree Lunch



Where: The Hawthorne Inn  
123 Front Street  
Labadie, MO 63055

When: May 18, 2022

Time: 12:00 p.m.

Meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Wildwood Town Center by the Bank of America, 2412 Taylor Rd, Wildwood, MO 63040.

Lunch will be at 12:00 PM. They have a special menu for large groups.

Sponsored by Terry and Kathy Mueller  
Phone: 314-260-1589

Please sign up at the May meeting or send an email to [kathy\\_mueller@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kathy_mueller@sbcglobal.net) by May 13<sup>th</sup> if you are interested in attending.

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When:

- Saturday, May 21st @ 9am

Where:

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## **Past Events**

# Coffee and Corvettes

Hosted by Jim & Bev Givens







# April Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Marc Portman













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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

May is traditionally when our cars really get out from their winter slumber.

Taking a look back to May 2010, our fearless leader was Randy Howard and our meetings were held at Sunset Lakes Golf and Banquet Center. And wouldn't you know it, "Corvette" Bill from ELCO attended the meeting. Are those two guys brothers? We had 92 members in the club at this time. Then members Dave and Glenda Davidson just picked up their new 2010 Grand Sport convertible at the NCM and immediately shipped it to Callaway for a little more horsepower. Randy reported that we donated \$8500 recently to the Jefferson Barracks Hospital which were the results from last month's mouse race. There was discussion of having a run to the Wittmond Hotel in Brussels, IL. (On a related note – the hotel had a fire on March 10, 2022 and is now closed for repairs.)

In May 2014, Ann (Brown) Sedovic was our club president and membership stood at 77 members. This month's fun activities were a car show at ELCO, gardening at the JB VA hospital and a dinner at Villa Antonio. The club had a great mystery run the previous month put on by Jeff and Patty Craig and Marty and Judy Dooley. It was also reported that Ann and Pete Sedovic finally tied the knot on May 4<sup>th</sup> and honeymooned at Eureka Springs, AR. Plans were being made for a trip to Colorado and New Mexico by Tom and Sheri Marlo for later this year.

May 2018 saw the club being led by Ray Queen and we had 100 members with 8 on the waiting list. We were meeting at Grand Slam Sports Bar. Vettes in the Vineyard car show was being planned by Rich and Theresa Luebcke for later this month. Among other happenings were a Wild Bacon Wine Trail run to Hermann, retirees' lunch and the St. Jude's run. The Kuskys were planning one of their famous Route 66 overnight trips for later in the year and the Howards were planning a Night at the Races for July. And founding member Sharon Ballinger got a new 2017 white Grand Sport.



From May 2007, some of the cars in the Armed Forces Day parade in St. Peters, MO.



Some of the folks who attended Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba, MO from May 2011.



Club members raffling items at the Armynta Craig Memorial Winery run in May 2014.

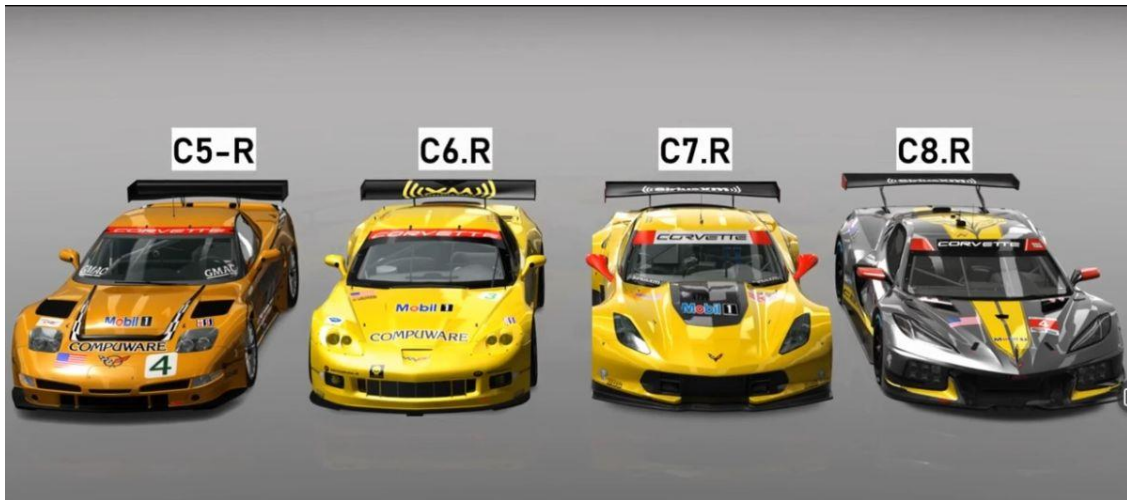


And don't forget to wish these newlyweds a Happy One Year Anniversary this month.

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## Team Corvette Racing History with Corvette C5-R to C8.R

Submitted by Terry Mueller



Click on link for complete history.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5r6j1L-l3C0&t=874s>

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## Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Mike and Linda Pilla





## **Mike & Linda Pilla**

### **2021 Stingray**



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