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## President's Message

We are experiencing awesome fall weather to enjoy driving our cars. This past weekend, the colors have increasingly changed right before our eyes, the farmers are in the middle of harvesting their crops and our club seems to have more events planned than I have ever seen before.

We have a lot of new faces to get to know, so let's welcome our newest member's:

- Rick & Jaime Brennan
- Robert & Vicki Hoogveld
- John Jordan & Joyce Newbauer
- Russell & Brenda Lauer
- Jeff & Tracy Stieren

Their contact information can be found in the updated roster Judy sent out on October 20<sup>th</sup>, so be sure to give them a call and welcome them to the club.

If you haven't signed up for the annual ELCO sponsored hayride (11/6) or the annual Christmas Party (12/10), you can do so at the November 1<sup>st</sup> business meeting.

We have many members who have recently had surgeries, medical tests or procedures, follow up doctor's visits, physical therapy and recovering from a

variety of illnesses. There are too many for me to name for fear of leaving someone out. Please pray for everyone's emotional and physical healing.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at our meeting on Tuesday.

Stay safe. Jim

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## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Gary Murray	Nov 1
Karen Price	Nov 5
Teresa Lindemann	Nov 9
Ray Queen	Nov 11
Valerie Zeisset	Nov 13
Gail Mattler	Nov 16
Bev Givens	Nov 21
Patty Craig	Nov 28
Sharon Ballinger	Nov 30
Jerry Giffhorn	Nov 30

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Don & Anne Pickles	Nov 16
Steve & Dawn Kirby	Nov 22
Mike & Laurie Grubb	Nov 26
John & Cherie Hopson	Nov 27

Rick & Mary Doerr

Nov 28

Terry & Kathy Mueller

Nov 29

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# Celebrating our Veterans on Veterans Day

Article Researched and Compiled by Kathy Mueller

## **Veterans Day**

The end of World War I was considered to be when the Allies and Germany put an armistice into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. In 1938 Congress officially recognized that day as the end of the war, and November 11 became an official holiday to recognize veterans of World War I. The holiday was originally named Armistice Day. After World War II and the Korean War, veterans service organizations urged Congress to change the day to remember all veterans, so on June 1, 1954, Armistice Day was renamed Veterans Day to recognize all American veterans who have served in war or peace.

## **The Poppy**

Lieutenant-Colonel John McCrae was a physician from Canada during World War I. During the battle of Ypres in Flanders, Belgium, a close friend of his was killed. During the burial service for his friend, he noticed poppies growing among the graves of those who had died. This inspired him to write the poem "In Flanders Fields" to express his grief over the many soldiers who were killed. In the US poppies are worn on Memorial Day as a remembrance to all who gave their lives for our freedom, but in the United Kingdom, Canada, France, Belgium, Australia

and New Zealand they are worn on November 11. Veterans at VA hospitals and veterans service organizations help make the poppies. The proceeds of the sale of poppies help support veterans and their families.

**“In Flanders Fields” by John McCrae**

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

*We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.*

*Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow  
In Flanders fields.*

**Thank you to all veterans. Your sacrifice is greatly appreciated!**

STLCC Veterans

Carl Cox

Navy

Eric DeBruin	Navy
Marty Dooley	Army
Rick Friedich	Army
Jerry Giffhorn	Army
Ron Hagenow	Air Force
Brandon Hoosier	Air Force
John Jordan	Marines
Steve Kirby	Air Force
Mike Kunst	Army
Tom Marlo	Army
John Midkiff	Navy
Terry Mueller	Air Force
Gary Murray	Navy & Air Force
Don Pickles	Army
Marc Portman	Army
Mike Price	Army
Jerry Schmidt	Air Force
Dennis Trost	Army
Joe Vogt	Army
Brian Walsh	Air Force
Larry Walker	Marines
Bod Woods	Marines

## Spelling of Veterans Day

While the holiday is commonly printed as *Veteran's Day* or *Veterans' Day* in calendars and advertisements, the United States Department of Veterans Affairs website states that the [attributive](#) (no apostrophe) rather than the [possessive case](#) is the official spelling "because it is not a day that 'belongs' to veterans, it is a day for honoring all veterans."

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## Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet on October 4, 2022. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Jim Givens. Jim introduced new member John Jordan who shared that his house in Florida was destroyed in

the recent hurricane and he would be going to Florida on Thursday. Kathy and Bruce Wooldridge said their son was in Florida but was ok.

Jim then called on members recovering from recent medical procedures. Ron Hagenow, Mike Price, Michelle Finn and Dale Zeisset all thanked club members for their support and kindness shown during their recoveries.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and club officers were introduced:

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

New members were welcomed including Robert and Vicki Hoogveld who have a 2019 yellow convertible, John Jordan who has a 2002 white C5 convertible, Rick Brennan who has a 2006 black Z06 coupe and Russell and Brenda Lauer who have a 1971 Mille Miglia red coupe and a 2001 torch red coupe. Associate member Jim Love was also in attendance and visiting from Indiana. Welcome to all!

Jim mentioned that Pam Schmidt, Jerry Schmidt's new bride, is also a new member.

Vice President Karen Price read a thank you letter from The ALS Association for the club's donation of \$249 in September for Team Sandy, in memory of long-time club member Sandy Kirby.

Barry Seelig shared an opening joke with members. He also indicated that he has 3 club jackets with logos for sale if anyone is interested.

President Jim Givens covered the following information:

- He thanked Kathy Mueller for her fine work on the newsletter.
- A motion was requested to accept the September secretary's minutes. Brandon Hoosier moved to accept the minutes with a second by Ruth Howard. The motion passed.
- A motion was requested to accept the September treasurer's report. Chris Woods moved to accept the report with seconds by Judy Dooley and Michelle Paillou. The motion passed.
- Membership Chairman Judy Giovanoni provided an updated report that reflected membership changes since the September 6<sup>th</sup> meeting. She read the names of members celebrating October birthdays and anniversaries.

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members: 107 (includes 12 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 7 (includes 2 Charter Members)
- Associate Members: 4
- Total Members: 118 (excludes Sponsors)

The reported indicated 9 people on the membership waiting list.

## **Committee Reports**

Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke – Mark thanked everyone for coming this evening. ELCO's inventory was averaging 15-20 cars – current inventory is in the 40s. One issue with car delivery is that cars are sitting on lots for a while before getting to the dealers. Corvette allocation for the year is about 50-60. No Z06s until the first of 2023.

Eric DeBruin reported that there are 217 cars in the used side inventory.

Jim Givens thanked Mark and Eric for providing ELCO as club meeting place and for the pizza they've been providing.

Budget: Randy Howard, Larry Akins, Ray Queen – Randy said that once new officers are elected in November it will be necessary to meet with them to establish budget for 2023.

By-Laws: Mike Price, Val Zeisset, John Midkiff – Mike said that there had been a few questions regarding the by-laws but most have been answered. On target.

Charity: Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni, Sonja Giffhorn – Michelle said the Christmas giving tree ornaments are available this evening. Gifts will be given to members of three families through the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Imperial. Gifts should be wrapped and the ornament tag taped to the gift. Gift cards purchased should be returned in a Christmas card but there is no need to sign card or the tag – givers will remain anonymous. Gifts should be brought to the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting or if you forget to do this, contact Michelle to make other arrangements. Thank you to all who help.

Judy Giovanoni thanked everyone for the donations of sleepers for Newborns in Need. Approximately 687 sleepers have been donated to date.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley, Karen Price – Marty said all was on target.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley – Judy reminded everyone that the club museum banner will be raffled at the Christmas party on December 10. Raffle tickets are \$5 and are available from Judy. This banner hangs from a light pole in the Museum parking lot for one year with a new banner



being purchased each year at the cost of \$500. An attempt may be made to upgrade the design of the new banner somewhat but the club logo shown on the banner will not be changed.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Rick Frierdich, Leslie Hoosier – Michelle Paillou said that an email will be sent out regarding the November 5<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis and lunch plans. She said that all of the long gold star car banners have been found. Still looking for gold stars used on cars in past years. Karen Price added that the club will drive Gold Star parents in the parade as in previous years. Club participants will still meet in Ameren parking lot D though there may be some changes due to ongoing construction. A definite start time has not yet been announced but we may be meeting around 8:30 am. Teresa Lindemann has offered to take club photographs that day.

Jim Givens said information on possible participation in the St. Louis Thanksgiving Day parade is being worked on. He also asked if there would be interest in providing cars for the Bayless High School parade on Saturday, October 15 from approximately 9:30-10:30 a.m. A few members may be interested.

NCCC Governor's Report: Larry Walker – Larry reported that there are four Governors' meetings each year in addition to the annual convention. The next meeting will be November 12. NCCC members are covered by NCCC insurance if they sign event waivers. Rule changes were discussed at the September meeting. Consideration being given to raising sanctions from 10 to 14. Members asked about clubs selling sanctions in the past but Larry said that no clubs are now selling sanctions. Consideration also being given to allowing 3-day autocross events possibly Thanksgiving week-end and in July if a 3-day week-end for the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Larry also said that car show wording may be changed to People's Car Show and that no electric vehicles (EVs) will be allowed at autocrosses. Rt 66 club will hold 4

rallies on October 8 instead of autocrosses. Events will start 1 hour later than posted due to construction. Larry also has patches for sale for \$4.

Jeff Craig is currently ranked 12<sup>th</sup> nationally in men's division with 1,387 points. John Midkiff is ranked 39<sup>th</sup> nationally with 785 points. Angie Midkiff is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> nationally for the ladies with 862 points, having completed 123 events. Patty Craig is ranked 20<sup>th</sup> nationally with 681 points. Our club is ranked 14<sup>th</sup> nationally with 3,966 points and 189 events!

History: Marty Dooley, Ron Hagenow, Peggy Craig – Ron said committee is on target.

Website: Steve Kirby – absent.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods, Judy Dooley – Chris said party planning is on target. You can pay Chris at the November 1<sup>st</sup> meeting if you have not already done so. Party will be held on Saturday, December 10 at The Legends Country Club in Eureka from 5:30-11:00 p.m. (*original ending time was listed as 10:00 p.m.*). Music and dancing will be available.

Nominating: Judy Dooley, Ruth Howard – Ruth said that nominations are still being accepted for positions to be filled by elections on November 1<sup>st</sup>. The following members have indicated a willingness to serve: president-Karen Price, vice president-Brandon Hoosier, secretary-Leslie Hoosier, treasurer-Patti Kusky, membership-Judy Giovanoni, sergeant at arms-Jack Braznell. Please let Ruth or Judy know if you are interested in running for an office or if you would like to nominate a fellow club member for a particular position.

Vice President's Report: Karen Price reviewed past events and shared dates of upcoming events. **Be sure to check club website for event details.**

## Past Events

September 6 – Club meeting at ELCO Chevrolet.

September 10 – Club picnic at Jefferson Barracks Park with road rally. Rally winners were 1<sup>st</sup> place Mike and Laurie Grubb, 2<sup>nd</sup> place John and Angie Midkiff, 3<sup>rd</sup> place Mike Kunst and Mike Price. Thanks to Jim and Bev Givens for planning an excellent road rally and to John and Angie Midkiff for planning a tour of the Civil War Museum.

September 17 – Mid-America Corvette Funfest in Effingham, Illinois. Barry Seelig said there were a lot of cars but fewer vendors. Weather was great and a nice drive there. 2023 Funfest will be 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

September 17 – Cars and Coffee in Belleville, Illinois. Thanks to the Givens for sponsoring though sole club participant was non-coffee drinker Valerie Zeisset!

September 21 – Retirees lunch at EdgeWild Restaurant and Winery in Chesterfield sponsored by Mike Kunst. Great food and private room. About 20 in attendance.

September 24 – Caffeine and Chrome at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon, Illinois.

September 24 – Ladies' Day Out at Eckert's in Belleville, Illinois. Thanks to Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset for sponsoring. 21 attended.

September 25 – Fritz's Frozen Custard sponsored by the Bradleys.

September 29–October 2 – Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. Kathy and Terry

Mueller were this year's special first time participants. There were lots of Corvettes, perfect weather and great food! The dinner train ride featured an excellent 7-course meal.

September 30-October 2 – NHRA Drag Races.

### **Future Events**

October 8 – Picnic at Ramsey's' lake house cancelled.

October 8 – Rt 66 Road Rally. Approx 9:30 a.m. start.

October 14 – Day Trip to Casey, Illinois. Sponsored by the Grubbs. Leave Red Roof gas station in Columbia, Illinois at 9:00 a.m. Have radio and full tank of gas. About 2 hour drive. Lunch at Richards Farm Restaurant. 9-4 p.m.

October 15 – Coffee and Corvettes at Proving Ground Coffee Roaster & Café in Columbia, Illinois sponsored by the Givens. 9:00 a.m.

October 19 – Retirees Lunch sponsored by the Queens. Pupillo's Wicked Chicken Café at 3021 High Ridge Boulevard in High Ridge, MO at 11:30 a.m.

October 22 – Bryan Toben, guitarist, at Wild Sun Winery and Brewery - 4830 Pioneer Road in Hillsboro, MO. Sponsored by the Kuskys. 1-4 p.m. Meet at the winery.

October 25 – Casino/Lunch Day at River City Casino sponsored by Howards and Prices. Arrive at 11:00 for casino then to The Beerhouse for lunch at 12:30. Park at south end of the building. Reservations needed by October 22.

October 29 – Gateway Classic Cars “Trunk or Treat” Family Event in O’Fallon, Illinois. Sponsored by the Givens. From 9-2 p.m. An email with details will be sent out. Plan to meet at Hooters in South County to caravan. Cars/trunks may be decorated for the holiday. Bring candy or treats to distribute to trick-or-treaters.

October 29 – Coed BUNCO at the Prices’ home. Sponsored by Karen Price and Judy Giovanoni. Singles and couples welcome. Chili will be served at 6 p.m. Bunco begins at 7 p.m. \$5.00 per person and bring a side dish to share. Contact Karen or Judy to sign up.

October 30 – Fritz’s Frozen Custard sponsored by the Bradleys. 5 p.m. at 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park. This will be the last Fritz’s run of the year.

November 1 - Club meeting with officer elections at ELCO Chevrolet at 7 p.m.

November 5 – Veterans Day Parade in St. Louis. Approx. 8:30 a.m.

November 6 – ELCO club hayride sponsored by the Gereckes. 4 p.m. at Dickherber Farms in Dardenne Prairie. Hot dogs will be provided. Bring your own grilling sticks, drinks, side dishes, chairs. Special thanks to Mark and Kim for doing this for the club.

November 12 – “American Muscle for American Vets” 1<sup>st</sup> annual car display at Jefferson Barracks Hospital, Bldg 1 parking lot. Sponsored by STLCC. 10:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. Show and Shine event-display only. See flyer on club website for car registration and location information from Koch Road. Contact Marty Dooley to help park cars from 10 a.m.-12 noon. \*Masks are currently required on medical property. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Money raised will be used for patient services.

November 13 – “Yellowstone” 2 hour season premier watch party. 6 p.m. at the Prices’ home. Contact Karen for more information.

November 16 – Retirees’ lunch at Spike’s Public House. Sponsored by the Grubbs. 11:30 a.m. at 4 East Washington Street in Millstadt, IL. Contact Laurie to sign up.

November 19 – Coffee and Corvettes at That’s Sip. 6060 Telegraph Road, Suite B in Oakville, MO. Sponsored by the Givens. 9:00 a.m.

November 26 – Caffeine and Chrome at Gateway Classic Cars in O’Fallon, IL. 9 a.m.-noon.

**NOTE:** There is **no** regular club meeting in December.

December 10 – Club Christmas Party at The Legends Country Club. 625 Legends Parkway in Eureka, MO. Sponsored by Chris Woods and Judy Dooley. From 5:30 – 11:00 p.m. RSVP and payment by November 10.

### **New Business**

Thanks to Chris and Bob Woods for bringing tonight’s cake. Erin and Gary Duke have volunteered to bring the cake for November meeting.

Thanks to ELCO for providing our meeting place and pizza tonight.

Congratulations to Kirt and Marcia Sheer on the purchase of a new RV.

Michelle Paillou won \$85 in the 50/50 drawing. Vicki Hoogveld was the attendance prize winner.

There were 53 members in attendance.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at ELCO.

President Jim Givens asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dale Zeisset made a motion to adjourn with a second by Marcia Sheer. The motion was accepted and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hagenow  
Acting Secretary

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## Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

### NCM Ambassadors Report

Hi all, hopefully you are all doing better than me. Here are some things with the NCM.

The National Corvette Museum (NCM) continues to innovate to promote the Corvette as America's sports car in part by preserving and educating the public about the history and significance to automotive design and American culture. A few of these things have been in the works for a while. Here is a brief rundown.

The National Corvette Museum announced plans for a **fully reimagined, 2,000-square-foot dedicated education gallery** that will provide a state-of-the-art educational experience geared directly to the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts, engineers, designers, and more. According to Deb Howard, Museum Educator, "The new education gallery will be designed for both children and adults

to enjoy, featuring artifacts and interactive technology celebrating the unique story of Corvette. The new space will not only serve guests visiting from out of town with youth-centric content for families to enjoy, but it will also serve as a space to engage our local community schools with standards-based STREAM education, learning opportunities, and new educational programming.” Donate to Education – National Corvette Museum.

Judy and Marty Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors

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## **Future Events**



# Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 5, 2022

8:30 am Meet at Ameren Parking Lot D  
18<sup>th</sup> Street and Choteau. Enter off  
Choteau - turn 1st Left then 1st Right

9:00 am Proceed to Staging Area

10:30 am Parade Starts

Vicinity: Union Station

11:15 "Ceremony & Celebration

At Soldier's Memorial

After the parade & Ceremony:

Lunch at Syberg's, 2211 Market Street

Parking at the Bank or at the Restaurant

Questions: Call/Text Rick F. at 314-223-0969

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**ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB**

**ANNUAL HAYRIDE SPONSORED BY ELCO**

**SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 6<sup>TH</sup> – 4:00 pm**

**Dickherber Farms  
7063 Highway N  
Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368**



**Please come out and join us for a great night around the firepit cooking hotdogs, sharing stories, and going for a ride on the hay wagon!**

**Hotdogs are furnished by ELCO. Please bring your own sides, snacks, desserts, and your own drinks. Don't forget your chairs to sit around the fire pit. Don't forget to bring a hot dog stick!**

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## **"AMERICAN MUSCLE FOR AMERICAN VETS"**

VA St. Louis Health care System's 1st Annual Car Display  
Presented by the St Louis Corvette Club

Saturday November 12th, 2022 10:30 AM—2:30 PM  
St Louis VAMC-Jefferson Barracks Bldg 1 Parking Lot,  
1 Jefferson Barracks Rd, St. Louis, MO 63125  
(Exit onto Koch Rd. not Telegraph Rd.)

This is a Show and Shine event— **"DISPLAY ONLY"**  
Come show off your car and salute the troops!  
VA booths including enrollment  
and services will be onsite

Scan the QR Code or Search "American Muscle"  
on EventBrite to Register your Vehicle.  
For more Info, email: [VASTLEvents@va.gov](mailto:VASTLEvents@va.gov)



**\*\*Masking is currently required on VA grounds\*\***

Refreshments will be available for purchase

All Proceeds proudly support Veterans of VA St. Louis Health Care System



# YELLOWSTONE



PLEASE JOIN US NOVEMBER 13<sup>TH</sup> FOR THE LONG ANTICIPATED 2 HOUR PREMIER  
OF SEASON 5 OF YELLOWSTONE.  
DINNER AT 6, BRING A DISH TO SHARE. THEN ENJOY DRINKS WHILE WE WATCH  
WHO GOES TO THE TRAIN STATION.  
RSVP WITH KAREN OR MIKE PRICE.  
2400 OAKMONT CT.  
HIGH RIDGE MO. 63049

**I DON'T  
SPEAK  
DIPSHIT**  
*-Beth Dutton*



November Retirees' Lunch  
11:30 AM

Wednesday, November 16, 2022



4 East Washington Street  
Millstadt, Illinois 62260

Sign up at the meeting or RSVP to  
Laurie @ [lgrubb61@gmail.com](mailto:lgrubb61@gmail.com)

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When:

- Saturday, November 19th @ 9am

Where:

- That's Sip
- 6060 Telegraph Rd
- Oakville, MO 63129

**Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!**

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

314.341.3383

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The poster features a warm, golden-brown background with a blurred image of Christmas decorations, including a large gold bauble and a pine branch. White decorative swirls frame the text. The text is centered and reads:

ST LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB

# ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

Saturday, December 10, 2022  
(5:30p.m.-10p.m.)

5:30p.m. – Cocktails & Appetizers

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

\$60.00 per person (cash bar)

Payments made to "St. Louis Corvette Club"

Entrée Selections

**(select 1 entrée only)**

Chicken Marsala (1 Breast)

Teriyaki Salmon (8oz)

New York Strip Steak (14oz)

(Entrée includes salad, seasonal vegetables medley, shallot whipped potatoes, dinner rolls, coffee, tea or lemonade & dessert-Apple Pie Alamoade or Chocolate Cake with Raspberry Sauce)

The Legends Country Club

625 Legends Parkway

Eureka, MO 63025

Please RSVP by Nov 10<sup>th</sup> to Chris Woods @ 314-846-6176 or email Chris and indicate your entrée & dessert selection at [Woods1890@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Woods1890@sbcglobal.net)

## Past Events

# Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend



Friday, September 30





Crescent Hotel

# The Christ of the Ozarks

June 11, 1965



## Quick Facts

- The statue stands 67 feet tall and has a 65 foot arm span.
- The foundation of the statue required 340 tons of concrete interlaced with steel virtually welded into the rock of Magnetic Mountain.
- The statue is made of 24 layers of white mortar on a steel frame. It was necessary to build an elevator up the side of the framework, which was completely surrounded by scaffolding during construction.
- The face is approximately 15 feet in height.
- Total weight is over two million pounds.

Dedicated in 1966

50th Anniversary Celebration: October 29, 2016

*The GreatPassion Play is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax-deductible. Play performances are May through October on select nights. Pick up a brochure for performance nights.*

*Christ of the Ozarks, Gift Shop, Bible Museum, and Holy Land Tours are open throughout the year.*



See more photos at [GreatPassionPlay.org/Christ-of-the-Ozarks](http://GreatPassionPlay.org/Christ-of-the-Ozarks)



Christ of the Ozarks Statue



Thorncrown Chapel



Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railway





Waiting for the train to arrive.







Dinner on the train and Baked Alaska for dessert. It was delicious!

Saturday, October 1







War Eagle Mill





Terry and Kathy Crossing the War Eagle Bridge



Corvette Car Show





Relaxing in the gazebo.

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# Coffee and Corvettes

Hosted by Jim and Bev Givens



Valerie was the only one who showed up -- again!

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## October Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Pam and Ray Queen







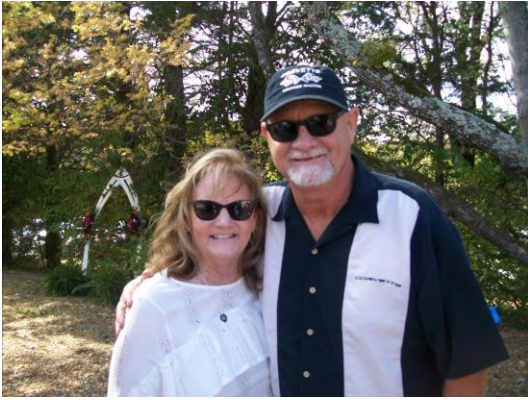




# Wild Sun Winery and Brewery

Hosted by Bob and Patti Kusky









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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

With this November issue we want to remind everyone that election of officers will be at the November meeting. Don't forget to vote.

In November 2005 Marty Dooley was our president and we had 41 members. The only activities this month were participating in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis and cleaning up at the VA Hospital garden. The club still participated in Thursday night dinners at selected restaurants throughout the month.

Theresa Luebcke was leading our club in November 2009. We had 74 members and were meeting at Sunset Lakes Golf and Banquet Center. New members were Larry and Elise Akins. Members Dave and Glenda Davidson had just ordered their new 2010 Grand Sport convertible with delivery in February. They promptly sent it off to Callaway to put a little more horsepower under the hood. Though no longer members they still have the car and it's a beast as well as owning several other collector cars. It was announced that ELCO would be our new club sponsor and they brought a new 2010 Grand Sport to the meeting for all of us to drool over. Also at the meeting we had representatives from St. Vincent DePaul who were accepting all of our Christmas donations. The only November event was the Veterans Day Parade and VA Hospital garden cleanup.

The head honcho in November 2018 was Ray Queen. As usual we participated in the annual Veterans Day Parade as well as having lunch afterwards with the Gold Star Mothers who we drive each year. We also worked at the VA Hospital garden doing cleanup work (do you see a running theme here?). There were 100 members in the club with 13 on the waiting list.

Now for the fun part.



Car show winners Ruth Howard and Jeff Craig from November 2010. Also in the picture are Mike Walsh, Mike Price and Don Bradford.



Club members who participated in a mystery run in 2012. We ended up at the Veterans Memorial in Perryville and Mark Twain Lake.





Our traditional red, white and blue cars at the end of the Veterans Day Parade in 2007.



And from last year's hayride, Mike Kunst stays well hydrated.

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## How Did the Club Get Started?

Submitted by Marty Dooley

*From time to time we have listed how the club got started. Here is a reprint*

***of an article from February 2014 by Jerry Craig, the “godfather” of our club.***

It was June, 1953. My friend Bill Curson and I were at the Sports Car Club of America meeting. We were a couple of high school kids who flagged races and helped out for the SCCA. I spotted Mack Yates at the far end of the bar with six or eight people. Mack was the general manager for Barford Chevrolet in Ladue. He commented that they were having the first meeting of the St. Louis Corvette Club. The Corvette had been announced and spy pictures were in the magazines. The group at the meeting had all ordered Corvettes but no one had really seen one. I was partial to Corvettes. Bill went to the dark side – Porsche.

Barford Chevrolet was poised to be the top Corvette dealer in the country. An affluent area and the Corvette plant was in St. Louis. Mack was an avid sports car racer. He built a strong group of owners and was the first STLCC president. Bob Spooner was the second president. Bob raced the “Purple People Eater” Corvette after Jim Jeffords. I was the third president from 1958 to 1962. I raced a 1959 Corvette prepared by VV Cooke. Each year the Route 66 television show would trade in their old Corvettes at Barford as they filmed their way up Route 66. Mack would wholesale the beaten and worn movie star cars as they were in terrible shape.

Meetings and events were very informal. No rules and no dues. SCCA road racing was the main interest. We did go to restaurants and had rallies and economy runs. Channel 5 actually filmed an economy run on Sunday. Fuel injection Corvettes could be set to full lean and get 40-50 mpg! Unheard of mileage in those days but one had to be very careful not to accelerate very fast. (And proof the apple doesn't fall far from the tree, Jeff leaned out the carburetor on his 1978 to win the fuel economy run at Eureka Springs several years ago.)

In 1962, the St. Louis Corvette Club was part of the formation of the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

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## **More Information About the St. Louis Corvette Club Submitted by Ron Hagenow**

To further add to our story, the club stayed in existence until about 1979. At some time another club formed called the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis (OCC). Several of our current members were members of that club until the OCC got too large and some folks disagreed with the direction of that club. They decided to form their own club and re-took the name St. Louis Corvette Club. Our founders still with us are Marty and Judy Dooley and associate member Sharon Ballinger.

Those that don't know, Jerry got his first new Corvette in 1958. It was black with a cream top. And 50 years ago to the day he and Armynta took NCM delivery of their black with cream top 2008 convertible along with about 50 members of the club. Still one of the highlight of what the club has done. And Jerry even won a shark gray 2017 with one of the tickets Judy Dooley sells for the NCM!

Sadly Armynta passed away on October 31, 2012 and Jerry passed away on September 23, 2020. Son Jeff and daughter-in-law Patty were members of the club until recently. Daughter Peggy and son-in law Bob Bradley are still members of the club. They were and still are racers. At one time all of the Craig extended family were associate members as well.

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# Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Bob and Patti Kusky



**Bob & Patti  
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