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## President's Message

Happy Summer STLCC Membership!

So many fun events have been planned and enjoyed by members, and there are so many more to come! The Great American Sports Car is certainly celebrated by our club.

As we look forward to our next meeting to review new adventures and continue to plan more, a couple of reminders are in order!

Our club is a Lifetime Business Member of the National Corvette Museum. This is separate and distinct from our association with NCCC. Although moving to club liability insurance coverage thru Hagerty, we are encouraging any member who has enjoyed being a member of NCCC to continue to do so as a member at large!

Our club is incredibly lucky and blessed to be sponsored not only monetarily but also in providing a place for our large club to meet at no cost – and snacks as a bonus! Our sister clubs are not as lucky, and we need to be mindful of this privilege. With that in mind, we meet at ELCO's place of business and as such are ambassadors of the dealership. We need to conduct ourselves accordingly, as customers can still be in the dealership during our meetings.

Please do not arrive before 6:30 to allow the service area to clear out customers and Mark to move cars and set up our meeting spot.

During our meetings, the Board truly appreciates input from all members, and a healthy debate is encouraged. However, abusive statements that cause disorder will not be tolerated. Please refer to Article III, Section 5 of our by-laws which address removal from the club. I expect all members to be respectful and kind to each other, no matter what your opinion may be. Also, I expect members to attend meetings, review the minutes and newsletter, and to remain up-to-date with discussions and information.

The Board is elected by membership to look out for the club's best interest and safety. We in turn look to membership to form committees to gather information to present to the Board to accomplish this.

Respect for the elected Board's group decision is needed. As President, it is my duty to review all information with all Board members and then hold a vote and present that collective vote to membership. Members must respect this decision-making process. Recently, there was a lack of respect for that process, and a request for an email communication to our female Membership Officer and President was disrespectful. Going forward, as noted multiple times, I respectfully request that all emails containing new information be presented to a Board member to be discussed with the entire Board prior to being sent out to membership so that there is no confusion, and we can verify any new information. New information would be forwarded to the proper committee for review and advisement to the Board for further discussion.

Now back to the reason for our club – we are a fun club! If we weren't, we would not have a waiting list! It is your Board's full intent to keep that reason intact!

Let's all remember to be respectful and kind to each other no matter what our difference of opinions may be and continue to have fun together enjoying the Great American Sports Car!

See you Tuesday and save the wave!

Karen Price

President

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## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Steve Hedgcorth

Erin Duke

Bill Mattler

Rich Luebcke

Brandon Hoosier

Mike Kunst

Jared Ramsey

Don Pickles

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Mike & Karen Price

Mike & Judy Henges

Russell & Brenda Lauer

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# Meeting Minutes

## St. Louis Corvette Club July 11, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to order – Karen/Jack
- Prayer – Brandon
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Officers

President: Karen Price	Vice President: Brandon Hoosier
Membership: Judy Giovanoni	Treasurer: Patti Kusky (not in attendance)
Secretary: Leslie Hoosier	Sargent at Arms: Jack Braznell
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- Reminder: Sign-in sheet, attendance prize sign-up, 50/50 tickets, activity sign-up sheets. Please do not arrive until 6:15 pm to avoid disrupting ELCO business.
- New members & guests: Guests – Tom Charlevile, welcome! '91 Red corvette w/white top.
- John Midkiff – Support for Veterans. Collecting travel size toiletries (i.e. - the size they provide in hotels) for donation to Veterans. Bring items to club meetings for donation.
- Secretary's Minutes: Correction to June minutes as follows - Rich presented insurance information to club during meeting (NCCC & Hagerty). Insurance Committee & Board recommends move to Hagerty. Ron Hagenow made a motion to accept the insurance committee recommendation and to hold a vote at the July meeting. The motion was seconded by Randy Howard. Club members to vote via paper ballot at the July meeting or by proxy if they

cannot attend the meeting. Steve Kirby motion to approve June minutes with the correction. Ron Hagenow seconded, approved.

- Treasurer's Report: Ken Payne motion to approve, Chris Woods seconded, approved.
- Steve Kirby presented details on the LUAU, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am. Pool is open, food will be served in basement. Seating available indoors & outdoors.
- Results of insurance vote (thank you Mike Kunst for your excellent ballot counting services):
  - 61 votes to move to Hagerty
  - 21 votes to stay with NCCC
- Club voted to move to Hagerty insurance. Discussion on changes to bylaws or any possible changes to dues will happen at future meeting.
- Membership Report - Changes since the June 2023 Business Meeting:
  - New members added since June 6, 2023 – None.
  - Members leaving since June 6, 2023 – None.
  - Associate Members leaving since June 6, 2023 – None.
- Regular Members: 101 (includes 10 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 5 (includes 1 Charter Member)
- Associate Members: 3
- Sponsors: 4
- Total Members: 101 (excludes sponsors)
- Membership Waiting List
  - John Eskew
  - Steve & Kim Marre
  - Pat & Jean Rohlman
  - Harry Hammer
  - Ed & Joanmarie Hartzke
  - Patrick & Jenni Belding

- Committee Reports:
  - Newsletter: Kathy Mueller (Thanks for great newsletter) Reminder: send Kathy event flyers for newsletter!
  - Sponsorship: On target.
  - Website update: Working to set up photo session in September at Heritage Park (Scott Air Force Base front gate) for group & individual car pictures.
  - Budget: On target.
  - By-laws: On target.
  - Charity: The charity committee selected 3 charities for this year, club will donate \$100 to each.
    - The Freedom 13 – Aid for military veterans (See [thefreedom13.org](http://thefreedom13.org) for more info)
    - Garden of Innocence - Nonprofit corporation dedicated to providing loving and dignified memorial and burial services for unclaimed children and infants in the custody of Medical Examiner's offices in the City of St Louis and surrounding areas.
    - Senior Dogs – Dog rescue for senior dogs.
  - VA Garden: Need help watering! Several club members suggested a calendar or sign-up to facilitate a more organized watering schedule.
  - Parade: Webster Groves 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade was a success! We had a record 30 cars this year and a great time was had by all at both the parade and the party at the Price's. We need more vinyl stars to decorate the windshields because we did not have enough for all 30 cars.
  - NCCC Governor's Report: Larry attended the National Convention in June, there were many fun events!
  - History: On target.
  - Christmas Party: On target.

- Nominating: Pam Queen & Val Zeisset will be taking over committee. Taking nominations for Sargent at Arms, Membership & Treasurer positions. Please put forth nominations!
- Sponsor Report: ELCO has a new C8 available for purchase, also building a new Z06 for the Grubbs. Reminder – if you want to work with a particular service professional, ask for them. Some of the new staff might not be as familiar with the club, but are great mechanics!
- Vice President's Report: Discussed past events & upcoming events. See Brandon if you have any new events you want to sponsor. See attached list for upcoming or new events.
- St. Jude fundraising update: Great time at St. Jude run!! Raised a total of \$340,000 with \$40,395 being raised in St. Louis.
- Thank you for bringing cake, Leslie & Brandon Hoosier. Next month the Trosts will bring cake.
- Judy announced the attendance at the meeting – 55 members in attendance. Turn in your attendance sheets for events! Thanks to ELCO for allowing us to use the space!
- 50/50 drawing winner: Peggy Bradley. Attendance prize winner: Bill Mattler (restaurant gift card). Jack Braznell, Val Z., Barb Payne won wheel cleaners.
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Jim Givens, Gail Mattler seconded, adjourned. Thank you for coming! Drive safely.
- Next meeting, August 1st!

**Upcoming Events (see website for more info):**

July 30, Fritz's Ice Cream, Valley Park MO

August 1, Monthly Club Meeting, ELCO

August 12, Corvettes and Coffee, Deer Creek Coffee, Ladue MO

August 16, Retirees Lunch, Acorns Golf Course, Waterloo IL

August 27, Fritz's Ice Cream, Valley Park MO  
August 31, 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, National Corvette Museum  
September 5, Monthly Club Meeting, ELCO  
September 21, Sunsets & Sangria, Sunset Overlook, Columbia IL  
September 23, Corvettes & Coffee, On the Grind Coffee, Crystal City MO  
September 24, Club Picnic, Cliff Cave Park Pavilion, Oakville MO  
September 27, Ladies Day Out, Eckert's in Belleville IL

Leslie Hoosier  
Secretary

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## **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

Hi all,

If you are interested in attending this year's anniversary event at the National Corvette Museum (Aug. 31-Sep. 2) there is an online registration that will be open until August 18th and will close that day at 9 a.m. Online registrants will receive a credential, a lanyard, an event pin and a dash plaque. Registration for the event will be: Lifetime Members are \$35.00 per person, Members are \$40.00 per person, and Non-members are \$50.00 per person. There will be on-site registration, but the prices will increase to \$40/\$45/\$55.

No refunds or cancellations after advanced registration closes at 9 a.m. on August 18th.



While you are registering, make sure you are signed onto the National Corvette Museum e-news to get the latest event registration updates.

There will be a lot of out trips each day and seminars that you can sit in on. Some you might have to register for and others you can just show up for. Check the NCM website for more information.

While attending the anniversary event you will be able to see the 1953 Corvette with Vin #001 in a seminar highlighting an American Love Affair: 70 years of Corvette. Event registrants will hear from curators Bob Bubnis and Bryan Gable with Corvette owner Corey Peterson.

You can also register and purchase tickets for the Hall of Fame induction ceremony. This year's inductees are:

- Enthusiast - John Amgeart
- Racing - Dan Binks
- GM/Chevrolet - David Wickman

This ceremony has been going on for about 20 years and we have enjoyed it.

Judy and Marty Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors

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## **Governor's Report**

This past month has been a busy one for me as I prepared for the 2023 National Convention of the National Council of Corvette Clubs. This has been the 8th convention that I've attended; this time it was held in Bowling Green, Kentucky, the

birthplace of all Corvettes since 1982. The national convention is an event I always enjoy because of the friends I've known for so many years. It is a special time with parties, tours, dinners and friendly competitions, be it rallies, funkhanas, valve cover races, autocrosses, or drag racing. But most important is the time one spends with our corvette family! And, with an attendance of 746, it was the largest gathering ever.

This year, I decided to take my 2018 Grand Sport corvette. I looked forward eagerly to the track event - dubbed the "high speed autocross" which uses the 3.2 mile NCM Motorsports Park track. This event starts with a parade lap to familiarize the participants with the track. Afterwards, competitors get 4 one-lap timed runs. I watched many online YouTube videos to try to memorize the track to do my best, however, Mother Nature had different ideas as numerous thunderstorms with lightning appeared that afternoon and I was in the first afternoon heat. By rule, the track stops operation with lightning within 5 miles and I ended up waiting for the threat and rain to pass. Later that rainy afternoon, the lightning stopped and the forecast showed about a 1 hour window before the next thunderstorms would hit. The event chairman decided that the 80 plus participants should get at least one timed run, but there was no time for the parade lap - "One and Done" was the new game plan - make it your best effort! So off we went with each car starting about 45 seconds after the previous car. Since the track was still wet, I selected TRACK-WET on my GS and tried to mentally match my driving with the videos I had studied. With some cautious aggressiveness, I completed my run. Only the next morning at the awards breakfast, did I learn that I had won my class! I sure appreciated the effectiveness of those special modes that GM has put into my favorite sports car!

Beyond this, my most successful events were the in drag racing at Beech Bend. This was a very nice track in a pleasant wooded area with sheltered stands for the viewers - a much appreciated feature in the summertime sun.

The Matching Times drag event is an event scored against one's self in which you get 2 runs and try to match the elapsed time of the first run with that of the second. The newer corvettes have a nice advantage here with amazing consistency due to the engine and traction control devices.

The Bracket Racing event is a predicted time event - predict what you can run, but don't run quicker (a breakout) otherwise you'll lose. And if your opponent does a better job, they will advance. Most important is the reaction off the starting tree - the closer one comes to leaving an instant after the green light, the better you'll do.

Lastly is the Class Elimination Drags, otherwise known as Record Drags, because that's when class records can be set. In this event there is no breakout, but one can run quicker, but that will reset the index (or record). Although setting a record is nice, it does make it harder to win in the next round - because if the class index of your opponent is slower, they will get a head start based on the difference between their index and your new index (record).

In summary, I did well taking all 3 events, including Men's Top Eliminator, and set a new drag record in Class 1K of 11.94 seconds, again putting St Louis Corvette Club's name on the NCCC Official Drag Records list!

I guess I'd better start thinking about next year's NCCC Convention, this time it will be right here in our home state - in Joplin, Missouri! Hope to see you there!

Cheers,

Larry Walker

STLCC NCCC Governor

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## Future Events



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When:

- Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30am

Where:

- Deer Creek Coffee
- 9820 Clayton Road
- St Louis, MO 63124

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev [Givens 314.341.3383](tel:314.341.3383)

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## August Retiree Lunch



Acorns Golf Course

3933 Ahne Road

Waterloo, IL 62298

August 16, 2023 at 12:00 PM

Sponsored by Janet and Dennis Trost

<https://www.acornsgolf.com/images/Acorns-Restuarant-Menu.jpg>

Sign up at the July or August meeting or contact Janet at

[jtrost@htc.net](mailto:jtrost@htc.net) or 618-578-8173

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## SUNSET & SANGRIA

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THE LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 5:30PM  
AUGUST 27, 2023

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The St. Louis Corvette Club  
Annual Picnic

When: Sunday, September 24, 2023  
From 2 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Where: Cliff Cave Park  
806 Cliff Cave Road  
St. Louis, MO 63129



- The road rally will start at 2:00.
- Dinner will be served at 4:30.
- The club will provide the meat.
- Every member should bring an appetizer, side dish or dessert to share.
- Bring your own drinks.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the August meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Karen Price ([santa17@msn.com](mailto:santa17@msn.com) or 314-954-4803) know by September 17 the number attending, whether or not you will participate in the road rally, your choice of meat (pulled pork, hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats), and what you will bring.





## Past Events

# Webster Groves Independence Day Parade

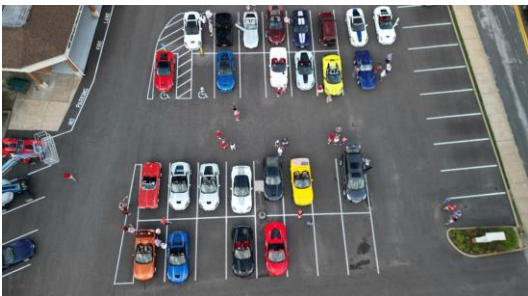
Michelle Pailou, Parade Unit Organizer

By Mike Kunst

Photos: Aerial - Tom Marlo, Ground - Mike Kunst

### Prestaging at Schnucks in Webster Groves





Arriving at the Parade Staging Area



The Parade Staging Area





The Parade!



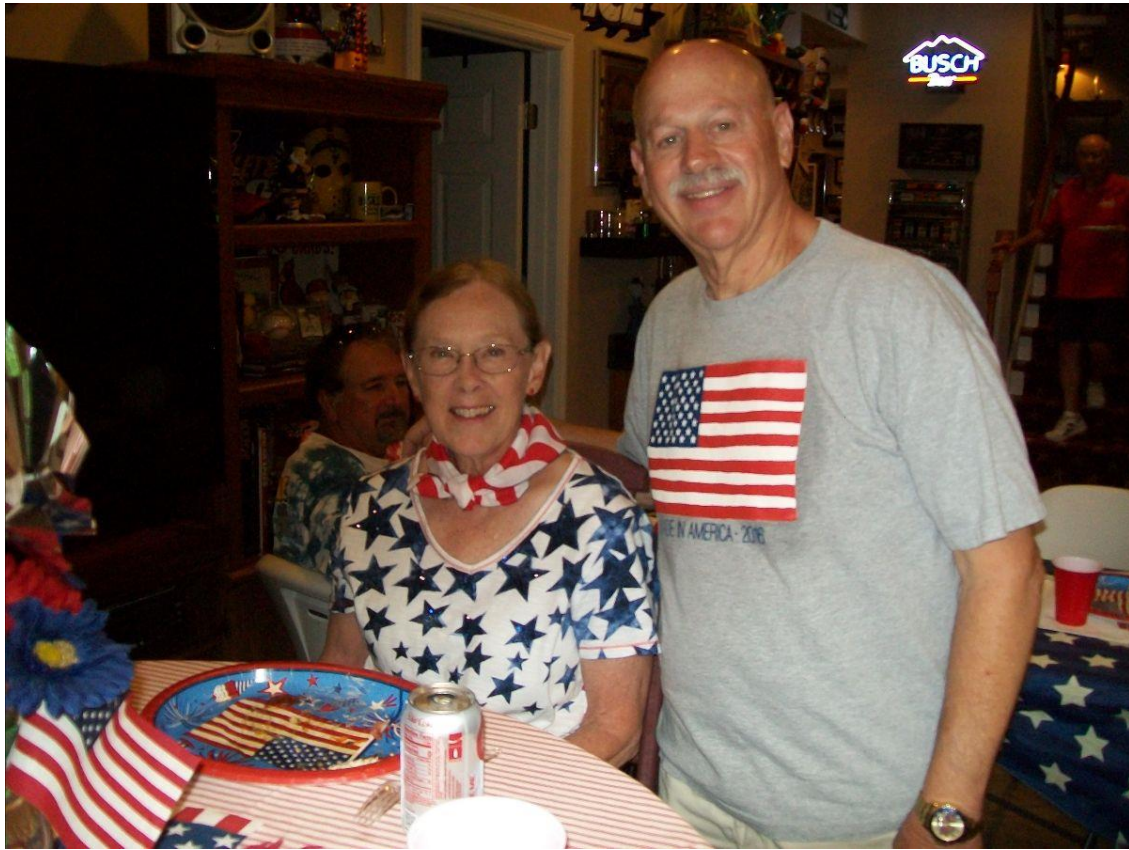


# Party After July 4th Parade

Hosted by Karen and Mike Price



Thanks to Karen and Mike for hosting the party!



Thanks to Ron and Mary Ann for all their help setting up the party!. Ron did a great job grilling the meat!













# ALS Luncheon in Memory of Sandy Kirby

Sponsored by Pam Queen



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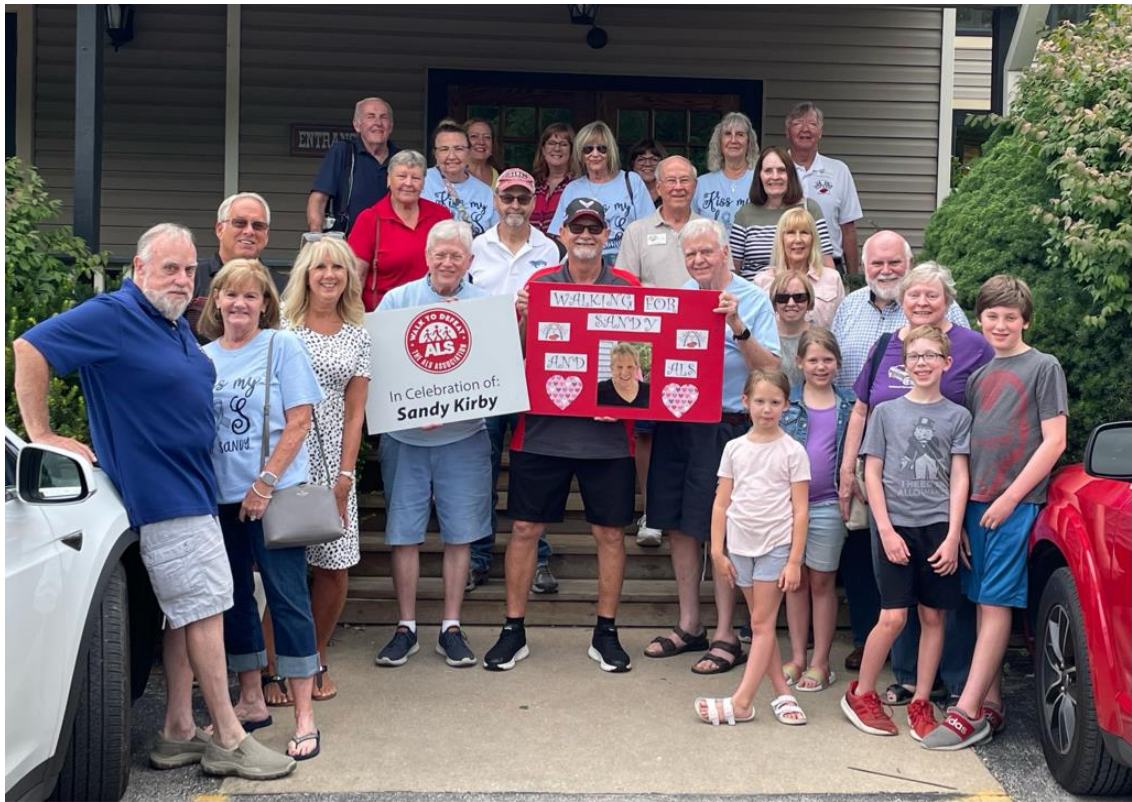












# St Louis Corvette Club Annual Luau

Hosted by Steve and Dawn Kirby









## July Retirees' Lunch

Sponsored by Angie and John Midkiff









# Sunset and Sangria

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens







Friends from another Corvette Club had the same idea.



# Coffee and Corvettes

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens









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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



Our fearless leader for August 2009 was Theresa Luebcke who was assisted by Jeff Craig as our vice President. We were meeting at Sunset Lakes Golf and Banquet Center and we had 83 members. There were several successful Happy Hours at the facility and there was something about Marty Dooley and plastic chairs but the details didn't make it into the newsletter. We were still searching for a club sponsor at this time. Plans were in the final stages for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration at the NCM and a large number of club members were to participate in the caravan. Marty Dooley and Charlie Miget sponsored a mystery run and at the end all the pilots and their navigators managed to stay married! If you have ever been on one of these you will know why this is mentioned. This month we had a dinner trip to Gallagher's in Waterloo and a run to the Moonlight Restaurant in Alton. Several club members were planning on attending the race at Elkhart Lake, WI this month as well.

Leading us in August 2013 was Ruth Howard as president and Larry Akins as vice president. We were meeting at the Pasta House on Manchester and our September meeting was going to be held at TJ Wings in Fenton. We had 81 members in the club and ELCO Chevrolet was our sponsor. We were donating to a different charity each month and this month's sponsor was the Board of Religious Organizations. Events this month were an autocross at the Family Arena and a trip to Mackinaw Island. In the previous month we had a mystery run as well as a Happy Hour.

Our president for August 2018 was Ray Queen with able assistance provided by vice president Mike Grubb. It was a tough time for the club. On August 12 we lost long time member Sandy Kirby. She fought ALS to the end. The very next day another long time member Elise Akins underwent brain surgery; however cancer ultimately took her in 2020. And club member Mike Moore had knee replacement surgery the day of the meeting. We were meeting at Grand Slam Sports Bar in Fenton. There were 100 members in the club and our sponsor was still ELCO

Chevrolet. Some activities this month were a trip to Road America with a side trip to Door County, WI and a car show at Pub 231. As always we enjoyed a trip to Fritz's.



All of the ladies who attended the Josephine's Tea Room run in August 2010.



Getting ready to go to Miller's Grill in Washington, MO in August 2007.



Club members who participated in the Mackinaw Island trip in August 2014.



Getting ready to eat after our trip to Boonville and Warm Springs Ranch in August 2022.

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# Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

John Jordan and Joyce Newbauer



John Jordan  
Joyce Newbauer



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