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President's Message

Happy Fall!

With the By-Laws behind us, we can get back to the purpose of the club - FUN!!!!

The cooler weather promises changing leaves, the ELCO hayride and bonfire, and Veterans Day Parade just to name a few of the fun events we can enjoy in our cars!

October 21st at 9 am is the fall clean up at the VA garden. Many hands make this task easy and quicker to get to lunch. See Marty Dooley to sign up!

The club Christmas party on December 2nd at the Falls promises to be the best yet! That is hard to believe since each and every one has proved to be memorable. Ruth's slide show will once again provide the highlight of the evening. Please get your check to the committee - Chris Woods, Judy Dooley, Ruth Howard, or Pat Ross.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2024, please bring a check to the meeting on October 3rd.

Mike and I will be fishing in Broken Bow Oklahoma, so Brandon will be handling

the meeting!

Stay safe and Save the Wave!

Karen Price, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Ken Payne

Rick Frierdich

Theresa Luebcke

Marie Chance

Marcia Sheer

Laurie Grubb

Brenda Lauer

John Hopson

ANNIVERSARIES

Rich & Theresa Luebcke

Kirt & Marcia Sheer

Robert & Vicki Hoogveld

Bruce & Kathy Wooldridge

Meeting Minutes

St. Louis Corvette Club
September 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet on September 5, 2023. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Karen Price.

Brandon Hoosier led us with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club officers were introduced:

President: Karen Price	Vice President: Brandon Hoosier
Membership: Judy Giovanoni	Treasurer: Patti Kusky
Secretary: Leslie Hoosier, absent Ron Hagenow-substitute	Sergeant at Arms: Jack Braznell
Immediate past president: Jim Givens, absent	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark & Kim Gerecke

Karen asked if anyone had any health issues or updates. She asked for continued healing of Judy Giovanoni, Rick Frierdich, Valerie Zeisset and Mary Doerr. She also reported Sonja Giffhorn's cancer is in remission and Laurie Grubb had successful surgery. Also keep in your prayers Bob Woods who recently had a bad fall, Jim Givens who has blood clots in his lungs and Anne Pickles who will have kidney stones removed soon. On a positive note, Judy Giovanoni and Mike McElhone were congratulated on their engagement.

She also announced the delivery of Mike and Laurie Grubb's new Z06. Congratulations!

There were several guests in attendance. Friends of John and Angie Midkiff, John and Kitty Lasinski who bought Paynes' C6, Marilyn and Jim Panter who we met at Fritz's and Bob Waitley who is the original owner of a 1978.

President Karen Price covered the following information:

- She reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event sign-up sheets, retiree lunch sign-up and a reminder to turn in your ballots.
- She thanked everyone for their continued donation of toiletries being collected by John Midkiff for donation to our veterans as well as a thank you to everyone who brought sleepers for Judy Giovanoni's Newborns in Need program.
- A motion was requested to accept the August secretary's minutes. One change was noted, the correct spelling of Theresa Luebcke's name. After this correction John Jordan moved to accept the minutes with a second by Rich Luebcke. The motion passed.
- A motion was requested to accept the August treasurer's report. Ken Payne moved to accept the report with a second by Dennis Trost. The motion passed.
- Membership Chairman Judy Giovanoni provided an updated report that reflected membership changes since the August meeting. She read the names of members celebrating September birthdays and anniversaries.

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members: 96 (includes 10 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 5 (includes 1 Charter Member)
- Associate Members: 4
- Total Members: 105 (excludes sponsors)

The report indicated 13 people are on the membership waiting list.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Karen thanked Kathy Mueller for her continued excellent work on producing the newsletter as well as Terry Mueller for being her "official"

photographer.

Mentoring Program: Jack Braznell reported the program is still ongoing.

Website: Thanks to Steve Kirby for our excellent website. Brandon Hoosier is still working on getting a place to take photos of our cars for the website.

Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke – Mark thanked everyone for coming this evening. He congratulated the Hagenows for their new Equinox purchase as well as the Doerrs for their Cadillac purchase. Ruth Howard mentioned that ELCO was recently selected as a Master Dealer for 2022, one of only 40 in the nation. Mark also reminded everyone of the club hayride ELCO sponsors each year which will be on November 5 this year.

Budget: Mike Kunst, Don Pickles and Rich Doerr – We are under budget so far this year.

By-Laws: Mike Price, Valerie Zeisset and John Midkiff – Thanks for all the hard work on the proposed by-law changes being voted on this month.

Charity: Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni and Sonja Giffhorn – Michelle will have our Christmas giving tree available at the next meeting. Judy Giovanoni again thanked everyone for the sleepers they brought this evening.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley and Karen Price – Marty said all was on target. They recognized all those that worked throughout the summer to keep everything watered: the Marlos, Trosts, Hagenows, Pickles and Wooldridges. A fall clean-up will be scheduled soon. Karen thanked Marty and Judy for their continued support and dedication to maintain the garden since its inception.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley – They had a great time at the recent Anniversary Celebration. There were many events held. Rich Luebcke also added that the 30th Anniversary Celebration and Caravan will be next year on August 29-31. Thousands of Corvettes are scheduled and this caravan is held every 5 years. It is billed as the largest moving event. Rich also congratulated Mike and Karen Price on their award of 15 years as Lifetime Members of the Museum.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Mike Price, Leslie Hoosier –Mike announced the Veterans Day parade will be held November 4. Sign-ups are available at this meeting. Rick Friedrich said he is still trying to get the application from the City of St. Louis. We will still drive the Gold Star Mothers. Lunch will be at Saucey Pizzeria in High Ridge (the old former meeting place Jilly's).

NCCC Governor's Report: Larry Walker – There are several events this month if anyone wants to attend. There is an autocross in Madison, WI, Route 66 has 4 rally events September 23, and the Mid-Illinois club will have an autocross in Pekin on September 30. Karen thanked Larry for his dedication to NCCC and thanked him for being our NCCC governor for the past several years. The club will be dropping from the NCCC at the end of the year based on the vote taken at last month's meeting with Hagerty being our new insurance carrier.

History: Marty Dooley, Ron Hagenow, Peggy Craig – Ron is working on articles for our 20th anniversary next year. If anyone has ideas about an article, please let him know.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods and Judy Dooley – Chris said party planning is on target. Party will be held on Saturday, December 2 at The Falls in Columbia, IL from 6:00-11:00 pm. Tickets are \$60 per person. Music and dancing will be available. There will be an open bar and a buffet available. If anyone plans on

staying overnight, they should make their reservations soon. There is a Hampton Inn near the facility.

Nominating: Pam Queen and Valerie Zeisset – Still looking for nominations.

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

Past Events

August 12 – Cars and Coffee sponsored by the Givens – it was a nice time with about 8 members attending.

August 16 – Retirees Lunch sponsored by the Trosts – it was a great lunch and we ate out in the new screened patio.

August 17 – Sunset and Sangria sponsored by the Murrays – no one at the meeting had attended.

August 22 – Casino and lunch sponsored by Ruth Howard – about 12 attended and Chris Woods was the big winner having won \$509.

August 27 – Fritz's sponsored by John Jordan and Joyce Newbauer – great night and about 20 attended.

August 27 – Bommarito 500 at Gateway sponsored by the Hoosiers – about 8 cars attended the Corvette Coral and ELCO got a thank you for our attendance. Plan on doing it again next year.

August 31 – September 2 – NCM Anniversary sponsored by Marty and Judy Dooley – Well attended with 5 members attending. Many great lectures and

dinners.

September 5 – Monthly meeting.

Future Events

September 9 – “Mexican” Bunco at the Kirby’s house. Meet at 6:00 pm for dinner with bunco beginning at 7:00 pm. There is a sign up for food. \$5 per person to play.

September 14 – 17 – Funfest in Effingham, IL

September 17 – Fritz’s date which has been moved up because of the club picnic.

September 20 – Retiree Lunch sponsored by Barry Seelig at Bemo’s in Cottleville. Meet at 11:00 am.

September 21 – Sunset and Sangria in Columbia, IL

September 23 – Cars and Coffee at On the Grind in Crystal City sponsored by the Givens.

September 24 – Club Picnic sponsored by the Board. Cliff Cave Park with a road rally prior to the picnic. Brandon Hoosier will be adding his famous smoked pulled pork to the menu. Please sign up to bring a side dish.

September 27 – Ladies Lunch sponsored by Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset – Lunch is at the Sappington House. Before lunch there will be a tour of the house.

October 3 – Monthly meeting.

October 5-8 – Corvette Weekend at Eureka Springs. Rick Frierdich is trying to get reservations for the dinner train. Karen Price is trying to get reservations for Local Flavor.

October 21 – Quilting. More to follow.

October 28 - Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon, IL

November 4 – Veterans Day Parade.

November 5 – Club Hayride.

December 2 – Club Christmas Party. **Note: There is no club meeting in December.**

New Business

Barb Payne presented more information on the trip to New Orleans next year. One of the hotels has gone out of business but those who have signed up have the information to make new reservations. More information to follow.

Thanks to Bob and Chris Woods for bringing tonight's cake. Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow to bring cake to the next meeting.

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

The attendance prize was won by Anne Pickles.

Gary Duke won \$100 in the 50/50 drawing.

The results of the by-law proposed changes were announced and all the changes passed.

President Karen Price asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Duke made a motion to adjourn with a second by Steve Kirby. The motion was accepted, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hagenow, for Leslie Hoosier
Acting Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report



The Caravan is often referred to as the world's largest moving automotive event. Remember all roads lead to Bowling Green. Our captains this time are Dana and George Meyer

The caravan only happens every 5 years and the next is Labor Day weekend 2024 (Aug. 29-31, 2024). Here is the cost of the Caravan: \$30.00 pp for Lifetime members, \$40.00 pp for members and \$65.00 pp for non-members.

This will be an exciting weekend. It always is. We have been in every Caravan, including the Grand Opening, except for the last one in 2019 due to

medical reasons. There are always a large number of Corvettes at Caravan events.

I know that the captains are still working on hotel rooms and rates, but they might be higher than usual.

If you would like to be in the Caravan, then you should sign up soon because the Caravan captains will be the ones who get the rooms for the Caravan registered people.

We did attend this year's 29th anniversary event along with five other members of our club. There were lots of tech sessions and talks with some very knowledgeable people. There was also the Hall of Fame induction ceremony which took place on Saturday.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors



Governor's Report

Your Governor attended several meetings on September 8th and 9th, both the Regional and National NCCC meetings. Here are several key items:

The National Convention held at Bowling Green this past June was the largest

held in many years with 750 attendees and turned a nice profit of \$39,000. As a result, NCCC donated \$21,000 to St Jude.

The 2024 National Convention will be held in Joplin, Missouri on May 13-19. Registration will start earlier than previously with registration being open January 15th. Planned events include several parties, cruises along Route 66 to the east and west, and another to the Daisy BB Gun Museum, and a cruise to Crystal Bridges/ Frank Lloyd Wright, a Funkhana, Scavenger Hunt, a Concours car show and People's Choice car show, Valve Cover Races, a cruise on the Branson Belle Showboat, and a Poker Run. For the competition oriented, autocrosses and drag races – non-record eliminations, bracket races and matching times. And more parties! Three hotels are under contract with flat rates from \$105 to \$119. It will be great! For additional information, please check the corvettesnccc.org website. Also, there will be a warm-up autocross to be held at the Convention's selected site on October 28 and 29, 2023. Check for the flyer on the NCCC website.

Scholarship applications open on November 1st, and close mid-March 2024.

Insurance: No claims were made this past year. The previous \$1.2M claim was settled for \$67k.

Rule book changes – on-line voting by the Governors has commenced on those measures brought forth by the Regional Competition Committee. No major issues, but if anyone wants more information, please email me and I can elaborate.

To those of you who may want to continue your NCCC membership, it will get you all of the NCCC benefits including sanctioned events and Blue Bars magazine which will enable you to remain abreast of Corvette activities and gatherings. Since we are entering the renewal period, and as your NCCC representative, I have

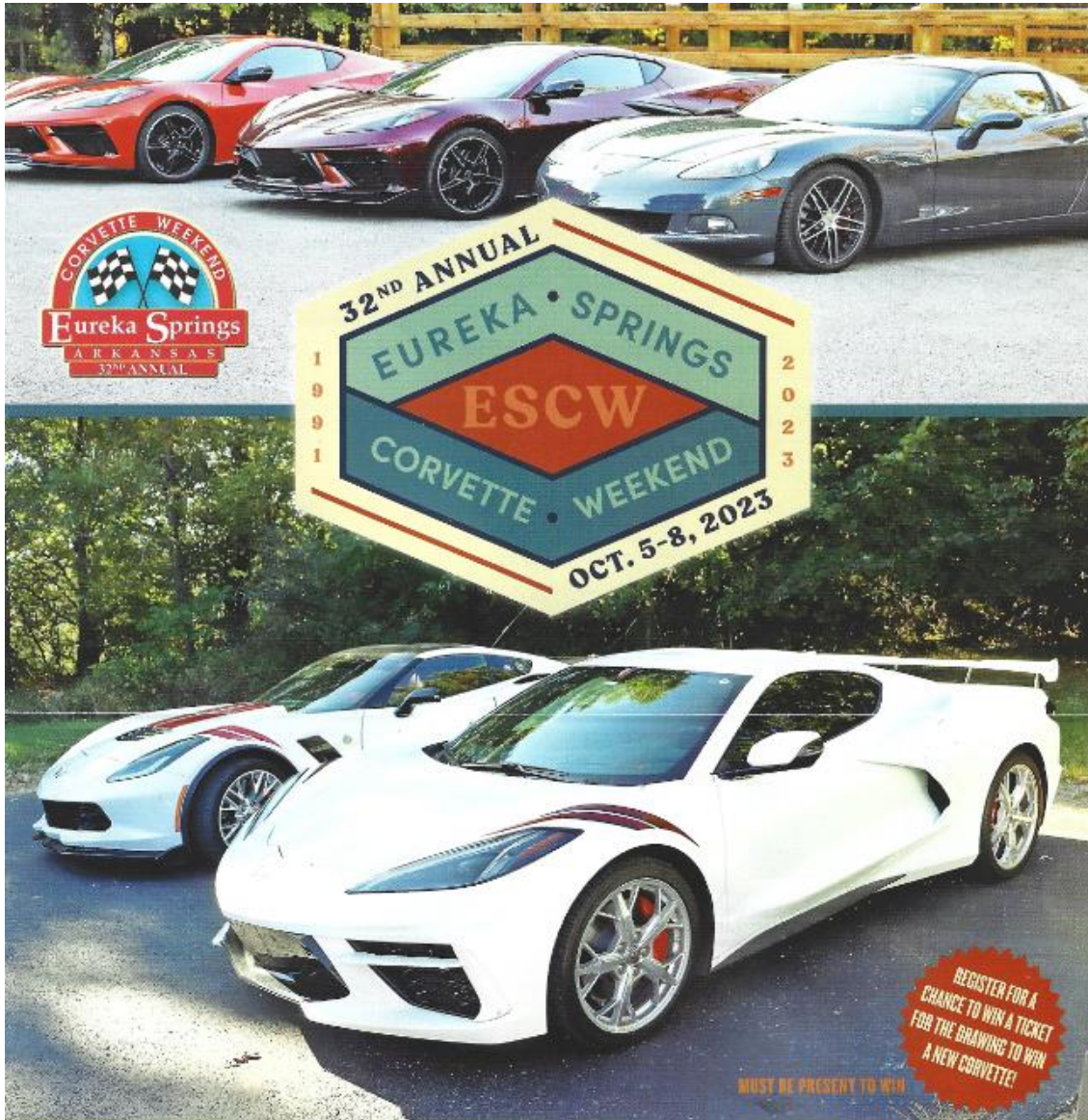
arranged with Sandy Arnold, our Midwest Regional Membership Director, to coordinate any renewals directly without burdening the STLCC membership process. Please either call or text me by mid-October if you would like to continue as an NCCC member. If you choose not to renew your NCCC membership, please follow us at: www.corvettesnccc.org Like the saying goes, “We joined for the car; we stay for the people!”

Cheers,

Larry Walker

STLCC NCCC Governor

Future Events



ON SITE REGISTRATION • FUEL ECONOMY RUN • POKER RUN • PARADE OF CHAMPIONS • FOR SALE CORRAL
 QUICK 60 COMPETITION • OWNER'S CHOICE CAR SHOW • BLINDMAN AUTOCROSS • SCENIC TOUR • BON VOYAGE BREAKFAST

All registered cars will receive a 10% discount on all National Corvette Museum purchases during this weekend. Registered cars will also receive a 10% discount if purchasing a museum membership.

NOW AVAILABLE: ADVANCE REGISTRATION. PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT EUREKASPRINGSCORVETTE.ORG

Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend • An Arkansas non-profit corporation, with proceeds going to charity.



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When:

- Saturday, October 14th @ 8:30am

Where:

- Long Story Coffee
- 732 S Illinois St
- Belleville, IL 62220

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

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

October Retirees Luncheon

October 18, 2023 – 11:30 AM

1860 Public House
102 South Main Street
Red Bud, IL 62278

The old Opera House in Red Bud is home to a new restaurant, and it's well worth the trip! The menu contains so many choices with something to appeal to everyone. Hamburgers, salads, wraps, sandwiches and daily specials. We are excited to be dining in the TEXACO room! Get it.....car buffs! LOL! There is lots of history with this beautiful restaurant and look forward to our club enjoying lunch there. They are eager to host us!

There is available street parking and the map below with designations in blue show available parking lots.



Luncheon will be sponsored by the Howard's and Zeisset's. We will have a sign up sheet at the October meeting or feel free to text Valerie (618) 719-4937 or Ruth at (314) 486-6836. **RSVP by 10/10/23!**



SUNSET & SANGRIA

**11604 Bluff Rd
Columbia, IL 62236**

Come and enjoy the friends, sunset, and Sangria!

**The third Thursday of the month from May
through October**

Starting at 6:00 p.m. through sunset and beyond

<https://www.sunsetoverlook.com/>

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

givensjwg@gmail.com



VA Hospital Garden



This past club meeting I had a few of our Club members stand for a bit to recognize them for all their hard work at the garden behind building 52. This has been a strange year for our weather, the heat, rain, dry time, and more heat. These members have given a lot of their time to help keep this garden looking good all year. Thank you all.

For our newer members and the rest of our members that do not know what this garden is all about, I'll try to explain.

At a meeting in 2004 a wise member said we need a way of giving back to our community. The VA Hospital garden was started. We had a group clean up the area and put in new plants in the spring. Watering and trimming were done through the summer. Then in the fall we will have a cleanup of the garden area again. This is about giving our Veteran patients and staff a chance of getting out of the hospital for a little while and enjoying the garden we have given them.

I hope we can continue doing this with our Corvette family.

The fall cleanup will be held on October 21. Meet in the parking lot by Building 52 at 9:00.

Marty and Judy Dooley



VA Clean Up

Oct. 21, 2023

9:00 am

So we can go in together meet in the parking lot in front of building
52

Please bring work gloves and any hand tools

Any questions call:

Marty Dooley – 314-814-4349

Judy Dooley – 314-814-4495



COME JOIN US AT FRITZ'S ICE CREAM

**THERE IS A CHANGE IN DATE FOR THE
OCTOBER EVENT. IT WILL BE
OCTOBER 22 AT 5:30 P.M.**

GET READY FOR
BUNCO

EAT DRINK AND ROLL
SOME DICE

HOSTED BY MIKE AND KAREN PRICE
SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH @ 6PM.

THE PRICE'S
2400 OAKMONT CT. HIGH RIDGE, MO.
63049

BRING \$5.00 PER PERSON AND A DISH TO
SHARE.

EAT AT 6 AND BEGIN PLAY AT 7.

IT'S AN OCTOBER MEAL, WE'RE SERVING
BRATS.

DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED

RSVP 10/24/23

KAREN 314-954-4803





ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB

ANNUAL HAYRIDE SPONSORED BY ELCO

SUNDAY – OCTOBER 29th – 4:30 pm

PLEASE NOTICE DATE CHANGE

Dickherber Farms
7063 Highway N
Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368



Please come out and join us for a great night around the firepit and going for a ride on the hay wagon!

Hotdogs will be provided by ELCO, and we ask that everyone bring a side or a dessert.

Don't forget your chairs, beverage of choice and hotdog cooking stick! Looking forward to a relaxing time sitting around the firepit and enjoying the camaraderie of friends.

Your last chance to sign up is October 20th.

Please respond to Ruth Howard for your reservation at 314-486-6836 or rhoward15@charter.net

Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 11, 2023

8:30 am Meet at Ameren Parking Lot D

18th 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 Saucy's High Ridge

Questions: Call/Text Mike P. at 636-222-0390

Revised 9/26/2023.

Thank You

**ST LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2023

THE FALLS

300 ADMIRAL WEINEL BLVD

COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS, 62236

6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

(COCKTAILS – OPEN BAR 6:00- 9:30 PM & CASH BAR 9:30-11PM)

APPETIZERS SERVED 6-7 PM AND DINNER – 7:00 P.M.

COST \$60.00 PER PERSON (PAYMENT TO BE MADE TO "ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB")

BUFFET

ROAST BEEF WITH GRAVY; CHICKEN MARSALA; CAVETELLI PASTA WITH BROCCOLI & TOMATO; CATALINA VEGETABLE BLEND; MASHED ROASTED GARLIC POTATOES; SPINACH POPPYSEED SALAD; DINNER ROLLS WITH BUTTER, DESSERT, COFFEE, TEA AND SODA.

PLEASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 7TH TO CHRIS WOODS @ 314-846-6176 OR
"WOODS1890@SBCGLOBAL.NET"



Spring Trip to NOLA

Presented by Payne Travel Associates, LLC

Travel Planning by Master Travel Planner, Barb Payne

Assisted by her Minions

Article by Mike Kunst

Spring is right around the corner! Well, maybe a few corners. Nonetheless, I am looking forward to our trip to NOLA and so much more fun on the way there. In the September newsletter, we shared some of the stops along the way for the first half of the trip. Below is a sampling of the second half of the trip. But first, a word from the President and CEO of Payne Travel Associates, LLC.

Master Travel Planner Barb Payne:

It's not too late to join us on our trip down to New Orleans next Spring. Currently, we have 20 people going on the trip with another 10 people still considering taking the trip. Some people are just meeting us in New Orleans, so feel free to join us for any part of the trip. If you want hotel information or have any questions, please contact any one of your committee members.

Barb Payne

President & CEO

Payne Travel Associates, LLC

314-223-6679

Minions:

Ken Payne 314-223-6678

Mike Kunst 314-724-5267

Pam Schmidt 314-456-6454

Jerry Schmidt 314-966-4156

Here are a few photos and descriptions from Barb of the second half of the trip.



Swamp Boat Tour on Lake Martin—Beautiful fauna and flora. (2 photos)



Rip Van Winkle Gardens—Tour the gardens with peacocks roaming around.



Rip Van Winkle Gardens—We will roam the gardens and have lunch here overlooking a lake.



Enjoy Cajun and Creole cuisine in Lafayette, LA.



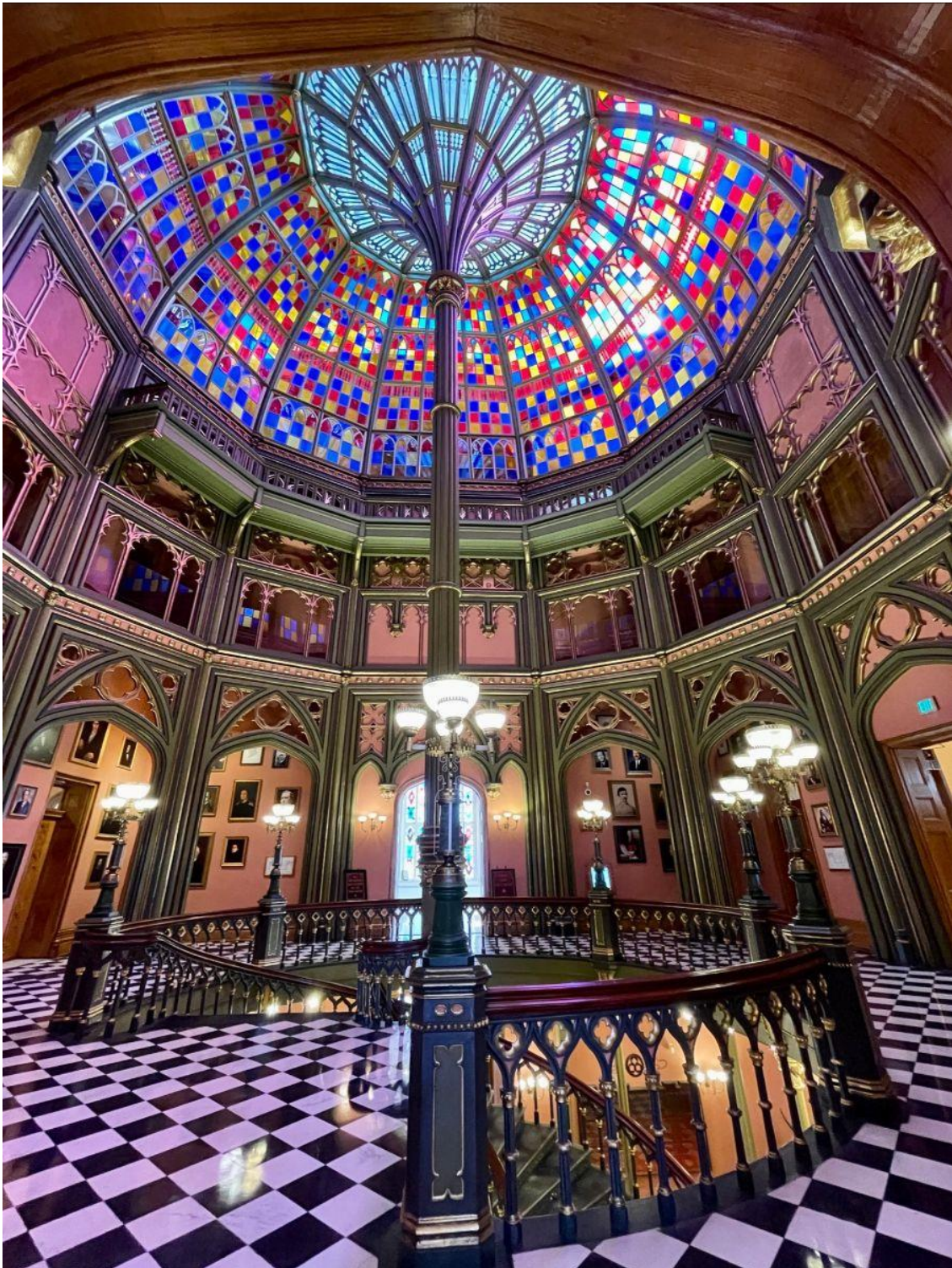
Drive on I-10 from Lafayette to Baton Rouge across the Atchafalaya Swamp.



New State Capitol in Baton Rouge—tallest state capitol in US.



Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge—Looks like a medieval fortress sitting on a hill overlooking the Mississippi River.



The Old State Capitol in Baton Rouge has a beautiful interior design and stained-glass dome.



USS Kidd— tour the USS Kidd, a WWII destroyer.



Oak Alley Plantation—We will tour a plantation, this is Oak Alley Plantation, with its beautiful Live Oaks leading to the mansion.



New Orleans—Take a ride on the NOLA street cars to get around.



New Orleans—Jackson Square in French Quarter.



New Orleans—French Quarter at night.

Other Events

The following events are not sponsored by STLCC but are included for your information.



Corvette Club Fall "Quilt-a-Thon"

Oct. 21, 2023 10:00 am-??

CountryLane Woods II Clubhouse

851 Country Stone Drive
Manchester, MO 63021

Cost: \$10

Materials Needed:

- Sewing machine, scissors or rotary cutter, seam ripper, pen, ruler
- 1 yard of background fabric (non-directional is best) and/or binding fabric
- Miscellaneous 4 inch squares of fabric (18-24 depending on which pattern you choose) , or a charm pack
- Thread to sew with and thread for quilting (think about color)
- 1/2 yard batting (14 X 38 inches)
- Small slotted ruler (if you have one, if not, can borrow ours)

Can't wait to see you there !! Vickie and Kim

Past Events

Tail of the Dragon and Devil's Triangle

Sponsored by Angie and John Midkiff

Submitted by John Midkiff

Photos courtesy of John and Angie Midkiff, Karen Price,
Barb Payne and Mary Doerr

Day 4

Thursday was a free day in Asheville. Michelle and Randy left early to tour a nearby motorcycle museum. The rest of the group took a trolley tour of the Asheville areas that included tours of the arts area and went exploring in small groups.



Later that afternoon we met up at the Asheville tourist center and departed for a 1.5-hour drive to Fontana Village, NC. After checking in and getting settled, the group had dinner at the Wildwood Grill located on the property.



Day 5

Friday was a free day with no scheduled group activity. We set up several options

for people to enjoy and most of the group opted to drive the Cherohala Skyway Loop. This is a pleasant 120-mile loop winding through the surrounding area with numerous scenic overlooks where people can stop and enjoy the scenery. Unfortunately, the fog was heavy that morning and there was not much to see. Everyone had an enjoyable lunch at the Iron Works Grille in Tellico Plains, TN and then proceeded back to the lodge via Tail of the Dragon. Michelle and Randy opted to spend the day driving Tail of the Dragon and relaxing at the Lodge. Since Angie and I had driven the Cherohala Skyway Loop on our scouting tour, we opted to spend the day driving Moonshiners 28. Moonshiners 28 is a 103-mile trek from North Carolina, through Georgia and into South Carolina. Departing the lodge, we proceeded onto Highway 28 and enjoyed 10 – 15 miles of twisting turning two lane road until we turned on to a newer four lane divided highway (boring). Happily, we were only on that about 5-6 miles before turning onto the two lane highway again -- Game on. We stayed on this road until we reached the terminus in Walhalla, SC. In route we stopped briefly at Bridal Falls for a photo op. At one time you could drive your car behind the falls, but access to the area behind the falls is now blocked off to vehicular traffic.



After we reached Walhalla, we filled up, grabbed some snacks and Angie took the driver's seat for the return trip. For the most part it was just as much fun as the trip out, but we did run into a rainstorm that stayed with us for 30 – 45 minutes.

Once we had completed the drive, we had time to spare before we needed to meet everyone else for the evening's activity. We briefly visited the gift shop at Deals Gap, NC and then I drove the 11 miles of the Tail of the Dragon out and back. When leaving the gift shop, I noticed a Cadillac pulling out of the shop across the road. I decided I was not going to get stuck behind him and quickly pulled out onto the road and accelerated away in Corvette fashion. As it turned out this was a good decision. We met him as we were coming back at the 2.5-mile marker going the opposite way. When I reached the end, I asked Angie if she wanted to take over and she told me to enjoy myself, which I proceeded to do in

the opposite direction.

At 5:00 pm the group went to the Marina and departed on a relaxing tour of the lake. Fortunately, it was not a three-hour tour, and we all made it back to the Marina. Our guide and pilot imparted the history of the area including construction of the dam, flooding of the valley to create the lake and the effort of the former residents to regain access to the cemeteries where their ancestors are buried. He also shared an interesting story about the dam being targeted on 9-11 but was saved from destruction because the fog that time of year doesn't burn off until mid-morning and the dam was not visible. By the time it was visible, the FAA had grounded all aircraft. After the lake tour, we proceeded back to the lodge and again had dinner at the Wildwood Grill.







Day 6

Saturday, we woke up to intermittent rain showers. Ken and Barb left us to go visit family in South Carolina. Others chose to leave and head straight for home. The six cars remaining left the lodge and proceeded to Nashville, TN. When we reached Deals Gap, we got a photo of each car and their occupants in front of the Dragon sculpture.



After the photo session, we headed onto the Tail of the Dragon. We had a lot of fun, but encountered several slow-moving vehicles and were slowed up until they chose to use one of the pullout areas and let us by. As many of you have already heard this is the point when Angie got into trouble. We had just gotten past a few of these slow movers and had gotten a couple miles down the road when we saw

two Tennessee State troopers, Uh oh. First ticket in the new car. Dennis got the lucky dog award that day. He and Janet were right behind us. He pulled off with us and the Trooper just walked by him and let him go. After that bit of excitement, we all continued to Nashville, stopping at a fast-food restaurant for lunch. That evening we all enjoyed pizza in the hotel since many in our group had tickets for the Grand Ole Opry. They reported the show was excellent and all who attended enjoyed the evening. The rest of us stayed in and rested.



Sunday morning, we proceeded home with three cars. The remainder of our group choosing to leave earlier or taking a side trip. The Midkiffs, Prices and Judy and Mike had an uneventful drive home stopping for lunch again at Rafferty's in Paducah, KY. We arrived back in town just in time to attend the Fritz's run.

My thanks to everyone who joined us on the trip. I hope you all had a good time; I know Angie and I enjoyed the time we spent with you.

NCM 29th Anniversary Celebration

Article by Mike Kunst

Each year at the NCM Anniversary celebration, three new members of the Corvette Hall of Fame are inducted. These inductees come from three different areas of the Corvette world, Enthusiast, Racing, and General Motors. I must admit that I don't usually know who these people are until I attend this event. The stories are always fascinating. If you want to read more about the 2023 Hall of Fame class, follow the link below. There is a link inside the article that will take you to the full story of the very first production Corvette, 3950.

[Three Inducted Into The National Corvette Museum's Hall Of Fame | Hemmings](#)

As many of you know, Kai Spande took a separation package offer from GM and departed the company at the end of July. Kai continues in his role as President of the NCM Board of Directors until his term ends on December 31, 2023. He will continue to be active with the NCM as Past President. So, who is the new Bowling Green Assembly Plant Director?

Meet Ray Theriault. He has worked at nine GM sites in the US and China. In the US, he has worked at sites in Kentucky, Michigan, and Tennessee. His major assignments have been in Propulsion Manufacturing (both ICE and Battery), Vehicle Manufacturing (Car and Truck), and Quality (Domestic and International). He has been married to Amanda for 28 years and has three adult children, Jessica, Anna, and Sara. He seems to be an able successor to Kai. He is clearly customer oriented which is one of the most unique requirements of the Corvette Plant Director's job.







The first production Corvette mentioned above was at the museum for the Anniversary Celebration. The gentleman in the first photo is Corey Peterson. He is the owner of the Corvette. He hasn't decided what is next for the car. The condition of the paint is that it is gone from environmental wear. You are basically looking at the raw panels with the resin showing.

There was Corvette Racing news. GM is no longer directly sponsoring a racing team. GM has produced a Corvette built for racing that Pratt Miller will race in 2024. Other teams will be able to access this new Corvette Z06 GT3.R for racing. Here is a page on the Pratt Miller website:

[Corvette Racing by Pratt Miller Motorsports to campaign two GTD PRO Corvette Z06 GT3.Rs in 2024 - Pratt Miller](#)



We were fortunate to have the new Z06 GT3.R brought to the NCM directly from testing at Circuit of The Americas in Austin, TX often referred to as COTA. You can see road debris on the windshield from the testing. That is one heck of a heat extraction vent on the hood! Imagine the down force it creates!

Yes, there is more news from the event, but I will restrain myself for now and promise to return for the November newsletter. Thanks for reading for those of you who read the article to the end.

Bunco

Hosted by Dawn and Steve Kirby









Bunco Winners!

Mid America Funfest 2023

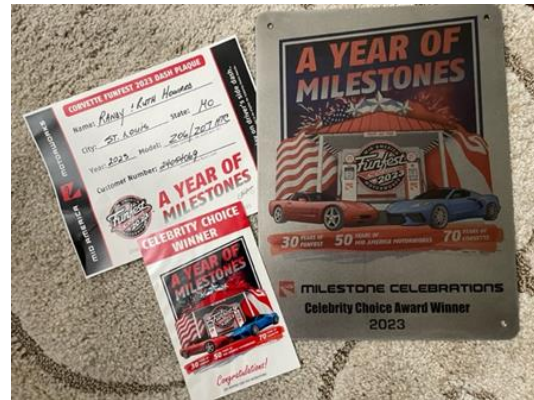
Articles and pictures by Ruth Howard and Michelle Paillou

Below Article and Pictures by Ruth Howard

Here are some pictures from Funfest 2023. It was absolutely gorgeous weather and a great time with great friends. Randy & I were excited to be chosen by Mike Yager (owner of Mid America Motorworks) as Celebrity Choice

Award. Unfortunately, we had one misstep. Randy stepped out in front of Mike's golf cart and oops! LOL!

We were saddened to hear that this will be the last year of Funfest, but not the last Corvette event there. Next year it will be a one-day event and Mike & Laurie Yager promise to make it a great event. Please remember that Mid America Motorworks will still be family owned and continuing to sell your Corvette needs!





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Below Article and Pictures by Michelle Paillou

Funfest in Effingham, IL was held this year on September 14 -16th. Marie Chance, an associate member and I drove to Effingham on Wednesday afternoon. She drove the 2004 and I drove my 1958 (MYSTI). We got to the field early Thursday morning. Ruth and Randy Howard arrived soon after. Ruth and Randy received a Celebrity Choice award from Michael Yager Jr. He is Mid America Motorworks owner's son. For those new to the club, Celebrity Choice awards are given to any car for any reason by the celebrity. My 58 also was picked by Kim the owner of Kim's Gold Dust. Turns out that she owns a 1960 and a 2019 corvette. Her 1960 is what got her into the jewelry business.

During the weekend I saw the Dooleys, the Wooldridges, Marc Portman, and Barry Seelig. The Zeissets were there but I never saw them. If I missed anyone, I am sorry.

There were not a lot of vendors, however I sure spent enough at the ones that were there. They had two food trucks back out at the last minute because the trucks couldn't get enough workers to man them.

There was a road rally on Friday night that ended at the town square. There were easily 250 cars in the rally.

On Saturday Mike announced that this would be the last Funfest as we know it. Due to staffing issues, he will be downsizing from a 3-day event to a 1-day event on the 3rd Saturday of September. Later Saturday evening was the annual concert. It was a Bob Seger tribute band, and they were very good. I will certainly miss the 3-day event. In its day it was huge. I have met many good people at Funfest and some that I can certainly call friends; that is the joy of owning a Corvette. It's all about the people.

On a side note, MYSTI stayed in Effingham. She is at Kenny Yager's shop (that's Mike's brother). She is getting a new top, weatherstripping, new seats and some other maintenance under the hood.





Ice Cream at Fritz's

Sponsored by Ken and Barb Payne, John and Angie Midkiff, and
John Jordan and Joyce Newbauer





October Retirees' Lunch

Sponsored by Barry Seelig









Sunset and Sangria

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens







Coffee and Corvettes

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens







Features and Announcements

STLCC Membership Anniversaries

Article by Mike Kunst

The newsletter staff is introducing a new feature this month. As many of you know, next year is our 20th year for STLCC as a restart Corvette club. It will be a special year for us. The STLCC Newsletter Staff will be publishing the 5 / 10 / 15 and soon 20 year membership anniversaries in a new section following our traditional Birthdays and Anniversaries (wedding). Of course, some months will not have any members with milestone membership anniversaries.

To start this feature, we are listing every STLCC Member indicating their past achievement of these milestones. We hope to see everyone enjoy our club in the years to come. Please note the footnoted members who all have original join dates earlier. This data reflects the last join date. We are still looking at a way to handle these situations. Also, our newest member, Mike McElhone, is not in the list yet.

15 + Years	10 + Years	5 + Years	Less than 5 Years
Ballinger, Sharon	Akins, Larry	Bradley, Bob	Braznell, Jack
Bradley, Peggy Craig	Finn, Michelle	Duke, Erin	Brennan, Jaime
Cox, Carl	Giovanoni, Judy	Duke, Gary	Brennan, Rick
Cox, Pat	Griggs, Dana	Friedrich, Rick ¹	Glandt, Marian
Doerr, Mary	Griggs, Diana	Gifforn, Jerry	Hedgorth, Maggie
Doerr, Rick	Grubb, Laurie	Gifforn, Sonja	Hedgorth, Steve
Dooley, Judy	Grubb, Mike	Givens, Bev	Henges, Judy
Dooley, Marty	Marlo, Sherri	Givens, Jim	Henges, Mike
Hagenow, Mary Ann	Marlo, Tom	Jokerst, Jane	Hoogveld, Robert
Hagenow, Ron	Rickermann, Randy	Kirby, Dawn	Hoogveld, Vicki
Howard, Randy		Kirby, Steve	Hoosier, Brandon
Howard, Ruth		Kunst, Mike	Hoosier, Leslie

Murray, Gary
Murray, Jan
Paillou, Michelle
Pickles, Anne
Pickles, Don
Price, Karen
Price, Mike
Woods, Bob
Woods, Chris

Luebcke, Rich ¹
Luebcke, Theresa ¹
Mattler, Bill
Mattler, Gail
Midkiff, Angie
Midkiff, John
Payne, Barb
Payne, Ken
Portman, Marc
Queen, Pam
Queen, Ray
Rogers, Bob
Rogers, JoAnn
Ross, Pat
Roth, Lynda
Seelig, Barry
Sheer, Kirt
Sheer, Marcia
Trost, Dennis
Trost, Janet
Walker, Dianna
Walker, Larry
Yovich, Kevin
Zeisset, Dale
Zeisset, Val

Jordan, John
Kusky, Bob ²
Kusky, Patti ²
Lauer, Brenda
Lauer, Russell
Mueller, Kathy
Mueller, Terry
Newbauer, Joyce
Pilla, Linda
Pilla, Mike
Schmidt, Jerry
Schmidt, Pam
Stieren, Jeff
Stieren, Tracy
Walsh, Brian
Walsh, June
Willis, Julie
Willis, Steve
Wooldridge, Bruce
Wooldridge, Kathy

¹ Member is a Charter Member of the STLCC but has break(s) in membership.

² Member has a break in membership.

St Louis Car Museum Open House and Car Show

Article by Sarah Boothby, Photographer/Marketing Manager,
St. Louis Car Museum & Sales

Hello – Sarah here with the Saint Louis Car Museum. On September 9th we hosted our annual open house & car show at our showroom where one of your club members, Robert H., cruised away with the Kid's Choice Award! They loved his 2023 C8 Corvette. I thought you would like to have photos from the event highlighting his vehicle and class win!



Picture Submitted by The Dooleys



Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club

Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

Thanks to Mike Kunst who is working on a project to identify the dates when members joined, we found out that two-thirds of the current club have been a member for 10 years or less. What is funny is that in those early years we were always looking for members. We used to have business cards and a trifold brochure advertising the club (I still have some in my car). We would put them on people's cars whenever we saw another Corvette. Now we have a waiting list. (Who knew that we'd be so popular!).

And some of you may wonder why we limit membership to 100 members. When our founders formed the club, they decided that 100 members would be the limit because it was too hard to know everyone in a bigger club. Those of us who have been around for a while will tell you that it's much harder to get to know everyone as our club has gotten larger.

With that in mind, here are some October memories from the first ten years of the club.

In October 2005, current member Marty Dooley was our President, Rick Frierdich was our Vice President, Mike Price was the Newsletter Editor and Peggy Craig (Bradley) was our Membership Director. Our meetings were held at Hessler's Pub

on Tesson Ferry Road and we had 39 members. The club was sponsored by Route 66 Chevrolet in Pacific, MO. Theresa Luebcke had ordered 36 club flags for our cars for when we do parades (I still have mine). This month we helped Route 66 with an auto cross event as well as going to Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. Rick Frierdich was looking for cars for the Veterans Day Parade for November. We were still doing our Thursday night dinners where we met at a different restaurant every Thursday each month.

Our President in October 2010 was Randy Howard, Ruth Howard was Membership Chair, Rich Luebcke was our NCCC governor and Judy Dooley was our NCM Ambassador. Guests were current member Michelle Finn and Mike and Amy Zlatic who eventually became Vice President and Newsletter Editor respectively. We had 96 members in the club and were meeting at Sunset Lakes Golf and Banquet Center on W. Watson. We had a lot of activities this month. Besides our annual trek to Eureka Springs, we attended Corvettes and Warbirds at Smartt Field where member Steve Lyle gave us rides in his airplane and had a scavenger hunt through country roads between Columbia, IL and Wentzville, MO. A club picnic was held the following weekend and the weekend after that was our annual hayride and cookout sponsored by ELCO.

In 2013 current member Ruth Howard was President. We heard she slept with the President from 2010 to get the job! Current member Karen Price was Secretary, Treasurer was Rick Doerr, Don Pickles was Sergeant-at-Arms and Jan Murray was Membership Chair. Our meetings were held at TJ Wings in Valley Park and there were 81 members in the club. It was a busy month with Eureka Springs, a car show/chili cookoff, a happy hour at Terrazza Grill, a hayride and Fritz's. We received an email thank you from a representative of the Army for our recent donation of food and other items for those serving overseas.

Now for some past October pictures:



“Twins” Judy Dooley and Sharon Ballinger were dressed alike at Eureka Springs in October 2005.



Master grillers hard at work at the ELCO car show in October 2010.



It was a cold night for the hayride in October 2013 and we'll leave it to your imagination as to what Bob Kusky was thinking.



And just last year, Valerie Zeisset was the only one to show up for Corvettes and Coffee and here is the picture to prove it.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

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