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President's Message

Hello Members!

I hope that the cooler weather has you looking forward to the changes that only Fall in Missouri can bring! Just as the seasons change, so is our club. The past few months have brought a necessary business issue to accommodate those changes along with a damper on the fun that our club is known for. I appreciate all of the time, opinions and work that this has created along with the stress and disappointments. But one of the strongest attributes of our club is the support that members give each other, even when we do not agree. It is the reason that I accepted the daunting task of being president and tackling the insurance issue. Knowing I had a great group of members that would be passionate, sincere and at the end want the best outcome for our club gave me the courage to complete this.

So, with that being said, I look forward to the next meeting where our vote will be completed, and we can get back to having the fun that we all joined this club for! The club picnic is being planned to be the best yet and fun trips to enjoy the Fall foliage are being planned.

Please remember to bring personal care items for the Veterans and also your dues for 2024. I look forward to seeing everyone at 6:30 p.m. September 5th at ELCO.

Enjoy the cooler weather and save the wave!

Karen Price, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Bob Kusky

Julie Willis

Kimberlie Gerecke

Jerry Schmidt

Patti Kusky

Lynda Roth

Jim Love

Kevin Yovich

Marian Glandt

Vicki Hoogveld

Tom Marlo

Randy Rickermann

ANNIVERSARIES

Jerry & Pam Schmidt

Ray & Pam Queen

Bob & Chris Woods

Meeting Minutes

St. Louis Corvette Club August 1, 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
Secretary: Leslie Hoosier	Sargent at Arms: Jack Braznell
Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark Gerecke & Eric DeBruin	

- Reminder: Sign-in sheet, attendance prize sign-up, 50/50 tickets, activity sign-up sheets. Please do not arrive until 6:30 pm to avoid disrupting ELCO business.
- New members & guests: Mike McElhone, approved by board as a member.
- 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: Chris Woods motion to approve, Ken Payne second, approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Judy Dooley motion to approve, Barry Seelig seconded, approved.
- Membership Report - Changes since the July 11, 2023 Business Meeting:
 - New members added – Mike McElhone, by Board decision
 - Members leaving – None.
 - Associate Members added – Marie Chance reinstated

- Regular Members: 102 (includes 10 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 5 (includes 1 Charter Member)
- Associate Members: 4
- Sponsors: 4
- Total Members: 102 (excludes sponsors)

- Membership Waiting List
- John Eskew
- Steve & Kim Marre
- Pat & Jean Rohlman
- Harry Hammer
- Joseph Vitale
- Ed & Joanmarie Hartzke
- Patrick & Jenni Belding
- John & Kitty Lasinski (bought Payne's C6)

We have several others who have asked to join, but they have not yet submitted their applications.

- Committee Reports:
 - Newsletter: Kathy Mueller (Thanks for great newsletter) Reminder: send Kathy event flyers for newsletter!
 - Sponsorship: On target.
 - Website update: On target.
 - Budget: Mike Kunst, Don Pickles, Rick Doerr. On target.
 - By-laws (Mike Price, Val Zeisset, John Midkiff): John Midkiff presented the committee's proposed changes to the bylaws. The club will go to Hagerty insurance, no matter what. The Club will vote on changes to bylaws and whether we remain NCCC Affiliate. If club votes to stay NCCC Affiliate, that will double our insurance &

dues. Proposed bylaws changes emailed out to members to review. Vote will be held at September meeting.

- Teresa Luebcke – made motion to change part of the associate member definition to “any person whose residence is 75 miles or more from the sponsor’s facility or current meeting location.” Rich Luebcke seconded motion. Discussion ensued regarding the history of associate members & that they are exempt from participation requirements and cannot vote. Rich Luebcke made a motion to add these proposed changes to the ballot for next month, Kirt Sheer seconded. Held vote to include associate member definition changes into proposed bylaws changes. Majority vote indicated yes - will be included in the proposed bylaws changes that will be voted on during the September meeting. Mike Kunst will set up proxy vote for those not in attendance in September meeting. Approved (updated) bylaws will be sent out to all members after the September vote. All new members also get bylaws when they join.
- Charity: Checks have been sent to the charities for this year, \$100 to each. Judy reminded members that she will be collecting for Sleepers in September (not a club charity). For those who are interested – see Judy.
- Error on initial dues email - \$95/couple, \$55/single person.
- Events requirements – Judy will be reviewing events for participation & will let people know where they stand. Please make sure you meet the requirements for the year!
 - VA Garden: See Marty & Judy if you can help watering.
 - Parade: On target. Veterans Day updates at later date.

- Museum update: 29th Anniversary Labor Day weekend. Looking for volunteers, see Judy Dooley if interested. Our club is lifetime member & we get 6 free tickets if anyone is interested. Raffling off Sports Car magazine during meeting. (Members of museum already get magazine). Rich Luebcke encourages all to visit, many improvements have been made. Karen suggested we have a club trip to museum next year for our club's 20th anniversary.
- NCCC Governor's Report: No report, see newsletter.
- History: On target.
- Christmas Party: On target. Dec 2nd at the Falls in Columbia. Committee will be doing food tasting before next meeting.
- Nominating: Pam Queen & Val Zeisset will be taking over committee. Taking nominations in Aug & Sept; announce nominees in Oct, vote in November meeting for Sargent at Arms, Membership & Treasurer positions. Please put forth nominations!
- Sponsor Report: August 27th Indy Race here in St. Louis at Gateway. Looking for 150 Corvettes to celebrate 70th Anniversary. Mark will send out more information to club members. ELCO had good month! Still looking for pre-owned cars. If you're looking for commuter car consider Chevy Trax. Increasing inventory, also have some nice Cadillacs available. If you need any service, bring your vehicles to ELCO service dept and they will help you out! ELCO is 81st in the nation in Corvette sales currently.
- 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 events, or check the website.
- New Orleans trip in March 2024, have a committee putting together a wonderful trip. Info will be coming out soon! Book hotel early to make sure you get a spot!

- Barb also put out sign up sheet to see who might be interested in an Alaskan cruise next year.
- Thank you for bringing cake, Janet & Dennis Trost. Next month Chris Woods.
- Judy announced the attendance at the meeting – 61 members in attendance. Turn in your attendance sheets for events! Thanks to ELCO for allowing us to use the space!
- 50/50 drawing winner: Teresa Luebcke. Attendance prize winner: Zeissets (restaurant gift card). Sports Car Magazine winner: Brandon Hoosier.
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Rich Luebcke, Chris Woods seconded, adjourned. Thank you for coming! Drive safely.
- Next meeting, Sept 5th!

Upcoming Events (see website for more info):

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

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

August 17, Sunsets and Sangria, Sunset Overlook, Columbia IL

August 22, River City Casino & Beerhouse lunch, sponsored by the Howards

August 27, Fritz's Ice Cream, Valley Park MO

August 31, 29th Anniversary, National Corvette Museum

September 5, Monthly Club Meeting, ELCO

September 14-16, Fun Fest, MidAmerica Motorworks, Effingham IL

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

Leslie Hoosier

Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Here are some reasons of why you should join the National Corvette Museum.

The mission of the National Corvette Museum is to educate worldwide audiences on the evolution of the Corvette - America's Sports car - through collection, preservation, and celebration of its legacy.

The Museum in Motion events combine the fun of driving, socializing with other Corvette enthusiasts, sightseeing, and visiting unique places - including V.I.P. and behind-the-scenes opportunities that only the Museum can get you.

The National Corvette Museum Insurance is one of the fastest-growing collector vehicle insurance agencies in the country. Policyholders enjoy flexible mile tiers and agreed value coverage with premiums 50% - 70% of standard auto rates.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events



Mark your calendars for the next St. Louis Corvette Club Bunco night.

September 9th at the Kirby's home: 17004 Lakeside Ridge, Chesterfield, MO 63005

Dinner at 6 pm and Bunco starts at 7 pm. Reminder: \$5.00 per person – bring correct change please.

Our theme is Fiesta Bunco so bring your favorite Mexican dishes. Please sign up below listing entrée, appetizer, side, or dessert. Margaritas, beer, soda, and water will be provided.

RSVP by September 6th so we can make sure we have enough tables.

Contact – Steve at steve_kirby@sbcglobal.net or Dawn at dawnstroup@sbcglobal.net



CORVETTE FUNFEST 2023
WHEN: September 14th – 16th
2800 North 3rd Street, Effingham, IL

Funfest is way to celebrate our wonderful cars with others who also love Corvettes. It is held at Mid America Motorworks which is a catalog company that sells parts and clothing and accessories for Corvettes.

This year will be scaled back due to the owner's health. Mike Yeager had a heart attack last month. As of Thursday, August 24, I have not been able to find out all the events that are going on.

Some of the events are:

- Dan Wild, a talented caricature artist, will be providing his services exclusively on Friday the 15th from 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- The road tour will leave from Mid America to the city of Effingham for a Pre-Party in Downtown Effingham Friday early evening.
- There will be food trucks on site during the festival.
- Tickets are available for purchase for the Saturday Night Country Dinner. You can purchase your dinner ticket separately now at: <https://bit.ly/CFF23Dinner>.
- There is normally a concert after the dinner, but I have not seen anything about who is playing. The concerts in the past have always been very good.

To purchase a ticket, it is \$25.00 per car for the whole weekend. Google TicketWeb.com then search for Funfest 2023.

For any further information go to MidAmerica Motorworks Funfest 2023 Facebook page.



COME JOIN US AT FRITZ'S ICE CREAM

**THERE IS A CHANGE IN DATE FOR THE
SEPTEMBER EVENT. IT WILL BE ON
SEPTEMBER 17 AT 5:30 P.M.**

September Retiree Lunch



Bemo's

5373 State Rte N, Cottleville, MO 63304

11:00 AM, September 20, 2023

[Menu \(bemosgrill.com\)](https://bemosgrill.com)

Sign up at the September meeting.

Sponsored by Barry Seelig

Vetdude67@gmail.com

(314) 974-4644



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





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When:

- Saturday, September 23rd @ 8:30am

Where:

- On the Grind Coffee
- 1277 N Truman Blvd
- Crystal City, MO 63019

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

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

Annual Picnic
The St. Louis Corvette Club

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 September meeting. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please let Karen Price (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.



Ladies Day Out Luncheon

September 27th

Thomas Sappington House/The Barn Restaurant



The Thomas Sappington House is one of the oldest brick structures in St. Louis County. Built in 1808 by enslaved people, it is named after its namesake, Thomas Sappington (1783-1843), whose family was one of the first to settle in the county. The house is a well-preserved and rare example of Federal-style architecture in the state. Given its association with Sappington and architecture, the house was added to the National Register of Historic Places in 1974. The house is part of a complex that features the research Library of Americana and Decorative Arts, and The Barn restaurant. The site is owned and maintained by the City of Crestwood, and the Sappington House Foundation, conservators for 55 years, operate the facility, with the exception of the restaurant.



We would like to invite you to visit the Thomas Sappington House and Museum
and then enjoy lunch at The Barn Restaurant.

Meet at Hooters on South Lindbergh at 11:00 for departure time at 11:15. The plan is to visit the Sappington House Museum and then head over to the restaurant at 12:30 for a 12:45 reservation. If you have already

seen this amazing Museum and just want to meet us for lunch that is fine. Also, if meeting us at Hooters is out of your way you can meet us at the restaurant. There is an Overflow Parking area right behind the facility on Reco Avenue. That is where we will be parking the Corvette's or other cars.

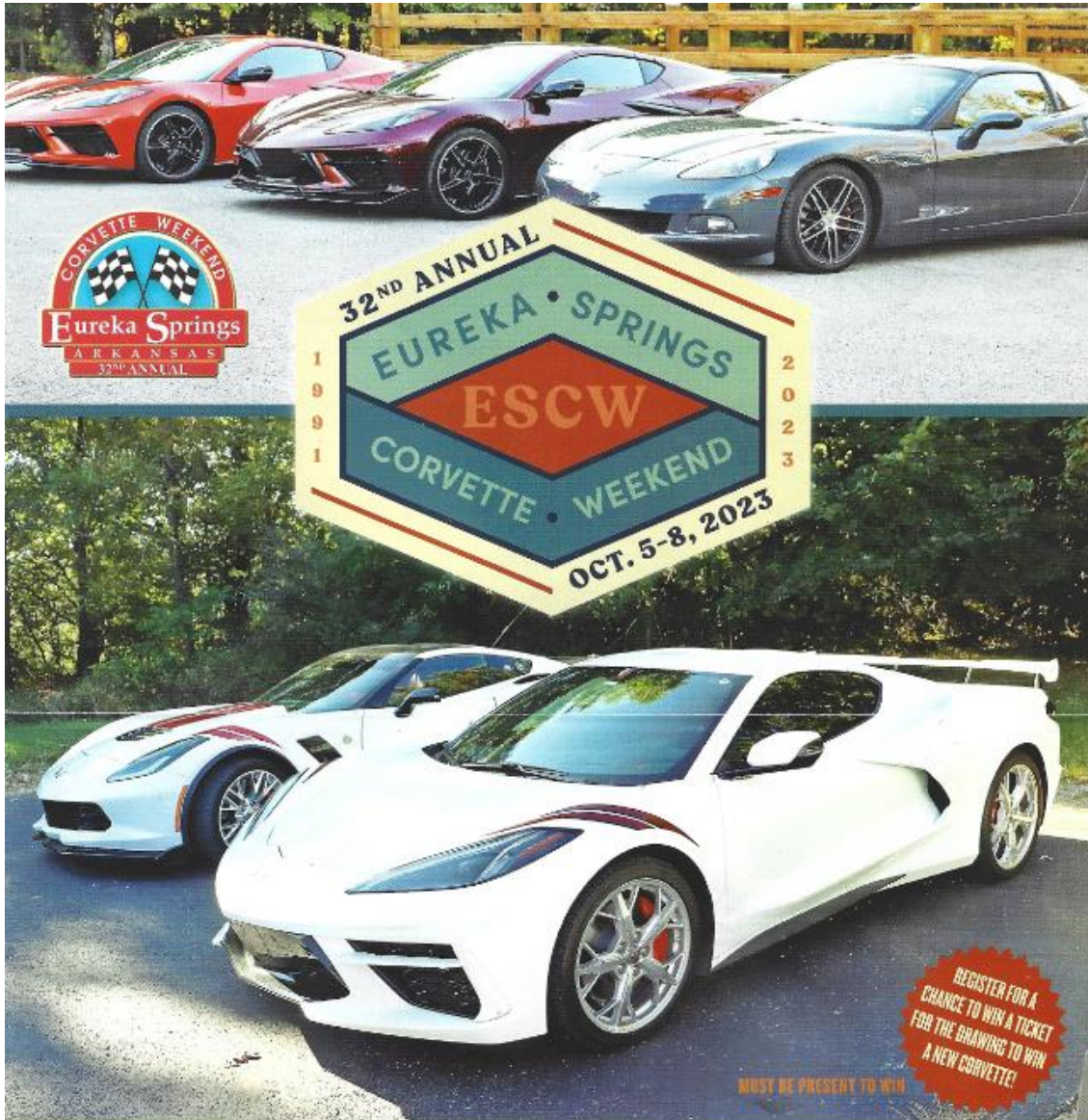
Reservations are due by September 18th.

This event is hosted by Valerie Zeisset, Ruth Howard & Joyce Newbauer
Here's a fun fact – Joyce Newbauer is a descendant of Thomas Sappington!

1015 South Sappington Road, St. Louis, MO 63126

www.historicsappingtonhouse.org

Text Valerie at 1-618-719-4937 or Ruth at 314-486-6836 to confirm your reservation.



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.

Going to Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

October 5 – 8, 2023?

Want to join us on the Dinner Train
5 PM Friday, Oct 6, 2023?

Then YOU need to contact Rick F.
at the number below right away!

Limited number of seats available!

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

**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

Many of us in the STLCC can't wait for the next multi-day trip in our Corvettes with fellow Corvette fans. The combination of driving our Corvettes to new places in a caravan of Corvettes, seeing interesting new points of interest, and socializing with our friends is the best benefit of our Corvette Club. Want to know more about others in the club? Traveling across country for an enjoyable vacation rewards you with memories and fun with your fellow club members.

Here is a very brief introduction to our trip by Master Travel Planner, Barb Payne:

We hope that you will consider coming along with us on our trip to NOLA. The following photos and descriptions will give you an idea of the fun we will be experiencing and places we will be visiting along the way. Keep in mind, this is not a trip to see the beautiful landscapes of our country, this trip is more about the music, culture, history, and food of the Deep South, and of course the camaraderie with our St. Louis Corvette Club members.

Barb Payne

President & CEO

Payne Travel Associates, LLC

Here are just a few photos and descriptions of the first half of the trip. We will cover the second half in the October newsletter.



BB King's Blues Club and Beal Street—We start our tour by eating lunch here and paying tribute to the King of the Blues, BB King.



Memphis Music Hall of Fame—This museum introduces guests to some of the greatest musicians of all time.



The Peabody Ducks March—A tradition not to be missed while visiting Memphis.



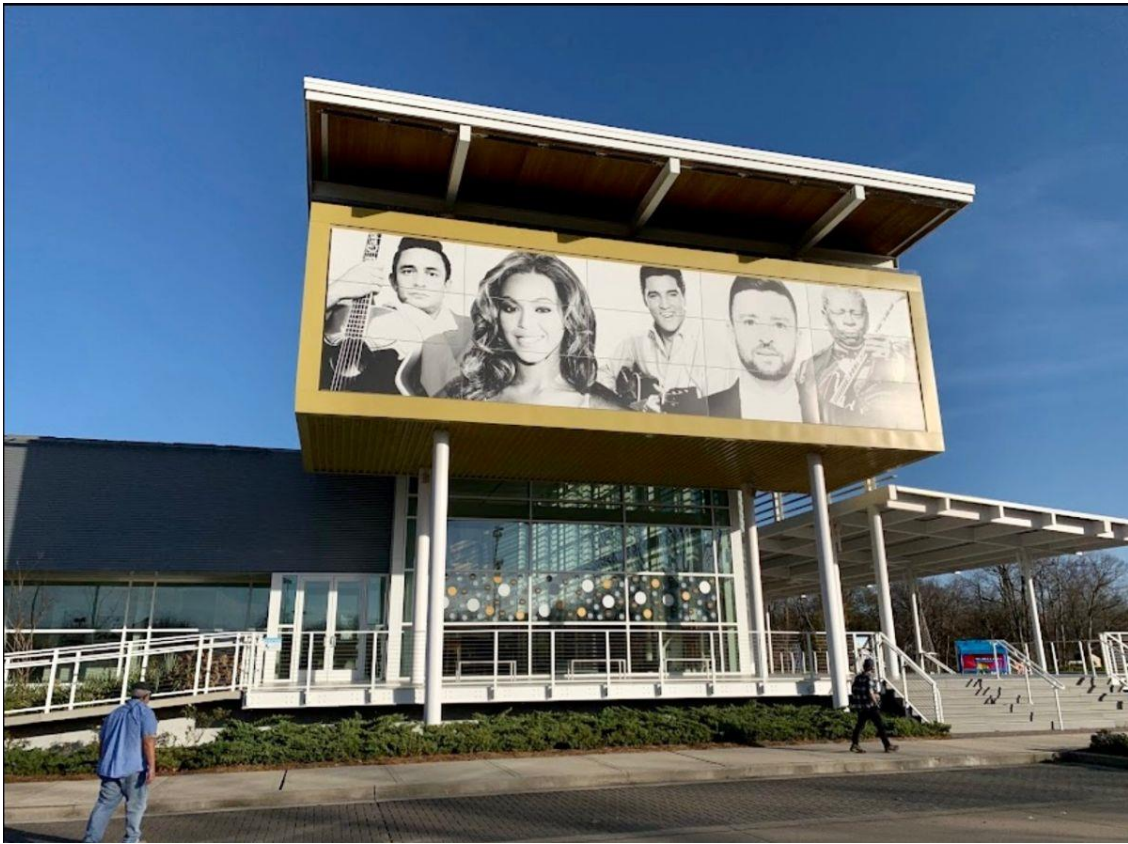
World Famous Charlie Vergo's Rendezvous in Memphis—We plan to eat dinner here, they are known for their signature dry rub ribs and BBQ.



Horseshoe Hotel & Casino—Our first night's stay is here in Tunica.



Highway 61 Blues Sign with Gateway to the Blues Museum—The story of the blues comes to life in the wonderful interactive exhibits, artwork and recording studio in this museum.



Grammy Museum Mississippi—In the town of Cleveland, MS, we will explore the history of recorded music through artifacts and stories located in this museum.



Dockery Farms—This cotton plantation and sawmill is widely regarded as the place where Delta Blues music was born.



BB King Museum—Tells the story of King's life.



Vicksburg, MS—Two bridges over the Mississippi River.



Stanton Hall, Natchez, MS—An imposing antebellum home that occupies a complete block in downtown Natchez.



Carriage House Restaurant—This restaurant is located on the grounds of Stanton Hall.



Sunday Brunch at the Carriage House Restaurant in Natchez

In the October newsletter, we will cover the second half of our trip including New Orleans. In the meantime, if you are interested in joining us, please contact Barb Payne.

Un-sponsored STLCC Events

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

Newborns In Need

Submitted by Judy Giovanoni



Newborns in Need wants to Warm up those Toes!

The local chapter of Newborns in Need is participating in the organization's annual sleeper drive during the months of September and October. The mission is to bring warmth and comfort to babies in our area who need help to stay warm and comfortable through the winter. We are seeking your help in collecting new or gently used sleepers to help keep the babies warm during the winter months.

Participating is easy! All you need to do is purchase new sleepers, pajamas, or sleep sacks for babies in sizes Preemie – 4T, or go through your children's clothing, or make a financial donation made payable to our chapter Newborns in Need Eastern Missouri or online. If you donate online at www.newbornsinneed.org

please designate our chapter and add the word “sleepers” after it. Example:
“Eastern MO-Sleepers” Donations are tax deductible. Businesses, worship houses,
and other organizations are encouraged to participate.

Newborns in Need is a nonprofit 501c3 organization that distributes free of charge
baby essentials such as diapers, clothing, blankets, bottles, toiletries, pacifiers,
small toys and other items to babies of low income or babies in a challenging
environment. We also provide bereavement items for the angels that leave this
world too soon.

Please bring to the September or October meetings with your name on the bag.
Include a note if you want a tax receipt.

Thank you!

All the Babies of Eastern Missouri Chapter

Newborns in Need

310 Oxford Ridge Ct.

St. Louis MO 63021-2005

636-227-0247

<https://www.facebook.com/NewbornsinNeed.EasternMO/>

The Nutcracker and the World's Fair

Submitted by Michelle Paillou

Hello everyone, many of you have been asking me where I have been and why I haven't been to many club meetings. For the past 3 years my ballet class meets on Tuesdays and due to the difficulty of our performance routines, I have chosen to go to class instead of the club meetings. Many of you have asked to come see me perform; however, I didn't want you to have to sit through a dance recital. This month I auditioned for Ballet 314's Nutcracker and made it, so here is your chance if you want to see me perform.

Ballet 314 unites St. Louis's favorite historical event with the narrated unique re-telling of "The Nutcracker & the World's Fair." Enjoy the classical Tchaikovsky score with a reimagined storyline and characters. I am the Housekeeper.

So, here are the details: tickets are \$35.00 after September 30th but if you buy them before October 1st with my special discounted link, they will be \$25.00. I will have the link by Sept 10th.

The performances are at Washington University's Edison Theatre:

Friday, December 8th 7:00

p.m.

Saturday, December 9th 2:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, December 10th 2:00 p.m.

If we get enough folks and you all want to attend the same performance, I can get the box office to group off a section so you may all sit together. So, think about this and look at your calendars. The good news is, it is the weekend that we normally keep free for the Club Christmas Party which got moved to the 1st weekend, so there is no conflict with the Christmas Party.

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

It's strange how things happen. When Angie and I contacted Don and Anne Pickles to get information on the trip they planned several years previous, we were only gathering information for our vacation. Soon a number of members heard we were planning on taking a trip to the Tail of the Dragon and asked if we were going to make it a club trip. After discussing it we decided to give it a try. In June 2022 we made a trip to Tennessee and North Carolina to drive several fun routes and visit a number of venues with the intention of setting up the D & D Tour. No, not that D&D, The D&D I am referring to was a seven-day trip through Tennessee and part of North Carolina. We came up with the name D & D in honor of the two main routes we planned to drive, Tail of the Dragon & Devils Triangle. From the beginning, Angie and I let everyone know this would mainly be a driving trip but we also planned days that could be spent sightseeing. Overall, I think everyone who came along had a good time, but I think there is one word that best describes the trip – **Wet**.

Day 1

On Monday morning 19 June, 2023, under overcast, drizzly skies, nine Corvettes

departed from the Pilot gas station across from the entrance to WWT raceway toward Tennessee. Mike and Karen Price joined the group at the Rend Lake rest stop to bring our total to ten cars. After a lunch break at Rafferty's in Paducah, KY, we continued our longest day of driving (much of it in rain) toward our overnight destination of Oak Ridge, TN. The city of Oak Ridge was established in secrecy during World War Two for the sole purpose of creating the atomic bomb. Today the area is still a center for scientific research and technical innovation.

Day 2

Tuesday morning, we woke up to more rainy weather and made the short drive from our hotel to Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary located in Petros, TN. Brushy Mountain Penitentiary operated from 1896 until it was closed in 1993 and much of its history is dark and brutal. We had planned to tour the prison and then drive the Devils Triangle. Unfortunately, when we arrived at the prison, we discovered their actual hours of operation differed from those posted online. In the parking lot of the gift shop is an old bus that has been turned into a Rat Rod complete with a skeleton driver.







Quickly pivoting, we decided to take the drive first and then take the tour. Starting at the old prison we enjoyed 44 miles of narrow, twisting roads through the Smoky Mountains (it was like a roller coaster for cars) that brought us back to the prison.



While the majority of the group opted to take the prison tour, Angie and I took another run at the Devils Triangle so she could have fun behind the wheel. We then joined the rest of the group for lunch at the prison gift shop and found ourselves behind bars doing hard time (speeding?).



After lunch and shopping we departed for a two-hour drive to Asheville, NC. Dinner that night was at the Harbor Inn Seafood Restaurant.



Day 3

Wednesday turned out to be another rainy day, are you seeing a pattern? Most of the group departed the hotel for the short drive to the Biltmore estate, where we toured the gardens and the mansion. The Biltmore mansion is a beautiful building constructed by George Vanderbilt on 8,000 beautifully landscaped acres and displays all the excesses of the gilded age. We enjoyed lunch in the stable restaurant and then continued touring the grounds. Many of us then ended up stopping at Antler Hill Village where we did a little shopping, toured the barns and craft area or enjoyed a drink. Jerry and Pam Schmidt were fortunate enough to get tickets for the wine tasting and had departed right after lunch for their scheduled time. Eventually we all drove back to the hotel to dry out and relax before dinner.











Barb and Ken Payne had previously been to the Biltmore Estate and opted not to visit again. They spent the day touring the Estes-Winn car museum and Grovewood Village. These buildings are now home to a thriving collection of shops specializing in crafts created by local artisans and a small museum dedicated to its origins as the textile and woodworking operations for Biltmore Industries. The Grove Park Inn is a century old luxury hotel that has hosted many celebrities and dignitaries. It also has spectacular views of the surrounding mountains and the city of Asheville. As a side note, the hotel also hosts the National gingerbread house competition. The gingerbread houses are large, and they are like nothing you have ever seen before with many operational features like sleds sliding down a hill.



Dinner that night was at the Stone Ridge Tavern which I discovered was the same restaurant Don and Anne took the group to when they did their trip. What can I say except great minds think alike. An interesting side note, after we arrived at our hotel it was discovered the exit was very steep and decidedly not Corvette friendly. Our solution, we exited through the entrance. The problem was it sat on a blind corner with shrubbery that obscured our view. Each time we left the property Karen assumed crossing guard duties, stood at the entrance, and let us know when it was safe.

The reminder of the trip will be included in the October newsletter

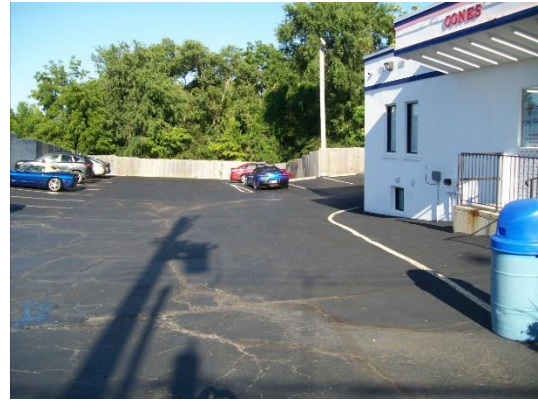
Ice Cream at Fritz's

July 30

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







Coffee and Corvettes

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

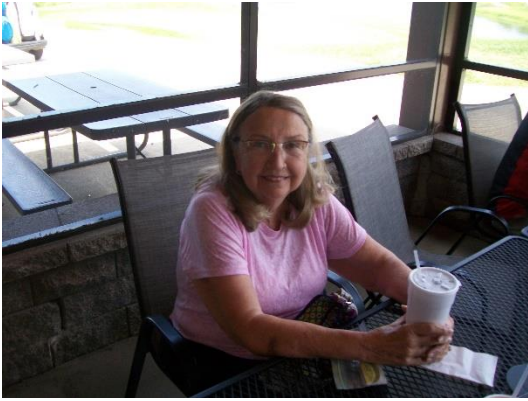


August Retirees' Lunch

Sponsored by Janet and Dennis Trost









Aerial photos provided by Tom Marlo





River City Casino Day

Sponsored by Ruth & Randy Howard





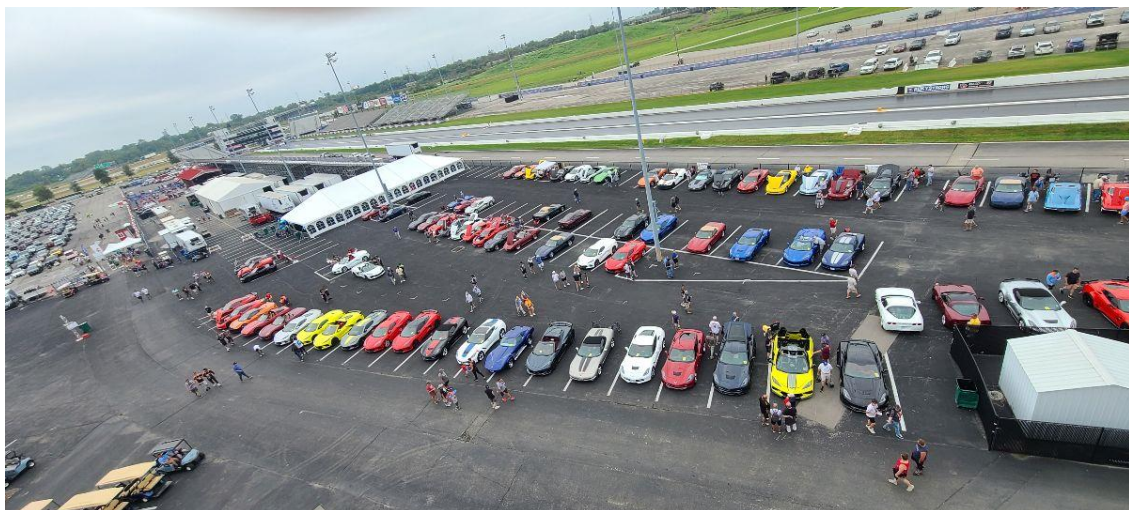


It looks like there was a winner!

Corvette Corral at the Bommarito 500 Race at Worldwide Technology Raceway

August 27, 2023

Photos by Tom Marlo



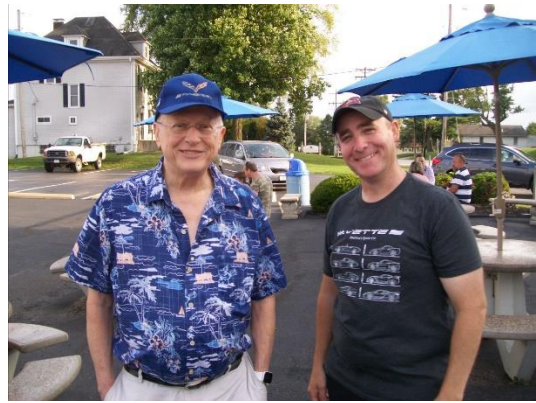


Ice Cream at Fritz's

August 27

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





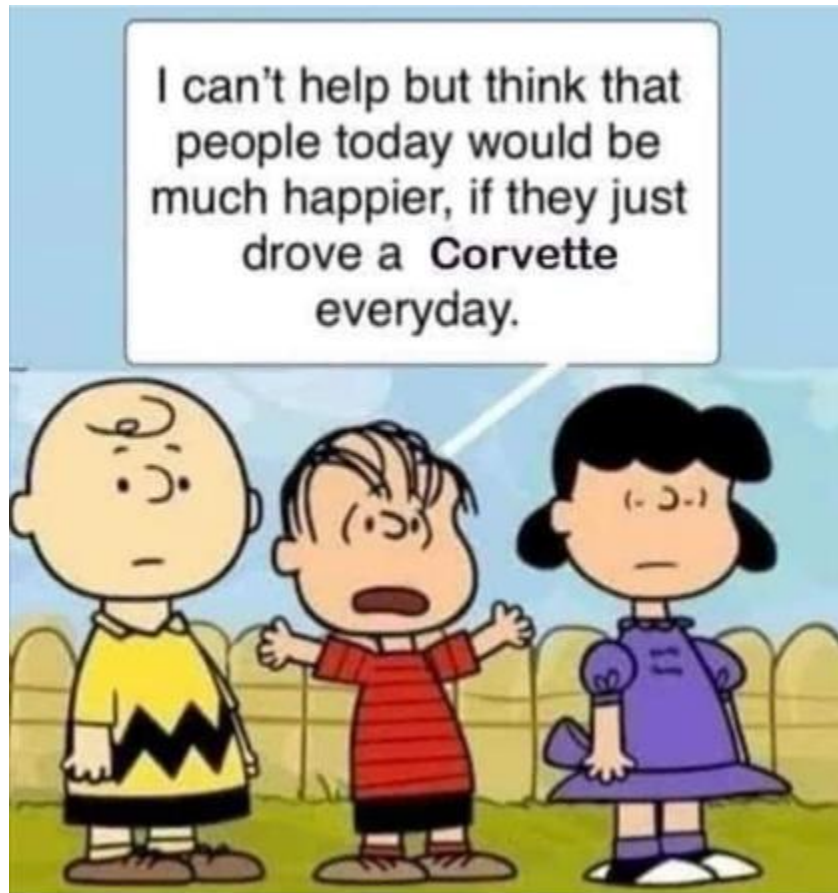






Features and Announcements

Picture Submitted by Judy Dooley



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 President for September 2007 was Bill Dotson and our new meeting location was at Pietro's Bluff in Fenton. We only had meetings here a few times. There were 70 members in the club at this time. Some of the events we had planned for this month were a car show being held by OCC, a Fritz's Frozen Yogurt run, Funfest in Effingham and a road rally and club picnic at Klondike Park in Augusta. And as always there were plans to attend the Corvette Weekend in Eureka Springs, AR. It was at this meeting that Bill proposed we establish a Charity Committee which we have continued to present day. We also had a tradition of having a dinner at a different restaurant each Thursday of the month.

Marty Dooley led the club as President in September 2011. Meetings were held at Sunset Lakes Golf and Banquet Center in Fenton. We had 92 members in the club at this time. We welcomed Tom and Sherri Marlo who joined the club the previous month as well as Ken and Sue Dahman, who were long time members until their passing. It was also noted that "little" Stevie Gerecke attended the meeting but he is now "big" Steve Gerecke having already graduated from Mizzou! Events this month were a Josephine Tea Room run for the ladies, Funfest in Effingham and a covered bridge festival in Park County, IN. And on a somewhat familiar theme, there was discussion of changing our insurance coverage to a cheaper plan (so our recent change is not something new).

Mike Price was our President in September 2016 and we were meeting at Pupillo's Center in Fenton. And on a similar vein, we only met there a couple of times. Pupillo's was associated with Grand Slam which is where we normally held our meetings. Judy Giovanoni (not her again!) was Membership Chair and announced we had 98 members at this time. Congratulations to Tom and Sherri Marlo for just purchasing their Night Race Blue Corvette as well as Randy and Ruth Howard for ordering a new Grand Sport (I wonder how many punches are in Randy's ELCO frequent buyer's card?). September events planned were the Anniversary Celebration at the NCM, club picnic in Millstadt, Villa Antonio Wine and Dinner event, Funfest, a Route 66 club auto cross and a Gold Star Mothers Trivia night.



The view of our cars from the third floor of Gallagher's in Waterloo for our dinner in 2007.



A new 2014 Corvette getting checked out at Fritz's in September 2013.



Chowing down at the club picnic in September 2015.



And eating again at the retiree's lunch in September 2017.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

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