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President's Message

Hello members!

The planning meeting filled the calendar with events to make our 20th Anniversary year full of fun new adventures! I can't wait to see what else members come up with.

Two important dates to get on your calendar - the Club Picnic is scheduled for Saturday September 21st. The Christmas party is Saturday December 7th at the Falls in Columbia, IL.

We welcome our new members, and Michelle Finn has taken over the role of coordinating our mentor program. Please get in touch with her if you would like to join her team.

Working with our Budget team, it was decided that we would stop providing gift cards as attendance prizes and also the monthly cake will be stopped. The same members incur the cost frequently, and we have leftovers.

Randy Howard has decided to resign his position as Sergeant at Arms. We thank him for the support he has provided. We welcome Dennis Trost as our new Master of the Gavel and thank him for quickly accepting this Board position.

January has already provided food, fun and events to warm us up on cold winter days.

February provides a Valentine's Day brunch and a crazy bowl. Please check the website for all events.

I look forward to seeing you all at the February 6th meeting at ELCO.

Until then, stay safe and save the wave! Warmer weather is just around the corner!

Karen Price, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Marre

Kim Marre

Mike Pilla

Dennis Trost

Eric DeBruin

Steve Kirby

Kirt Sheer

Barbie Payne

Brian Walsh

Judy Henges

ANNIVERSARIES

Marty & Judy Dooley

Jeff & Tracy Stieren

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

20 Year

Ballinger, Sharon

Dooley, Judy

Dooley, Marty

Price, Karen

Price, Mike

Woods, Bob

Woods, Chris

There were no 5, 10, or 15 year club anniversaries in February.

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Saucey's Restaurant in Fenton on Sunday, January 7, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by President Karen Price.

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

Club officers were introduced:

President: Karen Price	Vice President: Gary Duke
Membership: Erin Duke	Treasurer: Anne Pickles
Secretary: Ron Hagenow	Sergeant at Arms: Randy Howard
Immediate past president: Jim Givens	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark & Kim Gerecke, Eric and Vicki DeBruin

Karen welcomed everyone to our annual planning meeting. Thank you for a great last year and we look forward to our 20th anniversary this year with many activities.

There were no guests but several new members in attendance.

President Karen Price covered the following information:

- She reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event sign-up sheets, and retiree lunch sign-up. She reminded everyone that you don't have to be retired to join us at lunch. Just come if you are available.
- Jack Braznell will be away for a few months and in his place, Michelle Finn will be filling the position in our mentoring program.
- A motion was requested to accept the December 2023 secretary's minutes. Bev Givens moved to accept the minutes with a second by Robert Hoogveld. The motion passed.
- A motion was requested to accept the December 2023 treasurer's report. Chris Woods moved to accept the report with a second by John Jordan. The motion passed.
- Karen reminded everyone that will continue our monthly meetings at ELCO. We may try and have meetings maybe once a quarter at a restaurant if we can find one that will seat everyone. She reminded everyone that Mark and Eric come in on their day off to set up for our meeting so be respectful of our meeting place and do not arrive earlier than 6:30 pm.
- Membership Chairman Erin Duke provided an updated report that reflected membership changes since the December 2023 meeting. Erin reminded everyone that in order to maintain current membership, you must attend at least 2 business meetings and 5 total functions to remain current. However, if you have health or other issues, please see Erin and she will discuss it

with the board. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure they are recorded as having attended an event. She read the names of members celebrating January birthdays and anniversaries.

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members: 101 (includes 7 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 4 (includes 1 Charter Member)
- Associate Members: 6 (includes 2 Charter Members)
- Total Members: 111 (excludes sponsors)

The report indicated 8 people are on the membership waiting list.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Kathy Mueller continues to provide us with an excellent newsletter. There will be articles concerning our 20th anniversary in them this year.

Mentoring Program: Michelle Finn will take over from Jack Braznell for a few months. Several new members have been paired up with existing members.

Website: Steve Kirby reported it is on-target. He reminded everyone that if you plan an event to please provide a flyer for the website and take picture. He also reminded us to not reduce the size of the pictures. We have a website called Sync that you can easily drop your pictures into.

Sponsor Report: Neither Mark nor Eric was available.

Budget: Mike Kunst, Don Pickles and Rich Doerr – They have worked hard to prepare the budget for 2024. We are lucky to have ELCO provide us with sponsor money. To meet our budget and retain sufficient funds, Karen asked if it was

necessary to continue to have a cake and attendance prizes at our meetings. The club cannot afford to pay for a cake each month and it seems like it is the same people who bring a cake which isn't fair either. After a show of hands, the majority of the members decided it was not necessary to have a cake nor attendance prizes at our meetings. The final budget report will be submitted for a vote at the February meeting.

By-Laws: Mike Price and Valerie Zeisset – No report

Charity: Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni and Sonja Giffhorn – Any requests for a charitable donation must be presented to the Charity committee. If any requests are made during a meeting, it will be tabled and discussed by the Charity committee and the board. If approved it will be presented to the membership at the next business meeting. There was a suggestion that we may want to donate food or items for the Jefferson Barracks Food Pantry.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley – Marty would like to relinquish this position. If anyone is interested see him after the meeting. He and Judy have dedicated 19 years to maintaining our garden at the VA Hospital.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley – Just a reminder that the Bash is April 25-28 and the 30th Anniversary and Caravan is August 29-31.

Parade: Michelle Paillou and Mike Price – The Webster Groves parade is on July 4 and the Veterans Day Parade is on November 9.

History: Marty Dooley, Mike Price, and Ron Hagenow – No report.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods and Judy Dooley – We have set a date of December 7, 2024 for the Christmas party and it will be at the Falls again. Last

year's event seemed to go over well and we need to secure this date now as they are filling up fast. The Falls has agreed to waive the room fee for the room and we will work to keep the costs down to \$60 same as last year. On a related note, the club picnic will be on September 21 which was the only date available when reservations opened on January 1.

Nominating: Pam Queen and Valerie Zeisset – No report.

20th Anniversary: Ruth and Randy Howard, Jeff and Tracy Stieren and Mike and Karen Price – There will be special articles in the newsletter throughout the year. We are exploring maybe a club trip to the NCM this summer. We are also exploring getting t-shirts or other articles celebrating our 20th year.

Insurance: We have signed a contract with Hagerty and we are locked into the rate for 3 years. Thank you to Steve Willis for helping with this effort. A representative from Hagerty will be at our February meeting to answer any questions. We no longer need to sign a waiver sheet and our steel cars are covered as well.

Vice President's Report: Gary Duke reviewed past events and there is a planning calendar of all our events to date which will be posted as an attachment to the minutes. Events will be added throughout the year.

Be sure to check club website for event details.

Past Events

December 7, 2023 – Christmas party at the Falls was well attended. Everyone seemed to have a good time and enjoyed the DJ.

December 20 2023 – Retiree’s lunch sponsored by Rick Frierdich and Pat Ross at Lilliana’s in Cottleville.

December 30 – Price’s annual Twelfth Day of Christmas party was well attended and there was plenty of food. Congratulations to all the winners of the ugly sweater contest.

Future Events – See Attached Event Calendar

New Business:

Ron Hagenow mentioned that one of the Gold Star Mothers, we usually drove in the Veterans Day Parade has passed. Her name was Frances Turley and she was the past National president of the Gold Star Mothers. Chris Woods made a motion that we donate \$75 to the American Gold Star Mothers and it was seconded by Michelle Paillou. The motion passed.

Barb Payne spoke about the upcoming New Orleans Blues (Let the Good Times Roll) trip coming up in March 13-24. Pam Queen is working on theme shirts costing about \$32. Barb also asked if there was interest in a possible Alaskan cruise in August 2025.

Judy Giovanoni won \$100 in the 50/50 drawing.

President Karen Price asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Pickles made a motion to adjourn with a second by Marcia Sheer. The motion was accepted and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hagenow,
Secretary

2024 STLCC EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event NAME	Location	Time	Sponsor
1/7/2024	Planning Meeting	Saucy's	2:00 PM	STLCC
1/17/2024	Retiree's Lunch	Que Pasa-1165 Gravois Rd., Fenton, Mo 63026	12:00 PM	Muellers
1/23/2024	River City Casino	777 River City Casino Blvd., St. Louis, Mo 63125	11:00 AM	Howards
1/27/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	La Belle Vie Coffee 1200 N Second St., St. Charles, Mo 63302	8:30 AM	Givens
2/6/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
2/11/2024	STLCC Valentine Luncheon	Mr. Barbecue-643 Ridge Rd., Waterloo, IL 62298	12:30 PM	Howards/ Zeisssets
2/21/2024	Retiree's Lunch	Billy G's-1772 Clarkson Rd., Chesterfield, Mo 63017	11:30 AM	Doerrs
2/24/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	Clarke Parker Coffee	8:30 AM	Givens
2/24/2024	Bunco	Kirby's House	6:00 PM	Kirbys
2/25/2024	Crazy Bowl	Du Bowl Lanes-2711 Lemay Ferry Rd., St. Louis, Mo		Howards
3/5/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
3/5/2024	Trivia Night	Crestwood Community Center	7:00 PM	Not Club Sponsored
3/13-24/2024	Blues Hwy Trip	New Orleans, LA		Paynes
3/16/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	Upshot Coffee 816 N Kingshighway St., St. Charles, Mo 63302	8:30 AM	Givens
3/22/2024	St. Jude Mouse Races	Crestwood Elks Lodge 10261 Bauer Rd., St. Louis, Mo 63128	6:30 PM	St. Jude Drive
3/28/2024	Sangria Sunsets	Sunset Overlook 11604 Bluff Rd., Columbia, IL 62236	5:30 PM	Givens
4/1/2024	Fritz's Ice Cream Run	815 Meramec Station Rd., Twin Oaks, Mo 63088	5:30 PM	Paynes

4/2/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
4/25-27/2024	NCM Bash	350 Corvette Dr. I-65 exit 28, Bowling Green, KY 42101		
4/25/2024	Sangria Sunsets	Sunset Overlook 11604 Bluff Rd. Columbia, IL 62236	5:30 PM	Givens
4/27/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	On The Grind	8:30 AM	Givens
4/28/2024	Fritz's Ice Cream Run	815 Meramec Station Rd., Twin Oaks, Mo 63088	5:30 PM	Paynes
5/4/2024	Hannibal Back Roads Run and Lunch	Fiddlesticks-lunch	8:30 AM	Midkiffs
5/7/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
5/11/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	The Orange Couch 98 Legends Pkwy Ste 101, Eureka, Mo	8:30 AM	Givens
5/15/2024	Retiree's Lunch	Blue Owl Restaurant and Bakery	10:00 AM	Walshes
5/18/2024	Fisher House Car Show	World Wide Technology Racetrack		Jerry Schmitt
5/26/2024	Fritz's Ice Cream Run	815 Meramec Station Rd., Twin Oaks, Mo 63088	5:30 PM	Paynes
5/30/2024	Sangria Sunsets	Sunset Overlook 11604 Bluff Rd., Columbia, IL 62236	5:30 AM	Givens
6/4/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
6/22/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	Proving Ground Coffee 180 Columbia Centre Dr., Columbia, IL 62236	8:30 AM	Givens
6/22/2024	Chicken Run	Giant City State Park	after Coffee	Givens/Stierens
6/30/2024	Fritz's Ice Cream Run	815 Meramec Station Rd., Twin Oaks, Mo 63088	5:30 PM	Paynes
7/2/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
7/4/2024	Webster Groves 4th of July Parade/Price's Picnic			Michelle Paillou/Prices
7/20/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	The Annex Coffee&Roasters 81 Big Bend Blvd., Webster Groves, Mo 63119	8:30 AM	Givens
7/25/2024	Sangria Sunsets	Sunset Overlook 11604 Bluff Rd., Columbia, IL 62236	5:30 PM	Givens

7/28/2024	Fritz's Ice Cream Run	815 Meramec Station Rd., Twin Oaks, Mo 63088	5:30 PM	Paynes
8/6/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
8/24/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	The Bean Tree Coffee Shop 219 South Main St., Waterloo, IL 62298	8:30 AM	Givens
8/25/2024	Fritz's Ice Cream Run	815 Meramec Station Rd., Twin Oaks, Mo 63088	5:30 PM	Paynes
8/28 - 31/2024	NCM 30th Anniversary Caravan	350 Corvette Dr. I-65 exit 28, Bowling Green, KY 42101		Dooleys
8/29/2024	Sangria Sunsets	Sunset Overlook 11604 Bluff Rd., Columbia, IL 62236	5:30 PM	Givens
9/3/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
9/14/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	MayPop Coffee&Garden Shop 803 Marshall Ave., Webster Groves, Mo 63119	8:30 AM	Givens
9/21/2024	Club Picnic	Cliff Cave Park 806 Cliff Cave Rd., St. Louis, Mo		
9/26/2024	Sangria Sunsets	Sunset Overlook 11604 Bluff Rd., Columbia, IL 62236	5:30 PM	Givens
9/29/2024	Fritz's Ice Cream Run	815 Meramec Station Rd., Twin Oaks, Mo 63088	17:30	Paynes
10/1/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
10/3 - 6/2024	Eureka Springs Trip	Osage Creek Lodge		
10/19/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	Red White&Brew Coffee Co. 317 US--50 Ste C, Union, Mo 63084	8:30 AM	Givens
10/26/2024	Trunk or Treat	Gateway Classic 1237 Central Park Dr. #1, O'Fallon, IL 62269	9:00 AM	Givens
10/27/2024	Fritz's Ice Cream Run	815 Meramec Station Rd., Twin Oaks, Mo 63088	5:30 PM	Paynes
11/5/2024	STLCC Meeting	ELCO Chevrolet	7:00 PM	
11/9/2024	Veteran's Day Parade	Downtown St. Louis		Ron Hagenow

11/16/2024	Coffee&Corvettes	underGrounds Espresso Bar 330 W Front St., Washington, Mo 63090	8:30 AM	Givens
12/7/2024	STLCC Christmas Party	The Falls Banquet Center Columbia,		

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Here are some of the events happening at the National Corvette Museum:

1/24	MiM Daytona Rolex 24 at Daytona International Speedway
4/25-27	27th Annual BASH at the NCM
4/28	MiM Dragon Run & Biltmore Estate tour
6/8-18	MiM - LaMans tour in LaMans
8/29-31	Corvette Caravan & 30 th Anniversary Celebration at the NCM

MiM = Museum in Motion events are excursions offered each year by the museum and feature tours around the United States as well as Canada, England, and France.

Coming up in the exhibition hall for 2024:

3/15 Luster: Realism & Hyperrealism in contemporary Automobiles and Motorcycle painting

5/1-31 Military Appreciation month including Vets in Vetts.

The website for the NCM is: www.corvettemuseum.org

Judy and Marty Dooley

NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

St. Louis Corvette Club Valentine's Day Luncheon

Sunday February 11, 2023 at 12:30

Mr. BBQ
643 Ridge Road
Waterloo, IL 62298



Please join us for a day to celebrate LOVE! The annual Valentines luncheon will be held at Mr. BBQ in Waterloo, IL.

The food is fabulous! When you arrive if you would like to grab an alcohol beverage, please see the bartender on the first floor.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the Planning meeting on January 7th.

If you won't be at the meeting and would like to attend – please contact Valerie (618)719-4937 or Ruth at (314)486-6836.

We look forward to seeing everyone there! Never know what games will be played!

Sponsored by the Howard's & Zeisset's



Last day to make reservation is February 1st!

February Retirees Lunch

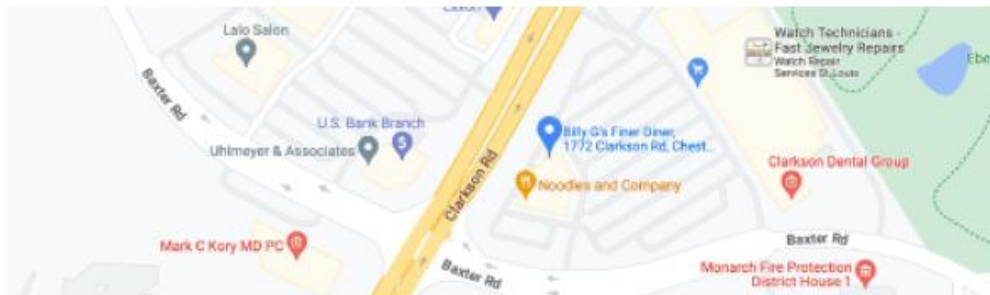
And anyone else who is free for lunch.

Wednesday February 21st 11:30 AM

Sign up at the meeting, call or text 314-540-8474 or Richard@doerr.biz



Billy G's Finer Diner, the newest member of The Gianino Family of Restaurants, which has been proudly serving St. Louis for almost forty years, is now open in Chesterfield. We are continuing the family tradition by offering exceptional Italian pasta and entrees but now reinventing the idea of Sunday brunch to deliver a one-of-a-kind dining experience seven days a week, all day long.



1772 Clarkson Road, Chesterfield, MO 63017



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When:

- Saturday, February 24th @ 8:30am

Where:

- Parlor Doughnuts
- 708 S. Church Street
- Wentzville, MO 63385

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

314.341.3383



Join us for Bunco fun February 24, 2024 at the Kirby's.

Please bring a dish to share and \$5.00

Dinner starts at 6 pm and Bunco begins at 7 pm.

Location: 17004 Lakeside Ridge, Chesterfield, MO 63005

Please Sign up at Club meeting, RSVP to

dawnstroup@sbcglobal.net or text 314-288-7334.

Let us know how many will attend and what you will bring.



CRAZY BOWL

Sunday, February 25, 2024

Du Bowl Lanes

2711 Lemay Ferry Rd.

St. Louis, Mo. 63125

Arrive by 12:30 pm bowling starts promptly at 1:00 pm

\$3.50 per person per game for bowling (bowl 2 games)

and shoes are \$3.00. Total cost per person for bowling is \$10.00

After bowling we have been so graciously invited back to Don & Anne Pickles house for food and awards ceremony. Just like past years there will be sandwiches and we ask that members bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your beverage of choice. If you don't want to bowl you can come out and cheer us on, and if that doesn't work with your schedule you can still sign up to join us for the after party!

Additional price for sandwiches is \$4.50 per person.

One disclaimer...if you cancel after the sandwich order has been placed - you will still be responsible for the cost of your sandwiches.

Thank you for understanding.

Please pay with cash night of event.

Please rsvp to Ruth at 314-486-6836 or Judy at 314-814-4495.

There will be a signup sheet at the February meeting.

Last day to sign up is February 20th.

Event is sponsored by the Dooley's, Howard's and Pickle's

Past Events

January Retirees' Lunch

Sponsored by Terry and Kathy Mueller

Photos by Terry Mueller











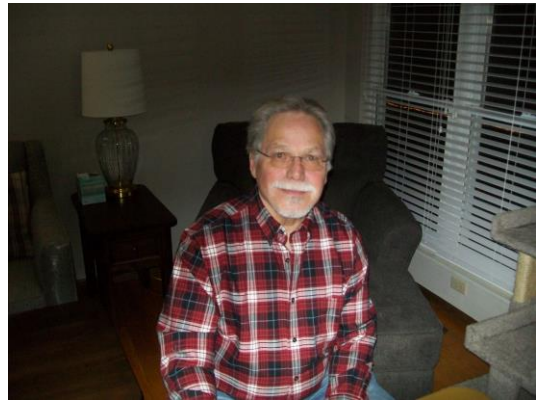
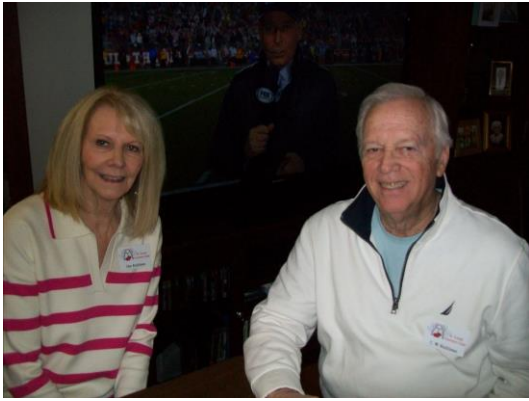


Bunco

Hosted by Judy Giovanoni and Mike McElhone

Photos by Terry Mueller











Bunco Winners!

STLCC Casino/Lunch Day

Sponsored by Ruth and Randy Howard

Photos by Ruth Howard









Coffee and Corvettes

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

Photos by Jim Givens







Features and Announcements

STLCC Membership Anniversaries

Article by Mike Kunst

In honor of the 20th anniversary of the St. Louis Corvette Club, the Newsletter Staff is publishing the current list of members and their length of membership in 5-year increments. We thought this information might interest everyone, particularly our newest members. Some members have graduated from the original listing in the October newsletter to a higher tier.

Congratulations to everyone for their membership status. We welcome our newest members and hope all will become active in our club. We aspire to offering great activities with our Corvette friends. The strength of our club will enable it to be one of the premier Corvette Clubs in the country. We hope everyone will enjoy our club for many years to come.

20 + Years	15 + Years	10 + Years	5 + Years	Less Than 5 Years
Ballinger, Sharon	Cox, Carl	Giovanoni, Judy	Friedrich, Rick ¹	Wooldridge, Bruce
Dooley, Judy	Cox, Pat	Griggs, Dana	Rogers, Bob	Wooldridge, Kathy
Dooley, Marty	Murray, Gary	Griggs, Diana	Rogers, JoAnn	Braznell, Jack
Price, Karen	Murray, Jan	Akins, Larry	Zeisset, Dale	Schmidt, Jerry
Price, Mike	Hagenow, Mary Ann	Finn, Michelle	Zeisset, Val	Glandt, Marian
Woods, Bob	Hagenow, Ron	Rickermann, Randy	Gifforn, Jerry	Henges, Judy
Woods, Chris	Paillou, Michelle	Marlo, Sherri	Gifforn, Sonja	Henges, Mike
	Howard, Randy	Marlo, Tom	Trost, Dennis	Pilla, Linda
	Howard, Ruth	Grubb, Laurie	Trost, Janet	Pilla, Mike
	Doerr, Mary	Grubb, Mike	Mattler, Bill	Kusky, Bob ²
	Doerr, Rick	Duke, Erin	Mattler, Gail	Kusky, Patti ²
	Pickles, Anne	Duke, Gary	Midkiff, Angie	Hedgorth, Maggie
	Pickles, Don	Kirby, Dawn	Midkiff, John	Hedgorth, Steve
		Kirby, Steve	Roth, Lynda	Schmidt, Pam
		Kunst, Mike	Sheer, Kirt	Jordan, John
		Portman, Marc	Sheer, Marcia	Newbauer, Joyce
		Queen, Pam	Payne, Barb	Hoogveld, Robert
		Queen, Ray	Payne, Ken	Hoogveld, Vicki
			Luebcke, Rich ¹	Brennan, Jaime
			Luebcke, Theresa ¹	Brennan, Rick
			Givens, Bev	Lauer, Brenda
			Givens, Jim	Lauer, Russell
			Ross, Pat	Stieren, Jeff
			Seelig, Barry	Stieren, Tracy
			Yovich, Kevin	Willis, Julie
			Walsh, Brian	Willis, Steve
			Walsh, June	McElhone, Mike
			Mueller, Kathy	Belding, Patrick
			Mueller, Terry	Belding, Jenni

Hartzke, Ed
Hartzke, Joanmarie
Marre, Steve
Marre, Kim
Vitale, Joe
Lasinski, John
Lasinski, Kitty
Riehlman, CW
Riehlman, Dee
Flaspohler, Ed
Schuenke, Lisa

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

² Member has a break in membership.

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, and Mike Price

20th Anniversary of the St. Louis Corvette Club (Continued)

February 2024

For the newer members, I am going to reprint an article done by Jerry Craig concerning the founding of the “first” St. Louis Corvette Club. This was written by

Jerry in 2014. Here it is:

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

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

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

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

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

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

Sadly, Armynta passed away on October 31, 2012 and Jerry passed away on September 23, 2020. Son Jeff and daughter-in-law Patty were members of the club until last year. Jeff has Jerry's 2016 Vette he won. Daughter Peggy and son-in-law Bob Bradley have decided to leave the club due to work demands. Peggy has Jerry's black 2008 Vette. They were and are still racers. At one time all of Jerry and Armynta's brothers and sisters were associate members as well. One of my fondest memories of Jerry is riding with him on the track at the NCM and Jerry complaining about going so slow when I looked over and saw us hitting 125 mph on the straights!



This picture is from one of our first events, a Valentine Day brunch. In front is Peggy Craig, then Armynta Craig, Jerry Craig, Marty Dooley and probably Judy Dooley hidden behind Peggy.

The All New 2024 Chevy Corvette E-Ray

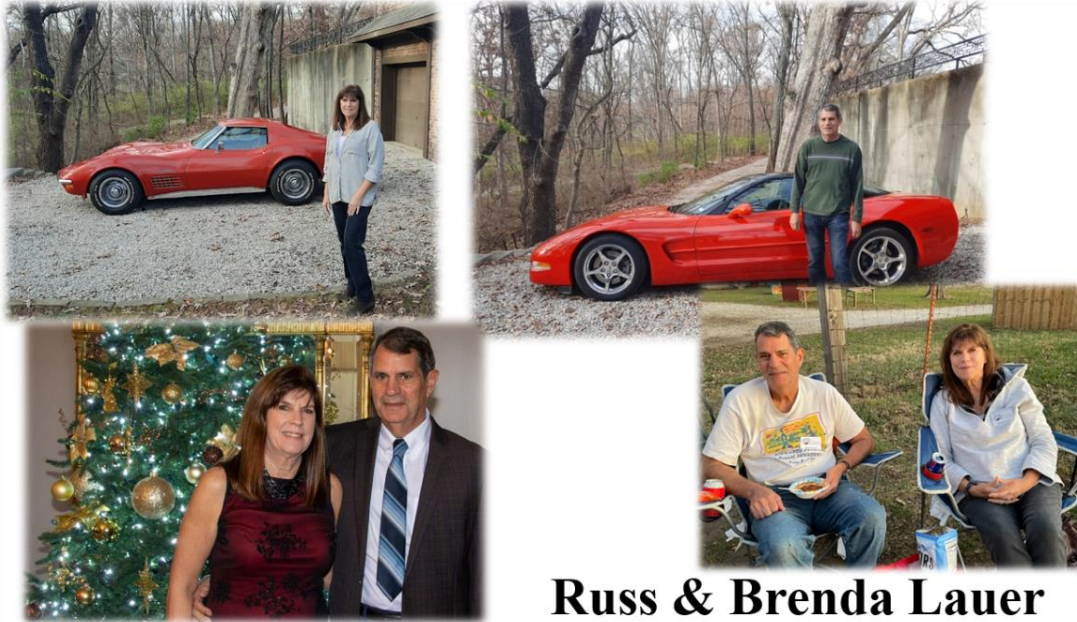
Submitted by Terry Mueller



The Corvette E-Ray is fast – 2.5 seconds from 0-60, 655 HP, 10.5 seconds quarter mile, standard EAWD, magnetic ride, 8-speed dual clutch transmission, all-season tires, carbon ceramic brakes, MSRP \$106,595.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Russ and Brenda Lauer



Russ & Brenda Lauer

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