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President's Message

Happy New Year!

Hope this finds you rested from your Christmas festivities and enjoying the blessings of the Season!

I want to thank you all for allowing me to serve as your President for another year - our 20th anniversary! It is truly a privilege and an honor that I do not take lightly. Together, we will make memories to last a lifetime.

2024 promises to be full of new adventures to enjoy in the Great American Car that we all love.

The Planning Meeting is this Sunday January 7th at 2 p.m. at Saucy's in High Ridge (the former Jilly's). For our new members, this is the meeting where we pull out our calendars and fill it with events that members plan throughout the year. You can order off of the menu if you want to eat while we plot out our journeys.

I want to take a moment to again thank our outgoing board members -- Patti Kusky, Judy Giovanoni, Jack Braznell, and Brandon and Lelsie Hoosier. Without their support and guidance, the past year would have been a challenge.

And now to welcome the new board members -- Gary and Erin Duke, Ron Hagenow, Anne Pickles and Randy Howard our new Sargeant-at-Arms. They bring a lot of experience and great new ideas to make our 20th year memorable.

We have several new members that have already proved to be fun and are looking forward to making new friendships and becoming part of our Corvette family.

Wishing you good health and fun times in 2024.

Save the Wave and see you Sunday!

Karen Price, President 2024

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Richard Brennan

Mary Ann Hagenow

Mike Price

Larry Akins

Michelle Paillou

Marty Dooley

Carl Cox

ANNIVERSARIES

John & Angie Midkiff

Ken & Barbie Payne

Randy & Ruth Howard

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

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

Meeting Minutes

The November Meeting Minutes are being repeated to refresh your memory for approval at the January Planning Meeting.

St. Louis Corvette Club

November 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to order – Brandon/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 p.m. to avoid disrupting ELCO business.

- Board clarified what is considered a club sponsored event: an event planned by the club for club members to attend. Different than a social event that is planned by an outside organization.
- New members & guests: Welcome guests Jenny Belding (2023 C8) and Steve & Kim Marre (1975 modified).
- John Midkiff – Support for Veterans. Still collecting travel-sized toiletries (i.e. - the size they provide in hotels) for donation to Veterans. Bring items to club meetings for donation.
- Secretary's Minutes: Correction to minutes - Retiree's lunch at Shack in Valley Park, not Chesterfield. Ken Payne motion to approve, Chris Woods seconded motion. Minutes approved.
- Treasurer's Report: Steve Kirby motion to approve, Gary Duke seconded, approved.
- Membership Report - Changes since the October 2023 Business Meeting:
- New members added:
 - Ed & Joanmarie Hartzke
 - Patrick & Jenni Belding
 - Steve & Kim Marre'
- Members leaving – none
- Associate Members added – none
- Lifetime Members added: none
- Lifetime Members leaving: none
- Current Membership Totals
- Regular Members:98
- Lifetime Members:4
- Associate Members:6
- Sponsors: 4
- Total Members: 98 (excludes sponsors)
- Membership Waiting List (14)
- John Eskew

- Joseph Vitale
- John & Kitty Lasinski (bought Payne's C6)
- Ed Flaspohler & Lisa Schuenke
- C.W. & Dee Riehlman
- Jim & Marilyn Panter
- Randy & Lisa Malmstrom
- Dave & Rhonda Simorka

Pat & Jean Rohlman were offered membership, but they feel they have too much going on, and have withdrawn.

Harry Hammer was offered membership, but he joined Rte. 66 Corvette Club.

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

Lifetime member Marian Glandt: Has been caring for her Mother, who passed

in March at age 100. Marian's son has cancer now. Some other family members also have health issues. Marian does read the newsletter and she enjoys it. She hopes to attend some club activities in the future; it just hasn't worked out yet.

- Committee Reports:
 - Newsletter: Please make sure you meet the deadline if you want something included in the newsletter.
 - Sponsorship: On target.
 - Website update: Photo shoot at Scott Air Force Base on hold due to increased base activity from Israeli conflict. Will attempt to reschedule for spring.

- Budget: On target.
- Charity: St. Vincent de Paul had a representative at the club meeting to express gratitude for helping the families through the Giving Tree. They really appreciate the club support and the local families in need are so grateful! Thank you to all who participated this year.
- VA Garden: VA Garden clean-up day on October 21st was a success. Thank you to all who participated!
- Parade: Veterans Day parade was on November 11th. Different parade route this year. Only 3 Gold Star parents. A good time was had by all. Thank you to all the Veterans for your service and to the club members who joined in the parade! A special thanks to those who volunteered to drive city officials.
- Museum update: See Judy Dooley for updates.
- NCCC Governor's Report: If any club members are interested in NCCC membership at large, please talk to Larry Walker and he will help you! Larry spoke to Sandy Arnold and will pass along the information. Cost is \$25 for primary member and \$10 for additional member. Also see Larry for information about upcoming autocross events if you are interested. The 2024 convention will be held May 13-19. Karen Price thanked Larry for his years as NCCC Governor and presented him with a gift and recognized him for his drag racing award in the Blue Bars magazine. Thank you, Larry, for all you have done for the club!
- History: On target.
- Christmas Party: December 2nd at the Falls in Columbia, IL. There will be open bar from 6:00-9:30, cash bar from 9:30-11:00. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. Hope to see you all there!
- Nominating: Pam Queen & Val Zeisset – There was a complete ballot to fill the open board positions. There was only one person on the ballot for each position, so no vote was needed. The Board will be as

follows: President (Karen Price), Vice President (Gary Duke), Secretary (Ron Hagenow), Treasurer (Anne Pickles), Membership (Erin Duke), and Sergeant at Arms (Randy Howard).

- Sponsor Report: ELCO has a lot more inventory now, make sure to come check it out. New Cactus Green Vette on the showroom floor needs a new home! Also have a black 2017 Z06 that needs a new home. Marty Dooley also mentioned that ELCO is really great for tires, and has great prices. Mark explained that they have a great tire program with all the best equipment so please take advantage of that when you need new tires!
- 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 events: Price's 12th Day of Christmas Party on Saturday, December 30th, 6 p.m. There will be a Secret Santa and ugly sweater contest. It will be fun!
- The 2024 Planning meeting will be Sunday January 7th, location TBD.
- Ken Payne is selling off his "BUBBLE" for corvette C1-C6 models. See Ken if interested.
- Thank you for bringing cake, Dukes!
- Judy announced the attendance at the meeting – 77 members in attendance. Turn in your attendance sheets for events! Thanks to ELCO for allowing us to use the space!
- 50/50 drawing winner: \$96, Mark Gerecke! Mark donated winnings back to the club, as well as a donation to Newborns in Need. Thanks for your generosity, Mark! Attendance prize winner: also, Mark Gerecke (it was his lucky day!) Additional attendance prize (Corvette sign donated by Ron Hagenow) won by Judy Dooley.

- Motion to adjourn meeting by Gary Duke, Judy Dooley seconded, adjourned. Thank you for coming! Drive safely.

Upcoming Events (see website for more info):

December 2, Christmas Party, The Falls, Columbia IL

Leslie Hoosier

Secretary



Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

We sure hope that everyone is doing well.

Here is the news that we heard from the National Corvette Museum:

G. M. is no longer going to sponsor Corvette racing. That's too bad.

Pratt Miller and the NCM want to partner and invite Corvette clubs to connect with Pratt Miller through the NCM.

The new race car is the GT3 R. Pratt Miller is going to build 20 of the race cars that will have 500-600 horsepower like the Z06 cars that are being built at the Corvette plant in Bowling Green.

The drivers for 2024 will be in the #3 car:

Antonio Garcia

Alex Sims

Dani Juncadell

In the #4 will be:

Nicky Catsburg

Tommy Milner

Earl Bamber

Pratt Miller is starting a membership program with the NCM. To get more information you can go to: collective@ptattmiller.com.

We hope to have a slide presentation at the February meeting so that all of this will make a lot more sense.

Marty and Judy Dooley

NCM Ambassadors

Future Events



St. Louis Corvette Club Planning Meeting

Sunday, January 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Saucy's Pizzeria, High Ridge
(formerly Jilly's)
1630 Gravois Rd
High Ridge MO 63049

Come with your ideas for events and your calendar!

We will be able to order off the menu if you desire.

January Retirees' Lunch



Que Pasa!

1165 Gravois Road

Fenton, MO 63026

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

12:00 Noon

Sponsored by Terry and Kathy Mueller

Sign up at the January Planning meeting or contact

Terry and Kathy at

kathy_mueller@sbcglobal.net

Past Events

Christmas Party

Sponsored by the Christmas Party Committee: Judy Dooley, Chris Woods, Ruth Howard, Karen Price and Pat Ross

Photos by Ruth Howard and Terry Mueller

















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Incoming Board Members



President Karen Price with incoming Sergeant-at-Arms Randy Howard.



On left, outgoing Vice President Brandon Hoosier with incoming Vice President Gary Duke.



On right, outgoing Membership Officer Judy Giovanoni with incoming Membership Officer Erin Duke.



On left, outgoing Secretary Leslie Hoosier with incoming Secretary Ron Hagenow.
On right, outgoing Treasurer Patti Kusky with incoming Treasurer Anne Pickles.





"Last Man Standing" Group Photo

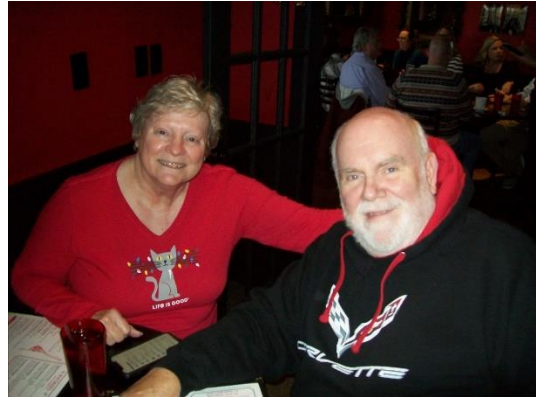
December Retirees' Lunch

Hosted By Rick Frierdich and Pat Ross

Photos by Terry Mueller









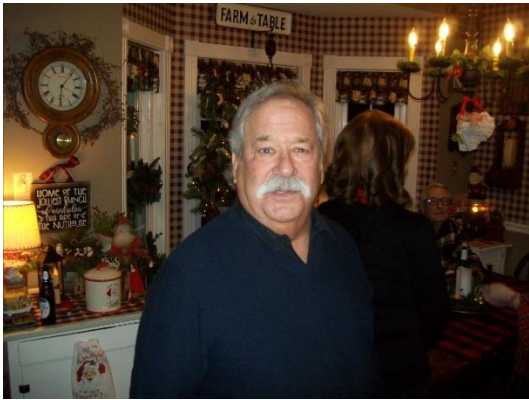
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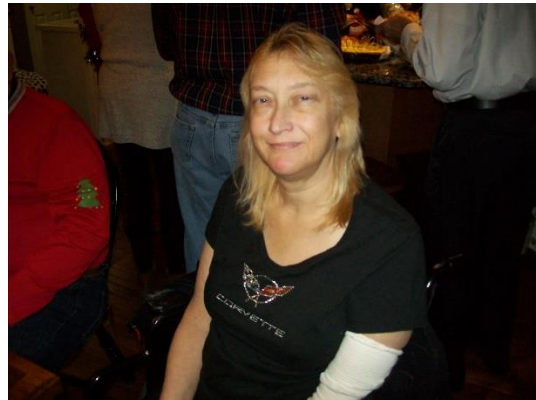
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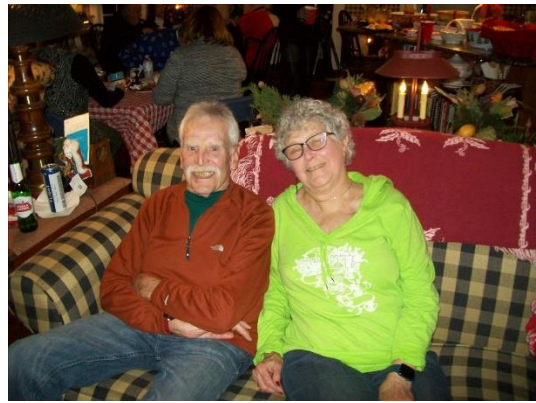
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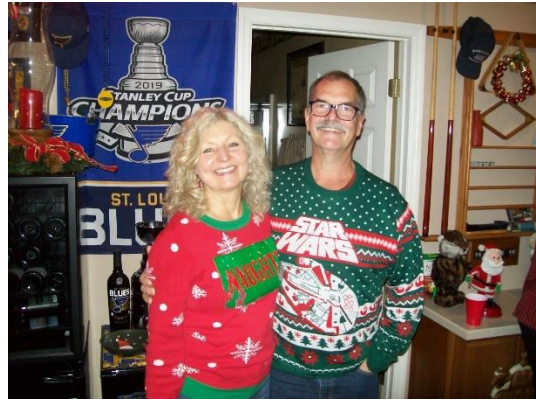


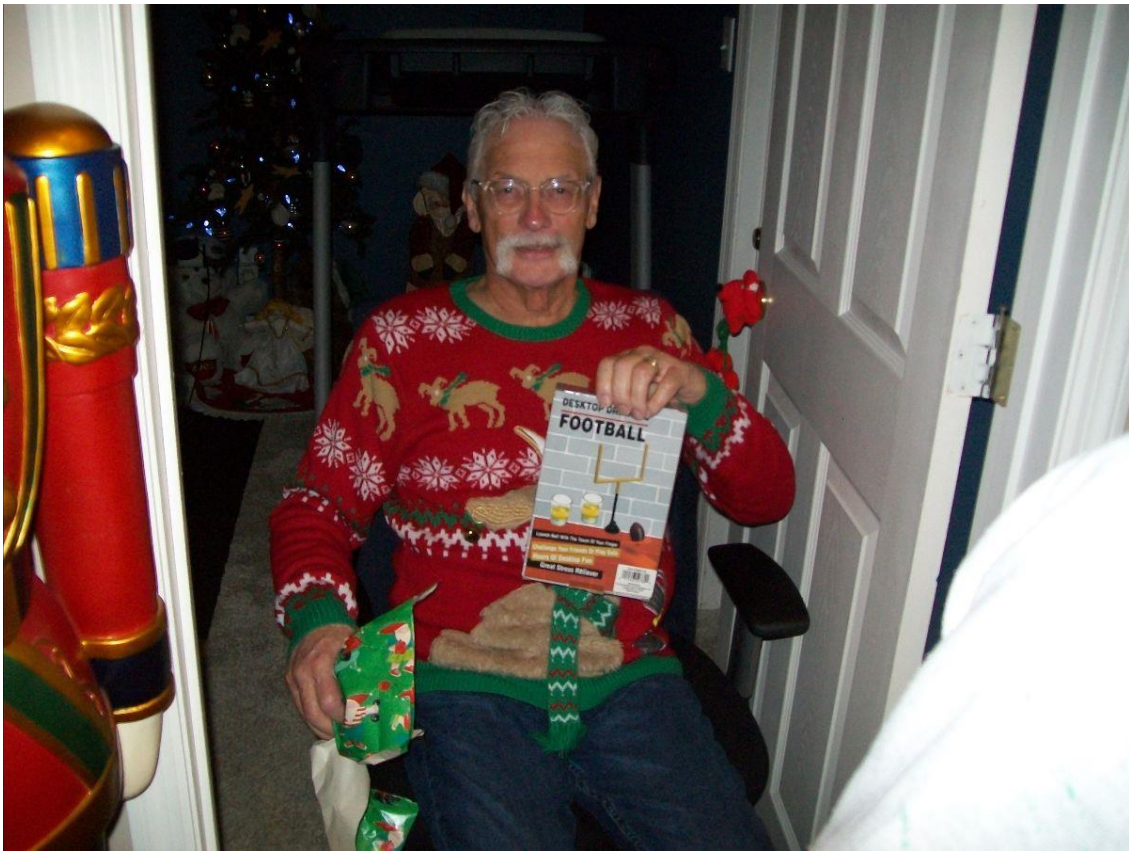
















Ugly Sweater Contest Participants



Ugly Sweater Contest Judges
Judy Tupalick and Dawn Kirby



Ugly Contest Winners

First place Steve Willis, second place Mike Price, and third place Steve Hedgorth



Ugly Sweater Contest Winners

First place Marcia Sheer, second place Linda Pilla, and third place Kim Marre'

Features and Announcements

We are a Family

By Ron Hagenow, Secretary

You will often hear the saying that we are more than a Corvette club, we are family. With that in mind, please let one of the club officers know if you have any health issues or experience a death in your immediate family. We have a standing rule to send a gift to anyone being hospitalized. The club will also send get well cards to anyone who is sick. At the beginning of our club meetings, we also try and remember anyone who is experiencing health issues. Per our by-laws we also send either flowers or a memorial if there is a death in your immediate family. However, we cannot do these things unless you let one of the club officers know. We also understand that some folks want to keep these things private as well and will respect your wishes.

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

Welcome to the St. Louis Corvette Club's 20th Anniversary!

With the beginning of our 20th anniversary, the History Committee will be looking back at our founding and important events we have done throughout the past years.



This is the first official photo of our founders. Prior to our founding, they were all members of the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis (OCC). Because that club had gotten large and there were some cliques who didn't get along with others, these folks decided to form a new club. This initial meeting was held at Fran and Mary Wienstroer's home on January 23, 2004. The founders from left to right are Armynta Craig, Mary Wienstroer, Judy Dooley, Sharon Ballinger, Carl Ballinger, Karen Mericle, Dick Mericle, Judy Lee, Ed Lee, Marty Dooley, June Huch, Ron Huch and Fran Wienstroer. Behind the camera taking the picture was Jerry Craig.

The first official meeting of the club was held on February 4, 2004 at Hessler's Pub on Lemay Ferry Road. The first officers were Ron Huch was president, Marty Dooley was vice president, June Huch was secretary, Fran Wienstroer was treasurer, Karen Mericle was sergeant at arms, Judy Lee was membership, Jerry Craig was newsletter editor, Sharon Ballinger was NCM Ambassador and Ed Lee was the webmaster.

From these beginnings, the Lees moved out of the area shortly after the club was founded. Also, the Mericles and Wienstroers left the club within the first year or so. Ron and June Huch were members of the club for many years but eventually sold their Vette and took up camping. They still live in Columbia, IL and we occasionally see them in the area. Sadly, we have lost Jerry and Armynta Craig as well as Carl Ballinger. Sharon Ballinger is still a member of the club but now lives in Tulsa, OK. That leaves Marty and Judy Dooley as our remaining founders and they have direct ties to our beginning.

Some of our newer members wonder why we limit our membership numbers. From the beginning and in our first by-laws there is a statement that the club would be no larger than 100 members. The founders felt that a larger club did not allow members to get to know one another and remember those cliques that sometimes form in larger clubs. Another consideration was that it was, and continues to this day, hard to find a meeting room to accommodate a large number of people. Since we have added so many new members in the past several years, I'm sure those of us who have been around a while are anxious to know each of you better and urge you to participate in our many events and take a leadership role in the club.

In the next several newsletter articles we will have more information on our

founding.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Rick and Jamie Brennan



Rick & Jamie Brennan

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