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President's Message

Hello STLCC Family!

Spring has almost sprung, and we are having a lot of fun!

The early blessing of warmer weather has given us opportunities to enjoy the Great American Sportscar.

The calendar is filled with events for everyone. Thanks to all members who take the time to sponsor events and those that attend.

Our next meeting is March 6th at ELCO. We will have an opportunity to support our members who are raising funds for St. Jude's thru the purchase of smoked pork tenderloins and a very fun evening at the Mouse Races – details at the meeting and also in the newsletter.

Please remember our support of Veterans by bringing toiletries to the meeting for John Midkiff to distribute.

Our Museum Ambassadors have kept us informed of events through the Corvette Campus Connection that was mailed out 2/15/2024.

The celebration of our club's 20th anniversary committee will be hard at work planning a year- long celebration, so come join the fun.

Stay safe and save the wave!

Karen Price, President 2024

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Diana Griggs

Pat Ross

Jack Braznell

Robert Hoogveld

Jaime Brennan

Judy Giovanoni

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric & Vickie DeBruin

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

5 Year

Wooldridge, Bruce

Wooldridge, Kathy

There were no 10, 15, or 20 year club anniversaries in March.

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet on Tuesday, February 6, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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
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Membership: Erin Duke	Treasurer: Anne Pickles
Secretary: Ron Hagenow	Sergeant at Arms: Dennis Trost
Immediate past president: Jim Givens	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark & Kim Gerecke

Karen welcomed everyone and reminded us that she has a block of rooms reserved for Corvette Weekend at Eureka Springs, AR in October. If you want a room, please reserve one now as there are other clubs wanting rooms also.

There were several guests. Clark and Arlene Thomas who are going on the New Orleans trip and are on our waiting list. Steve Busher was also in attendance and is on our waiting list.

Karen went over 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.
- Thank you to Dennis Trost for stepping up in replacing Randy Howard as Sergeant-at-arms. Thank you to Randy for his work in getting us started in the new year.
- A motion was requested to accept the January 2024 secretary's minutes. Ken Payne moved to accept the minutes with one correction noted (Fritz's was changed to April 7). Mike Kunst seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Anne Pickles asked if there were any questions concerning the treasurer's report previously sent out. There were none. A motion was requested to accept the January 2024 treasurer's report. Don Pickles moved to accept the report with a second by Barry Seelig. The motion passed. The proposed budget will be discussed later in the meeting.

- Membership Chairman Erin Duke provided an updated report that reflected membership changes since the January 2024 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 February birthdays and anniversaries.
- Michelle Finn is taking over the mentor program while Jack Braznell is away. She would like to meet briefly with those that volunteered after the meeting.

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. Kathy reminded everyone she needs flyers for the newsletter if you are sponsoring an event.

Mentoring Program: Please see Michelle after the meeting if you have volunteered to be a mentor.

Website: Steve Kirby reported it is on-target. He has updated several items on the

website. If you haven't looked at it lately, please check it out.

Sponsor Report: Mark reported they have 3 Corvettes coming in for inventory. There are also several used Corvettes if you are interested. Please let him know if you need anything. He also thanked the club for all the cards sent to his mother after her recent fall. She is doing better and hopes to be home soon.

Budget Report – Don Pickles, Rick Doerr and Mike Kunst. The proposed budget will be presented under new business.

By-Laws: Mike Price and Valerie Zeisset – There are several minor changes which will be presented at the next meeting.

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.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley –No report.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley – Sharon Brawner, who was the President and CEO of the board at the NCM has left that position. Judy also reminded us about the Bash on April 25-28 and the 30th Anniversary and Caravan on August 29-31. You must be a member of the caravan if you want to stay in Bowling Green for the Anniversary. Please see Marty or Judy if you have any questions. The gift shop will now accept Corvette items if in good shape which they will resell.

Parade: Michelle Paillou and Mike Price – The Webster Groves parade is on July

4 and the Veterans Day Parade is on November 9. Michelle will be unavailable for the July 4th parade and Don Pickles has agreed to take it over for this year. Michelle will help with the Veterans Day Parade.

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. The room has already been reserved.

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. More information to follow.

Insurance: Our insurance with Hagerty has been paid and is locked in for 3 years. The Secretary has the policy if anyone wants to look at it. A representative from Hagerty will be with us next month.

Marty Dooley announced he raised \$115 to raffle off the previous banner that hung at the NCM. The winner of the banner was Marc Portman. Thank you to Kim Gereke who designed our new banner. That banner will be raffled off next year.

Vice President's Report: Gary Duke reviewed past events and future events. They are as follows:

Past Events

January 7 – Planning meeting.

January 17 – retiree lunch at Que Pasa sponsored by Terry and Kathy Mueller. There were about 35 members in attendance and everyone enjoyed their food.

January 20 - Bunco sponsored by Judy Giovanoni. There were 35 players and everyone had a good time. This was probably a record attendance at bunco so far.

January 23 – lunch at River City Casino sponsored by Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset. There were about 15 there for lunch and Chris Woods, as usual, was the big winner at the slots.

January 27 – Cars and Coffee sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens at La Belle Vie. There were about 21 members in attendance.

February 6 – Scheduled club meeting tonight.

Future Events

February 11 – Valentine’s Day Brunch at Mr. BBQ in Waterloo sponsored by the Zeissets and Howards. Begins at 12:30 pm and there will be games afterwards.

February 21 – Retiree lunch sponsored by the Doerrs at Billy G’s Finer Diner. Lunch begins at 11:30 am.

February 24 – Cars and Coffee sponsored by the Givens. Begins at 8:30 am at Parlor Donuts in Wentzville.

February 24 – Bunco at the Kirby’s beginning at 6:00 pm. Signup sheet for food is available at the meeting.

February 25 – Crazy Bowl sponsored by the Dooleys and Howards. Be there at 12:30 pm with bowling beginning at 1:00 pm. The Pickles have agreed to host us after bowling. Subs will be ordered and there will be games afterwards.

March 5 – Club meeting.

March 13 – March 23 – Blues Highway trip sponsored by the Paynes.

March 16 – Cars and Coffee sponsored by the Givens. Upshot Coffee Brake Shop in St. Charles. Begins at 8:30 am.

March 22 – Mouse races in support of St. Jude's. This is a fund raiser for those going on the Drive for St. Jude's. It will be at the Elks Lodge on Bauer Road. Begins at 6:30 pm.

March 27 – Retiree lunch sponsored by Barry Seelig. Date moved from regularly scheduled date. Lunch will be at Ethyl's Smoke House in O'Fallon, MO.

March 28 – The inaugural start of Sunset and Sangria at Sunset Overlook, Columbia, IL. Begins at 5:30 pm.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS.

New business – Jim Givens spoke about the Drive for St. Jude's. This is not a club event but some members have been participating for several years. Besides the mouse races previously mentioned, there will also be a pork loin sale as was done last year. They need gift baskets to raffle off for the mouse races and everyone is invited to attend. St. Jude's does not charge for admittance and they need about \$2 million to operate each day. The Drive for St. Jude's is May 16-17.

Jerry Schmidt – There is a car show at Worldwide Technology raceway in support of Fisher House on May 18. Besides the car show there will be music, food and wine plus other exhibits. If the club has 10 or more cars, we can park together in a priority spot. There will be bands throughout the day. Unfortunately, Jerry will not be available that day but if you are interested in helping, please see Jerry. Cost is \$25 per car.

Dana Griggs – there will be car show at St. Martin's church like they did last year. Date is April 28. Awards will be given.

Michelle Paillou announced she is retiring March 1. The club is invited to her retirement party at Mike Duffy's on Clayton on March 1 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. She will be leaving the club for several months as she has been hired as a tour guide for the rail line trips to Alaska. Congratulations Michelle!

Mike Kunst asked if anyone was interested in driving down to Jackson, MO to view the total eclipse. It is scheduled for April 8. Please see Mike if you are interested in going.

The proposed budget was discussed by Mike Kunst. He, Don Pickles and Rick Doerr along with treasurer Anne Pickles are the budget committee and developed the budget. Mike explained various points in the proposed budget and the attempt to make it a zero budget (expenses are equal to income). There will be some money saved with the new insurance we have and this will be considered when the rate schedule is developed and is effective July 1. There was a question concerning the amount outlined for the "end of year gifts". This is due to possible increase in the amount spent for gifts due to our 20th anniversary. After a brief discussion Jim Givens made a motion that the budget be accepted and it was seconded by John Jordan. The motion passed.

Barry Seelig asked if anyone would be interested in touring the Magic Chef House. It is an old historic mansion that he recently went through. There was interest and more to follow.

On a sad note, Bob and Patti Kusky are moving to Kansas City. Bob is retiring in a few months and the move will put them closer to family. Patti is already retired. They will remain as associate members. Thanks to Bob and Patti for all they have done for the club.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Brian Walsh in the amount of \$78.

There were 53 members in attendance.

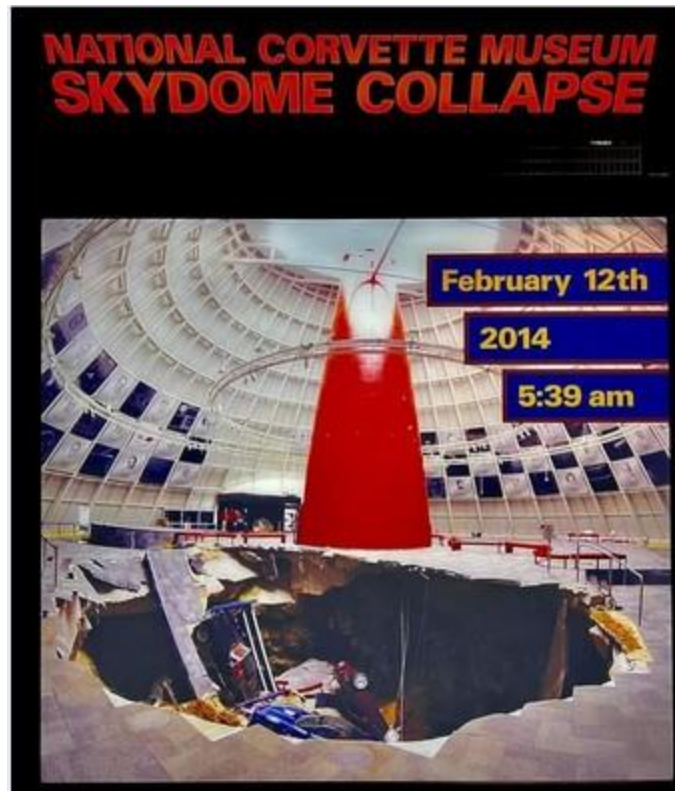
President Karen Price asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Pickles made a motion to adjourn with a second by Rick Doerr. The motion was accepted and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hagenow,
Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report



When the National Corvette Museum's Skydome suffered a cave-in on February 12, 2014 due to an underground cavern, the world quickly tuned in and watched. Ten years later the world saw an incredible change and growth at the National Corvette Museum. Yes, the sinkhole happened and then it was fixed, and they also repaired the rest of the museum so it would never happen again. The Blue Devil car was the last to fall in and the first to come out. It did start up and was driven away. Now there will be an exhibit about it starting June 14th.

Please don't forget that the NCM Caravan happens again this year -- 30th Anniversary and Caravan August 29 to 31. We have been in the Caravan since the Grand Opening in 1994 and every time since except for 25th Anniversary and Caravan due to medical problems. Everyone should be in the Caravan at least once.

The BASH is April 25-27. If you would like to attend this event, we can help you find rooms in Bowling Green. Go to www.corvettemuseum.org and then go to events. Click on BASH and there will be an itinerary for the BASH of things going on all weekend.

Don't forget the Corvette raffles. If you are interested, you can order online at <https://raffle.corvettemuseum.org> and download the order form.



2024 Arctic White Corvette Convertible 3/7/2024

Price: **\$200.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1162
Drawing: March 7, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time



2024 Sea Wolf Gray Corvette Coupe 3/28/2024

Price: **\$100.00** Tickets: 2000 Available: 1656
Drawing: March 28, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time



2024 Riptide Blue Corvette Coupe 4/18/2024

Price: **\$150.00** Tickets: 1500 Available: 1400
Drawing: April 18, 2024 2:00 PM Central Time



2024 Red Mist Corvette Convertible 4/27/2024

Price: **\$20.00** Unlimited Raffle
Drawing: April 27, 2024 3:00 PM Central Time

Future Events



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When:

- Saturday, March 16th @ 8:30am

Where:

- Upshot Coffee
- 816 N Kingshighway St
- St Charles, MO 63301

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

314.341.3383

V.A. Clean up & Planting



Clean up Saturday 9 a.m. March 23, 2023

For 1-2 hours



Planting 10: 00 a.m. April 13, 2023

Please bring: gloves to wear

Any questions contact Marty Dooley 314-894-0303 /314-814-4349

Or Judy 314-814-4495



March Retiree Lunch

Hosted by Barry Seelig

Date: March 27, 2024

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Where: Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon, 8505 Veterans Memorial Pkwy,
O'Fallon, MO 63366

Hosted by Barry Seelig

There will be a sign-up sheet at the March 2024 meeting. If you will not be attending the meeting, you can let Barry know at vetdude67@gmail.com or

314-974-4644.

Click below for the menu.

<https://ethylsmokehouse.com/>



Sangria Sunsets

(Last Thursday of each Month, March – September)

Sunset Overlook

11604 Bluff Road

Columbia, IL 62236

5:30pm - ?????

Come when you can. Rain, shine, snow or sleet.



St. Louis Corvette Club Monthly Ice Cream Run April Until October

- When:** Sunday
April 7th (Moved due to Easter on March 31st)
April 28th
May 28th
June 30th
July 28th
August 25th
September 29th
October 27th
- Where:** Fritz's Frozen Custard

815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088
- Time:** 5:30 PM Until We All Leave
- What:** Drive Your Corvette For Club Activity Credit
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Hosted by Kim and Steve Marre' and
Terry and Kathy Mueller

Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marre's House

1158 Hawkins Bend Pl., Fenton MO 63026

Eat at 6:00, Bunco at 7:00

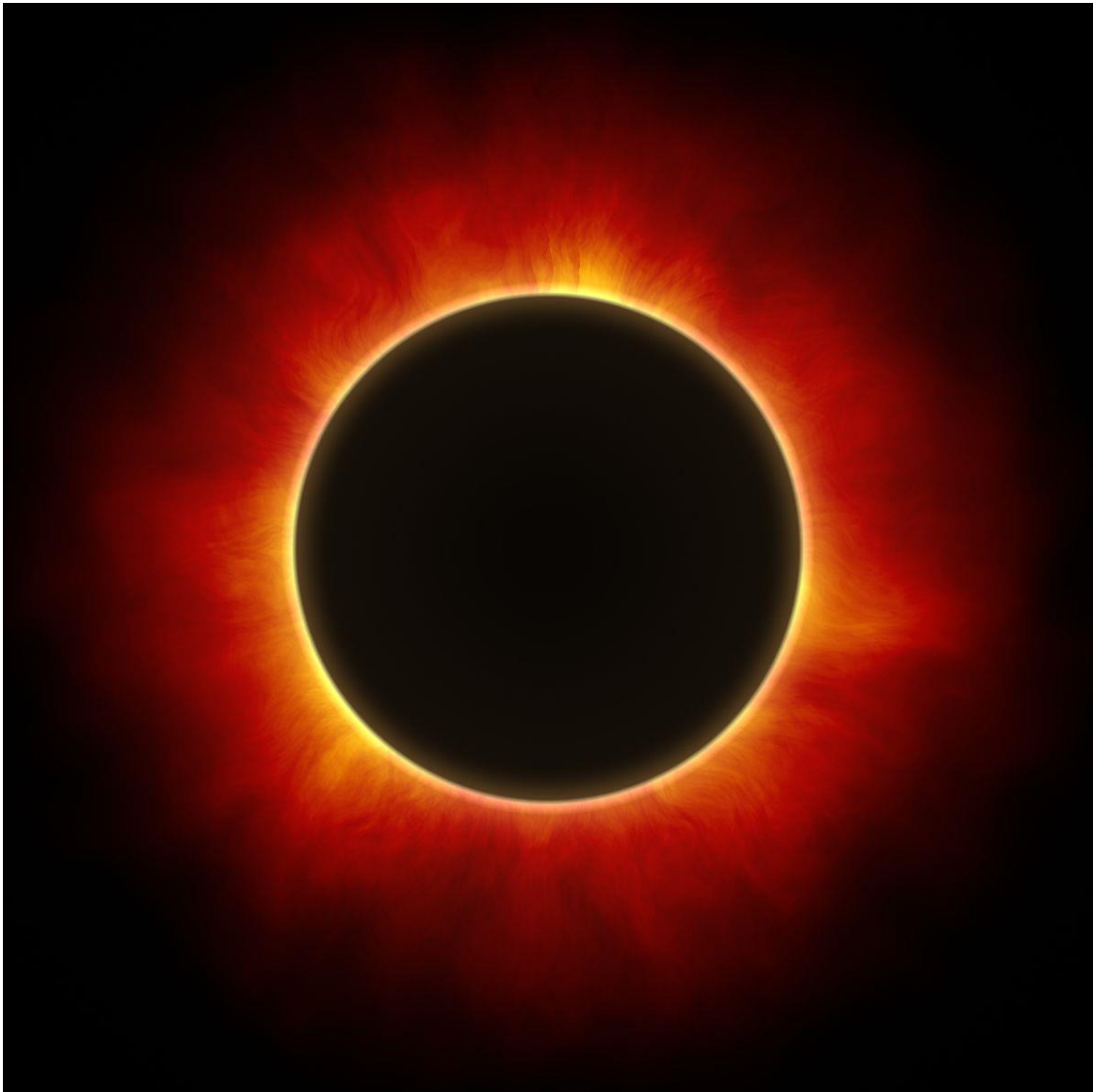
Bring \$5.00 per person and a dish to share.

Beer, soda, and water will be provided.

Sign up at the club meeting and indicate what you will bring or let Kim or
Kathy know by April 2.

Kim 314-800-7781, email steve.marre@sbcglobal.net
or Kathy 314-954-3715, email kathy_mueller@sbcglobal.net

Total Solar Eclipse Day Trip



Jackson, Missouri

Monday, April 8, 2024

Meet at Burger King at 8:45 AM
for departure at 9:00 AM.

Come early to enjoy a breakfast item!

4324 Butler Hill Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128

Sponsored by Mike Kunst

Mike.Kunst@outlook.com

Sign up at the March meeting or email me.

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 12:30 PM**  
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15764 CLAYTON RD, ELLISVILLE, MO 63011

Un-sponsored STLCC Events

The below event is not sponsored by STLCC, but is included for your information.



Friday, March 22, 2024

Doors open at 6:30pm, first race at 7:30pm

Crestwood Elks Club

10261 Bauer Road

St. Louis, MO 63128

Mouse Races, Mouse Roulette, Plinko, 50/50, Raffle Baskets & much more....



All proceeds benefit St Jude Children's Research Hospital

\$20/person or \$160 for a table of 8

Contact: Jim Givens @Givensjwg@gmail.com

Ruth Howard @Rhoward15@charter.net

Beer, Soda and water included. Cash bar available.

No outside drinks/alcohol or individual cups. Bring your own food & snacks.

Past Events

St. Louis Corvette Valentine's Day Luncheon

Sponsored by the Howards and Zeissets

Photos by Terry Mueller and Ruth Howard















February Retiree Lunch

Sponsored by Rick and Mary Doerr

Photos by Terry Mueller



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Coffee and Corvettes

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

Photos by Jim Givens







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!

March 2024

Continuing with the theme of looking back at our club founding, these members have been around the longest besides Marty and Judy Dooley. They either attended the first meeting or joined the club within the first year. Those joining at the initial meeting and still in the club are Mike and Karen Price, Bob and Chris Woods and Rich and Theresa Luebcke. Also, Mark Shipley joined then but moved away after several years. He and his wife have moved back to the area again and are on our waiting list.

Current members who joined in 2005 that are still in the club are Carl and Pat Cox, Gary and Jan Murray and Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow. Joining in 2006 and still with the club is Michelle Paillou. Current members Ruth and Randy Howard and Rick and Mary Doerr joined in 2007. Rounding out in 2008 are current members Don and Anne Pickles.

Throughout the first few years our membership numbers fluctuated between roughly 25 and 50 members. All our meetings were held at Hessler's Pub until the club outgrew the facilities.

Running down the list of officers, these members have all been club president. They are in order: Ron Huch, Marty Dooley, Rich Frierdich, Bill Dotson, Ron Hagenow, Theresa Luebcke, Randy Howard, Marty Dooley, Kevin Bayliss, Ruth Howard, Ann Brown Sedovic, Mike Price, Ray Queen, Don Pickles, Jim Givens and Karen Price.

The following have all been club vice president. They are in order: Marty Dooley, Rich Frierdich, Bill Dotson, Ron Hagenow, Jeff Craig, Charlie Miget, Mike Zlatic, Larry Akins, Mike Price, Carl Ballinger, Mike Grubb, Rick Doerr, Karen Price, Brandon Hoosier and Gary Duke.

We will continue with the other officers in next month's newsletter.

Finally, we need to remember why we joined the club and why we continue being members. We are all here voluntarily and your club officers try their very best to do what is right for the club. No one is getting paid to fill these officer positions. Have you ever tried to get 100 people to always agree with whatever you are trying to do? If you enjoy what we do or maybe you think we should do something different, either speak up or run for an office. Looking back at the longevity of our members, almost everyone who has been in the club for 5 years or more has held an officer position at one time or another.

With that in mind, here again is the stated purpose of our club taken from the by-laws: ***To enjoy the Corvette through association with other Corvette owners. To have fun on many levels through social events, road trips, car shows, charity events and competition as each person wishes. To actively promote and work for the advancement of "Saint Louis Corvette Club" and its activities. To respect the differences and wishes of each Saint Louis Corvette Club member.***

Here are a few pictures from events in 2004:



A few of our cars going on a run in April 2004.



Getting ready to eat at Pere Marquette State Park in May 2004.



Doing what we do best on a winery run to Indiana in July 2004.



All lined up for a car show in June 2004. You may notice Mike Price's '75 first in line.

Who are these kids?

As an addendum to the normal History Committee column, here is a look back at those members who are either Charter members or joined in 2004.



Sharon Ballinger (aka Darla) in her natural pose with a wine glass. Sharon is a Founding Member and is now living in Tulsa.



Founding members Marty and Judy Dooley from the club's first Christmas party.



Bob and Chris Woods also at the club's first Christmas party.



A two for one special. Mike and Karen Price along with now Associate Members Rich and Theresa Luebcke at the club's first Christmas party. Rich and Theresa were out of the club for several years before rejoining. Also to the left in the picture you can see Marty Dooley in the background as well as Charlie Miget. Charlie and Jackie Miget were long time members of the club before leaving several years ago.



Although he left the club for several years, Rick Frierdich joined in 2004 and was president in 2006. This picture is from our first Christmas party.

Featured STLCC Member and His Corvette

Jim Love



Jim Love



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