



Gateway News

The official publication of the St. Louis Corvette Club

June 2011

Upcoming Events

- June 7 STLCC Monthly Meeting
- June 8 - 12 Wisconsin Dells
- June 18 Elco Car Show
- June 18 - 24 NCCC Convention
- June 23 - 26 Bloomington Gold
- June 26 Fritz's Ice Cream Run
- July 5 STLCC Monthly Meeting
- July 16 Gateway Grizzlies Game
- July 23 Loading Dock Run
- July 24 Sybill's Run
- July 31 Fritz's Ice Cream Run



STLCC Gardening Crew!

Dedicated members of the St. Louis Corvette Club once again gave their time and effort to help others. Despite gray skies, rain, and cold, a hard-working crew created a beautiful garden space for the local VA hospital.

Many people give thanks to our veterans; our club also gives back!



President's Column



Here we go, watching it rain again rather than sitting with car club friends at our car show. With all this rain and the predicted bad weather, it really is tough to organize an event. We will get a group together to try for another show date soon. We have been pretty lucky in the past with good weather for most of our events. Hopefully, it will get better.

Judy and I have been able to make a couple of runs already this year. One being a ride to Bowling Green, Kentucky for the Bash. This is usually one of the first big Corvette events of the year. We were joined this time with a few newer club members for their first large event at the National Corvette Museum. It was special being able to enjoy this time with them. Along with some of the regulars that go every year, we all had a great time.

There are some interesting things coming up this year. The Pickles have a run along RT 66 to Bob's Gasoline Alley near Cuba, Missouri. Then we have the Ballingers helping with a trip to Wisconsin Dells. And we have the NCCC Convention in Tinley, Illinois. (Maybe another trip to Tunica - after flood clean-up?)

So, check your calendars and plan your rides...

Drive carefully,
Marty Dooley
 President - 2011



2011 Officers

- President: **Marty Dooley**
- Vice President: **Charlie Miget**
- Secretary: **Mary Ann Hagenow**
- Treasurer: **Ann Brown**
- Sergeant-at-Arms: **Carl Ballinger**
- Membership: **Ron Hagenow**
- Webmaster: **Jerry Craig**



National Corvette Museum Ambassador:
Judy Dooley



National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor:
Rich Luebcke

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Carl gets his hat signed by Harlan Charles, Corvette Designer



Mike and Ron, hard at work in the VA garden



It's not a Club function until we get our "rides" cleaned up

What we've been up to VA Garden Work, C5/C6 Bash in Bowling Green



New tires and wheels for 2012. The Corvette team is opting for Michelin "Cup" tires, which are barely street-worthy racing slicks!



Marty and Mike use the C6R cutaway to teach Amy about cars



Theresa hard at work (while the guys "supervise?")



The new Carlisle Blue, which turned out to be less "wimpy" than the girls thought.



Chris is a woman who isn't afraid of power tools.



Rich and Larry have a good time no matter what the weather!

Meeting Minutes

Couldn't make it to the meeting? Find out what you missed (or what we volunteered you for) here. We meet the first Tuesday of each month at **Sunset Hills Banquet Center, 13366 W. Watson Road. 5:30 p.m. open bar, 6 p.m. buffet dinner (\$12), and 7 p.m. meeting.**



The Wine Committee of the St. Louis Corvette Club

May 3, 2011 - Sunset Lakes

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by president **Marty Dooley**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Marty welcomed everyone and introduced the current officers, immediate past president **Randy Howard**, NCCC governor **Rich Luebcke**, NCM ambassador **Judy Dooley** and webmaster **Jerry Craig**. **Amy Zlatic**, the new newsletter editor, was absent. Representatives from club sponsor Elco Chevrolet were enroute to the meeting. Members were reminded to check sign-up lists and purchase 50/50 tickets. Marty also welcomed representatives from **Midwest Monogram** and reminded everyone that shirt orders could be placed this evening though the white club shirts with checkered collars are no longer available from the manufacturer.

New Members and Guests

No new members or guests were present. Everyone enjoyed welcoming member **Tammy Walker** to the meeting.

Meeting Minutes

Jean Dupont moved to accept the minutes from the April 5, 2011 meeting as published in the newsletter. **Mike Walsh** seconded the motion, which was then approved by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Ann Brown presented the treasurer's report dated May 3, 2011. **Ken Barron** moved to accept the report, seconded by **Rich Luebcke** and approved by the membership.

Membership Report

Ron Hagenow reported that there are currently 90 regular club members, 12 associate members, and 1 honorary lifetime member. May birthdays and anniversaries were acknowledged. Ron asked if anyone had had contact with members **Dan and Linda Wombles**. Ron also shared some 'colorful' reflections regarding yellow cars.

Committee Reports

None.

Announcements

Congratulations to new member **Mike Kirby** on his recent retirement. Now Mike will have more time to enjoy his Corvette!!

Rich Doerr thanked everyone for their get-well wishes and cards.

Correspondence

Letters were read from **Sunset Hills Mayor William Nolan** and the **Ortmann family**, thanking the club for the tornado relief donations presented to them at the April meeting.

National Corvette Museum - Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that the museum had been looking for contributions of club military pictures for display. Pictures were sent of our participation in the Veterans' Day parade and these are on display at the museum and may



Veterans' Day Parade picture on display at the National Corvette Museum

also be viewed on the museum's website. The museum is currently hosting a "muscle car" display. Judy is selling \$10 tickets for a black 2012 convertible to be raffled on Saturday, September 3 at the museum.

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National Council of Corvette Clubs - Governor's Report

Rich Luebcke reported that the National Governors' meeting was held on Saturday, April 30 at the Sheraton Westport in St. Louis. He was unable to attend the meeting but will share more information when he receives the meeting minutes. Rich has a list of recommendations for Rulebook changes for 2012. If you are interested in seeing a copy of these recommendations, contact him.

Re: NCCC Convention, June 18-26:

- ✓ A convention dress rehearsal will be held on Saturday, May 7.
- ✓ Dress rehearsal for Mayor's and Entrant's Choice Car Shows was held on March 13.
- ✓ Clubs are being asked to provide one or more door prizes. Let Rich know by the June 7th meeting if you have something to donate.
- ✓ All volunteers for the car shows need to be in position at the hotel at 11:30 a.m. on June 19.
- ✓ Volunteers will be needed until 7 p.m. when the shows conclude.

Rich reminded members of coverage provided by Brown and Brown, NCCC's new insurance company. Our board has full copies of all of the insurance packages as well as hard copies of the "Certificate of Insurance" needed for certain venues when we host events. He also reminded members that Waiver forms may be copies but all signatures on the forms must be originals. ALL event participants must sign the waiver.

Newsletter Report

Marty Dooley thanked **Mike Price** for all of the time and great effort put into creating and publishing the club's newsletter while serving as newsletter editor. **Amy Zlatic** was complimented, in absentia, for her initial effort on the newsletter and for taking on the newsletter editor position.

Website Report

Jerry Craig announced that pictures of recent events have been posted on the website. Jerry is interested in relinquishing his job as webmaster. If

anyone is interested in taking on this important position, please check with Jerry.

Sponsor's Report

Eric DeBruin thanked everyone who participated in the Geocaching event on April 10. He distributed information on 2012 Corvettes and Camaros. He is currently working on an inventory link. Eric reported that Elco's used car manager is having a difficult time getting quality used cars, the market having changed a lot recently.

Mark Gerecke reported that the car show is scheduled for Saturday, May 7 at Elco from 12-2. Rain is in the forecast. It was decided that Saturday, May 14, will be the rain date. Mark will contact **Ron Hagenow** who will alert members if the car show is rescheduled due to predicted weather. It was also reported that the ordering date for 2011 Corvettes has passed.

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June Birthdays & Anniversaries



- Irene Wilson, June 1
- Sara Gibson, June 10
- Dave Davidson, June 14
- Judy Dooley, June 14
- Dave Markland, June 18
- Jim Stockwell, June 22
- Rich Doerr, June 29



- Ken & Sue Dahman, June 1
- Carl & Pat Cox, June 5
- Bill & Pam Dotson, June 6
- June & Jerry Fain, June 6
- Gary & Debbie Tidwell, June 11
- Dan & Linda Wombles, June 11
- Kevin & Jamie Smull, June 12
- Dave & Marya Horstmeyer, June 15
- Dana & Diana Griggs, June 17
- Roy & Joan Handlang, June 17
- Don & Angie Bradford, June 26
- Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow, June 30

Meeting Minutes (continued)

Prior Events

Charlie Miget again thanked everyone who participated in the Geocache event on April 10. Six couples and 'Moose' enjoyed the Fritz's frozen custard run on Sunday, April 17.

Marty Dooley thanked everyone who helped with prepping and planting at the veterans' garden at Jefferson Barracks on April 23 and 30. A very special thank you to **Karen Price** and **Bob Woods** for the work they did in making this such a successful event. A thank you letter from VA rehab staff member **Becky** was read. She referred to the garden as an "oasis of calm, beauty and tranquility" which the patients can enjoy while "seeing the flag they so bravely defended."

Judy Dooley reported on the C5/C6 Bash held at the Museum on April 28-30. 6 club cars attended. The **Zlatics** and **Horstmeyers** were introduced to the Museum as first-timers.

Future Events

May 6, Friday – Wheelchair Games, Jefferson Barracks Hospital, 8-4:30p
Some will be held by the gym, some in the garden of the Spinal Cord Unit.

May 6, Friday – Happy Hour at Sunset Lakes cancelled. Future dates will be posted on the website.

May 7, Saturday – Elco Car Show – 12-2 p.m. Meet at Elco at noon. Trophies will be presented for Sponsor and People's Choice. Burgers and brats will be served. Rainedate – Sat., May 14.

May 12-14 – C4 Gathering at NCM in Bowling Green, KY

Dave Davidson will be going – see him for plans.

May 13-14 – Tunica, MS 3rd Annual Adventure Cancelled due to flooding.

May 14, Saturday – Rainedate for Elco Car Show, if needed – 12-2 p.m.

May 14 and 15 – Car Shows at Cabela's at St. Louis Mills-Hazelwood, MO To benefit ALS and Herbert Hoover Boys' Club

May 22, Sunday – Bob's Gasoline Alley near Cuba, MO

Don and Anne Pickles are planning

this event. Meet at Route 66 State Park (97 N. Outer Road E. #1 in Eureka-exit 266-Lewis Road Exit-off of I-44). Will leave at 10:00 a.m. Will travel the old highway for an approximate two hour drive followed by a catered lunch at Bob's Gasoline Alley-\$11.00 per person for lunch. After eating we will go through the displays. Can go into Cuba afterwards to see more. Would like to have 15 cars/30 people go at least. Friends may be included. Information will be posted on the website. Send Don an email to sign up. If you have a conflict with Sunday church services, Don has maps available for you to meet at noon at Bob's.

May 24, Tuesday – Run to the Wall

Veterans riding motorcycles to Washington, DC will stop at Jefferson Barracks Hospital and will ride through the Spinal Cord Unit garden beginning at approximately 9 a.m. All are invited to go. **Jan Murray** mentioned that the road is usually closed for this event so those wishing to attend should plan to go early and stay until all bikers have left.

May 27, Friday – Concert at Family Arena in St. Charles, 7:30 p.m.

Featuring **Gary Sinise** (*star of CSI:NY and Forrest Gump*) and the **Lt. Dan Band**. (Proceeds will go towards construction of a 'Smart' home for **Corporal Todd Nicely**, a quadriplegic wounded in Afghanistan.) Go to the Family Arena website for more information.

May 29, Sunday – Fritz's Run at 6 p.m.

Meet at Fritz's at 815 Meramec Station Road in Valley Park, Hwy 141 and Big Bend Road.

June 9-12 – Wisconsin Dells Trip

15 cars are going. The Thursday, June 9, wine run will take place at 10 though not posted on Internet schedule. Cost of that event is \$7.50. Meet with **Carl Ballinger** after tonight's meeting.

June 11, Saturday – 13th Annual Susan G. Komen St. Louis Race for the Cure

Ruth Howard will be walking for those interested in joining her. **Judy Dooley** invited those going to the Dells to order

Komen shirts on-line and plan to walk at the Dells.

June 18-25 – NCCC Convention – Tinley Park, Illinois

Contact **Rich Luebcke** for more information.

July 10, Sunday – Sybill's, St. James

Please note new date for this event previously scheduled for July 17.

July 16, Saturday – Gateway Grizzlies Ballgame

Ron Hagenow reported that he is planning a club night at the ballpark. \$20 per person includes 7:05 pm game preceded by picnic buffet at 5:30 or 6. We will be able to drive our cars in small groups through the concourse during designated innings. Will meet at South County and caravan to the ballpark. A Jimmy Buffett Tribute Band will perform after the game for those interested in staying. Would like to have 20-30 cars participate. A sign-up sheet is available this evening.

July 23, Saturday – Loading Dock at Grafton, Illinois

Old Business

Theresa Luebcke gave an update on the April Honor Flight out of Decatur, Illinois. Theresa thanked everyone who sent letters to the veterans who participated in the flight to Washington, DC. Theresa's parents, both veterans, were participants in this particular Honor Flight.

Dessert – Thanks to **Gary and Debbie Tidwell** for providing this month's cake and to **Ruth and Randy Howard** for delivering the cake! **Don and Angie Bradford** have offered to bring the June 7th dessert.

50/50 Raffle

Ann Brown won \$83.00. Thanks to everyone for purchasing tickets.

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Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

National Corvette Museum
<http://www.corvettemuseum.com>

National Council
of Corvette Clubs
www.corvettesnccc.org

Official Corvette Site
www.chevrolet.com/corvette

Boone Trail Corvette Club
www.boonetrailcc.com

Original Corvette Club
of St. Louis
www.occofstl.com

Corvette Racing
www.corvetteracing.com

Mid America Motorworks
www.mamotorworks.com

Elco Chevrolet
www.elcochevroletcadillac.com

Corvette Motorsport
<http://www.corvettemotorsport.com/>

Corvette Central
<http://www.corvettecentral.com/>



Meeting Minutes (continued)

Approximately 54 members attended the meeting this evening.

Don Pickles moved to adjourn the meeting with a second by **Gary Murray** and approval by the membership. The next regularly-scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7 at 7 p.m. at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center. Doors will open at 5:30 and buffet will be served at approximately 6:00 for those interested. June menu will include BBQ chicken and pork steaks, potato salad, lettuce salad, and "all the fixins!"

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Ann Hagenow
Secretary 2011

GM announces C7 assembly in Bowling Green



The General Motors Corvette Assembly Plant was packed full of community and state leaders, GM officials, media and supporters of Corvette in hopes of good news with regards to the future of Corvette and Bowling Green. It was good news indeed as GM North America President **Mark Reuss** took to the podium and announced their plans to invest \$131 million in the Bowling Green Assembly Plant. "This facility is particularly thrilling for me to be at because I've had Corvettes. In fact, Corvette is one of the reasons why I went to work for the company a long time ago," said Reuss.

Reuss announced that the next generation Corvette, the C7, would be produced in Bowling Green and that 250 jobs would be created.

He added that the current generation will continue for about two more years while work happens behind the scenes to update the facility and ensure the Corvette will continue to be the true American sports car built here for many years to come. The C7 model is predicted to be debuted Spring of 2013 for a 2014 model year Corvette.

"As you know, Bowling Green is a special place; not just to me and to GM but to Corvette lovers around the world. This place is THE mecca for those who appreciate true affordable sports car performance and they come from the four corners of the globe to see what you do here," said Reuss. "It is amazing and it is inspiring and it is very American."

See Reuss's complete speech at
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kcbZczREu5M>

June Menu

BBQ Chicken ♦ BBQ Pork Steaks ♦ Potato Salad
Baked Beans ♦ Garden Salad
Rolls, Butter ♦ Fixin's

*Please contact **Ron Hagenow** if you have menu suggestions
and if you plan to eat at the June meeting.*

News from the National Corvette Museum

by NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley



Memorial Bricks on Sale

In honor of Memorial Day, the NCM is offering small standard walkway bricks located outdoors. These "In Memory Of" bricks are discounted at \$25 off the regular price. \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members.

Order on line and note IMOBRIK11 in the special suggestions box on the shipping page. Note: This offer is only good till May 31.



NCM is raffling off a black convertible Corvette for Labor Day. See Judy to purchase your \$10 ticket!

Message from Membership

by Membership Chair Ron Hagenow



I have contacted the Gateway Grizzlies and we have a confirmed date of Saturday, July 16 for the ballgame. Currently there are 15 cars (30 people signed up). They are going to reserve 50 tickets for us and I just need to give them the final totals two weeks before the game so there are still plenty of seats available.

Cost of the game is \$20 per person. That is \$12 for food and \$8 for the game. The game starts at 7:05 pm and the all-you-can-eat buffet starts about 75 minutes prior to the game; I would anticipate leaving Home Depot at South County around 5 pm.

I would prefer if everyone who wants to attend if they would please pay the club at either the June or July meeting and then the club will write one check. I will have to make a deposit in the next several weeks to confirm our seats. We should be in Section 121; right off of 3rd base (you won't get this close at Busch for less than \$100).

They are going to put us on their promotion calendar so we will get exposure there, plus they will introduce us that night. There is a gate near where we will park so it will be easy to get our cars onto the concourse to let everyone see them. I already asked if they could have security or staff near where we are driving so we don't have people scratching or otherwise molesting our cars while on the concourse. This is essentially what we did when we went several years ago. For the new folks, if you go to our website and look at the 2007 photos there is a folder called Gateway Grizzlies which has pictures of our last outing.



Here are the folks that I have signed up so far: **Hagenows, Doerrs, Dahmans, Ann and Pete, Hopsons, Kirbys, Luebckes, Pickles, Michelle and Randy, Migets, Coxs, DuPonts, Lyles, Michelle and Dave, Jerry and Armynta Craig.**

They are supposed to have the **Phins**, a Jimmy Buffett tribute band after the game. You can visit www.gatewaygrizzlies.com for further information.

Please note: the Elco car show was rescheduled to June 18! Keep your fingers crossed for sunshine!



Marya: cigar smoker and 2-fisted drinker. But at least she doesn't drive a yellow Corvette!



Judy proudly displays her muddy hands.



Club members hanging out in downtown Bowling Green



How many Club members does it take to hose down a patio?! (Marty, do you realize you're creating "water on the road?")



oooo...new Vette seats!



Rich enjoys a cigar with another Corvette fan.



STLCC represents in the downtown square of Bowling Green!



Didn't Snow White hang out with a bunch of little guys who had shovels and pick-axes slung over their shoulders?!



Club members enjoy a gorgeous night in front of the only establishment in BG that would sell them alcohol.



mmmm...cigar



Sharon taught Marya and Amy the art of shopping in the Museum gift shop. Dave and Mike are still crying over their smoking credit cards.



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