



# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



July 2015

## STLCC Upcoming Events

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| July 4     | Fourth of July Parade Webster Groves and Picnic at the Price's |
| July 7     | STLCC Meeting at Grand Slam                                    |
| July 11-18 | Tail of the Dragon   |
| July 26    | Fritz's Ice Cream  |



Your 2014-2015 Board

### President's Letter

Hi All,

To all those who have had mishaps, illness, surgeries and general bad luck, we've had some sort of a run of it, I myself and the club wish you well and hope to see you all back with us. Don Giovanni was obviously well loved by the turn out from our club to say our goodbyes. Ruth Howard gave a very moving and true speech at his services about family and what it means.

On the other side of things we did have a great time at the club luau. No grass skirts but plenty of swimmers, food and adult beverages. Thanks Laurie and Mike. A few members made it to the Great Race tech and send off. A lot of cool cars and a few characters to go with them. I'll bring my program for those who would like to look at it.

Next up is night at Fairmount Park, Tale of the Dragon and the Pontiac run. Get ready Steve you should have all kinds of pictures heading your way.

I would be a miss if I didn't wish you all fun times and Corvette on.

Love,

Mike

## June Meeting Minutes

St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting June 2, 2015 at Grand Slam.

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by Carl Ballinger. At this time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. In Mike Price's absence, Carl introduced the officers as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice President- Carl Ballinger, Secretary- Erin Duke, Treasurer- Bob Kusky, Membership- Tom Marlo and Sergeant at Arms- Michelle Palliou, and our Immediate past President- Ann Sedovic.

There was a reminder about the sign in sheet and the 50/50 tickets being sold, as well as, the Corvette Club coolers!

We have guests in attendance, The Duncan's. They have a 2015 C7 Corvette, Torch Red. We also have a new member, Rich Carter.

The Secretary Minutes were discussed. A motion to accept was initiated by Sharon Ballinger, with a second motion by Judy Dooley with all in favor to pass the secretary minutes.

Bob Kusky gave the Treasurers report. Ron Hagenow made a motion to accept and the second motion was given by Gary Duke. All were in favor to pass the Treasurers report.

Tom Marlo gave the Membership report. We have 90 regular members, 13 associate members, 4 sponsors, and 2 lifetime members for a total of 109. The Birthdays and Anniversaries were announced at this time.

Judy Dooley gave the National Corvette Museum Ambassador's report. The St. Louis Corvette Club banner has been purchased. It will be on display Labor Day weekend! Raffle tickets are still being sold for \$10 for a chance to win a Torch Red 2015 Corvette!

Jeff Craig gave the NCCC Governor's report. There is really nothing to report until the latter part of August. The Craig Racing team has been doing fantastic in their racing classes! Way to go Craig Racing!!!

There is no news to report about the Newsletter, per Ron Hagenow.

Steve Kirby says the website is on target.

Randy Howard gave the Sponsor report. There are several Corvette's for sale still, and if you are needing repairs on your corvette, Bill is on vacation at this time.

Ruth announced the Fairmount Racetrack event on June 27<sup>th</sup>. Gates open at 6pm and racing starts at 7pm. The cost is \$21.95 per person.

Marty Dooley announced that we are in need of volunteers to water plants and keep the fountains filled at the VA Hospital. Please let Judy or Marty Dooley know if you have time to volunteer.

### Past Events:

May 25<sup>th</sup>-The Craig Racing team had an event over Memorial Day Weekend with the East Tennessee Corvette Club.

May 29<sup>th</sup>-Villa Antonio Winery Night was a success. There were 17 couples that attended. A great time was had by all.

Fritz's Ice cream run was the last Sunday of the month.

Future Events:

June 4-6- Joplin Run

June 11-13 – Chula Vista Run

June 13- Car show in Chesterfield for SSM Cardinal Glennon Hospital. \$20 to show your car.

June 18- Tech Day and Open House

June 19-20- The Great Race

June 20- Luau at Mike and Laurie Grubb's

June 21- Father's Day and Car show in Kimmswick

June 25-27- Bloomington Gold. It's at Indianapolis Speedway this year.

June 26- Drive your Vette to work day. If you are not working, meet at Mimi's at 11am in the valley for brunch and then off to the winery.

June 27- Fairmount Racetrack

June 28- Fritz's Ice Cream Run at 6pm

July 4- Webster Groves Parade with Pot luck lunch at the Price's following the parade.

July 11-18- Tail of the Dragon Trip

August 8-9- Trip to Pontiac Illinois

New Business:

The Howard's became new Grandparents of Caroline Ruth.

Rick Frierdich became a Grandfather for the 16<sup>th</sup> time!

Thank you to the Kusky's for providing the cake this month. Next month is the Tidwell's.

We had 50 members in attendance tonight.

The winner of the 50/50 drawing for the amount of \$90.50 was Elise Akins.

Tony Jokerst was the winner of the attendance prize of a \$20 Imo's gift card. Jerry Craig was the winner of a hat.

The next meeting is July 7<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 pm. Gary Duke made the motion to accept and Sandy Kirby made second motion. All in favor to adjourn the meeting.

Please keep Don Giovanoni, Mike Price, Ray Queen, Pat Cox and Randy Howard in your prayers.

Thank you for coming! Have a good night, drive safely and Save the Wave.

Secretary Minutes respectfully submitted by Erin Duke 2015

# July Birthdays & Anniversaries



Marc Portman July 3  
 Dick Shoulders July 5  
 Ron Hagenow July 8  
 Sharon Love July 13  
 JoAnn Rogers July 15  
 Dana Griggs July 21  
 Bob Kerin July 22  
 Cherie Hopson July 25  
 Jan Murray July 27

Paul and Kathy Craig July 5  
 Dale and Valeria zeisset July 5  
 Mike and Sandy Kirby July 8  
 Mark and Gina Kessinger July 25  
 Carl and Sharon Ballinger July 31

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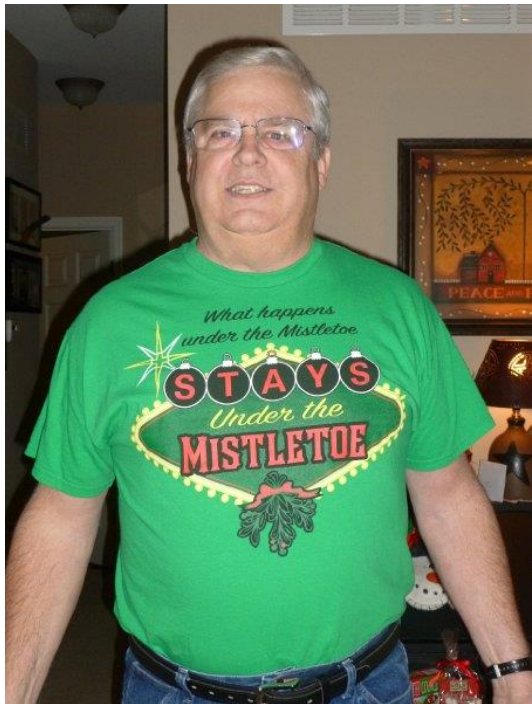
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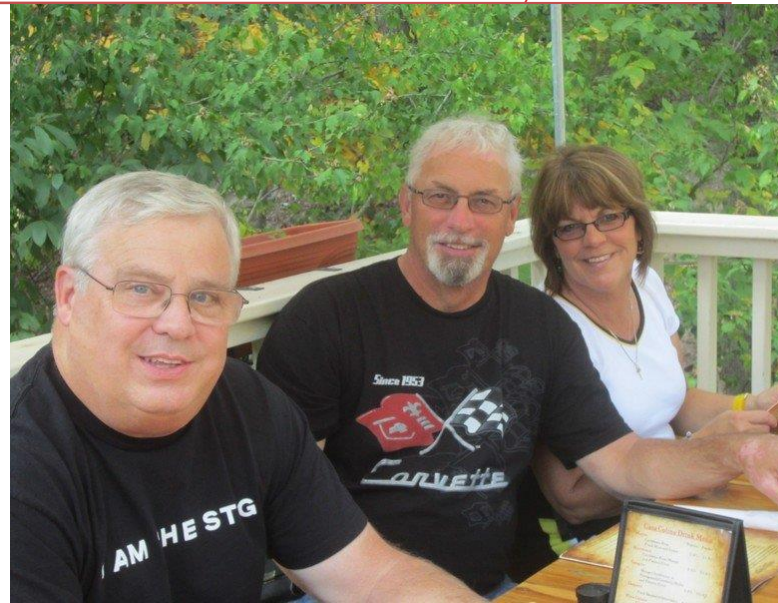
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### In Memoriam

It's hard to believe that Don Giovanoni has left us. He fought the good fight but was called to meet his Maker much too early. At least we can take comfort that he is at peace. Don never met a stranger and we are all a little better for having called Don our friend. Our condolences to Judy and his family. He will be missed by all of us.

Here are a few pictures of Don throughout the years he was with us.





Here is one of my favorites from his "RECEIPE" section of the newsletter.

**Peanut Butter Toast**

**Ingredients:**

- 2 pieces bread (white, rye, your choice)
- Peanut Butter (I prefer Skippy smooth, your choice)
- Toast bread until golden brown. Apply peanut butter to toast as soon as it pops up so the peanut butter melts into the toast.
- Consume warm.

At Don's last meeting he gave Marty a bunch of Matchbox cars for the Museum and this was one of them. Now you know why we say yellow Corvettes look like a taxi.



## NCM Ambassador Report

Did you know you can put your mark in concrete at the NCM? You can purchase a BRICK on the walkway from the parking lot to the NCM. You can put most anything on YOUR BRICK. Bricks come plain or with your car logo (C-1, C-2&3, C-4, C-5, C-6) or ZR-1 or 50th, Grand Sport, Jake, Race Border, or NCM Spire. A standard 4" x8" BRICK is \$100 for members and \$125 for non-members. Bricks can be placed by the club bench or in any section you choose (space permitting).

If you are interested in putting your mark at the National Corvette Museum let me know and I will get you an order form.

Judy Dooley  
NCM Ambassador



Our club bench with member's bricks

Judy said this is "her" brick but it clearly says it's "my" brick

### Car reunited with owner (submitted by Patty Craig)

Terry Dietrich celebrated her 62nd birthday by reigniting a teenage romance.

The 62-year-old accountant from Duluth, Ga. was finally reunited last week with the 1972 Corvette Stingray that was stolen from her more than 40 years ago. She described the vehicle as her "first love," according to a statement Monday from Allstate Corp., the insurer that worked with government officials and a car dealer to trace the Corvette's past

"That car, I hope, will never leave my sight again," she said in phone interview. "It needs a lot of love and attention. I want to restore that car, I want to bring it back to life."

Gary Greene, a used-car dealer, said he bought the Chevrolet from a widow last year for \$10,000 with the idea that he would have something to "tinker with and fiddle with." Reviewing documents tied to the car and its vehicle identification number raised red flags, said Greene, whose business is in Forest City, N.C.

"It wasn't a convertible, but the title had 'CN,' like a convertible should have," Greene recalled in a phone interview. "And then, I looked at the year model on the title, and it said 1969. Well, that body had not been modified at all, and that was a '72 model car."

He alerted the authorities. It turns out that Northbrook, Ill.-based Allstate was the rightful owner of the car after paying Dietrich's claim decades ago, the company said. While insurers often auction property that they recover in such cases, this time was different, and the classic sports car was turned over to Dietrich for an undisclosed sum, Justin Herndon, a spokesman for the insurer, said by telephone.

"In the history of Allstate, at least, which goes back 80-some-odd years, we had never come across something like this," Herndon said. "Almost all stolen cars are either found within the first five or six weeks, or not at all."

The car was driven to Dietrich last week by her old Allstate agent with a new title, Herndon said.

Dietrich bought the car when she was 19, using money from her first job toward a down payment, according to the statement. She said it was stolen while she was at work.

### **Brand New Old Cars submitted by Jerry Craig**

Mark Wayne Mullin (R-OK) and Rep. Gene Green (D-TX) have introduced bipartisan legislation that would enable low volume car manufacturers to produce turn-key replica vehicles for customers nationwide.

Replica vehicles resemble classic cars produced at least 25 years ago. Supported by the Specialty Equipment Market Association (SEMA), the "Low Volume Motor Vehicle Manufacturers Act of 2015" (H.R. 2675) would allow companies to construct up to 500 such cars a year subject to federal regulatory oversight.

The U.S. currently has just one system for regulating automobiles. It was established in the 1960s and designed for companies that mass-produce millions of vehicles. H.R. 2675 creates a separate regulatory framework for small businesses producing modest numbers of cars.

"The bill introduced by Reps. Mullin and Green will allow U.S. companies to produce turn-key replicas of older vehicles that are virtually impossible to build under today's restrictive one-size-fits-all regulatory framework," said SEMA President and CEO Chris Kersting. "This program will create skilled-labor jobs in the auto industry and help meet consumer demand for these classics of the past."

H.R. 2675 directs the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to establish a separate regulatory structure to facilitate the production of replica cars. Manufacturers would be required to register with NHTSA and EPA and submit annual reports on the vehicles they produce. The vehicles would meet current model year emissions standards and manufacturers would be permitted to install clean engines from other EPA-certified vehicles to help achieve that requirement.

H.R. 2675 recognizes the unique circumstances associated with limited production replica vehicles, which are primarily used in exhibitions, parades and occasional transportation. It also provides an opportunity to promote domestic manufacturing and create jobs in the specialty auto sector.

"This bill seeks a reasonable regulatory approach," said Kersting. "It also helps preserve our American automotive heritage."



From the History Committee  
This is from the first year we did the July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade in Webster Groves.

Peggy, please pass on to all that our gathering of Corvettes in the Webster Groves Community Day Parade won the "Best Classic Entry" award. The award will be presented on July 19 at the City Council Chambers during the council meeting which starts at 7:30 PM. I plan on attending the presentation. Again, my heartfelt thanks for all who participated. It looks like we are not the only ones' who like our cars. Best regards,

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I don't know what the following is supposed to be but we will all learn what it is at the next meeting according to Jerry Craig



## Pontiac Trip in August



**AUGUST 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>**

Overnight trip to Pontiac, Illinois on historic Route 66 where 24 city buildings feature painted murals.



### Route 66 Museum

The Route 66 Association of Illinois Hall of Fame and Museum has thousands of pieces of historic memorabilia from the glory days of the Mother Road. Come learn the history of Route 66 in Illinois, see images of the road's wonderful history, and hear a few great stories about life in America when Route 66 was the most important highway in the nation. Also, we will visit the Pontiac-Oakland Automobile Museum and other Route 66 attractions.



### The Bob Waldmire Memorial Mural

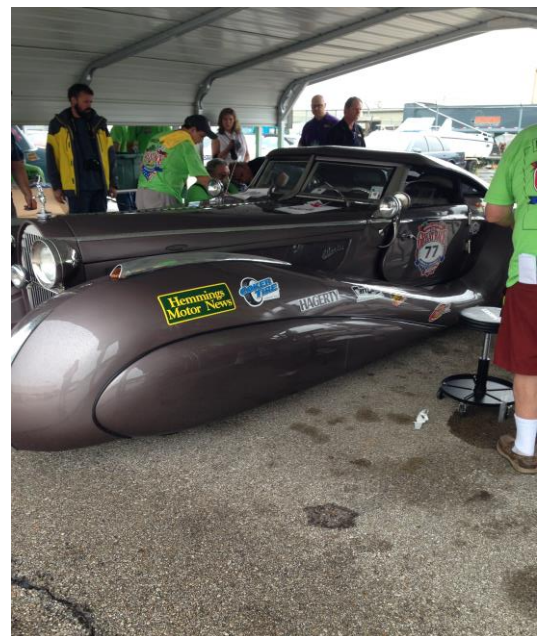
Designed by Route 66 artist and icon, Bob Waldmire, this mural features a map of the entire length of Route 66. The mural is 66 feet in length and was painted in Bob's memory by members of the Waldmire family and about 500 of Bob's friends from along the entire Mother Road. Completed in May, 2011.

A Saturday evening dinner will be arranged and an official STLCC "Pub Crawl" will in the plans.

After a leisurely Sunday morning, you can head back to St. Louis early, or leave with the group for an afternoon late lunch in Litchfield, Illinois at the St. Louis Corvette Club's favorite dining spot, The Ariston Café.

### The Great Race in Kirkwood

Several members braved the rain to check out all the cars participating in the Great Race. They left from the Kirkwood train station on June 20 to travel out to California. There were many amazing cars, some costing more than \$1 million dollars. Thanks to Jeff Craig we toured Moto Exotica, at both locations, and also toured a shop next to their additional storage building where someone has a warehouse full of Indy, Can Am and other race cars along with more parts than you can count. A few pictures are included but I think I see a road trip in the club's future.



## 25th Anniversary Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend 1-4 October 2015

One of the club's favorite events is the Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. If you haven't been yet, it's hard to describe the town. If you haven't made your reservations, do so now. The club stays at the Best Western Eureka Inn. If you are a newbie, talk to one of the officers at the next meeting.

Here are a few pictures from 2012:



View from the top of the Crescent Hotel



At least someone was excited to go! I'll let you guess who it is.

### Club goes Native!

Thanks to the Grubbs for hosting the second annual luau at their house. It was a little warm and muggy but at least it wasn't raining. Several members enjoyed the pool while others enjoyed the shade and some adult beverages (ask Gary Tidwell about what he drank). Did I mention there was a LOT of food and the desserts were fantastic?





### Villa Antonia Winery

Another club event from late May. Is it too obvious that we like to eat and drink?



I think maybe Anne had too much wine but Rick didn't care.





### Happy Hour at Hot Shots



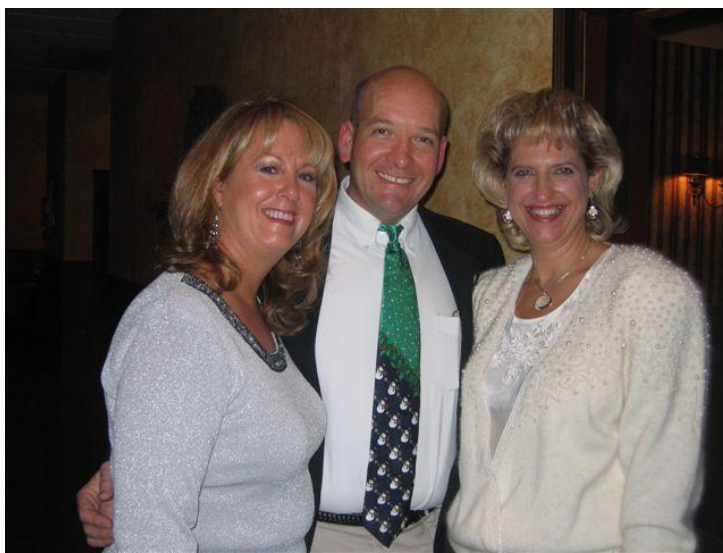


# Drive your Corvette to Work Day



### Blast from the past.

Has anybody gone back to look at all the old pictures on our website? We've done a lot of interesting things over the years. Since it's our 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary I thought I would comb the archives for some old pictures. See if you can identify folks in the picture and at what event it might have been taken? Answers at the end of the newsletter.



## St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

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### Editorial:

I am going to repeat this from last month's newsletter as I think it is still appropriate. Since Gary composed this we lost Don but Mike and Ray seem to be on the road to recovery and we continue to pray for their health. We also added Pat Cox for her recent heart problems and now have added Bob Woods based on his recent accident.

"Dear God please put your healing hands on Don and Mike and Ray (and Pat and Bob), give them peace and comfort and lasting health. Bless and watch over them and their families and keep them in your embrace. We lift them up to you Lord, heal them, we love them and we love you Lord and need you in our lives each and every day. Thank you Lord for all you do, in Jesus name we pray. Amen."



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Picture answers:

First picture is Charlie and Jackie Miget from the Dreamland Palace run in June 2005.

Second picture is a trip to Beale Street in May of 2009. That's Sharon, Ruth, Ann, Ann's friend (?), Judy, and Judy's sister Jane.

Third picture is Patty and Jeff Craig plus Tammy Walker at the 2006 Christmas party.