



THE ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB NEWSLETTER



June 2015

STLCC Upcoming Events

May 2	VA Garden Planting
May 5	STLCC Meeting at Grand Slam
May 29	Villa Antonio Dinner
May 31	Fritz's Ice Cream



Your 2014-2015 Board

President's Letter

To Those about To PARTY!

Hi. Get your grass skirts ready the club Luau is upon us. Mike and Laurie Grubb once again are sponsoring this event. I've seen pictures of a new beer garden Mike has developed and of course there's the pool, if the temperatures will cooperate.

Then bring you own saddles for Ruth Howard's night at the Fairmount horse track. Eat drink bet and then eat drink and bet. The eating and drinking may last longer than the betting but fun is guaranteed.

We can drive our Corvettes to all these events and don't forget to drive your Corvette to work or the winery or anywhere you need to get there fast AND in style.

I quote a very special person when I say "Your Humble Servant" (please keep him in your thoughts)

Mike

May Meeting Minutes

St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting May 5, 2015 at Grand Slam

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 by Mike Price. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at this time.

Mike Price introduced the STLCC Officers as follows: President: Mike Price, Vice President: Carl Ballinger, Secretary: Erin Duke, Treasurer: Bob Kusky, Sergeant at Arms: Michelle Paillou, Membership: Tom Marlo, Immediate Past President: Ann Sedovic and our Sponsors at Elco Chevrolet: Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin.

There was a reminder about the sign-in sheet and the 50/50 tickets being sold. Mike also reminded us about the coolers, t-shirts and posters that were for sale also.

We had a couple of guests with us this evening. Rich Carter and Josh Cooper. Rich has a 1970 Blue Corvette and Josh has a 1973 red Corvette he bought from Rich and is restoring.

The Secretary's minutes was announced for discussion. A motion to accept as published in the newsletter was by Peggy Craig with a second motion to accept by Laurie Grubb with all in favor.

The Treasurer's report was announced by Mike Price in Bob Kusky's absence. Gary Duke made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Ken Dahman gave the second motion to accept the treasurer's report with all in favor.

Sherri Marlo announced the Membership report in Tom's absence. The May Birthdays and Anniversaries were given at this time. Our membership is as follows: 86 Members, 13 Associate Members, 4 Sponsors, and 2 Lifetime Members for a total of 105 members.

Judy Dooley gave the National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report. There is new construction going on at the NCM Motorsports pavilion with an open-air picnic area, gas station with racing fuel and most important, flushing toilets!!!! The Craig Racing team will be racing over the Memorial Day Weekend! The C4 gathering will be taking place May 14-16 and will focus on the 25th Anniversary of the 24 hour world speed endurance run. The Bash that was held a couple of weekends ago was a big event and is getting bigger every year. The Sink hole has been filled with concrete and they are waiting for it to cure before they put any more displays in there. It is time to order the 2015-2016 Parking lot Banner. Judy is also selling raffle tickets for a Red Corvette for \$10.

The NCCC Governor's report: Carl Ballinger talked about The Blue Bar's Magazine that had an article on Jeff Craig being 8th in the nation for racing! Congratulations to Jeff and the whole Craig Racing family!

Newsletter Editor's report: No news.

Website report: Steve Kirby said that pictures have been uploaded on the website. There were pictures sent to Steve that he wasn't sure of the location of events, so if you sent in pictures to be uploaded, please see Steve.

Sponsor's Report: Mark Gerecke thanked us for helping to make them 44th in the nation for car sales. Selling approximately 160 corvettes! They are getting ready to order 2016 Corvettes and the 2015's are about out.

Activities Committee: Karen Price and Ruth Howard are looking into a day at the Boathouse if anyone is interested in doing that! TBD

Charity committee: Michelle Finn was absent.

Budget Committee: On target

By-Laws Committee: No news

Christmas Committee: Will announce information in August.

Historian's Committee: No news to report.

Nominating Committee: Will be starting up about July.

Parade Committee: Michelle Paillou announced that the July 4th Webster Groves Parade will be starting at 10am and we are to meet between 8-8:30 prior to the start. There will be a pot-luck picnic after the parade at Mike and Karen Price's.

VA Hospital Committee: Marty and Judy Dooley said there were approximately 20 club members that helped in planting last Saturday at the VA Hospital. Thank you to all who were there to help! There is a sign up for watering plants at the VA.

Prior Events/Activities:

Fri Apr 10: Club Happy hour at O26 Pub and Biergarten. A great time was had by all!

Sun Apr 12: Pinball Arcade Party with Lunch at Fast Eddie's prior to the arcade! Was a fantastic day out!

Mon Apr 13: Thomas Jefferson's Birthday

Thu Apr 16-18: 17th Annual Corvette Weekend

Thu Apr 23-25: NCM 25th Bash

Sun Apr 26: Fritz's Ice Cream Run

Sat May 2: Lafayette Renaissance Car Show

Tue May 5: Dinner- 7pm Meeting

Future Events/Activities

Sat May 9: Rods for Ramps- Capital Mall, 3600 Country Club Dr. Jefferson City, MO 65109

Sun May 10: Mother's Day

Thu May 21: NCM ZR 1/C4 car show

Mon May 25: Memorial Day

NCM Motorsports Autocross and Car Show

Fri May 29: Villa Antonio Winery Run Sponsored by the Doerr's

Sun May 31: Fritz's Ice Cream Run

Tue June 2: Dinner - 7pm Meeting

Thu June 4-6: Joplin Run

Thu June 11-13: Chula Vista Road Tour

Thu June 18-20: The Great Race in Kirkwood. Jeff Craig is looking for volunteers to help with the race. See Jeff Craig if interested.

Fri June 20: Luau at the Grubb's starts at 1pm

Sun June 21: Father's Day and Kimmswisk Car Show

Thu June 25-27: Bloomington Gold at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Fri June 26: Drive your Vette to work. Peggy Craig sponsoring. Meet at Mimi's at 11am for breakfast then to the winery.

Sat June 27: Fairmount Race Track Club Event. Sponsored by the Howard's, Price's and Danahy's.

Sun June 28: Fritz's Ice Cream Run

Other Activities:

Tail of the Dragon update announced by Don Pickles. There was an interest of getting shirts made for everyone going on the trip. Let Don know if interested.

New Business: No new business

Thank you to Bob and Chris Woods for the cake tonight. The Kusky's will be bringing the cake for next month.

Number in Attendance tonight was 39.

The winner of the 50/50 raffle for \$80.50 was Mark Gerecke. Winners of a magazine and t-shirt was Gary Duke. Rick Frederick also won a t-shirt. The poster winner was Chris Woods and the winner of the Elco gift certificate for an oil change was Jerry Craig.

Attendance prize winner was Steve Ward for Pasta House gift cards.

Next Meeting will be June 2nd.

Motion was made by Don Pickles to adjourn the meeting and Sandy Kirby gave the second motion with all in favor to adjourn the meeting at 7:59pm.

Due to time limits, when Bob Kusky comes back, the Club will be presenting a check for the NCM banner as soon as possible.

Thank you for coming! Good night and Drive safely, Save the Wave and always have fun!

Respectfully submitted by Erin Duke, Secretary

Corvette Car Care

Now that bug splat season is here, Frank Ellis recommends washing the area and wiping down with dampened used dryer sheets. Bugs disappear like magic.

Engine compartment looking dingy, dusty, oily? Jim Goggins recommends spritzing with shower cleaner. Allow a couple of minutes to set up. Spray clean with a fine mist from the hose. Don't use a hard spray.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries



Irene Wilson	June 1
Stacie Danahy	June 13
Dave Davidson	June 14
Judy Dooley	June 14
Sherri Marlo	June 15
Rick Doerr	June 29

Ken and Sue Dahman	June 1
Carl and Pat Cox	June 5
Mark and Kimberle Gerecke	June 6
Gary and Debbie Tidwell	June 11
Dana and Diana Griggs	June 17
Bob and Patti Kusky	June 21
Frank and Tina Burkhardt	June 21
Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow	June 30
Dan and Stacie Danahy	June 30

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Don and Ron's Most Excellent Adventure By Ron Hagenow

Hard to believe that Don Giovanoni and I are retired since we look so young (quit laughing!). Recently on one of the first really nice days we had, I picked up Don and we visited Jeff Craig at Moto Exotica in Fenton. I think a road trip is in order because we saw so many different cars and we didn't have time spend at each one. I've included a few pictures below. And to end a perfect trip was lunch at White Castles.



We were almost put in time-out since we drooled all over this Z06. Just came off the truck. We are both not big black wheels fans but for the right price we would probably take it! (Note to self, next time move your big fat finger before taking a picture.)



Nice '68



'71 Challenger in Plum Crazy. And that green car is actually a Volvo with a LS3 in it fully set up for the track.



Nice '64. If I recall the price is \$69K



To the Batmobile Robin!! Where does Jeff hide his cape?



Don said he wasn't a really big fan of this hot rod but I liked it.



Yep, I'm taking it to Jiffy Lube for a tune-up! I'm sure they have specialists!



The old racer in Don is trying to figure out how to get this in the garage without Judy finding out.



Jeff amongst his play toys.

I got this as an email. Although I had seen it before I thought I'd put it here for all to see. Too bad some of these didn't make it to production.

[Cars That Never Made It](#)

They were pure fantasy on wheels, machines designed to make the heart race and the mind ask, "What if?"

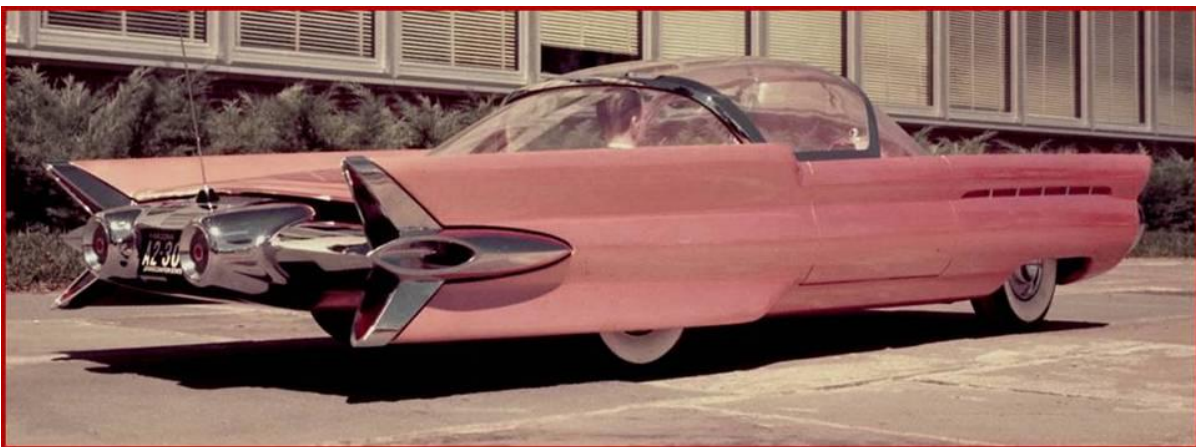
These 1950s concept cars were automotive art built to attract public attention, test wild engineering ideas and give motorists a fleeting glimpse down the highway of tomorrow.



1957 CHRYSLER DIABLO



1956 BUICK CENTURION II



1954 FORD LA TOSCA



1951 BUICK LeSABRE



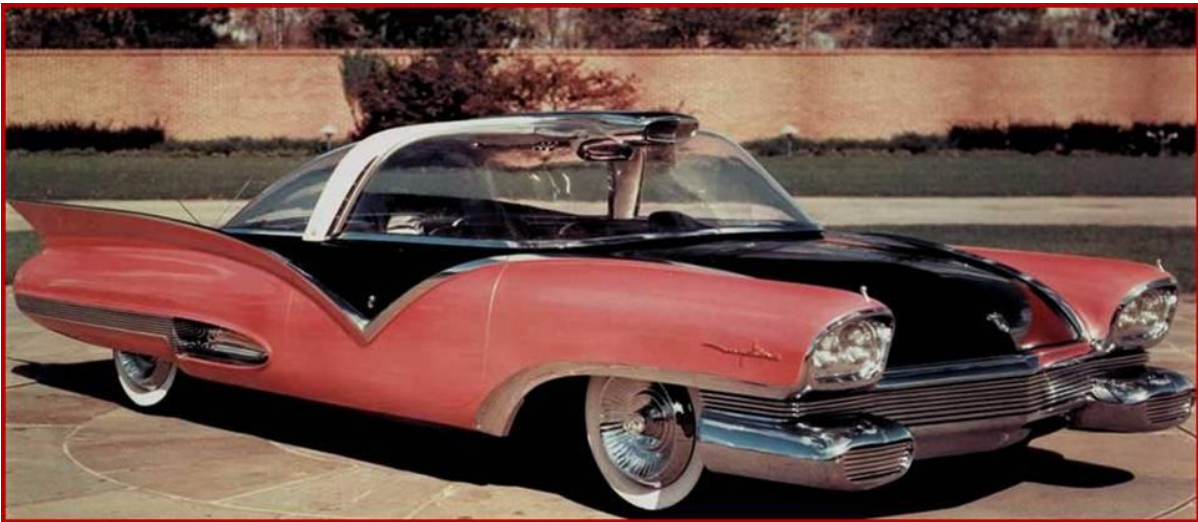
1959 GM FIREBIRD III



1955 LINCOLN FUTURA



1951 BUICK XP-300



1955 FORD MYSTERE



1959 CADILLAC CYCLONE



1954 OLDSMOBILE ROCKET F88



1958 FORD X-2000



1953 CADILLAC GHIA COUPE



1955 LINCOLN INDIANAPOLIS



195? MERCURY D524

This car was never shown to the public.



1952 CHRYSLER D'ELEGANCE



1954 DE SOTO ADVENTURER II



1953 FORD X-100



1956 PACKARD PREDICTOR



1956 OLDSMOBILE GOLDEN ROCKET



1956 PONTIAC CLUB DE MER

NCM Ambassador Report

There is a new exhibit in the NCM exhibition hall. 14 cars telling the story of NASCAR from the 1940's to today's Sprint Cup Champs. Some of the cars are the 1940 Moonshine runner, Dale Earhart's #8 Budweiser car, Darrell Waltrip's #17 Tide car, Jeff Gordon's #24 DuPont- Fire & Flames car, Jimmie Johnson's #48 Lowe's Power & Pride car and more. This display will run through September 6. If you are going to the NCM and are a NASCAR fan, check this out.

The Motorsports Park is going to have a ground breaking ceremony for the Holley Control Tower and Events Center on May 28.

Don't forget I have \$10 tickets for the 2015 Torch Red Stingray Coupe with black interior, carbon flash hood stinger stripe and NCM delivery to be raffled off on September 5. If you would like to purchase a ticket, see me at the meeting.

There are also other raffle tickets to be purchased on line for more special Corvettes.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador



STLCC Night at the Races

June 27, 2015

Gates open at 6:00

Price per person is \$21.95 includes tax.

**Includes admission to park, program, buffet, ice tea,
soda and coffee.**

Cash bar for alcoholic beverages.

**This event is sponsored by Dan & Stacie Danahy,
Randy & Ruth Howard and Mike & Karen Price**

**Sign up sheet will be at future meetings. Please
feel free to rsvp to any of the above sponsors!**

Tickets must be purchased in advance!

MUST RSVP BY JULY 8TH



Pontiac Trip in August



AUGUST 8th & 9th

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.

If interested in this overnight trip, please let Bob Kusky know to secure limited hotel space in Pontiac, Illinois.



Sponsored by Bob and Patti Kusky

The Club is Growing

Congratulations to Dana and Diana Griggs on the birth of their grand-daughter Sloan born on May 5. And also congratulations to Randy and Ruth Howard on the first of their first grandchild on May 7. I'm sure neither grandchild is being spoiled.

Pictures from the VA Garden Planting

Blame Marty and Karen for the weather for the recent VA Garden Planting. I miss the rain, snow, sleet and hail we normally have. It was an absolutely perfect day and we got it all planted in about an hour.



Have you ever know us to have an activity that doesn't include food and refreshments?



The planting crew!



Gary said something about not telling Erin that is actually capable of doing outside work and he must spend his time inside watching baseball. And his car was the centerpiece of the garden planting.



All hands on deck!







Karen's going "no Carl Honey, the green part goes on top of the dirt!"



Bob spent hours just staring at this plant.



Field Marshall Karen placing the plants exactly where they needed to go.





How come every time we see these guys they are just standing around?

And now a word from Marty –

How appropriate is it that our Corvette Club fixes up the garden at the V.A. Hospital in May. It just happens that May is Veterans Appreciation Month. With all of the Veterans in the club, it seems like the right thing to do. Taking care of the garden was started 10 years ago when this club was founded. We have done a great job transforming this into (as a Chaplin told us) a wonderful area for our Veterans and their families. We need to continue this great thing that we are doing for our Veterans.

One more thing - The Veterans, their families, the staff and the administration want to thank each and every one of us for everything that our club and its members do in taking care of this important area of the V.A. Hospital.

Marty Dooley

TAIL OF THE DRAGON RUN

July 11-18, 2015

Note: Mention St. Louis Corvette Club when making your reservation so you get our group rate.

July 11: St. Louis to Nashville, TN

Hampton Inn and Suites – Opryland

Phone: 615-620-2500

\$169 per night plus taxes Note: “Convention rate”

July 12-13: Fontana Village, NC

Fontana Village Resort

Phone: 800-849-2258 option 1

\$99 per night plus taxes Note: Lodge

July 14: Asheville, NC

Holiday Inn Express & Suites

Phone: 828-665-6519 ext. 0

\$119 per night plus taxes for room with 2 Queen Beds

\$129 per night plus taxes for room with 1 King bed

July 15-16: Charlotte, NC (Concord/Kannapolis, NC actually)

Hampton Inn

704-793-9700

\$99 per night plus tax Note: group code = COR

July 17: Nashville, TN

Holiday Inn Express – Nashville Airport

Phone: 615-883-1366

\$129 per night plus taxes

July 18: Drive home

Option: stay in Nashville an additional night.

For all of those members of the St. Louis Corvette Club who were unable to attend today's planning meeting and who want to join us on the Tail of The Dragon trip, attached is a listing of the hotels that we will be staying at on the trip. You are responsible for making all of your own reservations. Should you have any problems making the reservations, please do not hesitate to contact me at 314-846-0354. After you

have made your reservations I would appreciate a call or email stating that you have done so. That is my way of making sure everyone is taken care of.

Also, in advance of the trip I must know if you are going to join us on 4 activities. Those activities are: Grand Ole Opry (\$43.20 per person check made payable to Don Pickles); Fontana Lake sunset cruise (\$10.00 per person); Biltmore Estate (approx. \$50.00 per person); and, Hendrick Motorsports (\$25.00 per person). It is time to commit. July 11th will be here before you know it.

Don and Anne Pickles

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Editorial:

You have all seen the emails concerning several of our members who are having health issues. I think it's worth repeating the prayer Gary Duke composed and here it is:

“Dear God please put your healing hands on Don and Mike and Ray, 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.”

I'll add Pat Cox here also as she recovers.

As with any “family”, we have all experienced our difficulties. It was not too many years ago we had several members who battled breast cancer. For any of you who are experiencing health issues, we will continue to pray that you return to good health and look forward to seeing you in your Vette very soon. We are all in this together.

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