



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



May 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

My Fellow Fun Makers,

The driving season is upon us. The car shows are in full swing. Randy Howard has won his first car show. All is well and on time. I have a half dozen car shows inviting our club to attend, which will be on the calendar and I will bring either copies of the emails or flyers if they sent one. Good, or shall I say fun, times are here and the future looks promising.

I want to give a shout out to Ray, Randy and Mary and all those facing tough times, on their continued recoveries. Might have dropped the ball on cards and such but guaranteed that you were always in our thoughts, prayers and gossips! As with all presidents I have appointed a task force, tiger team if you will, to ensure that nothing gets done. ☺

No more ramblings. The more I talk the less honey do's that get done or the less CORVETTE driving I get to do.

To all my friends.

Corvette ON and Save the Wave!

Mike

April Meeting Minutes

St. Louis Corvette Club April meeting April 7th and Grand Slam

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Mike Price. At this time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Mike introduced the board members as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice President- Carl Ballinger, Treasurer- Bob Kusky, Sergeant at Arms- Michelle Palliou, Membership- Tom Marlo, Our Sponsors from Elco Chevrolet- Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin and our Immediate past President Ann Sedovic .

Mike announced that there are 50/50 raffle tickets for sale. This is the final night to buy a ticket for the raffle of the STLCC banner. Also, the picnic baskets are available for those who didn't get theirs from the Christmas party. Other STLCC merchandise is available to buy if you are interested.

We have new guests with us tonight. They are Scott and Dianne Lawrence. They are the owners of a white 1985 Corvette with red interior. Welcome!

It was announced that this is the last meeting for Annie Dobson and Ron Deatherage. They are moving to the Ozarks. We will miss you!

The Secretary's minutes were announced and presented and published in the Newsletter. Judy Dooley made the motion to accept the minutes as presented and Bob Woods seconded the motion. All were in favor of passing the Secretary minutes.

Bob Kusky presented the treasurers report. He also announced the passing of Michelle Palliou's Uncle Mickey. Any donations in his honor are appreciated, and will go towards The VA flower fund. Sandy Kirby made the motion to accept the treasurer's report and Steve Kirby gave the second motion with all in favor to accept the Treasurers report.

Tom Marlo announced the Birthdays and Anniversaries for the Month of April. The Membership report was also announced at this time. To date, we have 86 Members, 13 Associate members, 4 Sponsors, 2 Lifetime members for a total of 105!

Judy Dooley announced the NCM Ambassador Report. In honor of Memorial Day, the NCM is offering small bricks 'in memory of' for \$75 for members and \$100 for non-members. They are tax deductible through the NCM. Online registration for the Bash is still open till April 11th. If anyone is interested in the Corvette Celebration on Labor Day weekend, registration is now open. And Sandy and Mike Kirby have become new Members of the NCM!! Judy is selling raffle tickets for a Brand new 2015 Arctic White Corvette. This will be the last time she will be selling the tickets before the bash.

Steve Kirby announced if there are any errors that you see on the website, to please let him know. Also, if you have any pictures that you would like to give Steve for the website to forward them by email.

Eric DeBruin and Mark Gerecke presented the Sponsor report. They handed out a new list of all pre-owned Corvettes available. The New Z06's are all sold out!

Michelle Palliou announced the information for the July 4th Webster Groves Parade. There will be a Pot Luck after the Parade at the Price's.

Marty Dooley thanked everyone who came out to help with the cleanup at the VA facility. Saturday, May 2nd at 10 am will be the Planting Day. Plan to be there for about 2 hours and afterwards we will meet for lunch.

Mike Price talked about Michelle Palliou's Uncle Mickey's funeral. There were about 7 corvettes that represented that day.

Ray Queen was hospitalized and expected to have surgery on 4/8/15. Please keep Ray and Pam in your thoughts.

Mike announced that if you are planning on attending an event that is being sponsored by the STLCC, please be responsible for collecting monies for the said event. Also, if you say you are going to be at an event and you are unable to make it, you are still responsible for payment of that said event. If you are unable to attend, please call whomever is sponsoring the event.

Prior Events:

VA Cleanup

Conceal and Carry Class at the Price's. There were 14 people who attended and all passed with flying colors!

Crazy Bowl: there were about 24 bowlers. High Men's bowler was Mike Price, Low Men's bowler was Gary Murray, High Women's bowler was Ruth Howard and the Low Women's bowler was Mary Hagenow.

Fritz's Ice Cream Run: There were 3 Corvettes that showed up.

Easter Car Show at the Muny Parking Lot: Carl Ballinger attended and said it was really an awesome show.

Future Events:

April 10: Happy Hour @ 026 Pub and Biergarten Sponsored by The Dooley's

April 12: Pinball Arcade Party at CP's Pinball in South Roxanna, IL. With Lunch at Fast Eddies prior to the Pinball Party

April 23-24: NCM 25th Anniversary Bash

April 24: Cabi Clothing Party sponsored by Patty Craig

April 26: Fritz's Ice Cream Run

May 5: STLCC meeting

May 9: Spring Fling

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

June 20: Luau at the Grubb's

June 27: Horseraces at Fairmount Park

July 11-18: Tail of the Dragon Trip

Aug. 8-9: Pontiac, IL. Trip sponsored by the Kusky's

New Business

The Board would like to ratify a new budget. Ron Hagenow made the motion to accept and Mike Kirby made second motion. All in favor of ratifying the budget.

Special Announcements

Sandy Kirby and Sharon Ballinger presented Marty Dooley with a special T-Shirt.

Judy Dooley announced that Marty received a Thank you card from a teacher from a school that took her class on a tour of the NCM and each little kid received a Hot Wheels Corvette and each kid signed the card that was sent to Marty. Marty is asking for donations of Hot Wheels Corvettes if you are interested in letting go of your Hot Wheels!

Thank you to the Howard's for bringing the cupcakes for this month's meeting.

The Woods's will be bringing the cake at the May meeting.

We had 46 members in attendance this evening.

Michelle Palliou gave a special Thank you to those who came out to Uncle Mickey's wake and Funeral.

The 50/50 drawing winner for the amount of \$71.00 is Gary Duke.

The poster winner was Steve Kirby.

The winner for the \$20 Culver's gift cards is Carl Cox.

Laurie Grubb is the winner of the STLCC Banner that was at the NCM.

Peggy Craig made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Chris Woods gave the second motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Everyone have a nice evening and drive safe!

May Birthdays & Anniversaries



Joan Jennewein May 9
 Vickie DeBruin May 13
 Conita Shoulders May 19
 Pat Cox May 20
 Don Giovanoni May 24
 Anne Pickles May 25
 Chris Woods May 26
 Sandy Kirby May 29
 Pam Queen May 30
 Terry Wilson May 30
 Mark Gerecke May 31

Pete and Ann Sedovic May 4
 Steve and Leanne Lyle May 24
 Steve and Ingrid Ward May 26
 Dave and Glenda Davidson May 28

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Doesn't Anybody Stay In St. Louis For The Winter (Again!)?

OK I ran several pictures of people who vacationed in Florida while the rest of us were freezing in St. Louis. Below is a picture of the Dooley's who did it one better by vacationing in Hawaii.



NCM Ambassador Report

The historian committee recently purchased a bench at the NCM. There are places near the bench that bricks can be placed. If you are interested in a brick please let me know and I will help you with the placement. The "Bash" raffle car was drawn and the winner was from Mass. Thanks for purchasing a ticket

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

Pictures from the NCM Bash

As Judy mentioned in her column, several of our members have purchased benches at the Museum and we can order bricks to be placed near them. I also want to thank Jerry Craig for the pictures from the Bash. Congratulations to our members who received recognition at the Awards Banquet for their donations to the Museum.



Associate Members Sharon and Jim Love



Judy and Marty Dooley



Sharon and Carl Ballinger



Jerry Craig



Award Winners with one of the new benches





One of the new 2016 colors (I really like this color. Hey Bob, how much money is in our treasury?)



More on the Wave

Last month's issue which discussed the etiquette of the "wave" caused Associate Member Paul Craig to comb his archives and he came up with this article. He must be really old (check the date). Yes kids, we did have actual magazines in those days before computers.

Corvette News Aug/Sep 1969

SAVE THE WAVE

Ever since Corvette No. 00001 first met Corvette No. 00002 on the road, their drivers saluted each other with waves. Today, unfortunately, this grand and glorious tradition is wavering.

There's one item of standard equipment that comes as a pleasant surprise to every new Corvette owner. It's the instant wave of recognition he receives when he meets one of his ilk on the road. The first time it happens, he is taken by surprise. He immediately thinks: (1) He has been mistaken for Sterling Moss; (2) His lights are on; or (3) He has just been given the bird.

Flustered and puzzled, he doesn't return the "hi" sign. Usually, when the neophyte realizes his faux pas, the other driver is a mile away, snarky at being snubbed, and the blunderer experiences a hollow feeling in the pit of his stomach and a "boy, am I dumb" feeling in the middle of his head.

Soon, however, the new Vette owner anticipates, indeed even relishes, encountering other Vettes as he drives. During this period, he experiments with his waves, running the gamut from the gaping "yoo hoo" to the ultra-cool "two-finger flip." He perfects his timing, making sure he affects neither the too-eager, too-early wave, nor the jaded "oh, bother" too-late variety. Determined not to be one upped, he even develops a defense mechanism for non-wavers, usually settling on the "Wave? My hand was just on the way to scratch my head" approach. (This is especially useful when you're not driving your Vette, but you forget, and like a dummy, wave anyway.)

Indeed, one of the most perplexing problems facing a would-be waver is what to do when driving *next* to a fellow Vette owner. Passing him going in opposite directions is one thing. Greetings are exchanged, and that's that. But what happens when you pull up next to a guy at a light, wave, nod, smile and then pull up next to him at the next light, a block later? Wave again? Nod bashfully? Grin self-consciously? Ignore him? Or take the chicken's way out and turn down the next side street? If you're expecting an answer, you won't find it here. Sad to say, some questions don't have any.

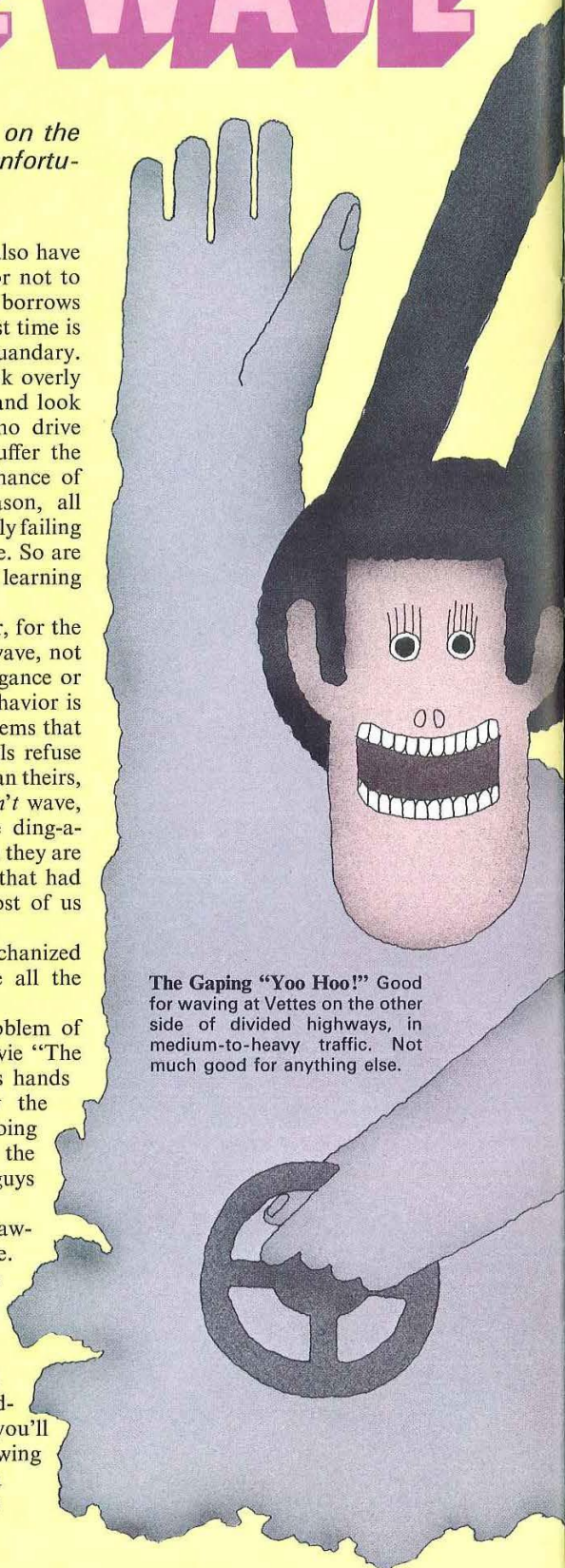
Girl-type Corvette drivers also have a unique problem: to wave or not to wave. The miss or missus who borrows her man's Corvette for the first time is immediately faced with this quandary. Should she wave first and look overly friendly, or ignore the wave and look like a snob? Most ladies who drive their own Vettes prefer to suffer the latter rather than take the chance of being misread. For this reason, all girls are excused for occasionally failing to return a well-meaning wave. So are new owners who are still learning the ropes.

There is *no* excuse, however, for the guy who refuses to return a wave, not out of ignorance, but of arrogance or apathy. While this type of behavior is the exception to the rule, it seems that a few owners of newer models refuse to recognize anything older than theirs, while some others simply *won't* wave, period. Boo on them. These ding-a-lings don't seem to realize that they are helping to quash a tradition that had its beginnings back when most of us were still driving Tootsietoys.

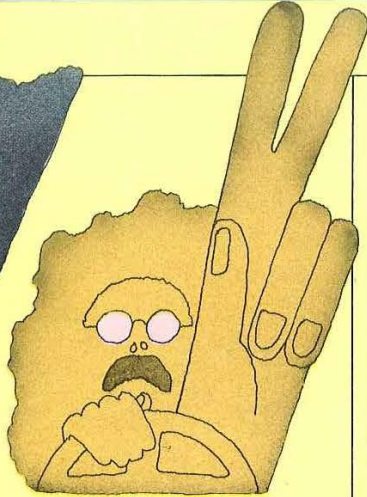
And besides, in this era of mechanized anonymity, we need to save all the human relationships we can.

What to do about the problem of non-wavers? Well, in the movie "The Hustler," Fast Eddie had his hands broken for not playing by the rules. But, maybe this is going just a bit *too* far. Maybe the solution is to cure these guys with kindness.

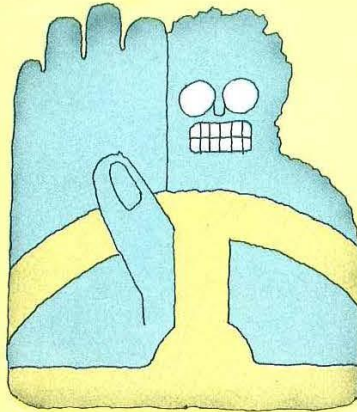
So, take a look at these drawings and pick a wave you like. Then, the next time you pass a fellow Vetteran, make sure you use it. And the next time. And the next. Who knows? If you don't succeed in getting some of these hard-noses to wave back, at least you'll have the satisfaction of knowing that you've started a lot of them thinking. And *that* alone is worth a wave.



The Gaping "Yoo Hoo!" Good for waving at Vettes on the other side of divided highways, in medium-to-heavy traffic. Not much good for anything else.



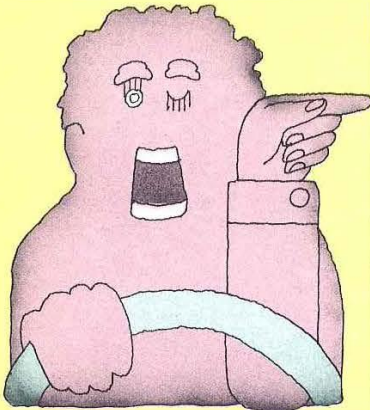
The Two-Finger Flip. A move that can say "Hi." Or "Wow!" Or "Victory." Or "Peace." Or most anything else, depending on the action of the giver, and the reaction of the taker.



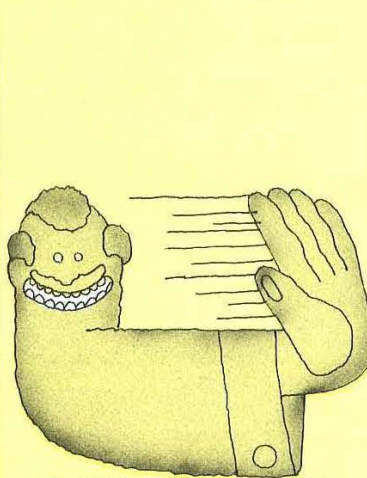
The Four-Finger Pop-Up. One of the classics. Palm grasps top of wheel, while fingers are extended snappily. An inscrutable expression helps the total effect.



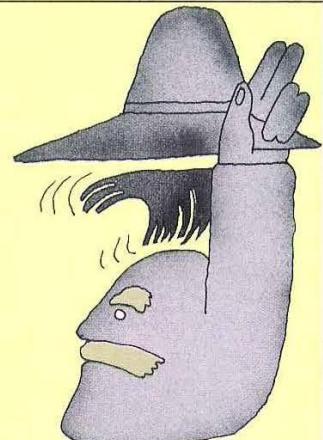
The Eight-Point Spread. Broad, expansive and outgoing. The hand action is reminiscent of Al Jolson at his best.



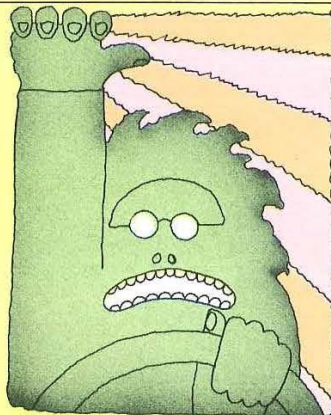
The Pointer. Sort of a wink, a click and a "bang, you're dead!" combination. Can also be used to draw attention to a pursuing traffic cop, in which case, you are dead.



The Wiping Swipe. Sort of a "Hi, guys." Primarily given by patronizing father-figure types.



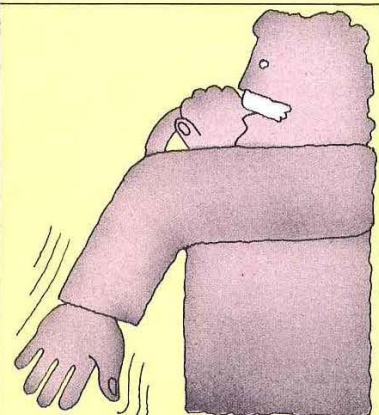
The Topper-Tipper. A rarely seen, but eloquent gesture. Can prove embarrassing when the tipper wears both a hat and a toupee.



The Right-Handed "Hi-G' Bye." A desperation move, given only at the last minute. Hand shoots straight skyward, occasionally scrunching fingernails or knuckles in the process.



The Near-Futile Head Jerk. A last resort, when you think you'll be snubbed, but aren't; or when you think you haven't been daydreaming, but have.



The Last-Minute Left Elbow Grope. Another desperation tactic, usually seen only in rear-view mirrors. Has all the grace and finesse of a peg-legged man in a forest fire.

VA Garden Cleanup

On March 28 several members helped to clean up the VA Garden we support. This is behind Building 52 which is the spinal cord unit.



One of the patients at the Spinal Cord Unit came out to check our handiwork. He and others are the reason we maintain the garden. Other pictures are below. First time in recent memory it didn't rain. But there is still a chance we could get rain on May 2 for the planting!



This is what one area looked like before we cleaned it up. We put the flagpole up several years ago.



Mike needed a lot of supervision which Larry was happy to provide.

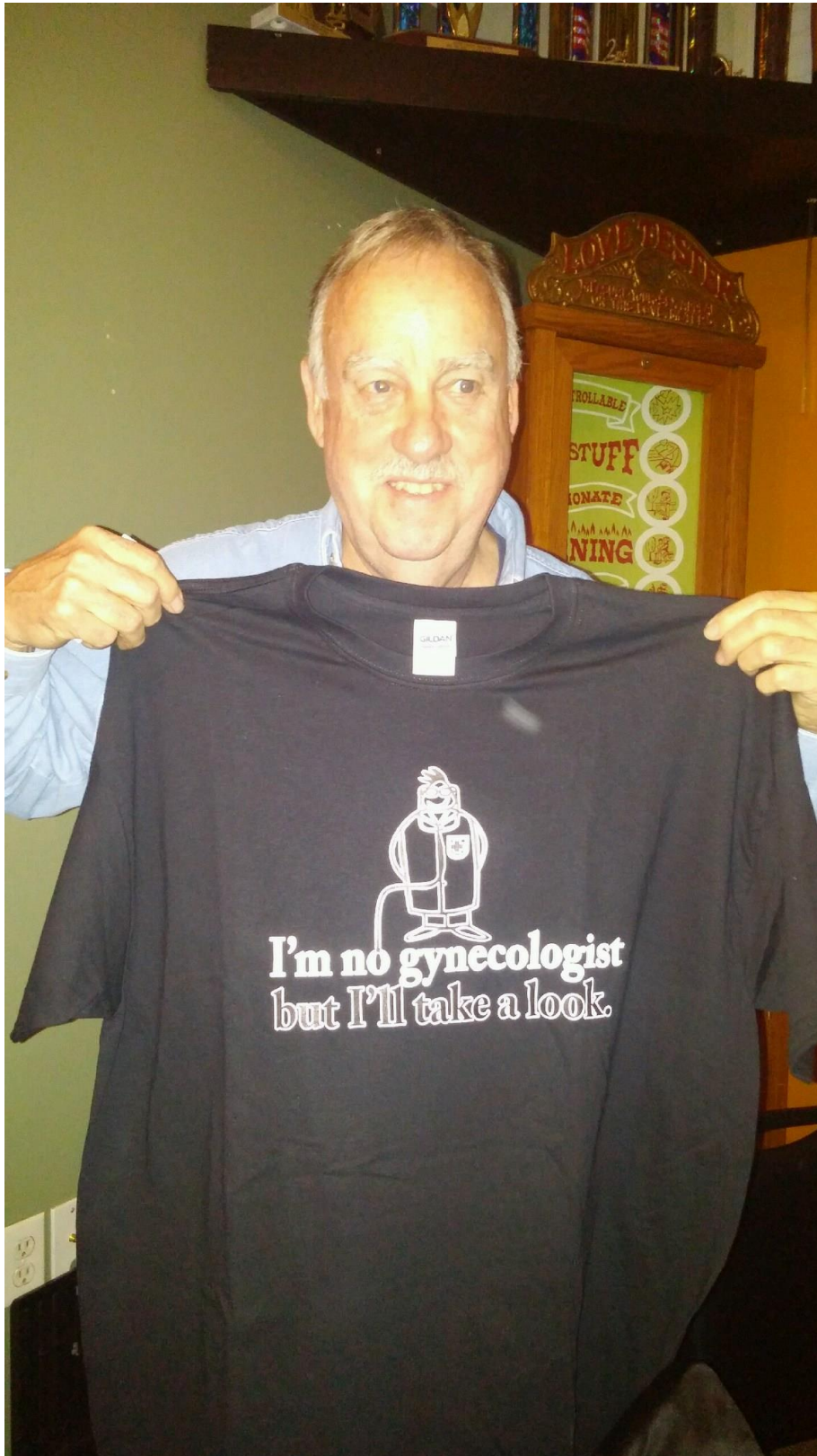


Sherri making a mess and Tom trying to clean it up. Tom said it's the same way at home.



There was some sort of discussion concerning hoses when the fountain was restarted. Maybe Carl can explain what was discussed?

And under a similar "Don't Ask Questions", I'll just put this picture here and you will have to ask why several of the ladies in the club presented Marty with this shirt.



Massive Turnout for First Fritz's Ice Cream Run

It was tough to get everyone in for this photo.



Some folks will turn out in any weather to get frozen yogurt! Nice purse Dana!

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

On the Mend

Best wishes to Ray Queen and we hope he gets better soon. At the time I'm writing this he has had two stays in the hospital so we are all pulling for him to get better soon. In some emails Tom Marlo has offered to put some miles on his new car (if he ever gets it) but for some reason Ray won't take him up on his offer. Must be groggy from the surgery and recovery. Anyway, since we are all "family" here, I think we will have a sign-up sheet at the next meeting and those who sign up can volunteer to put some miles on his car, a quarter mile at a time (use your imagination here folks). Once we get those 500 miles on it, then I believe the racing Craig family will make sure the suspension is well sorted out so that the car will be all ready for Ray once he feels better.

Isn't it wonderful to have friends like us? Group hug!



Also best wishes to several other members who have had health issues recently. Let's get healthy folks because it's Corvette weather!

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