



# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



September 2015

## STLCC Upcoming Events

September 1	Club Meeting at Grand Slam
September 13	Club Picnic in Millstadt
September 17-20	Funfest in Effingham
September 19-20	Route 66/STLCC Autocross at Family Arena
September 20	White Mule Winery
September 27	Fritz's Ice Cream



Your 2014-2015 Board

### President's Letter

Great Day Fun Friends,

Alright, alright, alright, is this great Corvette, weather!

Hope you all are getting out and enjoying those cars. We had a super mystery run, tops down all the way and full bellies coming back. I'll let Carl tell you more about that.

I mentioned the possible need of MAYBE looking into other locations. We are hoping Grand Slam will look for a solution to the noise problem. We've been happy with this location and hope things will work out. This was more of an acknowledgement that the board was aware of the problem and is trying to make things as great as possible for the club members. Also so you can hear us!

Elections are coming up so get your nominations ready and those who are interested throw your name into the mix. Any improvement is a step forward for the club.

I wish you all fun times and Corvette on.

Save the Wave!

Mike

## August Meeting Minutes

St. Louis Corvette Club meeting August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Grand Slam Restaurant.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:00 pm.

The introduction of the officers were presented as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice-President- Carl Ballinger, Secretary- Erin Duke, Treasurer- Bob Kusky, Membership- Tom Marlo, Sergeant at Arms- Michelle Paillou, Immediate Past President- Ann Sedovic and our Sponsor's from ELCO Chevrolet- Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin.

Mike wanted to remind everyone about the sign-in sheet and the 50/50 tickets, as well as, the Corvette coolers that are for sale.

We had a visitor this evening. His name is Mark Meyers and he is the owner of a 2004 Black Corvette.

The Secretary's minutes were presented and a Motion to accept was initiated by Steve Kirby and a second motion to accept was given by Jeff Craig with all in favor of accepting the Secretary's minutes as published in the newsletter.

Judy Dooley announced that Bob Woods is doing better and is awaiting Physical Therapy. And Mark Portman had back surgery today, and Dawn Kirby is having foot surgery soon. We wish all the best for recovery!

Bob Kusky gave the Treasurer's report with Don Pickles giving the motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Karen Price with the second motion to accept the Treasurer's report and all were in favor to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

Tom Marlo announced the August Birthday's and Anniversary's. As of this Month, we have:

92 Regular Members

12 Associate Members

4 Sponsors

3 Lifetime Members

For a total of 111 Members

Judy Dooley is selling raffle tickets towards a 2015 Z06 Corvette. And the NCM is now selling insurance if anyone is interested.

Jeff Craig has no new news to report from the NCCC.

Ron Hagenow has no newsletter news.

Steve Kirby announced that the Pictures from the Tail of the Dragon have been uploaded and are ready to be viewed.

Eric DeBruin gave the sponsor's report. There is a new apparatus in the shop that will check your tires as it is driven through the garage. There are several Corvette's that are still for sale.

Budget Committee: on target.

By-Laws Committee: on target.

Christmas Committee- Judy Dooley announced that the Christmas Party will be at Sam's Steakhouse again this year! More information to come at the next meeting.

Historian's Committee- Marty Dooley had announced the possibility of the club getting new shirts.

Nominating Committee- Sandy Kirby announced that nominations will be printed for next month and the nominations will be held in November.

Parade Committee- there is a flyer and a sign-up sheet for anyone that is interested in driving in the parade. So far, there are 17 cars signed up.

VA Hospital Committee- There is a need for help to keep the gardens clean. There is need for help with weeding to keep the gardens from overgrowth. A special thank you to Elise Akins, Don and Ann Pickles, Sherri Marlo for the upkeep of the VA gardens. They are in need of help with weeding and trimming. Any help would be appreciated.

The Howard's presented Don and Ann Pickles with a framed picture taken on the deck of Fontana Village with the members that went on the Tail of the Dragon trip. Steve and Dawn Kirby presented them with a picture album of different pictures taken while on the trip. They did a FANTASTIC job in putting this trip together and everyone had a wonderful time!!!! Thank you for a GREAT trip!

Prior Events/Activities:

July 11-18: Tail of the Dragon – Don and Ann Pickles

July 26- Vettes in the Vineyard-

July 26- Fritz's

July 31- Carl and Pat Cox Happy Hour at O'Leary's to celebrate their newest addition "TAZZ" their new Corvette.

Future Events:

August 7- Friday night cruise

August 8-9- Pontiac, IL with Bob and Patty Kusky

August 15- Sunset Hills Car Show

August 15- Trivia Night for the Gold Star Mothers

August 23- Mystery Run with the Dooley's and Miget's

August 30- Fritz's 6pm-7pm Meramec Station Rd., Valley Park, Mo.

September 3-5-NCM Anniversary at the Bowling Green Museum with the Dooley's. There are 2 seats left for the Banquet. Special Guest will be Rick Hendricks, Herb Fishel and Russ McLean

September 7- Labor Day

September 12- Alzheimer's Walk. There is a signup sheet on the table for volunteers

September 13- Club Picnic in Millstadt, IL. Starts at noon. Bring your own drinks and side dish. We will be eating at 2pm and games thereafter.

September 17-20- Funfest in Effingham, IL. Registration is \$35 this year.

September 19-20 - Autocross with Route 66 Club at the St. Charles Arena. See Jeff Craig for details

September 20- White Mule Winery Run – Karen Price and Ruth Howard. Signup sheet is on the table.

September 27- Fritz's at 6pm-7pm Meramec Station Rd., Valley Park, MO.

October 1-4 – Eureka Springs Run

Thank you to Mike and Laurie Grubb for bringing the cake this month. Next month is Sandy and Mike Kirby.

We had 60 members in attendance tonight.

Ruth Howard was the winner of \$98 for the 50/50 drawing.

Attendance prize winners tonight were: Tom Sandvoss, Ron Hagenow, Mike Wozniak and Karen Price. Next Meeting will be September 1, 2015.

Gary Duke made the motion to adjourn with Steve Kirby giving the second motion. Meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Thank you for coming! Good night, drive safely and save the wave and always have fun!

Respectfully submitted by Erin Duke - Secretary

## September Birthdays & Anniversaries



Bob Kusky	Sept 1
Kimberlie Gerecke	Sept 2
Patti Kusky	Sept 7
Jim Love	Sept 8
Mike Jennewein	Sep 15
Rich Carter	Sept 18
Mike Wozniak	Sept 25
Tom Marlo	Sept 26
Randy Rickermann	Sept 27
Elise Akins	Sept 29

John and Pam Corrora	Sept 6
Bob and Chris Woods	Sept 20
Tony and Jane Jokerst	Sept 25

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## NCM Ambassador Report

As summer comes to an end, the NCM still has events going on. The 21st Anniversary event, Sept. 3-5, Labor Day weekend which holds the NCM Hall of Fame induction ceremony. This year Rick Hendricks will be 1 of the inductees.

The Museum in Motion-KY: 1 lap tour Oct. 12-17

Vets n' Vettes: Nov. 5-7

If you are interested in any of these events, go to the NCM website & click on events 2015 to find more information about them.

Marty & I will be attending the Ambassador meeting at the Labor Day event and will pick up last year's parking lot banner and see the new and improved skydome and see the displays.

Last chance for the \$10 raffle tickets for the 2015 Torch Red Coupe.

Judy Dooley  
NCM Ambassador

## Club Flag at NCM

Mike and Charlene Wozniak were at the National Corvette Museum a few weeks ago and took a picture of our current club flag. This is the one Marty and Judy will bring back. Thanks!



## Route 66 Trip to Pontiac, IL

Thanks to Bob and Patti Kusky for the recent trip to Pontiac, IL. Based on the pictures it looks like another great time. I even understand that several folks recreated the movie Thelma and Louise (you know who you are!)





Now we know why Frank and Tom stay married. Are they spoiled or did they just get their hair done?



Our very own Thelma and Louise  
(aka Meg and Peg)







Laurie said it had as much horsepower as the Z06 but didn't corner as well!



## Tail of the Dragon Side Trip

Mike and Laurie Grubb took a side trip while on the Tail of the Dragon trip. They did a little genealogy investigation and Mike's letter was published in the Salisbury Post. Here is the article:

### My Turn, Michael and Laurie Grubb: Thanks for the friendliness



Published 12:15 am Sunday, July 26, 2015

### The Plaza — Originally the Grubb Building

On July 16, I had the privilege of being in your town and meeting some of your wonderful citizens.

In doing some genealogy research over the past couple of years, I discovered that many of my ancestors began migrating to your area from Germany in the late 1700s. As much as I can tell, it started with a George Grubb who came to the Yadkin Valley in 1738 with his family. John Conrad Grubb was first to be born there in 1755. He was my fifth great-grandfather.

One of his descendants was Henry Clay Grubb who seems to be very well known in your town. Henry Clay was my second cousin four times removed. He seems to be my ancestor with the most colorful past.

I was fascinated by the stories of the Grubb Building constructed on Innes, by the beautiful mansion he lived in, the theater he owned on Main Street which still stands, the distillery, the stories of murder, arson, and his eventual death at the hands of his wife. Until last week, they were just stories.

As luck would have it the St. Louis Corvette Club, of which I am a member, planned a road trip for 24 cars. We had stops in Nashville, Fontana Dam, Asheville, Charlotte and Concord, NC. We found ourselves in Concord on Wednesday and Thursday of last week; Thursday we had a free afternoon. Until then I hadn't even thought about Salisbury and then I looked at the map and saw that it was only minutes away.

My wife and I drove to Salisbury to see the Grubb Building, or the Plaza as it is now called. I decided to stop at the Tourism Office to see what information I could find. I was directed to a nice lady named Mollie



upstairs who welcomed us with open arms as I told her about my family connection and my interest in the building. She told us what she knew and directed me to the library and the museum to see if anyone else had some information to share. She also gave us her cell number and said that when we were done she would take us on a tour of the building.

Walking to the library we encountered many friendly people who helped us find our way. When we got to the library the lady there was expecting us, someone had called ahead, and she had all kinds of newspaper articles and photos to share with us regarding the Grubb family. While at the library we met a woman who said her husband's grandmother had married a Grubb. It truly is a small world.

After the library we walked to the Meroney Theater and read the plaque with the Grubb name on it. Unfortunately, we were running out of time and could not get to the museum.

Walking back we called Mollie and she happily met us at the Grubb Building and took us on a VIP tour, including the top floor which she said was off limits to the general public. The view of your town was spectacular! To top it off we met a couple coming out of the building who had rented Henry Clay's farmhouse many years ago and knew all the stories.

My wife and I wanted you to know that the people of your town were the most friendly and accommodating people that we have ever met. Even though we were only there a couple of hours, we felt very much at home and were treated like VIPs. Salisbury is a beautiful town with wonderful people and I hope that we get the opportunity to return sometime in the future.

If anyone reading this is related to Henry Clay or knew him and has any information, pictures or stories to share I would love to receive them to add to my collection.

Michael Grubb lives in Waterloo, Illinois.

### **Club Elections**

Elections are held in November. If you would like to nominate someone for a particular office you can print this off or contact Sandy Kirby or Judy Dooley.

It's that time again to nominate people you would like to see hold an office in 2016. Below you will find a ballot that you can printout and fill in your nominees and bring to the September or the October meeting. If you happen to forget your ballot at home that's not a problem as there will also be extra nomination ballots at each of the meetings. At each meeting there will be a ballot box placed by the sign-up sheet to drop your nomination ballot into. If you cannot make either one of the meetings or if you prefer you can also call or email Sandy Kirby or Judy Dooley with your nominees. We would like to see a lot of participation in nomination for each office.

Nomination Committee

Sandy & Judy

Nomination Ballot

President. \_\_\_\_\_

Vice President. \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary. \_\_\_\_\_

Treasurer. \_\_\_\_\_

Membership. \_\_\_\_\_

Sargent-at-arms. \_\_\_\_\_

More Upcoming Events

**Mid-America Motorworks Funfest**

Funfest is on September 17-20, 2015. If there are enough going we can do club parking. More at the next meeting.



**Route 66/St. Louis Corvette Club Autocross**

The Route 66 Corvette Club, along with the help of the St. Louis Corvette Club, has their autocross event the same weekend as Funfest, September 19-20. If you don't want to drive up to Effingham, then come on out and see the racing Craig family. If you are lucky you may even get a ride-along! I've done this several times and it is a blast. The event is at the St. Charles Family Arena beginning at 8:00am but bring your chairs and come on out anytime.



### Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

Always a club favorite, Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend is October 1-4. Hopefully you have your reservation. If not see Carl Ballinger as he may be able to help.



### Mystery Run

Looks like the “mystery” was solved and everyone had a good time. Thanks to the Dooley’s and Miget’s for setting it up.



I have trouble telling a 2014 from a 2015 but really, is this a 65? We know who you are.



Meg accepting donation so she can also get a Vette.





Randy and Ruth checking out the new cars at ELCO!



### Need Prayers

There have been several emails recently concerning Jean DuPont and his health issues. Jean and Bev were long time members of the club and very active until moving several years ago. Please keep Jean in your prayers as he recovers from several serious health issues.

Also on the mend is Marc Portman. Marc had recent back surgery and we continue to pray for his speedy recovery. And we hope Bob Woods continues to have good results concerning his hand injury as well as Dawn Kirby from her foot surgery

## St. Louis Veterans Day Parade

The last of our big parade events is the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade. This year it is on November 7, 2015. Some of our ladies drive the Gold Star Mothers (and sometimes their family members). These are women who lost a son, daughter or spouse during wartime. While not nearly as well attended as the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade, it is definitely a worthwhile event. We do this in any weather so come on out to show your support for our veterans. We always take the Gold Star Mothers out to lunch after the event. More information at upcoming meetings.

# Veterans Day Parade

Saturday November 7, 2015

For the 10<sup>th</sup> year our club will be participating in this annual parade. Last year we had about 20 cars. We have had more in previous years and can always use more. As in past years we will also have the distinction of driving the Gold Star Mothers. We usually need 8-9 ladies driving convertibles for the Gold Star Mothers. The GSMs and their family will be joining us for lunch after the parade. This parade, along with the Fourth of July parade, is one of our most important events of the year.

[We will assemble near the Krispy Kreme in South County near the JC Penney Home Store \(I-55 and Lindbergh\).](#)

*Be there between 9:30am and 10:00am. There will be a driver's meeting at 10:00am and leaving promptly after the meeting. We need to be in place by 10:30am with the parade beginning at noon. Those of you who have done this before know the hurry up and wait drill.*

*We will have lunch at Granite City Brew on Olive as we have in past years. The parade usually lasts about an hour.*

*Dress appropriately. We've done the parade in 20 degree and 75 degree weather. It is only cancelled if heavy sleet/snow. Don't forget to bring your radio and car flags.*

*Sign-ups will be at the meetings or email Ron Hagenow at [hagenow1@charter.net](mailto:hagenow1@charter.net) or 618-939-1837.*

*Please support the men and women of our armed forces!*



## Interesting Old Car

Got this from a friend and I thought I would share. I've never heard of this car.



Ron Schneider of Milwaukee bought and restored a 1936 Stout Scarab. It is believed only a handful were made. Many say that the car was ahead of its time and seems to be a minivan prototype.

William B. Stout was a Michigan-based inventor, best remembered for building the first all-metal airplane and a portable folding house. In the 1930s, he turned his attention to the auto industry with his Stout Scarab, of which nine were made.

His goal: to build a car of the future. It was no bigger than a normal car on the outside, with twice the room inside. It had flush window glass and fenders incorporated into the body, so it would drive without wind noise. It had a table, moving chairs, and three cigar lighters.

In retrospect, some say Stout built the first minivan. But the car, so radical and expensive for its time (about \$5,000, which would be about \$85,000 today), didn't catch on.

Mr. Schneider said he paid \$12,000 for one, and bought another for parts, then began a two-year restoration. Once done, I drove the Scarab across country twice. Along the way, I found Bill Stout's grandson, living in Phoenix. I asked if the car was like what he remembered as a boy. He said it was, down to the finger and nose prints on the windows, from people wanting to see inside.

Some thought Stout was a crackpot, at first. But his ideas were more right than wrong. I restored my Scarab to see if the car was as good as he said it was. And it is.





## LADIES RUN – October 10, 2015

### JOSEPHINE'S TEA ROOM IN GODFREY, IL

Meet at Syberg's on Dorsett Road at 10:00 and we will depart at 10:15. This is a great tea room and if you've never been there before you are in for a treat! Their food and desserts are wonderful. If for some reason you can't drive your Corvette please feel free to join us in whatever vehicle that will get you there, or buddy up with one of the other ladies and go in their Corvette! Bring your Mom, Sister, Girlfriend or whoever! Please call Ruth at 314-846-6156 or email [rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net) to RSVP as I need to know how many are going by October 1st or sign up at the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting! Sign-up sheet will be on the table.

After a lovely lunch they have numerous gift shops to walk through at your leisure! Please read the additional information below about the tea room.

Josephine's Tea Rooms & Gifts Shops opened in 1979 in Godfrey, Illinois. We are located four miles North of Alton, an historic river town on the bluffs of the Mississippi River, and a 30 minute drive from downtown St. Louis, Missouri.

The gift shops are in the original house which once was part of Monticello College that was founded in 1838. The shops feature unique home decor, gifts, florals and accessories.

The tea rooms were added in 1986. There are three dining rooms plus the outdoor patios. Lunch is served 6 days a week.

Josephine's Monticello House was added as an addition next door. It features women's fashions, shoes, handbags, jewelry and accessories.

If you love Christmas items they have added one building dedicated to nothing but Christmas items.

Escape to Josephine's for the day, enjoy a delicious lunch, browse through our many shops and relax in the beautiful landscaped gardens.

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BE SURE AND CHECKOUT ALL THE PICTURES ON THE CLUB WEBSITE

Did any of you sharp-eyed readers notice something different in each edition of the newsletter? If not I will tell you at the next meeting.

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