



The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter



November 2016

STLCC Upcoming Events

November 1	STLCC Meeting
November 5	St. Louis Veterans Day Parade
November 8	Election Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 24	Happy Thanksgiving!



Your 2015-2016 Board

- Gary Duke, Sergeant at Arms (replaced by Michelle Finn)
- Erin Duke, Secretary (replaced by Ron Hagenow)
- Carl Ballinger, Vice President
- Mike Price, President
- Judy Giovanoni, Membership
- Don Pickles, Treasurer

President's Letter

My Fellow Corvette Owners,

The chill is here.

But the cars and our hearts are still warm. Drive those cars, it's still great outside. The colors are starting to get gorgeous and those winding roads are fantastic.

At the November meeting we will be voting for some of the board positions. It's hard to vote wrong because they are all great people. I haven't seen any debates in the club but they would have to be better than what I've seen on TV.

The reign of terror is coming to an end for Carl and myself. It looks like the club survived with not much collateral damage. We'll pass our whips and other morale items on to the next board. We've had a great time and look forward to just sitting out in the crowd, with the rest of the club.

Have a great day!!

Vette On!

Mike

Meeting Minutes



The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Grand Slam Bar and Grill in Fenton. The meeting was called to order on October 4, 2016 at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Introduction of Officers was as follows: President- Mike Price, Vice President- Carl Ballinger, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Don Pickles, Sergeant at Arms- Michelle Finn, and Membership- Judy Giovanoni. Immediate Past President- Ann Sedovic and our Sponsors from ELCO Chevrolet- Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin.

Mike reminded everyone about the sign in sheet, 50/50 tickets, and attendance prize. Mike explained that there is a disagreement concerning the usage of Pupillo's Banquet Center and until it is settled we will be meeting back at Grand Slam. Mike also reminded everyone that nomination ballots are available at the meeting.

Introduction of guests and new members: We had no new guests but Associate Members Jim and Sharon Love were in attendance.

Jeff Craig made a motion to accept the secretary minutes as published in the newsletter. The motion was seconded by Steve Kirby and the motion passed.

Judy Giovanoni read the October birthdays and anniversaries. She gave the membership report as follows: Members- 101; Associate members- 14; Sponsors- 4, and Lifetime members- 3 for a total of 122. The reason we are over 100 regular members is one person was mistakenly not counted. However there are several members who are not renewing for next year so we will be under our 100 total membership once the membership roll has been settled.

Don Pickles gave the Treasurer's report. Ken Payne made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Jeff Craig. The motion passed.

Judy Dooley gave the NCM Ambassador report. You can do what is called the Xperience at the Museum. It is just like a Museum Delivery only for a previously owned car. Several people did this back in 2008 when Jerry Craig did his Museum Delivery. Also you can order build sheets and window stickers from the museum. Tickets for the next raffle car are available.

Jeff Craig gave the NCCC Governor's report. Racing is winding down for the year. NCCC has a new charity this year, St. Jude's. They are raffling off a car and he has tickets for \$50 each.

Ron Hagenow said that the newsletter is on target. He would like to relinquish the newsletter to another person. Unless someone wants to do it, Jerry Craig has offered to do the newsletter. Jerry will begin with the January 2017 newsletter.

Steve Kirby reported that the website is up to date.

Mark and Eric both gave the sponsor's report. They have been very busy with service lately. There are also 4 new cars in, 3 in Grand Sport trim. Don't forget the hayride on October 29.

Under committees, Chris Woods announced that the Christmas party will be at Sam's Steakhouse on December 3, 2016. Tickets are \$45.00 per person. She has a signup sheet and will be taking checks for the next several meetings.

The by-laws and VA Garden committees reported on-target.

Michelle Finn reported that the Charity Committee will again be donating items to St. Vincent DePaul. A Christmas giving tree was available. Take the ornament and buy the gift. Return the gift wrapped at the November meeting and tape the ornament to the gift. In addition to the ornament you can also bring clothes for one family who lost everything.

The Nominating Committee has additional nominating ballots available and candidates will be announced at the end of the meeting.

The Veterans Day Parade will be on November 5. Signup sheets are available.

Marty Dooley announced he would like to have a cleanup day at the VA hospital in the next few weeks. More to follow.

Carl Ballinger announced that on behalf of the Historian Committee he is reviewing all the Secretary books to put together an archive of what the club has previously done.

Prior and future events were reviewed by Carl Ballinger -

Prior -

September 10 - Club picnic sponsored by the Kirbys at the park in Millstadt. Everyone had a great time and ate and drank as always. Thanks to the Kirbys and Prices for helping with the picnic.

September 16 - Villa Antonio Winery and Dinner sponsored by the Pickles and Doerrs. For the 3rd year in a row it rained however a few people still drove their Corvettes. 36 people attended, the food was excellent and everyone had a good time.

September 16-18 - Funfest in Effingham. It rained on Friday however several people did attend on Saturday. It seemed like there were less vendors than in previous years.

September 17-18 - Route 66/St. Louis Corvette Club Autocross at the Family Arena. The racing Craig family attended. If we could get some of our members to help next year they may be able to have a larger course.

Future -

October 4 - STLCC meeting

October 6-9 - Eureka Springs

October 19 - Retirees (or whoever wants to skip work) lunch at Crusoe's

October 22 - Josephine's Tea Room for the ladies

October 29 – Club Hayride.

October 30 – Fritz’s Ice Cream

November 1 – STLCC meeting

November 5 – Veterans Day Parade in Downtown St. Louis

New Business – Mike announced that the board has decided on a new club shirt. It is red and grey (samples were available at the meeting). Cost is \$30 and the previously approved club jackets are \$40. You can still buy whatever you want however if you can, everyone is urged to buy an official club shirt. No decision has been reached on a club t-shirt. Please see Pam Queen if you want any shirt or other clothing.

Bob Kusky still needs a few pictures to complete the club calendar.

The candidates for the November election were announced. For President – Ray Queen, for Vice-President – Mike Grubb, for Secretary – Ron Hagenow and Mike Wozniak, for Treasurer – Don Pickles, for Membership – Judy Giovanoni and for Sergeant at Arms – Michelle Finn, Larry Akins and Mike Kirby.

Thank you to Rick and Mary Doerr for bringing the cake. Next month’s cake will be courtesy of the Moores.

Number in Attendance –68.

The 50/50 Drawing winner was Chris Woods who won \$91.

The attendance prize was won by Tony Jokerst. Winners of several books and posters were Gail Mattler, Mike Kunst and Steve Ward.

The next meeting is November 1, 2016.

Steve Kirby made a motion that the meeting be adjourned and it was seconded by Peggy Craig. The motion passed.

Thank you for attending. Drive Safely, Save the Wave and always have fun!

Respectfully submitted by Ron Hagenow - Secretary

No Hands Bicycle

Ok, I’m still not convinced I’d ride in a self-driving car but check out this bicycle being developed in the Netherlands by Google. Now this really boggles my mind! Check it out here:

<https://www.youtube.com/embed/LSZPNwZex9s>

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Gary Murray	Nov 1		
Karen Price	Nov 5		
Ray Queen	Nov 11	Don and Anne Pickles	Nov 16
Valerie Zeisset	Nov 13	Steve and Dawn Kirby	Nov 22
Gail Mattler	Nov 16	Larry and Elise Akins	Nov 23
Charlene Wozniak	Nov 18	Dick and Conita Shoulders	Nov 26
Janice Kerin	Nov 26	Mike and Laurie Grubb	Nov 26
Patty Craig	Nov 28	John and Cherie Hopson	Nov 27
Sharon Ballinger	Nov 30	Richard and Mary Doerr	Nov 28
Jerry Giffhorn	Nov 30		
Steve Lyle	Nov 30		



NCM Ambassador Report



Why Be a Member?

Did you know that becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum has many more benefits than simply receiving free admission? While many people enjoy their discount in the Corvette Store, discount on Museum event registration, subscription to America's Sports Car magazine and so much more, it's the friendships and being a part of a huge Corvette family that many of our members enjoy the most.

Stingray Collectible Available with Lifetime Membership whether you own a Stingray or not, we have a special piece of Corvette memorabilia that you'll want to add to your collection.

With the purchase of a new Lifetime Membership, or upgrade from your current membership to Lifetime, you'll receive a special C7 kit featuring a "Making of Stingray" book packaged inside a leather sleeve, which is made of actual C7 seat leather and embossed on the back with the C7 crossed flags and verbiage denoting the special leather. The book and sleeve are packaged in a nice box featuring the crossed flags emblem, about the size of an owner's manual.

This special offer ends December 30. Secure your piece of Corvette history by purchasing your lifetime membership.

There is also FREE shipping from the Corvette Store on all orders of \$50 or more. Certain restrictions apply. This is the Christmas Early Bird special going on until Oct. 30, 2016.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador

Shriner's Corvettes

In 1967 the Tangier Shriner Corvette Patrol in Omaha, NE ordered 13 identical white/blue interior COPO Corvettes. They were all originally 327/300 hp 4-speed cars. They picked them up at the Corvette plant here in St. Louis. Below are several pictures and if you search around for "Shriner's Corvette" you can find several more.



Barn Find '61

Jerry Craig sent the following article. Check it out here: <http://www.msn.com/en-us/autos/classic-cars/1961-corvette-sees-the-light-of-day-after-50-years/ar-AAiqeTO?OCID=msnHomepage#image=AAiqeSZ%7C1>

Historic Motorama 2002 by Jerry Craig

Next to the theatre at the Corvette Museum is a picture taken in 2002 of one of each year Corvettes from 1953 to 2003. General Motors wished to commemorate the 50 years of Corvette by assembling a group of one Corvette from each year of production. The group would drive from Flint Michigan to Detroit to St. Louis to Bowling Green, all cities where Corvettes were designed or made. On the road for five days, the group displayed at car shows, parks, dealers and vendors along the way. Many magazine articles.

Arriving at the Kentucky border the group was escorted to Bowling Green by the Kentucky State Patrol. It was a wild flat-out ride. At the Museum, a large crowd welcomed the travelers. Later that day the group assembled for a drive through the middle of the Corvette factory! Production stopped and employees cheered. Mid-year Corvettes did burn outs on the factory floor.

Now, the rest of the story. The picture was taken on Kiener Plaza with the Arch in the background. Arriving in St. Louis, the group was met with the best parking lot party ever with free beer and lots of snacks provided by local Corvette Clubs. Judy and Marty Dooley were instrumental in the coordination. Later that evening the Mayor's office called Marty with a major problem. It seems there was no way to get the Corvettes up on the Plaza. Curbs are 11 inches high. Marty called Jeff Craig and the two put in all-nighters to build ramps to get the Vettes up to and off the Plaza safely. A gray day cleared and an awesome picture was taken.

St Louis Corvette Club members Sharon and Carl Ballinger and Armynta and Jerry Craig made the trip. It was an amazing experience to see the group on the road. Truckers tooted.

We met Sharon and Jim Love from Indiana. Actually we met Sharon. Then a few days later we met Jim. Seems he was always out cleaning his wheels. If you've ever seen his wheels, you know why.

One of each year Corvettes from 1953 to 2003. 50 years of Corvettes. Missing is the only 1983 Corvette which was thought to be too valuable to make the trip. The 1953 and the 2003 are nose to nose at the center. The 2003 was a pre-production model and was sent to the crusher.



Now the 1983

As Jerry mentioned above, the 1983 car was considered too valuable to send on the Motorama. It just so happened that this month the NCM newsletter included a story on how the 1983 was the only one saved of the pre-production cars. If you click on the link there is about an 18 minute video of how the C4 was developed and how this is now the only remaining 1983 car.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjIz7YUCu7U>

Jokes

Some of us are getting to be of a certain age, like senior citizen Ruth Howard. I received several jokes in the mail and thought they were appropriate.

As you get older, you have to stay positive. For example, the other day I fell down the stairs. Rather than get upset I thought "Wow, that's the fastest I've moved in years!"

Don't worry about getting older. You're still going to do dumb stuff, only slower!

Going to bed early. Not going out of the house. Not going to a party. My childhood punishments have become my adult goals.

What did our parents do to kill boredom before the Internet? I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either!

Porsche and Corvette

Interesting article from Road and Track

Over its lifetime, the Porsche 928 was referred to as "Germany's Corvette," and for good reason. Like the Corvette, the 928 was a V8-powered, front-engine, rear-drive coupe designed to cover long distances at high speeds. The two cars don't have much else in common, except for one man: Tony Lapine.



Latvian designer Anatole "Tony" Lapine started his career at GM in 1951, in the height of the Bill Mitchell years. While there, he frequently collaborated with Larry Shinoda, who shaped the second-generation Corvette, Lapine served as the studio engineer for the 1963 Corvette Sting Ray.

After the Sting Ray, Lapine worked on a number of concept cars with legendary Chevy engineer Zora-Arkus Duntov, including two mid-engine CERV Corvette prototypes. After the CERV II, Lapine was transferred to GM's Opel Division in Germany, where he stayed for a few years before being poached by Porsche in 1969.

Lapine's arrival at Porsche came just a few years before the company embarked on a plan to replace the aging 911 with two new models, the 924 and 928. Lapine led the design of both vehicles, the 924, which was styled by Harm Lagaay, and the 928, styled by Wolfgang Möbius.

When the 928 debuted in 1977, it looked like nothing Porsche had ever done before. The always-excellent *Ate Up With Motor* reports that Lapine and Möbius insisted the 928 should look provocative, and it took a while for Porsche executives to come around to its looks. The 928 was never successful enough to replace the 911, though it stuck around until 1995 since Porsche didn't have the capital to develop an all-new car.

The Sting Ray is the quintessential 1960s American sports car design, and few cars that evoke the late-1970s better than the 928. Both designs reflect their times, but have aged quite gracefully, a credit to Lapine.

Lapine passed away in 2012 at the age of 81. His isn't a household name, even among car enthusiasts, but he had a hand in shaping some of the most important sports cars of all time.

Josephine's Tea Room

It looks like the annual trip to Josephine's was a success as always. Thanks to Ruth for setting it up. But looking at the picture of the desserts I think I now know that it wasn't about driving Corvettes!!



First Newsletter

Did you know that on our website are all the old newsletters since the club was founded? Here is a link to the very first newsletter: <http://stlcorvettes.net/newsletter/2004/02news.pdf>. Check out some of the other ones while you are there and see how active our club has been.

Election Ballot

Final nominations were approved at the October meeting. Election of new officers will be at the November meeting. Per the by-laws, if you know you will not be present at the November meeting but you still want to vote, please follow these procedures. Cut out the below ballot, make your selections, and then place it in a small, plain envelope. Place this in a larger envelope. This keeps your vote secret. Send the large envelope to Sandy Kirby at 5544 Bohleysville Road, Millstadt, IL 62260 or Karen Price at 2400 Oak Mont Court, High Ridge MO 63049 or Ruth Howard at 3004 Collington Court, St. Louis, MO 63129. They will tabulate these absentee ballots along with the ballots completed at the meeting.

2016 Election Ballot

Place X in O for selection

President

Ray Queen

Vice President

Mike Grubb

Secretary

Ron Hagenow

Mike Wozniak

Treasurer

Don Pickles

Membership

Judy Giovanoni

Sargent-at-Arms

Michelle Finn

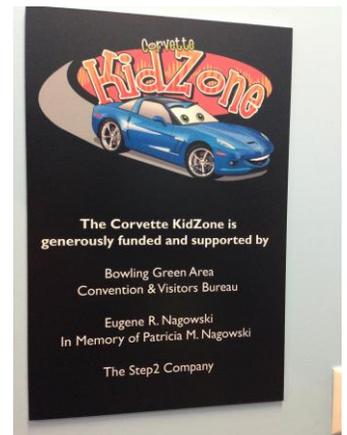
Larry Akins

Mike Kirby

Thanks to the nominating committee of Sandy, Ruth and Karen for their assistance and congratulations to whoever gets elected to the new board.

Hot Wheel Cars for NCM by Marty Dooley

I'm looking for help from our club members. A couple of years ago, I helped start a program where the National Corvette Museum gives a Hot Wheel Corvette to kids that visit the Museum as a school field trip. These kids don't have much and when they leave, they receive a Hot Wheel Corvette as something to remember their trip. What we are looking for are club members, family or friends that have any Hot Wheel (size) Corvettes and would be willing to donate them, or keep an eye out for them where you shop. We are looking for the less expensive cars not the high dollar collectibles. Bring them to a meeting and I will take to the NCM and donate them for the club.



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Look Who Hurricane Matthew Brought Us!

We knew they couldn't stay away from us for long so Gary and Erin Duke used the excuse that a little hurricane was coming their way in order to visit with us as well as their family and friends. Some of us were able to have lunch with them on October 12. Hopefully they had a safe return to Florida.



Eureka Springs

About 10 cars and 1 steel car (actually an Acadia) made it to Eureka Springs, AR for the annual Corvette Weekend. We did have a couple of Eureka Springs virgins on the trip and surprisingly after 4 days together with us old hands they are still in the club! Chelsie's was amazing as always but we didn't see any ghosts at the Crescent Hotel. We did run into former members Bill and Pam Dotson with their "Skunk". Rick Frierdich was even brave enough to bring a friend from grade school (hopefully they are still friends). Somehow we all survived. If you haven't done it yet, you need to definitely go next year.





Yes, eating and washing our cars are our favorite activities.

Another One Bites the Dust

This picture was in the local Waterloo newspaper. A later article said it was driven by an individual from Chesterfield and they had just gotten the car.

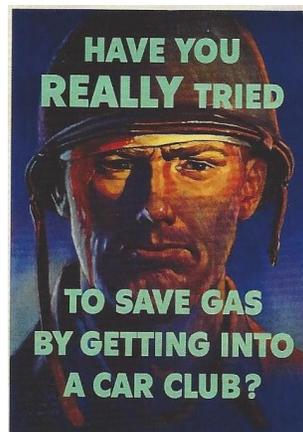


Veterans Day Parade

The club will participate as always in the annual St. Louis Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis on Saturday, November 5. A flyer with the details is in the newsletter. For some of our newer members, we drive the Gold Star Mothers. This is a great way to honor them and their sacrifice as well as honor all our veterans. I think we have more than 15 members in the club who are veterans. If you haven't seen this parade before you need to make it a point to drive in it this year.

Car Club Poster

I found this in my American Legion magazine. Based on this WWII poster maybe a car club isn't new.



Veterans Day Parade

Saturday November 5, 2016

For the 11th year our club will be participating in this annual parade. Last year we had 26 cars which was a great turnout. 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 or 618-939-1837.

Please support the men and women of our armed forces!



**ST LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2016

SAMS STEAKHOUSE

10205 GRAVOIS ROAD, 63123

6:00 PM TO 11:00 PM

(COCKTAILS – 6:00 PM. DINNER – 7:00 P.M.)

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"WOODS1890@SBCGLOBAL.NET**



Retiree's Lunch

The second monthly retiree's lunch was held at Crusoe's Restaurant on October 19. Here are a few pictures of the lucky people.



I don't know Rick, I think these "young" guys are making a move on Mary!



Randy's baseball team was sponsored by Crusoe's 20+ years ago. You might notice that the shirt is a little snugger now than it was when he played for them.

BE SURE TO CHECK ALL THE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE

New (Old) Newsletter Editor

The upcoming December issue of the newsletter will be my last as your newsletter editor. When I retired I found I couldn't say no. Consequently I have found myself involved in so many activities that I need to give some of them up in order to enjoy being retired. But never fear, Jerry Craig has offered to step in and take over. And while he may be the "new" newsletter editor, he is actually the "old" newsletter editor since he was the first newsletter editor when the club was formed. I have enjoyed my time as your editor and hope you have enjoyed the newsletter these past two years.

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