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President's Message

Bev and I hope this message finds everyone well. It has been a busy May for the Givens family as well as our club family.

The St. Jude Corvette Drive board was able to present a check in the amount of \$220,000.00 to St. Jude Research Hospital at the end of the Drive on Friday, May 13th. The Howards, Grubbs, Marlows and the Givens want to thank the club for their continued support. We are continuing to raise money through June 30th, so if you want to donate, please go to Stjudedrives.org and search St Louis Drive and pick one of the couples listed above and donate. Thanks in advance your support.

If you haven't signed up for the World Wide Raceway Thrills & Throttle Car Show on Saturday, June 4th, it's not too late. Take a look at the flyer for more information. Speaking of the raceway, thanks to Mike Price for all his work in coordinating the club's participation as volunteers this weekend at the track. We were able to meet the owner of the track this last week, and he stated they have been working towards Sunday's NASCAR event for the past 11 years. This was the ultimate goal when he purchased the racetrack. It was exciting to hear the story of how they brought the track back to life.

Bev and I want to continue to lift up in prayer the families, first responders, including the paramedics, firefighters, police, hospital personnel and anyone else who is affected by the terrible shootings throughout the US in the last few weeks. It is easy for us to voice our opinions on what should and shouldn't be done to keep our children and retail stores safe. Our pastor this week spoke about not only praying with intention, but also listening with intention to God as you pray

and you will hear Him speaking to you. We will continue to pray, and listen, to God for his healing and comforting arms to be wrapped around all those affected by these terrible incidents.

Please be safe out there.

Jim

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Angie Midkiff

Butch Riebeling

Judy Dooley

Barry Seelig

Sonja Giffhorn

Sherri Marlo

Diana Walker

John Midkiff

Jim Givens

Rick Doerr

Terry Mueller

ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Pat Cox

Mark & Kimberlie Gerecke

Gary & Debbie Tidwell

Dana & Diana Griggs

Bob & Patti Kusky

Bob & JoAnn Rogers

Brian & June Walsh

Mike & Linda Pilla

Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet on May 4, 2022.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Givens at 7:06 p.m.

First order of business was that there would be items sold to raise funds for a new STLCC banner and items for the VA garden.

Sherri Marlow offered up a prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Presiding Officers:

President: Jim Givens	Vice President: Karen Price
Membership: Judy Giovanoni	Treasurer: Patti Kusky
Secretary: Angie Midkiff	Sargent at Arms: Jack Braznell
Immediate past president: Don Pickles	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin

Jim thanked our club sponsors for allowing us to meet in the ELCO showroom and for providing pizza.

President Jim Givens welcomed everyone to the meeting. A special welcome to new members, Maggie and Steve Hedgecorth joining tonight. Guests in attendance were Vickie and Robert Hoogveld, John Jordan, and Tony Baldrige.

Tony Baldrige from World Wide Technology explained the duties our club volunteers will be performing during NASCAR week. The schedule is Thursday June 2 thru Sunday June 5. Volunteers are required to wear a white button up dress shirt with a collar and navy slacks. Contact Mike Price to sign up or get more information.

President Jim Givens reminded members there would be a 50/50 drawing, attendance prize

drawing, and sign-up sheets for attendance and future events were available.

Member Erin Duke is still recovering from surgery. Michelle Finn has a broken heel and will be having surgery on June 1, 2022.

A motion was requested to accept the April secretary's minutes as published. Jim thanked Mary Ann Hagenow for filling in while the regular secretary was absent. A motion was made to accept the minutes and it was seconded. The motion passed.

Patti Kusky reminded membership that the club's fiscal year follows the calendar year. Judy Dooley made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Bob Bradley. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman Judy Giovanoni read the names of the upcoming birthdays and anniversaries for May. Membership change with Robin Avery leaving the club. This left the club with 99 members. The by-laws allow adding 2 people from the waiting list.

New members added

- Maggie and Steve Hedgecorth

Members leaving since October Business Meeting

- Robin Avery

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members: 101 (includes 12 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 7 (includes 2 Charter Members)
- Associate Members: 4
- Total Members: 117 (excludes sponsors)

Membership Waiting List has 12 people

Charter Members

- Sharon Ballinger
- Patty & Jeff Craig
- Peggy Craig Bradley

- Judy & Marty Dooley
- June Fain
- Rich Frierdich
- Teresa & Rich Luebcke
- Karen & Mike Price
- Chris & Bob Woods

Notes and cards of thanks from Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset were shared by Angie Midkiff.

Committee Reports:

Sponsor Report: Mark announced that there is still a low supply of vehicles for sale. Orders have a 12 week waiting period and it is estimated for that to continue for the next 2 years.

Charity: Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni/Sonja Giffhorn – On target.

Christmas Party – Chris Woods, Judy Dooley – Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 10th at The Legends Country Club.

Parade: Michelle Paillou- absent, Rick Frierdich – The Independence Day holiday parade is still on target. Rick Frierdich asked for a show of hands to see if there was any interest in participating in the Thanksgiving Parade. Veterans Day Parade is still on target. For more information, please contact Rick.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley shared information about the Bash. She and Marty saw the new 70th anniversary Corvette and the new Z06. The anniversary car will be offered as either a Z06 or a Stingray. There has been an increase in museum membership. There will be a Hot Wheels display at the museum from May 27 thru September 15. The museum renovated the Corvette Store.

Website: Steve Kirby – On target.

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, Peggy Craig – On target.

NCCC Governor's Report: Larry Walker gave an update regarding recent events and informed the club he would be attending the Governor's meeting May 8-9, 2022. If any member has an

interest in NCCC racing, information can be found at www.corvettenccc.org. The NCCC convention will be June 11-15 in Atlantic City, NJ. On May 18, Larry will be drag racing at Gateway.

VA Garden – Marty Dooley, Karen Price – Marty made a correction to the date for the VA Garden clean-up. The date is 5/14 at 10:00 a.m. The VA is only allowing two volunteers at a time for watering and maintenance at the garden for the summer. Masks are mandatory. If you have questions, please contact Marty Dooley.

Budget Committee: Randy Howard, Larry Akins, Ray Queen – On target

By-laws Committee: John Midkiff, Valerie Zeisset, Mike Price – On target

Newsletter – Kathy Mueller – Thanks to Kathy for a job well done!

Nominating Committee – Ruth Howard, Judy Dooley – On target

Vice President's Report: Vice President Karen Price reviewed the calendar of upcoming events and reviewed past events. Additional information is available on the club's website.

Past & Future Events

Thanks to all of the event organizers! It's great to see our club members out fellowshiping with each other!

Past Events

April 5th, 2022	Monthly Club Meeting	Sugar Creek golf course clubhouse	7pm	The
April 9th, 2022 cancelled	Crazy Bowl/party at Pickle's	DuBowl	6pm	The the I
April 16th, 2022	Cars and Coffee	On the Grind Coffee Co Crystal City, MO	9am	The
April 20th, 2022	Retiree's lunch	Ethyl's O'Fallon, MO	noon	Mar
April 24th, 2022	Fritz's ice cream	815 Meramec Station Rd Valley Park	5pm	Peg
April 28-30th, 2022	The Bash	National Corvette Museum	daily	The

Future Events

May 3rd, 2022	Monthly Club Meeting	ELCO	7pm	The
May 12-13th, 2022	St. Jude's Run	St. Jude's		The
May 14th, 2022	Clean up at the VA Garden	Jefferson Barrack's VA Building 51	9-11am	Doo
May 14th, 2022	The Non-Retiree's Yet Luncheon	Fenton Bar and Grill	noon	The
May 18th, 2022	Retiree's Lunch	Hawthorne Inn	noon	The
May 21st, 2022	Cars and Coffee	Sugar Beans Coffee House St. Charles, MO	9am	The
May 28th, 2022	Caffeine and Chrome	Gateway Classic Cars 1237 Central Park Dr. #1 O'Fallon, IL	9am-noon	
May 29th, 2022	Fritz's Ice Cream	815 Meramec Station Rd Valley Park	5pm	Pegi
June 3-5th, 2022	Nascar Races	World Wide Technology Raceway		
June 7th, 2022	Monthly Club Meeting	ELCO	7pm	The
June 11th, 2022	Night at the Races	Fairmont Race Track/Top of the Turf Room	5pm	The Doo
June 15th, 2022	Retiree's Lunch	Harpo's Chesterfield, MO	noon	The
June 17th, 2022	Cause for Paws Dinner Auction	The Falls in Columbia, IL	5pm	The Grut
June 18th, 2022	Cars and Coffee	Bean Tree Café Waterloo, Ill	9am	The
June 24th, 2022	Drive Your Car to Work Memorial Winery Run	Sugar Creek Winery/Mimi's	10am	Pegi
June 25th, 2022	Caffeine and Chrome	Gateway Classic Cars 1237 Central Park Dr.#1 O'Fallon, Ill	9am-noon	
June 25th, 2022	Team Sandy ALS Walk	Granite City Brewery	noon	Parr Rutl
June 26th, 2022	Fritz's Ice Cream	815 Meramec Station Rd Valley Park	5pm	Pegi
July 2nd, 2022	Webster Groves 4th of July Parade and After Party Picnic at the Price's	Webster Groves	10am	Mich the I

New Business:

Sonia Giffhorn made a motion that the club donate \$100 to St. Jude. Motion was seconded

and will be voted on in June's meeting.

Ruth Howard made a motion that the club donate \$100 to ALS. Motion was seconded and will be voted on in June's meeting.

Marty Dooly reported that the club needs a new banner for the Corvette Museum. Talented members are asked to submit renderings for the club to be voted on by membership.

Ozark International Speedway has a new road track with 19 turns. Our club is invited to come check it out. Peggy Bradley suggested the club make it a weekend event and she volunteered to chair the event.

Sherri Marlo announced that Cause for Paws is having their annual fundraising event. It is June 17. There is a Mexican/Fiesta theme and the cost is \$85 per person and includes a meal.

New members and anyone with new cars are asked to submit pictures of the cars to Steve Kirby.

Members attending meetings and events are responsible for signing the attendance sheet and/or the NCCC waiver.

Jim announced that any events posted to the website must be in a flyer format.

Thank you to Brian and June Walsh for providing the cakes for dessert. The Marlos will provide desert at the June meeting.

Congratulations to Michelle Finn for winning the 50/50 drawing.

Congratulations to Diane Walker for winning the attendance prize gift card. Other members were raffle winners of various posters donated by Randy Howard.

President Jim Givens asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sherri Marlo made a motion to adjourn, Rick Doerr seconded the motion. Motion accepted.

Respectfully,

Angie Midkiff

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

The National Corvette Museum Motorsports Park will be holding an open track day on Saturday June 4th. You can take advantage of the 3 mile track. It will be a solo-approved driver only event. A full day session is \$350.00 with a 1 hour lunch. A morning half day session is \$200.00 and goes from 8:30 to 12:30, and the afternoon session is from 1:30 to 5:30 and is also \$200.00. Requirements are:

- All vehicles must be able to pass the NCM Motorsports Park policies and procedures.
- Drivers must be solo-approved and have already participated in a driving event in the run group that they registered for.

The Motorsports Park in review for 2021:

- 2407 visitors in Corvettes
- 45,000 visitors to the MSP
- 92% increase in revenue from 2020
- 49 states were represented in attendance

Don't forget the Corvette Dad in your life. The National Corvette Museum Corvette Store has a lot to offer.

Judy and Marty Dooley

NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

THRILLS & THROTTLES
The Ultimate Pit Road Party

PRESENTED BY **Helman**
MOTORCARS

100 OF THE HOTTEST SUPER CARS!
Invite Only

Starts after the conclusion of the NASCAR Truck race
JUNE 4, 2022 | 3 pm - 4:30 pm
Time subject to change

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Please submit a photo of your car to Morgan @
ThrillsAndThrottle@WWRaceway.com

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JUNE 4-6, 2022

**Buy your Commemorative 50th Year Tickets
Online at
BloomingtonGold.com**

**Single Day tickets - \$25
Two Day pass - \$45**



**Illinois State University
Bloomington, IL
Redbird Arena
232 West College Avenue, Normal, IL 61761**

Bloomington Gold is an annual car event that will celebrate its 50th Show June 10 & 11, 2022. Each year, thousands of Corvettes, Camaro and all-around car enthusiasts flock to Bloomington Gold. In 2022 Bloomington Gold is going home to Bloomington/Normal! We can't wait to see you!



Fairmount Race Track Top of the Turf Room

9301 Collinsville Rd, Collinsville, IL 62234

Saturday June 11, 2022 – arrive at 6:00



**Come on out and join us for a fun time betting on the horses!
So, who cares that the stock market is tanking! LOL!
It's all about joining in the laughter and tears from the
winners and the losers.**

**Please contact Ruth Howard at rhoward15@charter.net,
Or text to 314-486-6836 if you are interested in attending.
Of course, there will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting.**



Retirees Luncheon

Wednesday June 15, 2022 at Noon

Harpo's Chesterfield

136 Hilltown Village Center

Chesterfield, MO 63017

To visit their very wide range menu go to their website
Listed below.

<https://www.harposstl.com/>

Please rsvp to Ruth at rhoward15@charter.net, text to
314-486-6836 and there will
also be a signup sheet at meeting.

Last day to sign up is June 11th.

Event is sponsored by the Randy & Ruth Howard



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When:

- Saturday, June 18th @ 9am

Where:

- Bean Tree Cafe
- 219 S Main Street
- Waterloo, IL 62298

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

314.341.3383



Drive your Corvette to work...Mimi's...the Sugar Creek Winery day!!

When: June 24, 2022 10am -??

Where: Meet at Mimi's in Chesterfield Valley for lunch/brunch at 10:00

Drive: After we eat we will go west on 64 then get off at 94 and go south. We will follow this through Defiance. After about 2 miles Sugar Creek will be on your right. There is a steep hill going up to the winery. We will drive around back (there is some gravel) and park together.

At Sugar Creek Winery they have wine, beer, soda and water and snacks for purchase. You **MAY NOT** bring in any liquids! Feel free to bring snacks for yourself or to share.

If you have questions or would like to sign up please email Peggy Bradley at pmcraigstl@aol.com.



ALS Luncheon in Memory of Sandy Kirby

Please join us on Saturday, June 25, 2022 at NOON

for our annual ALS Luncheon.

Mike Duffy's Pub & Grill

1024 Schnucks Woodsmill

Chesterfield, MO 63017

There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. If you can't make the meeting please contact Pam Queen at 314-616-4726 or send an email to

pamqueen13@gmail.com





Webster Groves 4th of July Parade

Meet at the corner of Elm and Big Bend Blvd.

Just north of Elm & HWY 44, upper Schnucks lot

8:30 am Monday July 4th

If you are going to the Pot Luck at the Price's please bring your dish

The Dooley's will pick up the food and take it to the Price's

While we drive in the parade

Wear patriotic clothes we should be done by 11:30 if it starts on time.

This is a **rain or shine event** so bring what you need especially water & a chair

After the parade those who would like to go to the Price's for the pot luck will
caravan to their house.

If you **do not** want to drive in the parade you may go straight to the Price's. Be there
around 12:15pm with your dish.

The Price's address is 2400 Oak Mont Ct., High Ridge, Mo 63049

If you have any questions please feel free to call Michelle P. at 314-852-1236

Past Events

Michelin NCM Bash

April 28, 29, & 30, 2022

By Field Reporter Mike Kunst

The Bash seemed reminiscent of the event prior to the pandemic. The crowds were back. The parking lot was completely full of Corvettes. As was past practice, driving anything else resulted in parking across the street in the grass.

There have been changes to the museum. You may remember Marty and Judy talking about the former Corvette Café. It was completely remodeled and renamed The Stingray Grill. There is a new Executive Director, Sharon Brawner.

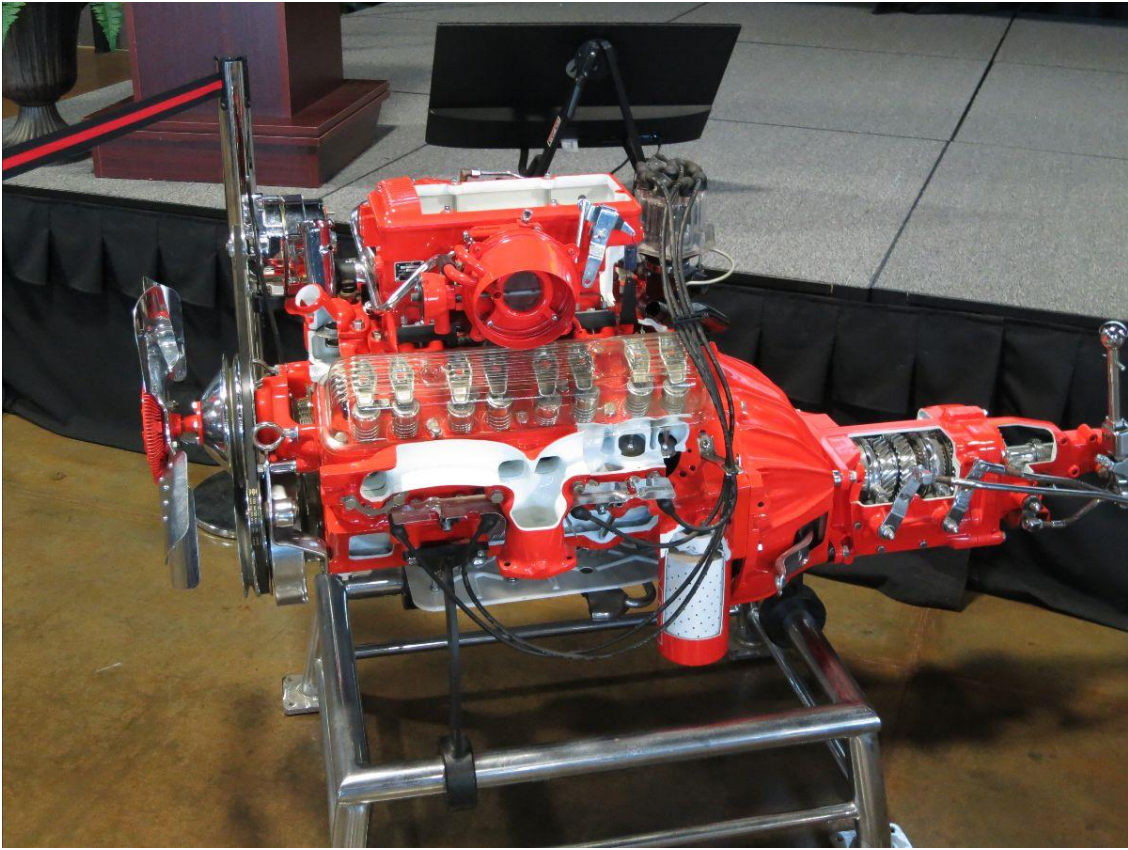


During the Bash, Corvette deliveries have customarily been halted. Currently, there is a backlog and NCM management opted to continue deliveries during

the Bash. This is a photo of Corvette Blvd where they can deliver up to 8 Corvettes at a time.

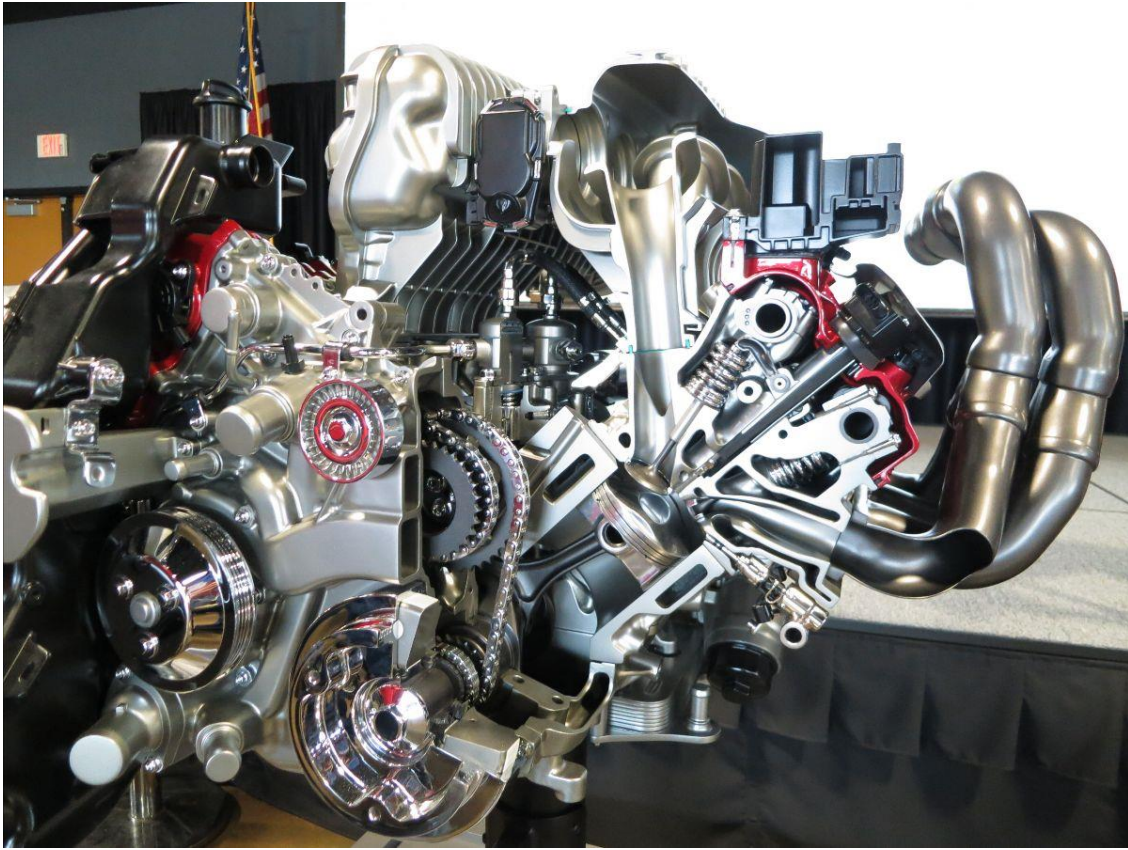


The Stingray Grill looks great. Really cool bar top.

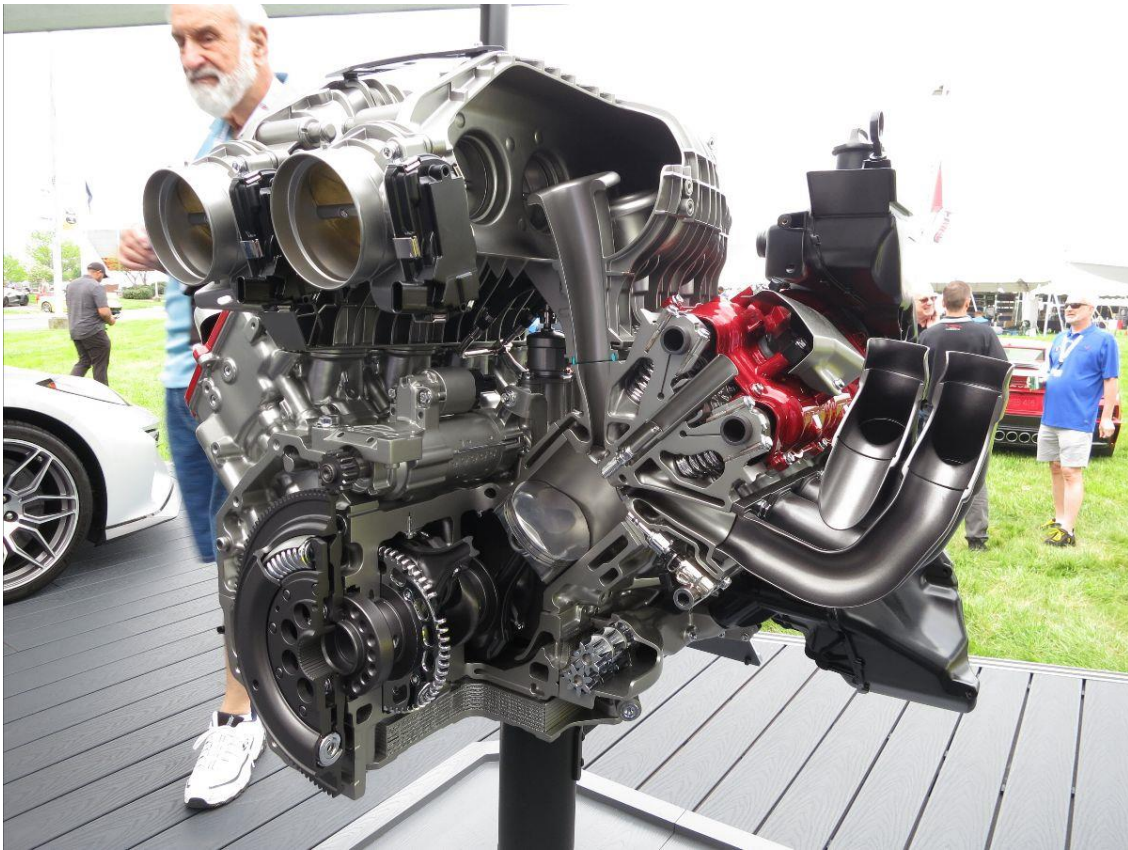


The first fuel injected Corvette was the 1957 Fuelie. I believe this is the 283 ci 283 hp Rochester Fuelie with a Muncie "Rock Crusher" 4 speed tranny.

The New LT6 Small Block Engine & the 2023 Z06



This is the brand new “small block” LT6 engine designed exclusively for the Corvette Z06.



Here is the engine from the opposite corner.



This is a Z06 under the skin.



Z06 in Hypersonic Gray Metallic with Adrenalin Red interior.



Another Z06 in Arctic White. In the engine compartment, you can see the Engine Builders name plate and signature. It is visible just above the crossed flags.

70th Anniversary Design Models



The 70th anniversary edition comes in two colors, White Pearl Metallic Tri-Coat and Carbon Flash Metallic. The black and white interior is standard, but the seat color is reversed for the two exterior colors.

ExxonMobil Rebranding the Factory Fill Oil



If you have a 2019 C7 or any model year C8, your oil is changing names. ExxonMobil marketing is rebranding the Mobil 1 ESP 0W-40 oil which was originally designed specifically for the Corvette and became the factory fill oil beginning with the 2019 model year. The new name is Mobil 1 Supercar 0W-40. There have been no spec changes to the oil.

The NCM Shows a New Addition to the Collection



This is a 1963 Coupe with a fuel injected engine. It is affectionately referred to as the “Split Window” mid-year Corvette. No need to specify the year as it was only made one model year In 1963.

The Banquet on Thursday, April 28, 2022



What is an event like the Bash without the banquets? The after-dinner panel discussion was a lot of fun. Many of the GM Corvette Team leaders were in attendance and participated. Tom Peters is at the podium and moderates the discussion.

St. Jude Run

Submitted by Ruth Howard

St. Jude Corvette Drive 2022 was a great success. As I'm writing this article the St. Louis Team has raised \$30,366. Our team consisted of 13 cars that included four teams from the Looking Glass Corvette Club, two teams that were recruited by others, a driver from Georgia with his sister that lives in Cape Girardeau and a driver from Branson. Of course, our members, Jim & Bev Givens, Laurie & Mike Grubb, Sherri & Tom Marlo and Ruth & Randy Howard.

We departed from the Imperial Road exit on 55 south on Thursday morning. Sherri Marlo led us in prayer for safe travels. We headed to our first rest stop in Fruitland, MO where we were met with the Door Dash Team of Judy & Marty Dooley. They were kind enough to go to Kenrick's Catering to pick up our box lunches and ice up the beverages. Oh wait...did I mention the yearly donation of 150 Hot Wheel Cars? Blessed to have them in our Corvette family!

During our lunch stop, we had two local newspapers come to interview us and take pictures. The Southeast Missourian and the Cash-Book Journal. Thanks to Carolyn Hopen Davis (driver with brother Thom from Georgia) for arranging this. The best part of the SEMissourian was the picture of Jim and Bev Givens, not Carolyn and her brother! Of course, we had to kid Bev about the picture! LOL! Both articles are shown below.

We arrived in Dyersburg, TN around 2:30, quick gas fill ups and headed to the hotel. The St. Louis group was the first group to arrive at the hotel. We were there to cheer on the Louisville and Peoria groups as they arrived. Then all 57 Corvettes headed to the community center of Dyersburg for dinner. The Dyersburg Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Holden and his group of fabulous worker, cooked us a fabulous dinner of fried catfish, pulled pork and all the sides! Donations by the drivers were collected for this meal. Total donations given to Mayor Holden were \$1,500 and in turn he donated it right back for St. Jude!

Friday morning, we departed for Memphis with arrival at the Sheraton Hotel for lunch. Unfortunately, we were not able to drive through the St. Jude campus on this morning. Here's hoping to make it on campus next year. Great videos and

presentations were made from the St. Jude staff and Andrew Black, President of the drive. We were blessed to have the main speaker Dr. Beth Stewart, a dedicated doctor and truly a gift from God. In 2018 the construction of the new research center began. The new advanced research center marks the beginning of a new era of scientific advancement emerging at St. Jude. Her excitement and dedication to these children truly touches all of our hearts. At the end of our presentations, we all headed safely home.

Tom Marlo was chosen by the board last year to be the official “Drone Guy”, and he has taken some amazing pictures. Actual St. Jude Corvette flier for 2021 and 2022 included Tom’s photos. Thank you, Tom, for your efforts!

This drive is still one of the most important events that as members we participate in. Ask anyone that has attended. We can’t thank you enough for the drivers, the donors and everyone involved in making this event a success. Current amount raised is \$220,000 with donations open thru June 30th.



St. Louis Group



Marty & Judy Hot Wheels



Dooley's Door Dash



Formal presentation to St. Jude President Andrew Black



Tom's amazing photos

Jackson woman joins Corvette caravan

by Gregory Dullum
Editor

A caravan of Corvettes roared down I-55 Thursday on its way from St. Louis to Dyersburg, TN, stopping for lunch at the Fruitland Rest Area. Joining them for lunch and continuing with them was Jackson resident Carolyn Davis and her Corvette-owner brother, Thom Hopen, who lives outside of Atlanta, GA.

Davis saw the St. Jude Corvette Drive to Memphis advertised on social media and called her brother to see if he would like to participate. He agreed to join the drive, which is a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis. He spent four months raising funds so he could participate.

Another driver with a local connection was Bev (Poston) Givens, who grew up in Cape Girardeau, but now lives in Arnold with her husband, Jim.

Each driver collected donations of at least \$1,500 to participate. Other sponsors add



Photo by Gregory Dullum

Standing in front of a long line of Corvettes parked at the Fruitland Rest Area are, from left, Thom Hopen, Carolyn Davis, and Bev and Jim Givens. Carolyn is a Jackson resident riding with her brother, Thom, in his car. Bev is originally from Cape Girardeau but now lives in Arnold with her husband, Jim.

\$2,500 or \$5,000 at a time. It was not yet known on Thursday how much money this year's drive would raise, but the goal was \$400,000.

This is the 11th year for the drive. Last year, 53 Corvettes participated and raised \$280,000.

When this caravan of a dozen Corvettes — ranging

in years from 2001 to 2021 — reached Dyersburg Thursday night, it met up with Corvette caravans coming from Peoria, IL and Louisville, KY.

They all spent the night in a hotel in Dyersburg, and then on Friday, a total of 60 Corvettes drove with police escorts to St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis.

The police escorts make it possible for the line of cars to stay together and not break up at stop signs and red lights.

Last years, cars pulled over to the side of the road, thinking the Corvettes were part of a funeral procession.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the drivers exited their cars in the St. Jude parking lot and let the children who were patients come out and sit in the cars. "It was an hour or two hours where the kids forget about their chemo and why they were there. Boys or girls, they loved the cars," said Ruth Howard, who with her husband, Randy, are board members of the drive and are participating for their fifth year.

Since the pandemic hit, the children just watch as the Corvettes drive through the complex. Last year, doctors, nurses and hospital employees lined up to cheer them on.

Thanks to the generous donation of Marty and Judy Dooley, 150 of the children will receive their own Hot Wheels Corvette.

Corvette Drive raises money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital



By Beau Nations - Southeast Missourian
Friday, May 13, 2022



Bev and Jim Givens stand by their 2007 Corvette convertible his wife purchased for him as a birthday present. The pair have participated in the St. Jude Corvette Drive for five years.

Beau Nations

Approximately 20 Corvette owners met at a rest area for lunch Thursday in Jackson, before hitting the road for the 11th annual St. Jude Corvette Drive. The group from the local area met with a group of about 60 Corvette owners from Peoria, Illinois, to continue their drive to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Each driver in the event commits to raise \$1,000 and each passenger raises \$500 from friends and family to donate to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The route ends at the facility in Memphis, where the participants drive their vehicles around the hospital for the patients and parents to watch.

The drivers are expected to arrive at 11:20 a.m. today in Memphis and will form a parade from 11:30 to 11:45 a.m. for the patients and their parents to watch from the hospital. Corvette owners Marty and Judy Dooley purchased more than 200 Corvette Hot Wheels toys to distribute to the patients when the group arrives at the hospital.

In previous years, patients could get into the vehicles for a closer look at the Corvettes, but because of COVID guidelines, the event has switched to a drive-through format.

"I guess the whole mindset change was actually visiting the hospitals," Jim said. "The first year we participated we were able to go on the hospital campus and see all the tools they use, what they do, see the patients in the hospital and the medical staff and how they take care of their patients. It takes approximately \$2.1 million a day to run the hospital, so for us to raise a quarter of a million dollars will pay for the hospital to run for four hours. It was a life-changing event when we were able to tour the hospital."



Approximately 20 Corvette owners meet at a rest stop Thursday off Interstate 55 in Jackson. The owners are driving to Memphis, Tennessee, as part of the St. Jude Corvette Drive which raises funds for the children's research hospital.
Beau Nations

Since 2012, participants in the Corvette Drive have raised \$1.7 million. The drive includes multiple different routes for drivers from surrounding states and they can begin the route from Effingham or Peoria, Illinois, Louisville, Kentucky, or St. Louis.

The Corvette Drive has continued to grow each year, according to Ruth Howard, a board member of the event.

"It is an amazing vehicle and everyone is driving for the same cause. Everyone is responsible for raising donations and funds," she said. "It's a car that brought all these people together to raise money. Our love of our cars are out there making money to help these kids. It's amazing. Last year, we had 53 Corvettes raise \$280,000."

VA Garden Cleanup and Planting

Sponsored by the Dooleys and Prices

The St. Louis Corvette Club had a VA garden clean up and planting that took place on May 14th. We had 13 people which included Matt Luitjohan who works for the VA Hospital. We spent about 3 hours there freshening the garden. This project was started years ago by some club members as a way of giving back and has continued on and has expanded. We will continue this project as long as we have interest in it. The Veterans are always thankful as well as the hospital employees. Thanks everyone for all your help.

Marty Dooley







Non-Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Bill and Gail Mattler





May Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Terry and Kathy Mueller







Coffee and Corvettes

Hosted by Jim & Bev Givens







Ice Cream at Fritz's

Sponsored by Peggy Craig Bradley







Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, Mike Price and
Peggy Craig Bradley

In June 2008, President Bill Dotson resigned because of a move to the Lake of the Ozarks. So Vice President Ron Hagenow took over this month. Our annual clean up and planting at the VA garden had been delayed several times this spring and planting was finally finished late last month (it always rains no matter what day our planting is scheduled). We gained 3 new members and membership stood at 67 total. Lynch Hummer was our club sponsor and we had just completed a successful car show in support of the Pujols Foundation and donated \$4000 to their cause. We even gave Albert a club shirt (maybe he needs to wear it to a game!). And one of the club's best trips was on June 23, 2008 when Jerry and Armynta Craig took delivery of their new 2008 convertible, 50 years to the day when they got their then new 58. This car is now with Bob and Peggy Bradley. We took over the NCM with 28 cars making the trip and about 9 cars taking up all the delivery and Xperience spaces in the Museum.

When Randy Howard was president in June 2010, that month's newsletter had a picture of everyone who attended the VA garden planting in May 2010 (and guess what, it rained!). Our meetings were held at Sunset Lakes Golf and Banquet Center and we had 92 members. We received a thank you for the goody bag from future president Kevin Bayliss who was currently deployed in Iraq. Plans were being made for a car show at ELCO for later in the month as well as our monthly run to Fritz's.

June 2016 saw Mike Price as our president and on our monthly calendar we had our club meeting, luau at the Grubbs', night at the races at Fairmont Park, car show at ELCO and Fritz's. In the previous month we welcomed future racers John and Angie Midkiff to the club. Judy Giovanoni was our membership chair (as she is now) and we had 91 members. New additions the previous month were Jerry Craig's 2016 shark gray coupe which he won at the NCM and Judy Giovanoni got her new 2016 red coupe. And probably for the only time as long as we've been in the club, Mary Ann Hagenow won \$89 in the 50/50 raffle (I don't think I ever saw the money).



From June 2008, Jerry and Armynta Craig with their new 2008 convertible.



Two of our “survivors” from the Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer Walk in June 2010.



Peggy's reaction when presented with her bar bill from the Happy Hour at Stonewolf in 2009.



Some of the lunch guests at the retiree's lunch in June 2019.

Indy 500 Pace Car

Submitted by Terry Mueller



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