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President's Message

Hello Members!

The warm weather is helping to fill up our calendar with more fun events, so check it frequently!

We welcome our winter snowbirds back and new members while saying goodbye to the Kuskys who are moving but staying on as associate members.

Sadly, we have lost our member Kevin Yovich. His kind demeanor will be missed. His love for his car was evident in that big smile that radiated when he talked about it.

Our next meeting is April 2nd at ELCO -- hope to see everyone there.

Stay safe and save the wave!

Karen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Janet Trost

Maggie Hedgorth

Gary Duke

Dee Riehlman

ANNIVERSARIES

Ed Flaspohler & Lisa Schuenke

Steve & Maggie Hedgorth

Richard & Jaime Brennan

Dennis & Janet Trost

Ed & Joanmarie Hartzke

Gary & Jan Murray

Bill & Gail Mattler

Gary & Erin Duke

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet on Tuesday, March 5, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Karen Price.

Karen led us with an opening prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club officers were introduced:

President: Karen Price	Vice President: Gary Duke
Membership: Erin Duke	Treasurer: Anne Pickles
Secretary: Ron Hagenow	Sergeant at Arms: Dennis Trost
Immediate past president: Jim Givens	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark & Kim Gerecke and Eric & Vickie DeBruin

Karen went over the following information:

- She reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event sign-up sheets, and retiree lunch sign-up. She reminded everyone that you don't have to be retired to join us at lunch. Just come if you are available.
- We have several guests in attendance. Jim and Marilyn Panter are our newest members, having joined tonight. Kevin McLaughlin and Rich Pazini are here tonight to check out the club. Also, Laura from Fisher House spoke about the upcoming car show to benefit Fisher House at Worldwide Technology Raceway. They are hoping to build a second Fisher House in St. Louis soon. This is being held on Saturday, May 18. In addition to the car show, there will be displays and bands as well as food. John Jordan has stepped up to head this event for the club and there were several who expressed interest in attending.
- A motion was requested to accept the February 2024 secretary's minutes. Chris Woods moved to accept the minutes. Don Pickles seconded the motion and the motion passed. Also, a thank you note from Sonja Giffhorn was read.
- Anne Pickles asked if there were any questions concerning the treasurer's report previously sent out. There were none. A motion was requested to accept the February 2024 treasurer's report. Rick Doerr moved to accept the report with a second by Ken Payne. The motion passed.

- Membership Officer Erin Duke provided an updated report that reflected membership changes since the February 2024 meeting. Erin reminded everyone that in order to maintain current membership, you must attend at least 2 business meetings and 5 total functions to remain current. However, if you have health or other issues, please see Erin and she will discuss it with the board. It is everyone's responsibility to ensure they are recorded as having attended an event. She read the names of members celebrating March birthdays and anniversaries.

Current membership totals:

- Regular Members: 101 (includes 7 Charter Members)
- Lifetime Members: 4 (includes 1 Charter Member)
- Associate Members: 8 (includes 2 Charter Members)
- Total Members: 113 (excludes sponsors)

The report indicated 6 people are on the membership waiting list.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Kathy Mueller continues to provide us with an excellent newsletter. Please send in your report for the next newsletter as soon as possible. They will be going on the New Orleans trip and will not have much time to get the April newsletter published.

Budget Report – Don Pickles, Rick Doerr and Mike Kunst. A new rate schedule for next year has been proposed to the Board. It will be available for the membership soon.

By-Laws: Mike Price, Mike Kunst and Valerie Zeisset – There are several minor

changes they are working on which will be presented to the membership soon.

Charity: Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni and Sonja Giffhorn – Any requests for a charitable donation must be presented to the Charity committee. If any requests are made during a meeting, it will be tabled and discussed by the Charity committee and the board. If approved it will be presented to the membership at the next business meeting.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley – There is a clean-up date scheduled for March 23 beginning at 9:00 am. There is a planting date scheduled for April 13. We want to have everything looking nice for their wheelchair games scheduled for early May. Sign-up sheet is available. And as always, we will go to lunch after our work.

Parade: Michelle Paillou and Mike Price – On target.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Marty Dooley – Marty reminded us about the Bash on April 25-28 and the 30th Anniversary and Caravan on August 29-31. You must be a member of the caravan if you want to stay at a hotel in Bowling Green for the Anniversary. The gift shop will now accept Corvette items if in good shape which they will resell.

History: Marty Dooley, Mike Price, and Ron Hagenow – No report.

20th Anniversary: Ruth and Randy Howard, Jeff and Tracy Stieren, Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow and Mike and Karen Price – There will be special articles in the newsletter throughout the year. We are exploring maybe a club trip to the NCM this summer. We are also exploring getting t-shirts or other articles celebrating our 20th year. Their next meeting is March 30, 2024.

Website: Steve Kirby was absent. No report.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods and Judy Dooley – We have set a date of December 7, 2024 for the Christmas party and it will be at the Falls again in Columbia, IL. The room has already been reserved.

Nominating: Pam Queen and Valerie Zeisset – No report.

Sponsor Report: Mark reported they have 4 Corvettes in inventory and can take orders for more. There is a nice 2021 3LT that just came in. Mark asked if anyone was interested in the NASCAR event in June. Please see him if you are interested. Eric also mentioned that he has several nice used Corvettes as well as other cars and is always looking for more. Also “Corvette” Bill was in attendance. See Bill for all of your Vette mechanical needs as he is the most knowledgeable in the area.

Insurance: Our insurance with Hagerty has been paid and is locked in for 3 years. The Secretary has the policy if anyone wants to look at it.

Mentoring Program: On target.

Vice President’s Report: Gary Duke reviewed past events and future events. They are as follows:

Past Events

February 11 – Valentine’s Day Brunch at Mr. BBQ in Waterloo sponsored by the Zeissets and Howards. There were about 50 members in attendance. Games were played and winners were announced. Everyone had a good time.

February 21 – Retiree lunch sponsored by the Doerrs at Billy G’s Finer

Diner. About 47 were in attendance and it was a great day to drive our Corvettes.

February 24 – Cars and Coffee sponsored by the Givens. About 27 members attended and again it was a great Corvette Day.

February 24 – Bunco at the Kirbys. There were about 20 members who attended. The food was great and congratulations to all the winners.

February 25 – Crazy Bowl sponsored by the Dooleys and Howards was cancelled due to low interest.

Future Events

March 13 – March 24 – Blues Highway trip sponsored by the Paynes. There are about 24 signed up to attend.

March 16 – Cars and Coffee sponsored by the Givens. Upshot Coffee Brake Shop in St. Charles. Begins at 8:30 am.

March 22 – Mouse races in support of St. Jude's. This is a fundraiser for those going on the Drive for St. Jude's. It will be at the Elks Lodge on Bauer Road in Crestwood. Begins at 6:30 pm. Ruth Howard and Jim Givens spoke about what St. Jude's does and about the various other fund-raising events they are doing. There are about 90 cars that are attending so far. The actual drive is May 16-17 and if you so wish you can donate through most participants' Facebook page. Note: This is not a club sponsored event. We have 4 club members who are participating.

March 23 – VA Cleanup at 9:00 am. Meet outside the gate on Koch Road.

March 27 – Retiree lunch sponsored by Barry Seelig. Date moved from regularly scheduled date. Lunch will be at Ethyl's Smoke House in O'Fallon, MO at 11:00 am.

March 28 – The inaugural start of Sunset and Sangria at Sunset Overlook, Columbia, IL. Begins at 5:30 pm.

April 2 – Next scheduled meeting.

April 6 – Bunco sponsored by Kim and Steve Marre' and Terry and Kathy Mueller.

April 7 – First Fritz's run of the year. Meet at 5:30 pm or whenever your schedule allows.

April 8 – Total solar eclipse trip sponsored by Mike Kunst.

April 13 – VA Planting

April 28 – Car show at St. Martin's Church sponsored by Dana Griggs.

April 28 – Fritz's run.

May 4 – Run to Hannibal, MO sponsored by Midkiffs and Zeissets. Taking the back roads and then lunch.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS.

Ken Payne mentioned that Kevin Yovich is not doing well and asked that we keep him in our prayers.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Janet Trost in the amount of \$85.

There were 59 members in attendance.

President Karen Price asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Pickles made a motion to adjourn with a second by Ruth Howard. The motion was accepted and the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is April 2, 2024 at 7:00 pm at ELCO Chevrolet.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Hagenow,
Secretary

Kevin Yovich

In Memoriam

By Bob Rogers

Photos provided by Gail Mattler and Ron Hagenow



Kevin Yovich passed away March 15, 2024, after a long, and courageous five-year battle with cancer.

He was born in Pennsylvania, moved to St Louis for employment, and a lifelong friendship was formed. As we worked together, we shared a similar interest, CARS. One of his prize possessions at the time was a black 1976 Official Pace Car Corvette.

Kevin had an incredible memory. When sitting with him at one of our picnics, retirees' luncheons, events or meetings, Kevin could recall owners' names, and their Corvettes. He also enjoyed his weekly Friday summer nights at Kirkwood Sonic. At this epic car show, he would arrive early, save you a spot, enjoy a variety of classic cars and chat with his friends. Often, he would see Ruth and Randy Howard. As Ruth recalled, Kevin was a super nice guy and always friendly.

At the valentine luncheon this year, Valerie and Ruth prepared some fun games. A "family Feud" question asked the best color of roses. As a chosen contestant, I immediately answered "Black Rose", in respect for Kevin's car. Marty and Judy Dooley certainly understood it.

A passionate Corvette owner, his last Corvette as our members will recall was a 2017 "Black Rose" C7 ZO6 coupe. One of the most beautiful colors to grace a Corvette. Kevin spent more time washing and waxing that car than driving it!

Kevin enjoyed watching old western movies and was a daily visitor to the Corvette Forum.

I will miss his vast knowledge of Corvettes and cars in general. I will deeply miss his smile, steadfast loyalty, and thirty-five years of friendship.

Kevin's simple wishes were respected by me and three close friends. On March 23, we buried his ashes in a small cemetery in Liberty, Missouri.

Rest in peace, my friend!

Bob Rogers

Member, STLCC



Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

This summer is the Corvette Caravan, but for the people who will be caravanning this is the home stretch. An event this big relies heavily on the dedication of the Caravan Captains. The journey captains take care to provide a top-notch caravan experience, packed with memories that will last a lifetime. We sure do hope you will consider joining in on all the fun.

While you are down there, go in the Corvette Store and check out all things Corvette. Also don't forget about the Corvette raffles. If you can't go to the Caravan, you can check out the Corvette Store and the raffle cars online at <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/>.

If you have questions regarding the Caravan, please call us at 314-894-0303.

Breaking News

Plant tours will be returning for the week of the Anniversary Celebration. You need to be registered for the 30th Anniversary/Caravan. Registration will begin May 15th and will also be limited.

Check the National Corvette Museum website for events, for any more information.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events



Hosted by Kim and Steve Marre' and
Terry and Kathy Mueller

Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Marre's House

1158 Hawkins Bend Pl., Fenton MO 63026

Eat at 6:00, Bunco at 7:00

Bring \$5.00 per person and a dish to share.

Beer, soda, and water will be provided.

Sign up at the club meeting and indicate what you will bring or let Kim or
Kathy know by April 2.

Kim 314-800-7781, email steve.marre@sbcglobal.net
or Kathy 314-954-3715, email kathy_mueller@sbcglobal.net



St. Louis Corvette Club Monthly Ice Cream Run April Until October

- When:** Sunday
April 7th (Moved due to Easter on March 31st)
April 28th
May 28th
June 30th
July 28th
August 25th
September 29th
October 27th
- Where:** Fritz's Frozen Custard
815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088
- Time:** 5:30 PM Until We All Leave
- What:** Drive Your Corvette For Club Activity Credit

Total Solar Eclipse Day Trip



Cape Girardeau, Missouri

Monday, April 8, 2024

Meet at Burger King at 8:15 AM for departure at 8:30
AM.

Come early to enjoy a breakfast item!
4324 Butler Hill Rd, St. Louis, MO 63128

Sponsored by Mike Kunst, and Mike & Laurie Grubb

Mike.Kunst@outlook.com

Sign up at the April meeting or email me.

V.A. Garden Planting



Planting 10: 00 a.m. April 13, 2023

Please bring: gloves to wear

Any questions contact Marty Dooley 314-894-0303 /314-814-4349

Or Judy 314-814-4495



RETIREE* LUNCH

HOSTED BY JUDY GIOVANOINI AND MIKE MCELHONE

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17, 11:30 a.m.

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17253 NEW COLLEGE AVE. (off Hwy. 109)

WILDWOOD, MO 63040

This restaurant also has golf simulators for additional cost.

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

RSVP to Judy By 4/10/24 text 636-236-7294 or

judithgiovanoni@gmail.com

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Sangria Sunsets

(Last Thursday of each Month, March – September)

Sunset Overlook

11604 Bluff Road

Columbia, IL 62236

5:30pm - ?????

Come when you can. Rain, shine, snow or sleet.



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When:

- Saturday, April 27th @ 8:30am

Where:

- On the Grind
- 1277 N Truman Blvd
- Crystal City, MO 63019

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

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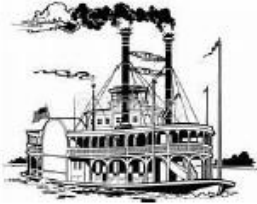


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STMARTINSCHURCH.ORG/AUTO-SHOW

EVENT PROCEEDS BENEFIT CIRCLE OF CONCERN

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 12:30 PM**  
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15764 CLAYTON RD, ELLISVILLE, MO 63011



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Hannibal Drive

Saturday May 04, 2024

Meet at Syberg's Restaurant

2430 Old Dorsett Rd.

Meet at 9:30 am

Drivers Meeting at 9:45 am

Depart 10:00 am

We will drive to Hannibal using Highway 79

Lunch at Fiddlestiks Food & Spirits Co.

Photo op after lunch in front of an old gas station.



On May 16 and 17, 2024, the 13th Annual St. Jude Corvette Drive to Memphis supporting the kids of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital will occur. Since its 2012 inception, the Drive has raised more than \$2.2 Million to further the lifesaving work of St. Jude. In 2023, 89 Corvette drivers and 192 attendees from Peoria, Louisville, Nashville, and St. Louis raised \$340,000. This year we have added another satellite location from Bourbonnais. We are excited to see what the Corvette community can do in 2024! We currently have 104 vehicles registered to drive. That is a record! We are blessed to have members Jim & Bev Givens, Mike & Laurie Grubb, Randy & Ruth Howard, and Tom & Sherri Marlo driving again. All have driven previously. If you have any questions about how impressive this trip is, feel free to speak to one of them.

We drive because we are blessed with beautiful and healthy grandchildren. Once you walk the halls of St. Jude you realize how blessed you are! Can you believe that a car we drive for enjoyment is saving the lives of sick children? As a Corvette owner this is the most rewarding experience you will ever have with your car!


St. Jude is leading the way the world understands, treats, and defeats childhood cancer and other life-threatening diseases. Treatments invented at St. Jude have helped push the overall childhood cancer survival rate from 20 percent to more than 80 percent since opening over 50 years ago. St. Jude won't stop until no child dies from cancer. Thanks to generous donations, families never receive a bill from

St. Jude for treatment, travel, housing, or food. Please send your contribution today and join our mission: Finding cures. Saving children. Thank you for helping make Danny Thomas' dream a reality that no child should die in the dawn of life!

Each registered vehicle expenses are \$425. This registration fee covers the cost of tee shirts, event polos, gas, Thursday night hotel room, parking, lunch in Memphis and other incidentals.

Drivers commit to raise \$1,250 and passengers commit to raise \$750 for two people in a vehicle. If you are a single driver the fundraising is \$1,250.

If you are interested in participating in this amazing experience, please contact Ruth & Randy Howard at rhoward15@charter.net or call Ruth at – 314-486-6836.

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Cars on Display, Live Music & Veterans Village

Saturday, May 18, 2024

www.FisherHouseinSTL.org/events

See other side for more info.



Saturday, May 18

Rock & Country Bands:

- Coach
- The Panics STL
- Moving in Stereo
- Tree One Four
- Slight Return
- Crystal O'Connor & the Whiskey Rebels

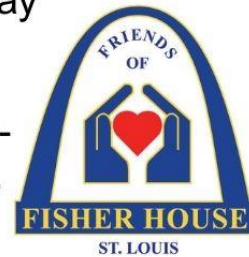
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Past Events

Bunco

Hosted by Dawn and Steve Kirby

Photos by Dawn Kirby







Coffee and Corvettes

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

Photos by Bev Givens









VA Garden Cleanup

Sponsored by Marty and Judy Dooley

Submitted by Ron Hagenow

The club cleaned up our garden at the VA Hospital at Jefferson Barracks on March 23. It was cold and windy but not raining. Apparently, Marty forgot to tell the Rain God because it always seems to rain when we are working there. Thanks to everyone who helped. Remember planting is on Saturday, April 13.

Ron











Mouse Races

Sponsored by Bev and Jim Givens and Ruth and Randy Howard

Photos by Ruth Howard









March Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Barry Seelig

Photos by Terry Mueller









The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, and Mike Price

Welcome to the St. Louis Corvette Club's 20th Anniversary!

April 2024

Continuing from the March newsletter article, these club members have served as secretary. They are in order: June Huch, Karen Price, Mary Ann Hagenow, Jane Ehrhard, Judy Barron, Mary Ann Hagenow, Karen Price, Erin Duke, Ron Hagenow, Sherri Marlo, Ron Hagenow, Bev Givens, Angie Midkiff, Leslie Hoosier, and Ron Hagenow. And yes, some have served multiple times over several years.

Watching the purse strings as treasurer have been Fran Wienstroer, Jerry Fain, Sara Gibson, Ann Brown, Rick Doerr, Bob Kusky, Don Pickles, Anne Pickles, Marcia Sheer, Patti Kusky and Anne Pickles. Most everyone served two years.

The Membership position is one of our more important positions because they are usually the person we saw when we first joined the club and they are the person who keeps us up to date via emails. These folks have all served that role: Judy Lee, Peggy Craig, Jackie Miget, Patty Craig, Angie Bradford, Ruth Howard, Ron Hagenow, Jan Murray, Tom Marlo, Judy Giovanoni, Pat Moore, Mike Kunst, Judy Giovanoni, and Erin Duke.

Finally, rounding out the officers is the Sergeant-at-arms, i.e., the person with the hammer. These members have all tried to keep us under control: Karen Mericle, Judy Dooley, Gary Murray, Roger Ruengert, Jean DuPont, Carl Ballinger, Dave Horstmeyer, Don Pickles, Michelle Paillou, Gary Duke, Michelle Finn, Tom Marlo, Mike Kirby, Jack Braznell, Randy Howard and Dennis Trost.

Many of the members who were mentioned in last month's article or in this article have also served as chairpersons of various committees. Those members who have served on a committee but were not previously mentioned are Sharon Ballinger, Rich Luebcke, Jeff Craig, Steve Kirby, Larry Walker, Ed Lee, Dave Davidson, Jerry Craig, Amy Zlatic, Don Giovanoni, Kathy Mueller, Valerie Zeisset, Elise Akins, Chris Woods, and John Midkiff. Hopefully I have not left anyone out. If so, please let me know.

Now going back to the beginnings of the club, initially we were sponsored by Route 66 Chevrolet in Pacific in 2005 and 2006. I believe this is now a Johnny Londoff dealership. In 2007 and 2008 we were sponsored by Lynch Hummer in Chesterfield Valley. They are no longer in business. We had no sponsor in 2009. In 2010 ELCO Chevrolet became our sponsor and have supported us since that time.

OK, let's just finish up with some more details and then in the next articles we will start talking about all our events. The club initially met at Hessler's Pub on Lemay Ferry Road. We eventually outgrew the room and in August 2007 started meeting at Pietro's Bluff in Fenton. After meeting there for several months, they closed and we started meeting at Sunset Hills Banquet Center off West Watson. Since that time, we have meet at many places. They are Jilly's in Fenton (burned), Pasta House on Manchester, TJ Wings in Fenton, Arnold Recreation Center, Grand Slam Sports Bar in Fenton (burned – oh, oh, is there is theme here?), ELCO Chevrolet, Bandana BBQ on Gravois, and even at Cliff Cave Park with us finally ending up at ELCO Chevrolet again. In the post-pandemic era, it is very hard to find a place to accommodate us all and we sincerely thank ELCO for allowing us to have our meetings at their dealership.

Let's finish up with a few more pictures from 2004:



From our club picnic in 2004, a lineup of some of our cars.



Yes, we have been going to Fritz's Frozen Custard for a long time judging from this picture in 2004.



A winery run in Indiana from 2004. Hey, those kids look almost like Marty and Judy Dooley!



A trip to the Wild Bird Sanctuary in September 2004. This is Ron and June Huch. Ron was our first president and June was our first secretary.

Who are these kids? (continued)

As a follow up to the March newsletter, here are a few of our older(?) members, having joined the club in 2005 to 2007.



Carl and Pat Cox joined in 2005. Here is their picture from the club picnic in 2006.



Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow joined the club in June 2005. Here they are at the lunch Chevrolet provided when we participated in the opening day ceremony of the Indy 500 in 2006.



Jan and Gary Murray joined in 2005. Here they are at Dreamland Palace Restaurant in Waterloo in 2005.



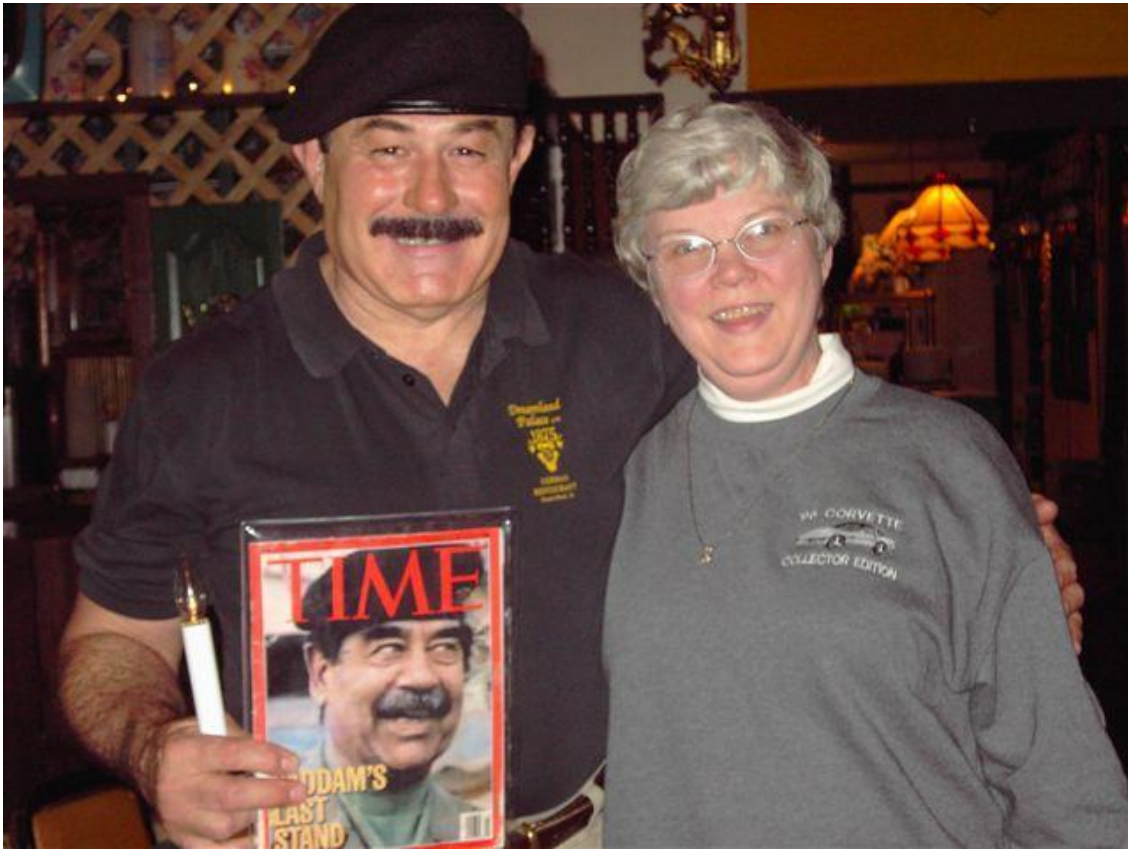
Michelle Paillou joined in 2006. Here she is with Rick Frierdich enjoying lunch after the Veterans Day Parade in St. Louis in 2006.



Ruth and Randy Howard joined the club in 2007. Here they are celebrating at our Christmas party in 2007.



Rick and Mary Doerr joined the club in 2007. Here they are at our first meeting in January 2008. For some reason everybody was avoiding Rick.



Here is a picture of former member Carol Miesner with Saddam Hussein. Well, he is actually Mike Lang, owner of Dreamland Palace in Waterloo which we visited several times during our early years.



Did you know that actress Connie Stevens was the Grand Marshall of the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade in 2005? And who is that handsome man driving her in his white Corvette? None other than our own Bob Woods! When you see his car, check the glovebox which she signed for him.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

John & Kitty Lasinski



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