

President's Message

STLCC Members,

The past 2 years have been both a privilege and honor to serve as your President. I am so thankful for the opportunity to serve our membership and for the support of our members and hard-working Board: Ron, Erin, Gary, Anne and Dennis. From our newsletter to our website and all the members who have sponsored events and served on committees, you have made this club a fun family which still has a waiting list to join us!

I also want to thank ELCO and our sponsors Mark and Eric and Kim and Vicki. Without their support our club would not be able to enjoy the many events that we have been able to participate in while providing exceptionable service for our Great American Sportscars or everyday drivers.

As our new Board begins to make 2025 even more memorable, please plan to attend the Planning Meeting at Saucy's {the old Jilly's} on Sunday January 19th at 2 p.m. We will be able to order off the menu while planning fun events for 2025. Please come with ideas and consider how you would like to help with committees, etc.

I am looking forward to seeing you at our annual Christmas party this Saturday at the Falls and also invite you to join Mike and I at our annual 12th day of Christmas Party on January 4th at 6 p.m. Get those ugly sweaters out and bring a gift to exchange if you want. Let me know what goodie you will bring to share.

In closing, I wish each and every one of you a blessed holiday season full of family, food, and friends.

With much love and gratitude,

Karen Price, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

BIRTHDAYS	
Dale Zeisset	
Jenni Belding	
Mary Doerr	
Ruth Howard	
Mike Henges	
Joyce Newbauer	
Russell Lauer	
John Jordan	
Randy Howard	
Dawn Kirby	
Clarke Thomas	
Kathy Wooldridge	
Mike Grubb	
Linda Pilla	
Bob Rogers	
Joe Vitale	
Bob Woods	
Michelle Finn	
ANNIVERSARIES	
Tom & Sherri Marlo	

There were no club anniversaries in December.

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, MO on Thursday, November 7, 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
1	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark Gereke and Eric DeBruin

Prior to the start of our regular meeting, Michelle Finn introduced representatives from the St. Vincent DePaul organization who were here tonight to accept our Christmas gifts. The St. Vicent DePaul members thanked the club for their generosity and thanked us for our donations these past several years. They mentioned that there are always needy families, and these gifts will go a long way to help brighten the holidays for them.

Karen went over the following information:

- She thanked everyone for attending tonight. She reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event sign-up sheets, and retiree lunch sign-up. Money for the Christmas party can be paid to either Chris Woods or Judy Dooley.
- Raffle tickets for the NCM banner as well as the 20th Anniversary banner are available.
- Thanks to everyone who has been donating toiletry supplies for our veterans which are being collected by John Midkiff.
- A motion was made by Judy Giovanoni to accept the October 2024 secretary
 minutes. It was seconded by Steve Kirby. The motion passed. Also, Ron read thank
 you letters from Bob Woods and Sonja Giffhorn. Sherri Marlo, Mike Price, Dee
 Riehlman, and Jim Givens also expressed their appreciation for the get-well gifts.Ron

also mentioned that since July the club has sent 19 memorial gifts or get-well gifts to members. Hopefully, next year will be a healthier year.

- Treasurer Anne Pickles presented the October treasurer's report. Ken Payne made a motion to accept the report, and it was seconded by John Jordan. The motion passed.
- Erin Duke, Membership Officer, gave the membership report. New (old) members
 Mark and Denise Shipley have been added to our rolls. One member, Dave Simorka,
 is deceased. Steve and Patty Bushur and Gary and Debbie Tidwell have been added as
 Associate Members. She read the names of members celebrating November
 birthdays and anniversaries.

Current membership totals:

Regular Members: 100 (includes 9 Charter Members)

• Lifetime Members: 4 (includes 1 Charter Member)

Associate Members: 12 (includes 2 Charter Members)

• Emeritus Members: 2

Total Members: 118 (excludes sponsors)

There are currently 9 on our waiting list.

• Also, with the passing of Jerry Giffhorn and Dave Simorka, Sonja Giffhorn and Rhonda Simorka have been re-designated as Lifetime members per the by-laws.

Ruth Howard made a motion to accept the membership report, and it was seconded by Randy Howard. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Kathy Mueller continues to provide us with an awesome newsletter. If you sponsor an event and the Muellers are not there, then please take pictures and email them to Kathy for inclusion in the newsletter.

Budget Report: Don Pickles, Rick Doerr and Mike Kunst. No report. Starting work on the budget for next year.

By-Laws: Mike Price, Mike Kunst, and Valerie Zeisset: No report.

Charity: Michelle Finn and Judy Giovanoni: Thank you again to all the club members who donated Christmas gifts this year. Judy Giovanoni mentioned that of the 519 sleepers donated last month, 76 were from club members. Thank you for supporting this effort.

VA Garden: Marty Dooley said that everything looks good now and no further work is being

done until the spring. He mentioned that our new members need to go by and see what we have accomplished these past 20 years. He also urged members if they are there to work to talk with the veterans they encounter.

Parade: Don Pickles and Mike Price: Ron Hagenow mentioned that with the possibility of rainy weather for the parade on Saturday, do we still want to participate? Those that are still willing to participate are to meet in the Subway parking lot off Fifth St. at 9:30 am and we will proceed to the lineup area from there. We are still scheduled to drive the mayor and Santa.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Marty Dooley said he and Judy recently attended a meeting at the NCM. The NCM is partnering with the Smithsonian Museum which is complicating things for the NCM. He said the banner next year is \$725 and we will change the color of the car which will be voted on at the Christmas party. Also, if you want to get the Corvette Connections email from the NCM, send him the names and email addresses.

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

20th Anniversary: Ruth and Randy Howard, Jeff and Tracy Stieren, Ron Hagenow, Valerie Zeisset, Pam Queen and Mike and Karen Price: Ruth Howard said the trip to the Carbondale wineries was a hit and everyone enjoyed the time together. There were 22 people on this trip and if we want to do it again next year we may need a larger bus. Ruth also mentioned that the hayride sponsored by ELCO was great as always. There were about 50 members who attended.

Website: Steve Kirby reported that after he changed our host company for the club website, other problems came up which drove his decision to go back to our original hosting site. That company suspended our Domain, which involved many long hours for him as well as some additional money from the club. We are not using the ".com" now but ".net" (stlcorvettes.net). Everything is back up running now.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods and Judy Dooley – The Christmas party will be on December 7. The venue and food are the same as last year. \$60 per person and you need to pay by the November meeting. About 87 people have already signed up for the party.

Nominating: Pam Queen and Valerie Zeisset – Nominations for the next board are as follows: John Jordan – President, Don Pickles – Vice President, June Walsh – Secretary and Brian Walsh – Membership. We will vote on these nominations in new business. Anne Pickles as Treasurer and Dennis Trost as Sergeant-at-arms will continue for another year.

Sponsor Report: Mark Gereke thanked everyone for their continued support of ELCO. There are 6 new Corvettes available and several used ones as well. 2025s are beginning to come in and the Corvette configurator is on-line. Service continues to be busy so please plan your

visits early. He thanked everyone for attending the hayride. Congratulations to Judy Giovanoni on her new C8 as well as Mike and Laurie Grubb on their new Traverse. Eric DeBruin also mentioned he has a lot of cars available and thanked everyone for their continued support. And the Howard's new (old) Traverse is now available after finally getting a new windshield.

Insurance – We have received a bill for next year's renewal which is for \$980.

Mentoring Program: Michelle Finn – No report.

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

Past Events

October 3-6 – Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. 44 members attended which is probably the largest number ever from the club. All the activities were great. If everyone had registered, we would have probably won the prize for most attendees. The Pillas and Mike Kunst/Jim Love both won prizes for the poker rally. Next year the weekend has been moved up to September 25-28.

October 16 – Retirees lunch at Papa Vito's in Millstadt sponsored by Zeissets. Food was great and there were 30 members who attended.

October 19 – Coffee and Corvettes sponsored by the Givens. This one was at Red, White and Brew in Union and 6 people attended.

October 26 – Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classics sponsored by Michelle Finn. Weather was great and 7 cars attended.

October 26-27 – 20th Anniversary Winery Cruise sponsored by the Howards. We had a great time as previously reported.

October 27 – Fritz's Frozen Custard sponsored by Paynes. Attendance was good. And Fritz's has pushed back their closing date so there will be a run in November.

November 2 – Bunco sponsored by the Prices and 28 members attended.

November 3 – ELCO Hayride at Dickherber Farms in Dardenne Prairie sponsored by ELCO. As previously reported, everyone had a great time and thanks to ELCO for sponsoring this event each year.

Future Events

November 9 – Veterans Day Parade – St. Charles. Be there at 9:30 a.m. About 6-8 members are scheduled to attend pending the weather.

November 20 – Retirees lunch sponsored by Barry Seelig. It will be at Ethyl's in O'Fallon beginning at 11:00 a.m.

November 24 – Last Fritz's Frozen Custard run for the year sponsored by Paynes. Be there about 5:30 p.m.

December 7 – Club Christmas party at the Falls in Columbia. Cocktails begin at 6:00 with dinner served at 7:00.

December 18 – Retirees lunch sponsored by the Riehlmans. It will be at Firefly Grill in Chesterfield beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Ruth Howard mentioned that the annual St. Jude's run will be in May 2025. She will have more information at future meetings.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS.

New Business

Voting for the new slate of officers was conducted. With no opposition, the new officers were approved by acclimation.

Thanks to ELCO for providing our meeting place as well as pizza.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ron Hagenow in the amount of \$85.

There were 54 members in attendance.

President Karen Price asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jim Givens made a motion to adjourn with a second by Don Pickles. The motion was accepted, and the meeting was adjourned. Thank you to all the outgoing Board members for their efforts this past year.

There is no meeting in December. The next meeting, which will be our annual planning meeting, will be sometime in January. Date will be decided by the new Board and members will be notified via email and the club website.

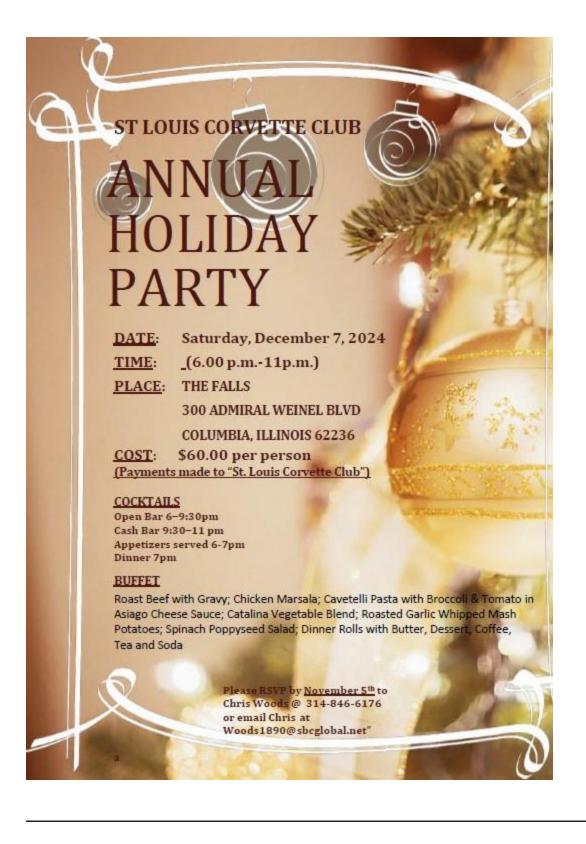
*** PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS TO THE MEETING. ***

Respectfully submitted,

The picture below is of Michelle Finn, Randy Rickermann, and the representatives from St. Vincent DePaul who were there to collect the Christmas gifts.



Future Events



December Retirees Luncheon

December 18, 2024 – 11:30 A.M.

101 Chesterfield Towne Center, Chesterfield, MO. 63005

636-778-9888









Join us for great sandwiches, flatbread pizzas, soups and salads, entrees, and vegetarian items!

Luncheon sponsored by CW & Dee Riehlman. There will be a sign up sheet at the November meeting or feel free

To text Dee at 636-744-9700

RSVP by 12/11/24

Holiday dessert provided by the Diehlman's!



Hosted by Kim and Steve Marre'

Friday, December 27, 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.

R.S.V.P. to Kim and let her know what you will bring by December 20.

314-800-7781 or email steve.marre@sbcglobal.net





2025 Planning Meeting

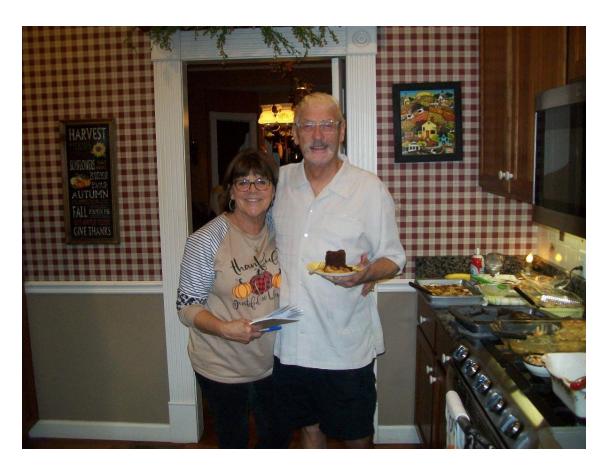
Sunday, January 19, 2025

2:00 p.m.

Saucy's Pizzeria 1630 Gravois Road High Ridge, MO 63049

Past Events

Bunco Hosted by Karen and Mike Price Photos by Terry Mueller





















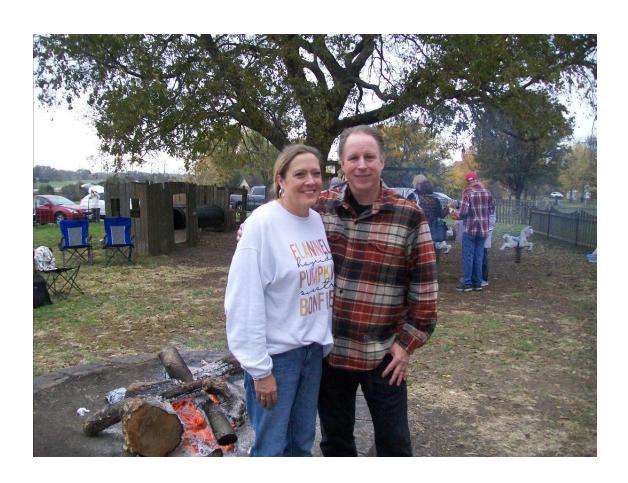






Bunco Winners!

STLCC Annual Hayride Sponsored by Mark and Kim Gerecke

































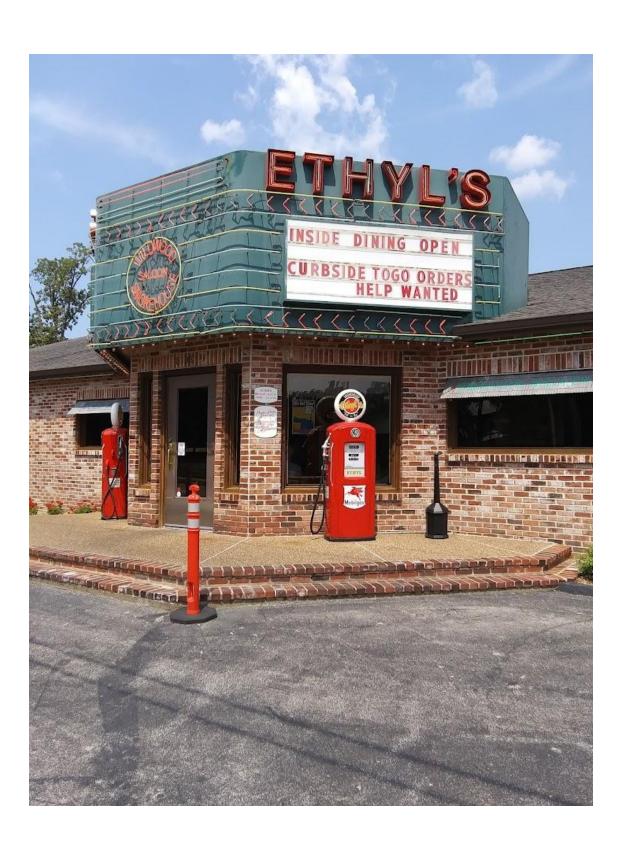








November Retirees' Lunch Sponsored by Barry Seelig Photos by Terry Mueller

























Ice Cream at Fritz's

Sponsored by Ken and Barb Payne, John and Angie Midkiff, and John Jordan and Joyce Newbauer Photos by Terry Mueller















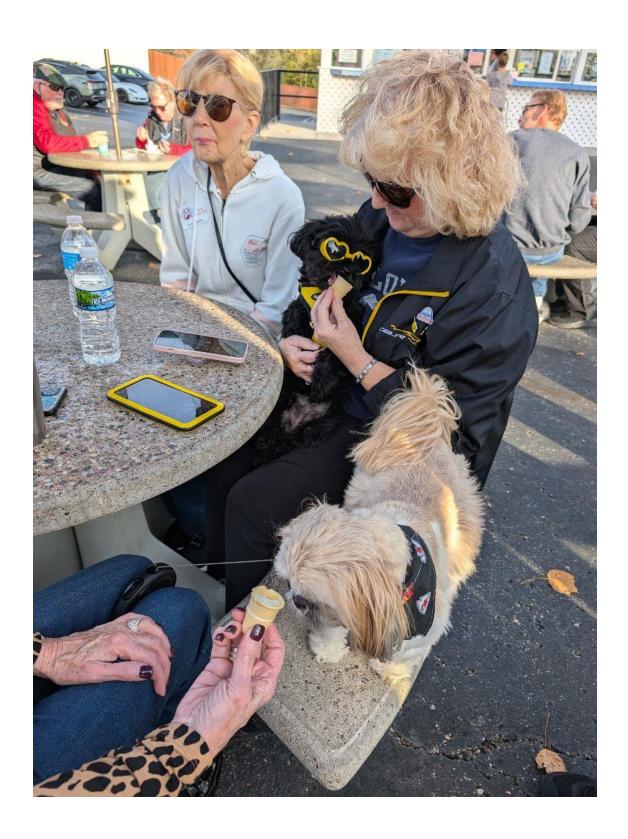
















Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2025! As we end our 20th anniversary year, we want to thank all of you who have volunteered for an officer position or as a committee chairperson. We also want to thank the dedicated 20th anniversary committee members for the great events they brought to us this year. The mystery run to Jefferson City, the riverboat cruise, the 70's theme picnic and the Carbondale winery run were all highlights this year. Remember, the club does not run itself and it is only through your dedication to the St. Louis Corvette Club that we are still around after 20 years. Thanks to all who sponsored an event this year. These events are what make our club great!

Congratulations also go out to our outgoing board members: Karen Price, Gary Duke, Erin Duke and Ron Hagenow. Karen has spent two years trying to keep us on track and even though there have been several obstacles along the way, the club has remained the best. And congratulations also to our incoming board members: John Jordan – President, Don Pickles – Vice President, June Walsh – Secretary and Brian Walsh – Membership. Thank you for stepping up and being more involved in the club. Thanks also to Anne Pickles and Dennis Trost for remaining on the board.

We lost three members this year, Kevin Yovich, David Simorka and Jerry Giffhorn and had more members with knee surgeries and other ailments than we can count. We hope this year brings everyone better health so we can continue to get in and out of our cars!

Traditionally we have no business meeting in December and just have the annual Christmas party to look forward to and enjoy. Remember this is the one time of the year where we all dress up. And yes, Dana Griggs and I will be wearing our tuxes! We also look forward to seeing everyone at the annual Prices' Twelfth Day of Christmas party and then our planning meeting in January.

In the meantime, here are a few pictures from this past year:



From the mystery run, getting ready for our guided tour of the capital building in Jefferson City. And why the heck does it seem like Jim Givens is always wearing a boot? I think he is trying to outdo Michelle Finn.



From the club picnic, here are all the guys styling in their 70's attire.



And not to be outdone, here are the ladies.



Look at all the winos who went on the winery run to Carbondale!



Lastly, here is our captain for the river cruise in Grafton. Another great time.

Corvette vs. County Police Helicopter

by Pilot Jerry Hawkins (Ret), DSN 591 Submitted by Bob Woods

The following article was originally printed in the St. Louis County, MO Police Department Retirees Newsletter, November 15, 2024. It is reprinted with permission from Colonel Kleinknecht from the St. Louis County Police Retirees Association.

Recollections from the Historian

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This recollection about the history of the County Police is dedicated to the men and women who have honorably retired from the department after many years protecting and serving the community.

Corvette vs. County Police Helicopter

by Pilot Jerry Hawkins (Ret), DSN 591

While working the 6:00 PM to 2:00 AM watch in the mid 1970's along with my observer, P.O. Hubert Looney, while patrolling North County we observed a Corvette speeding on I-270 faster than any vehicle I had ever seen. I took up pursuit in an attempt to just keep the vehicle in sight when it turned south on Florissant Rd. It slowed down and entered a garage next to the house, and near a large water tower. I orbited the house with the Nite-sun search light trained on the location until the patrol cars arrived to issue a careless and imprudent driving citation by virtue of excess speed.

The case went to Judge O'Neil's Magistrate Court where the driver, a nice looking young man, defended himself. I testified that the Corvette was going faster than I had ever seen a car travel, and estimated it had exceeded 120 mph. Apparently the judge didn't believe I could accurately determine the car's speed when viewing it from the police helicopter. The judge threw the case out of court! After the trial in O'Neil's court, I was determined to find out for my information how fast



the car was going. When the driver came out of court I asked him to please tell me what his speed was, after I explained the double-jeopardy rule. He was still reluctant to say, until I called the Prosecuting Attorney over to tell him again what I had just explained. He admitted that the last time he saw the speedometer it read 150 mph; and faster to a point he wasn't sure. The car started swapping lanes and the two people with him got scared.

The driver explained, in no uncertain terms, that they learned a great lesson through this experience. He stated that they "had a few drinks earlier in the evening and were hiding under the bed from the search light." This search light, with somewhere in the 40-50 million candle power range was "coming through the window blinds like lasers, and they were not able to get away. They were totally freaking out, and scared to death, causing this experience to be etched in their memories forever."

After hearing this admission regarding his speed, I called the judge and told him what I learned. All he could say was, "Well, I'll be damned, I'll be damned!!"



Mike & Judy Henges

Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah, and Happy New Year!

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