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### **President's Message**

Hello Everyone,

Our summer is flying but we must be having fun. We had a good turnout at Fritz's frozen custard shop in June and July. The Luau party was fantastic; Steve & Dawn were great hosts (THANK YOU)!! All of the food that everyone brought was enjoyable. Somehow Steve was able to hold off the rain. We also had the River City Casino lunch, which is always a good time. I don't know if Chris was the normal big winner. Be sure to check our great website to find out about all the upcoming events.

Thanks to Ron Hagenow for making the arrangements for the Veteran's Day parade in St. Charles November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please plan to attend so we have a good show of our club's support of Veterans.

Kathy asked that anyone who attends Corvettes and Coffee and the Sunset & Sangria get-together please take pictures and send them to her for the newsletter while Jim is recovering from his surgery.

Don't forget to sign in and get your 50/50 tickets. We know Dennis now has set a quota.

I want to wish everyone well who has been ill or has had surgery Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

The next regular club meeting is scheduled for August 5th. I unfortunately have an unavoidable conflict and will not be able to attend but I am sure Brian and the rest of

the board can handle the meeting.

As always, we, your board, are open to suggestions and ideas to make our club more fun and better. You can text me at 314-799-2749.

Your President,

John Jordan

PS: REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE A COMMITTEE REPORT OR COMMENTS LET ME KNOW BEFORE THE MEETING SO WE CAN ADD IT TO THE AGENDA.

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## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Steve Hedgcorth

Erin Duke

Bill Mattler

Rich Luebcke

Mike Kunst

Kitty Lasinski

Don Pickles

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Patrick & Jenni Belding

Mike & Karen Price

Clarke & Arlene Thomas

Mike & Judy Henges

Russell & Brenda Lauer

### **STLCC Anniversary Milestones**

There were no anniversary milestones in August.

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### **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, MO on July 1, 2025. President John Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

John led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

He introduced the Club officers:

President: John Jordan	Vice President: Don Pickles
Membership: Brian Walsh	Treasurer: Anne Pickles
Secretary: June Walsh	Sergeant at Arms: Dennis Trost
Immediate past president: Karen Price	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin

John went over the following information:

- He thanked everyone for attending tonight. He reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event sign-up sheets, and retiree lunch sign-up.
- John thanked Kathy Mueller for the great newsletter and Steve Kirby for the outstanding website. Steve sent John a note to ask members to please send any flyers in Word format so he can copy and paste.
- John acknowledged July birthdays and anniversaries.

- He asked for a motion to accept the June Secretary Minutes. Barry Seelig made a motion to accept. Ken Payne seconded it. The motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Ken Payne made a motion to accept the June Treasurer's Report. Chris Woods seconded it. The motion passed.
- Membership Report: Brian Walsh, Membership Officer, gave the membership report. Brian reported no new members, and no one has left since June.
- Regular Members: 102
- Lifetime Members: 6
- Associate Members: 12
- Total Members: 120
- Sponsors 4
- There are currently twelve on our waiting list.
- Brian asked members to email him with any updates on cars, names, phone numbers since he will be updating the roster soon. Ken Payne made a motion to approve the Membership Report. Steve Marre seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke – ELCO has two new Corvettes on the showroom floor – a Sea Wolf gray and a Hysteria purple. There are lots of used ones from 2009-2024 and an E-Ray Carbon Flash 2024 with 17,000 miles coming in. The dealership has been busy, and the service department is overflowing. Bill is still busy, and scheduling of service appointments is still a couple of weeks out.
- John thanked Mark for the pizza.

#### Committee Reports

**Chicken Run** – Jim Givens reported that this was the best one so far. We had over 50 people for coffee and over 50 people at Giant City State Park for chicken dinner. We got to The Silo for drinks and had over 25 people and about the same when we stopped for ice cream in Waterloo. Jeff did a great job putting this all together as Jim was of no help. Jim thanked Laurie Grubb for all the great suggestions of what to do on the East side.



**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade** – Don Pickles talked about the Webster Groves parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We are going to meet at the corner of Big Bend and Elm at 8:30 a.m. The drivers meeting will be at 8:45 a.m. We must be in front of the high school by 9:00 a.m. It is going to be warm so bring plenty of water and sunscreen. Ron Hagenow will take your picnic food, so you do not have to drive around with it. Do not forget your decorations for your car. There is still time to sign up for the parade and the picnic. You do not have to do the parade to go to the picnic, you can just go to the picnic. Make sure you sign up for the picnic with what dish you are bringing. We have 28 cars signed up for the parade. Karen said Ron will be grilling hamburgers, brats, and hot dogs. There will be beer, soda, lemonade, and water.

**WWT Corvette Coral** – Jim Panter said three cars showed up for the Indy cars -- Barry Seelig, John Jordan, and Jim Panter. Jim said they walked around and visited with people and looked at some old cars. They ate and then they went home to watch the race on tv.

Jim also mentioned that there will be a Twin Oak Presbyterian car show this Thursday, and it is from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The entry fee is canned goods or perishable food.

Dana Griggs – This Sunday St. Martin's will be presenting a check for \$2,000 to Circle of Concern. This is the proceeds from the car show back in May that we all attended. We are all invited to attend 10:30 service to see the presentation. Next year the show will be May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Judy McElhone (Giovanni) – Judy thanked everyone for their participation in the annual Newborns in Need campaign which is coming up. There are flyers in the back, and she will be collecting sleepers at the August, September, and October meetings. Michelle Finn will collect them at the September meeting for Judy. Please put your name on a piece of paper and include it with your donation and put yes or no on there if you would like a tax receipt for your donation.

**Vice President's Report** – Don Pickles reviewed past events and future events. They are as follows:

### **Past Events**

## June

3<sup>rd</sup> – Monthly Meeting at ELCO

10<sup>th</sup> – Casino & Lunch at River City Casino sponsored by Ruth & Randy Howard

14<sup>th</sup> – Bunco sponsored by CW and Dee Riehlman

15<sup>th</sup> – WWT Corvette Corral – sponsored by Jim Panter

18<sup>th</sup> – Retiree Lunch at Los Cobos sponsored by Judy & Mike McElhone

21<sup>st</sup> – Coffee and Chicken Run to Giant City State Park sponsored by Jeff Stieren and Jim Givens

26<sup>th</sup> – Sangria and Sunset at 5:30 pm sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

27<sup>th</sup> – Drive your Corvette to Work – Defiance winery sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne

29<sup>th</sup> – Fritz's Ice Cream sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne

## Future Events

### July

1<sup>st</sup> – Monthly Meeting at ELCO

4<sup>th</sup> – Webster Groves Parade – sponsored by Don Pickles

11<sup>th</sup> – Bunco – sponsored by Mike & Karen Price

16<sup>th</sup> – Retiree Luncheon at Llywelyn's Pub in Webster – sponsored by Don & Anne Pickles

19<sup>th</sup> – Luau – sponsored by Steve & Dawn Kirby

22<sup>nd</sup> – ALS luncheon at Hawthorne Inn in Labadie. Sponsored by Val Zeisset, Ruth Howard, and Pam Queen

24<sup>th</sup> – Sangria and Sunset – sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

27<sup>th</sup> – Fritz's – sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne

24<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> – The Wall will be at Jefferson Barracks (this is not a club sponsored event)

## REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS.

## New Business

Brian Walsh talked about the upcoming dues renewal starting in August. Checks are the preferred method of payment. Members \$40, couples \$80, associate members \$15, and associate couples \$30.

## Good and Welfare

- Brian tested everyone's knowledge of Corvettes with several trivia questions.

- John shared that Carl Cox asked to keep his wife Pat in our prayers as she navigates some health issues.
- John Jordan thanked Jim and Marilyn Panter for bringing the cookies.
- Dennis Trost did the 50/50 raffle and Steve Marre won \$141.
- Brian acknowledged we had seventy regular members, one lifetime member and two sponsors in attendance tonight.
- President John Jordan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ken Payne made a motion to adjourn, and Chris Woods seconded the motion. The motion passed, and John adjourned the meeting.
- The next meeting will be on August 5<sup>th</sup> at ELCO Chevrolet.

**\*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER TO ARRIVE AFTER 6:30 PM AND TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS TO THE MEETING \*\*\***

Respectfully submitted,  
June Walsh  
Secretary

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## **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

Hi all, we hope everyone is doing good.

The NCM has opened the sign-up for the 31st Anniversary Celebration .

They will have a hall of fame induction ceremony. This year's inductees are Kim Baker, Chuck Jordan, and Charley and Jim Robertson.

This event will take place on Aug. 29th.

The Anniversary Celebration will also include the debut of Zora's personal 1974 Corvette that has been renovated by the NCM. His vehicle has been preserved by the museum's collections team, and they preserved everything including the monogrammed doors with the monogram of ZAD on both doors.

Marty and Judy Dooley

NCM Ambassadors

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## **Future Events**



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When:

- Saturday, August 9th @ 8:30am

Where:

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

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

314.341.3383

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## **BUNCO**

**HOSTED BY JUDY AND MIKE MCELHONE**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9, 6:00 p.m.**

**310 OXFORD RIDGE CT. ELLISVILLE, MO. 63021**

**Eat at 6:00, Bunco at 7:00**

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

**It's helpful to know what you're bringing, so we**

**don't have a lot of duplicates!**

**Soda, Lemonade, and Beer Provided**

**RSVP to Judy By 8/5/25 text 636-236-7294 or**

**[judithgiovanoni@gmail.com](mailto:judithgiovanoni@gmail.com)**

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STLCC

August 2025 Luncheon

11 am 8/ 20/ 25 @

Joe Boccardi's

Eureka Missouri

Sponsored by:

Pat R. (304) 412-2771

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Rick F. (314) 223-0969

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# Sangria Sunsets

(4th Thursday of each Month, April – October)

August 28<sup>th</sup>, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Sunset Overlook**

**11604 Bluff Road**

**Columbia, IL 62236**

5:30pm - ?????

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





## **St. Louis Corvette Club Monthly Ice Cream Run March Until October**

- When:** Sunday  
August 31<sup>st</sup>  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 26<sup>th</sup>
- Where:** Fritz's Frozen Custard  
  
815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088
- Time:** 5:30 PM Until We All Leave
- What:** Come For The Custard  
  
Stay For The People
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**September 24, 2025**

**Meet at Syberg's restaurant at 2430 Old Dorsett Road at 10:00. We will depart at 10:15 as Josephine's is requesting that we be there by 10:45.**

**We have lunch reservations at 11:00 and after lunch everyone is welcome to visit their shops. If you have never been here, it's a great outing for ladies. The food is fabulous, and the shops are lots of fun. Feel free to bring a guest, your sister, your mom or anyone! Please don't feel like you must drive a Corvette!**

**If you have any questions, please contact Valerie (618) 719-4937, [val56@aol.com](mailto:val56@aol.com). There will be a sign-up sheet at the August & September meetings.**

**Please RSVP by September 20<sup>th</sup>! Looking forward to having a fun time as usual!**

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Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

ES & NA RR Dinner Train

5 PM

Friday, Sept. 26, 2025

Sign up @ July or Aug Meeting

Sponsored by Pat & Rick

Questions? 314-223-0969

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## Past Events

Drive Your Corvette to Work  
(or the Winery)  
Sponsored by Ken and Barb Payne  
Photos by Barb Payne







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Ice Cream at Fritz's

June 29, 2025

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

Photos by Terry Mueller













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Webster Groves July 4th Parade

Sponsored by Don Pickles

Photos by Mike Kunst

Aerial Photos by Tom Marlo























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Party After the July 4th Parade  
Hosted by Karen and Mike Price  
Photos by Terry Mueller











### Appreciation for Master Griller Ron Hagenow

There are few greater joys than gathering around a table, drawn together by the promise of expertly grilled fare. Many thanks to Master Griller Ron Hagenow, whose skills behind the flames transformed a meal into an experience. Every dish was cooked to perfection, each bite a testament to care and craftsmanship. We are grateful for your dedication and talent—everything was, without a doubt, absolutely delicious.







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Bunco  
Hosted by Karen and Mike Price



Photos by Mike Price









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July Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Don and Anne Pickles

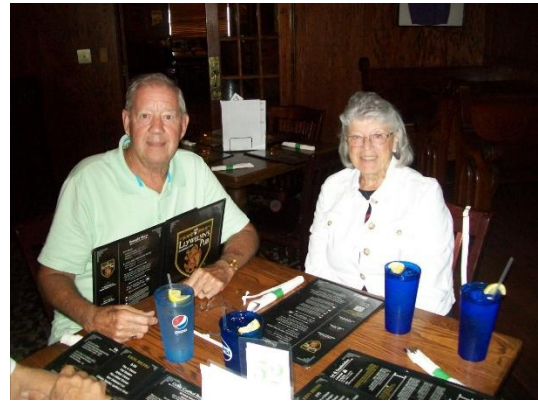
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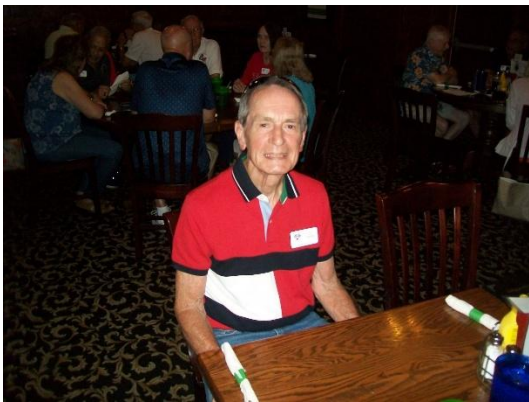
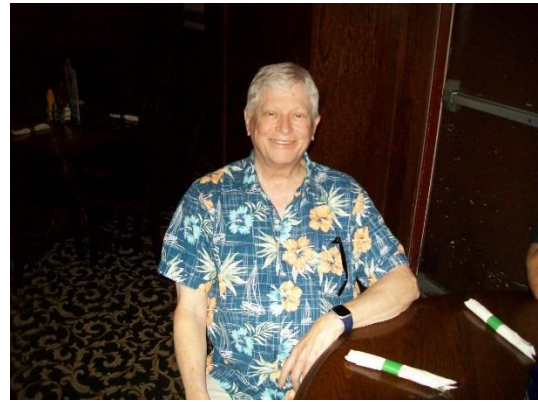
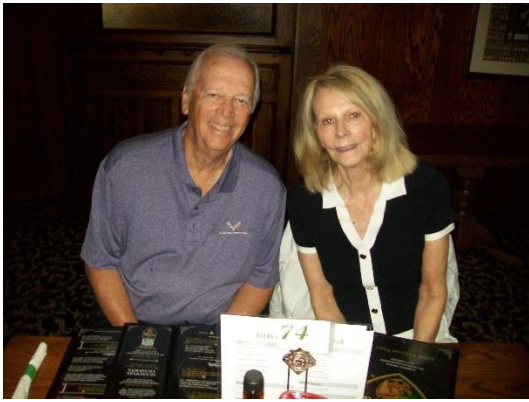














Luau

Hosted by Dawn and Steve Kirby

Photos by Terry Mueller





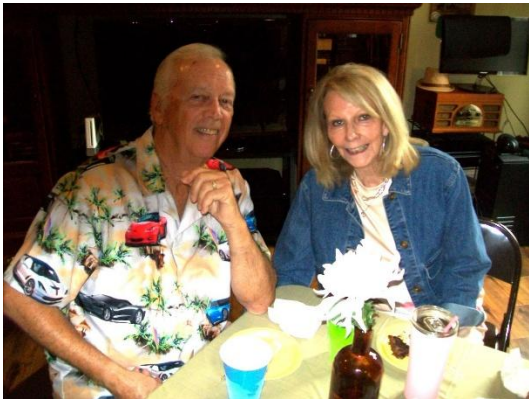














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**ALS Luncheon in Memory of  
Sandy Kirby**

Sponsored by Pam Queen, Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset

Photos by Terry Mueller

























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Ice Cream at Fritz's

July 27, 2025

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

Photos by Terry Mueller

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## Features and Announcements

The Great Texas Road Trip  
Submitted by Barb Payne

I hope you will consider taking a trip next March with our STLCC down to Texas. We will be going to the beach for three nights in Port Aransas, then on to San Antonio for two nights and then the Texas Hill Country for three nights. Would you love to ride horses on the beach, ride a golf cart around town and the beach, have some good seafood, go birding and lots more on Mustang Island? In San Antonio you can walk along the River Walk, see the Alamo and eat some fabulous Tex-Mex or Texas BBQ. The Texas Hill Country has a variety of activities to enjoy—drive the Twisted Sisters route, known for its twists and turns, rolling hills and rugged terrain. Visit wineries, listen to live music, drive to see the beautiful wildflowers, visit a WWII museum and many other activities. We hope ya'll will join us, wearing your cowboy hats and boots, for a good old time in Texas. Dates are March 13-23, 2026. Feel free to join us for all of the trip or part of it. Please contact Barb Payne for more information.

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## Meet the New Members

Photo by Mike Kunst



Please meet Dave and Patty Newell who joined at the February 2025 meeting. Please join us in welcoming Dave and Patty to the St. Louis Corvette Club!

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## Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club  
Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

OK, so who joined us in the middle of the summer? Hopefully, it wasn't as hot as it was during this past July. Dana and Dianna Griggs joined the club in August 2009 while Pam Schmidt joined us officially in August 2022 after marrying Jerry.

When Dana and Diana joined in 2009, Theresa Luebcke was club president, and our meetings were held at Hessler's Pub on Tesson Ferry Rd. We had a large contingent getting ready for the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Caravan to the NCM later in the month with the Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri caravan being led by our own Carl and Sharon Ballinger. Our membership chair was Ruth Howard, and she reported we had 83 members. This month the club had a happy hour at Sunset Lakes and Banquet Center (soon to be a regular meeting place) as well a run to Dreamland Palace in Waterloo to enjoy some German food. Later in the month we had a group that went to the Lemans race at Elkhart Lake in Wisconsin as well as a chicken run to the Moonlight Restaurant in Alton. We finished up the month with our favorite Fritz's Frozen Custard.

When Pam Schmidt joined in 2022, Jim Givens was our president, and our meetings were held at ELCO. Judy Giovanoni reported there were 101 members in the club at this time. Eric DeBruin, one of our sponsors, reported he and Vicki are proud owners of a 2023 red C8. This month we had a Caffeine and Chrome car show, our monthly retirees' lunch, and our monthly Fritz's run. Master Trip Planner Barb Payne, along with Ken, reported on a trip this month to Boonville which included a visit to see the Clydesdales at Warm Springs Ranch. We also had a memorial chicken run to the Moonlight Restaurant in Alton in memory of former member Ken Barron.

Here are a few August pictures:



Maybe Ruth Howard can explain the meaning of her new license plate she had at Fritz's in August 2009.





Armynta Craig, Jim and Jackie Goggins and Pat Cox enjoying the race at Elkhart Lake in August 2009.



From the Moonlight Restaurant run in August 2009, we shared get well wishes with Jerry and June Fain. Jerry was suffering from cancer at that time.



Finally, 13 years later, this is the group gathered again at the Moonlight Restaurant for the memorial chicken run in memory of Ken Barron.

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