

### President's Message

I want to begin this month's letter by thanking our board for doing an excellent job of overseeing our club. I also want to thank all of the committees for doing a great job. I hope everyone is looking forward to a great Christmas party organized by a very hardworking committee. We had a very successful Veteran's Day parade (the last number of cars I had was 30 -- great job). Thanks to the Prices for taking over for Ron's misfortune of a car collision.

We also want to thank Mark and Kim for the hayride and campfire roast and everyone for bringing things.

Be sure to put the planning meeting on your calendar January 11<sup>th</sup> at Saucy's Restraunt High Ridge @ 3 pm. Bring your ideas for fun things to do.

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

Your President, John Jordan

**Birthdays and Anniversaries** 

BIRTHDAYS
Dale Zeisset
Jenni Belding
Mary Doerr
Ruth Howard
Mike Henges
Joyce Newbauer
Russell Lauer
John Jordan
Randy Howard
Dawn Kirby
Clarke Thomas
Mike Grubb
Linda Pilla
Bob Rogers
Joe Vitale
Bob Woods
Michelle Finn
ANNIVERSARIES
Tom & Sherri Marlo
STLCC Anniversary Milestones
10 Year
Janet & Dennis Trost

There were no 20-year, 15-year, or 5-year club anniversaries in December.

### **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, MO on November 4, 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
· · ·	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet
Karen Price	Mark Gerecke

### 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.
- There were no new members or guests in attendance tonight.
- He thanked Kathy Mueller for the great newsletter and Steve Kirby for the outstanding website.
- Michelle Finn introduced two members of the St. Vincent DePaul Society. They
  talked about the gift giving tree that Michelle does every year and how much it
  means to the kids and the families of the kids to be able to provide gifts for
  them. They thanked us for our generosity.
- John asked for a motion to accept the October Secretary Minutes. Steve Kirby made a motion to accept. Judy Dooley seconded it. The motion passed.

- Treasurer's Report: Anne explained why there is no income showing for dues and the Christmas Party. The reason is we do not have all the checks in for the Christmas Party and we are still working on collecting dues. Mike Kunst made a motion to accept the October Treasurer's Report. Barry Seelig seconded it. The motion passed.
- Membership Report: Brian reported that at the last meeting we added three new members. They are Jeff and Karen Gregory and Paul Jarasek. Since the last meeting no one has left.

Regular members: 101
Lifetime Members: 7
Emeritus Members: 2
Associate Members: 11
Total Members: 121
Sponsors: 2

There are currently eleven on our waiting list. Brian has two applications to send out.

Brian read club anniversaries, wedding anniversaries and birthdays for November and December.

 Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke reported that GM finally fixed all the recalls for the Z06 and they are now able to sell them. ELCO has three they are offering with quite a discount. See Mark for details.

Jim and Bev Givens bought a new Equinox.

Mark reported that the Service Department is still learning the new system ELCO put in, so please be patient as they work through the learning curve.

John announced the new Board by acclamation: C.W. Riehlman, President; Randy Howard, Vice President; Mike McElhone, Treasurer; Judy McElone, Membership; John Midkiff, Sergeant at Arms; and Chris Woods, Secretary.

### **Committee Reports**

**Charity –** Kathy Kilburn talked about jewelry she makes with her church. She made four sets of earrings to auction off with the proceeds going to St. Jude's. Randy will auction them at the end of the meeting.

**Budget –** Mike Kunst reported that the committee is busy talking with folks about expenses for next year. The Planning meeting in January is where members bring their ideas for the upcoming year and is the cut-off for the Budget Committee to put a budget together. If you have an idea for an event that you would require some funding from the club, please contact Mike Kunst, Rick Doerr or Don Pickles.

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

#### **Past Events**

October

7<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting at ELCO

11<sup>th</sup> – Coffee & Corvettes – The Great Harvest Bread Co. in Kirkwood on West Argonne. They had about 10-12 people but had to move the venue due to construction. Side note: Marcia and Kirt Sheer and Paul Jarasek showed up at the originally scheduled venue.

15<sup>th</sup> – Retiree Lunch – Sponsored by Mike Kunst at EdgeWild. Nice turnout, around 44 people came.

18<sup>th</sup> – Annual Picnic – sponsored by the Board at Cliff Cave Park. Dee reported that despite the weather, we had a great turnout and lots of fun.

23<sup>rd</sup> – Sangria and Sunsets – Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens. It was the last one for the year and he said no one was there. Marilyn Panter stated that she and Jim Panter were there with their car.

25<sup>th</sup> – Gateway Trunk or Treat – Michelle Finn reported we had four cars show up and

three more joined them from Looking Glass. We earned \$60 for participating.

25<sup>th</sup> – BUNCO – Sponsored by Karen and Mike Price.

26<sup>th</sup> – Fritz's Ice Cream – Ken Payne was the only one there due to the bad weather. November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m. will be a make-up date. Last one for the year. June and Brian Walsh reported that Linda Roth also showed but no one was there when she went.

#### **Future Events**

November

4<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting at ELCO

8<sup>th</sup> - Veteran's Day Parade in St. Charles – Ron Hagenow and Mike Price talked about meeting at 10:00 a.m. at the Subway parking lot off Hwy 70 and 5<sup>th</sup> street. So far, we have 20 cars signed up, please consider joining in the fun. Mike and Karen Price will take over the parade for Ron since Ron will not be driving as his car got crunched at the retiree luncheon.

 $9^{th}$  – ELCO Hayride at Dickherber Farms in Dardenne Prairie. Please sign up in the back. If you are bringing extra people (grandkids) please make sure you include them in the number so we can make sure there is enough food. It is going to be very windy and cold, so dress for the weather.

15<sup>th</sup> - BUNCO sponsored by Steven and Kim Marre' - 6 p.m. She needs sides that are not desserts.

19<sup>th</sup> – Retiree Luncheon at Ethyl's sponsored by Barry Seelig. Fifty-Four people have signed up so far. Please let Barry know if you have changed your mind and cannot make it so he can let the restaurant know.

December

6<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party – Val talked about the party and sign up in the back. You can pay

tonight. We would love to get more members signed up. We have 78 signed up so far. Starts at 6 p.m., appetizers, open bar until 9:30, D.J. until the party ends at 11 p.m. Cash bar after 9:30.

17<sup>th</sup> – Retiree Luncheon - Firefly Grill in Chesterfield Valley sponsored by C.W. and Dee Riehlman.

General Information – Sometime in January we will have a planning meeting. It will be on the weekend and usually lasts a couple of hours. Please plan on being there. Place and time TBD by the new Board.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12 Days of Christmas Party – sponsored by Karen and Mike Price at 6:00 p.m.

February 1st – Valentine's Day Party sponsored by Ruth Howard and Val Zeisset.

May 3, 2026 – St. Martin's Car show sponsored by Dana and Diana Griggs.

Don talked about next year's Christmas party. Next year they will be charging a room charge of \$750. We are guessing that we will need to charge \$10 more per ticket. Both Boards agreed to put it to the members and tonight we have a survey for everyone to complete anonymously.

### REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS.

### **New Business**

Ruth Howard asked to keep Sherri Marlo in your prayers. She tripped and fractured her hip and had surgery today. Sherri was scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on November 20<sup>th</sup> but that will be rescheduled.

Jim Givens - \$25 Bourbon raffle – He has 7 tickets left. The cinnamon cakes fund raiser is still going on. Jim will send another email with the link to order.

### **Good and Welfare**

Brian tested everyone's knowledge of Corvettes and Chevys with several trivia questions and even a prop.

- June read a thank-you note from Barbie Payne to the Alaskan group.
- John thanked Randy and Ruth Howard for bringing dessert in place of Tom and Sherri Marlo.
- Dennis Trost announced we have \$120 tonight for 50/50. Congratulations to Michelle Paillou for winning.
- Brian reported we had seventy-one regular members, two lifetime, and two sponsors.
- Judy McElhone thanked everyone for helping Newborns in Need with donations of sleepers and thanked the sewing group for the bibs, burp towels, and blankets.

Randy auctioned the four sets of earrings that Kathy Kilburn donated to raise funds for the St. Jude's Drive. The high bidders were Karen Price, Ruth Howard, Marty Dooley, and Michelle Paillou. Randy raised \$81 with his auctioning skills.

- John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Panter made a motion to adjourn. Barry Seelig seconded the motion. The motion passed, and John adjourned the meeting.
- The next meeting will be on February 3<sup>rd</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

### **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

If you missed out on the plant tours or would like to share with our Club members and your family and friends, the NCM has added a couple of dates -- December 8th and 9th! All the details along with booking can be found on the NCM website. <a href="https://www.corvettemuseum.org/plant-tours/">https://www.corvettemuseum.org/plant-tours/</a>

Judy and Marty Dooley NCM Ambassadors

### **Future Events**



## St. Louis Corvette Club ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

DATE:

Saturday, December 6, 2025

TIME:

6:00 pm - 11 pm

PLACE:

THE FALLS

300 ADMIRAL WEINEL BLVD.

Columbia, IL 62236

COST:

\$65 per person

(Payments made to St. Louis Corvette Club)

COCKTAILS

Open Bar 6-9:30 pm

Cash Bar 9:30 - 11:00 pm

Appetiters served 6 - 7 pm

Dinner 7 pm

BUFFET

Roasted Pork Loin in gravy, Chickon Piccata, Spinach & Sundricd Tomato Pasta, Broccoli with Infused Pezan Butter, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Spinach Poppysced Salad, Dinnor Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Top and Soda

IF YOU'REQUIRE A GLUTEN FREE MEAL - YOUR OPTIONS ARE GRILLED CHICKEN BREAST OR FORK LOIN - PLEASE NOTE OFTION ON YOUR CHECK WHEN SUBWITTING PAYMENT

Please RSVP by November 10" to Rath Howard - Email rhoward152xharter.not -

3004 Collington Court

St. Louis, MO 63129

If you have any questions please feel free to contact Valorie Zeisset - 618-719-4937 or Ruth Howard 314-486-6836

# December Retirees Luncheon

December 17, 2025 – 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 monthly meetings or feel free

To text Dee at 636-744-9700

**RSVP by 12/11/25** 







# **Annual Planning Meeting**

The annual planning meeting is scheduled for Sunday January 11<sup>th</sup> at Saucy's in High Ridge. The meeting will begin at 3:00 pm and generally lasts two hours.

The board encourages members to attend and share their ideas to sponsor events, road trips, retiree lunches, car shows, etc. This is your chance to gauge the interest of other club members, and reserve dates on the club calendar.

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

# St. Louis Corvette Club Valentine's Day Luncheon Sunday February 1, 2026 at 12:30

Mr. BBQ 643 Ridge Road Waterloo, IL 62298



Please join us for a day to celebrate LOVE! The annual Valentines
luncheon will be held at Mr. BBQ in Waterloo, IL.
The food is fabulous! When you arrive if you would like to grab an
alcohol beverage, please see the bartender on the first floor.
There will be a sign-up sheet at the Planning meeting on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

If you will not be at the meeting and would like to attend – please contact Valerie (618)719-4937 or Ruth at (314)486-6836.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Never know what games will be played!

Sponsored by the Howard's & Zeisset's

Last day to make reservation is January 26th!

### Veterans Day Parade Sponsored by Ron Hagenow Photos by Terry Mueller

























































### STLCC Annual Hayride Sponsored by Mark and Kim Gerecke













































Bunco Hosted by Steve and Kim Marre' Photos by Terry Mueller





















**Bunco Winners!** 

Charity Sewing Event Hosted by Karen Price Photos by Barb Payne

Karen Price organized a two-day event dedicated to sewing blankets, bibs, and burp cloths for Newborns in Need. Everyone had a wonderful time crafting together, and, as usual, delicious food was shared by all!















November Retirees' Lunch Hosted by Barry Seelig and Kathy Kilburn Photos by Terry Mueller

























This photo, taken by Arlene Thomas, showcases the men wearing red, white, and blue shirts, reflecting a patriotic motif.



Judy Giovanini provided a delicious dessert in honor of Mike's birthday.









Ice Cream at Fritz's
Sponsored by Ken and Barb Payne, John and Angie Midkiff, and
John Jordan and Joyce Newbauer
Photos by Barb Payne





















VA Garden Cleanup Organized by Karen Price Photos by Karen Price













Alaska!

Part One: If by Land!

By Mike Kunst Photos by Mike Kunst, Barb Payne

## Overview of the STLCC Great Alaska Adventure

The Cruise Tour was 7 days on land and 7 days on ship. This article starts with our arrival in Fairbanks, Alaska, on August 22 and stops with our arrival in Whittier, Alaska, on August 30 where we met the ship. Next month, our travel on the Sapphire Princess from Whittier to Vancouver will be covered.

Part One: If by Land

## Pre Tour Day, Saturday, August 23

We arrived in Fairbanks a day early staying at the Princess Riverside Lodge. If anything went wrong with our flights, we would most likely still be there in time for the start of the Princess land tour on Sunday. Barb promised a fun filled day for Saturday. We rented cars and drove south on the Richardson Highway through the Alaska Mountain range to Summit Lake. We stopped for breakfast at Little Richard's Family Diner in North Pole. We continued to Big Delta where we stopped at Rika's Roadhouse, a historic site. Delta Junction is where the Alaska Highway terminates. The mountain scenery is outstanding from Delta Junction to Summit Lake. All along the highway were "Roadhouses" that individual proprietors maintained for travelers in the late 1800s during the Alaska Gold Rush.





























Day 1, Sunday, August 24

As part of our tour package, we were taken by motor coach to "Dredge 8", a gold dredge camp, and we panned for gold. We all got some gold to take home. The average value by individual was about \$20 (the commodity market for gold is at all time high!). In the afternoon, we went on the Riverboat Discovery for a cruise along the Chena and Tanana rivers with interesting shore activities. There was a stop near Trail Breaker Kennel which was started by Susan Butcher. She won the Iditarod four times and was the first woman to do it. There was an Alaska native demo area that we were able to walk and view the activities. In the late afternoon, we drove back to North Pole where we visited Santa Claus House. They had to throw us out when it was time to close.

































Day 2, Monday, August 25

We departed Fairbanks on the Alaska Railroad for Denali National Park. We had breakfast on the train, and the scenery was beautiful. Upon arriving, we had a short

motor coach ride to the Denali Princess Wilderness Lodge and had lunch at one of the Lodge restaurants. In the late afternoon, we had a Backcountry Tour and dinner.

































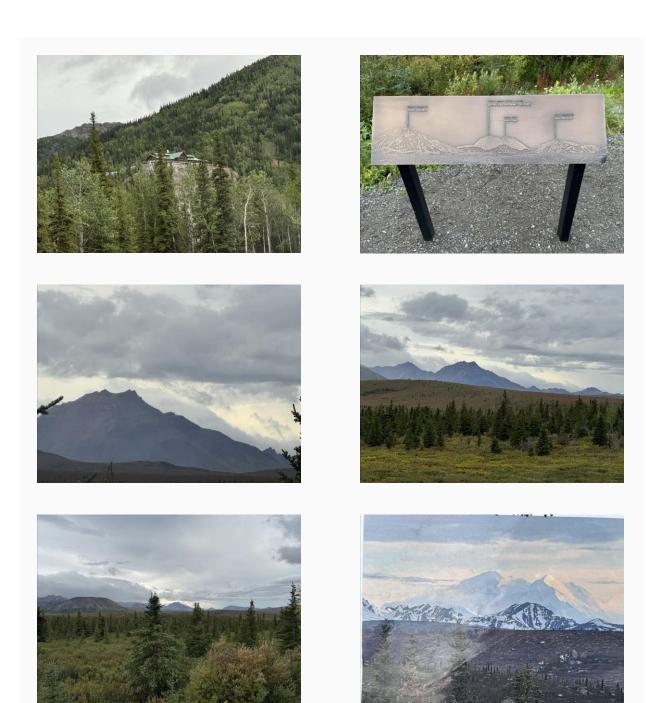


Day 3, Tuesday, August 26

In the morning, we were scheduled for the Natural History Tour, a guided tour on a school bus (park regulations) including an interpretive discussion led by a native Alaskan. After lunch, we took a shuttle bus to a sled dog demo. In the evening, we attended a dinner show, the Music of Denali, which depicted the first men to reach the summit of Denali.







The photo above is actually a photo of a photo that our guide had to show us where Mt. Denali is in the distance.























Day 4, Wednesday, August 27

We traveled by motor coach to Mt. McKinley Princess Wilderness Lodge. Along the way, we stopped at Talkeetna, Alaska. The Susitna River is nearby, and the National Park Ranger Station is located there, which is the only place to register for a climb of Mt. McKinley. We had lunch in a quaint little brew pub.































## Day 5, Thursday, August 28

We traveled by motor coach to Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge which took all day. We stopped in downtown Anchorage where we had a choice of restaurants for lunch.





































## Day 6, Friday, August 29

Barb arranged for us to take a 15-passenger van (Red Eye Rides) to Seward. Our first stop was the Alaska Sealife Center. Michelle Pailou met us there and spent the day with us! We had lunch at the Porthole Food Truck before heading over to catch our tour of Resurrection Bay with Major Marine. On the tour, we saw some otters floating along, a humpback whale, a lot of puffins, a bald eagle, and 20 or more sea lions sunning themselves. Red Eye Rides picked us up for the return trip to the Kenai Princess Wilderness Lodge.

























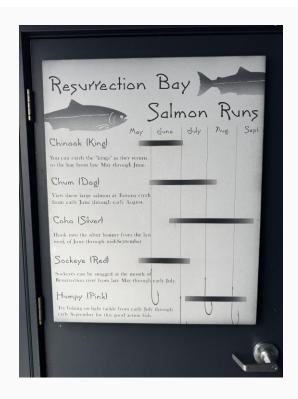












Day 7, Saturday, August 30

We boarded a motor coach to travel to Whittier to meet our ship, the Sapphire Princess. We had to go through a tunnel that was single lane, and a train uses the tunnel too.





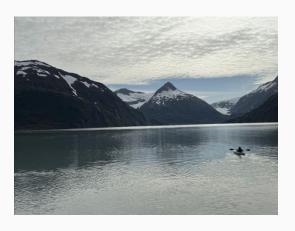


















That completes the land portion of our tour. Of course, there will be land excursions at ports of call. In the January edition of the STLCC Newsletter, we will complete the journey to Vancouver.

## **Features and Announcements**

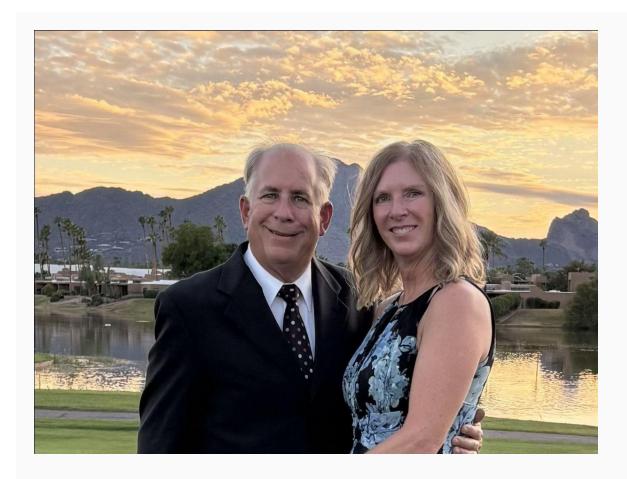
## Meet the New Members By Mike Kunst

Meet the New Members is a feature to introduce our most recent joining members. The Newsletter Staff provides this feature to help members recognize our new members at meetings and events.

Please meet Paul Jarasek. Paul is Brian and June Walsh's Brother-in-Law. Please join us in welcoming Paul to the St. Louis Corvette Club.



Please meet Jeff and Karen Gregory. They met Randy and Ruth at a South County cruise and immediately applied for membership. Please join us in welcoming Jeff and Karen to the St. Louis Corvette Club.



## **Articles**

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column By Ron Hagenow

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

Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy 2026! As we end the year, we want to thank all those who served the club. We especially want to thank the outgoing officers who helped us to another great year. And we welcome the new board members. You will have a tough act to follow.

We also want to thank anyone who was a committee chairperson or sponsor of an event. Our club is only as good as the involvement of its members. It you haven't sponsored an event, it's easy to do and there are plenty of members to help you.

We want to acknowledge members who joined us in the month of December. Mike and Laurie Grubb joined in 2012. Dennis and Janet Trost followed shortly thereafter in 2015. Finally, Brian and June Walsh as well as Terry and Kathy Mueller joined us in 2018.

Sadly, we lost people this year who were close to us. Our good friend and very active member Kathy Wooldridge passed in August 2025 after a long battle with cancer. We also acknowledge Mary Jane Kiepe who was a long time Gold Star Mother who we drove in many Veterans Day parades. Cheri Hopson, who was still an associate member while living in Florida, also passed in July. She and John were very active when they lived in St. Louis. Lastly, we lost Dave Markland. Though Dave was no longer in the club, he was one of the original members when the club was founded

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 when 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 past Decembers.



From the Christmas party in 2006, Bob Woods got the three presents he asked Santa for.



From our Christmas party in 2007, these kids sure look like Ruth and Randy Howard.



From the Prices' Twelfth Day of Christmas party in 2016, Mike Kunst and Bob Rogers are trying to figure out how many trips through the food line they can make before anyone catches them.



Finally, from the Christmas party in 2024, thank you to ELCO for sponsoring our club

Merry Christmas,

Happy Hanukkah,

and Happy New Year!

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