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President's Message

Hello everyone,

The snow is finally melting, and hopefully warmer days are getting closer.

Thanks to all for the great turnout for the planning meeting. We accomplished a lot thanks to all of the input from everyone. It looks like we have a very fun and busy year ahead. All of the activities that are planned at this time are listed in the calendar on the web site.

The monthly meeting is February 4th at ELCO at 7 p.m. The Valentine's Day luncheon is Sunday, February 2nd at Mr. BBQ, 643 Ridge Road, Waterloo, IL 62298, and it is always a good time.

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

Your President,
John Jordan

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

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Marre

Kim Marre
Jim Panter
Mike Pilla
Dennis Trost
Eric DeBruin
Steve Kirby
Kirt Sheer
Barbie Payne
Brian Walsh
Judy Henges

ANNIVERSARIES

Marty & Judy Dooley
Jeff & Tracy Stieren

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

20 Year

Carl and Pat Cox

There were no 5, 10, or 15 year club anniversaries in February.

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Saucy's Pizzeria in High Ridge on Sunday, January 19, 2025. President John Jordan called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. John led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club officers present:

President: John Jordan	Vice President: Don Pickles
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Membership: Brian Walsh	Treasurer: Anne Pickles
Secretary: June Walsh	Sergeant at Arms: Dennis Trost
Immediate past president: Karen Price	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Not Present

John welcomed everyone to our annual planning meeting.

There were no guests and no new members in attendance.

President John Jordan covered the following information:

- He reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event sign-up sheets, VA Garden, and retirees' lunch sign-up.
- John stated that we will continue our monthly meetings at ELCO.
- John discussed the board's recommendations to shorten the meetings.
- We will be adding a guest sign-up to gather names and vehicle information of people interested in our club.
- John reminded members of the participation requirements to attend business meetings, events, and to drive their Corvette to events.
- The board decided to bring the cake sign up back on a voluntary basis. Members who sign up will fund the cake. We have June, July, and November available if anyone is interested.
- Each committee should select a chairperson. The chairperson will let John know if they have anything to discuss before the next meeting and John will add them to the agenda.
- Before the 50/50 raffle there will be a Good and Welfare report when the membership can discuss items of interest and share information with other club members.
- Christmas Party is set for December 6th at The Falls.
- Club picnic is September 6th – Members mentioned the Alaska trip group returns on the 6th. John will inquire about other available dates.
- The Membership Officer will not be reading individual birthdays or anniversaries as they are all listed on the website and in the newsletter.
- John would like to compile a list of car shows and races on our website and encourages members to forward these events for inclusion on the calendar.

Committee Reports

Newsletter: Kathy Mueller agreed to continue to provide us with an excellent newsletter.

Mentoring Program: Michelle Finn will continue to run and may reach out to others if needed to help make new members feel welcome.

Website: Steve Kirby will continue to be our webmaster.

Sponsor Report: Neither Mark nor Eric was available.

Budget: Chairman Mike Kunst, Don Pickles and Rick Doerr – They have worked hard to prepare the budget for 2025. We are lucky to have ELCO provide us with sponsor money. The club went over budget last year, so we will have a lean budget in 2025. The committee will submit the final budget report for a vote at the February meeting.

By-Laws: Mike Price, Mike Kunst, and Valerie Zeisset –

Charity: Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni – Both are willing to continue in their roles.

VA Garden: Karen Price – Marty Dooley will help as needed.

National Corvette Museum: Judy Dooley will remain our Ambassador.

Parade: Michelle Paillou, Mike Price, and Don Pickles – The Webster Groves parade is on July 4th, and we will be finding out about the veteran's parade in St. Charles. Michelle will inquire about the March 15th St. Patrick's Day parade.

History: Marty Dooley, Mike Price, and Ron Hagenow – will continue.

Christmas Party: Chris Woods and Judy Dooley are stepping down. Ruth Howard, Val Zeisset, June Walsh, Kathy Mueller, Dee Riehlman, and Maggie Hedgcorth expressed interest in the committee. The Christmas Party is set for December 6, 2025, at the Falls. They have again agreed to waive the room fee.

Nominating: John suggested Karen Price. Members interested in participating should contact John Jordan.

Vice President's Report: Don reviewed the procedure to sponsor an event – ask Don if date is open, once approved make up a flyer and send it to Don, Kathy and Steve. Sponsors should make a sign-up sheet available at least two meetings prior to the event. Monthly newsletters will contain the current events calendar. Members may continue to add events throughout

the year.

Be sure to check club website for event details.

Future Events – See Attached Event Calendar –

New Business:

Ruth Howard wanted to see if there was any interest in the horse races – she will check into it and report back. Ruth also talked about the St. Jude Drive what it cost, what it covers and what a humbling experience it is. Ruth also wanted to see who would be interested in doing another winery run.

Jim Givens spoke about the mouse races for St. Jude's.

John and Kitty Lasinski are looking to do a Bourbon Trail run in Louisville – any interest - lots of hands went up for that.

Barb Payne talked about going to Texas in March of 2026. She and Ken will go this March. She is thinking around a 10-day trip going to the beach, Padre Island area, San Antonio then on to Hill Country. There is a route called Twisted Sister which is much like the Tail of the Dragon run only longer. Let her know if you have an interest in going. She also wanted to see who would be interested in going to the Lyceum Theatre in Arrowhead, Mo this year. Date would either be July 19th or 26th to see Grumpy Old Men. Please let her know if you are interested.

Steve & Dawn Kirby are hosting the Luau either June 14th or 21st.

Clarke Thomas talked about the Route 66 Corvette Caravan that starts in Chicago and ends at the Santa Monica pier – September 20th. 2 Lane America is sponsoring the event with details on their website www.2laneamerica.com. The contact is Austin and the approximate cost for two people is \$5,800 including hotel and meals. You are on your own to make your way back. Michelle Paillou thought we should do it as a club next year for the 100th anniversary of this event.

CW Riehlman – Asked about any interest in going to Bonne Terre to drive through the mines. Many members expressed interest, so he will research.

Marty Dooley will look for something to do inside for the cold months since no one was interested in crazy bowl.

Steve Willis wanted to see if there was any interest to go to Costa Rica.

Membership – Brian Walsh explained what “Good and Welfare” means. He announced that

members can now print off sign up/attendance sheets from the website for your event.

Secretary – June Walsh read three thank you cards from Bob and JoAnn Rogers, Steve Hedgcorth and Brian & June Walsh.

Pat Ross won \$66 in the 50/50 drawing.

There were 54 members present.

President John Jordan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Michelle Paillou made a motion to adjourn with a second by Chris Woods. The motion passed, and John adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

June Walsh,
Secretary

2025 Event Calendar

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	SPONSOR
1/4/2025	Price's 12th Day of Christmas	Prices, 2400 Oakmont Ct	Prices
1/15/2025	Retiree Lunch	Que Pasa!, 1165 Gravois Rd	Muellers
1/18/2025	Sit and Sew with Kim/Vicki	851 Country Stone Dr	Kim and Vicky
1/19/2025	Planning Meeting	Saucy's	
1/27/2025	Casino day	River City Casino	Howards
2/1/2025	Bunco	Prices, 2400 Oakmont Ct	Prices
2/2/2025	Valentine's Day Luncheon	Mr BBQ, Waterloo, IL	Howards/ Zeissets
2/4/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
2/19/2025	Retiree lunch		Paillou

3/4/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
3/19/2025	Retiree lunch	Mellow Mushroom	Doerrs
3/21/2025	Mouse Races	Crestwood Elks Club	Givens/ Howards
3/30/2025	Fritz's	Valley Park, Mo	Paynes
4/1/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
4/12/2025	Coffee & Corvettes	Café La Belle Via, St.Charles	Givens
4/16/2025	Retiree lunch		Seelig
4/24/2025	Sangria Sunset	Sunset Overlook, Columbia	Givens
4/24-4/26/2025	NCM Bash	Bowling Green	
4/26/2025	Hannibal run		Midkiff
4/27/2025	Fritz's	Valley Park, Mo	Paynes
5/4/2025	Auto show & festival	15764 Clayton Rd., Ellisville	Griggs
5/6/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
5/10/2025	Coffee & Corvettes	Washington Coffee, Washington	Givens
5/15-5/16/2025	St.Judes Corvette Drive		Howards
5/17/2025	Jim Weddle's Car Collection		Hagenows
5/21/2025	Retiree lunch		Trosts
5/22/2025	Sangria Sunset	Sunset Overlook, Columbia	Givens
5/25/2025	Fritz's	Valley Park, Mo	Paynes

6/3/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
6/18/2025	Retiree lunch		McElhone
6/21/2025	Coffee/Chicken Run	Proving Grounds Coffee, Columbia	Givens/ Stieren
6/26/2025	Sangria Sunset	Sunset Overlook, Columbia	Givens
6/27/2025	Drive your Corvette to work		Paynes
6/28/2025	Gateway car show	Gateway race track	
6/29/2025	Fritz's	Valley Park, Mo	Paynes
7/1/2025	Monthly meting	ELCO	
7/4/2025	4th of July parade	Webster Groves, Mo	Pickles
7/12/2025	Coffee & Corvettes	Upshot Coffee Brake, St. Charles	Givens
7/16/2025	Retiree lunch		Pickles
7/24/2025	Sangria Sunset	Sunset Overlook, Columbia	Givens
7/27/2025	Fritz's	Valley Park, Mo	Paynes
8/5/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
8/9/2025	Coffee & Corvettes	On the Grind Coffee, Crystal City	Givens
8/20/2025	Retiree lunch		Friedrich
8/22-9/6/2025	Alaska cruise		Paynes
8/27-8/30/2025	NCM 31st anniversary	Bowling Green	
8/28/2025	Sangria Sunset	Sunset Overlook, Columbia	Givens
8/31/2025	Fritz's	Valley Park, Mo	Paynes

9/2/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
9/13/20025	Coffee & Corvettes	Little Ireland Coffee, Pacific	Givens
9/17/2025	Retiree lunch		Howards
9/19-9/20/2025	Funfest	Effingham, IL	
9/25/2025	Sangria Sunset	Sunset Overlook, Columbia	Givens
9/25-9/28/2025	Eureka Springs Corvette weekend	Eureka Springs	
9/28/2025	Fritz's	Valley Park, Mo	Paynes
10/7/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
10/11/2025	Coffee & Corvettes	Great Harvest Bread, Kirkwood	Givens
10/15/2025	Retiree lunch		Kunst
10/18/2025	Picnic	Cliff Cave Park	Board
10/23/2025	Sangria Sunset	Sunset Overlook, Columbia	Givens
10/25/2025	Gateway trunk or treat	Gateway race track	Givens
10/26/2025	Fritz's	Valley Park, Mo	Paynes
11/4/2025	Monthly meeting	ELCO	
11/8/2025	Veterans day parade		
11/19/2025	Retiree lunch		Seelig
12/6/2025	Christmas party	The Falls	
12/17/2025	Retiree lunch		Riehlman

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

First, we would like to say RIP Joe Vogt.

Zora Arkus Duntov saw a huge problem for GM, due to their lack of participation in the hot-rodding community in the early 50s. Check out this letter he wrote on the subject.

"To Maurice Olley and Research & Development Section on December 16th, 1953.

The hot rod movement and interest in things connected with hop-up and speed is still growing. As an indication: the publications devoted to hot-rodding and hop-upping of which some half-dozen have a very large circulation and are distributed nationally, did not exist some 6 years ago.

From cover to cover, they are full of Fords. This is not surprising then that the majority of hot-rodders are eating, sleeping and dreaming modified Fords. They know Ford parts from stem to stern better than the Ford people themselves.

A young man buying a magazine for the first time immediately becomes introduced to Ford. It is reasonable to assume that when hot-rodders or hot-rod influenced persons buy transportation, they buy Fords. As they progress in age and income, they graduate from jalopies, to second hand Fords, then to new Fords.

Should we consider that it would be desirable to make these youths Chevrolet-minded? I think that we are in a position to carry out a successful attempt. However, there are many factors against us -

1. Loyalty and experience with Ford.
2. Hop-up industry is geared to Ford.
3. The law of numbers – thousands are and will be working on Fords for active competition.
4. Appearance of Ford overhead V-8, now one year ahead of us.

When a superior line of G.M. V-8's appeared, there were remarkably few attempts to develop these and none too successful. Also, the appearance of the V-8 Chrysler was met with reluctance even though the success of Adrun-Fords conditioned them to acceptance of Firepower.

This year is the first one in which isolated Chrysler developments met with success. The Bonneville records are divided between Adrun-Fords and Chryslers.

Like all people, hot-rodders are attracted by novelty. However, bitter experience taught them that new development is costly and long and therefore are extremely conservative. From my observation, it takes an advanced hot-rodder some three years to stumble toward the successful development of a new design. Overhead Fords will be in this state in 1956-1957.”

He goes on and on about his ideas of V-8 Chevrolet and we guess it worked. We have our Corvettes.

Marty and Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events



BUNCO

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 1ST, 2025


**At the Price's
2400 Oakmont Ct.**

High Ridge, MO 63049

**Please let us know who is coming and what you are
bringing along with \$5/person**

You're Invited to Celebrate with Us!

**We will be sharing the results of the 2024 season of rolling
the dice with prizes!**



St. Louis Corvette Club Valentine's Day Luncheon

Sunday February 2, 2025 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 19th.

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 27th!



FEBRUARY RETIREE'S LUNCHEON

Sponsored by Michelle Paillou

WEDNESDAY February 19th at 11:00 am

Joey B's Concord

189 Concord Plaza Shopping Center

St. Louis, MO 63128



Sponsored by Michelle Paillou

Sign up at the February meeting or contact
Michelle at 314-852-1236.

Friday, March 21, 2025

Doors open at 6:30pm, first race at 7:15pm

Crestwood Elks Club

10261 Bauer Road

St. Louis, MO 63128

**Mouse Races, Mouse Roulette, Plinko, 50/50, Raffle
Baskets and much more!**

This year we have added a new feature!

**SPONSOR A MOUSE RACE FOR \$150! YOU GET TO NAME A RACE
AND ENJOY BOX SEATS FOR YOUR RACE!**



All proceeds benefit St. Jude Corvette Drive
\$25/person or \$180 for a table of 8

Contact: Jim Givens @Givensjwg@gmail.com

Ruth Howard @Rhoward15@charter.net

Beer, Soda and water included. Cash bar available.

No credit or debit cards accepted.

NO OUTSIDE DRINKS/ALCOHOL OR INDIVIDUAL CUPS.

Bring your own food & snacks.



St. Jude Corvette Drive May 15 – 16, 2025

St. Louis Drive Captains
Randy & Ruth Howard



Please consider joining us for the 14th annual St. Jude Corvette Drive. You will be supporting the children and families at St. Jude Research Hospital.

We will be departing from St. Louis on May 15th and arrive in Dyersburg, TN where we will spend the night and enjoy a fabulous dinner hosted by Mayor Holden. In the morning we will head to Memphis for a visit and presentation at the campus.

Why do we do this..... As a Corvette owner this is the most rewarding experience you will ever have as you raise funds for sick children.

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. Fundraising is easy and a great way to connect with your friends, coworkers and family.

Please visit our website at www.stjudedrives.org to see the history of the drive and additional information. If you are interested in participating in this amazing- experience or have additional questions, please contact St. Louis satellite Coordinators Ruth & Randy Howard at rhoward15@charter.net or call Ruth at – 314-486-6836.

Past Events

The 12th Day of Christmas Party
Hosted by Karen and Mike Price
Photos by Terry Mueller and Mike Kunst















Ugly Sweater Contest participants.



Ugly Sweater Contest participants.



Ugly Sweater Contest Winners



Ugly Sweater Contest Winners

January Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Terry and Kathy Mueller

Photos by Terry Mueller











Annual Corvette Club Sit and Sew
Sponsored by Kim Gerecke and Vickie DeBruin
Photos by Kim Gerecke and Vickie DeBruin











STLCC CASINO/LUNCH DAY
Sponsored by Ruth and Randy Howard
Photos by Ruth Howard











Features and Announcements



Congratulations to Judy Giovanoni and Mike McElhone who were married on Saturday, January 11!

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club
Historical Society Column
By Ron Hagenow
History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, and Mike Price

February is typically one of our slower months. Most of us have our cars all snug and warm in the garage and on a battery tender. If we get nice weather and there is no salt on the road, some of our braver members will get their Vettes out for a little exercise. Other than our regular business meeting we usually have a Valentine's Day Brunch scheduled as well as our regular retiree lunch. In past years we have done a crazy bowl. This year we may even try to slip in a bunco night for those dedicated players. At the time this was written we have not had our event planning meeting so hopefully we will have more events this month. Now for some pictures of previous February events.



From our Valentine's Day Brunch in 2024, three lovely ladies and one old guy.



From our crazy bowl in 2019, some things you just can't unsee. Angie evidently doesn't let John out much and now we understand why.



Everybody getting ready for our Valentine's Day Brunch at Scott AFB in 2013.



From the Valentine's Day Brunch in 2011, Bob Woods looks lovely as always. If you wear your rose on your left ear, does that mean you are available?

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