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President's Message

Hello everyone,

Another month has gone by bringing us closer to warmer weather, sunshine, and Corvette driving. The monthly meeting is March 4th at ELCO at 7 p.m. One of the purposes of our monthly meetings is to socialize and exchange ideas about club activities. It also gives us an opportunity to talk to each other about things to do with our cars, help each other repair or improve things, add accessories, share knowledge about things we have done to our own cars, and work together on projects. This is one of the reasons we as a board are trying to keep the important part of the business as short as possible. Please read our great newsletter and check our excellent web site often to keep up on your club activities.

I would like to let everyone know that Mark Gerecke comes in on his day off and brings the pizzas, and his wife and others help him move cars out of the showroom and set up all of the chairs and tables for us. So, in turn let us all help pick up any trash and move all the chairs and tables back where they belong.

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

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

Diana Griggs

Pat Ross

Robert Hoogveld

Judy Giovanoni

ANNIVERSARIES

Eric & Vickie DeBruin

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

20 Year

Gary and Jan Murray

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

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, MO on February 4, 2025. President John Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

John led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

John 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 welcomed new members Dave & Patty Newell. Dave was in attendance, and they own a 2016 Long Beach Red Z06.
- Ken Payne made a motion to accept the January 2025 secretary minutes. Rick Doerr seconded it. The motion passed.
- Brian Walsh, Membership Officer, gave the membership report.
- Regular Members: 101
- Lifetime Members: 6
- Associate Members: 12
- Sponsors: 4
- Total Members: 119
- There are currently 10 on our waiting list
- John asked for a motion to accept the Treasure's report that Anne Pickles presented to members by email for December 2024 and January 2025. Michelle Paillou moved to accept the reports, and Mike Kunst seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

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

Past Events

December

7 Christmas Party at The Falls

18 Retiree luncheon hosted by Dee & CW

January

4 12 Days of Christmas at the Prices'

15 Retiree Luncheon sponsored by the Muellers.

18 Sit and Sew with Kim Gerecke and Vickie DeBruin

19 Planning Meeting

27 Casino Days sponsored by the Howards.

February

1 Bunco at the Prices'

2 Valentine Day Luncheon sponsored by the Howards and Zeissets

4 Monthly meeting

Future Events

19 Retiree Luncheon at Joey B's Concord at 11 sponsored by Michelle Paillou
March
4 Business Meeting
19 Retiree Luncheon at Mellow Mushroom sponsored by the Doerrs.
21 Mouse Races
30 Fritz's

John rescheduled the club picnic from September 6th to October 18th.

Upcoming Events

Mike Kunst talked about the National Corvette Museum Bash in April – If you are interested sign up now as events fill up quickly.

Karen Price – The Eureka Springs event was moved up one week; check your emails for reservation updates.

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS.

Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin – Mark said January new car sales were up, a 20% increase from the year before. Mark has a new boss, Dan Coopman. Corvettes – 2 Z06s coming; a yellow convertible loaded, the other is torch red coupe. They have an additional 4 or 5 in stock. Used – there is a red convertible and a riptide blue. There is a damaged Corvette coming in. It will be fixed and sold at a good price. Service wise- they are 2 – 3 weeks out to get an appointment. Congratulations to Mark for being salesman of the year!

New Business

Mike Kunst presented the 2025 Budget Proposal for ratification – Mike explained two terms used– surplus and reserves. The numbers – last year we had surplus of \$3,190 and this year we have \$2,400, a shortage of about \$600 and we need to rebuild that. The proposal includes a surplus of \$600 which will rebuild us to the \$3,000 reserve. Last year was the 20th anniversary of the club and extra money was spent on T-shirts and name badges. 2024 member dues were at a higher rate due to the NCCC Club dues and since we didn't use NCCC, there was a little left after paying current insurance so the extra helped. That is why you will see a rate difference between 2024 and current dues. We also had a surplus of members who were sick or had family deaths. Mark Gerecke asked if club insurance went up. Anne said our rate is locked in for three years. Barry asked if members could donate and raffle things off to earn more for general funds, and the answer is we do not typically do that. Randy Howard wanted to verify that when he raffles items off, those proceeds go to the St. Jude Fund not the general fund. Ruth Howard suggested that we do certificates to acknowledge participation during the year to cut down on Christmas gifts. Karen mentioned that gifts for events came out of her pocket.

John asked for a motion. Randy Howard made a motion to accept the budget and Barry Seelig seconded. The motion passed.

Good and Welfare

Brian Walsh discussed there are four basic methods of communications for the club. 1) Meetings - get ahold of John Jordan, 2) Newsletter- Kathy Mueller, 3) Website-Steve Kirby, 4) Emails to membership outlook account which Brian handles. He discussed participation rules – everyone needs to attend five functions – 2 must be meetings, 2 must be events, the 5th can be either a meeting or event. You must bring your Corvette to two events. Event sign up sheets on the website have a column to check if you brought your Corvette. Attendance sheets at the meetings do not have that column as it does not count if you drive your car to the meetings – although you are encouraged to do so.

Brian discussed having an emergency contact list in case we need to get ahold of someone outside you or your spouse in case something happens while out on an event. This would be voluntary.

John acknowledged birthdays and anniversaries for February which are listed in the newsletter. Ruth acknowledged Marty and Judy Dooley's 50th Anniversary. Mike Kunst acknowledged Pat and Carl Cox's 20th membership anniversary. Condolences to Kim Gerecke on her uncle passing away.

Bev Givens thanked the club for supporting Harlan with buying calendars and donations. Sales and donations raised \$7,000 for his family.

Jim Givens talked about the Mouse Races March 21. \$180/table or \$25 per seat. Jim is looking for donated items to create baskets, as well as baskets to hold the items. He encourages the club to invite friends and family outside the club to join in the fun.

Ruth discussed St. Jude Corvette Drive - St. Louis group has 14 cars registered, 7 are from our club – Givens, Howards, Grubbs, Marlos, Midkiffs, Stierens, & McElhones. If interested go to www.stjudesdrive.org. \$1,400 to sign up. 112 Corvettes raised \$540,000 last year.

Rick Doerr suggested using your old badge magnet with your new name badge as they seem to be stronger.

Dave Newell said there are two Corvette only events this year. One is at Talladega Speedway – “Vettes for Vets” is a fundraiser for disabled veterans. You buy 5 lap sessions for \$110. The first half of the day you play by the rules, the second half is really fun. At the end of September is “Vettes vs The Dragon” put on by Smokey Mountain Drive Club. There are four different classes. They cap the event at 200 cars. The event lasts the entire weekend.

John thanked Tracy and Jeff for bringing the cake.

Ray Queen let everyone know he brought the club shirts/jackets to preview. You can place an order with Pam Queen.

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

Joyce Newbauer won \$105 in the 50/50 drawing.

There were 58 members in attendance.

President John Jordan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Duke made a motion to adjourn, and Jim Givens seconded the motion. The motion passed, and John adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be on March 4th at ELCO Chevrolet.

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

Respectfully submitted,

June Walsh
Secretary

In Memoriam
John Corrina
By Ron Hagenow

We are sad to learn of John Corrina's passing on February 11, 2025. John was a long-time associate member of the club until a few years ago. He was a brother-in-law of Jerry and Armynta Craig, founding members and the driving force for establishing the club. He was also the uncle to Jeff Craig and Peggy Bradley, also long-time members of the club. John served as a Marine in Viet Nam earning a Bronze Star and had a long career as a St. Louis City police officer. He also worked as an undercover officer in the narcotics division. He had many interesting stories to tell. In fact, he didn't like his picture taken as he was afraid someone from his undercover time would recognize him. Long-time club members will always

remember him as wearing sunglasses no matter where we were.



Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

This year at the BASH (April 24-26) they are offering clubs an exclusive look at Zora's personally owned Corvette. This is a true part of Corvette history.

This car, a fully loaded 1973 Corvette Stingray, is currently undergoing a full restoration by the Vehicle Preservation and Restoration team. During the BASH you will be able to see this car up close and hear directly from the people renovating this special car.

Hope to see you all at the BASH.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM AMBASSADORS

Future Events

Saint Louis Corvette Club

March 19th 2025

Retiree's Lunch



Mellow Mushroom Sunset Hills

3811 S Lindbergh Blvd

Sunset Hills, MO 63127

Wednesday March 19, 2025

11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Rick and Mary Doerr

Please sign the signup sheet

or RSVP to Richard@Doerr.biz 314-540-8474

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.



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LET'S HAVE SOME FUN
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eat; contact number is 314-954-4803**





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

When: Sunday
March 30th
April 27th
May 25th
June 29th
July 27th
August 31st
September 28th
October 26th

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

2025 MICHELIN NCM BASH



APRIL 24 – 26, 2025

Are you interested in the new 2025 Corvette ZR1? Want to see in person? Yes, you can touch them and even sit in them. How about questions. You do have questions, don't you? How about asking a Corvette Design Team member?

Don't miss the Corvette Team presentation! It will bring you up to date on all things related to Corvette. There will be Corvette Team leaders from Detroit to present. They spend a lot of time mingling with enthusiasts (that's us!). New colors for the 2026 MY?

Want to know what is going on at the Assembly Plant? Hear the latest from Ray Theriault, Bowling Green Assembly Director.

What about an opportunity to drive your car on a real racetrack? You wouldn't be racing, but you would be going fast! Have you even seen the NCM's Motor Sports Park? If you go a day earlier, you could participate in an HPDE at the track.

Maybe you are interested in a nice scenic drive led by the NCM. There are several road trips to choose from.

So much to do and see! Why not come with us to Bowling Green?

Contact Mike Kunst for more information.

Mike.Kunst@Outlook.com



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.

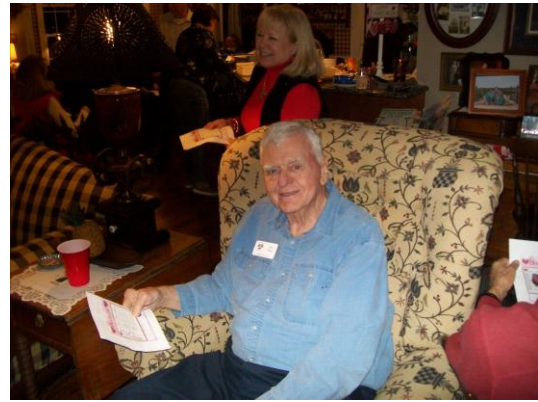
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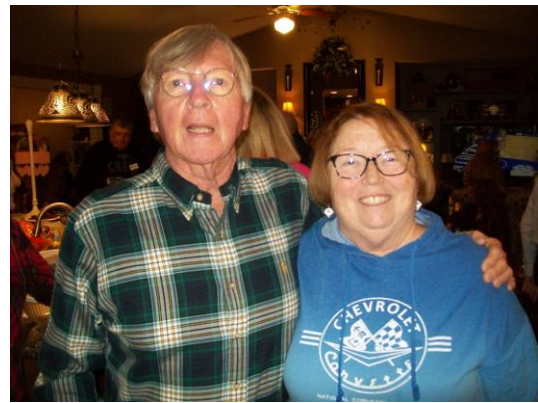
Bunco

Hosted by Karen and Mike Price

Photos by Terry Mueller











February Bunco Winners!

2024 Overall Winners

Most Buncos for 2024 - Steve Kirby

Mos Times Having the Last Bunco in 2024 - Chris Woods

Most Wins Overall in 2024 - Mike Kunst

Most Losses in 2024 - Kim Marre'

Most Mini Buncos in 2024 - Vicki Hoogeveld

St. Louis Corvette Valentine's Day Luncheon
Sponsored by the Howards and Zeissets
Photos by Terry Mueller and Ruth Howard

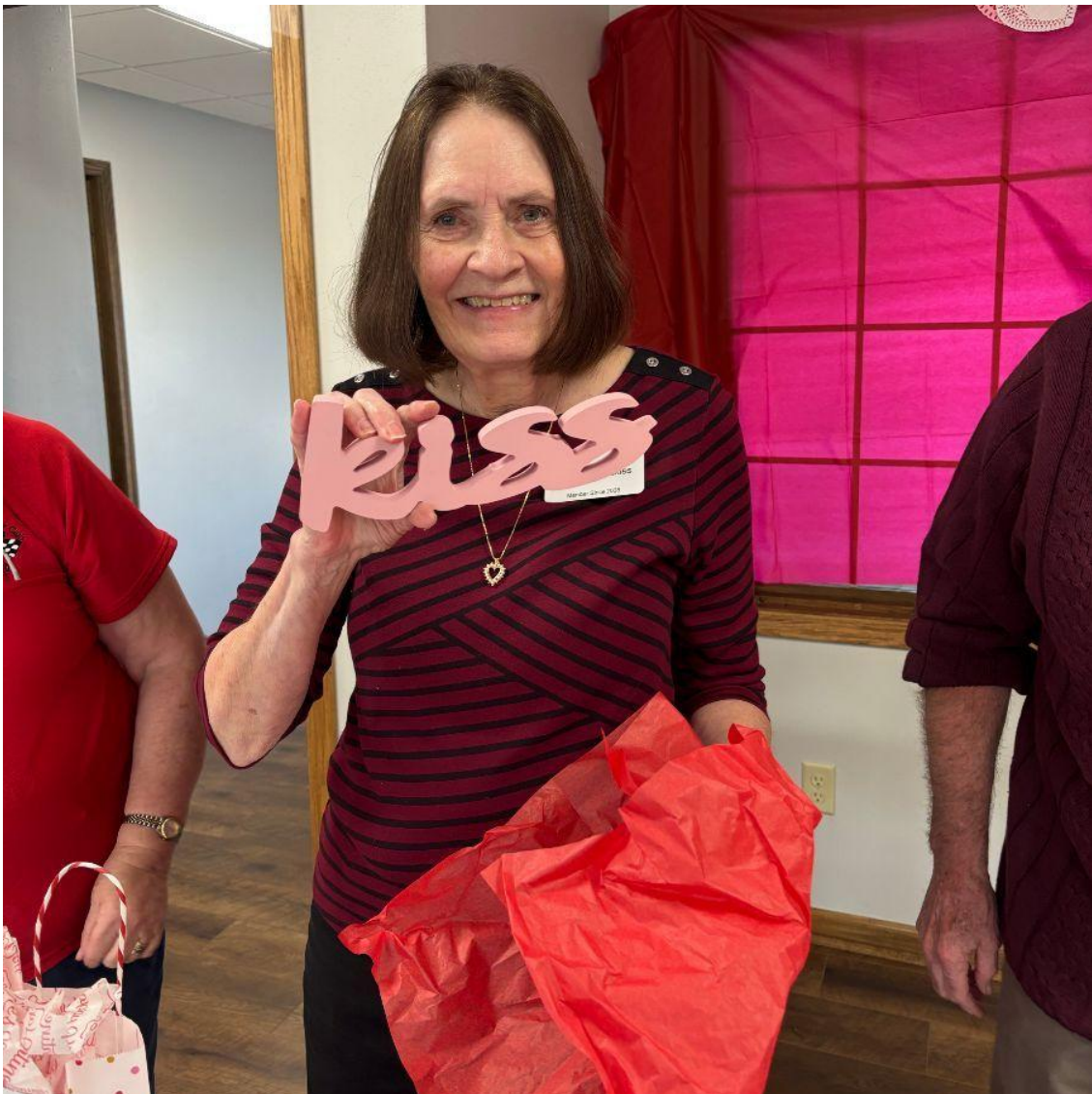












Candy Kisses Mitten Game
Won by Anne Pickles



Blindfold March in Square Game
Won by Angie Midkiff



Guess How Many M&M's Game
Won by Michelle Finn



Newlywed Game
Won by Patrick and Jenni Belding

February Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Michelle Paillou

Photos by Terry Mueller









Features and Announcements

A Quilt to Benefit St. Jude

Article by Kathy Mueller

Photos by Vickie DeBruin, Kim Gerecke, Karen Price, Mike Price, and Chris Woods

When June Walsh suggested making a quilt to benefit St. Jude Hospital, several of the ladies in the club who are quilters, were excited for the opportunity. June originally thought we could make a quilt for next year, but Karen suggested it be made this year, and everyone agreed.

Karen Price immediately went online and found St. Jude fabric that features artwork of St. Jude Hospital patients. Some of the other ladies had fabric to coordinate with that fabric, and other fabric was purchased. Karen also found a pattern for the quilt.

On Friday, Karen and Kathy Mueller cut out the squares and redesigned the pattern to make it work with the St. Jude fabric. They were able to get all the squares cut and laid out, so it was ready to be sewn together. On Saturday, Vickie DeBruin, Kim Gerecke, Maggie Hedgcorth, Karen Price, June Walsh, and Chris Woods sewed the squares together and made the quilt top.

Karen did the quilting, and Kim added the ruffled edging to the quilt.

From the leftover St. Jude fabric, Karen was able to make a pillow and a bag. There was an additional piece of St. Jude fabric with a different pattern from which Vickie created an awesome Checker-chess board. The Checker-chess board also has bags for chess pieces to go with it that Karen made.

The quilt, bag, and pillow will be raffled off, and the proceeds will go to St. Jude. Raffle tickets will sell for \$10 each or two for \$15. The first ticket drawn will be the winner of the quilt, and the second ticket drawn will be the winner of the Checker-chess board.



Quilt pieces laid out and ready to be sewn together.



Ladies sewing the pieces together.



Completed quilt top.



Pillow



Bag



Checker-chess board with bags for chess pieces





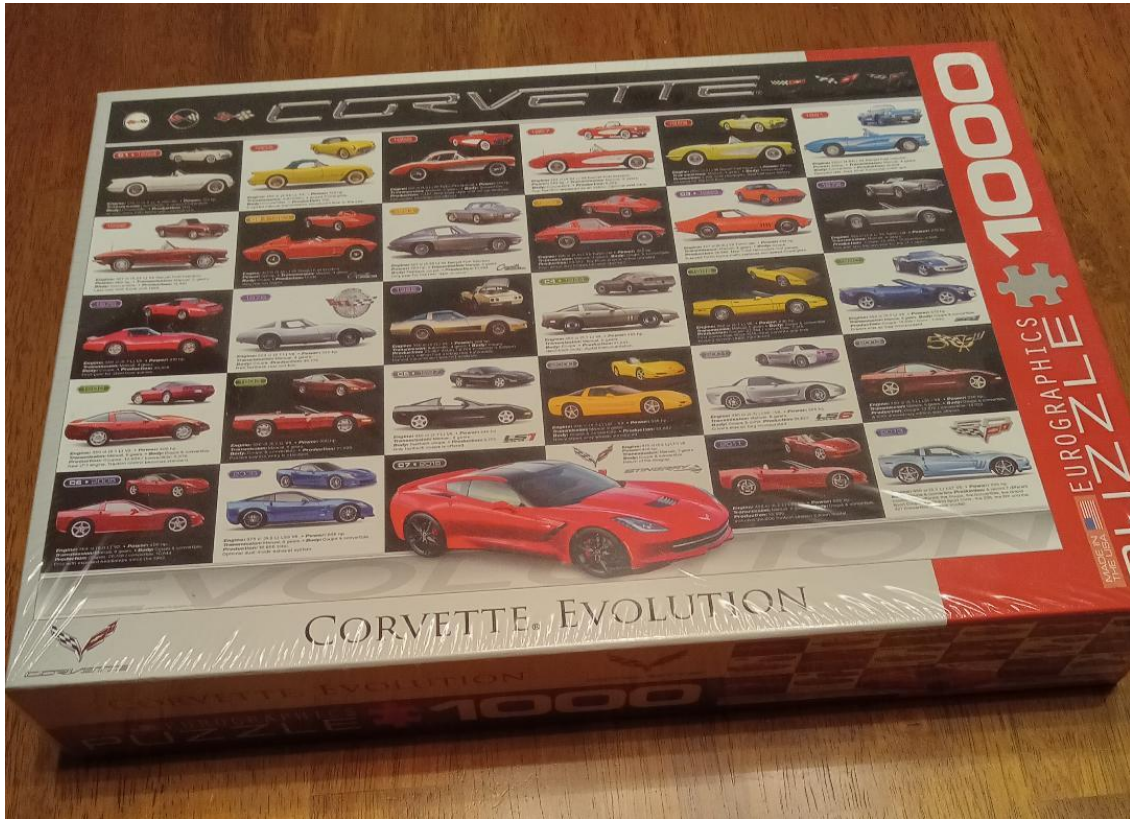
Completed quilt

Corvette Puzzle
By Judy and Marty Dooley

During the Covid problem, we started passing a puzzle of Corvettes to our Club members. After members put the puzzle together, the box was signed on the inside, then it was passed on to other club members to enjoy, and the idea behind this was to keep it going.

We lost track of the puzzle, and recently someone we know came down with Covid. That reminded us of the puzzle that was going around the club. We would like to hear from the last ones that had this puzzle and start it back to going around our Club again. Don't forget to sign inside the box after you finish it and then pass it on again.

Judy and Marty Dooley



Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club
Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

OK, who remembers the first history column in the newsletter? If you guessed February 2019, then you are correct. The initial committee consisted of Marty Dooley, Mike Kirby and Ron Hagenow. There have been several other members throughout the years. Marty and Ron are still on the committee with Mike Price having joined us several years ago. Wouldn't you think

our “penance” would have been completed by now. I guess the only reason we are still on the committee is the large compensation we get (all three of us have new ZR1s on order!) And if you believe that I have some ocean-front property in Oklahoma I want to sell to you.

The month of March usually sees our Vettes slowly awakening from their winter slumber. I know for me the first sunny 50-degree day and the top goes down on the car! Besides our regular meeting and retirees’ lunch, Coffee and Corvettes plus Fritz’s Frozen Custard usually start up this month. A mouse race in support of St. Jude’s is scheduled for this month as well. So, pray for early spring so we can all get busy with our yearly events.

Here are a few events we had in previous Marches.



An overhead shot of the cars at Fast Lane Cars in St. Charles from March 2006. And naturally we cruised over to Blue Springs Café in Highland, IL for lunch.



Mark and Eric enjoying the mouse races with an Irish theme from March 2010.



Marty Dooley and Larry Akins are trying to re-wire the fountain at the VA garden during our cleanup in March 2014.



Those that enjoyed a nice lunch at Pere Marquette State Park in March 2022.

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