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### **President's Message**

Please read this letter if you are interested in what the board has to offer for the future meetings. We have heard what you have to say about the meetings, and we will try to make it more interesting. All committees will give a report of what is going on and how we all can participate. A short comment about the past events and report of upcoming events will be presented.

I had a meeting with Mark Gerecke and he assured me that ELCO is very pleased to have us meet at their dealership. Mark and his wife Kim arrive at 6 p.m. NOT SOONER and do appreciate the help of Dennis & Randy's help setting up and moving the cars. They are still doing business selling cars and do not like everyone else coming early. We had shortened the business part of the meeting so that we could socialize after the meeting, but everyone picked up their chairs and left after the meeting so that didn't work. Let's all hang around and socialize and reorganize their office while we talk. We can all ask questions about anything that you would like to know about the club and what we can do and what you would like to see happen.

**An important message from the membership officer:** If you attend a club-sponsored activity and drive your car you are responsible for notifying the sponsor of the event.

Remember our dues collection is going on and must be paid by the October business meeting. The new updated Roster has been emailed. If there are any changes, let Brian know.

Don't forget to scare all of us at the picnic on October 18<sup>th</sup>. June will give us an update.

I know it will be a fun event.

The Veterans Day Parade will be in St. Chales Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup> please sign up at the meeting.

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. Rick, Michelle, Kirt, Jim, and anyone else I did not mention.

The next regular club meeting is scheduled for October 7th. Hope to see you all there.

We will all be interested in hearing about the Alaskan Cruise and Eureka Springs trips and all the upcoming events.

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.

### **Meeting Time Update**

**Please note that, going forward, the time of the meeting has been changed to 7:15 p.m. Please do not arrive before 6:30 p.m.**

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### **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Ken Payne

Rick Frierdich

Theresa Luebcke

Lisa Schuenke

Patrick Belding

Marie Chance

Marcia Sheer

Laurie Grubb

Brenda Lauer

John Hopson

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Dave & Patty Newell

C. W. & Dee Riehlman

Rich & Theresa Luebcke

Kirt & Marcia Sheer

Robert & Vicki Hoogveld

Steve & Patty Bushur

## **STLCC Anniversary Milestones**

There were no 20-year, 15-year, 10-year, or 5-year club anniversaries in October.

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## **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, MO on September 2, 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

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 guests or new members in attendance tonight.
- He thanked Kathy Mueller for the great newsletter and Steve Kirby for the outstanding website.
- John acknowledged September birthdays and anniversaries.
- He asked for a motion to accept the August Secretary Minutes. Judy Dooley made a motion to accept. Chris Woods seconded it. The motion passed.
- Treasurer's Report: Barry Seelig made a motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report. Steve Kirby seconded it. The motion passed.
- Membership Report: Brian reported no new members, and that we lost one Regular Member, Kathy Wooldridge, so please keep Bruce in your prayers. Bruce Wooldridge is now a lifetime member by board proclamation. Two of our sponsors, Eric and Vickie DeBruin, are stepping back from the club.
- Regular Members: 100
- Lifetime Members: 7



- Associate Members: 1

Total Members: 118

- Sponsors: 2
- There are currently twelve on our waiting list. Brian received a phone call from a gentleman, and he will be sending him an application.
- Terry Mueller made a motion to approve the Membership Report. CW Riehlman seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke reported that ELCO had another very good month in August. There are a lot of nice used Corvettes. There is currently a recall on the Z06 and hopefully that gets rectified soon. There's a really nice 2016 Z06 stick shift with low miles, very clean car. On the Chevy side, they have decided to extend the Blazer for one more year. If you want a 6 cylinder you need to get it now as all the new ones will be 4 cylinders. Cadillac will extend the XT5 for a little while. Brian and June Walsh bought a 2025 Colorado Z71.

#### Committee Reports

**Nomination Committee** – Val Zeisset said they are still accepting nominations for the Board next year, even though as of now they have a full slate. Please let Val and/or Pam Queen know if you are interested in a position or would like to nominate someone.

**Picnic Committee** – Dee Riehlman said the picnic is on October 18<sup>th</sup> and starts at 11 with food ready at noon. Sign-up sheets are in the back, and you can list what you are bringing for your side and bring your own drinks. You need to get working on your costumes. We will have prizes for the scariest, the funniest and most creative.

**Charity** – Michelle Finn reminded everyone to bring in sleepers for Newborns in Need, which is ongoing thru October. Michelle will have the Christmas Giving Tree up for the October meeting.

**Special Event** – Randy Howard talked about the Mother Wax demonstration this Saturday from 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. at ELCO in one of the bays. Sign-up sheet is in the

back. Parking is way in the back across the bridge and Ruth will be guiding with a flag (unless it's raining).

**Corvette Museum** – Marty and Judy Dooley received a certificate honoring their 30 years with the museum. The museum lives on donations. They have multiple raffles through the year to raise money. This year they will be doing a sweepstakes for a 1967 small block automatic convertible. \$25 donation to the museum gives you 18 tickets for the sweepstakes. \$100 donation gives you 90 tickets and for \$200 you get 200 tickets. December 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to purchase.

**Eureka Springs** – Terry Mueller filled in for Karen Price, who is with the Alaskan group. Terry said Karen sent an activity list before she left for Alaska. She would like a head count for the events that people are interested in. See the sign-up sheets in the back. Kathy and Terry have taken over the dinner train for Rick and Pat. If you did not get an email from them and you signed up, please let them know.

**Vice President's Report** – Don Pickles thanked Rick Doerr for covering for him last meeting while he and Anne were freezing in Scotland. Don reviewed past events and future events. They are as follows:

### **Past Events**

August

5<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Meeting at ELCO.

9<sup>th</sup> – Coffee and Corvettes at On the Grind in Crystal City sponsored by the Givens.

9<sup>th</sup> – Bunco sponsored by Mike and Judy McElhone.

16<sup>th</sup> – The Jim Weddle Car Collection. Ron Hagenow is having trouble getting this scheduled. We will hopefully be able to get it scheduled for next year.

20<sup>th</sup> – Retiree Luncheon – Joe Bacardi's in Eureka sponsored by Pat Ross and Rick Frierdich.

22<sup>nd</sup> – September 6<sup>th</sup> – Alaskan Cruise sponsored by Ken and Barbie Payne.

27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> – NCM 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary.

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

31<sup>st</sup> – Fritz's – sponsored by Ken and Barbie Payne.

### **Future Events**

September

2<sup>nd</sup> – Monthly Meeting at ELCO.

13<sup>th</sup> – Coffee & Corvettes @ Lil Ireland Coffee in Pacific MO- Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens.

13<sup>th</sup> – BUNCO – Sponsored by Steve and Dawn Kirby.

17<sup>th</sup> – Retiree Lunch @ the Big Chief Roadhouse in Wildwood – Sponsored by Jim and Marilyn Panter – Jim says this place at a unique historical location.

19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – Funfest @ Effingham.

24<sup>th</sup> – Josephines – Ladies day run – sign-up sheet is in the back.

25<sup>th</sup> – Sangria and Sunsets in Columbia sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens.

25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> – Eureka Springs trip.

28<sup>th</sup> – Fritz's Ice Cream – Sponsored by Ken and Barbie Payne.

Again, another busy month!

Brian asked who went to Sangria and Sunsets as he did not get an attendance sheet. Ruth said it was Gary and Debbie Tidwell, Ruth and Randy Howard, and Sherri and Tom Marlo and everyone drove their Corvette.

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

### **New Business**

**Corvette Hot Wheels** – Marty Dooley talked last month about putting together a Corvette Club Hot Wheel. He showed a sample. It would be a limited edition and there is a sign-up sheet in the back. They haven't settled on a price yet, as the guy doing this needs to know how many. Marty thinks it will be around \$25, limited to the St. Louis Corvette Club. The cars will all be the same-Resale Red (same as our club logo) C3 Coupe. Ron Hagenow will do a little history piece that will be inserted on the back of the packaging.

### **Good and Welfare**

Brian let club members know that Kirt Sheer is home from the hospital and Gary Duke is having knee surgery on September 9th. He is asking for prayers. Brian read an update from Jim Givens on his recovery from his ankle surgery.

- Brian tested everyone's knowledge of Corvettes with several trivia questions.
- June read thank-you notes from Pat Ross and Rick Frierdich.

- John thanked Chris Woods for bringing dessert.
- Dennis Trost announced we have \$73 tonight for 50/50. Congratulations to Marc Portman for winning \$73.
- Brian acknowledged we had fifty regular members, one associate member, and two sponsors.
- John asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Panter made a motion to adjourn. Sherri Marlo seconded the motion. The motion passed, and John adjourned the meeting.
- The next meeting will be on October 7<sup>th</sup> at ELCO Chevrolet.

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

Respectfully submitted,

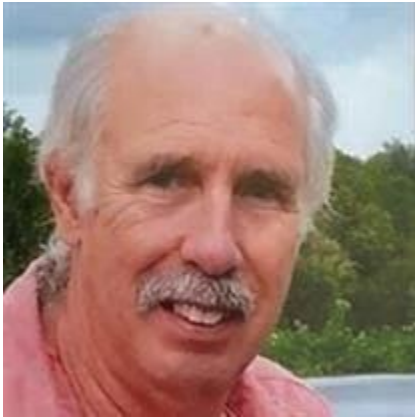
June Walsh  
Secretary

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In Memoriam  
Dave Markland  
By Ron Hagenow

Those of us long-time members are saddened to learn of the passing of Dave Markland. Dave was 73 and one of the early members of the club. Although he had dropped from the club several years ago due to work and family commitments, Dave was very active while a member. One of his greatest joys was our annual trip to Eureka Springs. He really looked forward to going every year. I remember he and his fiancé Vicki, the Ballingers, the Loves and us took backroads all the way to Eureka Springs one year. He used to call me every couple of months just to see how the club

was doing. He will be missed by all who knew him.



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## **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

We sure do hope that you are all doing well.

We did attend the Ambassador's meeting at the National Corvette Museum, and we received our 30-year pin. (See the article later in this newsletter for more details).

We were told that our mission as a club is to brainstorm, think big or small, and to build together.

Judy and Marty Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors

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## **Future Events**



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When:

- Saturday, October 11th @ 8:30am

Where:

- Great Harvest Bread Co
- 125 W Argonne Dr
- Kirkwood, MO

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

314.341.3383

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October Retiree Lunch



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## *EdgeWild Restaurant & Winery*

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550 Chesterfield Center

Chesterfield, MO 63017

11:30 AM, October 15, 2025

Check out the menu for lunch:

[EdgeWild Restaurant & Winery - Food Menu](#)

Sponsored by Mike Kunst

Sign up at the October meeting or contact:

[Mike.Kunst@outlook.com](mailto:Mike.Kunst@outlook.com)

314.724.5267

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***Put on your costume and  
join us if you dare at the STLCC Halloween Picnic***

***October 18, 2025  
Cliff Cave Park  
806 Cliff Cave Road  
St. Louis MO 63129***

***There will be a costume contest with prizes for scariest, funniest, and most creative. There will also be a washers tournament and bingo with prizes for each.***

***The club will provide the main dish.***

***Bring a side dish, salad, or dessert to share and bring your own drinks.***

***Lunch will start at noon.***

***A sign-up sheet will be at the meeting. Indicate what you are bringing on the sign-up sheet. If you are unable to make the meeting contact Dee Riehlman 636-744-9700.***







# Sangria Sunsets

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

**Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Sunset Overlook**

**11604 Bluff Road**

**Columbia, IL 62236**

**5:30pm - ?????**

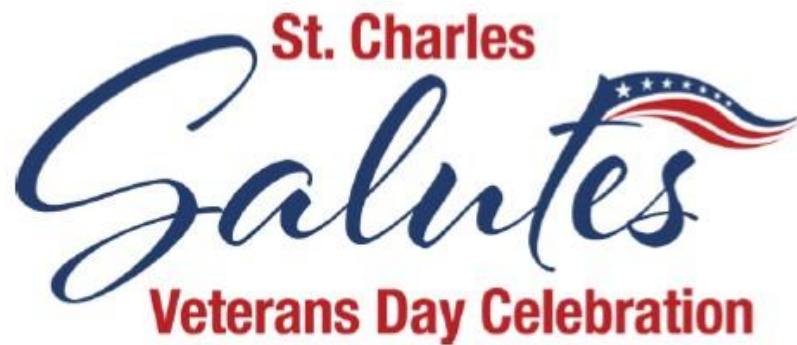
Come when you can. Rain, shine, snow or sleet.

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

- When:** Sunday  
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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***St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Veterans Day  
Parade***

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Parade begins at 11:00 am

Sign up at the meeting or email Ron Hagenow at  
[hagenow1@charter.net](mailto:hagenow1@charter.net)

More details to follow as we get closer to the  
date.

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**ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB  
ANNUAL HAYRIDE SPONSORED BY ELCO**

**SUNDAY – November 9<sup>th</sup> – 2:00 pm**

**Dickherber Farms  
7063 Highway N  
Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368**



**Many thanks to ELCO for sponsoring our annual hayride! We are lucky to have a sponsor that is so involved and generous!**

**Please come out and join us for a great night around the firepit and going for a ride on the hay wagon!**

**Hotdogs will be provided by ELCO, and we ask that everyone bring a side dish or a dessert.**

**Don't forget your chairs, beverage of choice and hotdog cooking stick! Looking forward to a relaxing time and enjoying the camaraderie of friends.**

**Your last chance to sign up is November 2<sup>nd</sup>.**

**Please respond to Ruth Howard for your reservation at 314-486-6836 or [rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net)**

**THERE WILL BE A SIGN UP SHEET AT THE OCTOBER & NOVEMBER MEETINGS!**

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The Great Texas Road Trip  
March 13, 2026 to March 23, 2026  
Presented By  
Payne Travel Associates, LLC  
Flyer by Minion #6, Mike Kunst

	<p><b>Port Aransas Beach</b></p> <p>Horseback riding on the beach is a possibility.</p> <p>Maybe you would prefer a golf cart to ride on the beach.</p> <p>There is world class bird watching here in a preserve.</p>
	<p><b>San Antonio River Walk</b></p> <p>We will be on the River Walk on St. Patrick's Day! Green water and lots of people partying!</p> <p>The Alamo is on the list.</p>
	<p><b>Fredericksburg</b></p> <p>This is the downtown shopping district.</p> <p>How about a Corvette drive on the Twisted Sisters?</p> <p>The National Museum of the Pacific War is on the list.</p> <p>Live music and if you are inclined, some dancing!</p>

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## Past Events



Sangria Sunsets

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

Photos by Ruth Howard









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Ice Cream at Fritz's

August 28

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

Photos by Terry Mueller and John Jordan













Mothers Wax Seminar Demonstration  
Sponsored by Ruth and Randy Howard  
Photos by Ruth Howard









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Bunco

Hosted by Dawn and Steve Kirby

Photos by Terry Mueller











Bunco Winners!

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September Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Jim and Marilyn Panter

Photos by Terry Mueller













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Ladies Day Out at Josephine's  
Sponsored by Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset  
Photos by Ruth Howard







Great food!.





Everyone had a great time!









Drawing Winners.











The desserts were fantastic!



Eureka Springs Weekend  
Photos by Terry Mueller

On Thursday we met at the McDonald's in Eureka and traveled via caravan to Freddy's for lunch. From there we drove to Osage Creek Lodge in Eureka Springs.

Freddy's



Dinner at Local Flavor







After dinner we gathered in the courtyard. To keep tradition, those who had not visited Eureka Springs with the club sang "Jingle Bells."



On Friday we drove to the Walmart Museum in Bentonville, Arkansas. It was a great drive in the Corvettes!





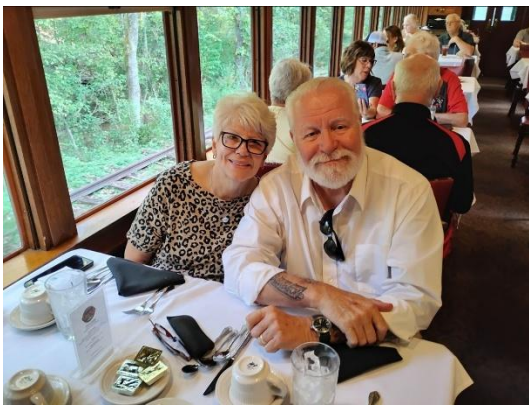


Friday evening dinner was aboard the Eureka Springs and North Arkansas Dinner Train.

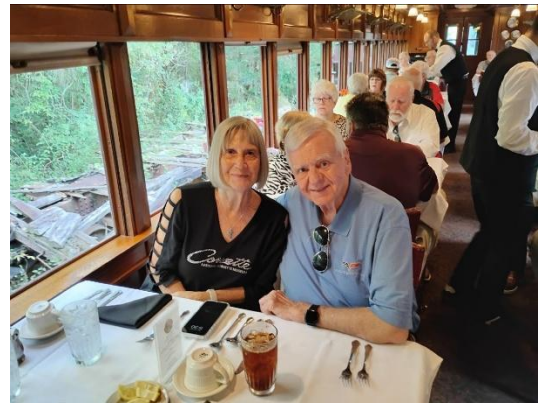


















We had Baked Alaska for dessert.



**Many thanks to Rick Frierdich for making the arrangements for the Dinner Train. Your efforts are greatly appreciated! Everyone had a great time!**

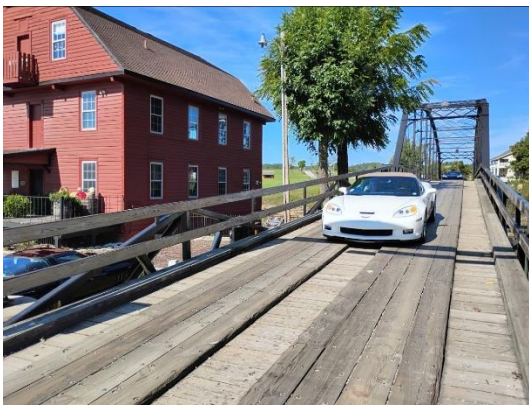
On Saturday we followed tradition and drove to the War Eagle Mill where those who either hadn't been there in the past or had a new car since they had been there drove over the War Eagle Bridge. The War Eagle Mill is a working gristmill powered by an 18-foot cypress water wheel that was originally built in 1832. The mill has been destroyed by flood or fire three times. The building that is currently there was built in 1973. The War Eagle Bridge is a one lane steel bridge and was built in 1907.











Unfortunately one couple was not able to drive their Corvette to Eureka Springs, but they drove over the bridge anyway!



The next event was the Corvette Car Show. Below are pictures of a few of the cars in the show.





The next event was the Poker Run. Unfortunately, none of our members were winners.

Dinner Saturday night was at Amigos Mexican Restaurant.





**Many thanks to Karen Price for organizing this event. We truly appreciate everything you did to make it happen. Your hard work and dedication did not go unnoticed, and everyone had a wonderful time! Thank you for making the event such a memorable and enjoyable experience for all.**

## **Features and Announcements**

**Marty and Judy Dooley Honored by the National Corvette Museum**  
By Kathy Mueller

During the National Corvette Museum Anniversary Event, Marty and Judy Dooley were honored for their 30 years of membership. Their three decades of membership in the

National Corvette Museum stand as a shining example of automotive enthusiasm, loyalty, and unwavering support.

Their journey began three decades ago, when their enthusiasm for Corvettes blossomed into a commitment to the Museum's vision and mission. From attending events and volunteering, to supporting educational initiatives, the Dooleys have left an indelible mark on the organization and its people.

The St. Louis Corvette Club appreciates Marty and Judy's commitment and dedication to the museum.

### **Congratulations to Marty and Judy!**





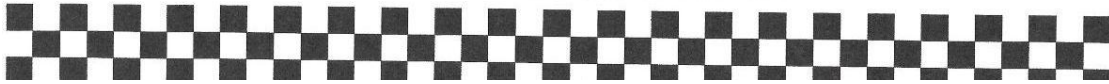
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*Martin and Judy Dooley*

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National Corvette Museum Sweepstakes: Win a 1967 Corvette Convertible

Enter the National Corvette Museum Sweepstakes for a chance to win this 1967 Corvette Convertible. Entries must be made by 2:00 PM CST on December 15, 2025. The drawing will be held on December 29, 2025.

For more information visit the National Corvette Museum  
website: <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/1967-corvette-convertible-sweepstakes/>.





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### **Celebrating Angie and John Midkiff's Autocross Achievements**

By Ron Hagenow

Although the club is no longer a member of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC), two of our members also belong to the Route 66 Corvette Club and are active autocross racers. Congratulations to Angie (Speed racer) Midkiff who is currently in 4<sup>th</sup> place out of 87 participants in the ladies regional (Midwest) division. She is also in 6<sup>th</sup> place out of 793 participants at the national level. Congratulations also to John (I didn't see that cone!) Midkiff who is currently in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 171 participants in the men's regional division. He is also in 10<sup>th</sup> place out of 1408 participants at the national level. Being that high at the national level is a big accomplishment. I'm sure they will accept donations at the meeting to buy new

tires!

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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

Now that the weather has gotten cooler and everyone has their pumpkin spice latte, let's look back on who joined the club in the month of October. First off is our Associate Member Jim Love in October 2006. Jim was around before the beginning of the club, more on that shortly. Russell and Brenda Lauer as well as Jeff and Tracy Stieren joined us in October 2022. Mark and Denise Shipley joined us in October 2024 but keep reading for more on them also. Finally, Associate Members Steve and Patty Busher also joined us in October 2024.

Jim Love and his late wife Sharon were members of Circle City Corvettes in Indianapolis when they met Carl and Sharon Ballinger as well as Jerry and Armynta Craig. They all met when they participated in the Historic Motorama recreation, I believe in 2005. Jim had a black 1989 coupe at that time, which he still has. Anyway, the three couples became good friends and the Loves were unofficial members until they joined us as associate members in 2006. Incidentally, it was through them that some members got to participate in the opening day ceremony for the 2006 Indianapolis 500. Still one of my more favorite things we've gotten to do with the club.

When the Lauers and Stierens joined us in 2022, Jim Givens was our president and Karen Price was vice president. We had 101 members at that time and were meeting at ELCO. Some of the events this month were our regularly scheduled Fritz's Frozen Custard run as well as Cars and Coffee. There was a run to Casey, IL for lunch and a

visit to all the outsized attractions in the town. There was also a Trunk or Treat at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon, IL that we participated in. We also managed to squeeze in a retirees' lunch and a casino lunch as well.

When Mark and Denise joined us in October 2024, they were actually new "old" members. They were original members of the club but had moved away due to work commitments. And on another interesting coincidence, Jim Love happened to be at the October meeting as well. And new "old" members Gary and Debbie Tidwell rejoined the club in October after being away for several years. Being snowbirds, they rejoined as associate members. Finally, Steve and Patty Busher were on our waiting list but were able to join us at Eureka Springs. They then joined as associate members in October since they spend part of the year in South Carolina. Activities this month were our regularly scheduled retirees' lunch and Cars and Coffee. Some members were eagerly awaiting the annual trip to Eureka Springs. And since we were celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we had a special overnight trip to Carbondale to visit several wineries as well as dinner that evening.

Here are a few October pictures:





Everyone who attended Eureka Springs in October 2006.



Club members enjoying Wild Sun Winery in Hillsboro in October 2022.





Club members who attended Eureka Springs in October 2022.





Hopefully this picture was taken before the winery run in Carbondale in October 2024.

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