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President's Message

STLCC Members

Hope everyone is staying warm during this crazy arctic weather. Not a good time to be driving your Corvette!

We had a good planning meeting at Saucy's in January and thanks to those that attended. A lot of fun things are in the works for the year. If you weren't able to attend the meeting, and would like to plan and sponsor an event, contact Randy Howard with your dates to ensure there isn't any conflict.

Thanks to Mike and Judy McElhone for hosting the January Bunco gathering and Mike and Karen Price for hosting the Retirees' Luncheon.

If you are interested in attending the NCM Bash April 23rd – 25th in Bowling Green, you need to make your reservations for activities you wish to attend, <https://www.corvettemuseum.org/>. There may also still be some slots available to take a tour of the assembly plant the few days leading up to the Bash. If you have questions, you can contact Marty Dooley or Mike Kunst.

The next meeting is at ELCO on Tuesday February 3rd at 7:00. Remember to bring your chairs. Thanks to Mark Gerecke and ELCO for their sponsorship and providing a meeting place.

The board is always open to any suggestions or ideas you may have to improve the club.

Your President,

C.W. Riehlman
314-606-6904

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

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Saucy's Pizzeria in High Ridge on Sunday, January 11, 2026. President CW Riehlman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

President CW Riehlman led us with the Pledge of Allegiance. He introduced the 2026 Officers as follows:

CW Riehlman, President

Randy Howard, Vice President

Chris Woods, Secretary

Mike McElhone, Treasurer

Judy McElhone, Membership Officer

John Midkiff, Sergeant at Arms

CW welcomed everyone to our annual planning meeting.

There were no guests and no new members in attendance.

The November Meeting Minutes we unanimously approved.

President CW Riehlman covered the following information:

1. Steve Kirby remains our Webmaster.
2. Kathy Mueller remains our Newsletter Editor.
3. Reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets and raffle tickets for the club banner at the Museum, event sign-up sheets and retirees' lunch sign-up.
4. Reminded everyone that the Bylaws do require that members need to attend at least two business meetings, two club sponsored events and drive your corvette to at least two events.
5. Club website is "stlcorvettes.net" and make sure that you send Steve Kirby your events, in order for him to put them on the website and send Kathy Mueller your events in order for her to place in the newsletter.
6. Thanked Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset for the great Christmas Party last year, and this year it will be on December 5th.

7. As this was a Planning Meeting, there were no Committee Reports.
8. Be sure to check the Club Website for event details.

For Future Events – please see the attached event calendar.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Mike McElhone has nothing to report at this time as he is not on the Bank account or Pay-Pal account yet and hopes that will be done shortly. Karen Price moved to approve the Treasurer Report, seconded by John Jordan, motion carried.

Secretary's Report: Chris Woods read two thank you notes, one from Lori Grubb and one from Kim & Steve Marre'.

Chris is not on Facebook, and she has asked the membership to let her know if anyone is sick, ill or in the hospital. Please send her a text or email, and she appreciates any help she can get. Michelle Paillou moved to accept the Secretary Report, seconded by Steve Hedgcorth, motion carried.

Membership Report: Judy McElhone reported that we currently have 102 members. One person (Joe Vitale) was not able to renew this year. We have 7 Lifetime members and 11 Associate members. We have 15 people on our waiting list.

For the birthdays Judy asked that we do one round of applause after reading the birthdays, anniversaries, and anniversary milestones.

There were no 20-year, 15-year or 5-year Club Anniversaries in January. John Jordan moved to accept the Membership report, seconded by Ruth Howard, motion carried.

Vice President Report: Randy Howard reviewed the events that we had last year and reported that if you want to do an event this year, you need to send it to the following people:

1. Randy Howard (Vice President)
2. Steve Kirby (Website)
3. Kathy Mueller (Newsletter)

I will then let the membership know what events are coming up at the next meeting. That is officially how it happens and once it gets put on the calendar, it's an official club event. You will need to sign the sign-up sheet for attendees, and if you drove your car. It is the responsibility of the person that is sponsoring the event to turn that sheet over to Judy McElhone (membership).

Karen Price announced that Pat Cox is slowly recovering, and that at the last Bunco Meeting, Karen Face-Timed Pat. She was very happy to receive the Face-Time call. Karen is organizing a visit/pizza lunch to Pat Cox on Monday, January 19th January at 1:00 p.m. If you wish to participate, please bring \$5 and we will visit and eat lunch with Pat & Carl Cox. We will meet at Carl & Pat's house (359 Dinsmoor Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017).

The Coffee & Corvettes Event will also now have a Mystery Run, and you will need to show up with a full tank of gas and chairs, because each mystery run will be about a 2-2 ½ hour drive without using the highway. The first one will start at 8:30 am on April 18th at the Orange Couch Coffee Flagship, 98 Legends Parkway, Eureka. Please see the Event Schedule for the remaining Coffee & Corvettes and Mystery Run.

Sangria Sunsets event is scheduled for the 4th Thursday of each month. There is no sign-up sheet, just show up by 5:30 pm.

Ruth Howard reported that the St. Jude drive was founded in 2012. Last year we had 112 cars participate. For the 14-year total we have raised \$3.3 million.

Christmas Party – we did have a show of hands from the members present at the Planning Meeting to tell Ruth & Val to go ahead and submit the \$1,000 deposit to hold the date and room at the Falls for the 2026 Christmas Party.

Sergeant At Arms Report: John Midkiff reminded everyone that if you have an old, tattered US Flag that needs to be destroyed, bring it to the monthly meeting and he will properly dispose of it.

There were 54 members in attendance.

The 50/50 total was \$115, and it was won by Steve Willis and he donated it to the St. Jude Run.

Cupcakes were donated by Mike & Karen Price.

President CW Riehlman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Jordan made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ruth Howard, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted

Chris Woods
Secretary

CURRENT EVENTS

January – December, 2026

January

- 3rd 12 Days of Christmas (sponsored by Mike & Karen Price)
- 11th Planning Meeting – Saucy's (sponsored by the Board)
- 19th Take Lunch to Pat Cox (sponsored by Karen Price)
- 21st Retiree Lunch – Three Margaritas Mexican Restaurant, Fenton
(sponsored by Mike & Karen Price)
- 23rd Bunco (sponsored by Mike & Judy McElhone)

February

- 1st Valentine's Day Party – 12:30 at Mr. BBQ, Waterloo, IL (sponsored by Ruth Howard and Val Zeisset)
- 3rd Monthly Meeting at ELCO
- 18th Retiree Lunch -

March

- 3rd Monthly Meeting at ELCO
- 18th Retiree Lunch –
- 20th St. Jude Mouse Races, Andre's West in Fenton. Doors open at 6:30 pm and races start at 7:30 pm (sponsored by Bev & Jim Givens)
- 29th Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne)

April

- 7th Monthly Meeting at ELCO
- 15th Retiree Lunch –
- 18th Coffee & Corvettes and Mystery Run – Orange Couch Coffee House, Eureka (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 23rd Sangria Sunset – Columbia, IL (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 23-25 NCM Bash – Bowling Green, registration on the website (Mike Kunst)
- 25th Sit & Sew Mystery Quilt – Daniel Boone Library, Ellisville 9-5 pm (sponsored by Vicki & Kim)
- 26th Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne)

May

- 3rd Car Show & Festival – St. Martin's Church, Ellisville (sponsored by Dana & Diana Griggs)
- 5th Monthly Meeting at ELCO
- 14-15th Annual St. Jude Corvette Drive (sponsored by Ruth & Randy Howard and Jim & Bev Givens)
- 20th Retiree Lunch – The Acorns Bar & Grill, Waterloo, IL (Sponsored by Dennis & Janet Trost)
- 28th Sangria Sunset – Columbia, IL (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 30th Coffee & Corvettes and Mystery Run – Upshot Coffee Flagship, Cottleville (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 31st Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne)

June

- 2nd Monthly Meeting at ELCO
- 14-18th Solid Axle Corvette Club (SACC) International Convention – Route 66
Holiday Inn, Sunset Hills (sponsored by Michelle Paillou)
- 20th Annual Chicken Run & Proving Ground Coffee – Columbia, IL
(sponsored by Jeff & Tracy Stieren and Jim & Bev Givens)
- 25th Sangria Sunset – Columbia, IL (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 26th Drive your Corvette to Work – Defiance Winery (sponsored by Ken &
Barb Payne)
- 27th Luau – (sponsored by Steve & Dawn Kirby)
- 28th Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barb Payne)

July

- 4th July 4th Parade – Webster Groves (sponsored by Michelle Paillou)
- 4th BBQ at Prices after the Parade (sponsored by Mike & Karen Price)
- 7th Monthly Meeting at ELCO
- 15th Retiree Lunch – Café Telegraph (sponsored by Ron & Mary Ann
Hagenow)
- 18th Coffee & Corvettes and Mystery Run – On The Grind Coffee, Crystal
City sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 23rd Sangria Sunset – Columbia, IL (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 25th Bunco (sponsored by CW & Dee Riehlman)
- 26th Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barb Payne)

August

- 4th Monthly Meeting at ELCO
- 15th Coffee & Corvettes and Mystery Run - Kaldis Coffee, Chesterfield
(sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 19th Retiree Lunch –
- 27th Sangria Sunset – Columbia, IL (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
- 30th Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne)

September

- 1st Monthly Meeting at ELCO

- 3-5th NCM – Bowling Green (sponsored by Marty & Judy Dooley)
16th Retiree Lunch –
23rd Ladies Run to Josephine's, - Alton, IL (sponsored by Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset)
24th Sangria Sunset – Columbia, IL (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
24-27th Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend – Eureka Springs
26TH Coffee & Corvettes and Mystery Run – Ziggi's Coffee, Wentzville (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
27th Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne)

October

- 3rd Club Picnic, Cliff Cave Park (sponsored by the Board)
6th Monthly Meeting at ELCO
10th Chilli Cook off (sponsored by Russell & Brenda Lauer)
21st Retiree Lunch –
25th Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne)
29th Sangria Sunset – Columbia, IL (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)

November

- 3rd Monthly Meeting at ELCO
7th Veterans Day Parade, St. Charles (Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow)
12-13th Bloomington Gold (sponsored by Michelle Paillou)
18th Retiree Lunch –

December

- 5th Christmas Party – The Falls, Columbia, IL (sponsored by Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset)
6-15th Old World Christmas Trip, Germany – Depart Sunday afternoon (sponsored by Don & Anne Pickles)
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Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

For more than 30 years the National Corvette Museum has been the epicenter of America's Sports Car. Today they're excited to share a new project that will help them continue their mission for generations to come

It has been more than a decade since their last major expansion, and now they're embarking on their most ambitious project yet: a state-of-the-art Collections Facility that will transform how they preserve, display and share the incredible story of the Corvette. This new 66,000 square foot facility will provide:

- Climate-controlled storage
- Enhanced presentation capabilities
- Expanded display space

Their storage spaces have reached their limits, and many significant Corvettes and artifacts remain in temporary storage, unable to be seen by museum members and NCM guests. The new Collections Facility will ensure that every piece of Corvette history continues to be properly cared for and ready to inspire enthusiasts from around the world.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events

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 11th.

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!

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Last day to make reservation is January 26th!



Join us for Bella Norte Bunco fun February 14, 2026 at the Kirby's.
We will enjoy pasta/mostaccioli and celebrate Valentine's evening together.
Food suggestions: appetizers, salad, additional pasta dishes and chocolate
themed desserts.

Please bring a dish to share and \$5.00

Dinner starts 6 pm and Bunco begins 7 pm.

Location: 17004 Lakeside Ridge, Chesterfield, MO 63005

Please RSVP to dawnstroup@sbcglobal.net or text 314-288-7334

Let us know if you will attend and what you will bring.



February Retirees Luncheon
Wednesday 2/25/26
11:30 a.m.
Sponsored By John & Joyce
The Location

Bob Evans Restaurant
1 Lambert Drury Dr.
Valley Park, MO 63088
(141 & 44)





Friday, March 20, 2026
Doors open at 6:30pm, first race at 7:30pm

Andre's West – Fenton, MO

211 South Old Hwy 141

Fenton, MO 63026

**Mouse Races, Mouse Roulette, Plinko, 50/50, Raffle Baskets &
much more....**



All proceeds benefit St Jude Children's Research Hospital

\$35/person

Before 2/21/2026: Table of 10 - \$300

2/21/2026 onward: Table for 10 - \$325

Includes Open Bar

Contact Jim @ givensjwg@gmail.com or Ruth @ Rhoward15@charter.net

No outside drinks/alcohol. Bring your own food & snacks.

Past Events

January Retirees' Lunch
Hosted by Mike and Karen Price
Photos by Terry Mueller











STLCC Bunco at the McElhone's
By Mike Kunst
Photos by Mike Kunst

Look who has a birthday on Bunco night, January 23, 2026! Michelle Paillou! Born on January 23, 19??.

The winners of the 2025 aggregate achievements are Judy McElhone, most buncos; Chris Woods, last Bunco; Mike McElhone, most losses; Mike Price, most minis; and not pictured, Terry Mueller, most wins.



STLCC Bunco attendees. We had some first timers!





Features and Announcements

Pat and Carl Cox
 By Mike Kunst
 Photos by Ruth Howard

On January 19th, some STLCC members visited Pat and Carl Cox. Pat has had a long road recovering from hip surgery. She had just seen her doctor and was beginning to be able to put weight on both feet equally. It has been about 10 months since surgery. We are looking forward to seeing Pat back in action and participating in STLCC activities.





The STLCC Banner at the National Corvette Museum. Photo provided by Marty Dooley.

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. At this writing we have our annual Valentines Day lunch at Mr. BBQ on February 1 and our regularly scheduled meeting on February 3 at ELCO beginning at 7:00 pm. We will probably round off the month with a retirees' lunch and possibly a Bunco night. Hopefully the weather will be nice and we can get our Vettes out without salt on the roads. Now is the time to continue thinking about events we want to do in the coming year. For some inspiration, here are a few pictures of events in past Februarys.



Several members showed up at the Coffee and Corvettes event from February 2021.



All our lovely ladies from the Valentines Day brunch in February 2015.



These two old guys (Randy and Mike) are trying to woo Sharon (Darla) with a rose from the Valentines Day brunch in 2011.



Ron Huch and his wife June from our Valentines Day brunch at Scott AFB Officers' Club in 2006. Ron was our first president and June was our first secretary.

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