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President's Message

August has rolled around and I hope you all are managing to stay cool!

Summer club events continue to be the highlight of membership in our club. This month included numerous special events. Webster July 4th parade followed by a picnic at Mike and Karen Price's, Coffee & Corvettes hosted by Jim & Bev Givens with a mystery run that took us on a fun run through the Missouri countryside ending with lunch in Bourbon, MO. A run to Hermann MO hosted by Mike Kunst and Terry Mueller to see the 4014 Big Boy steam locomotive, which, of course included lunch in Hermann. We like to eat! Other regular events included Sangria Sunset hosted by Jim Givens, Retirees' luncheon hosted by Mike and Linda Pilla, Bunco hosted by the Riehlmans, and Fritz's Ice Cream hosted by Ken and Barb Payne.

At the July meeting we voted to increase the annual dues by \$10.00/person. Everyone should have received an email from our membership officer, Judy McElhone in reference to dues. Dues for the 2027 season will start being collected at the August 7th meeting and are due no later than the October 6th meeting.

I am pleased to inform everyone that John Midkiff and Michelle Paillou are both back home after their surgeries and doing well. They appreciate your thoughts and prayers. Pam Queen has been placed on Lifetime membership.

At any time, if someone would like to plan an event and host it, please come forward. We are always looking to expand our event schedule and provide a fun time while sharing camaraderie with our fellow Corvette enthusiasts.

Thank you for your commitment and engagement. Your participation in events and meetings is essential to sustaining the club's success.

Enjoy the ride,

C.W. Riehlman
President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Steve Hedgcorth

Erin Duke

Bill Mattler

Rich Luebcke

Mike Kunst

Kitty Lasinski

Don Pickles

ANNIVERSARIES

Patrick & Jenni Belding

Mike & Karen Price

Mike & Judy Henges

Russell & Brenda Lauer

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

There were no milestone anniversaries in August.

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, Missouri on July 7, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President CW Riehlman. The opening prayer was led by Karen Price and President CW Riehlman led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Club Officers were introduced:

President, CW Riehlman

Vice President, Randy Howard

Membership, Judy McElhone

Treasurer, Mike McElhone

Secretary, Chris Woods

Sergeant at Arms, Dennis Trost for John Midkiff

Immediate Past President, John Jordan

Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet, Mark Gereke and Eric DeBruin

President CW Riehlman went over the following information:

1. He thanked everyone for attending tonight.
2. He thanked Mark Gerecke and ELCO for providing pizza and a meeting location.
3. He thanked Marilyn and Jim Panter for bringing the cookies.
4. He reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event and retiree sign-up sheets.
5. He thanked everyone who has been donating toiletry supplies for our veterans which are being collected by John Midkiff.
6. He thanked Kathy Mueller for a great newsletter.

June Membership Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by John Jordan to accept the June Membership Meeting Minutes, seconded by Ruth Howard, motion carried.

Sick Members:

July 6, 2026 - John Midkiff is having back surgery.

July 16, 2026 - Sonja Giffhorn is having surgery.

July 21, 2026 – Michelle Paillou is having brain surgery.

July 27, 2026 – Gary Duke is having knee surgery.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Mike McElhone presented the June Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Bev Givens to accept the June Treasurer's Report, seconded by Rick Doerr, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Secretary, Chris Woods read a thank you card from Pam Queen and also Randy Howard.

Membership Report: Membership Officer, Judy McElhone gave the membership report. She read the names of the members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. The current membership totals are:

- Regular Members = 99
 - Lifetime Members = 7
 - Emeritus Members = 2
 - Associate Members = 11
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Total Members = 119

Sponsors = 2

Kirt & Marsha Sheer celebrate their 10-year club membership.

People on waiting list = 24

Ken Payne made a motion to accept the Membership Report, seconded by Mike Grubb, motion carried.

Committee Reports:

VA Garden: Karen Price reported that the garden looks great and everything is going well.

Sponsor's Report: Mark Gerecke reported that he currently has two corvettes on the lot. The pricing is out for the Grand Sport.

NCM: Mike Kunst reported that he attended the Bash. He created an article on the engine of the 2027 Corvette and sent it out as a PDF to the membership.

History Report: Excellent report each month in the newsletter.

Vice President's Report: Randy Howard reviewed past events and future events as follows:

Past Events:

1. June 2 – Monthly Membership Meeting at ELCO
 2. June 6 – Luau (sponsored by Mike & Laurie Grubb). There were 35 people and we had great weather and plenty of good food.
 3. June 13 – Ray Queen Memorial – Great participation and there were 29 cars for the memorial celebration for Ray Queen despite the rain.
 4. June 14 – Solid Axle Corvette Club Convention – Michelle Paillou reported that she put together a 5- day Convention with the help of Karen Price, Marc Portman, Randy Rickerman and John Midkiff. She also said that was the last Convention for the Solid Axle Corvette Club.
 5. June 17 – Retiree Lunch at Café Telegraph (sponsored by Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow) We had a great turnout and after lunch 14 members went to the Civil War Museum.
 6. June 20 – Coffee & Corvettes and Chicken Run (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens and Jeff & Tracy Stieren). Excellent Coffee at the Proving Grounds and had a great run and ate plenty of chicken.
 7. June 23 – ALS Luncheon for Sandy Kirby at Papa Vitos, Millstadt, Illinois (sponsored by Ruth Howard, Valerie Zeisset, Pam Queen). Excellent attendance and great food.
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8. June 25 – Sangria Sunset, Columbia, Illinois (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens). This event was cancelled due to the rain.
9. June 26 – Drive your Corvette to Work, Defiance Winery (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne). This event was cancelled due to rain and moved to Friday, September 18).
10. June 27 – Bunco (sponsored by Mike & Judy McElhone). Everyone had a great time.
11. June 28 – Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne). It was extremely hot and we had 30 members and 16 cars in attendance.

Future Events:

1. July 4 – July 4th Parade (sponsored by Michelle Paillou). There were 22nd cars in the parade. This year we did not get an award. After the parade we all went over to the Prices for a great BBQ.
2. July 7 – Monthly Membership Meeting at ELCO
3. July 15 – Retiree Lunch at Sawmill BBQ Pub & Grill (sponsored by Mike & Linda Pilla)
4. July 18 – Coffee & Corvettes at Orange Couch Coffee House, Eureka and a cool drive afterwards to a restaurant (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
5. July 19 – Bunco (sponsored by CW & Dee Riehlman)
6. July 20 – Union Pacific Big Boy Train (sponsored by Mike Kunst & Terry Mueller)
7. July 23 – Sangria Sunset, Columbia, Illinois (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
8. July 26 – Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne)
9. August 4 – Monthly Membership Meeting at ELCO
10. August 15 – Coffee & Corvettes (sponsored by Bev & Jim Givens)
11. August 19 – Retiree Lunch at Russell House, Hillsboro (sponsored by Rick Frierdich & Pat Ross)
12. August 22 – Bunco (sponsored by Kim & Steve Marre')
13. August 27 – Sangria Sunset, Columbia, Illinois (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens)
14. August 29 – Sewing Group at Grand Glaize Library, Manchester (sponsored by Vickie DeBruin and Kim Gerecke)
15. August 30 – Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne)

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS

New Business:

President CW Riehlman advised the membership that John & Angie Midkiff were honored by the NCCC for their final placement for racing in 2025.

President CW Riehlman informed the membership that the Board has tabled the suggested change to the Club Required Attendance.

Regarding the increase in Club dues, President CW Riehlman turned it over to Mike Kunst to do the vote on the dues increase. Mike Kunst informed the Membership that 17 Absentee Ballots were requested, 13 were returned and 4 not returned. We had a final vote of 63 yes and 12 no. Therefore, the 2027 dues will be increased by \$10.

Pam Queen is now a Lifetime Member.

Ruth Howard presented samples of Club plaques which were made by her nephew and the cost is \$25 each. If anyone is interested in purchasing one of them, please see Ruth.

The 50/50 was won by Mary Doerr in the amount of \$117.

There were 74 in attendance.

President CW Riehlman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Marilyn Panter moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Dale Zeisset, motion carried.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on August 4, 2026, at ELCO Chevrolet.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS TO THE MEETING

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Woods, Secretary

Future Events



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When:

- Saturday, August 15th @ 8:30am

Where:

- Kaldi's Coffee
- 17211 Chesterfield Airport Rd
- Chesterfield, MO

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the Mystery Run!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens 314.341.3383

STLCC August Luncheon

August 19, 2026 @ 11:30 am

@ Russell House in Hillsboro, MO.

10333 Business Rt 21, 63050

Meet at the "Pink Elephant" Gas Station,

Highway 141 West of New Highway 21

Between 10:30 and 1045

Leaving Promptly at 1045 am!

Sponsored by :

Pat Ross 304-412-2771

Rick Frierdich 314-223-0969

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Hosted by Kim and Steve Marre'
And Terry and Kathy Mueller

Saturday, August 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Marre's House

1158 Hawkins Bend Pl., Fenton MO 63026

Eat at 6:00, Bunco at 7:00

Bring \$5.00 per person and a dish to share.

Beer, soda, and water will be provided.

Sign up at the meeting or text Kim at 314-800-7781 and let her
know what you will bring by August 15.



Sangria Sunsets - 2026

(4th Thursday of each month, April – September)

(Aug 27th)

Sunset Overlook

11604 Bluff Road

Columbia, IL 62236

5:30pm - ?????

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



St. Louis Corvette Club Monthly Ice Cream Run

- When:** Sunday
August 30th
September 27th
October 25th
November (optional)
- Where:** Fritz's Frozen Custard
815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088
- Time:** 5:00 PM Until We All Leave
- What:** Come For The Custard
Stay For The People



Celebrate the National Corvette Museum's

32nd Anniversary

September 3-5, 2026

Ceremonies for the 2026 Corvette Hall of Fame inductees

- GM/Chevrolet Kirk Bennion & Harlan Charles
 - Racing John Middlebrook
 - Enthusiast James Schefter

Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Collections Facility

Plant tours available all week

HPDE at the NCM Motorsports track

Road trips available to multiple destinations

Presentations by Mobil 1, Michelin, Corvette Team, and others

LS6 Engine & Grand Sport Panel Discussion & Dinner Banquet

- Ray Theriault, Plant Director, Bowling Green Assembly
- Jordan Lee, Global Chief Engineer, Small Block Engines
- Tony Roma, Executive Chief Engineer, Global Corvette and Performance Cars
 - Josh Holder, Vehicle Chief Engineer, Corvette

Contact Mike Kunst if you are interested in attending at Mike.Kunst@Outlook.com .



**St. Louis Corvette Club
Drive Your Corvette To Work
(Or The Vineyard)
Celebrate the 73rd Anniversary
Of the Corvette**

When: Friday, September 18th at 11:00 AM

Where: Defiance Ridge Vineyard

2711 South Highway 94
Defiance, MO 63341

What: Bring your Corvette to Defiance Ridge Vineyard to enjoy lunch
and celebrate the 73st Anniversary of America's Sports Car.

What: Please let Ken & Barb Payne know by September 11th if you plan
to attend at email address: kcpayne7000@gmail.com or

Text Ken at: 314 223 6678



September 23, 2026

Meet at Syberg's restaurant at 2430 Old Dorsett Road at 10:00. We will depart at 10:15 as Josephine's is requesting that we be there by 10:45.

We have lunch reservations at 11:00 and after lunch everyone is welcome to visit their shops. If you have never been here, it's a great outing for ladies. The food is fabulous, and the shops are lots of fun. Feel free to bring a guest, your sister, your mom or anyone! Please don't feel like you must drive a Corvette!

If you have any questions, please contact Valerie (618) 719-4937, val56@aol.com. There will be a signup sheet at the August & September meetings.

Please RSVP by September 16th! Looking forward to having a fun time as usual!



Sponsored by Ruth & Valerie.



Please join us for the 35th Annual Corvette Weekend in Eureka Springs, AR.

We have put together a list of fun events for you to review and choose which you would like to attend! All or just what looks like will be fun!

Thursday September 24th Janet and Dennis Trost have planned for us to have a fun filled day! We plan on meeting at the McDonald's at the Six Flags exit off Hwy 44 at 7:30 am with a departure time of 8 am to arrive at the College of the Ozarks for lunch at 11:30 am. Cost is \$30/person. After a home-cooked meal, we will head to Clay Cooper's for a 60's Music Review with premier parking out front of the building. Our group rate is at the discounted price of \$36/person. The Show is two hours long. Afterwards we will head to Eureka Springs to check in to our hotel. I know some are at different locations, so be sure and bring chairs for us to meet up at the Lodge of the Ozarks after dinner. I will be working on dinner reservations for us. Hopefully at Local Flavor, where we have dined for years enjoying excellent food and service.

Friday September 25th – We will go to register (if you wish to support the event, all registration fees are donated to local charities). This is not required unless you plan on entering the car show or doing the Poker Run, which events are part of your registration fees. The Corvette Museum will have merchandise for you to purchase as well. There are events such as the Quick 60 Competition and a Scenic Tour from 2:30-6pm as options.

The day can be spent taking a trolley ride up to the Crescent for lunch on the porch or exploring the shops in town. We have tried to take a group picture in front of the Crescent every year. We will also be looking for other options for the day. I am thinking about taking a tour of The Tiger Sanctuary, but we will see.

Friday evening Rick Frierdich has reserved 40 seats on the Eureka Springs Dinner Train at 5 pm. If you wish

to join us, you will need to call them directly and give them your dinner choice and pay for your ticket. It will be reserved under STLCC! The phone number is 479-253-9623. Please let Karen know if you are going so that we can either release the number of seats or add to the reservation.

Saturday September 26th – There is a car show where you can choose to enter your car or just stroll around and look at all of the Great American Sports cars on display. We have also taken a ride out to the Grist Mill to enjoy the countryside and get pictures of our first time members crossing the wooden bridge!

There is a Poker Run from 3-4 pm which is a lot of fun. We will be looking for a place for dinner that evening. Then back to the Osage Creek Lodge to sit outside and enjoy a nightcap.

Sunday September 27th, we head back home.

There will be sign-up lists for events. Please sign up for what looks like fun for you.
If you have suggestions for dinner or events, please let one of us know.

Thanks, and hope to see you there,

Dennis and Janet Trost
Rick Frierdich and Pat Ross
Mike and Karen Price



**ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB PICNIC CELEBRATING AMERICA'S 250TH
ANNIVERSARY**

1776-2026



Join fellow Corvette enthusiasts for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and patriotic pride as we celebrate 250 years of American history!

October 3, 2026
Cliff Cave Park
806 Cliff Cave Road
St. Louis, MO 63129
Come at noon – lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m.

Main Dish will be provided.

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

There will be a costume contest with prizes for first, second and third place, so dress as a Founding Father, Revolutionary War Patriot, military hero, or in your favorite red, white, and blue attire. There will also be games with prizes.



We proudly recognize and thank our veterans for their service, sacrifice, and dedication to our nation. Your commitment has helped preserve the freedoms we celebrate today.

Sign up at the club meeting and indicate what you will bring or contact Dee Riehlman at 636-744-9700.



Past Events

Webster Groves July 4th Parade

Sponsored by Michelle Paillou

Photos by Mike Kunst

Aerial Photos by Tom Marlo







Party After the July 4th Parade

Hosted by Karen and Mike Price

Photos by Terry Mueller









Thank You, Ron!

A big thank you to Ron, our master griller at the 4th of July party. Your hard work at the grill kept everyone well-fed and helped make our celebration a great success. We truly appreciate your time and braving the heat to provide us with a delicious barbecue!

Thank You, Mary Ann!

A sincere thank you to Mary Ann for picking up the food, setting everything up, and helping with cleaning up at our 4th of July party. Your hard work and willingness to help made the day run smoothly and helped make our celebration a wonderful success. We truly appreciate all you do!

Thank You, Karen and Mike!

Thank you, Karen and Mike, for hosting the 4th of July party every year. It's always such a wonderful gathering, and we truly appreciate all the time and effort you put into making it so special. Thank you for your generosity and hospitality—we always look forward to it!

July Retirees' Lunch

Sponsored by Mike and Linda Pilla

Photos by Terry Mueller





Coffee and Corvettes and Mystery Run

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

Photos by

The first stop was Orange House Coffee House in Eureka, Missouri.

The Mystery Run was to Uncle Ernies in Bourbon, Missouri and then ice cream at Andy's in Union, Missouri.











July Bunco

Sponsored by Dee and C.W. Riehlman

Photos by Terry Mueller







Bunco Winners!

Day Trip to View Union Pacific's Big Boy Train

Sponsored by Mike Kunst and Terry Mueller

Photos by Terry Mueller and Mike Kunst

Arial Photos by Tom Marlo

We met at Dierberg's Town Center in Wildwood.



From Dierbergs Town Center, we enjoyed a beautiful scenic drive to Hermann, Missouri where we had lunch at Hermann Wurst Haus.





After lunch, while waiting for the train to arrive, we tried to stay cool by browsing the charming shops in Hermann or stopping at a local pub to enjoy a refreshing cold drink.

Union Pacific's Big Boy arrived just about on schedule, greeting us with several powerful blasts of its whistle that echoed through Hermann. The whistle was incredibly loud and made the experience even more memorable.







Do you recall we mentioned the whistle was incredibly loud?

After Big Boy departed, we toured Stone Hill Winery, where we learned about its rich history and winemaking traditions.



Below is a picture of the view from the winery.





After the winery tour, some of the group stayed for dinner at Vintage 1847 Restaurant, located at Stone Hill Winery. Unfortunately, there are no photos available from this part of the day.

It was a wonderful day filled with beautiful scenery, great food, unforgettable sights, and lasting memories!

Sangria Sunsets

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

Photos by Jim Givens and Dee Riehlman





Ice Cream at Fritz's

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

Photos by Terry Mueller







Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

Well, the “dog days” of summer are upon us. Remember back in January you were wishing for warmer weather. However, after the string of hot weather we have had in July, I bet you wouldn't mind if it cooled off a little.

However, the weather doesn't stop the club from holding events. Here is a sample of some August events outside of our normal activities. First there was a VA garden cleanup in 2025, a casino day in 2023, a drive-by for both me and Mike Price after surgery in 2022, PRISM car show as well as a mystery run in 2021, and another mystery cruise in 2020. Going back a little further, in 2011 there was lunch at Gallagher's in Waterloo as well as a run to Tunica for a little casino action, and a couple of members went to Road America. In 2009 there was a chicken dinner run to Castelli's restaurant in Alton, IL and in 2007 we went to Spearfish in the Black Hills, a Gateway Grizzlies game and a

run to Miller's Grill in Washington, MO.

Here are a few pictures from past August events:



From the Gateway Grizzlies game in 2007, we drove our cars around the concourse area in the 7th inning. Here Izzy gets a ride from one of our members at that time, Tammy Walker. Tammy happened to be a pretty good autocrosser as well.



From an autocross event in 2013, Jerry Craig (“grandfather” of the club) gets ready to show the kids how it’s done.



From the Pub 231 car show in 2018, Gary and Debbie Tidwell and Gary and Jan Murray with some of the prizes that were awarded.



Finally, Kirt and Marcia Sheer enjoying the retirees' lunch in 2022 at the Corner Pub in Des Peres.

Now for a little something different, does anybody know who has been in the club 20 years or longer? Besides Marty and Judy Dooley, here they are in order: Rick Frierdich, Rich and Theresa Luebcke, Mike and Karen Price, Bob and Chris Woods, Carl and Pat Cox, Gary and Jan Murray, Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow, Jim Love and Michelle Paillou. And a special note for Mark and Denise Shipley. They were in the club back in 2004 but moved away for a long time before moving back to St. Louis and rejoining the club. I think it is remarkable that so may have been in one organization for 20 years or more.

And as a follow-up to previous columns, this is the list of some of the major committee chairpersons.

YEAR	By-Laws Committee	Charity Committee
2026	Valerie Zeisset, Mike Price and John Midkiff	Michelle Finn/Judy McElhone
2025	Valerie Zeisset, Mike Price and John Midkiff	Michelle Finn/Judy McElhone
2024	Valerie Zeisset and Mike Price	Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni
2023	Valerie Zeisset, Mike Price and John Midkiff	Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni
2022	Valerie Zeisset, Mike Price and John Midkiff	Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni
2021	Valerie Zeisset, Mike Price and John Midkiff	Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni
2020	Ron Hagenow, Judy Giovanoni and Mike Kunst	Michelle Finn/Judy Giovanoni
2019	Ron Hagenow	Michelle Finn
2018	Ron Hagenow	Michelle Finn
2017	Ron Hagenow	Michelle Finn
2016	Ron Hagenow	Michelle Finn
2015	Ron Hagenow	Michelle Finn
2014	Ron Hagenow	Michelle Finn

2013	Ron Hagenow	Judy Giovanoni, Michelle Finn, Elise Akins
2012	Ron Hagenow	Judy Giovanoni and Michelle Finn
2011	Ron Hagenow	Jan Murray
2010	Ron Hagenow	Jan Murray
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The St. Louis Corvette Club - Club Pins

By Ron Hagenow

Who has a club pin? These were popular when the club was just beginning. Our first one was a larger plain white pin with the club logo. Later, we got ones like the picture below. Sometimes you will see folks at the NCM or a car show and they will have either a hat or lanyard with a bunch of pins on them. If you have one, they are rare as you can no longer get them from the manufacturer.

And did you know when we first started, we printed business cards and a tri-fold brochure of the club. We would put them on any Corvettes we saw when were out at an event. Back in 2005 and 2006 we were always looking for new members, contrary to what we have today with folks on a waiting list to join.

Times sure change.



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