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President's Message

As Dee & I returned from the St. Jude Corvette Drive we were immensely proud and humbled to have participated in the drive. What a wonderful and emotional experience. The 142 corvettes involved raised \$750,315.00. You should consider participating next year; you will not regret it.

May saw the return of many club events such as: Sangria Sunset, Coffee and Corvettes, and Fritz's Ice Cream. Hopefully the weather will cooperate for the upcoming Luau at the Grubbs home. Also, get prepared to participate in the Webster 4th of July parade. We always have great participation and the after picnic at the Price's is great.

Be aware that there has been an issue with sending emails out to the club about events, etc. It is being addressed but if you haven't received emails, let us know.

Be sure to sign up for events at the June 2nd meeting at ELCO. Don't forget to make sure your presence at the meeting is noted on the event page as you come in the door, also 50/50 tickets are available.

One final note, your thoughts are invaluable. Please feel free to reach out with any suggestions or ideas to enhance our club. Do not forget to check out the website for all our upcoming events.

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

Let's keep the momentum going!

Enjoy the ride,

C.W. Riehlman
President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Angie Midkiff

Judy Dooley

Pam Schmidt

Barry Seelig

Sonja Giffhorn

Sherri Marlo

Jeff Stieren

John Midkiff

Jim Givens

Rick Doerr

Terry Mueller

ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Pat Cox

Jeff & Karen Gregory

Mark & Kimberlie Gerecke

Dana & Diana Griggs

Bob & Patti Kusky

Bob & JoAnn Rogers

Brian & June Walsh

Mike & Linda Pilla

Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, Missouri on May 5, 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

Secretary, Chris Woods

Sergeant at Arms, John Midkiff

Immediate Past President, John Jordan

Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet, Mark Gerecke & 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 Ruth and Randy Howard for bringing the cupcakes on behalf of Ray and Pam Queen.
4. He reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event, and retiree lunch sign-up sheets.
5. He thanked Kathy Mueller for a great newsletter.
6. He thanked everyone who has been donating toiletry supplies for our veterans, which are being collected by John Midkiff.
7. He read a thank you email from Mike Kelly, the Acting Festival Chairperson for the 5th Annual Festival & Car Show held at the St. Martin's Parking Lot in Ellisville; thanking the Club and all the members who attended the car show.

April Membership Meeting Minutes: The April 7th Membership Meeting Minutes were reviewed, and the following corrections were made: The April 18th Coffee & Corvettes and Mystery run was sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens and Steve & Julie Willis. The winner of the Trivia was Val Zeisset and John Lasinski. A motion was made by Rick Doerr to accept the April 7, 2026, Membership Meeting Minutes with the corrections, seconded by Ruth Howard, motion carried.

Membership Officer: Judy McElhone gave the membership report. She read the names of members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries in May.

Current Membership totals are as follows:

- Regular Members = 100

- Lifetime Members = 7
- Emeritus Members = 2
- Associate Members = 11

Total Members = 120

Sponsors = 2

People on waiting list = 24

Terry Mueller made a motion to accept the membership report, seconded by Mary Doerr, motion carried.

Sick Members:

Judy Dooley – Ruth Howard shared with the membership that Judy is healing well and doing therapy.

Ray Queen – Ruth Howard shared with the membership that Ray Queen is in the hospital and had cancer removed on his head and he is healing well.

Keep all our sick members in your prayers for a quick and healthy recovery.

Committee Reports:

Newsletter, Kathy Mueller – Send all your flyers to Kathy for the newsletter.

Parade Report – Michelle Paillou & Mike Price – Karen reported that she and Mike will host the Annual BBQ after the parade with Ron Hagenow as the super cook. Please make sure that you sign up and what dish you will be bringing.

Sponsor's Report – Mark Gerecke talked about having a car show at ELCO sometime in the Fall.

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

Past Events:

1. April 11 – Bunco (sponsored by Mike & Karen Price). Had a great time.
2. April 17 – VA Garden Clean up (sponsored by Mike & Karen Price). Karen thanked all the members that came out and helped make the garden look good, and this year we added a vegetable garden. The next cleanup will be held on Thursday, May 14 at the VA Garden behind Building 52 at Jefferson Barracks. Karen read a letter she received from the VA extending their appreciation for hosting the annual cleanup and planting day.

3. April 18 – Coffee & Corvettes and Mystery Run (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens and Steve & Julie Willis). We went to On-The-Grind Coffee in Crystal City and then drove to a winery for a car show. Had a great time.
4. April 23 – Sangria Sunsets (sponsored by Bev & Jim Givens). Had a nice turnout.
5. April 23-25 – NCM Bash in Bowling Green (sponsored by Mike Kunst). Mike Kunst reported that it was a great weekend and there were plenty of things to see and do. The St Louis Corvette Club was well represented as we had 14 members in attendance including 4 first time attendees. He also reported that construction of the new Collections Facility at the museum is currently in progress and remains on track for fall 2026 completion, with public tours planned for early spring 2027.
6. April 25 – Sit and Sew Group (sponsored by Kim Gerecke & Vickie DeBruin). Went to Daniel Boone Library in Ellisville. Had a fun time.
7. April 26 – Fritz’s Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne). There were 40 members and 22 corvettes, and it was a record for this event.
8. May 3 – Car Show & Festival at St. Martins Church, Ellisville (sponsored by Dana & Diana Griggs). The club was well represented; there were 23 corvettes and it was a great event.
9. May 14 – VA Garden Clean up (sponsored by Mike & Karen Price). Karen reported that the VA wheelchair races are on the 15th, and we always make sure that the VA garden is looking good before the races.

Future Events:

1. May 9 – Bunco (sponsored by Steve & Dawn Kirby).
2. May 14-15 – St. Jude Corvette Drive (sponsored by Ruth & Randy Howard). There are 142 cars driving this year and the total for the St. Louis Collection is \$62,000. Ruth Howard thanked everyone for all your support for St. Jude’s.
3. May 20 – Retiree Lunch at The Acorns Bar & Grill, Waterloo, Illinois. (sponsored by Dennis & Janet Trost).
4. May 28 – Sangria Sunset, Columbia, Illinois (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens).
5. May 31 – Fritz’s Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne).
6. June 6 – Luau (sponsored by Mike & Laurie Grubb).
7. June 14-18 – Solid Axle Corvette Club, Holliday Inn, Sunset Hills (sponsored by Michelle Paillou).
8. June 17 – Retiree Lunch at Café Telegraph (sponsored by Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow).

9. June 20 – Coffee & Corvettes (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens) and Chicken Run (sponsored by Jeff & Tracy Stieren).
10. June 23 - ALS Sandy Kirby Memorial Lunch, Papa Vito's, Millstadt, Illinois (sponsored by Pam Queen, Ruth Howard & Valerie Zeisset).

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS

New Business:

Randy Howard distributed the monthly St. Louis Corvette Club Trivia Form to several members. The winners of the trivia were Mike Kunst, Mike Price & Barry Seelig.

Marilyn Panter spoke about possible interest in an outing on the Miss Augusta River Cruise on the Missouri River. She will have more information on this at the next meeting.

Sherri Marlo thanked the Corvette Club for all the well wishes, prayers, and cards.

Steve Kirby talked about the Indy Car Weekend at WWT Raceway on June 6-7. The entry fee is \$50 for Saturday and \$60 for Sunday.

The Club Banner was raffled off and won by Robert Hoogveld.

The 50/50 was won by Don Pickles in the amount of \$103.00.

There were 48 in attendance.

President CW Riehlman asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Don Pickles moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ken Payne, motion carried.

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on June 2, 2026, at ELCO.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS TO THE MEETING

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Woods, Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report



Construction continues on the museum's new 66,000-square-foot Collections Facility. The project is scheduled to be completed in the fall of 2026, with public tours planned for early spring 2027.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Future Events



St. Louis Corvette Club Monthly Ice Cream Run

- When:** Sunday
May 31th
June 28th
July 26th
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

St. Louis Corvette Club Luau

June 6, 2026

Start time: 1 PM

Meal: 3 PM

End time: ?????



117 Quail Run
Waterloo, Illinois
RSVP to

lgrubb61@gmail.com

or

618-210-3197

Bring lawn chairs, swimsuits, beverages of choice,
and a side or

a dessert to share with the meal.

Plenty of shade available!!!

St. Louis Corvette Club

Retiree Lunch

(Or whoever wants to play hooky and show up)

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

11:30 AM

Café Telegraph
2650 Telegraph Road (near Jefferson Barracks)
St. Louis, MO 63125

Meet in the new section where we have been before.

Please RSVP by June 12 to get a headcount for the restaurant.
Signup available at meeting or email us.

If interested in going to the Civil War Museum located near the restaurant, please indicate when you sign up. Cost is \$7.00 per person.

Sponsored by Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow

Email : hagenow1@charter.net

Cell Phone : 618-791-4397

Click on the link if you want to preview the menu:

<http://cafetelegraph.com/>





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When:

- Saturday, June 20th @ 8:30am - ????? All Day Event

Where:

- First Stop: The Proving Ground, 180 Columbia Centre Dr., Columbia, IL
- Second Stop: Giant City State Park – Lunch
- Third Stop: TBD
- Fourth Stop: TBD

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

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens and Jeff & Tracy Stieren



ALS Luncheon in Memory of Sandy Kirby

**Please join us on Tuesday, June 23, 2026
for our annual ALS Luncheon.**



741 West Washington, Millstadt, IL 62260

We will meet at Home Depot

7481 S. Lindbergh, St. Louis, MO 63125

Meet at 11:00 for departure to Millstadt at 11:20.

Reservation is at noon.

**There will be a sign-up sheet at the June meeting. If you can't make the meeting,
please contact Valerie Zeisset or send an email to val56@aol.com. Reservation needed by
June 17th**



Sangria Sunsets - 2026

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

(June 25th, July 23th, August 27th, Sept 24th)

Sunset Overlook

11604 Bluff Road

Columbia, IL 62236

5:30pm - ?????

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



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

When: Friday, June 26th 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 June 18th if you plan to
attend at email address: kcpayne7000@gmail.com or

Text Ken at: 314 223 6678



BUNCO

HOSTED BY JUDY AND MIKE McELHONE

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 6:00pm

310 OXFORD RIDGE CT. ELLISVILLE MO 63021

Eat at 6:00, Bunco at 7:00

Bring \$5.00 per person and a dish to share

Pulled pork and chicken salad, beer, and soda provided

RSVP By 6/25/26

Text Judy at 636-236-7294 or email at

judithgiovanoni@gmail.com



Webster Groves 4th of July Parade

Meet July 4th at **8:30am** at Elm and Big Bend

Upper Schnucks parking lot

Bring your potluck -- someone will pick them up

Bring decorations for your car

If not going to be in the parade the potluck will be at the

Price's House starting at **noon**

2400 Oak Mont Drive, High Ridge, MO 63049

Hot dogs, brats and hamburgers will be provided

Past Events

The 2026 Michelin NCM Bash

By Mike Kunst

Photos by Mike Kunst and Terry Mueller

I have been attending the Michelin NCM Bash since 2015. It is always a great event to attend, and I always gain new knowledge about our beloved Corvette. We had 18 members of the St. Louis Corvette Club in attendance this year and six were first time attendees! While this is not a record, our attendance has been trending up.

This year, the Grand Sport had already been revealed and the first of the sixth-generation small block, the LS6, had been announced. The new colors for 2027 are Admiral Blue and Pitch Gray replacing Riptide Blue and Hysteria Purple. Photos of cars with the new colors are below.



Those are both Grand Sport models. The Admiral Blue shown is the one that showed up at Sebring when the Grand Sport broke cover and was revealed for the first time. The Pitch Gray car is one of the Captured Test Fleet cars driven by one of the engineers from Detroit.

Here is the Grand Sport X that was revealed with the Admiral Blue Grand Sport.



Chevrolet tested the **Corvette Z06, ZR1, and ZR1X** at the Nürburgring Nordschleife in **June 2025**, with the official lap times and results announced on **July 31, 2025**. On that day, the three development engineers — Aaron Link (Z06), Brian Wallace (ZR1), and Drew Cattell (ZR1X) — each drove their respective Corvettes to set new official best times for U.S. manufactured vehicles in the Prototype/Pre-Production category. The **ZR1X** posted the fastest lap of the three at **6:49.275**, the **ZR1** at **6:50.763**, and the **Z06** at **7:11.826**. This was the first time in the track's history that an automaker brought three different production-spec cars – in this case Corvettes - to the Nordschleife in a single visit, all driven by in-house engineers rather than professional race drivers.

Here are the three Corvettes, Competition Yellow – ZR1X, Black – Z06, and Torch Red – ZR1.



For America's 250th Birthday, Chevrolet offered a special design package for all Corvette models with the top trim level. It is the Stars and Steel Limited Edition and only 250 were offered. Yes, they went in a blink of the eye. One of the lucky customers had his ZR1X waiting for Museum Delivery on Saturday of the Bash.





The owner is Tim McMichael and son David. Tim is an NCM Board member and NCM benefactor. His name is above the doors to the McMichael Family Education Center inside the Museum. They did the engine build experience as well.

The online Build and Price configurator has this footnote: The Stars and Steel Collection represents a design theme with dark metallic finishes and celestial accents, not built of steel.

Over the last few years, we have been treated to Corvette cutaways. There was the Z06, the E-Ray, the ZR1, and now the Grand Sport!



I couldn't be everywhere at once, and there was a lot more happening at the Bash. There was an HPDE offered on Tuesday and Wednesday which Patrick and Jenni Belding did. There were three road trips to choose from on Thursday and Friday, and one on Saturday. We had seven members take a plant tour on Wednesday or Thursday. Road trips were enjoyed by six members on Thursday to Bardstown, four members on Friday to Morgantown, and three members on Saturday to Nashville for the General Jackson river boat.

It may be hard for you to believe, but we had to find daily nourishment. Here we are at a BBQ place on Wednesday.



Of course, we had to have dinner at Rafferty's followed by ice cream at Bruster's!





Kathy and Terry found our new Banner in the parking lot at the NCM.



I plan to cover technological improvements that make the LS6 a great new base engine for the Corvette next month. Think about it. For the 2027 model year, the base engine is 535 HP. Every Corvette offered will break the 500 HP barrier!

Corvette Show and Festival
Sponsored by Dana and Diana Griggs
Photos by Terry Mueller and Ruth Howard







Winner of the Corvette Division -- Theresa Lubecke



Here are a few of the cars other than Corvettes that were in the car show.





What happened with this guy? Did he get arrested?



May Bunco

Sponsored by Steve and Dawn Kirby

Photos by Terry Mueller







After **Team Steve's** turn last month, this month **Team Mike** showed up in full force.



May Bunco Winners!

May Retirees' Lunch
Sponsored by Dennis and Janet Trost
Photos by Terry Mueller





St. Jude Corvette Drive
Submitted by Ruth Howard



We have just three words we would love to share ...AMAZING.....GRATEFUL.....BLESSED! Thank you to the St. Louis Corvette Club for supporting this event through donations, the bourbon raffle, cinnamon roll purchases, mouse raffle baskets, and our crazy Mouse Races. The gift of a quilt made by Kim Gerecke, Kimberlie Gooch quilt and a puppy by Vickie DeBruin.

Thank you to ELCO Chevrolet/Cadillac for supporting this event for nine years. Your support is helping change the lives of children at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A special thank you to Marty & Judy Dooley for donating 100 Hot Wheels Corvettes — always a huge hit!

The 15th Anniversary of the 2026 St. Jude Drive is officially in the books, and Randy & I are honored to serve as Board Members and leaders of the St. Louis Satellite.

We were thrilled to have first time drivers, Vicki & Robert Hoogveld and CW & Dee Riehlman. Others on the drive this year were Jim & Bev Givens (9th year), Randy & Ruth Howard (9th year), and Mike & Judy McElhone (2nd year). Join us at the meeting on June 2nd to hear a few stories. The St. Louis satellite also included nine other couples from various locations in Illinois and Springfield, MO.

We had 142 Corvettes participating this year, and we are proud to say that, with the help of our amazing 14 St. Louis satellite drivers and generous donors, we raised \$80,000! The grand total raised for 2026 was an incredible \$750,315 — an increase of \$202,315 over last year! That brings the 15-year donation total to an amazing \$4.0 million for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

This year we had satellite locations from the Great Lakes-Wisconsin/Illinois, Louisville, Michigan/Indiana, Nashville, Peoria, and St. Louis. Once again, Mayor Holden treated us to a fabulous fish dinner at the Lannom Center upon our arrival in Dyersburg, TN.

After dinner, we were honored to hear from the father of an 18-year-old survivor who had completed his final chemotherapy treatment just the week before. He spoke about how overwhelmed he was by the incredible support St. Jude provided to their family — including a place to stay and debit cards to help cover food, gas, and other essential needs.

Then his son shared his own journey and spoke about everything St. Jude had done for him. Listening to him speak confirmed exactly why we continue to drive every year.

The story behind the father and son driving with us was really special. Someone generously donated a Corvette for them to use, and you should have seen the smiles on their faces! It was such a cool sight and made the experience even more memorable for everyone involved.

After the speeches had concluded, we held the drawing for the quilt and puppy raffle. We were truly blessed that the raffle for the St. Jude Drive T-shirt quilt and puppy raised \$1,200! Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets.

A special thank you to Kimberlie Zeisset Gooch for her beautiful craftsmanship, and to Dale and Valerie Zeisset for their financial support in creating this treasured quilt. We would also like to thank Vickie DeBruin for creating the sweet puppy that accompanied the quilt. Larry Ott of Louisville won the puppy.

Pam Queen originally won the quilt. When we contacted her Thursday evening to let her know she had won, she graciously chose to donate it back so it could go to someone who would truly cherish it. We knew just the right person.

The young man who drew the winning ticket is a St. Jude cancer survivor who participates in the drive every year with his dad. Congratulations to Wesley! We were honored to present the quilt to Wesley and Jim on Friday morning.

Special thanks to Vickie DeBruin for creating a second puppy, which was given to the daughter who rides with her dad – Dan Gove every year. This special bear was made in memory of her mother, who passed away in 2023. She was also one of the original drivers in the Corvette Drive. Stephanie was deeply touched as tears began to flow.

Friday morning was the best! Picture 142 Corvettes being led by Dyersburg and Shelby County police officers, along with the Tennessee Highway Patrol and motorcycle officers. Every car proudly displayed the logo featured at the top of this letter on its side. From the moment we leave Dyersburg until we arrive in Memphis, we never stop. This year, the procession of cars was estimated to stretch nearly **four miles** long — an incredible sight to see.

One of the most touching moments is always our drive through the St. Jude campus. Seeing the streets lined with employees, doctors, nurses, researchers, and this year even more patients able to come out and cheer us on was incredibly emotional. Seeing signs that read “We Love St. Jude Drivers” brings immediate tears to your eyes. No — we love you and thank YOU for all that you do! Raising money for sick children and their families while enjoying the cars we love is simply priceless.

During our luncheon, we heard from Ike Anand, CEO of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. He spoke about all of the construction occurring around campus and the impact our fundraising is making. New research centers and lots of new apartments for patient families. No matter the amount we raise, it truly makes a difference. Now let's talk about those impressive cars! Like us, he is overwhelmed that a car we enjoy is making a difference in a child's life.

Next, we listened to Amy, a music therapist for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. She shared how music can positively affect a child's well-being. One example involved a patient who was

experiencing significant pain but was not yet able to receive medication. By distracting the child with music, it helped them relax, fall asleep, and forget about their pain for a short period of time.

Our day was completed by numerous tours around the campus. The Target house, Domino's Village, Lab Department and the Danny Thomas pavilion. I wish you all could see this amazing campus. Playrooms, art rooms and even kitchens that children can cook in with their families

We are so grateful to everyone who supports this mission each year. We cannot wait to see what 2027 brings!

To quote Danny Thomas:

“I'd rather have a million people give me a dollar than one person give me a million. That way you've got a million people involved.”

“Until you walk the halls of St. Jude, you have no idea how blessed you are.”

COME JOIN US NEXT YEAR! MAY 13 & 14, 2027



St. Louis Group departing from Imperial, MO



St. Louis Group in Dyersburg



Departing Dyersburg



Judy and Mike



Thank you Memphis Police for our safe arrival to Memphis



Driving thru the St. Jude campus



Pictured above: Dee and C.W., Jim ad Bev, Vicki and Robert, and Judy and Mike



Ruth, Dr. Beth Stewart, & Randy



Bekah from the St. Jude office receiving the Hot Wheels donated by Marty & Judy Dooley



C.W., Dee, Bev, Jim, Randy, & Dillon (St. Jude Survivor)



Quilt & Puppy raffle modeled by Ruth (LOL)



Giving the quilt to Wesley & Jim



This is a picture of Wesley's room.



The puppy on the left was with the quilt raffle. The puppy on the right is in memory of Marguerite Gove.



Ruth, Stephanie, & Dan

The Great Texas Road Trip

Presented by Payne Travel Associates, LLC

Narrative by Mike Kunst

Photos contributed by Dawn & Steve Kirby, Mike Kunst, Barb Payne, and Clarke Thomas

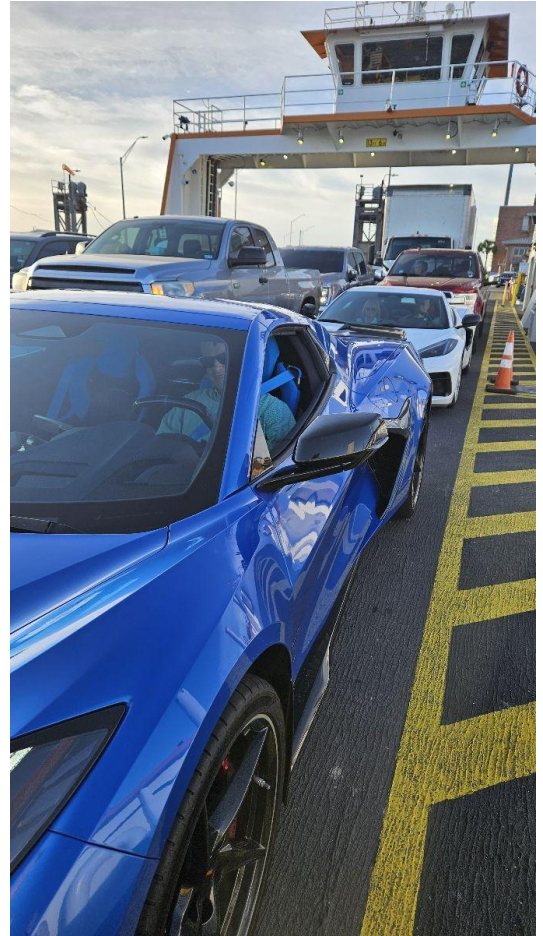
The Great Texas Road Trip, continued

This month, we are covering our two days in San Antonio.

Day 5, Tuesday, March 17, 2026 – Mike Kunst Leader

We met in the Lobby of the Holiday Inn Express after breakfast. The drive to San Antonio is 177 miles. The route takes Texas state roads toward Corpus Chisti to I-37 north to San Antonio. We arrived at 12:30 to check-in so we could enter their gated parking lot. They were prepared for us! They had a spot right by the building reserved for us and the head bellman parked us!





After everyone parked in our secure space, we headed to the River Walk and our spot for lunch at Schilo's, a German deli with table service. After lunch, the Alamo was on our schedule to visit. It was a short walk partially using the River Walk to get there. Everyone returned on their own to the hotel when they reached exhaustion. We met in the lobby to walk to our dinner restaurant, Acenar. After dinner, we stopped at Kilwin's, an ice cream shop, on the way back to the hotel using the River Walk again.









Day 6, Wednesday, March 18, 2026

We had a private Missions tour with a Certified Tour Guide booked for 8:30 AM with pick up at our hotel. The Missions refers to four 18th century missions founded by Spanish Catholic missionaries and are located every 2 miles or so along the San Antonio River south of the city. The four missions are **Mission Concepción**, **Mission San José**, **Mission San Juan**, and **Mission Espada**. There is a fifth mission which became the Alamo. The original name of the Alamo when it was established in 1718 was **Misión San Antonio de Valero**. These Spanish colonial missions are part of the San Antonio Missions National Historical Park and are designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site under care of the National Park Service.

Mission Espada



Mission San Juan





Mission San José



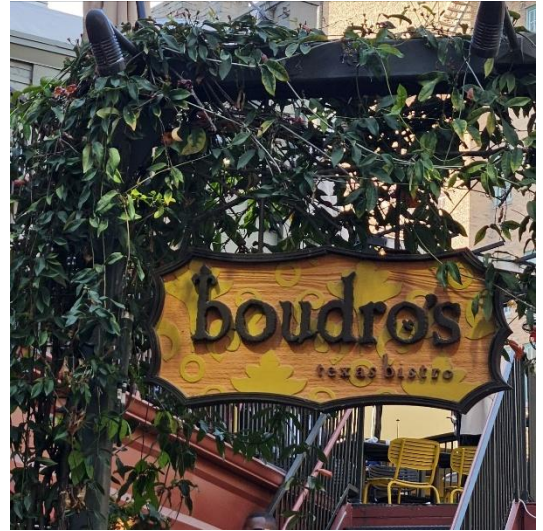
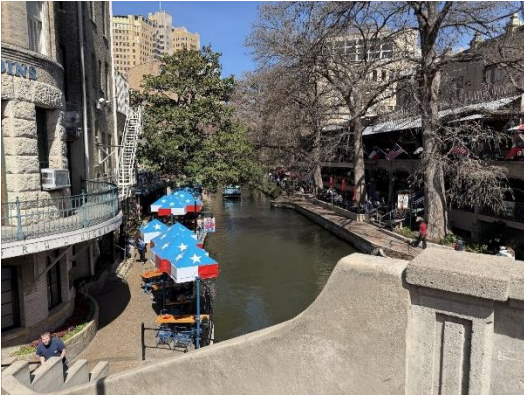
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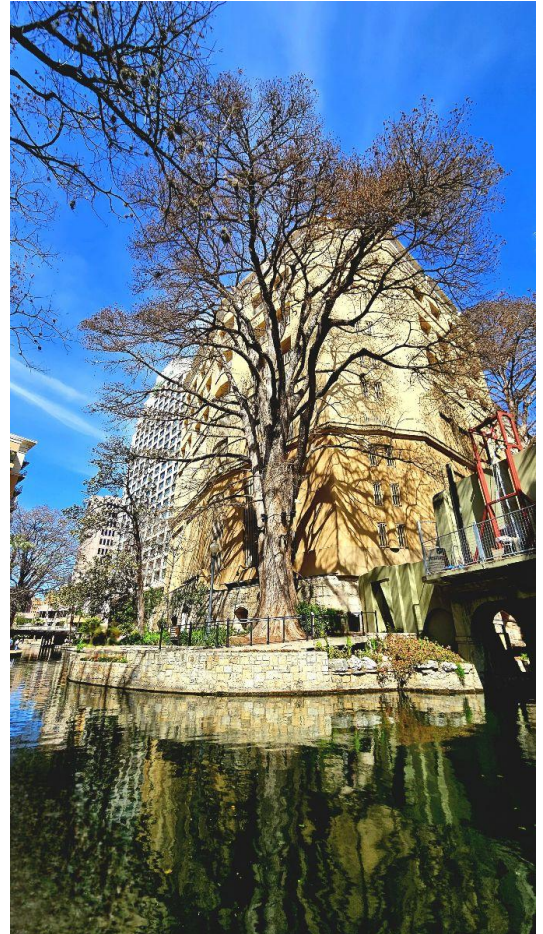
Instead of taking us back to our hotel, our tour guide took us to the River Walk and dropped us very close to our lunch spot, Boudro's. This place is known for table side prepared guacamole! On the way, he diverted through the high rent district. Nice!





After lunch, we did a tour of the San Antonio River around downtown with Go Rio River Tour.





Dinner on the River Walk at Paesano's Riverwalk, an Italian restaurant. Some were too tired to walk on the River Walk to dinner. They chose a restaurant next to the hotel.



Thursday, we departed San Antonio for Hill Country. We were not looking forward to navigating rush hour traffic. This last segment of our journey will be in the July newsletter.

Features and Announcements

VA Garden Wheel Chair Races

Photos by Janet Trost



The VA garden looked wonderful for the wheelchair races that Janet and Dennis Trost attended. Sincere thanks go out to everyone who helped clean up the garden and to those who continue to water and care for the plants. Your time and effort are truly appreciated.

Kusky Wedding

Submitted by Bob Kusky (Associate Member)

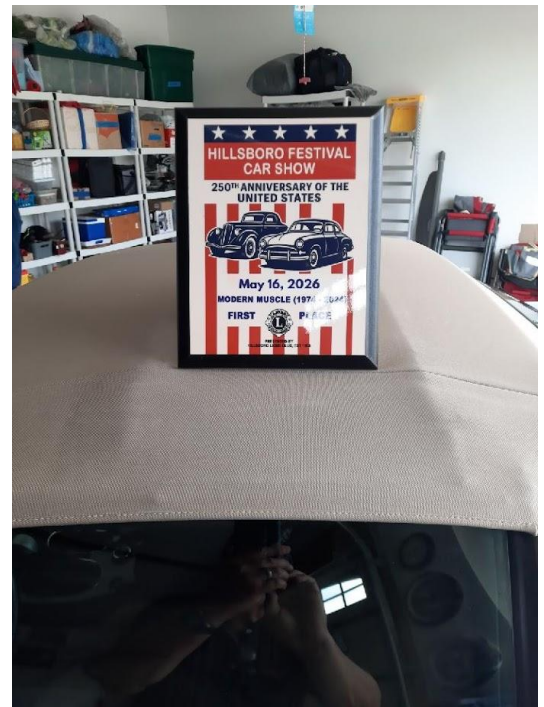
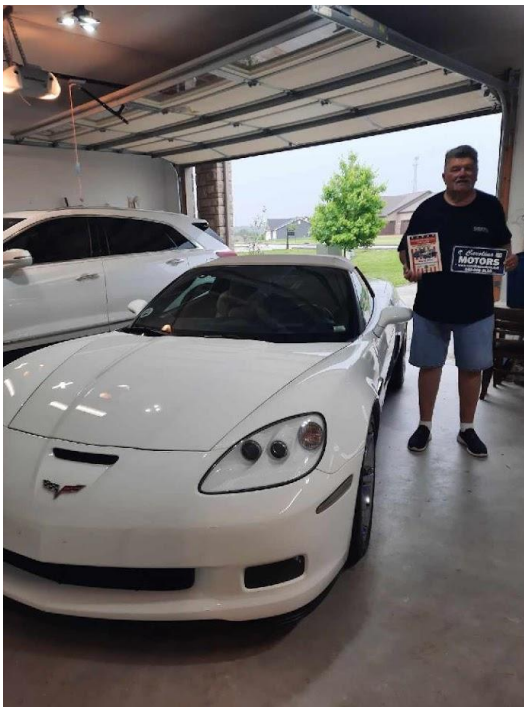


We want to thank everyone for all the prayers the club members had for Joe overcoming his battle with cancer. The

8 month postponement of Joe and Anna's wedding was truly a blessing.

Bob and Patti Kusky

First Place Car Show Winner - Steve Hedgcorth



Congratulations to Steve Hedgcorth! His 2013 C6 60th Anniversary Corvette won First Place at the Hillsboro Festival Car show on May 16, 2026.

**Hometown Hero
Submitted by Mike Price**



Look who is our own hometown hero!

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

June is usually the start of our busy season. The weather is normally nice and who doesn't like fresh air, sunshine and Corvettes? So, what have we done in previous years? Back in June 2005 we took a cruise to Dreamland Palace near Waterloo, IL which specializes in German food. In 2006 we had our club picnic. In 2007 we visited Montelle Winery in Augusta, MO and in 2008 we invaded the National Corvette Museum for founding members Jerry and Armynta Craig's delivery of their new car, 50 years to the day from when they got their first Corvette. While there we took over all the spaces reserved for delivery and even got to sign some of the girders being put up for the new addition to the museum. In more recent years we've done a car show at ELCO in 2016 and in 2019 we visited the Missouri Veterans Memorial, participated in the ALS Walk and an autocross. This is all in addition to our normal activities such as retirees' lunch, Fritz's custard, and the club meeting.



Drive your Corvette to Work (but none of them were working) in June 2019 at Mimi's Café in Chesterfield, MO.



From the club luau in June 2013, apparently Rick Doerr was trying to enable an island girl (Ruth Howard) to join him in the pool.



In June 2012 we visited Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba, MO and here Tom Marlo is trying the old line "want some candy, little girl".



And from the Night at the Races in 2022, Marcia is already saving money for a white C7.

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

YEAR	NCM Ambassador	NCCC Governor
2026	Judy Dooley	
2025	Judy Dooley	
2024	Judy Dooley	NO LONGER A POSITION
2023	Judy Dooley	Larry Walker
2022	Judy Dooley	Larry Walker
2021	Judy Dooley	Jeff Craig
2020	Judy Dooley	Jeff Craig
2019	Judy Dooley	Jeff Craig
2018	Judy Dooley	Jeff Craig
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2015	Judy Dooley	Jeff Craig
2014	Judy Dooley	Jeff Craig
2013	Judy Dooley	Jeff Craig
2012	Judy Dooley	Rich Luebcke
2011	Judy Dooley	Rich Luebcke
2010	Judy Dooley	Rich Luebcke
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2007	Judy Dooley	Carl Ballinger
2006	Judy Dooley	Carl Ballinger
2005	Sharon Ballinger	Carl Ballinger
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