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President's Message

Happy November, Corvette Friends!

As the leaves change colors and the cooler weather settles in, it's hard to believe how quickly another year has flown by. We've enjoyed some wonderful times together, and November is the perfect month to reflect on all the things we have to be thankful for.
This month we have the upcoming Club Hayride on November 1st, Veterans Day Parade on November 7th in St. Charles with lunch thereafter, Bunco at the Price's on November 14th and the Retiree's luncheon November 19th hosted by Barry and Kathy.

One of the greatest things about being part of our Corvette Club is that it's about so much more than the cars we drive. It's about the friendships we've made, the laughter we've shared, and the memories we've created along the way.

Whether we're cruising down the highway, enjoying a club outing, or simply getting together for good food and conversation, it's the people who make our club so special.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to take a moment to thank each of you for the enthusiasm, friendship, and fun you bring to our club. It's truly a blessing to be surrounded by such a wonderful group of people.

Wishing you and your families a Thanksgiving filled with love, laughter, good food, and many blessings.

Happy Thanksgiving, and remember — life is better when you're cruising in a Corvette!

President
C.W. Riehlman

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Gary Murray

Karen Price

Walter Major

John April

Valerie Zeisset

Gail Mattler

Mike McElhone

Bev Givens

Mark Shipley

Sharon Ballinger

ANNIVERSARIES

Don & Anne Pickles

Jim & Marilyn Panter

Steve & Dawn Kirby

Mike & Laurie Grubb

Rick & Mary Doerr

Terry & Kathy Mueller

STLCC Anniversary Milestones

20 Year
Michelle Paillou

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

Veterans Day

A Look Back at WWII

Curated by Gemini

Lightly Edited by Mike Kunst

Vehicles of Victory: The Wheels That Won the Wars

In this veterans feature, we honor the veterans within our club and across the nation who served to protect our freedom. To celebrate their legacy, we are looking back at two iconic military vehicles that changed the course of history—built with the same mechanical grit and spirit that drives the St. Louis Corvette Club today.

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— **Winston Churchill**

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Before 1940, the U.S. military didn't have a light, mass-produced reconnaissance vehicle. Enter the **Willys MB** (and its Ford-built twin, the GPW)—better known to the world simply as the **Jeep**. Engineered in a rush to meet wartime demands, the Jeep became an instant legend. Powered by the famously reliable **"Go-Devil" four-cylinder engine**, this rugged 4x4 could claw through deep mud, scale steep ridges, and withstand absolute battlefield punishment. It served as a command car, an ambulance, a machine-gun platform, and a field radio unit. General Dwight D. Eisenhower famously named the Jeep one of the three vital tools that won World War II. Returning veterans fell so in love with its versatility that it sparked the entire modern off-roading and SUV culture we know today.

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While the Jeep went everywhere, the army couldn't move without supplies. That monumental task fell to the **GMC CCKW**, affectionately nicknamed the **"Deuce and a Half"** due to its 2.5-ton cargo capacity. This 6x6 tactical truck was the unsung hero of Allied logistics. It achieved legendary status during the **"Red Ball Express"** in 1944—an enormous, fast-moving convoy system staffed primarily by African American soldiers. To keep General Patton's rapidly advancing tanks fueled and supplied across France, these trucks ran around the clock on restricted, one-way highways. Over 800,000 Deuce and a Halfs were built, proving that wars aren't just won by firepower, but by the relentless logistics of keeping the wheels turning.

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To all the veterans in the St. Louis Corvette Club who know exactly what it means to keep a machine running under pressure, and who bring that same dedication to our automotive community: ***Thank***

you for your service.

STLCC Veterans

Carl Cox – Navy

Marty Dooley – Army

Ed Flaspohler - Coast Guard

Rick Frierdich –Army

Ron Hagenow – Air Force

Ed Hartzke - Army

John Jordan - Marines

Steve Kirby – Air Force

Mike Kunst - Army

Tom Marlo – Army

John Midkiff – Navy

Terry Mueller - Air Force

Gary Murray – Navy & Air Force

Don Pickles – Army

Marc Portman – Army

Mike Price – Army

C. W. Riehlman - Army

Jerry Schmidt - Air Force

Dennis Trost – Army

Brian Walsh – Air Force

Bob Woods – Marines

Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, Missouri on October 6, 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 (who is out of town)
Membership, Judy McElhone
Treasurer, Mike McElhone
Secretary, Chris Woods
Sergeant at Arms, John Midkiff
Immediate Past President, John Jordan
Sponsor, ELCO Chevrolet, Mark Gerecke
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 Barry Seelig and Kathy Kilburn for bringing the dessert.
4. He also recognized Scott Salzman, ELCO Chevrolet Service Representative.
5. He reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event and retiree sign-up sheets, and to make sure to check that you are in attendance.
6. He thanked everyone who has been donating toiletry supplies for our Veterans, which are being collected by John Midkiff.
7. He thanked Kathy Mueller for a great newsletter.
8. He thanked Steve Kirby for a great website.He noted that Steve Kirby lost his son, and he was out of town for the funeral.

Sick Members:
Our prayers go out to Judy Dooley, Sonja Giffhorn, Steve Willis and Walter Major.

We noted that Ed Hartzke is here tonight and this was his first time driving since his surgery.

September Membership Meeting Minutes: A motion was made by Mary Doerr to accept the September Membership Meeting Minutes, seconded by Terry Mueller, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Mike McElhone presented the September Treasurer's Report. A motion was made by Ron Hagenow to accept the September Treasurer's Report, seconded by Rick

Doerr, motion carried.

Secretary Report: Secretary, Chris Woods read a thank you card from Mary Doerr.

Membership Report: Membership Officer, Judy McElhone gave the September Membership Report. She read the names of the members celebrating birthdays and anniversaries.

The current membership totals are:

- Regular Members = 101
- Lifetime Members = 8
- Emeritus Members = 6
- Associate Members = 11

Total Members = 126
Sponsor = 1
People on waiting list = 16

Jim Love celebrated his 20-year club anniversary.
Barb & Ken Payne celebrated their 10-year club anniversary.

Barry Seelig made a motion to accept the September Membership Report, seconded by Michelle Paillou, motion carried.
Committee Reports:

Charity: Judy McElhone thanked everyone for the sleepers and items for Newborns in Need. She also advised that a $300 check was sent to the St. Louis Senior Dog Project. Michelle Finn reminded everyone of the ornament tree, and to make sure that you bring the gift wrapped with the ornament attached to the gift to the November membership meeting.

VA Garden: Karen Price will be contacting Matt at the VA to find out when we can do a clean-up. She also thanked the members who continue to water the plants.

Newsletter: Kathy Mueller. Mike Kunst reported that Kathy works hard on the Newsletter and she needs the event flyers sent to her, Steve Kirby and Randy Howard. If you want to send out a club email on an event, please make sure that you send Judy McElhone the flyer for that event.

Mentoring Program: Michelle Finn – on target.

Sponsor's Report: Mark Gerecke reported that he has a new grey Grand Sport Corvette and a new blue Ccorvette. He also has 3 used Corvettes - 2017 silver Grand Sport, 2022 2LT red mist, and a

2025 1LT white coupe.

NCM Ambassadors Report: Marty & Judy Dooley. Mike Kunst gave an overview of the events that were held at the NCM and also advised that the new building is outstanding. Also, there is an Ambassadors Report in the October Newsletter.

History Report: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, Mike Price – Ron Hagenow did a great History Report in the October Newsletter.

Nominating Report: Valerie Zeisset and Pam Queen worked diligently on the nominees for the Board next year. The nominations are now closed. No vote is required due to no one running against anyone. The current slate is as follows:

President = Ken Payne
Vice President = Randy Howard
Treasurer = Mike McElhone
Membership = Judy McElhone
Secretary = Chris Woods
Sergeant At Arms = Barry Seelig

Vice President Report: Randy Howard. With Randy out of town, President CW Riehlman reviewed past events and future events as follows:

Past Events:

1. September 1 – Monthly membership meeting at ELCO.
2. September 3-5 – NCM Anniversary, Bowling Green (ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Collections Facility). Mike Kunst reported that he, Rich & Theresa Luebcke, and Randy & Ruth Howard were there and it was a great event. Mike will put out an email with a link to the videos of the Hall of Fame Induction. There are 3 videos, Harlan Charles & Kirk Benion for GM/Chevrolet, John Middlebrook for Racing, and James Schefter for Enthusiast.
3. September 13 – All Chevy Show. This was not a club sponsored event.
4. September 16 – Retiree Lunch at Outback Steakhouse (sponsored by Ruth & Randy Howard and Valerie & Dale Zeisset). Ruth reported that everyone had a great time. There were 45 in attendance.
5. September 18 – Drive Your Corvette to Work (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne). It was a great turnout.
6. September 19 – Bunco (sponsored by Kathy Kilburn & Barry Seelig). There were 21 in attendance and everyone had a great time.

7. September 24 – Ladies Run to Josephine's in Godfrey, Illinois (sponsored by Ruth Howard and Valerie Zeisset). There were 10 corvettes and 24 attendees. Everyone had a fun time with good food and great shopping.
8. September 24-27 – Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. Karen Price reported that it was a fun time with plenty of good food and fun things to do. For next year's reservation please contact Kaylee to get on the list at the Osage Creek Lodge. She has blocked off rooms for us and we get a 25% discount. Any questions regarding this, please contact Karen Price.
9. September 27 – Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne). It was great weather, and it was the nicest Fritz's ever. There were 30 members in attendance and 12 corvettes.
10. October 3 – Club Picnic at Cliff Cave Park in Oakville (committee is Dee Riehlman, Ruth Howard, Maggie Hedgcorth, Kathy Mueller). There were 57 attendees and everyone had a fun time with plenty of food and games. The picnic committee budget was $800 and the committee spent $352.67. We did get a $95 credit from the St. Louis County Parks Department because of the fire they had in the bathrooms and there was no electricity to the facility. Mike & Judy McElhone contributed the meat at no cost.
11. October 6 – Monthly Membership Meeting at ELCO.

<u>Future Events:</u>

1. October 10 – Chilli Cookoff (sponsored by Russ & Brenda Lauer). Russ went over the directions to his subdivision.
2. October 17 – Coffee & Corvettes & Mystery Drive to Lunch (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens).
3. October 17 – Bunco (sponsored by Steve & Dawn Kirby).
4. October 21 – Retiree Lunch, EdgeWild Restaurant and Winery, 550 Chesterfield Center, Chesterfield 63017 (sponsored by Mike Kunst).
5. October 25 - Fritz's Ice Cream (sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne).
6. October 29 – Sangria Sunset, Columbia, Illinois (sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens). This will be the last one for the year. Time 5-8 pm.
7. October 21 – Gateway Trunk or Treat, Gateway Classics 9-noon. Previously this was a club sponsored event and we no longer sponsor it.
8. November 1 – ELCO Hayride at Dickherber Farms (sponsored by ELCO).
9. November 3 – Monthly membership meeting at ELCO.
10. November 7 – Veterans Day Parade in St. Charles (sponsored by Ron Hagenow and Mike Price).
11. November 14 – Bunco (sponsored by Mike & Karen Price).

12. November 18 – Retiree Lunch, Ethyl's (sponsored by Barry Seelig & Kathy Kilburn).

REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS

New Business:

Christmas Party – Reminder that the Christmas Party will be held on December 5, 2026, at The Falls and the cost is $65 per person.

President CW Riehlman reminded everyone to sign up for upcoming events.

The 50/50 was won by Pat & Carl Cox in the amount of $95.

There were 69 in attendance.

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

The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on November 3, 2026 at ELCO Chevrolet.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS TO THE MEETING

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Woods, Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

There are a couple of things I would like to tell you about the Corvette Museum. One big item is the new Collections Building. They are still working on the displays and are not ready to open to the public yet. They plan to have guided tours, which is because of all the special cars and displays (some are one of a kind). There will be an additional admissions cost added.

The museum is also working on a plan to include the Museum tour, Corvette plant tour, and the new Collections Building all together in one admissions charge. Prices are not known yet, but I'm sure you will need to plan a couple of days in Bowling Green, KY to fit this all in.

Another thing you may want to start planning on is another Corvette Caravan coming in August of

2029. This may sound like a long time away, but there are a lot of plans to make for this big event. There has been a Corvette Caravan every five years since the grand opening of the Museum. There are a number of our club members that have attended one or more Corvette Caravans, and many may well tell you there is nothing like enjoying the experience with thousands of other Vette lovers from all over our country.

For more news about these items and more, follow National Corvette Museum events at www.corvettemuseum.org.

Marty and Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB

ANNUAL HAYRIDE SPONSORED BY ELCO

SUNDAY – November 1st – 2:00-4:00pm

Dickherber Farms
7063 Highway N
Dardenne Prairie, MO 63368

Many thanks to ELCO for sponsoring our annual hayride!
Please come out and join us for a great night around the firepit, playing with the farm animals and going for a ride on the hay wagon!
Hotdog's and chili will be provided by ELCO, and we ask that everyone brings 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 October 27th.
Please respond to Ruth Howard for your reservation at 314-486-6836 or rhoward15@charter.net
SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE AT THE OCTOBER MEETING!

St. Charles Salutes
Veterans Day Celebration

St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Veterans Day Parade

Saturday, November 7, 2026
Parade begins at 11:00 am

Sign up at the meeting or email Ron Hagenow at
hagenow1@charter.net or Mike Price at
santa17@msn.com

For those of you who are participating in the Veterans Day Parade in St. Charles, the date is Saturday, November 7. Please meet at the parking lot right off I-70 and Fifth St. There is a Subway shop there and the address is 1352 S. 5th Street, St Charles, if you want to put it in your GPS. Plan on being at the lot by 10:00 am. We will proceed from there to the Louis and Clark Boathouse parking lot where we will assemble with the rest of the parade participants. The parade begins at 11:00 am. The parade will last about 30-45 minutes. We will take a poll of the participants who want to go to Gingham restaurant after the parade. If you need anything else, please email Ron Hagenow at hagenow1@charter.net.

NOVEMBER BUNCO

HOSTED BY MIKE AND KAREN PRICE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 14TH @ 6PM.

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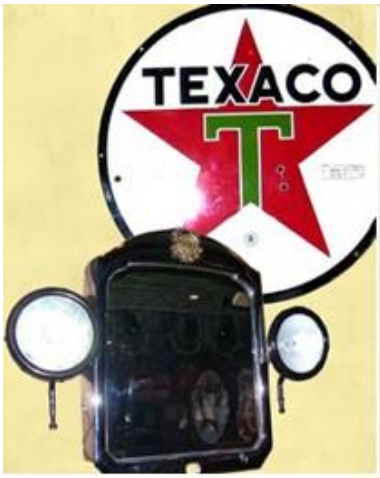

November Retirees' Lunch

Hosted by Barry Seelig and Kathy Kilburn

Date: November 18, 2026

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Where: Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon, 8505 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, O'Fallon, MO 63366

There will be a sign-up sheet at the meeting. Or you can let Barry know at vetdude67@gmail.com or 314-974-4644.

Click below for the menu.

https://ethylssmokehouse.com/

St. Louis Corvette Club - Christmas Party

Date: December 5, 2026
Time: 6:00 PM – 10:30 PM
Location: The Falls Reception Center
300 Admiral Weinel Blvd, Columbia, MO 62236

Price per person is $65
(payment made out to St. Louis Corvette Club)
Cocktails: 6:00PM – 10:30PM – CASH BAR

Appetizers served from 6:00PM – 7:00PM

Appetizers

Crab Rangoon, Toasted Ravioli & Southwest Chicken Bites

Buffet Dinner Served – 7:00PM

Chicken Piccata, Roast Beef, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Penne Pasta with Spinach and Sundried Tomatoes, Broccoli Florets with Pecan Butter, Spinach Poppyseed Salad, Dinner Rolls, Butter, Dessert, Coffee, Tea & Soda

If you require a Gluten Free Meal – Grilled Chicken Breast, please note this option when submitting your payment.

Please **RSVP by November 10th** to Ruth Howard – rhoward15@charter.net.

Payments can be mailed to address below:

3004 Collington Court, St. Louis, MO 63129

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact

Valerie – 618-719-4937 or Ruth Howard – 314-486-6836

Past Events

Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend

Planning and Organizing by Karen Price

Article by Mike Kunst

Photos by Mike Kunst and Clarke Thomas (Thursday only)

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Dennis and Janet Trost planned Thursday and led the caravan. We met at the Moto Mart / McDonalds by Mid America Adventure (formerly Six Flags) at 6:30 AM. We departed for Branson at approximately 6:45 AM. We had stops in Rolla (Love's) and Springfield (Buc-ee's). We proceeded to Branson where we had lunch at Billy Gails. After lunch, it was short drive to Clay Cooper Theater. Dennis and Janet had arranged for us to see "Hits of the 60's". It was a nostalgic and fun show. Maggie couldn't contain herself! After the show, we completed our trip to Eureka Springs arriving in time to enjoy a dinner at Local Flavor arranged by Karen Price.

Friday, September 25, 2026

Jeff and Tracy Stieren planned Friday and led us on a drive to see the Arkansas Grand Canyon! You didn't know there was such a thing, did you? First, we stopped for breakfast or lunch (your choice) at Sharon K's Café. Jeff seems to be able to find these quaint places! Then we drove a very short distance to the Arkansas Grand Canyon. Then a scenic drive home. Of course, all drives in this area of Arkansas are scenic. After returning to the hotel, we relaxed a bit and prepared for dinner on the Eureka Springs & North Arkansas Railway.

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Karen and Mike Price led the group on a drive to the War Eagle Mill. This is always fun, particularly when there are members who are doing this for the first time. STLCC has a tradition of taking a photo of first timers driving across an old steel frame and wooden bridge. Of course, the Mill has many products to purchase. There were optional activities in the afternoon including the car show and poker run. Karen arranged for us to have dinner at Amigos Mexican Restaurant and Cantina.

War Eagle Mill

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War Eagle Mill

Sunday, September 27, 2026

After we checked out of our hotel, we drove to the Crescent Hotel located near downtown but on a high point on the ridge. They have a great brunch that is a buffet with an omelet station. After we could hardly walk out the door and take a final photo in front of the hotel, we began our journey home.

St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Picnic

Picnic Committee: Dee Riehlman, Maggie Hedgcorth, Ruth Howard, and Kathy Mueller

Photos by Terry Mueller and Ruth Howard

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Winners of the Costume Contest: First Place - Barry and Kathy; Second Place - Michelle; Third Place - Mike and Karen

Winners of the table decorations Ken, Tom, Barry, Joyce, Lisa, Steve, Chris, Dennis, Don, and Rick.

Barry was the winner of Guess the Number of M&Ms.

Congratulations to Steve and Terry for winning the Washers contest. Sorry we didn't get a picture.

Marty presented the STLCC Club banner, which was displayed at the museum in 2024, to Ruth and Randy in recognition of all they do for the club.

STLCC Chili Cook Off

Sponsored by Russ and Brenda Lauer

Photos by Terry Mueller

The chili cook off contestants were Maggie Hedgcorth, Mike Kunst, Brenda Lauer, Marilyn Panter, Randy Rickerman, and Jerry Schmidt. The winner was Jerry Schmidt. All the chili was delicious.

Coffee and Corvettes and Mystery Run

Sponsored by Jim and Bev Givens

Photos by Bev Givens

The first stop was Behold Coffee in Imperial, MO

The second stop was Midway Bar & Grill in New Offenburg.

The final stop was Soldiers Memorial.

October Bunco

Sponsored by Dawn and Steve Kirby

Photos by Terry Mueller

Bunco Winners!

October Retirees' Lunch

Sponsored by Mike Kunst

Photos by Terry Mueller

EDGE WILD

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

Features and Announcements

National Corvette Museum STEAM Day

Submitted by Marty Dooley

Because of generous supporters like you, students at our 2026 Fall STEAM Day experienced hands-on learning that sparked creativity and discovery through Hot Wheels vehicles.

This year's event welcomed 374 guests, and 213 Hot Wheels cars were distributed. Every student who attended STEAM Day went home with a donated Hot Wheels vehicle of their own, creating a lasting reminder of their experience and helping inspire the next generation of Corvette enthusiasts. Thank you for making opportunities like this possible.

With Gratitude,
The National Corvette Museum Team

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

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

WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER

The month of November sees the club gradually getting ready to put our cars away for the cold winter months. Our normal activities this month are the club meeting, Veterans Day Parade, ELCO-sponsored

hayride, retirees' lunch and usually a VA garden cleanup plus a Fritz's custard run if the weather cooperates. We also might squeeze in a Corvettes and Coffee run if it isn't too cold as well.

Way back in 2004 we went to the World Bird Sanctuary in Valley Park and in 2005 we participated in an autocross at the GM Plant in Wentzville. In 2006 we did a run to Pere Marquette State Park in Grafton for lunch as well as in 2011 to Castelli's Moonlight Restaurant in Alton, IL. In 2008 we donated toys to Ranken Jordan hospital as well as participated in the Liver Walk in Forest Park. In 2016 we approved our current club shirt. In 2022 some of us attended the American Muscle for American Vets car show at Jefferson Barracks. And finally, the most important event for the club is our election of officers.

Traditionally, the club has always participated in two parades, the Fourth of July Parade in Webster Groves and the Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis. When we first started doing the Veterans Parade downtown over 20 years ago, it was well attended and usually had 50-70 parade entrees. As the years went by, attendance fell off as well as those participating in the parade. Finally, we realized there were more people in the parade than watched the parade. We therefore decided a couple years ago to participate in the parade in St. Charles. I hope you consider participating this year to show our support for all veterans, especially those in the club.

Here are a few pictures from past November events:

From 2005 this is our own Bob Woods driving the Grand Marshall, actress and pop singer Connie Stevens, in the Veterans Day Parade. This is before Bob had his car wrapped in an American flag theme. And if you check his glovebox, you will find her signature. And for you "kids" reading this, she gained fame for her

role as “Cricket” Blake on the popular 60’s television series Hawaiian Eye. She also lived for a time in Boonville, MO and had a popular novelty song “Kookie, Kookie, Lend Me Your Comb” in 1959.

In 2011, former members Dave and Marya Horstmeyer hosted an oil change party. Here Michelle Paillou is getting down and dirty, changing the oil on her ’58.

All our cars getting ready for the Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis in 2014.

The brave and slightly cold members who enjoyed Fritz's custard in November 2021.

MORE HISTORY OF OUR CLUB

How many of you look at our club website, https://stlcorvettes.net/? There is a wealth of information there including all our past newsletters and thousands of pictures, in addition to all our current events and club calendar. In the regular History column, we highlight some past events and include one picture from the event. But check out that event on our website and see all the members who attended. It may even give you an idea to plan your own event.

One feature on our website concerns a remembrance of our deceased club members. We will highlight some former members in the next few newsletters.

An early club member who died was Jerry Fain. Jerry and June Fain were early club members. The joined at the very beginning of the club in 2004. Jerry had a very dry sense of humor and June was very quiet. They owned a black C5. Jerry was one of our first treasurers having served in 2006 and 2007. A couple of funny stories come to mind. We did a run to Miller's Grill in Washington, MO. We all gathered in the parking lot and someone asked Jerry why his car was still running. So, he went to shut it off and realized he had left his keys in the car with it running. Panic ensued and after about 15 minutes we were able to use a wire to open the door. From there on, we always asked if Jerry had his keys before leaving his car.

In 2006, Mary Ann and I wanted to go to our first Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend. We could not get a room but by chance Jerry had accidentally booked two rooms so he offered one to us. We had travelled separately and got there but Jerry and June were not to be found. They finally showed up very late in the evening. Evidently, they were in a serious discussion and drove right through Springfield, MO until June asked Jerry why the road sign said Joplin, MO next exit? They completely missed the Highway 65 exit in Springfield! This was pre-GPS cell phones in those days. This was another running joke for many years.

In my Corvette display case is a yellow C3 that June gave to me from Jerry's collection. Jerry passed away in September 2009 and June passed away on Christmas Day in 2021.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Managing Editor	Kathy Mueller
Columnist	Ron Hagenow
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Photo Journalist	Ruth Howard
Aerial Photo Journalist	Tom Marlo
Archive Specialist	Steve Kirby
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