

# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter













**March 2013** 

## **Upcoming Events**

March 5	STLCC Monthly Meeting Charity: Non-perishable food drive for Feed My People
March 9	STLCC Bowling Tryouts
March 24	STLCC Ice Cream Run
April 2	STLCC Monthly Meeting
	Charity: Baby essentials for Nurses For Newborns
April 28	STLCC Ice Cream Run















## **Letter from the STLCC President**

Welcome to the latest newsletter! Thanks for all that attended our first meeting at our new location. It was a great meeting and we had 52 members in attendance.

I would like to thank our newest committee – "The Historian's". Carl Ballinger, Jerry Craig and Marty Dooley are working to keep club history data and trophies in one location. They had one meeting so far and will update everyone at our March meeting regarding their efforts! Thanks guys!

The Charity Committee have put their wheels in motion for the year! For each month of the year they have chosen a charity. Thanks for your efforts.

We now have a new feature at our monthly meetings. Everyone that attends the meeting will enter their name in a drawing and the winner will win a dinner gift certificate! Congrats to the Luebecke's as they won the February gift certificate to Apple Bee's!

The Mystery Run/Valentine's Brunch was a huge success. Thanks to Elise & Larry Akins and Jan & Gary Murray. They took us for a ride through the hills of Illinois tested our knowledge on a questionnaire and then we arrived for a great brunch at Our Lady of the Snows Shrine in Belleville, Il. Awesome job and fun was had by all! Congratulations to Mike and Karen Price for winning the trivia questionnaire, and a round of applause for Rick & Mary Doerr for coming in last place on the trivia!

Our next meeting is March 5, and our next event is March 9<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't signed up for our bowling event please contact myself, Judy Dooley or Karen Price. This event will be discussed further in the minutes. Spring is just around the corner and I can hear the roar of the engines! It's tough to walk out the garage and look at these beautiful cars just sitting there. THINK SPRING!!! ©

Save the Wave!
Ruth Howard

## 2013 Officers

President: Ruth Howard, president@stlcorvettes.com

Immediate Past President: Michael Zlatic

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Or, you can contact the Club through the general email box at <a href="mailto:stl.corvettes@gmail.com">stl.corvettes@gmail.com</a>

# Helpful & Fun Corvette Sites

**National Corvette Museum** 

National Council of Corvette Clubs

Official Corvette Site

**Boone Trail Corvette Club** 

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

**Corvette Racing** 

Mid America Motorworks

**Elco Chevrolet** 

**Corvette Motorsport** 

**Corvette Central** 

## **March Birthdays & Anniversaries**

3/30



Diana Griggs 3/2 Leanne Lyle 3/5 Mike Oster 3/23



Eric & Vickie DeBruin 3/14 Mike & Melanie Ludlow 3/18



**Judy Giovanoni** 

### News from the National Corvette Museum

February Membership Special - Half Price Family Membership, Upgrade Discount

Are you a current individual member of the NCM? Now thru February 28 you can upgrade to the Family level for only \$25!. Click here to upgrade, and in the Special Instructions box on the shipping summary page enter code HEARTUPGRADE to save the \$25. Don't forget to enter your loved one in the name box so that we can add them to your membership.

Not a member? Join anytime now thru February 28 and receive a new "Family" membership for the price of an "Individual" membership (\$100 value for only \$50). This offer is only available for new members.

Click here, and in the Special Instructions box on the shipping summary page enter code HEARTVALDAY.

If you need assistance, please call us at 800-538-3883. or get in touch with Marty or myself at <a href="mailto:jmdooley6493@aol.com">jmdooley6493@aol.com</a> and we will help you.

Judy Dooley NCM Ambassador



**Reminder**: Please post your event pictures to the website and/or send them to the newsletter editor so we don't lose any memories...

## **Meeting Minutes**

Couldn't make it to the meeting? Here is what you missed (and what you were volunteered for):

# St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting February 5, 2013- Pasta House

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by President Ruth Howard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ruth welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the 2013 Board Officers and the Key Positions. She reminded everyone to check the sign up lists, buy 50/50 tickets from Don Pickles, and noted that there was a tin to place your name in for a monthly attendance prize.

### **Announcements:**

Ruth asked if there were any visitors or new members present- none of either.

The Secretary's minutes from the November and January were presented for any discussion or changes- the motion to accept as published in the Newsletter was given by Don Giovanoni and seconded by Ken Barron.

Treasurer's report was presented by Rich Doerr for any discussion or changes- the motion to accept as presented by given by Ann Brown and seconded by Rich Luebcke.

Membership's report was presented by Jan Murray- she reviewed the February Birthdays and Anniversaries. She reported that we had 79 members, 20 Associate members and 2 Lifetime members.

Ruth then reviewed the following committees and confirmed that the members still wanted to be on these:

Charity Committee- Judy Giovanoni, Michelle Finn, and Elise Akins- all agreed to continue. VA Hospital Committee- Marty Dooley, Bob Woods and Karen Price- all agreed to continue. Car Show Committee- Dave Horstmeyer, Larry Akins- Dave will be moving, but Larry has agreed to continue. Carl Cox, Mike Price and Carl Ballinger agreed to help.

Parade Committee- Ron Hagenow- he agreed to continue.

By-Laws Committee- Ron Hagenow- he agreed to continue.

Budget Committee- Rich Doerr, Don Pickles, Randy Howard- Rich noted that he had asked Charlie Miget to help- all agreed to continue. Christmas Committee- Chris Woods and Judy Dooley- all agreed to continue.

Nominating Committee- to be determined prior to elections. Looking for volunteers.

Webmaster- Dave Davidson- he has agreed to continue.

NCCC Governor- Jeff Craig- he has agreed to continue.

NCM Ambassador- Judy Dooley with assistance from Marty- agreed to continue.

Newsletter Editor- Don Giovanoni- agreed to continue

Sponsor- Elco Chevrolet- Mark and Eric- agreed to continue.

Prior/Future Events/Activities- Larry Akins with assistance from Elise- agreed to continue. Congratulations to Ken Dahman who had a hole in one on January 25<sup>th</sup> at Highland Woods Golf and Country Club, Hole#5, a 140 yard-Par 3, using a #4 Hybrid club, and yes Sue witnessed it!. To quote Ken " a day that will live in history'! Patty Craig asked for clarification if there was a windmill on that hole.

Marty Dooley noted that the Static cling parade signs for the cars were accounted for and they were for sale.

Ruth read a thank you card from Rick and Mary Doerr for the flowers sent from the club during her recent surgery- Rick reported that Mary was recovering nicely.

#### **Old Business:**

Suggestion Box- last meeting the following items were placed in the suggestion box:

- 1) More Beer- Club Pays
- 2) Please revote it was not legal. Review bylaws- new meeting place.-Ruth's response-Section 4-: QUORUM AND VOTING: At all meetings the members in attendance will constitue a quorum. All resolutions must be approved by majority vote. All members attending where a

vote is taken shall have one vote. In conclusion- a formal vote was taken, there were no objections from the floor and no one asked to table the vote until the next meeting. The ballot contained two choices, Pasta House on Manchester or Rizzo's Restaurant in South County. By a wide margin more votes were cast for the Pasta house location.

Ruth then asked how everyone liked the food-response was it was great. She then presented the option for the next month's meeting- \$10.95 same as tonight or change to \$12.95 with an additional chicken entrée or a pizza party. A vote was taken and a pizza party will be the menu for the March meeting. David Ruth was introduced as the owner of the Pasta House.

3) Elco should not run our club. I think we should have voted on whether to leave Grand Slam. I prefer to stay at Grand Slam. Ruth's response- The venue was not convenient to all members, sponsor and several members had voiced concerns which lead to the decision to move to another venue.

#### **New Business:**

Elise Akins gave the information for Larry regarding future events.

Marty Dooley had checked with the NCM for options for a donation in memory of Armynta Craig- he suggested a tree with a plaque that would be in place for 10 yrs at a cost of \$500. A motion was made by Marty Dooley and seconded by Rich Luebcke. Discussion followed, Steve Lyle suggested that we think about how we would handle future members- if we do it for one would we be obligated to do the same for all? Jeff Craig suggested a donation to the American Cancer society since the Museum has put up a plaque in Armynta's honor already. Rick Doerr suggested that we table this option until the Board had a chance to meet and discuss. Marty withdrew his motion until the Board had a chance to discuss.

Ruth read the email that Jerry Craig had sent nominating Marty Dooley as the club Historian. A motion was made by Chris Woods to create the position of Club Historian seconded by Michelle Palliou. The membership passed all in favor. Jerry Craig was to help Marty and Carl Ballinger was added to this committee also. Elise then reviewed the details for the Valentine's Mystery/Brunch Run February 17th sponsored by the Akins and the Murrays. Those going should meet at the South County Home Depot at 9:30-9:45 and leave at 10am. A game will be played along the way. Wear red and drive your car. Cost is 17.99/person + tip and tax. Judy Dooley talked about the upcoming Crazy Bowl on March 9th at the Brunswick Lanes at Doughtery Ferry. Meet at 6:30 to get shoes and directions for the bowling games. Bowl from 7-9pm followed by a Pizza buffet/ awards ceremony. Cost \$25/ person. No skill level required. Sponsored by the Howards and the Dooley's.

March 24<sup>th</sup> is the first Fritz's Ice cream run. Ruth then proposed having a club Luau in June and requested a motion to cover the cost of the meat since it is estimated to be more than the \$300. The membership would bring the sides. A motion was made by Ron Hagenow and seconded by Carl Cox. The membership passed the proposal unanimously.

Terry Wilson gave details on the Covered Bridge Run that he is organizing April 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 8:30am at the Silver Lake exit in III and go up to Indy, a tour of the track and Museum is planned. The run will then continue to Turkey Run Park with a tour of the many covered Bridges in the park. Details will be provided in the Newsletter. Ruth then proposed the Club Picnic to be held Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. The Kirby's have researched a Park in Milstadt/Waterloo, III area and will check availability for that date. A \$75 deposit is required.

Steve Lyle talked about the Corvette and Warbirds event. Steve explained that we will need an invitation to participate. Since we had a low turnout (15 cars) last year, he was waiting to give any details if we are invited this year. Ron Hagenow presented Dave Markland with his Duffle Bag from the Christmas Party. He reported that \$37 was payable to Rick Doerr for the STL Corvette afghans.

Ruth then announced that Dave and Marya Horstmeyer were moving to San Antonio,Tx for Dave to pursue a new career. Marya gave the details of the new house, move and plans a run to visit their new home. She has static cling decals for sale and Dave is selling his lift. Sheri

Marlo presented Marya with a going away present for their new home- a beaver and cowboy boot plaque.

Michelle Palliou then asked for prayers for her dad who is moving into Hopsice at the VA. He will be in the Spinal Cord unit and would appreciate any visitors to stop in and see him. **Charity Committee report by Judy Giovanoni-the** committee is coming up with a monthly charity as they have done in the past. March is Feed My People. Donation of non perishable food items will be requested. April- Nurses for Newborns. May- Stray Rescue. June- clothing drive. Augustschool supplies. Sept- adopt of a Soldier. **December- Beverly Farms for developmentally** challenge residents. More details to followcheck for emails and Newsletter. Sheri Marlo asked if the membership would be interested in helping with a charity that she and Laurie Grubb volunteer with- Stray Humane Society, a no-kill shelter. They are trying to build a new shelter

Respectfully submitted,

Karen L. Price Secretary 2013 and would like to suggest this as a charity commitment.

NCM Ambassador's report-Judy Dooley reported that the Performance Build Center will be moving to the Assembly Plant.

NCC Governor's report- Jeff Craig reported that the next meeting is Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013.

Website- Dave Davidson reported that the website had encountered some problems after Ruth Howard had broke it downloading pictureshe states he is working on correcting the problems.

The 50/50 drawing was won by Ken Barron-\$69.

Ruth drew the 1st attendance prize of a \$25 gift certificate to AppleBee's Restaurant and presented it to Theresa Luebcke.

A motion was made by Rich Luebcke to adjourn the meeting, 2 nd was presented by Glenda Davidson. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

## Oops...



According to Chevy spokesman Monte Doran, this was a GM test drive gone wrong: "During evaluation, the driver caught the inside tire caught the edge of the pavement during a tight corner, leading to the accident. Thankfully, no one was hurt, the car received only minor damage, and no citations were issued."

# **Charity Committee for 2013**

We have determined the charity events for 2013, and for the first two months of 2014. Although we'll have more information at meetings and in each newsletter, here is the overview:

March: Non-perishable food drive for Feed My People. Please bring items to the March meeting. <a href="http://www.feed-my-people.org">http://www.feed-my-people.org</a>

April: Baby essentials for Nurses For Newborns. <a href="http://www.nfnf.org">http://www.nfnf.org</a>

May: Dog and cat items, blankets and cleaning supplies for Stray Rescue. <a href="http://strayrescue.org">http://strayrescue.org</a>

June: Clean Out Your Closet for men's and women's clothing to benefit the Kingdom House. <a href="http://www.kingdomhouse.org">http://www.kingdomhouse.org</a>

July: Non-perishable food drive for St. Louis Food Bank. <a href="http://www.stlfoodbank.org">http://www.stlfoodbank.org</a>

August: School supplies drive for Board of Religious Organizations (BRO), www.brostl.org

September: Adopt a Service Person with letters and small items.

October: Giving Tree with ornaments for people to choose to help individuals in need at Beverly

Farm. Items will be collected at the November meeting and distributed in December.

http://www.beverlyfarm.org

January: Books for kids.

February: Valentines for residents at a nursing home.

Participation is always voluntary. Thank you for your kindness!

**Charity Committee:** 

Elise Akins, Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni



## Radios for the Road Jerry Craig

STLCC uses hand-held radios for communication on road events. Generally, we run on channel 6 subchannel 6. These radios keep us in touch for rest stops and other road events.

Manufacturers recommend that you hold the radio about a foot away and talk in a normal voice. Talking too close or too loudly distorts the sound.

Rechargeable or standard batteries? Up until now, using rechargeable batteries was a problem because we had to carry a transformer and charging base. On long trips batteries had to be charged every night. Regular AA or AAA dry cells can be used but spares are needed as these last a day or so, sometimes less. Manufactures like Motorola and Midland have now come out with radios that can be charged from the cigarette lighter. The Motorola units can be charged while listening or talking. They use a common USB connector used by many cell phones. Cost about \$70 per pair.

<u>Turn off the VOX</u>. VOX is a common feature which turns on transmit when you speak. Road noise and local conversations can turn on transmit when not intended. At times we have driven many miles with no ability to communicate because someone was transmitting.

<u>Talking distance.</u> Radios make wild claims about communication distance. On the road, line of sight is the rule. 1 to 2 miles is the maximum expected. If a larger separation occurs it is best to use cell phones. A list of travelers and their cell phone numbers is always useful on long trips.

<u>High power and low power channels</u>. Some channels are automatically limited to low power transmission. High power channels are: 1 to 7 and 15 to 22.

<u>License Required?</u> Yes for GMRS radios. Reality – it's another unenforceable government regulation. You have to first get permission to talk to the FCC. Then you have to apply for a license. Took months and \$45.

Recommended radios: FRS (Family Radio Service) or GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service)

Motorola: MR350R Midland: GXT1000VP4 <a href="http://www.buytwowayradios.com">http://www.buytwowayradios.com</a>





# **Diagnosis and Repair of Grind & Pop Noises from Corvettes on Tight Turns Jeff Craig**

Have you taken your Corvette for a spirited drive on some twisty roads, or a long road trip only to notice a pop, tire chirp or a moan/grind from the rear of the car on a tight turn afterwards? It may be time to service your rear differential.

Our Corvettes are blessed with a limited slip or positive traction rear differential-A.K.A. POSI from GM. These units are engineered to send power to both rear wheels at all times. There has to be some slippage allowed and speed difference from side to side on turns-hence the differential components. In the Posi unit the different speeds with power throughput is accomplished with a set of clutches on either side of the differential. The fluid that cools and lubricates the differential has an additive that allows the clutches to slip without undue wear and provides for a smooth breakaway and take-up when the clutches have slip and stick. When the fluid additive breaks down or 'goes off', is when some strange operating characteristics can occur.

Luckily, the C-5 and C-6 Corvette is easy to perform the rear differential service on. You will need 2 quarts of the appropriate lubricant (I use the MOBIL 1 or REDLINE fluids), a 12 inch section of 3/8 diameter tubing, a can of brake clean and paper towels for cleanup, a pan to drain the fluid into, a way to get the car elevated-race ramps, trolley jack and jack-stands or a lift if you are so fortunate, and lastly a ratchet and 10 MM Allen key socket. The procedure is quite easy; drive the vehicle until the trans temperature reads 100 deg f. on the monitor or 15 miles at medium speeds. Next is to get the car elevated so you may gain access to the rear differential (car must be level to get all of the lubricant to drain). Grab your ratchet, a short extension and the 10mm Allen key socket and unscrew the upper differential plug-backside about ½ way up the housing (lefty loosey/righty tighty). Now place a suitable container under the lower drain plug that you have found on the bottom of the differential housing in line with the upper plug, and unscrew that plug. Gets messy at this point...

For you C-3 and C-4 owners, the factory did not give us a lower drain to accomplish this task. There are kits available to put a lower drain in the housing, but that is a writeup for a different day. When you are gathering the tools for the change on these cars a suction gun is how we will get the fluid out. It is a longer more labor intensive task, but it still is quicker than waxing the car...

When the fluid has finished draining, or all has been evacuated that can be, install & tighten the lower plug and get the lubricant and section of hose. All of the gear-lube that I have bought comes in a bottle with a nipple on the end with a resealable cap. Open the bottle, remove the paper seal and cut the nipple off about ½ way down, just above the sealing ring for the cap that is cast into the nipple and shove the hose over the nipple as far as it will go. Not all cars will need the hose on the bottle... Be careful not to knock any crud into the differential as you insert the hose into the fill port. Gently squeeze and fold up the bottle as you fill the fluid-Too much pressure will blow the hose off the bottle and spray fluid everywhere, ask me how I know. When you can't get any more fluid out of the bottle, fill it from the other bottle and repeat until the lube starts to drizzle out of the fill hole. Some vehicles require the fluid to be just below the fill so a paper towel can be used to draw down the fluid level if need be. Tighten up the fill plug and clean up the mess (remember the brake clean you bought).

After a cleanup and cold beverage, take the car and go drive in a few circles,10-20, left and right or just drive the car normally to work the fluid into the different clutches. Do not apply full throttle for at least 100 miles after this procedure if you have not made the circles. On some cars that really have bad issues with the pop & grind, 2 fluid changes are necessary, but those are few and far between.

## **Corvettes and Covered Bridges 2013**

April 11<sup>th</sup> thru April 14th

#### **Thursday April 11th**

8:30am, Meet at east-bound rest stop Illinois Interstate 70 just before Highland Silver Lake at about mile marker 26 or 27.

8:45am, Drivers Meeting

9:00am, Depart for Indianapolis. Stop for lunch?

2:00pm est (1:00pm cst), Arrive at Lodging in Plainfield, IN. Room registration, unpack and plan for dinner.

#### Friday April 12th

9:00am est, Drivers Meeting at motel parking lot, but if raining will meet in motel lobby

9:15am, Depart for Indianapolis Motor Speedway and its Hall of Fame.

9:45am, Arrive at the Hall of Fame. Visit the museum and gift shop, and tour buses are available for a lap around the track. You racing fans will enjoy the many cars, drivers and memorabilia displays. Marty is checking his contact to see if we may drive the Corvettes around the track.

1:00pm, Drivers Meeting. Anybody hungry?

1:15pm, Depart Indy and drive to Turkey Run State Park to stay at Turkey Run Inn. Note that we are not restricted on time at this point, so if we are all done sooner, we have the option to leave earlier, or even leave somewhat later if needed. My only concern is the "rush hour" traffic getting out of Indy.

3:00pm, Arrive at Turkey Run Inn for room registration and to unpack. If some of you choose to forego Indianapolis, but would still like to experience the Covered Bridge tour, you could option to meet us at Turkey Run at this time. The remainder of the evening would be a good time to tour some of the park, and plan for dinner. The only cautionary thing to remember is to not wander too far if walking a trail. The deep ravines and darkness factor do not go well together.

#### Saturday April 13th

9:00am, Drivers Meeting. The Turkey Run Inn begins serving breakfast at 7:00am. This would also be a good time to plan for lunch.

9:15am, Tour the Covered Bridges until everyone is worn out.

6:00pm, Dinner and drinks at the "36 Saloon" in Rockville, on Hwy 36 at the northeast corner of the square.

#### **Sunday April 14th**

9:00am, Meet for breakfast in the Inn dining area. I believe they have a buffet or order from the menu. At this time, we can discuss plans for the day. The park itself has many scenic and historic things to see. Or some of you may wish to visit Jungle Park, which is an old race track. Photos of it are on the club web site. Some may wish to head for home. Regardless, we hope all of you who participated had a great time!

#### **Related Information for the Trip**

For our stay in Plainfield arriving the evening of April 11th:

We will be staying at Comfort Inn Plainfield, phone (317) 839-9600

- 9 rooms are blocked off in the name of the St. Louis Corvette Club
- those rooms not reserved will be cancelled by March 28<sup>th</sup>
- the cost for each room will be \$79 per night, and with taxes will be \$90.85
- the address is 6107 Cambridge Way, and is just off of Interstate 70
- Comfort Inn Plainfield <a href="http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-plainfield-indiana-lin082?source=rseedrs23">http://www.comfortinn.com/hotel-plainfield-indiana-lin082?source=rseedrs23</a>

For our stay at Turkey Run arriving the evening of Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, and departing Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> We will be staying at Turkey Run Inn located inside the Turkey Run State Park, phone (765) 597-2211

• 9 rooms are blocked off in the name of the St Louis Corvette Club. If you have decided to stay at Turkey Run Inn, you must call them at the latest February 19<sup>th</sup> at (765) 597-2211. This is to give them a deposit. You may still cancel by March 28<sup>th</sup>, and receive your deposit back.

- The rooms are different, and one couple will need to change rooms from Friday night to Saturday night.
- The rooms available on a first come-first serve basis are as follows:

2 rooms- 1dbl bed, 64.99 plus tax

5 rooms- 1 queen size bed, 85.99 plus tax

1 room- 1 queen size bed with sofa fold-out, 109.99 plus tax

1 room Friday, 1 disability room with 1 dbl bed, 64.99 plus tax, and then 1 room Saturday, 2 dbl beds, 85.99 plus tax.

Turkey Run Inn <a href="http://www.turkeyrunstatepark.com/Turkey\_Run\_Inn/reservations.htm">http://www.turkeyrunstatepark.com/Turkey\_Run\_Inn/reservations.htm</a>

#### **Other Web Site References**

- Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum
   http://www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/about/35204-Museum/
- Parke County Covered Bridges <a href="http://coveredbridges.com/index.php/covered\_bridges?cfid=52">http://coveredbridges.com/index.php/covered\_bridges?cfid=52</a>
- Turkey Run State Park <a href="http://www.turkeyrunstatepark.com/">http://www.turkeyrunstatepark.com/</a>
- 36 Saloon <a href="http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\_Review-g37480-d667305-Reviews-Thirty\_Six\_Saloon-Rockville\_Indiana.html">http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\_Review-g37480-d667305-Reviews-Thirty\_Six\_Saloon-Rockville\_Indiana.html</a>







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# Come join us on a trip to Mackinaw Island, MI. and beyond to Bowling Green, KY. – home of the Corvette

# You can join us for the entire trip or any portion — you do not have to do the entire trip!!!!

## Mackinaw, Michigan Trip August 2013

- 1. Wednesday Aug. 21, 2013 travel from St. Louis to Sawyer MI. where we have arranged a tour of the "Corvette Central" facility. We will be eating dinner and spending the night in the Sawyer, MI. area. This is a 375 mi. trip so we will be leaving early to have plenty of time to travel to Sawyer, tour the facility and enjoy our evening. Room reservation details later.....
- 2. Thursday, Aug. 22. depart early and travel 340 mi. from Sawyer, MI. to Mackinaw City, MI. where we will be staying at the Baymont Inn. <u>Call Baymont central reservations at 800-337-0550 and tell them you want a room from the St. Louis Corvette Club room block. They also have a confirmation # 703-006697 which might be helpful but is not necessary. We plan to arrive on Thursday, Aug. 22 and depart on Monday, Aug. 26.</u>
- 3. Friday, Aug. 23. We will visit Mackinaw Island with a lunch at the Grand Hotel. The charge for the ferry ride to the island, admission to the Grand Hotel, lunch at the hotel and taxi ride will be \$69.50 per person. There will also be free live entertainment Friday PM at the Mackinaw Crossings Mall in Mackinaw City.
- 4. Saturday, Aug. 24 Corvette Show sponsored by the Mackinaw City Chamber of Commerce. This event is held in a parking lot next door to our motel so we will have easy access to our rooms all day. The Chamber has booked a full day of activities during and after the Corvette Show. We can keep busy up till 9:00 PM if we want see the attached flyer for details.
- 5. Sunday, Aug. 25 this is an open day so you can tour the region at your leisure. I am gathering information on the area you may want to go back to the Island, travel to Canada (bring your passport), go to the "tunnel of trees", etc.
- 6. Monday, Aug 26 drive to Flint, MI. and visit the Sloan and Buick Museums. The Sloan Museum is very interesting with a lot of history of the region. Room reservation details later....
- 7. Tuesday, Aug. 27 depart Flint and drive to Louisville, KY. This is a 400+ mile day so we will depart early so we do not have to push hard all day. Room reservation details later....
- 8. Wednesday, Aug. 28 spend day in Louisville visiting local attractions like the Louisville Slugger Museum, downtown museums, take a riverboat excursion trip on the Ohio River

that lasts approx. 2 hours, etc. - Lots of things to do in Louisville......Room reservation details later....

- 9. Thursday, Aug. 29 leave Louisville and stop at distillery in Bardstown, Ky. area on our way to Bowling Green, KY. Arrive in Bowling Green in time to register for event and enjoy time at the Corvette Museum and Corvette assembly plant. Plant tours may be available for either Thursday or Friday. This is a large event so we will want to book our rooms ASAP.......
- 10. Event runs until Saturday enjoy your trip. Will depart for home on Sunday. Sept. 1.......















www.stlcorvettes.net March 2013 Valentine Mystery Run

Mike & Karen Price Winners - Mystery Tour Trivia!



Rick & Mary Doerr Last Place -Mystery Tour Trivia!

## St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

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