

# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter













September 2013

## **Upcoming Events**

September 3	STLCC Monthly Meeting
	At TJ Wings in Fenton
	Charity: Adopt a Service
	Person
September 14	STLCC Josephine Run
September 19-	Corvette Funfest –
22	MidAmerica Motorworks
September 29	STLCC Club Picnic
October 1	STLCC Monthly Meeting
	Charity: Giving Tree
	Ornaments – Beverly Farm
October 3-6	Eureka Springs
October 11	STLCC Happy Hour
October 19	STLCC Car Show/Chili
	Cookoff
October 26	STLCC Hay Ride

Chris Woods was kind enough to submit a link to a interesting Corvette time line article on the Car and Driver Blog.

<u>From Inception to C7: A Timeline of Corvette History</u>

The link for the feature article is:

http://fw.to/anPY5qf

Remember, our September Meeting is at T.J. Wings in Valley Park!

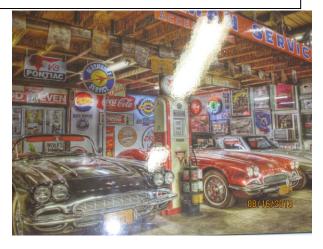




Exciting details and pictures from the Mackinaw/Flint/Louisville/Corvette Museum Expedition next month!



Remember the September Charity: Adopt a Service Person. *Participation is always voluntary. Thank you for your kindness!* 



## Letter from the STLCC President

How about this weather! Well August was a quiet month so far. Sounds like the group that is going to Mackinaw Island are in for a good time. Kudos to Carl and Sharon for putting together a great folder for those going on the trip.

At the last meeting it was discussed about trying a new location for our monthly meeting. The September meeting will be held at TJ's Wings on Vance Road in Fenton. They have a private room with bar and restroom that would be just for our use. Next to the restaurant is a medical building that has offered their parking lot just for our use. Once the meeting is over you we are welcomed to stay as long as you want. They also have a great outside patio that we can move to after the meeting. Food will be buffet style and as I write this we are working on a menu and price.

September looks to be a quiet month besides Josephine's Run, Funfest and our club picnic. Feel free to pick a place and throw a happy hour on the calendar at our next meeting.

Once again I would like to remind members that planning an event is really easy. Just talk to the folks that have taken the time to create fun for everyone. Remember this is your club! Enjoy this beautiful weather and drive safely!

Save the Wave!

Ruth Howard *President*. *STLCC* 

## 2013 Officers

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Or, you can contact the Club

through the general email box

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## 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** 

## **September Birthdays & Anniversaries**



Bob Kusky	9/1
Kimberlie Gerecke	9/2
Jim Love	9/8
Mike Jennewein	9/15
Larry Taake	9/18
Carol Miesner	9/26
Tom Marlo	9/26
Randy Rickermann	9/27
Elise Akins	9/29



John & Pam Corrona	9/6
Larry & Lynn Taake	9/7
Bob & Chris Woods	9/20



### **News from the National Corvette Museum**

The National Corvette Museum is about to celebrate its 19 anniversary with the annual Corvette Hall of Fame induction ceremony, seminars, lifetime member dinner, car show and more. As part of the festivities a special Corvette reveal is planned. A Hall of Fame Commemorative Corvette will be revealed.

The Vets' n Vettes event registration is now open. This event will take place at the NCM November 7-9. Activities include: American Warrior Recognition program, Corvette rides for the wounded warriors, a special luncheon, museum tours & more. You can register for this event online.

Judy Dooley NCM Ambassador



## **Meeting Minutes**

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

## August 6th, 2013-Pasta House

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by President Ruth Howard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Ruth introduced current board members-president Ruth Howard, vice president Larry Akins, secretary Karen Price, sergeant at arms Don Pickles, treasurer Rich Doerr, and membership Jan Murray. Club sponsor ELCO's representatives Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin were also mentioned but absent.

Ruth reminded everyone to review the sign ups sheets, purchase 50/50 tickets, put their names in the drawing for the monthly dinner gift certificate and sign up for next month's dinner.

#### **Guests/New Members**

No guests or new members.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Don Giovanoni moved to accept the minutes from the July 2nd, 2013 meeting as published in the August newsletter. Judy Dooley provided a second to the motion with approval by the membership.

#### Treasurer's Report

Rick Doerr provided copies of the July monthly expense report for the membership and gave an overview of same. Chris Woods moved to accept the report with a second by Gary Murray and approval by the membership.

#### Membership Report

Jan Murray reported that we have 81 regular members, 20 associate members, and 2 honorary lifetime members. She acknowledged the August birthdays and anniversaries as printed in the newsletter.

#### **Committee Reports**

Budget Committee – Rick Doerr, Randy Howard, Don Pickles and Charlie Miget. No report.

By-laws Committee – Ron Hagenow, Jeff Craig, Rick Doerr and Ron Miesner. No report.

Car Show Committee – Larry Akins, Carl Cox, Mike Price. Larry reported that the next car show is scheduled for Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Elco. It will include a chili cook-off. He noted that Mike Price was working on some ideas for the Car Show to which Mike commented that the plans were in process.

Charity Committee - Judy Giovanoni, Elise Akins, Michelle Finn. Judy thanked everyone for the donations of clothing last month to benefit Kingdom House. The August charity collection of school supplies for the Board of Religions Organizations (BRO) is being gathered together in the back of the room. Next month, September will be adopt a soldier- a list will be posted on the website. Judy encouraged members to write a note to the soldiers with the supplies and not to be upset if we don't get a response due to the nature of their duty. Patty Craig noted that her work had also done this project and the soldiers really appreciated notes from the kids. Judy also noted that food needs to be separated from the supplies. A motion was made to pay for the postage to ship out the supplies by the club. Randy Howard moved to approve this motion and a second was made by Patty Craig- it was passed by the membership.

Christmas Committee – Chris Woods and Judy Dooley. Chris reported that flyers and sign-up is available at the table in the back. The dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 at Sam's Steakhouse. You will need to pick an entrée from the list. A cash bar will be available and money has to be turned in by the Nov Meeting. Cost is \$30/person with the club picking up the balance.

Historians Committee – Carl Ballinger, Jerry Craig, Marty Dooley. Marty displayed a club banner which he gotten all of the past presidents to sign. Good job Marty!

Nominating Committee – Elise Akins and Debbie Tidwell. Elise noted that the notices will be sent out in a week. (Elections will be held at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.)

Newsletter Editor-Don Giovanoni. Don thanked everyone who sent in articles this past month, he noted that he cannot include copywrited articles. He also requested that articles be submitted by the 15<sup>th</sup> to allow him time to process prior to the Mackinaw trip.

Parade Committee – Ron Hagenow. The Veteran's Day parade will be on November 9<sup>th</sup>. He made a motion for the club to purchase static cling Gold Stars to be displayed on the Gold Star Mom's cars. Randy Howard made the 1<sup>st</sup> and Bob Woods seconded it. The membership passed the motion.

Ron also noted that Bill Dotson's daughter was sponsoring an event called Luke's Legacy at Lutheran High School in St. Charles on Sept 21<sup>st</sup>. Cars were asked to be displayed at 7am during the race- see Ron for details.

VA Hospital Committee – Marty and Judy Dooley, Bob Woods and Karen Price. Marty explained that the club has taken care of the yard area at Building 52 at Jefferson Barracks VA hospital for about 8 years. A group works together in Spring to prepare the beds for the planting and them members help maintain the gardens by watering thru-out the summer months. Volunteers that pull weeds should put them in paper bags behind the shed where the maintenance staff will dispose of them.

#### Announcements from the floor

Ann Brown presented an idea of selling Scency candles as a fund raiser. The cost would be \$50 for a burner and candles with the club retaining \$20. We would need to order 24 to order. She asked for a show of hands- only 2 people were interested at this time. Ann also had club shirts that she has embroidered for sale with the race collars- see her for specific sizing.

Ruth noted that the KSDK video was a huge success featured Dana Griggs and Michelle Palliou. Since the airing, she had received a number of requests for members to participate in events ie. The Tootsie Roll August 24<sup>th</sup> and the Art Museum looking for a 1965 to display. See her if interested.

#### National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that the Sky Dome is featuring the Lingenfelter 2006 twin turbo collection. In the Exhibition Hall, the NCRS Top Flight cars are on display thru Sept 30<sup>th</sup>. She is selling \$10 raffle tickets for the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary coupe to be raffled on August 31<sup>st</sup>.

## NCCC Governor's Report-Jeff Craig (National Council of Corvette Clubs)

Jeff announced that he has started a new job that will now allow him to attend meetings. He reported that the club was 12<sup>th</sup> in the Region and 33<sup>rd</sup> out of 139 clubs nationally. August 17<sup>th</sup> is the next event to be held at the Family Arena and encouraged members to come out and watch or volunteer as needed. He also noted that he had asked for a vote to purchase an acre for the Museum's autocross track which had passed with no cost to us. He also advised that the NCCC website has waivers to print off.

#### Website Update: Dave Davidson

Dave was not present.

#### **Prior Events: Larry Akins**

July 4<sup>th</sup>-Webster Groves Parade. Michelle Palliou thanked Michelle Finn for all of her help with the event and Peggy Craig for successfully teaching the participants the Webster Honk. The theme for the parade this year was celebrating creativity- our club won Best Visiting Entry. She noted that we beat both the Monster Trucks and the Mustang club. Karen Price thanked all who brought food to the post party at the Price's and noted the barbeque was professionally done by Marty Dooley and Ron Hagenow. The Woods, Ballinger's and Dooley's arrived early to the Price's to get things organized prior to participants arriving. Jerry Craig had generously donated money for the meat and drinks- thanks to all!

July 14<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Annual Dooley/Miget History Mystery Run sponsored by Marty Dooley and Charlie Miget. Marty noted that 25 people joined them for a mystery run to Bollinger's Mill down 55 South. Lunch was enjoyed at Delmonico's and some cars stopped in St. Mary's to view the Liberty Bell of the West and learn a little more history!

July 19<sup>th</sup>-Happy Hour at TJ's Wings sponsored by Gary and Jan Murray. Jan noted that approximately 20 people attended and were shown a possible room that we could use for future meetings. They also plenty of outdoor seating that was heated and had fans for summer use.

Fritz's Ice Cream Run- The Dooley's, Howard's and Michelle Palliou and her friend along with Dan who is purchasing a C7 enjoyed the taste treats.

#### **Future Events**

August 17<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> Route 66 Autocross at the Family Arena.

August 20<sup>th</sup> thru Labor Day-Mackinaw Island Car Show/Run sponsored by Carl Ballinger. 15 cars are going with about half that number continuing on to the Museum in Bowling Green. Carl has put together a book for each car- meet with him after the meeting if going.

September 14<sup>th</sup>-Josephine's Tea Room Run sponsored by Ruth Howard. Ladies meet at 10:30am at Syberg's at I-270 and Dorsett. Will caravan to Godfrey, Illinois for shopping and lunch.

Fun Fest Sept 19-20<sup>th</sup>.

Club Picnic Sept 29<sup>th</sup>. Ruth made motion to purchase Bandana's BBQ for this event. Gary Murray 1<sup>st</sup> and seconded by Elise Akins-the vote was passed by membership. Sides to be brought by members.

Eureka Springs Car Show Oct 3-6<sup>th</sup>.

Elco Car Show/Chili Cook Off Oct 19th.

Elco sponsored Hayride Oct 26<sup>th</sup>.

#### **New Business**

Ruth Howard asked for a vote to see if members wanted to try TJ's Wings for our next meeting to see if it would be a possibility for meetings. She noted that she had talked to the manager of Pasta House who was

Discussion followed- Sue Dahman noted that 141 was busy at times and may need to use back way. Some expressed concern that the room appeared small. Ann Brown made a motion to try the venue for the next meeting which was seconded by Michelle Palliou. 31 votes were noted to make the motion pass. A \$10 appetizer buffet will be available at the meeting on Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>.

agreeable to let us return if we decided to come back.

Ruth presented a request by a non-member to advertise items for sale on our website. Gary Murray noted that a club he belonged to in the past charged a fee for non-members. The membership decided not to do this.

#### Questions/comments/suggestions

None.

Ruth reminded everyone to sponsor events.

#### 50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to Randy Howard who won \$63- the winning ticket was drawn by the recently retired Larry Akins..

#### Drawing for the monthly attendance prize

Michelle Finn won a \$25 gift card to Pasta House..

#### <u>Dessert</u>

Thanks to John and Cherie Hopson for providing this month's cake. The September dessert will be provided by Bob and Chris Woods.

Next meeting: September 3<sup>rd</sup> at TJ's Wings<sup>h</sup>.

Tonight's attendance was reported by Jan Murray as 42.

Judy Dooley moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 with a seconded by Ann Pickles and approval by the membership. Ruth thanked everyone for coming and reminded them to drive safely.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Price, Secretary 2013

This is from STLCC member Bob Kusky:

Bob and Patti Kusky made a bold trip in their C5 convertible with a 2,500 mile two week trip to the eastern coast of South Carolina. What a ride, and "we would have never believed a car could be so comfortable travelling such a distance." The trip started in Ballwin and wound through Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Tennessee. Stops to visit friends in Roanoke and Lynchburg, along with a visit to Appomattox Court House Virginia where Robert E. Lee surrendered to General Ulysses Grant. On to the NASCAR Hall of Fame in Charlotte, North Carolina, and then to historic Charleston, South Carolina. Great mountain roads in Virginia and North Carolina were the highlight, especially with the top down cruising the Blue Ridge Parkway. Only 45 mph, but well worth the sights and sounds and passing a car or two every 20 minutes or longer.

After a week seeing historic homes and visiting Fort Sumter (OK, we visited Appomattox Court House, VA first where the Civil War ended and then Fort Sumter where the Civil War began second). A little fishing off the Charleston coast net Bob a small 3 foot Hammerhead Shark that was pretty cool. A couple days on Isle of Palms Beach, a plantation tour, a Charleston Pub Tour that led to Bob singing Karaoke (Johnny Cash "God Gonna Cut You Down," Roy Orbison "Pretty Woman," and Brad Paisley "Alcohol" topped the night. Oh, Bob and Patti did stop and get a picture in the Moon Pie store. After a week in Charleston, headed back to old St. Lou with one evening in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. The highlight of driving with the top down was the 30 miles drive across the Great Smokey Mountains from Cherokee, NC to Gatlinburg, TN. Beautiful scenery! Gas mileage on the 5.7 litre 6 speed manual beast was 24.8 mpg as the worst and 28.6 mpg as the best. Overall, very happy! But like Dorothy said in The Wizard of Oz, "There is no place like home!"

Route66/St. Louis Corvette Club Autocross.

A very successful Autocross was held at the Family Arena August 17 and 18. St. Louis Corvette Club provided two sanctions to allow 12 events for the weekend. Route 66 Corvette Club set a challenging course and their members manned corners provided food and made everyone very welcome.



Special thanks should go to Ron Hagenow for many hours in the sun on his feet as chief starter for the event.

STLCC contestants included Tammy Walker, Peggy Craig, Jeff Craig and Jerry Craig.

A few brave people volunteered to ride along including Ruth Howard, and Mike Kirby. Tom Marlow and Randy Howard rode multiple times. They are both hooked. Note to riders: It is perfectly acceptable to grab the door and and mutter quietly, "eee, eee, eee" during the ride.

The picture shows Tammy and Ron at the start of a run.

Jerry Craig

## Not a Corvette Story But...

I will begin by telling you that I grew up in a small farming town called Manteno, Illinois. It is roughly 50 miles straight south of Chicago. My Dad was a farmer and between him and my brothers we could repair most anything mechanical. But once cars became more complicated and we had a problem, we took them to a small garage operated by Jack Trepanier. He had a typical small town garage with two bays but he could fix anything.

Skip forward to roughly 1991 and we were visiting my folks over the Fourth of July. The town always had a nice car show so I went to check out the cool cars. Among the cars was a customized 1950 Buick Sedanette that had the most outrageous stereo setup I've ever heard. I ended up talking with the guy next to it and found out it was built by Troy Trepanier, Jack's son. He had about \$20,000 in Orion stereo equipment and you could hear the jazz playing about 3 blocks away. That car was featured in Hot Rod magazine and won the Hot Rod Car of the Year for 1992. That was the beginning of "Rad Rods by Troy".

Troy has gone on to be one of the premier custom car builders in the country. You can see his cars at a lot of custom car shows and magazines. He's been featured in a TV program called "Rides" that was on a few years ago as well as some Mothers Car Care ads.

To say he builds fantastic cars is an understatement. If you find the June issue of Hot Rod they did a 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary tribute to him with a lot of his cars featured. One car called "Blowfish" is a Bonneville record holder that has run in the 340mph range. He also built a '36 Ford Three-Window Coupe which won the Riddler award for the top customized car in the country in 2007. The current Hot Rod Magazine features his '56 Buick called "Nailed".

Whenever I get back home I try to visit his shop. It is in the same location as his Dad's, who still works there, but in a bigger building. He has a showroom up front and a shop in back but you can just wander around and check out anything he is working on. One favorite of mine is a '54 Buick with the entire running gear from a Mercedes G55 AMG. The last time I was there he was almost finished with a '55 Chevy in black with a 502/6-speed that had paint like glass. His attention to detail is beyond anything I've seen. He recently built a black '58 Corvette that won first place in the latest Detroit Auto Show.

One time I was talking to one of his fabricators and noticed he looked familiar. I discovered he was Jarred Zimmerman who used to be on Horsepower TV. He was a great guy to talk to. Jarred is now on a program called Car Fix on the Velocity channel.

I'll include some pictures I've taken of some of his cars and I hope you enjoy them.

#### Ron Hagenow



1958 Corvette Detroit 1st Place Winner

"Blowfish"



I think this is a '56 Buick

Mercedes Engine in the Buick



## Tech Tip - submitted by Editor

C5 and C6 Corvettes have large diameter polished exhaust tips, especially those from the aftermarket. The inside of my C6 tips would get coated with a dirty film and thick black goo specks (technical term). I bought several brands of metal polish recommended by various Corvette advertisers and internet forums, but frankly, none of them worked very well.

Later I found an off the wall suggestion to use a household product called Cerama Bryte Cooktop Cleaner. I had to search a little for it but was successful in locating it locally. Eureka! This stuff really works!

Just apply some of the product on a dry paper towel then rub on the interior of the exhaust tip (works on outside of the tips as well). I like to use a generous amount and let it set for a minute, then use another paper towel to rub it and the black icky stuff off. If the exhaust tip is especially nasty it may take several applications, but this process will leave the tips clean and shiny, both inside and out. When used every time I wash the car it is very easy to clean/polish the tips using this method. I have used it on my stock and new Corsa stainless steel exhaust systems and it worked like a charm on both. One bottle will probably be a lifetime supply.



Please submit your recipes (preferably in MS Word format) to the newsletter editor by the 20<sup>th</sup> deadline. If no recipes are submitted, he will be forced to publish his recipe for microwave popcorn. – Ed.



## **Don's Microwave Popcorn** (serves one)

Submitted by Editor (you were warned)

1 box of Orville Redenbacher's Gourmet Popping Corn (movie theater butter) 1 container of Morton Popcorn Salt

- Open box and extract 1 bag of microwave popcorn
- Unwrap bag
- Flatten ends of bag somewhat
- Place in microwave and cook at full power for around 2 minutes 36 seconds
- Carefully remove hot bag from microwave
- Peel off the top film from the pop up bowl (warning, there WILL be steam!)
- Flavor to taste with popcorn salt

Very healthy, only 160 calories and 4 grams of saturated fat.

#### Excerpt from an AOL article - submitted by Jerry Craig

#### Hackers Show Off How They Can Take Over Your Car

You'll be surprised to see what they can control from the back seat

Posted: Jul 26, 2013

About a month ago, we here at AOL Autos told you about the new department the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has set up to deal with the potential that hackers can get into your car's computer system and take it over. This week, the folks at Forbes showed us exactly what that would look like. Reporter Andy Greenberg met up with two hackers who've been commissioned by DARPA, the research arm of the U.S. defense department, figure out how to hack into car systems. And although they can't control the car remotely, the video shows how they can plug in and get the car to do anything they way.

- They can get the car's speedometer to read 199 mph while the car isn't going anywhere.
- They can disable the brakes.
- They can control the steering.
- They can tell the car, while its going 80 mph, that it's not going anywhere and trying to park itself.

The researchers are laughing the whole way through, but they seem to realize their ability to do this can be foreboding. "Imagine you were driving though traffic and you just wanted to stop ... and the next thing you know, you're on the news," says Chris Valasek, director of security for IOActive.

## **Happy Hour**

Friday October 11, 2013

Terrazza Grill
249 Arnold Crossing Center
(I-55 & 141) NE Corner
Between Drury Inn & McDonalds

3 pm to 7pm \$2.00 off all appetizers (with drink) \$1.00 off Domestic Drafts & Bottle beers \$1.00 off house wine & well drinks

> Sponsored by: Sharon B., Sandy K. & Judy D.



## **Veterans Day Parade**

### Saturday November 9, 2013

For the 8<sup>th</sup> year our club will be participating in this annual parade. Last year we had 25 cars and would like to have even more this year. As in past years we will also have the distinction of driving the Gold Star Mothers. We usually need 6-7 ladies driving convertibles for the Gold Star Mothers. This parade, along with the Fourth of July parade, is one of our most important events of the year.

We will assemble at the Krispy Kreme in South County near the JC Penney Home Store (I-55 and Lindbergh).

Be there between 9:30am and 10:00am. There will be a driver's meeting at 10:00am and leaving promptly after the meeting. We need to be in place by 10:30am with the parade beginning at noon. Those of you who have done this before know the hurry up and wait drill.

We will have lunch at a place to be determined. The parade usually lasts about an hour.

Dress appropriately. We've done the parade in 20 degree and 75 degree weather. It is only cancelled if heavy sleet/snow. Don't forget to bring your radio and car flags.

Sign-ups will be at the meetings or email Ron Hagenow at <a href="https://hagenow1@charter.net">hagenow1@charter.net</a>.

Please support the men and women of our armed forces!





# ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB HOLIDAY CELEBRATION!

SAM'S STEAKHOUSE 10205 GRAVOIS RD. 63123

> SAT 7 DEC 7 6-11 PM

6 PM: COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEVRES 7 PM: DINNER

\$30/PERSON (CASH BAR)

## ENTRÉES SELECT 1

TENDERLOIN FILET 10oz PRIME RIB 14oz SALMON 8oz CHICKEN BREAST 12oz

(dinner includes salad, baked potato, dessert, coffee, tea, milk)



PULASE RSVP BY NOVEMBER 5th CHRIS WOODS @ 314.846.6176 or WOODS1890@SBCGLOBAL.NET

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