

# The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter













October 2013

## **Upcoming Events**

September 29	STLCC Club Picnic
October 1	STLCC Monthly Meeting
	Charity: Christmas Gift
	Suggestions – Beverly Farm
October 3-6	Eureka Springs
October 11	STLCC Happy Hour
October 19	STLCC Car Show/Chili
	Cookoff
October 26	STLCC Hay Ride
October 27	STLCC Ice Cream Run
November 5	STLCC Monthly Meeting
	Charity: Collect Christmas
	Gifts for Beverly Farm
November 8	Vets N Vettes-Corvette
	Museum
November 9	STLCC-Veteran's Day
	Parade
December 8	STLCC Christmas Party











Remember the October Charity: Beverly Farm Christmas gift suggestions for item collection in November. Participation is always voluntary. Thank you for your kindness!



Can you believe it's almost October?! Where did the summer go? I'm looking forward to beautiful fall rides in our beautiful cars.

Thanks to the ladies that participated in the Josephine's Tea Room run. Special thanks to Ann Brown for picking up the final arrangements and furnishing great attendance prizes! To the best of my knowledge no one received a speeding ticket and I only saw two cars drag racing. Mum's the word ladies!

Our last meeting was held at TJ's Wings, and the feedback that I received from members was they enjoyed the restaurant and the food. Don't forget our October meeting will be at TJ's! The private room, bar and restroom worked very well. Not to mention the awesome parking! We will be working to improve the hearing issue. Thanks to Gary and Jan Murray for finding this location.

Don't forget the monthly ice cream run to Fritz's is September 22! I surely don't want to see Peggy Craig sitting there by herself two months in a row!

Hope to see everyone at the club picnic on September 29<sup>th</sup>. If you have not signed up for the picnic, what dish you're bringing or the washer tournament, please send an email to Jan Murray <u>yesssvett@yahoo.com</u> as soon as possible. We have to place the Bandana's food order by September 26<sup>th</sup>.

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

President: Ruth Howard, president@stlcorvettes.com

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National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor: Jeff Craig, 636.397.4071, nccc@stlcorvettes.com



Or, you can contact the Club through the general email box at stl.corvettes@gmail.com

## 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** 

## **October Birthdays & Anniversaries**



Frank Ellis	10/3
Pam Corrona	10/3
Tom Sandvoss	10/4
Theresa Luebcke	10/8
Paul Craig	10/9
Judy Barron	10/16
Tammy Walker	10/18
Jean DuPont	10/25
Laurie Grubb	10/28
John Hopson	10/30



Rich & Theresa Luebcke	10/7
Jeff & Patty Craig	10/20
Michael & Amy Zlatic	10/25
Charlie & Jackie Miget	10/28



#### News from the National Corvette Museum

What's new at your National Corvette Museum? Well now through Jan. 3, 2014 in the exhibition hall there is a motorcycle display. This exhibit features a variety of makes and models of Motorcycles through the years. The display will be divided into four sections: celebrity owned bikes, racing bikes, custom bikes and rare bikes. If you are down there, check it out.

The assembly plant tour will be starting up again soon, by the beginning of November if not before.

Also you may want to check out the Corvette Store. You know Christmas is coming and they have a lot of stocking stuffers as well as larger items in case the Corvette enthusiast in your house does not have enough things already.

**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):

## September 3, 2013-T.J. Wings

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Ruth Howard. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ruth reminded everyone to check sign-up sheets.

#### **Guests**

Two guests were visiting. Nick Sanford has a '97 coupe-black with black interior. Bob Klimt has a 2000 torch red LS1 coupe, a recent acquisition and his second Corvette. Welcome to both gentlemen.

A warm welcome was extended to club members Mike and Amy Zlatic who were able to join us for tonight's meeting.

#### **Meeting Minutes**

Chris Woods moved to accept the minutes from the August 6. 2013 meeting as published in the September newsletter. Jeff Craig provided a second to the motion with approval by the membership.

#### Treasurer's Report

Rich Doerr provided copies of the August monthly expense report for the membership and gave an overview of same. Ann Brown moved to accept the report with a second by Charlie Miget 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 September birthdays and anniversaries.

#### **Committee Reports**

#### Budget Committee - Rick Doerr, Randy Howard, Don Pickles, Charlie Miget.

Rick Doerr reported that the committee had met at the beginning of the year and proposed that the club retain money in the treasury to cover two years of club expenses. The committee proposed to use the overage to reduce the treasury.

To accomplish that, Rick presented a proposal to reduce club dues by half for the coming calendar year. The VA fund monies would be unaffected. This proposal was made with the presumption that we would have continued club sponsorship. At the proposed rate, dues for a couple would be \$37.50 (currently \$75), an individual \$22.50 (currently \$45), out of town member \$20 (currently \$40), and associate member \$12 (currently \$24). This reduction would still allow sufficient monies in the treasury to cover the approximate \$1300 due for NCCC annual dues.

Randy Howard made a motion to reduce dues for the coming year for current members with all classes of dues being reduced by 50% for one year for renewing memberships. All new members in any class will pay at the current rate. Gary Murray provided a second to the motion which was then opened to the floor for discussion.

It was suggested that the excess money in the treasury be used for charity rather than reducing dues. Randy Howard tried to explain the past history of how the extra money came to be in our treasury and how charity donations have been

done in the past. Mark Gerecke from Elco affirmed that they would be continuing as our club sponsor and as such, do not care how the club uses their sponsorship money. He said that the amount of money from Elco will remain the same for the coming year.

In reply to an inquiry, Rich Doerr said that Christmas gifts for members would still be given. It was also suggested that as we are a social organization, the extra money be used for club activities. Ruth reminded members that club money has paid for meat at this year's luau, gift card drawings at monthly meetings, and will pay for meat at the upcoming picnic. Randy Howard said that other clubs use money from their fundraisers for racing with their sanctions. Rich Doerr said that the whole point of the dues reduction proposal was not to have a lot of money sitting in the club treasury.

A hand vote was taken after discussion concluded. 28 members voted to reduce the dues amounts for one year, 13 members voted against the proposal.

Members were reminded that all dues are due by the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Dues must be paid prior to voting for new officers at that meeting.

By-laws Committee - Ron Hagenow, Jeff Craig, Rick Doerr, 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 noon at Elco. It will include a chili cook-off inside the service bay. Attendance prizes will be

#### Charity Committee - Judy Giovanoni, Elise Akins, Michelle Finn.

Judy thanked everyone for donating school supplies last month for the Board of Religions Organizations (BRO). This month members had an opportunity to bring in personal care items or snacks that will be sent to members of the Missouri National Guard serving in Afghanistan. It had been determined at the August meeting that the club would cover postage expenses. Note cards were available for members wishing to address a personal note to the servicemen and women. There will not be a special charity collection at the October meeting. The Christmas charity will be discussed at that time.

#### Christmas Committee - Chris Woods, Judy Dooley.

Chris reported that the Christmas party is scheduled for Saturday, December 7 from 6-11 pm at Sam's Steakhouse on Gravois. She has sent out an e-mail. Checks may be turned in to Chris along with each person's entrée selection.

#### Historians Committee - Carl Ballinger, Jerry Craig, Marty Dooley.

Marty said information will be sent out later.

Nominating Committee - Elise Akins, Debbie Tidwell.

Debbie said that they will be sending out an e-mail seeking nominations from members. Don Pickles will be the only board member who will retain his post of sergeant-at-arms for a second year. (Note: Elections will be held at the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting and dues must be paid prior to voting.)

#### Newsletter Editor-Don Giovanoni.

Don encouraged members to submit their personal Corvette stories and recipes.

#### Parade Committee - Ron Hagenow.

See report to follow.

#### VA Hospital Committee - Marty and Judy Dooley, Bob Woods, Karen Price.

Marty reviewed the club's role in taking care of the yard area at Building 52 at Jefferson Barracks VA hospital. See him after the meeting if you are able to help with weeding and clean-up this week.

#### Announcements from the floor

Ann Brown has shirts available with racing collar and embroidered club logo. They are \$25 each.

#### National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that she and Marty toured the site of the new Motorsports Park in Bowling Green. Grading is coming along. Progress can be viewed online at the Museum's website. Expect to have the park open for Labor Day weekend 2014. Some track events have already been scheduled.

Anyone interested in participating in the 2014 Labor Day Caravan to the Museum must register both for the Caravan and the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration. Go to National Corvette Caravan.com to register-caravan registration is \$5. There is also a link to the Anniversary celebration. Fees for that are \$15 for members, \$25 for non-members and free to lifetime members.

Judy said that she and Marty received their Master Ambassador certificates when at the Museum. She has \$10 tickets available for a 2014 C7 torch red coupe that will be raffled off on January 30, 2014.

Ruth congratulated the Dooleys who are the proud new owners of one acre at the new Motorsports Park! Special thanks to them for all that they do for the Museum.

#### National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Jeff Craig reported that we received a check from Rolling Prairie Corvette Club in northern Illinois as payment for 2 sanctions that they purchased from our club. Jeff anticipates getting a check by next meeting from Route 66 for sanctions they purchased from us.

Jeff said he is currently ranked 26<sup>th</sup> nationally! Peggy Craig is ranked 30<sup>th</sup> nationally and 9<sup>th</sup> in the Midwest. Jerry Craig is ranked 30<sup>th</sup> nationally. Marty Dooley presented Jeff with decals for the Craig Racing Team cars. Congratulations to all of the Craigs!

#### Website Report

Dave Davidson thanked everyone for the photos uploaded to the website. He suggested that members be selective when choosing photos to upload-send the best pictures taken, not blurry ones or those of unidentifiable subjects.

#### Sponsor's Report

Mark Gerecke said that the 2014s are being held until October but orders are going in. He will be racing 2014s at the GM racetrack in Vegas in November. Said they have an unusual item for sale - a black '96 LT4 6 speed. Mark also said he's the proud owner of a 2014 bright red Camaro.

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

Route 66 Autocross-August 17 & 18.

Jeff and Peggy Craig won in each of their respective classes. Jeff thanked Ron Hagenow for helping out, in the hot sun, on both days. Ruth Howard said it was great fun and she enjoyed riding with both Peggy and Jeff.

Mackinaw Island Trip-August 20 to September 1. Carl Ballinger said 13 cars departed St. Louis and were joined by 1 from Indiana and 1 in Des Moines. Highlights of the trip included visits to the Sloan Museum in Flint, Michigan, visit to Mackinaw Island and the Grand Hotel, trip to Louisville, Kentucky and the Louisville Slugger Museum, a 2 hour boat tour, tour of Jim Beam Distillery and finally arrival at the National Corvette Museum. Patty Craig thanked Carl and Sharon for planning this trip.

Fritz's Ice Cream Run-August 25th.

Peggy Craig said 27 cars were there but hers was the only one from OUR club! September Fritz's event will be held on Sunday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 p.m.

<u>Future Events</u> September 14<sup>th</sup>-Josephine's Tea Room Run sponsored by Ruth Howard. Ladies meet at Syberg's at I-270 and Dorsett at 10:00 a.m. Will leave at 10:30 and caravan to Godfrey, Illinois for shopping and lunch. Female guests may be invited. Signup available.

September 19-22 - MidAmerica Funfest in Effingham, Illinois. Michelle Paillou will go Friday night through Sunday. Last year there was not much open on Thursday.

September 22-Luke's Legacy Charity Event in St. Charles Ron Hagenow was asked if our club would be able to participate in this event by our former club president Bill Dotson. Luke is Bill's daughter's nephew. Money raised for the event will be donated to MADD. Only one club member expressed an interest in participating.

September 22<sup>nd</sup> - Fritz's Ice Cream Run. 6 pm. Please note this new date for September.

September 29<sup>th</sup>-Club Picnic in Millstadt, Illinois. Sign-up sheets are available for picnic attendance, washer tournament and poker run. Poker Run will begin at noon. If not participating in the poker run, meet at the park in Millstadt at 1 p.m. An e-mail will be sent out with a map and directions. Larry Akins will also put a map on the club website as well as information on the poker run. Thanks to the Kirbys for securing the picnic site.

October 3 to 6-Eureka Springs week-end. Let Carl Ballinger know if you plan to drive down on Wednesday with a stop in Branson. Others will plan to leave on Thursday.

October 11, Friday-Happy Hour at Terazza Grill. Located at I-55 and 141 by McDonald's. Patio is available from 3-7 pm. Buy drink and get ½ price appetizers and ½ price drink. Thanks to Judy Dooley for planning.

October 19-Car Show and Chili Cook-Off at Elco at noon.

October 26-Elco Hayride and Bonfire

Thanks to Mark and Eric for arranging this. Last year it was necessary to cancel due to lack of interest so we're hoping for a good turnout this year. Will be on a working farm in St. Charles. There will be a hayride and corn maze. Sign-up sheet at October meeting.

Veterans Day Parade-November 9

Ron Hagenow said flyers and sign-up are available. Need ladies to drive the Gold Star mothers in convertibles. Ron will make post-parade lunch reservations at Granite City Brew on Olive.

#### 2014 Caravan to Museum

Carl Ballinger has a list of names of those interested in reserving hotel rooms for the caravan. If you signed up but have not received a recent e-mail from Bill Weir from Texas concerning hotels, please contact Carl asap. Do <u>not</u> call the hotels yet to make reservations.

#### Questions/comments/suggestions

No suggestions submitted in August.

#### **New Business**

President Ruth Howard said that since dues for 2014 will be half price, members may feel free to donate the other half of the normal dues amount to charity if they wish.

Ruth asked for feedback on having the meeting at T.J. Wings. Members said parking was excellent and food was good, including food available at the adjoining restaurant. It was suggested that tables could be re-arranged to allow for better flow. A microphone is also needed as it was difficult for everyone to hear discussions. A hand vote was taken with 29 members voting to have the October and November meetings

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hagenow for Karen Price

at T.J. Wings. Ruth said that the new board can decide on a meeting place for 2014.

Steve Lyle mentioned the upcoming Lambrecht Chevrolet "Barn Find" Auction which will take place September 28 and 29 in Pierce, Nebraska. On-line bidding is currently available.

Marty Dooley has car flags from the last Caravan available to anyone interested.

Ruth encouraged everyone to sponsor events. She also congratulated Larry Akins on his recent full retirement and congratulated both Larry and Elise on their daughter's engagement!

#### 50/50 Raffle

Congratulations to Jeff Craig who won \$80.

#### Drawing for the monthly attendance prize

Gary Tidwell won a \$25 gift card to Steak and Shake. Mary Doerr won a free oil change, donated by Elco.

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

Thanks to Bob and Chris Woods for providing this month's cake. Mike and Sandy Kirby will bring the October dessert.

Tonight's attendance was reported by Jan Murray as 48.

Next meeting: October 1<sup>st</sup> at T.J. Wings.

Cherie Hopson moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:23 p.m. with a second by Peggy Craig and approval by the membership. Ruth thanked everyone for coming and reminded them to drive safely.

This is an email I received from SFC Jerry Burton, who is our contact for the group we sent items to recently. He is just mentioning snacks, but that's because items are boxed and sent separately and likely delivered at different times, which actually is the way it's preferred. Judy Giovanoni

Dear Judy,

I would like to thank you for supporting us. We are currently deployed in the XXXXX province. Our mission is to build and maintain all the U.S. military emplaced bridges in the country of Afghanistan. All of the bridging soldiers go out on missions to ensure the forward mobility of coalition forces in our area of operation. We are the only bridging company in theatre. The snacks you sent to us are greatly appreciated. All the items are put on a shelf for our soldiers to go through so they will have snacks on mission.

Thank you so much,

SFC Jerry Burton

## Blast from the Past - Guess who the little guy is!

(answer later in newsletter)



## Some additional shots of the 8/17 Autocross:









## **Mackinaw Island Excursion Highlights**

(many additional pictures on the STLCC Website)

#### **Corvette Central Tour:**









#### Carl's Thanks for organizing – and Birthday:

































## **Visitor Center**

Soo Locks









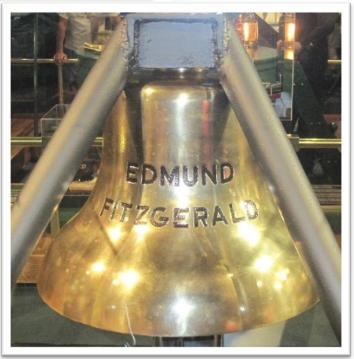




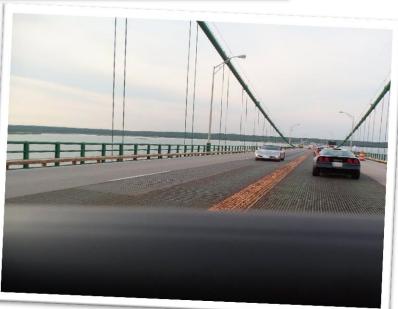












## **National Corvette Museum Weekend**

















Are we keeping you up Marty?



























#### It is Jeff Craig!

The photo was taken circa 1968 from what Frank Ellis (he's the other pair of shoes) and I can remember – it was in Jerry Craig's garage.

We were fitting a new set of Lucas Flamethrower lights to the front bumper of a '64 that Jerry had rebuilt.

The front end had been glassed in and had no driving lights.

A large part of "back then" involved.....let's call it "simultaneous acceleration comparison evaluations on public roadways"



Little Jeffy again



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 republish his recipe for microwave popcorn. – Ed.



## STLCC Recipes

## **Banana Split Cake**

Submitted by Judy Dooley

#### Layer 1

2 cups graham cracker crumbs 1 stick melted butter

Mix and spread into a 9"x 13" pan

#### Layer 2

2 sticks softened butter 2 cups powdered sugar 1 tsp. vanilla

2 eggs

Mix 12-15 minutes and spread over crumbs

#### Layer 3

4 large bananas

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple, drained

19 oz. container Cool Whip

3/4 cup chopped nuts

1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries

chocolate syrup

Slice bananas onto top of layer 2. Spread pineapple and top with Cool Whip. Sprinkle top with nuts and cherries and drizzle with chocolate syrup.

Keep in refrigerator until ready to serve.

Please save your used printer cartridges for me for Newborns in Need, and bring to the meetings. We get a small amount of money through a recycling program. We can take any kind, except remanufactured ones. Just put in any plastic bag.

Thank you!

Judy Giovanoni

## **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@SBCGLOBALNET

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