

The St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter













December 2014

STLCC Upcoming Events

December 6 STLCC Christmas Party
January 4 2015 Planning Meeting





Twas the night before Christmas and in the garage, there wasn't a trace of a Ford or a Dodge.

The presents were wrapped and the lights were all lit,
So I figured lets mess with the Vette for a bit.

I popped the release and I lifted the hood, When a deep voice behind me said "looks pretty good." Well, as you can imagine, I turned mighty quick, And there, by the workbench, stood good of Saint Nick!

We stood there a bit, not too sure what to say,
Then he said "don't suppose that you'd trade for my sleigh?
I said "no way, Santa" and started to grin,
"But if you've got the time we could go for a spin!"

His round little mouth, all tied up like a bow, Turned into a smile and he said "hey! Lets go!!" So as not to disturb all the neighbors retreat, We pushed the Vette quietly into the street,

Then, taking our places to drift down the hill, I turned on the key and I let the clutch spill. The sound that erupted took him by surprise, But he liked it a lot, by the look in his eyes.

With Goodyears cryin and sidepipes aglow, We headed on out where the hot rodders go. And Santas grin widened, approaching his ears, With every shift up as I went through the gears.

Then he yelled "can't recall when I've felt so alive!"
So I backed off the gas and said "you wanna drive?"
OI Santa was stunned when I gave him the keys,
When he walked past the headlights he shook at the knees!

Then the small block exploded with side exhaust sound! Santa let out the clutch and the tires shook the ground! Power shift into second, again into third! I sat there just watching, at loss for a word,

Then I heard him exclaim as we blasted from sight, "Merry Christmas to all, it's a hell of a night!!!"

2014 Officers

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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

December Birthdays & Anniversaries



Jerry Craig	12/2
Mary Doerr	12/4
Craig Cobler	12/8
Ruth Howard	12/9
Randy Howard	12/16
Dawn Kirby	12/18
Mike Grubb	12/22
Bob Woods	12/28
Michelle Finn	12/29



Mike & Joan Jennewein 12/29
Tom & Sherri Marlo 12/31

Don -

If there is a little space in the newsletter, Kathy and I just wanted to thank Ron & Mary Ann Hagenow for all of their hard work in organizing the Veteran's Day Parade.

We were also glad that we could bring some lowa "shirt sleeve" weather with us for everyone to enjoy!

Thanks again from the 'Craigs from Up Nort'.

Paul and Kathy

























News from the National Corvette Museum



2015 Torch Red Stingray Coupe to be raffled off Jan.29, 2015

- 6.2 liter V8, 460 HP engine
- 8 speed auto w/paddle shift transmission
- 2LT equipment group including memory pkg, Head up display, heated & ventilates seats
- Bose 10-speaker audio system
- Chevrolet MyLink Navigation system
- · Universal home remote
- transparent removable roof panel
- 5 spoke chrome aluminum wheels with red calipers
- Performance Data & Video recorder front vision camera
- Multi- mode performance exhaust
- · Battery protection pkg.
- R8C Museum delivery



























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



St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting

November 5th, 2014- Grand Slam

The meeting was called to order at 7: 21 p.m. by President- Ann Sedovic. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Ann introduced current board members-president Ann Sedovic, vice president Mike Price, Secretary Karen Price, sergeant at arms Michelle Palliou, Treasurer Bob Kusky, and membership Tom Marlo, Immediate Past President, Ruth Howard, and Club sponsor ELCO's representatives Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin.

Ann welcomed everyone and reminded everyone to review the sign ups sheets, purchase 50/50 tickets, coolers, blankets and shirts for sale. Ann also read a thank you note from Charlie Miget from his recent surgery for the Edible Arrangement get well goodies that we sent him.

<u>Guests/New Members-</u> Mark and Gina Kessinger who were visitors last month and now new members- welcome we are glad to have you join our car family.

Secretary Meeting Minutes

Carl Ballinger moved to accept the minutes from the October meeting as published in the October newsletter. Gary Duke provided a second to the motion with approval by the membership.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Kusky reviewed the October/November monthly expense report for the membership and noted that the Club was "in good shape". He noted that the club balance was \$6847.95 and \$958 were for the 50/50 raffle fund. He provided his notes and report for the secretary's minutes. Steve Kirby moved to accept the treasurer's report with a second by Rick Doerr followed with an approval by the membership.

Membership Report

Tom Marlo reviewed the November birthdays and anniversaries as printed in the Newsletter. He reported that we currently have 77 members, 2 Life time members, 6 associate members for a total of 89 members.

Newsletter Editor

Don Giovanoni reported he is always in need of stories, recipes and or articles to add to the Newsletter.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

The Dooley's were at the Museum for the Vets in Vettes event.

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

Jeff Craig reported that our club's membership was up for renewal in November and he would be turning this in this weekend. The fee is included as part of our yearly dues and provides our insurance during club events. He noted that they were going to have a new membership chairman as well as a new president. Next Memorial Day, the East Tennesse division would be putting on an event at the Motorsport Park. Get with Patty Craig to find out about hotel reservations. It will be held over 3 days 5/22-5/24/2015. Current Race standing for our members- Jeff is 6th nationally, 10th in the Midwest. Peggy Craig is 13th in the Nation.

Website Update: Dave Davidson

Dave was absent tonight.

Sponsor's report:

Eric and Mark were absent and Randy Howard had no new updates for us.

Committee Reports:

Budget Committee- they reported that we are financially sound.

By-Laws-Ron Hagenow- absent.

Charity Committee: Michelle Finn requested to present her presentations at the end of the meeting.

Christmas Party- Chris Woods and Judy Dooley. Chris reported that we had 31 days until the party with 88 members signed up to attend.

Historian Committee- Carl Ballinger reported that the committee was in full swing to begin our yearlong celebrations of the club's 10^{th} anniversary celebration. He noted that the kick off would begin at the Christmas party and would continue with monthly updates of trivia from our history.

Nominating Committee- Sandy Kirby passed our ballets to our paid members to cast their votes.

Parade Committee- Mike Price filled in for the missing Ron Hagenow and reviewed the the plans for the day which will include transporting the Gold Star parents during the parade and then hosting them for lunch at the Granite City Brewery with club picking up their meals. He noted that we can use more cars as we have the most parents ever to transport. Please bring radios and blankets.

VA Hospital committee- Marty Dooley was absent.

Prior Events: Mike Price

October 11th- Josephine's Ladies Run, sponsored by Ruth Howard- Ruth reported that we had 14 ladies that attended the fun day out- we ate, shopped and had fun driving the cars.

Mike Price had Rick Doerr (aka Mel Gibson) report that 7 guys had a successful day out Man Day at Top Gun shooting range with lunch that followed at Hooters. Plans are to make this an annual event.

October 18th- Car Show cancelled.

October 25th- 39 people attended the annual Elco Hayride at 6pm at Dickherbers Family farm which included a tractor drawn hayride, a cook-out and bonfire. Once again it was a huge success.

October 26th- Last Fritz's Ice Cream Run of the year was enjoyed by the Howard's, the Cox's, the Akins, Giovanoni's, and the Doerr's.

Mike had Annie and Ron Deatherage talk about their successful showing of their car at the Greentree Car Show in Sept-their baby took 1st place in the sports car division. Congratulations!

Future Events-Mike Price

November 6-8- Vets 'n Vettes at the Museum.

November 8th- Veteran's Day Parade

December 6th- Christmas Party at Sam's Steak House.

Rick Frierdich presented a run to "Look for Santa" on Saturday November 22nd. Plan to meet at the Burger King at Butler Hill at 9am and travel to Dexter Mo to enjoy a delicious lunch at the Hickory Log and then detour to Crown Valley Winery on the way home. Please see Rick for a signup sheet.

New Business -

The Election results were tabulated and presented by Sandy Kirby as follows:

President- Mike Price

Vice President- Carl Ballinger

Secretary- Erin Duke

Treasurer- Bob Kusky

Membership-Tom Marlo

Sgt at Arms- Michelle Paillou

Congratulations to the new 2015 Board and many thanks to the previous members who have so graciously served the past year!

Announcements from the floor

Ruth Howard announced that she and Randy had a new arrival in the form of a precious grandbaby- congrats to Amy and Jay!

Sharon Ballinger announced that Carl had become a great grandpa yesterday. Ann and Pete Sedovic will also welcome a grandbaby in February. Congrats to all of our members and future Corvette owners.

Questions/comments/suggestions

None

50/50 Raffle

Jerry Craig was the proud winner of \$104 which he donated to the VA Garden Fund. 8 Posters were also won by members.

Charity Committee:

Michelle Finn then presented a check in the amount of \$531 to Helping Strays of Monroe County to Sheri Marlo and Laurie Grubb. An additional check for \$531 was presented to Love U 2Pieces and accepted by Lee Ronicke- these were our charities for the 2014 year. Sue and Daryl Swallow were present from the St. Vincent DePaul Giving Tree Project to accept our club's sponsorship gifts to 3 needy families. They graciously accepted the presents and will distribute them to the families on our behalf. Thanks to all who generously supported these worthy causes.

<u>Dessert</u>

Thanks to the Doerrs for the delicious cakes this evening.

Next meeting: Christmas Party Dec 6th. The Planning Meeting will be January 4th, 2015.

Tonight's attendance was reported by Tom Marlo as 56.

Sandy Kirby moved to adjourn the meeting at 8pm with a seconded by Don Pickles and approval by the membership. Ann thanked everyone for coming and reminded them to drive safely and save the wave.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Price, Secretary 2014

Please submit your recipes (preferably in MS Word format) to the newsletter editor by the 20th deadline. If I have multiple submissions the remainder will appear in a upcoming newsletter. If no recipes are submitted, he will be forced to republish his recipe for peanut butter toast. – Ed.



STLCC Recipes

Don's Peanut Butter Toast

- Fresh bread (I prefer white Bunny Bread)
- Skippy Creamy Peanut butter

Toast bread to golden brown Spread peanut butter ASAP so it melts into the bread.

Enjoy!

2014 St. Louis Veterans Day Parade

On November 8, 2014 the club once again participated in the Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis. We had a total of 31 cars including Paul and Kathy Craig from Iowa and John Weis and his wife who drove with us after seeing the club in the parade last year. We had the honor again this year of driving the Gold Star Mothers (and a couple of Dads). The day started off cold, especially at our meeting place. But by the time we got to the actual parade and lunch afterwards the sun came out and it wasn't too bad.

This year we did a few extra things. We had corsages and boutonnieres for the Gold Star Mothers and Dads which they really appreciated. We also had static clings of the American Gold Star Mothers for the sides of our cars which were a hit. And after the parade we treated them to lunch at Granite City Brewery.

In addition to the Gold Star Mothers and Dads, we also drove some of Colonel Stephen Scott's family. His family, in addition to the Boy Scouts, carried the Gold Star banner. He was the second highest ranking officer killed in Iraq.

To a person, everyone we drove greatly appreciated our driving them each year and for everything we do for them. Some of them want to attend a future meeting to thank us personally for driving them. And for myself, I want to thank everyone who participated in the parade. I've included a few pictures below.

Ron



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KINDLY REPLY by November 5th

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PAYMENT TO: St. Louis Corvette Club



Be Merry!

Sam's Steakhouse 10205 Gravois Rd, 63123 Saturday, December 6th 6-11 pm

> 6 pm: Cocktails 7 pm: Dinner



(choose only 1)
Tenderloin Filet (8 oz)
Prime Rib (14 oz)
Salmon (8 oz)

(Includes salad, baked potato, dessert, coffee, tea, milk)

> \$35/per person Cash Bar



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