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BIRTHDAYS	
Mark Kessinger	Feb 2
Ingrid Ward	Feb 6
Mike Kirby	Feb 15
Dennis Trost	Feb 16
Eric DeBruin	Feb 17
June Fain	Feb 19
Steve Kirby	Feb 19
Richard Loch	Feb 19
Kirt Sheer	Feb 19
Barbie Payne	Feb 21
ANNIVERSARIES	
Marty & Judy Dooley	Feb 7
Richard & Fancy Loch	Feb 26

## **President's Message**

January 28, 2018 Hello Everyone:

Although I was not able to attend our January planning meeting, reading Sherri's minutes and Mike's update made me feel like I was right there. Thanks Mike and our awesome board for just taking over and making it happen. You are the best!!!! Looking at all the information from the Planning meeting it appears we have a plan for 2018. We have our normally scheduled annual events and some new ideas on the calendar. We even have a summer trip in the planning which is always a great event and a great way to get to know other members. Over the years we have had some great trips that that members still talk about. The best part is you get to visit cool places with great people and get to have fun with your Corvette. Some important member updates.

Chris Woods is working hard at recovering from rotator cuff surgery and a bicep muscle re-connection. Any of you that have had this surgery know it's a difficult recovery. But now that Chris has stopped arm wrestling with Bob we know she will recover quickly.

Marty has been doing well but had a slight problem last week and decided to visit the hospital.. Personally I think he missed hospital food, (just kidding). Marty is back home and on a heart healthy diet and doing fine. We all wish both Marty and Chris the best.

Our next meeting is February 6 at Grand Slam. See you there!!!!

Best

Ray and Mike

.St. Louis Corvette Club

2018 Board's Transition Meeting

January 03, 2018

Attendance:

President- Ray Queen

Vice President-Mike Grubb

Past & Present Secretary- Ron Hagenow/ Sherri Marlo

Past & Present Treasurer-Don Pickles/ Ann Pickles

Past & Present Sergeant at Arms- Michelle Finn/ Tom Marlo

Past & Present Membership-Judy Giovanoni/ Pat Moore

Budget Committee: Don Pickles, Rick Doerr, & Randy Howard

The board met at Ray & Pam Queen's House. The meeting was called to order by President Ray Queen at 7:53 PM. It was established with Ann Pickles that the checking account had been updated with her address and the signature cards were signed at the December Christmas Party. Ray posed the question to the old and new board members about new ideas for the upcoming year. It was noted 2017 was a year without drama but we had some sad things that occurred with some of our members. Ray thanked all the past board members for their service in 2017. A lot of the members were second term which made the past year much smoother.

Judy Giovanoni brought up the issue of new member packets that are given out. She stated we have ran out of the lapel pins, key chains and license plate frames. Due to lack of use, it was decided the club will not reorder the lapel pins and key chains. The license plate frames and coolie cup holders are popular. These items need to be ordered for the upcoming packets. We may look into upgrading the license plate frame with the cost savings. Ray is going to check with All Star Trophy on Manchester, which Ray has done a lot of business with. Judy discussed what is included in the packets which is the welcome letter from the President, the club by laws, the license plate frame and coolie cup holder.

Ray stated he didn't for see any major expenditures for the upcoming year but we will discuss with the budget committee. It was thought a new PA system would be needed, but Jerry Craig purchased a new wireless mike. If Jerry is unable to attend a meeting, Ron Hagenow has the old system but may need a stand for the speakers. He has checked Amazon for stands but he will discuss this with Jerry to see how his system works and what may be needed for a back-up.

It was discussed how to encourage members to come up with fresh ideas. The board feels the problem may be people are hesitant because they either are not sure how to go about planning a trip or worried they may impede on other peoples plans. It was recommended that Tom Marlo and Mike Kirby do a presentation on how they planned their trip 2 years ago out west and to make them aware that there are members to give them guidance in doing one. There have been a couple of ideas brought up by members, one was a night at the drive-in and another trip in 2019 to Utah. All planned trips need to be submitted to both the President and Vice-President for approval.

Ray Queen asked Ron Hagenow how 2017 was for him and the only issue was the by-law changes. There was discussion regarding associate members who may want to return to regular status and how they should be allowed to return since they are still active, example Erin & Gary Duke.

It was also discussed that everyone in the club should make an effort to introduce themselves to new members and to chat with them about the club and the great trips we take. Let them know this is the best way to get to know other members. Our club should have the reputation of being a warm and welcoming!

Make sure we keep a record of attendance for the meetings and <u>club events</u>. Sherri Marlo will update the attendance sheet according to the new membership list. Ron Hagenow suggested we put the attendance sheet on the website so any member that is sponsoring a trip can print this out along with the NCCC Waiver of Liability sheet. This is in the event that someone challenges the amount of attendance that is required in order to stay a regular member per the club's new by-laws. These forms need to be given to Jeff Craig after the event to turn into NCCC.

In the event of a member being in the hospital due to illness or surgery or a death in the family, we need to make sure our members let the secretary know so she can send out a card or order flowers. If a board member hears of something, please inform Sherri Marlo ASAP so we can get something out to them.

Ron Hagenow had a question regarding 2017 secretary minutes. Ron still has them but the past years minutes were given to Carl Ballinger who was on the historian committee along with Jerry Craig and Marty Dooley. He is not sure if Sharon Ballinger has passed these on to Marty Dooley. Ron is going to discuss this with Marty and Jerry.

Issue of absent board members in July discussed and how to cover their positions. Also, what to do for 2019 when both the President and Vice-President's terms are up.

Budget Committee reported 2017 budget was a break-even year. There was an increase of \$500.00 in the checking account which gives the club approximately \$10,000. We want to keep enough in the account to cover a year of expenses but they feel we don't need to keep this big of a balance. Therefore, the

committee proposed the following recommendations:

- Increase attendance prices to 2 gift cards per meeting in the amount of \$25 per card.
- Increase the amount subsidized for food and gifts for the Christmas Party.
- 3. The club didn't have a budget in 2017 for donations. Last year we donated \$300.00 to various charities so it was proposed to keep the amount to \$300.00.
- 4. Looking into the cost of the license frames and where to purchase them from.
- 5. There is a budget of \$350.00 for cards and flowers.
- 6. Consider reducing the dues for 2019.
- 7. Will have the opportunity to consider other ways to benefit the members.

The meeting was adjourned.



## Minutes of the January 2018 St. Louis Corvette Club Planning Meeting

Meeting Date: January 14th, 2018

Starting time: 13:45

Pledge and Introduction of Officers: Mike Grubb- Vice President

President- Ray Queen (Not Present)

Vice President- Mike Grubb

Secretary- Sherri Marlo

Treasurer- Ann Pickles

Sergeant at Arms- Tom Marlo

Membership- Pat Moore (Not President)

Immediate Past President- Mike Price

Sponsors- Elco Chevrolet (Sponsors not present)

## President Announcements:

Mike Grubb officiated the meeting due to our President, Ray Queen, not being able to attend the meeting. Mike asked to keep Pat and Mike Moore in our prayers due to Mike experiencing health issues, which is why Pat was not in attendance. Judy Giovanni will be filling in for Pat if needed but she was unable to attend. Mike asked all the members to keep those in the club who are going through medical issues in their thoughts and prayers. Mike reminded everyone to make sure they signed in for the meeting, get their 50/50 tickets and to check out other sign -up sheets on the table. Members were asked to please wear their name badges to the monthly meetings and functions so the new members can get to know everyone's name. Mike read letter from Ray Queen apologizing for his absence. Ray encouraged members to participate in planning events and trips. Mike then explained the ballot regarding the membership by-law that was voted on. Due to the wording there was a lot of confusion on how to vote so it was presented to the members that we re-cast the votes. Ballots were then redistributed to the members. The vote was passed for the board to retain the right to control the number of members in the club. There was 43 Yes's to 8 No's.

#### Introduction of Guests and New Members and their cars:

Kevin Yovich- 2011 Jet Stream Blue

## Previous secretary minutes:

Sherri Marlo presented the minutes of the Board Meeting held at Ray & Pam Queen's house on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sherri reminded members that the minutes are posted to the newsletter. Mike made a motion to accept the minutes. Jeff Craig made a motion to approve and Ruth Howard 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

## Membership: birthdays, anniversaries and membership report:

These were announced and presented by Mike Grubb.

#### Treasurer's Report:

Ann Pickles gave both the November and December reports. Copies of the report were distributed. Don Pickles made a motion to accept the report and Rick Doerr 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

## NCM Ambassador Report:

Judy Dooley reported anyone who bought a ticket from her for a new corvette is eligible to win a coffee mug. Bob Woods' ticket was drawn but he was not in attendance. Judy will see that he receives the prize. Judy reminded everyone that if they plan to attend the upcoming Bash April 26<sup>th</sup> through the 28th, they need to book their accommodations NOW. More details will be available. Marty Dooley reported that raffle tickets for the museum banner that will be given away this year will be available next month. This helps offset the cost of the club banner that is displayed at the museum. Mike Grubb also gave the report for the NCM's other events that are scheduled at the museum for 2018.

## NCCC Governor's Report:

Jeff Craig gave the report. The calendars were not printed up this year due to the hurricanes, but 2 of the sponsors, Ecklers and Bloomington Gold, provided a gift card of \$25 and 2 tour license plates to be given away as 50/50 prizes today. The NCCC annual convention will be held in New Orleans for 2018. Registration opens up Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> and the dates are July 15<sup>th</sup> through the 20<sup>th</sup>. Jeff discussed the various activities they have planned during this event that attendees can take advantage of. Patty Craig also gave information regarding the hotel accommodations. Jeff said the Midwest region is getting ready to get very busy because we are the largest club wise and member wise in NCCC. Awards banquet is in Chicago March 10<sup>th</sup>. Check the NCCC website. First competition event will be held March 31<sup>st</sup>. Little Egypt Corvettes Club is having their annual rally and Jeff would like to see more STLCC members attend this event. Jeff discussed other events for the year and recommended looking at the NCCC website for more information or see him if you have further questions.

#### Newsletter Report:

Mike thanked Jerry Craig for the monthly newsletter. Jerry reported there is 62% readership which has been the same for a while. Mike encouraged more members to read the newsletter because of the wealth of information Jerry puts in it. It was noted to check all your inboxes if you are not seeing it.

## Website Report:

Steve Kirby not in attendance.

#### Elco Report:

Sponsors not in attendance

#### Committee Report:

Don Pickles reported that the Budget Committee met on Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> and discussed several ideas regarding the 2018 budget. The committee will present their ideas at the February meeting.

## New Business:

Mike Grubb had members report Nov., Dec. events prior to discussing this year's tentative plans. The Veteran's Day Parade was reported by Ron Hagenow. Mike Grubb reported that the Christmas Party will be held again at Royal Orleans for 2018. Searching for Santa event was reported by Rick Frierdich.

Sherri Marlo discussed details of the upcoming Retiree Luncheon Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> at Roemer Topf in Mascoutah, IL.

## Planning events for 2018:

Mike Grubb went over the recurring events the club has had in the past letting the members who sponsored these report on them. Further details will be available at the monthly meetings or on the website as the dates of the events get closer.

Feb 11th -Valentine Day Run: <u>Sponsored by Valerie & Dale Zeisset</u>. Held at Papa Vito's in Millstadt, IL

March 31<sup>st-</sup> Crazy Bowl: Sponsored by Judy & Marty Dooley. Held at Show Me Lanes on Lemay Ferry.

April 27th- Happy Hour Pub231: Sponsored by Gary & Debbie Tidwell

June 7<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup> -Corvette Adventures: Wisconsin Dells. Pamphlets available.

June 29<sup>th</sup> -Drive Your Corvette to Work: Sponsored by Peggy Craig. Breakfast at Mimi's then to winery.

June 16<sup>th</sup>- Luau: Sponsored by Mike and Laurie Grubb. Held at their home.

July 4th- Webster Groves Parade: Sponsored by Michelle Paillou

August 18th-Pub231 Car Show for Fischer House- Sponsored by Jan & Gary Murray

Sept. 20th -23rd -Fun Fest

Sept. 22<sup>tnd-</sup> - Lady's Josephine's Tea Run: Sponsored by Ruth Howard

Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> – Eureka Springs

Nov. 10th- Veterans Day Parade: Sponsored by Rick Frierdich

Dec.8<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Party at Royal Orleans

## New Events for 2018:

Mike Grubb suggested a few ideas for members who are planning an event or for those who have never planned one and may be interested in doing so.

<u>Day trips-</u> Scenic drive on 2 lane curvy roads, good food, learning experiences such as museums or historical sites, fellowship period, and for the ladies a place to shop if possible. For the men a place that serves cold beverages while they shop!

Extended trips - If you are thinking of planning a trip make sure you present it to the President or Vice-President so there aren't any conflicts with other club events. Essentials of a good plan are: a written itinerary to give to participants, 300 miles maximum per day of driving, frequent rest stops, interesting or unique restaurants for lunch and sights to see along the way, and stay on schedule. When you are looking for hotels it's good to book at unique and interesting places, call ahead to book a block of rooms, then have the members make their own reservations. Also ask if they can provide items and an area for washing our cars. When you are planning meals it's good to plan a few group dinners some evenings and then let individual members plan their own the rest of the time. After you have your event planned out then present your idea at a meeting or per e-mail. Have a sign-up sheet, make reservations, collect money, pick a convenient meeting place to start the trip from, have the members sign the Liability form before starting the trip, conduct a drivers meeting to review the itinerary and route for the day, have a leader and tail person to assist in keeping the group together, check to see that everyone has radios for communication with the group, keep a safe and steady pace and if you are the leader make sure you are checking to see if everyone is keeping up.

Mike Grubb then opened the floor for members to present their ideas:

Feb 21<sup>st</sup>- Retirees Luncheon at Rosalita's Cantina on Manchester Rd. sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne

May 6<sup>th</sup> -Wild Bacon & Wine Trail in Hermann, MO <u>sponsored by Patty</u> & Jeff Craig
May 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> – Run to St. Jude's in Memphis, TN sponsored by Randy & Ruth Howard
May 19<sup>th</sup> – Vettes in the Vineyard 2018 at Chaumette Vineyards in St. Genevieve County,
MO sponsored by Rich & Theresa Luebcke

June 22<sup>nd</sup>-Night at the Drive-In located in Belleville, IL sponsored by Bill & Gail Mattler June 30<sup>th</sup> or July 7<sup>th</sup> -(TBD) "Crazy for You" at Lyceum Theater Arrow Rock, MO sponsored by Ken & Barbie Payne

July 14<sup>th</sup>- Night at the Races at Fairmont Park sponsored by Randy & Ruth Howard July 21st- 22<sup>nd</sup> -Christmas in July Rt. 66 Trip to Munger Moss Motel sponsored by Bob & Patty Kusky

July 31<sup>st</sup> - Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> - French Lick, IN Trip sponsored by Doerrs and Pickles
Mike Price presented several dates for various NASCAR races to attend if interested
(TBD)

Judy Dooley presented the idea for a club trip to the NCM in Bowling Green, KY (TBD) Jan Murray presented the idea for a tour of the Fischer House on day of VA garden planting

<u>Thank You for cake</u>: Ray & Pam Queen provided the cupcakes. 2018 openings for the cake sign up were filled. Tom & Sherri Marlo have signed up for Feb.

50/50 Winner: Kevin Yovich \$79.00

Number in Attendance:51

<u>Attendance Prize Winner</u>: Mary Doerr, Carl Cox, Bob Bradley, Peggy Craig, Larry Akins & Kirt Sheer

Next meeting: February 6th

## Adjournment:

Mike Grubb asked for a motion to adjourn. Laurie Grubb made the motion and Don Pickles 2<sup>nd</sup>. Time was 1500 CST.

## Committee Reports.



## National Corvette Museum

The BASH at the National Corvette Museum is coming soon, April 26-28. This is event is the years big kick-off for the NCM. There are lots of activities planned for this event

- The viewing of the 2019 Stingray & the ZR1
- •. Seminars & classroom sessions by certified GM Technicians
- •. Guided road tours ( most will have a fee and will be limited attendance pre-registration required)
- •. 2 celebrity choice car show

- •. Ladies Oasis
- •. Motorsports Park touring laps.(pre-registration is required with a fee)
- •. The restoration of the 1962 sinkhole cars

And lots more for you to do there. If you would like to attend, **now is the time to make reservations at hotels and register for this event.** Registration can be made on the NCM website.

Judy Dooley

Editor Note: Where else in the automotive world can you talk one-on-one with the engineers, designers and marketing people who actually designed your Corvette? Seminars are educational and fun, Doug Fehan and Dan Binks give the inside picture of Corvette racing. Armynta and Doug Fehan argued many times over the amount of luggage space in each new model. Corvette racing always won out. We gave the designers a very hard time when the C5s had only one cup holder.

## **New Events**

Sign up for the St. Louis Corvette Club Members Only Facebook page.

Latest, Quick Information and member news.

Check out the website: http://stlcorvette.club.





# St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Valentine's Luncheon Sunday - February 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm Papa Vito's – Millstadt Location 741 West Washington Millstadt, IL

We will have a private room for our club. There
will be a sign up sheet at the January 14<sup>th</sup> planning meeting
and also at the February 6<sup>th</sup> regular meeting.

For those on the Missouri side that would like to meet and caravan over – we will meet at Hooter's in South County at 11:45 for departure at NOON.

Please contact Valerie <u>Zeisset</u> or Ruth Howard if you have any questions.







## CRAZY BOWL

Saturday March 31, 2018 Show-Me Lanes 4575 Lemay Ferry Rd. St. Louis, Mo. 63129

Arrive by 5:45 pm bowling starts at 6:00 pm \$7 per person for 2 games of Bowling and shoes.

After bowling we have been so graciously invited back to Don & Anne Pickles house for food and awards ceremony. Just like last year there will be sandwiches and we ask that members bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your beverage of choice. Additional price for sandwiches is \$3.50 per person.

Please pay with cash night of event.

Please rsvp to Judy at <u>jmdooley6493@aol.com</u> or Ruth at <u>rhoward15@charter.net</u>. There will be a signup sheet at meeting. Event is sponsored by the Dooley's and Howard's

BOB & PATTI KUSKY & THE ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB PRESENTS

# Route 66 Overnight Vacation



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# MUNGER MOSS MOTEL



38 Available Rooms

All priced at \$62.00\* per night for STLCC

\*2017 price-checking on 2018 room price

# **BOB'S OUTDOOR THEATRE & SOUND**

## PRESENTING



Potential Attractions (not finalized yet):

- Meramec Caverns
- Devil's Elbow
- Bennett Springs State Park
- Chicken Dinner Catered by <u>Taste of Andy's</u>



Private Sunday Morning Breakfast at <u>Taste of Andy's</u>





## St. Louis Corvette Club Trip to French Lick Indiana

July 31 to Aug 3rd



West Baden Hotel, was considered the 8th wonders of the world for its unsupported dome

We will leave on July 31 and drive to French Like. We will stay at West Baden Hotel (shown above). Cost for 3 nights \$606.81. All rooms look out on to the dome area.

Activities Planned for the Trip Include;

Historic Tour of West Baden and French Lick Hotel

Walk around the various medicinal springs

3 Golf courses on the property for Golfers

Tour of Jasper engine and transmission plant

Authentic German meal at Schnitzelbank







Casino on location

Designated parking for our cars

Train ride (if anyone is interested)

Road Trips which may include a Winery or Historic Monastery

Circus museum across the street

Dr. Ted Musical Marvels

Sponsored by the Pickle's and Doerr's

For those interested we need you to **sign up ASAP**, please call Don at 314-323-9901 or e-mail <a href="mailto:ddpcpa@aol.com">ddpcpa@aol.com</a>. If you signed up at the last meeting, you are good to go.

## Past Events

## Price's Party











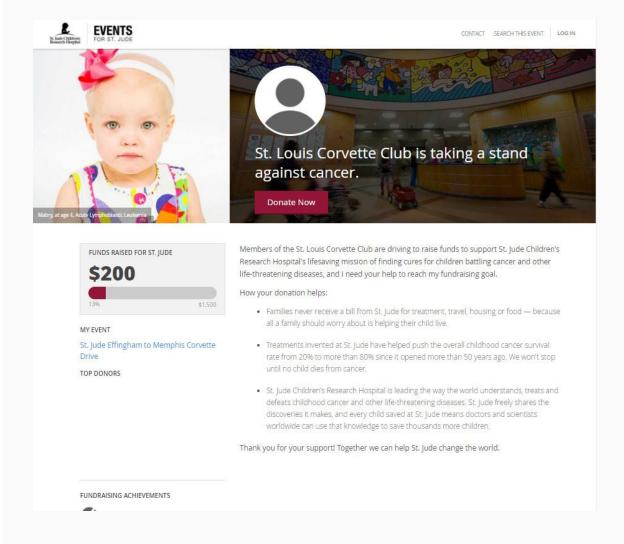
## Special Announcements

Ruth and Randy Howard are participating in the Drive to St. Judes charity fundraser under the St. Louis Corvette Club Banner.

Donations are needed as part of the competition.

Yes - It is a Contest.

Make St. Louis Corvette Club a Winner



Cut and paste this URL to access the correct donation page:

http://fundraising.stjude.org/site/TR/TAEvents/Events?px=4857009&pq=personal&fr id=85283

#### Note from Mike Kunst:

The 2019 Corvette is mostly a carry-over from 2018 but there is one major change coming from the factory and our friends that participate in track events are going to love it: All 2019 Corvettes will now feature Mobil 1 ESP Formula 0W-40 synthetic motor oil as the new factory-fill.

This new blend is rated for both street and track use, and it eliminates having to change the previous recommended 5W-30 motor oil for street use to Mobil 1's 15W-50 for track events, and then back again. The formulation of the new oil has been in the works for quite some time and we can thank our friends from Mobil 1 for making this happen.

Mobil 1's new 0W-40 motor oil will be available from dealerships starting on February 1st and will show up in retail stores in next six months or so.

#### Editor-Also:

Tire pressures are down due to cold weather. My Corvette has been sending me emails and is very upset.

