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President's Message

WOW!!!! Spring is finally here, and we are ready to roll. March came in like a lion and, hopefully, will leave like a lamb, and we can start having some fun. In March we finally had a regular meeting (only one hour long) and we hope to continue that trend. We also had a nice retiree's luncheon thanks to Rich and Theresa Leubcke. And, to top it all off we had Crazy Bowl! Thanks to the Dooleys and the Howards a good time was had by all. As in any sporting event, there are winners and non-winners (the word loser is harsh so I will not use it here). The big winners for the night were Marty and Judy Dooley who bowled the highest scores for the men and women, respectively. The biggest non-winners were Ron Hagenow and Sheri Marlo who bowled the lowest scores for the men and women, respectively. And, thanks to all the cheerleaders for egging us on. The after party involved some great food and cut throat Left Right Center. If anyone needs a loan, see Marcia Sheer and/or Marty Dooley. They took us all.

In this newsletter, you will find an article authored by Jerry Craig regarding any upcoming road trips. The purpose of road trips, of course, is to have fun and enjoy our Corvettes, but it must be done safely and with consideration for others. Please review Jerry's thoughts and make them your own.

And, finally, I want to remind everyone to bring to the April meeting any American flags that are no longer usable. These flags will be collected and disposed of with dignity. In the meantime, dust off those Corvettes and get ready to enjoy them.

Save the Wave!

Don Pickles, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Sue Dahman	Apr 3
Janet Trost	Apr 10
Traci Ramsey	Apr 10
Gary Duke	Apr 17
Bob Bradley	Apr 19
Peggy Craig	Apr 20
Tony Jokerst	Apr 23

ANNIVERSARIES

Dennis & Janet Trost	Apr 17
Gary & Jan Murray	Apr 19
Bill & Gail Mattler	Apr 29
Gary & Erin Duke	Apr 30

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: March 5th, 2019

Meeting Place: Grand Slam Bar and Grill, Fenton, MO

Starting time: 19:00

Pledge and Introduction of Officers: Don Pickles -President

President- Don Pickles

Vice President- Rick Doerr

Secretary- Sherri Marlo

Treasurer- Anne Pickles

Sergeant at Arms- Tom Marlo

Membership- Pat Moore
Immediate Past President- Ray Queen
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President Announcements:

- Introduction of board members made by Don Pickles
- Members need to check off their names on the attendance sheet
- Buy 50/50 tickets and check out all of the sign-up sheets for upcoming events.
- 2019 Cake Sign-up sheet is also available.
- Raffle tickets are available from Gary or Jan Murray for a dollar for a picture that was donated
- John & Angie Midkiff will be collecting any old or damaged American flags at April's meeting for proper disposal.
- Please review the revision to the club's By-Laws so you can present your questions or comments. The club will be voting on whether to accept the changes at the April meeting. Michelle Finn did want the wording changed from spouse to partner since there are several couples that are not married.

Introduction of Guests and New Members and their cars: Bruce & Kathy Wooldridge-2005 Silver Coupe. Dave Markland & Vicki Steinbach-2015 Shark Grey Stingray.

Previous Secretary Minutes:

Don Pickles requested a motion to accept the secretary's minutes from February's meeting. Randy Howard made a motion to accept the minutes and Ron Hagenow 2nd the motion. Motion was accepted.

Membership: Birthdays, Anniversaries and Membership Report: Pat Moore presented the report.

- March birthdays and anniversaries were announced.
- Total number of members 95 regular, 18 associates, 4 sponsors, and 5 honorary.
- We currently have no one on the waiting list.

Treasurer's Report:

Anne Pickles presented the Treasurer's Report. Don asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Ruth Howard made the motion to accept and Patty Craig second the motion.

NCM Ambassador Report: Judy Dooley gave report.

- Reminder that the 25th Anniversary Caravan will be held this Labor Day Weekend. If you need a room for this event, please contact Judy or Marty.
- The NCM Bash will be held April 25th- through the 27th.

- Raffle ticket sales for the new car giveaways have been suspended until further notice. This is due to a Kentucky state gaming law for out of state sales.

NCCC Governor's Report: Jeff Craig gave the report.

- Jeff was asked by Rich Luebcke to explain the NCCC sanctions and what they mean to the club.
- The annual convention will be in Denver.
- The first event for the Midwest region will be a rally with the Little Egypt Car Club March 30th. Contact Jeff if you are interested in participating.
- Mentioned the insurance for NCCC dropped \$4,000 due to their good safety record.

Newsletter Report:

Mike Kunst gave the report. Mike wanted to make members aware that he has the capability to see who opens the newsletters each month. We have about 70% of our members that open the newsletter.

Website Report:

Steve Kirby gave the website report.

- He reported there have been e-mails going to members that are scams and to beware. They are getting the e-mail addresses from the club website.
- He is slowly updating the website and doing the coding with an old program.
- Randy Howard presented the idea of getting a new program for Steve to make the updating easier. Steve will look into what is available and the cost.

Elco Report: Mark Gerecke gave the report:

- Congratulated Tony & Jane Jokerst on their purchase of a XT4 Cadillac
- Elco purchased the nursery property behind them and are in the process of erecting a building for the body shop and other services to move into.
- Elco is out of 2018 Corvettes but any dealerships that have them GM is giving 20% discount. There is 268 days supply of 2019s so Mark looks for GM to start giving discounts on them. C 8's should be available in December.

Committee Reports:

Christmas Committee- No report given

Nominating Committee- No report given

Charity Committee- Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni & Sonja Giffhorn will meet after meeting

Parade Committee- No report given

VA Hospital Garden- Marty Dooley stated we will be planning to do the planting around

Mother's Day weekend. He would appreciate volunteers for this day.

History Committee- Ron Hagenow gave report. The committee consists also of Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby. They have all of the secretary minutes from the club's beginning and 85% of all the pictures together but Ron requested any pictures from the last 2 years to be sent to him. They will have these on a hard drive and hopefully be shown at future meetings.

Vice- President's Report on Past Events:

- Feb. 12th- Valentine's Luncheon at Papa Vito's in Millstadt. Sponsored by Valerie & Dale Zeisset.
- Feb. 22nd -Retirees Luncheon- Held at Tuckers Resturant. Sponsored by Rick Frierdich & Patricia Ross

Vice- President's Report on Upcoming Events for 2019: For more details see club calendar. Rick Doerr presented the report for the up-coming events.

- March 5th – Monthly meeting
- March 20th- Retirees Luncheon at Taytros in Festus, MO. Sponsored by Rich & Theresa Luebcke
- March 23rd- Crazy Bowl at DuBowl w/meal afterwards at Don & Ann Pickles (bring a side dish or dessert). Sponsored by the Howards & Dooleys. Cash only for your bowling.
- March 30th- NCCC Rally w/ Little Egypt Car Club
- April 2nd- Monthly meeting
- April 7th- Target Shooting at Shooter's in Columbia, IL. Sponsored by Tom Marlo.
- April 13th-HSMC Annual Cause for Paws at the Falls in Columbia, IL. See Sherri Marlo
- April 17th- Retirees Luncheon at Hawthorne Inn in Labadie, MO. Sponsored by Ray & Pam Queen
- April 25th-27th- NCM Annual Bash
- April 28th- Fritz's Ice Cream. Sponsored by Peggy Craig
- May 4th- Vettes in the Vineyard. Chaumette Winery in Ste. Genevieve, MO.
- May 7th- Monthly meeting
- May 11th- River to River Car Show in Herrin, IL. Sponsored by Tom Marlo.
- May 15th- Retirees Luncheon. Location TBD. Sponsored by Ron & Mary Hagenow
- May 16th-17th- St. Jude's Run

New Business:

Thank- You for cake: Don thanked John & Angie Midkiff for providing the cakes. Ray & Pam Queen signed up for April.

50/50 Winner: \$113 / Club \$113. The winner was Terry Mueller

Donated Picture- Raffle Winner was Dana Griggs. Gary & Jan Murray raised \$10 for Pub 231

Car Show.

Number in Attendance: regular members 59 and 0 guests.

Attendance Prize Winners: Mike Kirby & Ruth Howard

Next meeting: April 2nd, 2019

Adjournment: Don asked for a motion to adjourn. Steve Kirby motioned to adjourn and Randy Howard 2nd. Motion accepted. Time 19:01 CST.

Respectfully,
Sherri Marlo, STLCC Secretary

Special Newsletter Section

On the Road with The St. Louis Corvette Club

By Jerry Craig, Editor Emeritus

Radios for the Road



STLCC uses hand-held radios for communication on road events. Generally, we run on channel 6 sub-channel 6. These radios keep us in touch for emergencies, rest stops, gas, food and other road events. Spend a bit of time to learn the features and settings for your radios. Organizers may choose other channels so, know how to set things properly.

Talking: Manufacturers recommend that you hold the radio about six inches away and talk in a normal voice. Talking too close or too loudly distorts the sound. Conversations, points of interest and jocularity are common. Use the “CALL” button if there has been no transmission for a few minutes. This sends a ring sound to everyone to alert them that a message is coming. This avoids a lot of repeats.

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 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 and tablets. Cost about \$70 per pair.

Turn off VOX: 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 unwittingly transmitting.

Talking distance: Radios make wild claims about communication distance. On the road, line of sight is the rule. 1 mile is the maximum expected. In cities with a lot of steel cars around the distance can be only a block or two. 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 and for emergencies.

High power and low power channels: Some channels are automatically limited to low power transmission. High power channels are: 1 to 7 and 15 to 22.
License Required? No

Recommended radios: FRS (Family Radio Service) or GMRS (General Mobile Radio Service) Motorola: T460. \$80/pair. Other models are available with USB

in-car charging.

<http://www.buytwowayradios.com> or Amazon.

Accessories: Cigarette lighter USB charger. A higher power, multiple connector, regulated unit is recommended. These can run a GPS and charge a radio at the same time. The Anker unit from Amazon works well. \$10.

Newer Vettes have charging ports.

Mini USB cable. Verify the type of connector needed for your radios. USB has many types and some look alike but are not.



STLCC on the Road

Road trips often have a very good turn out these days. A group of 12 or 15 Corvettes is a nice size and usually moves with traffic easily. Larger groups can be

divided into smaller groups with a leader for each group. Being at the end of a long convoy can cause concern by being spilt-off at stoplights and being slowed by trucks and other drivers. Getting caught up can involve speeds faster than some folks want to drive. Keeping the group together nose-to-tail is many times not possible. Maps and emergency cell phone numbers are an aid to prevent lost drivers.

Be ready to roll. Start out with a full gas tank and an empty bladder each day. Gas up the night before. Have breakfast early or bring food to eat on the road. Organizers have a time frame and need to keep things moving. Trip planning includes rest stops but if you need one, radio the lead car. Gab sessions start at every opportunity – try to help the organizers stay on time.

Relay instructions. If you are the last through a stop light and cannot see the Corvette behind you, transmit instructions about turns or the lane to be in, etc. Try to keep the Vette behind you in sight as well as the Vette in front so drivers can see turns etc. Our two-way radios have a limited range and those behind may not be able to hear the leader. Radios take a second or two before they transmit. Press the button, wait a second and talk in a moderate voice – hold the radio about six inches away. (Loud, close talk will be scrambled). Keep your radio charged and bring extra batteries or charging cables. Use the Call button to alert drivers that a message is coming if there have been no transmissions for a while. This avoids a lot of repeats.

VOX. Turn off Vox. This is a “feature” that allows the radio to transmit without pressing the button. Road noise, music or conversations will trigger vox and transmit at the wrong times. Spend a bit of time to learn the features and settings for your radios. Start the day with a fully charged pair of radios.

On the Historic Motorama, we had 50 Corvettes on the road for eight days. 1953 at the front and succeeding years after. Certain Corvettes in the line were designated as relays so word could be passed down several miles at times.

Pass courteously. Give slower cars enough room when pulling back into the right lane. Pulling in too soon and having to slow down will make the other driver angry – it will make 18-wheel truckers irate. Make sure there is enough room and speed before pulling in front of another car or truck. If you get stuck in the left lane with

cars building behind you, pull ahead and one of the Corvettes will let you in. We travel in the right lane when possible and try to move over to allow faster traffic through.

Trouble on the road. If someone has car trouble or illness, etc. At least one of the group will stop with you. The rest of the group will go on. It is dangerous for the whole group to stop along the highway. We will not leave you on your own.

Travelling with a string of shiny Corvettes is great fun but it takes extra concentration as speeds, lanes and following distances change rapidly. Our club has journeyed many miles to many places with safety and enjoyment.

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

Spring is here and that means that the first BIG event at the National Corvette Museum will soon be here too. That event is the BASH! There will be lots of things to do while you are there, so here are some of them:

- Corvette Display, Seminars and Walk-Arounds
 - GM will be bringing 8-9 of the latest models of Corvettes, including the four new Drivers' Series Editions.
 - Friday at 9am and then again Saturday at 8:45am you'll hear from Corvette Chief Engineer Tadge Juechter, and Corvette Product Manager Harlan Charles on what's NEW with Corvette. Also, don't miss Kai Spande's seminar on what's new at the Bowling Green Assembly Plant!
- Corvette Racing Banquet, Fashion Show, Ladies' Oasis
 - Ladies' Garage Party (learn basis car maintenance), Touring Laps at the Motorsport Park
- All Corvette Celebrity Choice Car Show, Autograph sessions, Road trips and Seminars

And much more to keep you busy. Registration for some activities is required, so if you are planning to attend the BASH go on line to sign up and view the agenda for the full list of things to do and days and times for the activities.

Registration:

\$15 Lifetime Members Pre-Registration / \$20 On-Site

\$20 Members Pre-Registration / \$25 On-Site
\$30 Non-Members Pre-Registration / \$35 On-Site

Pre-Registration Closes Tuesday, April 2 at 8 AM CT! All cancellations will be charged a \$5 processing fee per person. No refunds or cancellations after advance registration closes.

There will also be some of the Vendors there that you will be able to purchase items from such as:

Adams Polishes	E2 Lens Renew	Second Story Interiors
C-Magic	Kim's Gold Dust (jewelry)	Thunder Road Creations
Car Art Work	Laid Back	Titan Lift
Corsa Performance	Mike's Custom Steering	Wind Restrictors
Dana Forrester Watercolors	Ohio Metal Chairs	

The BASH will take place at the National Corvette Museum on April 25-27.

Judy & Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

**Here is a session that is not to be missed at the Bash... ed.
Testing the C7 on the Nürburgring with Jim Mero**

Listen as Corvette Legend Jim Mero goes through the evolution of the 7th Generation Stingray Z51, Grand Sport, Z06, & ZR1 at the Nürburgring. This seminar will also feature unique Autobahn footage!

More from Marty and Judy!

Here is a picture that shows some of the hot wheels donated by club members. They will be taken to the Corvette Museum to be given away to kids in the education program. This started a couple of years ago to give these kids something to remember their field trip to the Corvette Museum. With the help of club members and others, we will be taking about one thousand hot wheels Corvettes to the NCM this month. Thanks to all for your help.

Marty and Judy Dooley



By-Law Committee

The proposed By-Law changes as presented at the March meeting will be voted on at the April meeting. The only change made to the proposed By-Laws was to add “significant other” to the definition of a Lifetime Membership. It previously read “husband or wife”. If you have any questions, please email Ron Hagenow at hagenow1@charter.net.

Future Events



St Louis Corvette Club Sunday run to Fritz's Frozen Custard

Last Sunday of the month starting at 6:00 PM March-October

Fritz's Frozen Custard, 815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088





St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Shoot-out



When: Sunday, April 7th 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Where: Shooter's Firearms and Indoor Shooting Range, Columbia, IL
(same place as before) www.shootersindoorange.com

Time: 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm (or until all the ammo is gone, whichever is first)

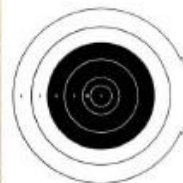


We will meet at Red Roof/Shell station in Columbia, IL at 3:30 pm. It's right off of 255 before you get into Columbia. From there we will proceed to the shooting range which is a 10 minute drive down the road.

The cost of the range for 2 hours is \$200.00, so if everybody that shoots pays \$15.00 that will cover the cost for the event. Any money left over from the event will be donated to the Club and earmarked for Jefferson Barracks Flower Fund.

Everybody is open to shoot. This event is inside, so we will go no matter what the weather is. You are asked to provide your own ammunition too. This can be bought at the range or any sporting goods store.

After the event is over, we will meet at Hooters in South County (next to Home Depot) to wash down the gunpowder residue.



NATIONAL CORVETTE MUSEUM

MOTOR SPORTS PARK

THURSDAY APRIL 11, 2019

EAST REGION NONSANCTION EVENT

TRACK DAY – 4X ½ HOUR SESSIONS ON THE FULL COURSE - \$200

PACE LAPS- 4 LAPS FOLLOWING A PACE CAR- \$50.00

SKID PAD FOCUSED ON CAR CONTROL - \$50.00

Registration - <https://www.motorsportreg.com>

Thursday after Track Day East Region's Buffet Dinner

5:30 PM in MSP Classroom

\$20.00 per person

Reservations a must – contact John Cantelmo

HOST HOTEL BEST WESTERN – 270-782- 6933

1940 Mel Browning St.

Bowling Green, Ky.

Questions or information – contact John Cantelmo

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*Helping Strays
Presents*

**15th Annual
A Cause
For Paws**



Saturday, April 13, 2019

**At the Falls Reception and
Conference Center
in Columbia, IL**

Doors open at 5:00 pm

Dinner served at 6:45 pm

*Join us for a fun evening of food, drinks, auctions
and music! Your support will help homeless and
sick animals in Monroe County and the
surrounding areas. Please join us for a lovely
evening of entertainment and compassion!*

Tickets \$75.00

Table of 10 \$750.00

Office (618)939-7389

www.paula.hutchinson@helpingstrays.org



Retiree Lunch at the Hawthorne Inn, Labadie, MO

Sponsored by Pam and Ray Queen

Meet at the Wildwood Town Center by the Bank of America, 2412 Taylor Rd, Wildwood, MO 63040, at 11:30 AM for the drive to Labadie.

Lunch will be at 12:30 PM. They have a special menu for large groups. It is a very nice drive on back roads to Labadie.

2019 NCM BASH SPONSORED BY MICHELIN



APRIL 25-27, 2019

Join Judy and Marty Dooley at the Bash!
Groups leaving for Bowling Green on Wednesday and Thursday.

Vettes in the Vineyard 2019



Chaumette Vineyards and Winery
Ste. Genevieve County, MO

Saturday May 4, 11:00am to 3:00pm
\$20 per car

“Best of the Vineyard” presentation!

- Proceeds and donations Supporting PRISMS (see reverse)
- Sponsored by the St. Louis Corvette Club
- Rich Luebcke, Event Chairperson: 636-875-0052
- Jeff Craig, Governor: 314-941-0974
- People’s Choice Awards



*****RSVP** to tnrluebcke@charter.net OR 573-218-9051 by May 1!

From St. Louis: Take I-55 S to Exit 150, turn right for .1m, then left (S) (before Phillips 66 station) on Hwy B for 14 miles to Coffman. Veer left on Hwy WW for 2.6 miles, Chaumette is on your right.

From Cape Girardeau: Take I-55 N to Exit 150, turn left for .2m, then left (S) onto Hwy B for 14 miles to Coffman. Veer left onto Hwy WW for 2.6 miles, Chaumette is on your right.

From Farmington: Take Hwy OO, to left on Hwy F, for 13 miles to Coffman. Turn right onto Hwy WW for 2.6 miles, Chaumette is on your right

****NO outside food or drink, please: Food/Drink available for purchase; or make a lunch reservation by calling: 573-747-1000**

WHAT is PRISMS??

PRISMS is the acronym for Parents and Researchers interested in Smith-Magenis Syndrome (SMS)

Summary:

Smith-Magenis syndrome (SMS) is a complex developmental disorder affecting multiple organ systems of the body. The disorder is characterized by a pattern of abnormalities present at birth (congenital) as well as behavioral and cognitive problems.

Common symptoms include distinctive facial features, skeletal malformations, varying degrees of intellectual disability, speech and motor delays, sleep disturbances, and self-injurious or attention-seeking behaviors. The specific symptoms present in each case can vary dramatically from one individual to another.

Approximately 90% of cases are caused when a portion of a chromosome is missing or deleted (monosomic). This deleted portion within chromosome 17p11.2 includes the RAI1 gene, which is believed to play a major role in the development of the disorder. Other genes within the deleted segment may also play a role in variable features in the syndrome, but it is not fully understood how significant a role they play in the development of SMS. In the remaining cases, there is no deleted material on chromosome 17; these cases are caused by mutations in the RAI1 gene.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**2019
RIVER TO RIVER
ALL CORVETTE CAR SHOW!**

Downtown Herrin

Saturday May 11, 2019 - 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

HOSTED BY HERRIN ELKS LODGE # 1146

Location: Corner of East Monroe & North 14th St.

All Proceeds Go To
"Friends of the Herrin City Cemetery"
Donations Accepted!!!



50 / 50 Drawing

Free to the Public!!!

Trophies Awarded - Dash Plaques

• Hamburgers • Hotdogs • Soft Drinks - available for sale
Car Registration \$15.00 *Registration begins at 10:30 am

For More Information Call **618-889-8555** Dennis
or Email: avripas@yahoo.com

76 Corvettes in 2018 - Come Join Us!!!!

Past Events

Retiree and Anyone Who Can Show Up Lunch

Sponsored by Theresa and Rich Luebcke



Crazy Bowl

Sponsored by Judy Dooley and Ruth Howard
After Party Sponsored by Anne and Don Pickles



Marty and Judy bowl and win the best Men's and Women's scores!
Really! Is this how you bowl?

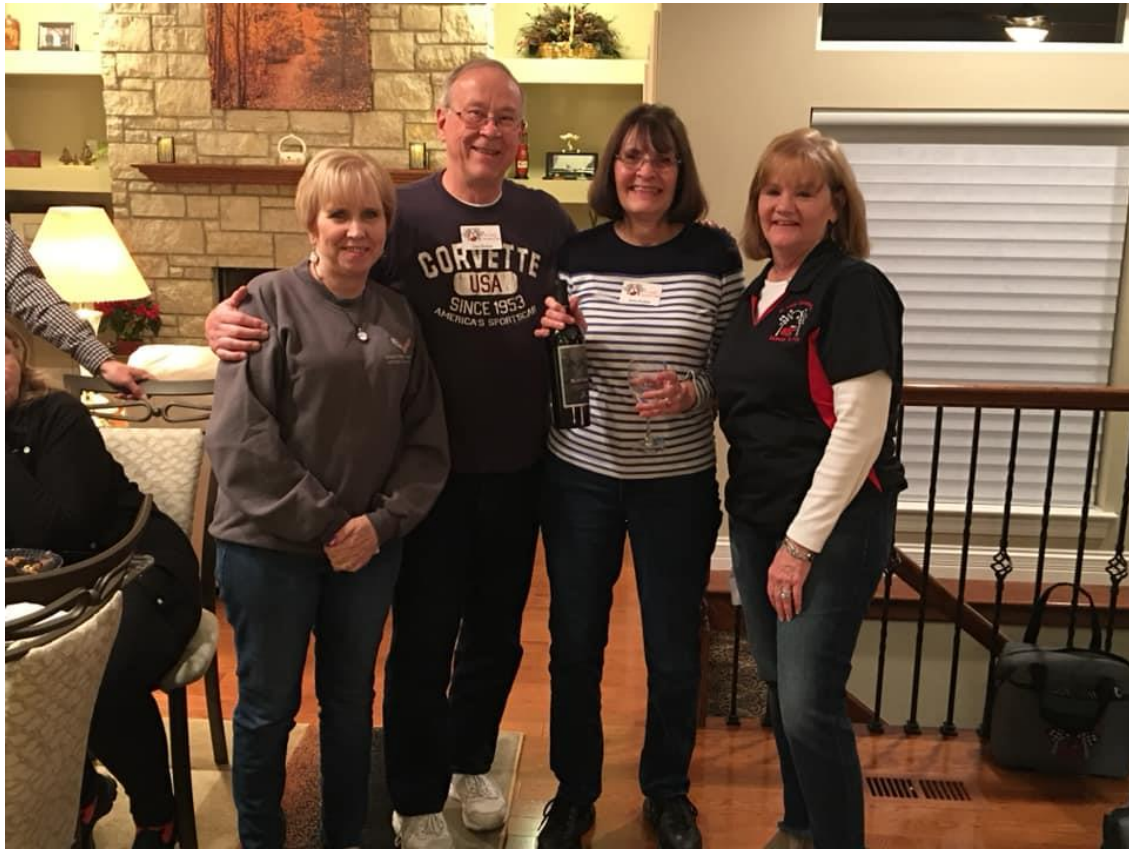


Sherri & Ron had the lowest scores - better practice for next year!









Thanks for coordinating and hosting!





Special Announcements

Shhhhhh!!! We are not supposed to know about this!

[C8 Corvette Information](#)

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Haganow

What Was Happening with The Club in Previous Months of April:

Marty Dooley was our club president in April 2005, and we were still having our meetings at Hessler's Pub on Tesson Ferry. Gary Murray and soon to be wife Jan joined the club that month and were driving a white 1998 coupe.

In April 2006, Rick Frierdich was our club president. The club had 55 members. We had road trips to Fast Lane Cars in St. Charles as well as Blue Springs Café near Troy, IL.

Bill Dotson was our president in April 2008, and we had just finished a combination car show/Albert Pujol's Family Foundation fundraiser at Lynch Hummer, who was our club sponsor then. At that time, we had 70 members.

In April 2011, Marty Dooley was our president again (he had to do another term until he did it right!). Then member Steve Lyle was putting back together his big block 396 for his 1965 convertible with the help of Jerry Craig and his merry band of engine builders. Michelle Finn's son Thomas was at the meeting and he was a new member of the FCOA (Future Corvette

Owners of America). This is part of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) of which we are a part and is for those up to 16 years of age. Eric DeBruin from ELCO led us on a Geo Cache treasure hunt which was great fun.

More from the History Committee

The History Committee thought that we would include a few pictures along with our monthly column.

This picture is from our VA Garden cleanup we did in April 2008. The club has maintained the garden behind Building 52, Spinal Cord Injury Building, at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital since 2004.



Here is Mary Doerr, Pat Cox and Judy Dooley doing the heavy labor.

Back in April, 2010 there was an internet Corvette group called "63-67 Vettes.com". We found that they were going to travel old Route 66. So we made contact and some club members had

a dinner with them at Ruby Tuesday's in Fenton at the beginning of their travel. One guy had just restored his 1966 and rather than put a lot of miles on it, he had it shipped to Chicago and then he and his wife flew out and picked up the car from there. Another guy was from New York. He drove to Chicago, planned on driving the whole Route 66, then go up the west coast into Canada and take that back to New York. He said he would probably put 6000 miles on his car before he was done. These were a great group of Corvette owners.



These are the folks that were making the Route 66 trip. They came from all over the country.

Finally, we used to have our club meetings at the Sunset Hills Banquet Center located at the Sunset Hills Golf Course. This was a great venue and we became good friends with Tammy Ortmann, who ran the banquet center. In December 2010 a tornado went through Sunset Hills and it destroyed her house. She had a lot of problems getting it rebuilt as well as a lot of bills. So the club sponsored a mouse race in April 2011 and donated almost \$12,000 to her.



Some of the extended Craig family and friends enjoying the evening.



Master of Ceremonies Randy Howard with the Mayor of Sunset Hills

Bob Kusky, Marlos and Dukes in Florida

By Bob Kusky

I was in Florida visiting my parents in The Villages and went to the Daytona 500. Tom and Sherri Marlo (Sherri's sister also lives in The Villages) were there at the same time I was. When I have been in Florida for the race, I have always missed The Village Vettes club meeting. But with the race pushed up a week, I along with the Marlo's attended The Village Vettes monthly meeting. The membership was very accommodating, and of course with The Villages having 110,000 retired residence, well... there are a lot of corvettes and members. They have over 500 people, and at the meeting we guessed there were 150 in attendance. 50/50 to the winner was \$220! We did not win.

Since it was a special evening, the meeting was cut short but the President, Don Chaney introduced us, and we were able to tell a little about our cars to the club. The special event was a performance by non-other than the Blues Brothers! They were great and Elwood actually played the harmonica and trombone. Great evening as a couple of the pictures shows.

I also had a chance to play golf with Gary Duke (left to right Bob Kusky, Joe Gibbs, Gary Duke, Bob Kusky Sr.). Later in the week met up with Gary, Erin, Tom and Sheri for Car Show in The Villages of 1980 and older vehicles. Of course, a few beers were had along with listening to some live music.

Bob Kusky





NCCC Midwest Region Banquet





From top left clockwise: Top Men and Women Winners, Top Workers, Midwest Region Banquet, and Jeff, Patty, Peggy and Bob.



The Monster of the Midwest.

Though I wasn't getting a little out of hand, I'm similar right to the parking lot at the Hamachi Inn on Yokohama Parkway. It was a chaotic, uncontrolled, really in flux situation. Oh, who do I think I'm?



60's Corvette picture will surely be a hit in anyone's collection. This print is nicely done in a 19 ¼" wide x 30 ¼" tall frame with a '66 Nassau Blue convertible the focus of the print along with actual highlights of the 1991 Bloomington Gold rendezvous. Truly a classic. See Debbie or Gary Tidwell at the April Meeting.

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