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President's Message

When I sold my practice and retired, almost 12 years ago now, I knew there were going to be many things that I would miss, especially a paycheck, but the one thing I was not going to miss would be deciding when to close the office due to the weather. Well, now that I am making the big bucks as President of the STLCC, guess what? Weather has reared its ugly head and decisions had to be made. With the help of the Board, the decision to postpone the first January planning meeting was a no brainer. But, a week later another decision had to be made for the same reason. Postponing the rescheduled planning meeting is one decision that I (along with the weather professionals) may have whiffed on, but it was made on the side of caution, I assure you. No meeting is worth risking life, limb and property for. So, here we are, getting ready for the February meeting (weather permitting of course). We will use this meeting as the planning meeting, and I ask that you bring all your ideas of what you want to do in 2019 as a club. Even if you don't have any ideas, you will hear what others are planning and you may want to help. The more the members participate, the more successful the club will be.

We did have one event in January that was not cancelled. That event was the retiree luncheon that was held at The Walnut Grill in west county, sponsored by Diana and Dana Griggs. The 25 or so people who attended enjoyed great food, and funds were raised for some Puerto Rico relief. Speaking of retiree luncheons, we don't have a sponsor for the February lunch, which is normally

held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Anyone can attend and anyone can sponsor the event. Please give it some thought.

One final thought. The club extends its sympathy to Karen Price on the passing of her mother and to Sonja Giffhorn on the passing of her father. And, please keep others with health issues in your prayers.

Hope to see you soon, and, save the wave.

Don Pickles

President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Ingrid Ward	Feb 6
Mike Kirby	Feb 15
Dennis Trost	Feb 16
Eric DeBruin	Feb 17
June Fain	Feb 19
Steve Kirby	Feb 19
Kirt Sheer	Feb 19
Barbie Payne	Feb 21
Brian Walsh	Feb 27

ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Diana Walker

Feb 5

Marty & Judy Dooley

Feb 7

Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: November 5th, 2018

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

Starting time: 19:00

Pledge and Introduction of Officers: Ray Queen -President

President- Ray Queen

Vice President- Mike Grubb

Secretary- Sherri Marlo

Treasurer- Ann Pickles

Sergeant at Arms- Tom Marlo

Membership- Pat Moore

Immediate Past President- Mike Price

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President Announcements:

- Introduction of board members made by Ray Queen
- Members check off their names on the attendance sheet
- Buy 50/50 tickets and check out all of the sign-up sheets for upcoming events.
- Election of the new board will be held tonight.
- 2019 Cake Sign-up sheet is also available.
- Write in Ann Pickles for Treasurer on the ballots. She was inadvertently left off by the committee.
- Raffle tickets are available from Gary or Jan Murray for a dollar for a picture that was donated

- Thank-you card from Pat Cox read and Carl gave an update on her health.

Introduction of Guests and New Members and their cars: Representatives of the St. Vincent DePaul Church, Jackie & Jerry Buechtel, were present to thank the club for the Christmas gifts that were donated to the families in need.

Previous Secretary Minutes:

Ray Queen requested a motion to accept the secretary's minutes from the October meeting. Rick Doerr made a motion to accept the minutes and Ron Howard 2nd the motion. Motion was accepted.

Membership: birthdays, anniversaries and membership report:

Pat Moore presented the membership report. November birthdays and anniversaries were announced. Total number of members 100 regular, 20 associates, 4 sponsors, and 5 honorary. We currently have 13 people on the waiting list.

Treasurer's Report:

Ann Pickles presented the Treasurer's Report. Income for October was: \$187 from dues collected, \$111 from the 50/50 drawing, & \$75 from misc. club item sold. Expenses were as follows: cake for October was \$31.23, misc. supplies \$46.23, flowers \$56.54, & VA garden \$105.05, resulting in an ending balance of \$13,669.13. Ray asked for a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Don Pickles made the motion to accept with Steve Kirby seconding the motion.

NCM Ambassador Report: Judy Dooley gave report.

- \$25 discount this month on bricks that have military wording
- Free shipping available from the store this month with purchase of \$75 or more after membership discount.
- \$10 Raffle tickets available for 2019 Artic White corvette. See Judy or Marty Dooley.

NCCC Governor's Report: Given by Jeff Craig. The competition season is ending and they are currently doing renewals. Jeff invited anyone that may be interested to attend the NCCC meeting on November 10th in St. Louis. It was announced that Patty & Jeff Craig are 9th in the nation in NCCC competition.

Newsletter Report:

Mike Kuntz gave the report. Need more pictures!

Website Report:

Steve Kirby gave the website report. Asked for any new ideas for website and updated pictures of members and their cars.

Elco Report: Mark Gerecke was absent so Ray gave the report: Only subject brought up was to make the members aware that Elco only pays for the hayride but Mark provides the food for the hayride as a thank-you to the club.

Committee Reports:

Christmas Committee- Chris Woods gave report. It is on December 8th at Royal Orleans. There will be a CASH BAR ONLY and a buffet meal @ \$15/person. Make check out to STLCC.

Nominating Committee- Judy Dooley & Ruth Howard. Ballots were distributed and the results were as follows:

- Don Pickles for President
- Rick Doerr Vice -President
- Tom Marlo- Sargent at Arms
- Sherri Marlo-Secretary
- Pat Moore – Membership
- Ann Pickles-Treasurer

Charity Committee- Michelle Finn – completed her commitments for the year.

Parade Committee- Rick Frierdich gave the report and instructions for the Veterans Day Parade on Saturday Nov. 10th. After the parade we will go to Granite City Brew House on Olive Blvd. for lunch.

VA Hospital- Marty Dooley gave the report. Scheduled to clean up the garden

on Sunday the 11th on Veterans Day. Meet at noon at Building 52. Lunch at Hooters afterwards.

Vice- President's Report on Past Events:

- October 13th- Elco Hayride. No report
- October 17th- Retirees Lunch at Balducci's Winefest. Rick Frierdich gave report. 18-20 members attended.
- October 28th – Alzheimer's Association Annual Walk. Sherri Marlo gave the report. 9 members attended and the team raised \$1505.00.
- November 3rd-Elco Chili Cook-off. Mike Grubb gave report. 1st Place for chili was Ruth Howard, 2nd was John & Angie Midkiff and 3rd was Chris Woods. Car show winners were also announced.

Vice- President's Report on Upcoming Events for 2018:

Mike Grubb presented the report for the up-coming events.

- Veterans Day Parade on Saturday Nov. 10th
- Retirees Lunch on Nov. 21st –Not being held due to Thanksgiving falling on the 22nd.
- Christmas Party- Dec. 8th at Royal Orleans
- Retirees Luncheon- Dec. 19th at Corner Pub & Grill at 11:30. Sponsored by Judy Giovanoni.
- 12th Day of Christmas Party- Jan. 5th at Mike & Karen Price's house at 6:00. There will be an Ugly Sweater contest and please bring appetizers.
- Planning Meeting- Jan 13th at Grand Slam Bar & Grill Fenton, MO at 1:30.
- Retirees Luncheon- Jan. 15^h – Sponsored by Dana Griggs and will be at the Walnut Grill at Clayton & Clarkson.

He reminded everyone that they can also see the club's events on the calendar located on the website. The following events were discussed:

New Business: Theresa Luebcke read an anonyms letter that they received in September from a member in the club. This letter had very negative comments

regarding the Luebcke's club participation and their lack of supporting charitable events put on by the club. Afterwards Ray commented that this letter did not come from the club and this type of behavior is not acceptable and will not be tolerated. If the person or person's identity is found out, they will be asked to leave the club, according to Article 3, Section 5. This states that any verbal abuse and or disrespect to others will be grounds for expulsion. Ray apologized to Theresa and Rich for this and commented that there have been others in the club who have received letters such as this, including himself. Randy asked that the person responsible should not come back after this meeting.

Thank You for cake: Ray thanked Jim & Bev Givens for providing the cupcakes. Gail & Bill Mattler signed up for January.

50/50 Winner: Angie Midkiff -\$110/ Club \$110.

Donated Picture- Raffle Winner was Barry Seelig. We raised \$43 for Pub 231 Car Show.

Number in Attendance: regular members 64 and 2 guests.

Attendance Prize Winners: Ann Pickles, Janet Trost, Tom Marlo & Randy Howard.

Next meeting: January 13th, 2019

Adjournment: Ray asked for a motion to adjourn. Don Pickles motioned to adjourn and Rick Luebcke 2nd. Motion accepted. Time 21:11 CST

Respectfully,
Sherri Marlo/ STLCC Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

There are a lot of things happening at the National Corvette Museum. The new exhibit in the exhibition hall is “Gas Station to Space Station”. This exhibit will feature some of the Corvettes that were driven by the astronauts of the Apollo moon landing, information about the moon landing and memorabilia in honor of its 50th anniversary. If you are planning a trip to or through Bowling Green, Kentucky stop by the museum and check it out. Remember if you are a member of the National Corvette Museum you are initialed to free admission into the museum. See Marty of me and we will let you know how your free admission works.

We have listed the NCM calendar of events for 2019.

- NCM Michelin Bash at museum - April 25-27
- MiM Tail of the Dragon run & Biltmore Estates, Asheville, NC - April 28-May 1
- “C4” Gathering at museum - May16-18
- MiM Branson Experience, Branson, MO - June 4-8
- MiM 24 Hours of Le Mans, Paris France and London England - June 6-18
- LeMans Race weekend and Viewing Party, NCM - June 15-16
- National Corvette Caravan & 25th Anniversary Celebration, NCM - August 30-31
- Vets ‘n Vettes at NCM - November (dates to be determined)

MiM—is Museum in Motion, which means that the NCM is sponsoring the event and will be making all the reservations for these events. If you are interested in any, you must sign up with the museum as soon as possible as there are limited spaces.

Judy and Marty Dooley

Future Events

UTAH'S NATIONAL PARKS & MORE TOUR

The St. Louis Corvette Club

Sponsored by Barbie and Ken Payne

16 days/15 nights (approx. 3,400+ miles)

DATES: Sunday, September 22-Monday, October 7, 2019

Come visit Utah's jaw-dropping vistas of the beautiful red-rock country and more. This tour not only includes the 'Big 5' Utah National Parks—Arches, Canyonlands, Capitol Reef, Bryce Canyon and Zion—but also includes the North Rim of the Grand Canyon, Page, AZ, Monument Valley, the Albuquerque Balloon Fiesta and parts of Rt. 66 on the way home to St. Louis. There is a variation of this itinerary where part of the group will be going to Salt Lake City and visiting Kindig Custom Designs, if you are interested in doing this. If 16 day/15 nights is too much time away from work for you, or you have an older corvette and cannot possibly drive it that many miles, there are some options for you to do part of the trip by flying in and out and renting a car. I recommend

that you consider flying in and out of either Las Vegas or Salt Lake City. I will have information on this option at the Corvette Club meeting in February as well as information for the other options too. I stole this quote from someone, but it is how I feel about Utah - "It invites you to slow down, to ponder, to feel your own innate creativity and just fall in love with the landscape! It works its way into your heart and never leaves." I LOVE UTAH, if you couldn't already tell, and I hope you will too! If you have any questions, please feel free to call my cell # at [314-223-6679](tel:314-223-6679) or send me an email at barbiejpayne@yahoo.com.



Arches National Park



Bryce Canyon National Park



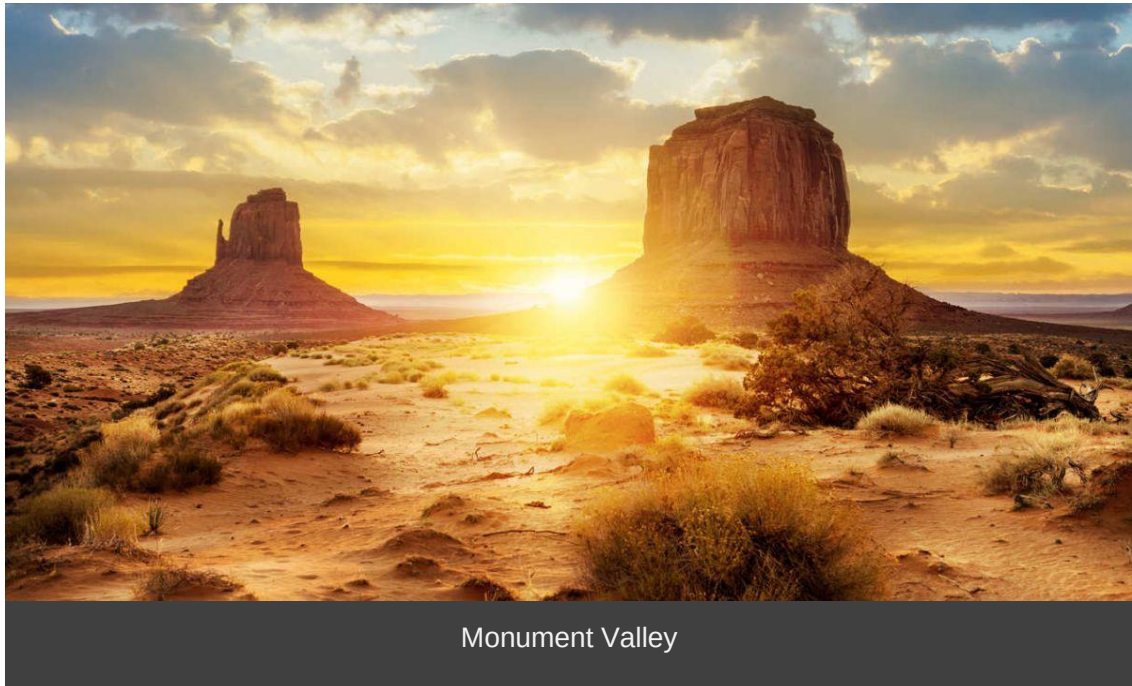
Canyonlands National Park



Capitol Reef National Park



Zion National Park



Monument Valley

Past Events

The 12th Day of Christmas Party

Hosted by Karen and Mike Price













Even More Pictures!

Retiree and Anyone Who Can Show Up Lunch

Sponsored by Diana and Dana Griggs





Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

What Happened This Month

The newly appointed History Committee consisting of Marty Dooley, Mike Kirby and Ron Hagenow thought that since we have so many members who have joined in the past couple of years, it might be interesting to see what the club has done in previous years.

With that in mind, here are a few things that the club did in past years during the month of February:

In February 2004 the club was just being formed under temporary President Ron Huch. Core members in addition to Ron were June Huch, Marty and Judy

Dooley, Jerry and Armynta Craig, Carl and Sharon Ballinger, Ed and Judy Lee, Dick and Karen Mericle, and Fran and Mary Wienstroer. The first meeting was held on February 3, 2004 at Hesslers Pub. The club split off from the Original Corvette Club of St. Louis and started with about 14 members. It took the name Saint Louis Corvette Club. The St. Louis Corvette Club was initially started by Mack Yates at Barford Chevrolet in 1953 but it gradually faded in the 1970s.

It was at this first meeting that it was decided to limit membership to 100 members, which is why we have it in our club by-laws. It was also at this meeting where our logo was discussed and approved, which is why we have a red C-3 in our logo.

In February 2010, our club president was Randy Howard and our meetings were held at Sunset Lakes Golf Course and Banquet Center. ELCO Chevrolet was our new club sponsor. We held a mouse race to raise funds for the VA garden at Jefferson Barracks Hospital. The National Corvette Museum was starting on the planning for the Motorsports Park across from the Museum. We had 85 members in the club.

We hope you enjoy this column and will have more historical information in the coming months.

NCCC Racing

Reported by Ron Hagenow

The 2018 National Competition points totals have been posted by the National Council of Corvette Clubs.

Here is how our club and its members fared:

In competition points:

- Jeff Craig – 11th in National points and 9th in Regional points
- Patty Craig – 11th in National points and 6th in Regional points
- Peggy Craig – 59th in National points and 10th in Regional points
- Bob Bradley – 199th in National points and 29th in Regional points
- Larry Walker – 202nd National points and 73rd in Regional points
- Michelle Paillou – 356th in National points and 55th in Regional points

In workers points:

- Ron Hagenow – 4th National points and 1st in Men's Regional points

Overall the club was 24th out of 213 clubs in National points and 9th out of 28 clubs in Regional points

Thanks to everyone who participated or maybe did a ride-along. And congratulations to all the racers for their excellent year.

Veterans Corner

By Ron Hagenow

As the Adjutant for my American Legion Post, I get all kinds of information related to government benefits. Since we have club members who are veterans, I've published several articles for their education and interest. The latest information in my monthly Legion newsletter concerns free VA government headstones. If you are buried at a National cemetery, like Jefferson Barracks, they will provide a headstone. However, if you are buried in a private cemetery, you can still get a free VA government headstone if you wish. They advise that as part of your estate planning, you fill out VA Form 1330 so that it is ready when needed. I've included a link to the form here: <https://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/va40-1330.pdf>. You will need your DD Form 214, official discharge paperwork, to go along with the application. You can also call the VA at 1-800-827-1000 for more information.

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