

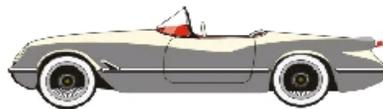
St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News

March, 2009

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www.stlcorvettes.net

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www.corvettesnccc.org

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www.corvettemuseum.com

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www.boontrailcc.com

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www.occofstl.com

COVER— A FEW OF OUR
MEMBERS MADE THE TREK UP TO
MIDAMERICA TO HELP
CELEBRATE THEIR 35TH

Purpose of St. Louis Corvette Club:

To enjoy the Corvette through association with other Corvette owners. To have fun on many levels through social events, road trips, car shows, charity events and competition as each person wishes. To actively promote and work for the advancement of St. Louis Corvette Club and its activities. To respect the differences and wishes of each STLCC club

President's Message
February, 2009

Valentine's Day! What a wonderful Brunch at the Scott Air Base Club on February 8! It was a beautiful day and I was excited to see so many Corvettes were brought out for the occasion! The Security Guards even commented on how great it was to see so many! Thanks to Steve and Leanne for setting this up for us! And we also got to meet (and pass around) Hayden – what proud parents! Congratulations Jamie and Kevin.

We have the results tallied from our 'World Café', look for the results in this Newsletter. As always, let us know of any activity you would like to share with the club and we'll work on making that happen this year!

Our Club Charity for this year will be the Jefferson Barrack's Spinal Cord Unit Outdoor Garden. Look for more information from Bob Woods going forward with how we can all pitch in and help this worthy cause.

The St. Louis Corvette Club was well represented in this month's 'Blue Bars', the magazine of the NCCC. There was an excellent article written by Mary Ann Hagenow on the "Special Delivery" of the Craig's new car! And the Walsh's nephew was FCOA member 3900! Way to go! If anyone else wants to try their hand at authoring an article, we can help to get you published! (Newsletter, Blue Bars, etc.)

While "Punxsutawney Phil" says we are still in winter, I am really looking forward to getting the cars out and enjoying some seat time! See you all at the March meeting to put some of these activities into motion!

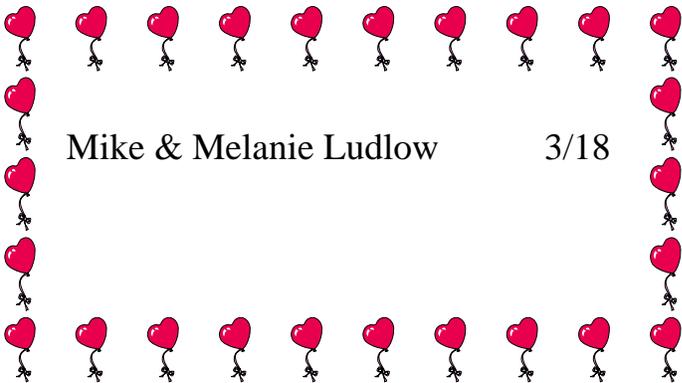
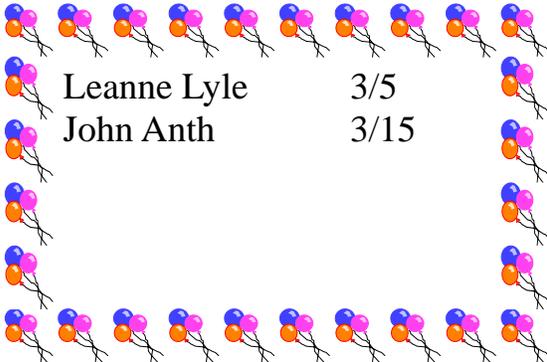
Theresa

BIRTHDAYS

Leanne Lyle 3/5
John Anth 3/15

ANNIVERSARIES

Mike & Melanie Ludlow 3/18





***St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting
February 3, 2009 - Sunset Lakes Banquet Center***

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by president Theresa Luebcke. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and everyone was welcomed. Theresa announced we are voting tonight on the "World Cafe" activities/events we are interested in for this year. She mentioned that in the list of ideas the members gave at the last meeting to make our meetings run more smoothly was to have copies of the agenda for the meeting on each table. There were a couple of copies of the agenda on each table for anyone who wanted it. The agenda will be pretty much the same for each meeting so they will not be printed for every meeting. Another suggestion was to stop the "side chatter" at the meetings. She recognized that one of the special things about our group of members is that we are very social and, for some, the meetings are when we see each other the most. She respectfully requested that if members want to have a conversation during the meeting to please take it to the back of the room. Theresa introduced the board members, immediate past president, Ron Hagenow, NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley, NCCC Governor Rich Luebcke, Webmaster Jerry Craig, Newsletter Editor Mike Price, and Charity Committee Chairperson Jan Murray. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet and purchase 50/50 tickets.

Guests

There were no guests or new members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report

Sara Gibson gave the report for December and January. December started with a balance of \$4718.86. We had income consisting of one club renewal of \$75, and a Christmas dinner check for \$180. Disbursements included the Christmas dinner \$1781 leaving a balance of \$3192.86 as of 12/30/08. Income for January consisted of membership dues of \$75 and 50/50 monies of \$71. Disbursements included the newsletter \$38.90, Dierbergs for Christmas floral \$26.79 and the Board Member transition meeting \$107.75. The balance as of 1/29/09 was \$3165.42. A motion was made by Judy Dooley to accept the treasurer's report and was seconded by Tammy Walker. It was approved by the membership.

Secretary's Report

Jerry Fain made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 11, 2009 meeting as published in the newsletter. Ron Hagenow seconded the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Membership Report

Ruth Howard reported current membership is 72 regular members, 12 associate members. Ruth recognized members celebrating February birthdays and anniversaries. A copy of the current roster was made available to the members.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley gave the report. Members planning on attending the C5-C6 Bash on April 24-26 were encouraged to book their hotel rooms if they have not already done so. Registration for this event is now open. There will be models of new cars, competition sports Corvette and other limited edition cars on display. Registration for the 15th Anniversary/2009 Caravan September 3-5 will open in March but you can book rooms now.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Rich Luebcke reported K and K Insurance who underwrites the NCCC liability policy has requested that we get a certificate of liability for every event we hold. There is no extra cost for the certificate of liability which is covered by our yearly dues. For competition events, each club has seven sanctions they can use to cover their particular events. If any of our members who are involved in competition events would like their own special vehicle number for their cars, see Rich and he will put in a request.

The NCCC is selling tickets for a 2009 coupe raffle to sponsor the National Kidney Foundation. Rich will be attending the first governor's meeting February 27-28.

Website Update

Jerry Craig was absent. There was no report available.

Sponsorship Report

Theresa Luebcke reported we currently have no sponsor. Lynch Hummer has declined sponsorship. Rich Luebcke reported that he, Marty Dooley and Jerry Craig are putting together an introduction letter to send to select dealerships along with a CD of events from last year. They will provide information as it becomes available. Theresa asked the members to see Jerry, Rich or Marty if they have suggestions for a possible sponsor.

Announcements

Armynta Craig felt the lists of the "World Cafe" planning activities/events was very nicely put together.

Bob Woods would like to have the number of members in attendance announced at each meeting.

Charlie Miget brought up that all members don't look at the website every day and might miss an announcement that was not brought up at a meeting or came up after the newsletter was published.

Theresa Luebcke assured members she will execute the phone tree in the future if an announcement needs to be made.

Carl Ballinger announced Sharon Love has almost thirty rooms reserved in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the NCM 2009 Caravan September 3-5. He asked that members see Carl or Marty after the meeting if they were interested.

Budget Committee Report

Copies of the projected budget for 2009 were on each of the tables. Sara Gibson reported that expenses and revenues were broken down into a four-year average because there were a couple of years that we exceeded our budget. Last year we were pretty close to our projected budget exceeding it by only \$150. Our projected budget for 2009 lists total expenses of \$6175 and total

revenues of \$6700. Theresa Luebcke reminded everyone that the budget lists a sponsor revenue of \$2500 which we may or may not get because we currently have no sponsor. For this reason, we may need to think of fundraising events. Armynta Craig suggested we might discontinue purchasing christmas gifts for club members. The membership would have to vote on it. Randy Howard suggested waiting until we get a sponsor to make any donations to a charity. Gary Murray opposed this suggestion stating he feels the reason we are a club is to help charities. Bob Woods also suggested we accumulate some money in our treasury for two to three months before deciding on a charity. Jan Murray stated she feels we are here to help some charity and we may have to have some kind of fund raising event to do so. Patty Craig suggested we vote to continue or discontinue buying christmas gifts for members before we accept the budget. Rich Luebcke brought up that there wasn't a motion on the floor yet to accept the budget and that according to Roberts Rules of Orders a motion needs to be made and seconded and then there can be discussion about the motion. Rick Doerr made a motion to accept the proposed budget and it was seconded by Rich Luebcke. Ron Huch brought up that the budget is a proposal and not a contract. Theresa said before any large expenditures were made, such as christmas gifts, it would have to go before the board and the club. The proposed budget was approved by all members except Randy Howard who opposed.

Past Events

There were no prior events to discuss.

Future Events

Jeff Craig announced on February 7th there will be a 35th Anniversary Celebration at Mid America Motor Works. Rich Luebcke is going to lead a group over to Mid America. Rich asked that any members who wished to go to this event see him after the meeting.

The Valentine's Brunch will be held at Scott Air Force Base on February 8th. Flyers were available to the members. Steve Lyle has to have a list of members attending so that he can get passes in advance for admission to the base.

Carl Ballinger announced the NCM 2009 Caravan for our region will start in Lincoln, Nebraska. He will head to Lincoln on Saturday, August 29. The caravan will go to Blue Springs, Missouri on Tuesday, September 1, then to Effingham, Illinois on Wednesday, September 2, and to Bowling Green, Kentucky on Thursday, September 3..

Jeff Craig announced the Brian Redmond Challenge in Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin will be July 16-19.

Old Business

Marty Dooley asked if anyone knows the whereabouts of our large club banner. Marty and Theresa said they both have small banners. If anyone knows where our large banner is, please let Marty know.

Les Gibson asked if a thank you was sent to Lynch Hummer for their sponsorship of our club. Ron Hagenow confirmed he did send a letter of thanks to Mike Dean at Lynch Hummer.

New Business

Members were provided with packets of activities compiled from the World Cafe planning session at the last meeting. Theresa Luebcke asked the members to vote for five on each page listing number one as the activity with most interest and five the least interest and turn in the packets before the end of the meeting so they could be tallied. Members were told they could list an activity that was not on the list. Theresa encouraged members to let Jeff Craig know if they are interested in planning an event. Carl Cox suggested when planning events on a Sunday we might consider later starting times so that people can attend church.

Jan Murray passed out ballots for members to vote for one of five charities. They were the Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital Spinal Cord Unit and Flower Garden, the National Corvette Museum, The Fisher House at Jefferson Barracks, and the American Parkinsons Disease Association. Jan Murray nominated and spoke about Fisher House. Building of Fisher House will start in the spring and it will be a place that families of patients at Jefferson Barracks or John Cochran VA Hospitals can stay for free. Rich Luebcke spoke about the American Parkinsons Disease Association which was nominated by Steve Lyle. Research has made great strides in the treatment and symptom management of Parkinsons Disease.

Our support would be a great way to achieve local recognition. Michelle Paillou and Bob Woods both spoke about the Spinal Cord Unit at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital which they nominated. Michelle thought providing phone cards for residents in the spinal cord unit was a great idea. Bob Woods would like to see us continue our work with the flower garden so that the vets have a place to go and something nice to look at outside. He said the vets would like us to have a car show in June and he mentioned we might also have an ice cream social at the same time. He suggested we might also have a pig roast in the early fall. Karen Price said she spoke with Matt at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital and they are very interested in the club coming back to set up the flower garden there. They are hosting a national wheelchair race on May 14. There will be "big wigs" there from Washington D.C. and making a good impression might help them get more funding. They would like us to have the work on the flower garden completed by May 9 if possible. The evergreens and ivy we planted in the past are still there. Karen felt that if we didn't choose the flower garden as one of our charities some of the members could do it on their own. Judy Dooley spoke about the National Corvette Museum. She felt that the museum needs our continued support because it is only funded by "us"-people who love the Corvette. If we don't support it, it will no longer be there. Theresa Luebcke then instructed members to vote for their charity of choice. After the ballots were counted, Theresa announced the winning charity is the Jefferson Barracks VA Spinal Cord Unit and flower garden.

Attendance

Total attendance at tonight's meeting was 45.

50/50

Patty Craig won \$68 in the 50/50 drawing. Anne Pickles pulled the winning ticket. Thanks to everyone who contributed. Another ticket was pulled and Carl Cox won a Motor Trend book

Dessert

Thanks to Angie and Don Bradford for providing the cake for this month's meeting. Rick and Mary

Doerr have volunteered to provide a cake for next month's meeting.

Menu for March Meeting

Corned Beef and Cabbage

Ron Hagenow moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm and Angie Bradford seconded the motion.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held Tuesday, March 3 at 7pm at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center. Doors will open at 5:30pm and buffet will be served at 6:00pm for those interested in purchasing dinner prior to the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ehrhard
Secretary 2009



FIRST VISIT



ACTIVITIES THAT YOU THE MEMBERS VOTED ON

Top 5 (or more if a tie):

ACTIVITIES (short runs, museum, dinner, etc.) ESPECIALLY SUITED TO
'NON-CORVETTE' DAYS:

- 15 Chuck-a-Burger new in St. Charles
- 14 Fast Eddie's, IL
- 12 Herman Restaurant-River's Edge
- 10 Bowling
- 10 Progressive Dinner
- 10 17th Avenue BBQ in O'Fallon, IL

LOCAL RUNS WE WOULD LIKE TO DO:

- 44 Miller's Grill in Washington (late Sept/early Oct.)
- 39 Pere Marquette, IL
- 32 Route 66 Car Fest
- 32 Mystery Run
- 31 Ste. Genevieve Winery
- 30 Fast Eddie's

IF I HAD A LONG WEEKEND (3-5 DAYS), I WOULD LIKE TO VISIT:
(300-500 miles out)

- 5 Hot Springs, Arkansas
- 4 Covered Bridge Tour - Indiana
- 3 Cards/Cubs game in Chicago
- 2 Tunica, MS/ Memphis
- 1 The Smoky Mountains - fall color run

IF I HAD 15-30 MINUTES, I WOULD LIKE TO LEAR MORE ABOUT:

- 35 Mother's Car Care Products-lecture/demo
- 34 How to repair a scratch in the top coat of paint
- 32 Short cuts to fix cars and tips by members
- 31 Bill from Elco to talk about maintenance issues
- 29 After market parts

Here is some information for those of you who are going to attend the National Corvette Caravan next year. Remember to go to the NCM website and make your reservations now. From what I've heard there are already several thousand who have made reservations.

The Caravan is going to go to Effingham on Wednesday, Sept 2, 2009 to visit Mid America Design. This is not a part of the official Caravan but many folks who are coming from far away normally would not get to events like Fun Fest. I checked today and was able to make reservations at the Super 8 Motel in Effingham. You can do this on-line by going to www.super8.com. I've got a king room for \$59.99 plus tax.

Then for the stay in Bowling Green on Sep 3-5, Marty Dooley has a block of 20 rooms reserved at Cave City, KY. Again this is at the Super 8 there. The cost is \$99.99 plus tax. I was able to reserve a room on-line through Super8.com so there should still be 20 rooms available. If you call the motel please let them know there is a block of rooms reserved for the St. Louis Corvette Club. The phone number at Cave City is 270-773-2500. As we get closer to the date we will see if we can get closer to Bowling Green. Cave City is about a 20 minute drive from the Museum. **If you do call and use one of the rooms reserved for the club, please let Marty know at jmdooley6493@aol.com.**

Thanks,

UPDATE ON NCM LABOR DAY CARAVAN EVENT
We have access to rooms in Bowling Green for the 2009 Caravan Event. We need to make plans now for the rooms, before we lose them. We will have a sign-up sheet at the March club meeting. Please see me or Judy if you are planning to go in September.

Marty Dooley

FROM THE NCM AMBASSADOR



Lots to report.

First: Parts of the new NCM has opened. The R8C - Xperience delivery area has opened and the 1st Corvette delivered was a ZR1! Also the Corvette store has move to it's new location.

Second. Do you know that you can receive E-News from the NCM? All you have to do is to go the www.corvettemuseum.com and go to newsletters, then click on E-News and go from there. You will get updates of things going on at the museum as well as specials in the Corvette Store.

Third. If you are going to the C5-C6 Bash they will be unveiling the 2010 models at the event. Don't forget to get your room reservations asap.

And last, Don't forget I have tickets for the 2009 red Corvette Convertible to be raffled off at the Bash, April 25, 2009. Only \$10 per ticket.

Judy Dooley
NCM Ambassador



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CLASS 9: 2005-2009

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CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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KlasAct Corvette Club



Spring 2009

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Saturday - May 30, 2009

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Registration from 9:00 - 11:00 pm

Judging ends at - 2:00 pm

Awards - 3:00 pm

Special Guest- John B. who hosts the “Invitational Only Best of the Best Car Show” in October will be selecting 25 cars from the KlasAct Corvette Show. If you feel your vehicle is one of the “Crème de la Crème of vehicles be at this show to get your invitation!

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