

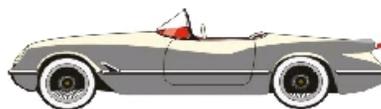
# St. Louis Corvette Club



## Gateway News

Oct, 2009

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## Internet

### St. Louis Corvette Club Website

[www.stlcorvettes.net](http://www.stlcorvettes.net)

### National Council of Corvette Clubs

[www.corvettesnccc.org](http://www.corvettesnccc.org)

### National Corvette Museum

[www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com)

### Boon Trail Corvette Club

[www.boontrailcc.com](http://www.boontrailcc.com)

### Looking Glass Corvette Club

[www.jackschmitt.com](http://www.jackschmitt.com)

### Original Corvette Club

[www.occofstl.com](http://www.occofstl.com)



**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  
September, 2009

Fall is here – my favorite season because of the colors!

We have had a lot of events lately – too many to mention! We will review all these at our meeting in October – so plan to be there!

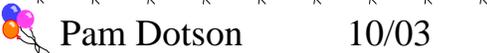
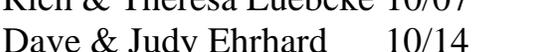
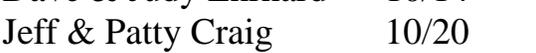
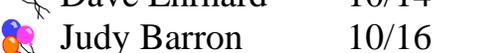
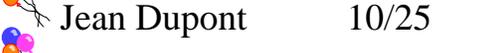
I do want to thank all those who have helped plan this month's events. I know it takes some time and focus to put these together, but for those of us who are able to take part, it is well appreciated.

Look to the website and the meeting for upcoming events. Eureka Springs is close, as is planning for the run to Millers Grove, and the annual Hayride! Also, we should have more information about the Holiday Dinner and our 'family' we will be supplying gifts for.

It is that time of the year again, to start to think about helping the Club as a member of the Board for 2010. This is not a tough job – there is much help from the other Board members and the rest of the Club! If you are interested, please see one of the current Board members. If you are asked to serve, please consider what you have to offer!

It is with a sad heart we say good bye to our friend Jerry. He has been a faithful Club member, Corvette enthusiast and wonderful friend! I know he is in a special place and with a very fast car!

Theresa

| BIRTHDAYS  |                       | ANNIVERSARIES  |                              |
|--|-----------------------|--|------------------------------|
|  | Pam Dotson 10/03      |  | Rich & Theresa Luebcke 10/07 |
|  | Pam Corrona 10/03     |  | Dave & Judy Ehrhard 10/14    |
|  | Theresa Luebcke 10/08 |  | Jeff & Patty Craig 10/20     |
|  | Paul Craig 10/09      |  | Charlie & Jackie Miget 10/28 |
|  | Dave Ehrhard 10/14    |  |                              |
|  | Judy Barron 10/16     |  |                              |
|  | Tammy Walker 10/18    |  |                              |
|  | Jean Dupont 10/25     |  |                              |
|  |                       |  |                              |



***St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting  
September 1, 2009 - Sunset Lakes Banquet Center***

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by vice-president Jeff Craig. President Theresa Luebcke was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and everyone was welcomed. Jeff introduced the current board members, all committee chairpersons and immediate past president Ron Hagenow. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet and purchase 50/50 tickets. A sign-up sheet was also made available for monthly birthday cakes for next year's meetings.

**Guests/New Members**

Bob Casanova was welcomed. He drives a 2007 Monterey red corvette and is a former member of OCC. There were no new members.

**Treasurer's Report**

Sara Gibson reported a balance as of June 30<sup>th</sup> was \$2585.33, income in July of \$92.00, income totaling \$271.50 in August, disbursements totaling \$461.86 for July and August leaving a balance of \$2486.97 on August 30<sup>th</sup>. There was no discussion. Jeff Craig said Roger's Rules of Order do not require a vote unless there are comments or corrections to the report.

**Secretary's Minutes**

There were no comments, questions, or additions to the minutes from the August 4<sup>th</sup> meeting as published in the newsletter.

**Membership**

Ruth Howard reported current membership of 87 regular members and 12 associate members for a total of 99 members. Ruth recognized members celebrating September birthdays and anniversaries.

**National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report**

Judy Dooley gave the report. She sold all of the raffle tickets she had for the 2010 red convertible which will be raffled on Sept.5<sup>th</sup> at the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. She can buy tickets at the museum for anyone still interested.

The 2009 National Corvette Caravan will be coming through St. Louis tomorrow. They will stop at St. Louis Mills between 12:30 and 1:00pm for lunch. Members not participating in the caravan were invited to meet them at the Mills tomorrow. Judy reported there are still rooms available in Bowling Green on Labor Day weekend if anyone is still interested in attending the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration at the museum. There will be caravans from all over the country arriving at the museum at different times. They will be brought in through a gate, circle around the museum and then pictures of each car will be taken. There will be shuttles from the parking area at the assembly plant to the museum. The museum will be open until 8pm on Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday but will close early on Thursday for the lifetime members dinner. Anyone taking a tour of the assembly plant must wear shoes with closed toes, and cell phones are not allowed. Judy and Marty Dooley have phone lists for those participating in the caravan.

## **National Council of Corvette Clubs Governors Report**

Jeff Craig gave the report. Rich Luebcke was absent.

Route 66 Corvette Club is holding an "OctoberCross" on October 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at the GM Assembly Plant in Wentzville. The participation fee is reduced for NCCC members.

There will be no increase in NCCC dues for 2010.

The Land of Lincoln Corvette Club is having seven low-speed events at Tire Rack in South Bend, Indiana on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Minnesota Renegades are having a gimmick rally on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Brooklyn Park, MN.

## **Website Update**

There was no website update. Jeff reminded members that if they have announcements or pictures get them to Jerry Craig or Jeff Craig and they will get them on the website.

## **Sponsor Report**

Randy Howard reported that he had a second meeting with Skip Weber at Weber Chevrolet. Skip was very receptive to the idea of being our sponsor and is supposed to get back with Randy by the end of the week. We would be participating with all four of his dealerships. Randy hopes to have good news about this at our next meeting.

## **Announcements**

We welcomed Bonnie and Roger Ruengert back after a brief absence due to illness.

Jan and Gary Murray visited Jerry Fain on August 30<sup>th</sup>. They say he is in good spirits and trying to double up on physical therapy and nourishment. Ron Hagenow also visited Jerry, he asked members to keep Jerry in our prayers.

## **Committee Reports**

Jeff asked for three volunteers for the *nominating committee* for the election of officers for next year. Judy Dooley, Armynta Craig and Ron Hagenow volunteered.

There was no report from the *budget committee*.

Jeff reported that Jan Murray (*charity committee*) has contacted Fr. Ed Stanger at Sacred Heart in Florissant. He will provide the names of three families for our club to adopt for Christmas this year. She is planning to have a small Christmas tree with ornaments that will list items needed by the families.

Ruth Howard reported for Bev Dupont (*Christmas committee*) who lost her voice. Bartolino's Restaurant on South Lindbergh has December 12<sup>th</sup> available for our Christmas party. The cost is \$22.95 per person. They offer chicken modiga, veal parmesan, pastas, salad, a vegetable, relish tray, bread and spumoni for dessert. There will be a cash bar. They can accommodate up to seventy people. There was discussion about seventy not being enough to accommodate all of our membership. The committee decided to have the Christmas party at a location other than our meeting place this year. A vote was taken and the membership approved booking at Bartolino's for December 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **Prior Events**

Carl Cox spoke about the LeMans Race at Road America in Elkhart Lake, WI he and Pat attended with the Craigs on Aug.13-16. They got to take a lap-and-a-half around the track. He thanked the Craigs for "showing them the ropes" and said they had a great time. Roger Ruengert spoke about the run to Cave Restaurant in Richland, MO on August 22<sup>nd</sup>. The roads were curvy, the weather was great and a good time was had by all. Jeff Craig said the run to Fritz's on Aug.23<sup>rd</sup> was well attended. There was even a Sunbeam Tiger there. The owners of the Sunbeam Tiger are close friends of Jerry and Armynta Craig. Mike and Karen Price and Judy Dooley spoke about the run to Moonlight Restaurant in Alton, IL on Aug.30<sup>th</sup>. Everyone loved the food. Unfortunately, Mike and Karen's 1975 coupe blew the transmission on their way to the restaurant so they never made it. The group assembled outside the

## **Future Events**

**August 29-September 5:** 2009 National Corvette Caravan-Marty Dooley reminded everyone about the Caravan coming through St. Louis tomorrow and stopping the St. Louis Mills Mall.

Anyone not going to Effingham, IL with the caravan on Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> can meet up with them on Thursday morning in Mt. Vernon, IL between 9:30 and 10:00am. Marty said he has planned dinner at Brickyard Restaurant on Friday evening. He asked members to let him or Judy know if they would like to attend. Judy Dooley reminded those who are going to the museum this weekend to bring their club shirts. Saturday, Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> will be "Wear Your Club Shirt Day".

**September 12:** Ruth Howard is planning a ladies run to Josephine's Tea Room in Godfrey, IL.

Meet at Sybergs at 270 and Dorsett by 9:45am and leave between 10:00 and 10:15am. A sign-up sheet was made available. All the ladies were urged to attend even if they have to bring their metal cars.

**September 18:** Happy hour at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center starting at 5pm.

**September 19<sup>th</sup>:** Scott Air Force Base Air Show-Ann Brown has arranged for members to show their cars at the base that day. There are about twenty-five spaces available. Anyone interested should show up at the Home Depot lot on South Lindbergh at 7:00am and they will leave at 7:15am. A sign-up sheet was made available. She will provide more information by e-mail as the date gets closer.

**September 20:** St. Louis Corvette Club Road Rally and Picnic-Charlie and Jackie Miget and Karen and Mike Price have the rally worked out and the picnic will be at Quail Ridge Park at Highway 40 and Callahan Road in Wentzville. A sign-up sheet and maps were made available. Meet at 11:30am at Mobil on the Run at Mid Rivers Mall Dr. and Highway 94. The first car will leave about 11:45am and subsequent cars every three or four minutes. They plan on eating about 3:00pm. The club will provide Lee's fried chicken. Members are asked to bring a side dish to share and their own drinks. No glass bottles are allowed in the park. Members were told to see Jackie Miget to let her know what dish they plan to bring. The pavilion they have reserved is next to the Horseshoe Hall of Fame. Members can play horseshoes or washers for free. Karen asked for a show of hands of those interested in playing horseshoes or washers. The flyer for the picnic is on the website.

**September 25-27:** Funfest at MidAmerica Motorworks in Effingham, Illinois. Jeff Craig and a group of friends are meeting at the first rest stop (mile marker 24) on Highway 70 in Illinois on Sept. 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am. There will be club parking. Marty Dooley said he has a tent if someone wants to take. Ann Brown said she is going early on Sept. 25<sup>th</sup> and offered to take it.

**September 27:** Fritz's Frozen Custard Run-Big Bend and old 141-meet anytime between 6:00-6:30pm.

**October 1-4:** Run to Eureka Springs, Arkansas-Jeff Craig urged members who haven't gone in the past to attend this event because "it is a blast". The roads are fantastic and the scenery is wonderful. There are car shows for the guys and shopping for the gals. Marty Dooley has a group meeting on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at McDonald's in Eureka (Hwy. 44 Allenton exit). They will leave at 9:00am sharp. A sign-up sheet was made available and those planning on attending were urged to sign it so that no one gets left behind. Anyone not signing up tonight can call Marty or Carl Ballinger.

**October 11:** Run to Miller's Grill in Washington, MO-Dave Ehrhard is taking over for Jerry Fain and coordinating this event. We will meet at 10:30am at Walgreens parking lot on Long Road and Airport Road in Chesterfield and leave at 11:00am. Fliers and a sign-up sheet were made available.

**Old Business/New Business**

No old or new business was discussed

**Attendance**

Total attendance was 43.

**50/50**

Jeff Craig won \$80 in the drawing and made a donation to the VA Fund.

**Dessert**

Thanks to Bob and Chris Woods for providing this month's cake. Kevin and Jamie Smull have volunteered to provide a cake for next month's meeting.

Bob Woods made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm. The motion was seconded by Carl Cox.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Ehrhard, Secretary 2009



**All:**

**I was informed today they will be closing the entrance to Sunset Lakes**

**Golf Club off highway 30 for 3 months starting October 1. Apparently**

**they are going to be working on the bridge. This will affect our October**

**and November meetings.**



**THE MENU**  
**BUFFET**

# St. Louis Corvette Club

2009 - Year-at-a-Glance

| Date         | Event                   | Contact       | Date       | Event                          | Contact      |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>JAN</b>   |                         |               | <b>AUG</b> |                                |              |
| 11           | SLCC Meeting            |               | 4          | SLCC Meeting                   |              |
| <b>FEB</b>   |                         |               | 13 - 16    | LeMans at Road America         | Jeff C       |
| 3            | SLCC Meeting            |               | 22         | Rich Run                       | Rich L       |
| 8            | Valentine's Brunch      | Steve Lyle    | 23         | Fritz's Ice Cream              | Peggy C      |
| 27-28        | NCCC Governor's Meeting | Rich Luebcke  | 30         | Chicken Run                    | Barrons      |
| <b>MARCH</b> |                         |               | <b>SEP</b> |                                |              |
| 3            | SLCC Meeting            |               | 1          | SLCC Meeting                   |              |
| 29           | Whitmond                | Jean D        | 2          | NCM Caravan at ST. Louis Mills | Dooleys      |
|              |                         |               | 2-5        | NCM Caravan                    | Carl/Judy    |
| <b>APRIL</b> |                         |               | 11-12      | NCCC                           | Rich         |
| 7            | SLCC Meeting            |               | 12         | Ladies Run                     | Ruth         |
| 19           | Fritz's Ice Cream       | Peggy         | 19         | SAFB Car Show                  | Ann B        |
|              |                         |               | 20         | SLCC Picnic                    | Miget        |
| 23-25        | C5/C6 Bash              | Judy D        | 25-27      | Funfest                        | Rich         |
|              |                         |               | 27         | Fritz's Ice Cream              | Peggy C      |
| <b>MAY</b>   |                         |               | <b>OCT</b> |                                |              |
| 1-2          | NCCC                    | Rich L        | 1-4        | Eureka Springs                 | Carl         |
| 2            | JB Garden Day           | Bob/Karen     | 6          | SLCC Meeting                   |              |
| 5            | SLCC Meeting            |               | 11         | Miller's Grove                 | Dave E       |
| 16 - 18      | Corvette Run to Memphi  | Angie         | 24         | Liver Walk                     | Gary M       |
| 31           | Fritz's Ice Cream       | Peggy C       |            | Hayride                        | Don B        |
|              |                         |               | 25         | Fritz's Ice Cream              | Peggy C      |
| <b>JUNE</b>  |                         |               | <b>NOV</b> |                                |              |
| 2            | SLCC Meeting            |               | 3          | SLCC Meeting                   |              |
| 13           | Genghis Grill Show      | Rich L        | 7          | Veteran's Day                  | Ron H        |
| 21           | Fritz's Ice Cream       | Peggy C       | 13-14      | NCCC Governor's Meeting        | Rich Luebcke |
| <b>JULY</b>  |                         |               | 15         | Fritz's Ice Cream              | Peggy C      |
| 4            | Webster Parade          | Michelle      |            |                                |              |
| 7            | SLCC Meeting            |               | <b>DEC</b> |                                |              |
| 16 - 19      | Vintage Races           | Jeff C        | 12         | Christmas Party                |              |
| 19           | Fritz's Ice Cream       | Peggy C       |            |                                |              |
| 26           | Mystery Run             | Charlie Marty |            |                                |              |

## FROM THE NCM AMBASSADOR



Well first of all I would like to thank Carl & Sharon Ballinger for all they did to get the caravan to the National Corvette Museum. Great Job!!! Once we arrived there it was packed. Corvettes everywhere. What an awesome sight. Over 4,500 Corvettes from all over the country caravanned and arrived in Bowling Green for the 15th Anniversary and Grand reopening of the NCM, over Labor Day weekend. Vettes from the U.S., Canada, the U K, Netherlands and Australia took over the "new" Corvette Museum. With 5290 people registered for the event and over all attendance of 24,000 the NCM membership expanded by 1,875 that weekend,

News and development of the planned new NCM Motorsport park was discussed at our annual Ambassador meeting. This park will be across the highway from the museum and will have @ 1.5 mile road course track and a low speed autocross track. For more details you can go to the new web site [www.motorsportspark.org](http://www.motorsportspark.org).

These larger events are great to see lots of cars and people, but you may also want to experience the smaller ones to be able to take your time in the museum.

Judy Dooley  
NCM Ambassador

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### Upcoming Event

Once again this year the club will be participating in the St. Louis Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis. The parade will be on Saturday, November 7, 2009. We anticipate again driving the Mayor plus up to 6 Gold Star Mothers. We would like to use convertibles for the Gold Star Mothers so if you can participate it will be appreciated. A signup sheet will be available at the next meeting along with more information.

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### CORVETTE FOR SALE

1996 Corvette coupe for sale; 25,400 miles, 330 hp LT4, 6 speed manual, new tires, polo green exterior, black interior

Betty Stacker.....636-345-3582

**It's that time of the year again!**

# Eureka Springs 2009

The days are getting shorter and night time temperatures are getting cool. This can only mean one thing- it's time to start thinking about our yearly trip to Eureka Springs.



As in the past few years, Sharon and I will be leaving from the McDonald's at the Six-Flags exit 261 at 9:00 am on Thursday, Oct. 1, 2009. If you plan to eat breakfast you may want to get there early as we no longer stop at Sullivan for breakfast. There are no "scheduled" stops other than a rest stop break and a fuel stop in the Branson area. Sharon and I have no specific plans while in Eureka Springs but will probably take a trip to the War Eagle Grist Mill sometime during the weekend. There are many things to do in the Eureka Springs area including unlimited shopping for everyone. Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend features an Autocross, Seminars, Economy Run, Photo Tour where you can enjoy taking pictures of the beautiful scenery, Car Show, Poker Run, Parade of Winners and a departing Caravan on Sunday. For your information the event website is listed below. That should be enough to keep all of us busy. And don't forget Chelsea's for a lunch break. The outdoor pool at Best Western Eureka Inn is heated so if you feel brave you can jump in and enjoy the cool outdoors, or join us in the evening as we sit around the pool for entertainment, drinks and great friendships.

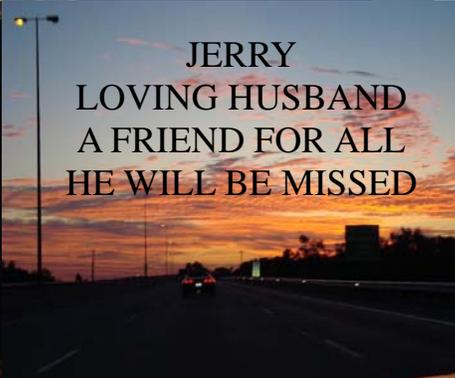
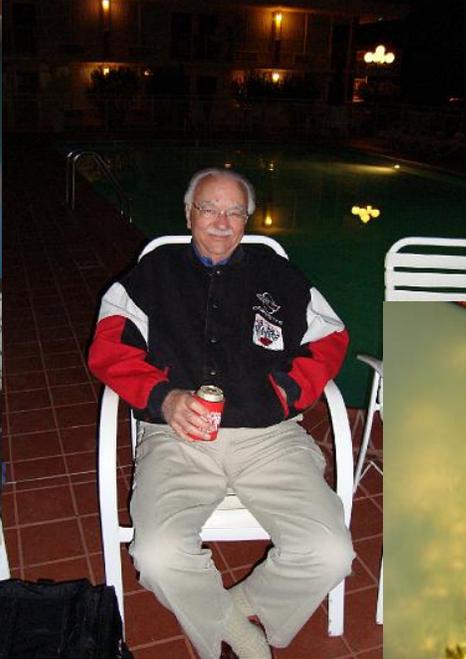
We will use channel 6-6 on the family radios. There are no club meetings before we leave but if you want to discuss anything let me know anytime.

<http://www.eurekaspringscorvette.org>

Carl Ballinger  
636-677-0659







JERRY  
LOVING HUSBAND  
A FRIEND FOR ALL  
HE WILL BE MISSED









*As a courtesy to our members, no smoking is permitted during the meeting.*



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