

# St. Louis Corvette Club

## Gateway News



August 2004

Next Meeting August 3, 2004





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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)

**Route 66 Corvette Club**  
[www.route66corvetteclub.com](http://www.route66corvetteclub.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 it's activities. To respect the differences and wishes of each STLCC club member.*

**From The President**—Ron Huch

Letter from the President:

We are now more than half way through the first year as a new start-up club. Based on the comments received from last month's inquiry as to how we are doing, I think we are headed in the right direction. Most responses were positive and the few that were not 100% positive were suggestions for improvement and not negative in nature. I believe we have a good mix of events which should give everyone something they are interested in doing. We are still open to new ideas and suggestions for events. Let's keep this club active and be willing to try something new.

Ron Huch 2004 Club President

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**August Birthdays**

5th Rich Luebcke

16th Jeff Craig

22nd Carl Ballinger

**August Anniversaries**

17th Mike and Karen Price

**On the Cover:**

After rain delays the ice cream run to Fritzes in Ofallon was a successful and fun event. Friends from the Route 66 Corvette Club joined us on a beautiful evening.  
Photo by Karen Mercile.

*Your editors will be on the road. We are headed to New Hampshire, Maine, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, St Lawrence Seaway, Quebec City. Keep the top down and the bugs off your teeth .....*

## ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB MEETING

July 6, 2004 - Hessler's Pub

President Ron Huch called the meeting to order at 7:07 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Jerry Craig was recognized for purchasing our new club flag and stand.

Marty Dooley presented a club shirt to Kenny Hessler to show our appreciation for the use of their facility. A club shirt will be presented to Kenny's wife in the near future.

All club officers and chairpersons were introduced. Carl and Sharon Ballinger and Rich and Theresa Luebcke were absent from tonight's meeting; however, their reports will be covered by Marty and Judy Dooley.

Treasurer's Report by Fran Wienstroer

Accepted by Rich Berving and seconded by Peggy Craig.

Secretary's Minutes by June Huch

A motion was made to accept the June minutes by Judy Dooley and seconded by Mary Wienstroer.

Membership Report - Judy Lee

1. As of the beginning of tonight's meeting, we have 31 primary and 25 associate members for a total membership of 56 members.
2. July birthdays were announced and Jerry and Debbie Schaller donated our monthly birthday cake (our club chef!!)
3. If you do not have your picture on the club website, please see Ed Lee after tonight's meeting.

NCM Report - Our NCM Ambassador, Sharon Ballinger, was out of town but Judy Dooley spoke about the Labor Day Weekend festivities at Bowling Green, KY in celebration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Corvette Museum. Judy is still holding one motel room, so please see her after tonight's meeting if you are interested. To register for attending the event, go to the NCM website.

NCCC Governor's Report - Carl Ballinger is out of town, therefore, the NCM report was given by Marty Dooley

1. Dues for primary members will be raised by \$5 next year. The board will discuss whether the club will pick up the extra \$5 for the members. More information to follow.

New Member: 1991 Red Coupe – Dave Koerber.

Guests: Dave and Sandy Spizer (2000 red coupe).

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Club shirts and patches - See Judy Dooley.
2. Static cling windshield stencils (\$12 a piece) – See Ron Huch
3. Static cling logo decals – Ron to review proof and should have the stock by the next club meeting.
4. Club Logo Patch – Marty has purchased these from Midwest Monograms and has them available at tonight's meeting. See Marty if interested – Cost \$12 each..

#### NEW BUSINESS

1. Next month Ed Lee and Theresa Luebcke will make a presentation on the use of the Forum on our club website.
2. The Board will be meeting before our August meeting date to schedule a date and location of our first Club Picnic.
3. Route 66 Corvette Club is sponsoring an Autocross event in Wentzville on October 17 (day after Judy Lee's car show event). They are looking for volunteers from our club to help out at the event. More information will follow. Please contact Ron Huch if you are available. We will make this a discussion item at our August and September meetings.
4. Ron reminded the club of end of year elections for club officers. We should be thinking of who we may want to nominate for our officers next year. A nominating committee will be chosen by the board in September. This will be a discussion item at our August meeting.
5. Marty spoke briefly about the ice cream runs that we have held at Sundae's on the first Sunday of each month this summer. There is insufficient interest to continue this event.

#### PAST EVENTS – Marty Dooley

1. June 4-6 – 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Mid America Nostalgia Drag Race & Rod Run at Wentzville – Cruise on Friday night – No one from our club attended.
2. Sunday, June 6 – Sundae's Ice Cream Run – Marty announced that we had 14 cars in attendance.
3. Sunday, June 13 – Corvette Benefit Car Show sponsored by Route 66 Corvette Club. Location: Vette's Restaurant & Bar – Members of our club who won trophies: Tuckers – 2<sup>nd</sup> place in C5 category, Prices – 3<sup>rd</sup> place in C3 class and Bill Dotson took home a 2<sup>nd</sup> place trophy in the C4 class. Huge turnout with approximately 86 cars – Great Show!
4. Wednesday June 23 – Ice Cream Run At Fritz's Frozen Custard in St. Charles sponsored by Peggy Craig. Our club name appeared on the marquee (picture in July newsletter). Sixteen cars participated, including several members of the Route 66 Corvette Club.
5. Friday, June 25 – Drive your Corvette to Work Day. Peggy Craig announced that two mem-

- bers of our club attended the event which was held at the St. Louis Mills Shopping Mall.
6. June 25 - Bloomington Gold in St. Charles, IL. A few members attended this event and it was suggested that we consider going as a group next year.
  7. Saturday, July 3 - Webster Groves Community Days Fourth of July Parade sponsored by Bill Dotson. Several cars from our club participated in this event. Bill announced that he had a total of 14 cars in the parade, even with the stormy weather. The group enjoyed lunch at the Texas Roadhouse Restaurant and some chose to watch the Fourth of July Airshow at Park's College thereafter.

#### FUTURE EVENTS (Two months) - Ron Huch

1. Sunday, July 11 - Sunday Brunch at Scott Air Force Base, IL sponsored by Rick and Susan Frierdich. Meet at 9am at Home Depot behind Hooters in South County (was at Wal Mart parking lot at Gravois Bluff Shopping Center). Brunch at 10am. Susan needs a photo I.D., name of driver and passenger two weeks in advance. Bring parade flags. \$13.95 for champagne brunch.
2. July 15 - Black Hills Corvette Classic - No one from our club will be attending this year, but some couples have shown interest in attending next year.
3. Saturday, July 17 - Ladies Day Out with the Corvettes sponsored by Theresa Luebcke. Contact Theresa by July 12<sup>th</sup> if interested. Meet at 9:30am in Lowe's parking lot behind Steak and Shake in the Chesterfield Commons shopping area.
4. Saturday, July 17 - Summerfest Cruise Night - Downtown Pacific, MO. 3-11pm Promoted by Tri-County Early Iron Car Club. \$5 entry fee for all vehicles - Pre 1985 cars and trucks only. For more info. Call 636-271-0500, ext. 222 M-F 9-5pm.
5. July 24-25 - White Owl run by Rick and Susan Frierdich. Let the Frierdich's know by this weekend so reservations can be made for the show.
6. Sunday, August 15 - Corvettes for the Cure Car Show organized by Marty and Judy Dooley for the St. Louis Corvette Club at Sundae's Ice Cream Shop in South County (7421 S. Lindbergh Blvd) 11-2pm - contact Judy for more details at 314-894-0303. All proceeds go to Breast Cancer Research. \$10 donation per car. Prizes, music, raffles. Volunteers are needed as well as attendance prizes. If anyone has a tent, please let Marty and Judy know.
7. Saturday, November 6 - See Rick Frierdich if interested in participating in the Veterans Day parade. Rick has flags on sale for \$8 each for each branch of service.

Judy Dooley asked for a show of hands for Bob Woods who recently retired.

50/50

Winner - Dave Koerber -- \$51.00. Dave donated his winnings to the club's general fund. With the winnings, our club's general fund has grown by \$102 tonight.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 7:55pm. Social hour(s) followed.

Birthday cake was enjoyed by all. *(Ed note: Personally baked by Jerry Schaller)*

Respectfully submitted,

June Huch, Secretary

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**St. Louis Corvette Club  
Statement of Accounts**

Treasurer Report submitted by: Fran Wienstroer

Balance June 20, 2004 \$3,429.44

Income:

Membership dues	\$0.00
50/50 Monies	\$45.00
Club event	\$304.00
Donation	\$45.00
charity (Jessica)	<u>\$0.00</u>
	\$3,823.44

Disbursements:

NCCC	\$90.00
Midwest Monogram	\$530.38
News letter	\$37.61

Club Ending Balance July 20, 2004 \$3,165.45

Charity total (Jessica) \$150.00

**What is it about Corvettes and Ice Cream?**

Peggy Craig has promised to coordinate more Ice Cream events later in the year — after the monsoon season has passed.

Photo by Karen Mercile



**ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB**

**THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER**

**6:30 P.M.**

August 5, 2004	Crossing tavern		35 N. Gore Webster Graves	314-968-6440
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Date	Restaurant	Coupon in Ent. Book	Location	Phone No.
August 12, 2004	Culpeppers		22 Arnold Mall// off of 144 and 55	636-282-5730 636-282-5740
August 19, 2004	Calecos		12466 Tesson Ferry rd/dierberg center So. Of I-270/ hwy 21 is tesson ferry	314-849-4443
August 26, 2004	Michaels		7101 Manchester Rd/ 1 block w. of McCausland	314-644-2240
Sept 2, 2004	Wilikers		1566 country club plaza dr/SO. Of I- 70 on Hwy 94 //NO. of page extension	636-947-1441 = call for directions
Sept 9, 2004	Gianninos		3735 So. Lindberg	314-821-4140

Contact Karen Mercile 636-343-3847 or [ourblk73@aol.com](mailto:ourblk73@aol.com)  
EB - Entertainment Book Coupon or Card



## Election of Officers (and editorial comments)

Our current officers are temporary. The next election will start the process of providing a permanent ongoing succession of officers.

Learning from sad experience in another club, our by-laws provide for a sane and humane election process. Those who were there will recall the cheating, lying, intimidation, name-calling, hollering, screaming, bullying, personal attacks, Chicago-style election we witnessed . Was *that* Fun?

In STLCC the Vice President succeeds to become President. Voting is done by mail for Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, etc. Each **Membership** receives two votes. Ballots are marked and placed in a small plain, sealed envelope. The small envelopes are placed in a larger envelope along with the mailing label from the current newsletter. The larger envelope is mailed to the STLCC mail address.

Officers and observers open the large envelopes, verify membership status and place the small envelopes with the ballots in a box. The small envelopes are opened at random and the ballots counted. Election results are announced at the next meeting. Everyone gets a chance to vote.

We need volunteers for the offices. STLCC is off to a great, clean start. New people, new ideas, new events are always welcome. We are already seeing creative ideas molded into fun events and road trips by hard-working members. Planning is underway for a major road trip next summer.

STLCC is free of the inertia, stagnant thinking, factionalism and cronyism apparent in a large organization. It's a place "where everybody knows your name" and darn proud of it. It's all the enjoyment and few of the hassles. Corvettes and Corvette Owners are an amazingly fun and diverse group if given the freedom and encouragement to pursue new directions.

Jerry Craig

Funfest for Corvette is being held September 17-19, 2004 at Mid America Motorworks in Effingham, Illinois. Over 8,000 Corvettes attend; we would love to have your club in attendance as well. Here is a link to our Funfest web site for more information on this year's event and pictures from past Funfests.  
<http://www.madvet.com/shop?category=1.270>

## On the Road

A short run but enough to get the oil hot and the passengers cool.

An excellent brunch at  
Scott Air force Base  
Hosted by  
Susan and Rick Friedrich.

A extra treat was the chance to  
drive into some of the remote and  
publicly inaccessible areas of the  
Base.

Photos from  
Judy and Marty Dooley





# CORVETTES FOR THE CURE

CAR Show



50/50  
PRIZES

Sunday, AUG.15, 2004

11:00 TILL 2:00 PM

MUSIC - RAFFLES

## SUNDAE'S

7421 S. LINDBERGH

Near intersection of Lemay Ferry & So. Lindbergh

SPONSORED BY THE ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JUDY DOOLEY AT 314-894-0303

## Meeting Location

### Hessler's Pub 11804 Tesson Ferry

Directions:

East of I-270 on Tesson Ferry between 270 and Lindberg.

### Next meeting

August 3, 2004

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



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