

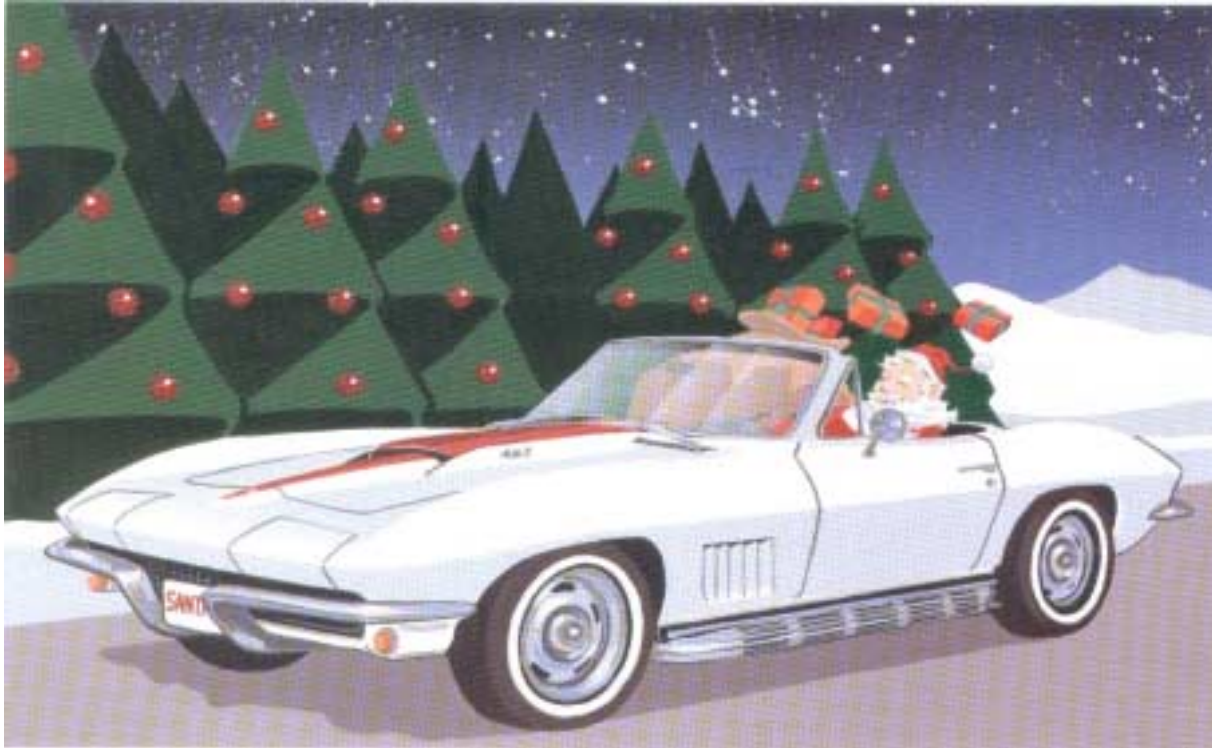
St. Louis Corvette Club

Gateway News



December 2004

Holiday Banquet - Dec 4 at 7PM - Harry's West





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www.corvettemuseum.com

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www.boontrailcc.com

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www.jackschmitt.com

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www.occofstl.com

Route 66 Corvette Club

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

I'd like to thank all club members who participated in the November election. We had a very good turnout which shows a genuine interest in the club. Congratulations to all the newly elected officers. I believe the ideas of the founding members of the St. Louis Corvette Club when we started a year ago, have been very successful. We have a good core group of members who have participated all year and who have shown their dedication to this new club by renewing their dues. We have had almost 100% renewal for 2005 which I think is a big vote of confidence as to what this club is all about.

I urge everyone to continue to support the club with new ideas for events and to participate in as many events as possible. The core idea of the club is to drive our cars, socialize and to have fun.

I will continue to see all of you as often as possible.

Ron Huch

Dinner Schedule

Nov. 25, 2004 *Thanksgiving HAVE A HAPPY Turkey DAY*

Dec.2, 2004 Red Cedar INN On Osage East of Pacific

Dec 9, 2004 Jack Sons 6655 Manchester rd 314-645-4904

Dec 16, 2004 Joe Bocarrdis 117 so. Main st Columbia ILL 618-281-6700

Dec 23, 2004 Olive Garden 5529 S. Lindberg 314-849-2553

Dec 30, 2004 Piatros Hwy 30 & ValleyDell (the old Munzerts)

Jan. 6, 2005 Sybergs on OLD Dorsett 2430 Old Dorsett rd 314-785-0481

ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB MEETING

November 2, 2004 - Hessler's Pub

A brief Board Meeting preceded the business meeting. Several topics were covered:

- The board approved the following outstanding bills
 - Check to Connie Gullet for \$1400 (proceeds from Charity Car Show).
 - Picnic Expenses - \$209.72.
 - NCCC Membership Dues - \$925.
 - Newsletter Expenses from Jerry Craig - \$71.13.
 - Christmas Banquet:
 - Judy Dooley purchased Corvette Decanters to be used as centerpieces at the Christmas Banquet - \$53.04.
 - Marty Dooley discussed seating at the Christmas Banquet. So far we have 16 couples who have paid and we plan on seating 8 people per table.
 - Menu selections should be chosen for the Christmas Banquet tonight. There was a discussion as to whether the club would pick up the balance of the extra costs that may be incurred. No decision was made.
 - Pins and framed certificates were discussed for club members to be given at the party.
 - Our club secretary, June Huch, will be preparing the certificates and purchasing the frames for the Christmas Banquet.
 - Carl Ballinger questioned the board members about whether we were interested in sponsoring an NCCC event with the Route 66 Corvette Club next October. This item will be placed on the agenda at tonight's meeting.

Meeting Minutes:

President Ron Huch called the meeting to order at 7:05 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. All club officers and chairpersons, along with our Club sponsor, Jim Wand, were introduced.

A \$1400 check was presented to Jessica and Connie Gullet for the proceeds collected at the Charity Car Show. Connie thanked everyone for the generous donation. Thirty-three cars participated from our club, while 8 cars were from the Route 66 Corvette Club. A certificate was given to Jim Wand of the Route 66 Chevrolet Dealership for their participation in the car show.

Treasurer's Report by Fran Wienstroer

A motion was made by Jeff Craig and seconded by Rich Luebcke to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the club newsletter.

Secretary's Minutes by June Huch

A motion was made by Peggy Craig, seconded by Dick Mericle, to accept the minutes as published in the monthly newsletter.

Membership Report - Judy Lee

1. We currently have 36 primary members with one new member tonight, Thomas Quick.
2. November birthdays and anniversaries were announced.
3. Ron and June Huch brought the birthday cake which was enjoyed after the meeting.
4. Judy asked the members to review the mailing list and email address list for accuracy. An up-to-date listing will be available at the January meeting.

NCM Ambassador Report - Sharon Ballinger

- Nothing new to report, but see Sharon if you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket for a 2006 Red Coupe. Drawing is on Labor Day next year, 9/4/2005.

NCCC Governor's Report - Carl Ballinger

- We currently have 36 primary members and are approaching 46-47 NCCC members.
- The Governor's meeting will be held next weekend. Carl will be attending to turn in our NCCC dues for next year. Let Carl know if you are interested in attending the meeting with him next weekend.
- The 2005 convention will be held in North Cloud, Minnesota.
- We are looking at doing some club events with the Route 66 Corvette Club.

Recognition of Guests and New Members:

- Guests: Dave Twillman - American National Insurance Co. and Tammy Walker who has a 1984 Corvette.
- New Members: Thomas Quick - 1963 Silver Coupe.

OLD BUSINESS

- Club Dues - See Judy Lee if you haven't paid your club dues for next year.
- Birthday cake sign up sheet is at the front desk. See Karen Mericle after tonight to sign up for a particular month.
- Judy Dooley has a Large Club shirt if anyone is interested.

NEW BUSINESS

- Ballots were passed out for Election of New Officers for 2005. While the ballots were be-

ing counted, our guest tonight, Dave Twillman, agent for American National Insurance, passed out brochures and showed a presentation on policy features, discounts available, history of his company, etc.

PAST EVENTS – Marty Dooley (Reviewed while ballots were being counted).

- 10/10 – Cruise to Dreamland Palace in Foster Pond, IL by Ron and Carol Miesner. Great Event.
- 10/16 – Fund Raiser Car Show for Jessica Gullet – Judy Lee and Karen Mericle.
- 10/17 – Participation in Route 66 CC Octobercross – Charlie Miget – Charlie thanked our members for participating and Rich Luebcke for arranging the space at the GM Plant. About 50 drivers from all over the Midwest appeared. Great turnout!
- 10/24 – Autumn Leaves Cruise to Crown Valley Winery – Rick & Susan Frierdich. Thirteen cars participated in the scenic tour with live music at the winery. Great Event!
- 10/31 – First Annual Club Picnic at Babler Park – Fran & Mary Wienstroer and Jerry & June Fain – Great Turnout and attendance.

FUTURE EVENTS THROUGH END OF YEAR – Rich Luebcke (Reviewed while ballots were being counted.)

1. 11/06 – Veteran's Day Parade – Downtown, St. Louis – Sponsored by Rick & Susan Frierdich. Twenty-one cars signed up to participate in parade.
2. 11/21 – World Bird Sanctuary Run by Rick and Susan Frierdich. If interested in photographing your car, give check to Rick F. After photo session is finished, convoy to Phil's BBQ on Gravois, and on to Sundaes for dessert.
3. 12/4 – St. Louis Corvette Club Christmas Banquet – Harry's West – 6pm - \$50/couple – Check payable to St. Louis Corvette Club – give check to Marty Dooley. Bring unwrapped gift for donation to Toys for Kids at Children's Hospital.
4. 12/11 – BBQ Cruise from South County to Dexter, MO. Stop at River Ridge Winery on way home. Rick and Susan Frierdich to sponsor this event.
5. 10/23/05 – Race in Bartonsville, VA – more details to be available at January meeting – Bob and Mary Tucker.
6. Corvettes on the Rockies in Breckenridge, CO – Judy Dooley to provide more information early next year.

ELECTION RESULTS:

PRESIDENT – MARTY DOOLEY
VICE PRESIDENT – RICK FRIERDICH
SECRETARY – JUNE HUCH
TREASURER – FRAN WIENSTROER
SERGEANT AT ARMS – JUDY DOOLEY
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN – PEGGY CRAIG

50/50

Winner - Joe Holaus - \$47 - Donated the money to the club's general fund, along with remaining \$47. Joe announced that he will be bringing a standing flag at the next meeting (January, 2005).

Extra drawings were held and the winners are:

- Route 66 T-shirt - Woody (Maurice Wood)
- White baseball Hat - Theresa Luebcke
- Knives (leftover from car show) - Jerry Schaller.
- T-Shirt - Joe Holaus and Woody (Maurice Wood)

Socializing and Birthday cake (donated by Ron and June Huch) was enjoyed by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted,
June Huch, 2004 Secretary



Saint Louis Corvette Club Fall Picnic

Lots of good friends and great food.





NCCC Report

Hard to believe we have been around for a year already - what a great year it has been.

I turned in our NCCC membership last weekend at the Governors meeting at Westport Plaza. We had 23 Primary and 9 Spouse/Companion renewals and 6 new Primary memberships. We had 6 Primary members and 3 spouse/companion members who did not renew. With these changes we are still well above the 51% membership requirement to be an NCCC club.

I talked with Tom Reitz, Route 66 Club Governor, about going in with them next year and sponsoring speed events like they had last month. They ran 7 speed events in 1 day which was very taxing on the club members running the event and the participants. If we join them, we would help supply the manpower to run these events. People are required at each corner to verify the cars stay on the proper course and do not move any cones. Because the timing equipment belongs to them and they provide all the expertise, they would receive a larger percentage of the profits.

Route 66 discussed our idea at their last meeting and thought it might be better to run 5 events per day for 2 days on the same weekend. Two day events would probably draw more participants from farther away because they can get more runs without the additional travel. The 3rd weekend of October is Grandfathered for Route 66 for this event every year. We need to discuss this soon at one of our meetings so we can turn in our requests for NCCC sanctioned events and get on the master schedule for our region. If we want, the remaining events might be used by sponsoring car shows, rallies, etc.

Peggy Craig and Ron Huch from our club took on the Route 66 speed events (Peggy, a bit nervous for her first speed event) and they say they had a great time! The course layout looked like it was fun and challenging. I have not talked to either about the speed but when the course was laid out they attempted to keep the speed slow enough so people do not damage their cars in the event they "lost it". I have a copy of the official results for these events and will bring them to the next club meeting.

The NCCC national website, corvettesnccc.org, or the Midwest region website, mwregion.com are 2 good sites to find out what is going on in our region and around the country. If you plan to travel, the national website is a good source for events you may want to attend.

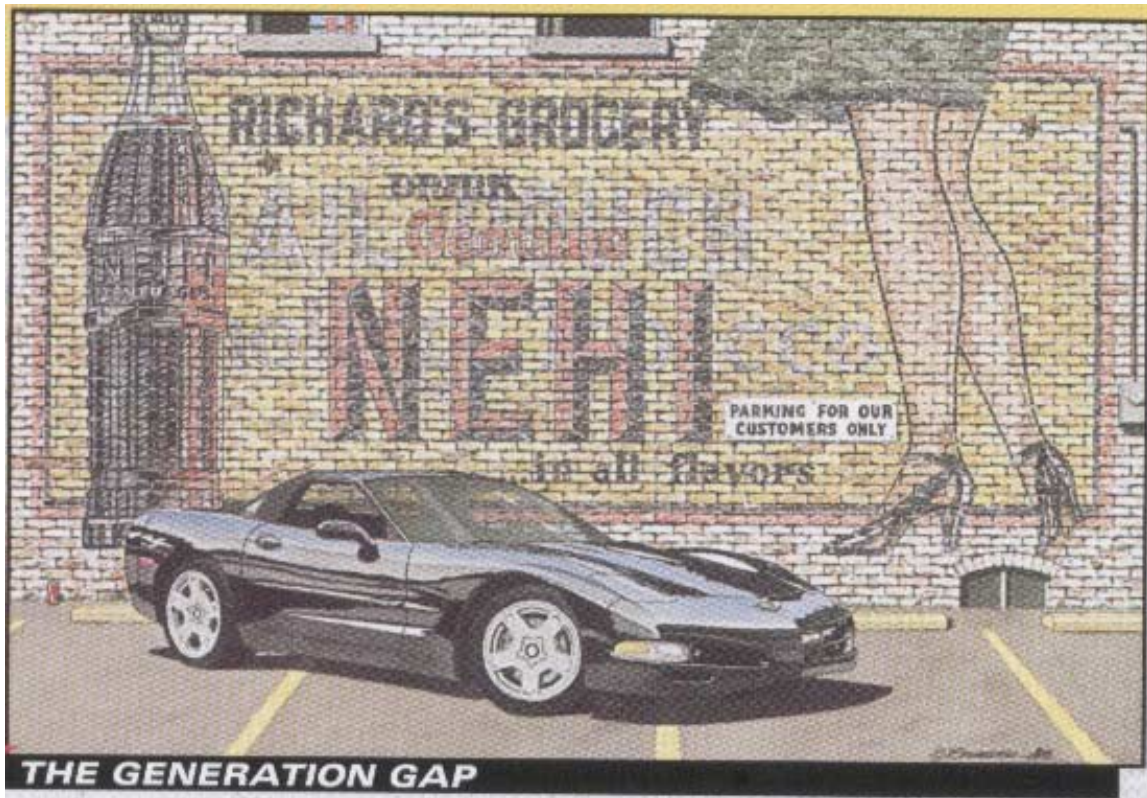
Save the Wave,

Carl Ballinger
NCCC Governor

Veteran's Day Parade



Christmas is coming. A Dana Forrester Print? [Www.danaforrester.com](http://www.danaforrester.com)



Meeting Location

Hessler's Pub 11804 Tesson Ferry

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

Next meeting

Banquet Dec 4 - Harry's West

Meeting Jan 4, 2005

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

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