

St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News

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Next Meeting October 5



STLCC exclusive! First spy photos of the C7 Corvette. Responding to the criticism for more aggressive styling this super-secret prototype was displayed to gauge public reaction. From the response of a 9 year old we interviewed it was a great success. "Awesome" was all the viewer could mutter. Stylists and engineers aimed at a Vette that could humiliate and scare the bejeepers out of the competition at any stop sign.

The standard factory paint color "Pond Scum Green" was selected so no one would confuse the new model with a Dodge Viper. Engineers confessed that there was a slight engine overheating problem after a quarter mile but with the delay of nine to twelve years before the introduction of the new model they were confident of finding a solution.



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www.boontrailcc.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

As summer is turning to fall, our events are winding down. However, we still have several very significant events on our calendar. I believe we have had a very successful first summer with a large variety and number of events. We have had good participation for most of the outings. I believe this shows that we are an attractive club and enjoy socializing with our club members as well as with other clubs in the area.

Keep up the good work and continue to participate in the forthcoming events, and we will be able to say that we have had a very successful club in our first year of operation.

Thanks to all of our good members for sponsoring the events and for those members who have made the events very successful.

Ron Huch

October Birthdays

1st Joyce Boyer
3rd Rick Friedrich
8th Theresa Luebcke

October Anniversaries

7th Theresa and Rich Luebcke
25th Joyce and Tom Boyer

Riddle: Why can a bicycle not stand on it's own? *Answer elsewhere*

On the Cover:

As you can see, your editor has lost it. It is time for a new editor! My teaching schedule will include Tuesday nights for the next few years. If you are interested, please contact Ron Huch or another officer in STLCC.

We all had a great time at Funfest.

ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB MEETING
September 7, 2004 - Hessler's Pub

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

- Club Sponsor
ACTI ON: Marty and Fran will be meeting with Route 66 Chevrolet to discuss club sponsorship in 2005. June will send a copy of the letter submitted to various dealerships last year to review and prepare a revised letter.

- Election
ACTI ON: Jerry and June Fain and Bob and Chris Woods are serving on our 2005 nominating committee for Club Officers. They will discuss the results at tonight's meeting and nominations will be open at the October meeting. For those members who are unable to attend the November meeting, they should contact Chris Woods who will send them an absentee ballot to return to her by the November election (November 9th).

- Change Club Dues in By-Laws
ACTI ON: Effective 12/1/04, membership dues for Corvette owners shall be \$55 for 11 months (January through November of next year). Payment of dues will be changed in the club by-laws by the new By-Laws Committee for 2005.

- Club Picnic
ACTI ON: Date: 10/31. The event will be coordinated by Fran and Mary Wienstroer with the help of Jerry and June Fain. They are looking at renting a shelter for \$40 and would like for the club to pay for hot dogs, buns, chips, soda, hamburgers, etc. This will be voted on at tonight's business meeting.

- Christmas party
ACTI ON: Date: 12/4. Dinner reservations are payable to Marty no later than November meeting.

President Ron Huch called the meeting to order at 7:06 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. All club officers and chairpersons were introduced. Jim Wand was in attendance representing our club sponsor, Route 66 Chevrolet dealership in Pacific, MO.

Ron read a thank you note from Karen Mericle for all of the flowers, cards and prayers received during her illness.

Treasurer's Report by Fran Wienstroer

A motion was made by Rich Luebcke and seconded by Peggy Craig to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented at the meeting. We will continue to eliminate the treasurer's report from the newsletter that is posted on the club website.

Secretary's Minutes by June Huch

A motion was made by Mary Wienstroer, seconded by Jerry Fain, to accept the minutes as published in the monthly newsletter.

Membership Report - Judy Lee

1. We currently have 32 primary and 26 associate members, with two members receiving newsletters only.
2. Judy announced the September birthdays and wedding anniversaries of our club members and brought birthday cakes this month that was enjoyed after the business meeting.

NCM Ambassador Report - Sharon Ballinger

- About 12 members attended the NCM 10th anniversary party in Bowling Green, KY.
- See Sharon if you are interested in purchasing a raffle ticket for a 2006 Red Coupe. Drawing is 9/4/2005.
- Bob and Mary Tucker are now Lifetime members of the National Corvette Museum.

NCCC Governor's Report - Carl Ballinger

- The next Governor's Meeting is scheduled for September 11th at Westport Plaza. Carl is planning to represent our club at the national meeting. Let him know if you are interested in attending with him. He has hard copies of the flyers if you are interested and these are also on the NCCC website. Next Governor's meeting is scheduled for November 13th.
- The St. Louis Corvette Club is now listed on the NCCC website as a member.
- Carl has some Midwest Region patches to sell for \$3 each. See him if you are interested.

Recognition of Guests and New Members:

- None.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Club shirts- Donna from Midwest Monograms, will attend next month's meeting to take orders for anyone wanting to purchase a club logo shirt, jacket, etc.
2. Static cling windshield stencils (\$12 a piece) - See Ron Huch
3. Static cling logo decals - See Ron to purchase a decal - cost is \$5 each and the proceeds go to the General Fund.
4. Club Logo Patch - See Marty if interested - Cost \$12 each.
5. Bring pictures of your car for Hessler's display case. Any questions see Ron.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Representing the Nomination Committee, Chris Woods read the proposed slate of officers for 2005.
 - a. President: Ron Huch and Marty Dooley.
 - b. Vice President: Marty Dooley, Rick Frierdich and Ron Huch
 - c. Secretary: Susan Frierdich and June Huch
 - d. Treasurer: Bill Dotson, Theresa Luebcke and Fran Wienstroer
 - e. Sergeant-at-Arms: Judy Dooley and Bob Woods
 - f. Membership Chairman: Shirley Berving, Peggy Craig and Karen Price

Nominations for these offices will close at the end of the October meeting and the results will be announced at the November meeting. Anyone interested in running for an office should contact the Woods or the Fains. More information will be published in the newsletter and on the website. All offices will be elected this November, including the President. Ed Lee has agreed to function as our Webmaster for 2005. We are unsure if Jerry Craig will function as our Newsletter Editor next year. The Luebckes have agreed to help with scheduling events; Sharon Ballinger will report the National Corvette Museum news and Carl Ballinger has agreed to function as our NCCC Governor. We will be contacting Route 66 Chevrolet to support our club next year as Club Sponsor.

For those of you, who cannot attend the November meeting, please contact Bob and Chris Woods. They will mail you an absentee ballot to return to them prior to the November meeting.

2. Club Dues

A motion was made by Peggy Craig, seconded by Shirley Berving that effective 12-1-04, our membership dues for Corvette owner members shall be \$55.00. The fee is to be paid prior to the annual election of officers in November. Honorary members and club sponsors are exempt from payment of these fees.
3. Club Meeting Location in 2005:

Hessler's has agreed to allow us to utilize their facility on the first Tuesday night of each month for our club meetings.
4. Club Sponsor

An official letter will be prepared by Fran and Marty to present to Route 66 Chevrolet to continue sponsoring our club in 2005.
5. Club Photo

Fran Wienstroer volunteered to coordinate a time for the club to meet this Fall to photograph

our cars. More information will follow next month.

PAST EVENTS - Marty Dooley

1. 20th Annual Mid America Nostalgia Drag Race and Cruise at Wentzville on August 5 or 6 - No news as stated from Rich Luebcke.
2. 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 -- 57 cars attended the event and \$1,410 was raised and donated to the Susan G. Koman Cancer Fund. Judy thanked everyone for their help and support.
3. Saturday, August 21 - We've Gotcha Covered Poker Run sponsored by Rick and Susan Friedrich. Seven cars participated, two different wineries were visited, and overall it was a very enjoyable event. Thanks to Rick and Susan for the great job of planning this event. The Poker Run was won by Karen and Mike Price. \$35 was donated to the club's general fund.
4. September 1-5 - National Corvette Museum's 10th anniversary celebration. About 15 cars attended this event. The activities were enjoyable and well-attended. Overall attendance at this event was down from last year.

FUTURE EVENTS (Rich Luebcke - Event Chairman):

1. September 11 - NCCC Regional and National Meeting at Westport Plaza. To be attended by our NCCC Governor, Carl Ballinger.
2. September 18-19 - Mid America Motorworks Funfest in Effingham, IL. The Luebckes will be coordinating this event, meeting at **6:30am** on Saturday, September 18th in Caseyville, IL at Cracker Barrel. Contact the Luebckes for more information. The Dooley's will be taking our club banner.
3. September 24-26 - Route 66 Festival in Springfield, IL. No club member is coordinating the attendance at this event.
4. September 30 - Eureka Springs, Arkansas Corvette Weekend. Anyone interested in leaving for Eureka Springs on Thursday morning, Sept. 30, there is a group of cars leaving at 8am at the McDonald's in Eureka. They will be eating breakfast at the Flying J in Sullivan, MO. Contact Carl and Sharon Ballinger for more information. csinstl@worldnet.att.net.
5. Sunday, October 3 - Route 66 Corvette Club is sponsoring a car display at Designs in Motion from 11am to 2pm at 700 Spirit of St. Louis Blvd - Unit L. Contact Charlie Miget for more information. Twovetguys66@aol.com
6. Saturday, October 16 - Fund Raiser Car Show for Jessica Gullet, sponsored by Judy Lee. Location: Route 66 Chevrolet in Pacific, MO from 11-2pm. Volunteers needed - contact Judy Lee at Aquavette96L@netscape.net.
7. Sunday, October 17 - Route 66 Corvette Club is sponsoring an Octobercross. Anyone interested in helping and for more details, contact Charlie Miget at Twovetguys66@aol.com
8. Sunday, October 31 - First Annual STLCC Picnic, coordinated by Fran and Mary Wienstroer. Location and details to be announced at the October meeting, 10/5. Look for flyer.

9. Kent Lissa is planning an event this fall to the Augusta Winery - Date and details will be announced at our October 5th meeting.
10. Saturday, November 6 - See Rick Frierdich if interested in participating in the Veterans Day parade at 12 noon in Downtown St. Louis. Rick has flags on sale for \$8 each for each branch of service. More details to be available at the October meeting.
11. Sunday, November 21st - Rick and Susan Frierdich are tentatively planning a trip to the World Bird Sanctuary (a photo opportunity for the club with your Corvette, the American flag and a live bald eagle) More details to be available at the October meeting.
12. Saturday, December 4th - **First Annual St. Louis Corvette Club Christmas Banquet** (in place of December Meeting). Location: Harry's West at 6pm. Cost per couple: \$50, payable to the St. Louis Corvette Club and is due by the November 2nd meeting. See Marty Dooley for more details. Jmdooley6493@aol.com
13. Saturday, December 11th - A barbecue run to Hickory Log, MO and a possible winery visit on way home is being planned for the club, to be sponsored by Rick and Susan Frierdich. More details to be available at the October meeting. If you are interested in co-sponsoring this event with Rick and Susan, please let them know.

Miscellaneous News:

- One of our active club members, Dick Mericle, is turning "60" this month and his wife, Karen and their son, David, are planning a party at their home on Sunday, September 19th between 4 and 7pm. Everyone in our club is invited. For directions to their home and more details, please contact Karen at ourblk73@aol.com.
- Marty Dooley is restoring his 1964 Vette and is proud to say "it now has been painted".
- Jim Wand, our club sponsor at Route 66 Chevrolet, recently drove a 2005 SSR pick up truck and enjoyed it immensely, along with taking a test drive with a 2006 C6 Corvette. This Vette has a top speed of 186 mph. We enjoyed hearing about Jim's recent experiences.

50/50

Winner - Sharon Ballinger - \$43 - Donated the money to the Jessica Gullet charity fund. \$43 went to the club's general fund.

Birthday cake was enjoyed by all, thanks to Judy Lee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
June Huch, 2004 Secretary

Answer to riddle: "Because it is two tired."

On the Road

More pictures from Funfest.

Everyone enjoyed the cool temperatures and conversation with other Corvetters.

Mike Yager stopped by to say hello and thank all of us for attending. I do not know about your house but there has been a box of something from Effingham almost every day on our front porch. Looks like Christmas will be great this year.

STLCC had a wonderful dinner with the 50th Corvette Registry at Paul Rexrote's in Effingham thanks to Theresa and Rich Luebcke.

10,700 Corvettes. Unbelievable!



Update on
"The Lost Corvette"
Color paint has been rubbed out. Waiting for bumpers to be re-chromed. Interior panels and carpets ordered.

Checkbook getting thin.

Photo by
Marty Dooley.



STLCC Car Show

**Route 66 Chevrolet
Pacific, Missouri
Saturday October 16
11AM to 2PM**

Fund Raiser for Jessica Gullet

Volunteers and Prizes needed

Contact:

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On the Road

Bowling Green—Labor day

A large number of STLCC'ers attended the Labor Day celebration at the Corvette Museum. At the dinners or at the pub afterward, we all had a great time. Many Corvette celebrities stopped by the say HI! to the St. Louis gang.



Hall of Fame dinner



At the Pub



Meeting Location

Hessler's Pub 11804 Tesson Ferry

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

Next meeting October 5

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



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