

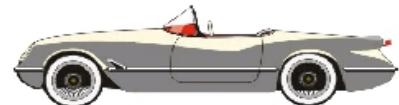
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Purpose of St. Louis Corvette Club:

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 OUR StLCC PRESIDENT ... Marty Dooley

Ideas were tossed around by a small group of Corvette friends about a small, friendly car club. Well, it's been one year and these people have made their ideas work.

So many members jumped in to do what needed to be done. The hard work showed early in the year with things falling into place. The meetings, newsletters, website, activities and everything started out so well. Not many organizations have started and able to run as smooth as what we have seen here in such a short time.

During this past year we enjoyed many times together. Sometimes just meeting at an ice cream shop, or dinners, car shows and displays. And there were a few trips out of town for dinner or stop at a winery or two. These are some of the things we enjoy doing with our fellow club members. We are looking forward to more of these things in the future.

At the end of the year we started into our election process. Just like most of the rest of the year, things just seem to work so well. There were a number of club members that stepped-up to run for office. I'm sure the reason it is that they have enjoyed this past year and want it to continue. It was great to have an election where the club was in a win-win situation (the members elected and those not elected are still going to work hard together to keep this thing going) Congratulations to all the Stlcc members that ran for an office.

Last for now, I would like to thank all those with the insight to start a new organization. And to wish all of us success in the years to come...

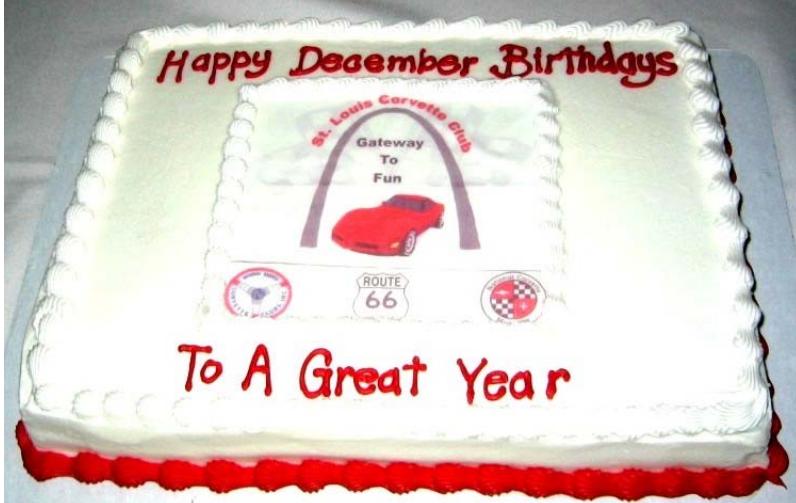
Happy Holidays to all our Corvette Friends
Marty Dooley

On the Cover:

Dave Hill provides us with a happy, confident and optimistic outlook for the new year. STLCC has had a great start and as with the new C6, we all have a lot to look forward to. Your new editor, Mike Price will bring new ideas and a fresh approach to the Gazette. Thanks to all who sent pictures, articles and news items for publication. Please continue to send Mike items to make these pages more interesting.

Jerry Craig

No meeting was held in December. The Minutes will be back next month.



STLCC Holliday Party

A very nice end of the year event. Most of our friends were able to attend. Lots of stories and great memories of our first year.





Dexter Winery Run

One more chance to get the
Corvette on the road before
the snow flies.

Dinner for DEC 30th,,, will be at Pietros on Hwy 30

the old Munzerts restaurant..

please note this change,,,,,, little italy is closed up, no longer in business,

Dick adn I wont be here for this, so Happy New year to all.

karen

**SF. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB
THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER
6:30 P.M.**

Jan 6.—Sybergs -old dorsett—A201= 2430 old dorsett rd 314-785-0481

Date	Restaurant	Coupon in Ent. Book	Location	Phone No.
Jan. 13,2005	MI Lupita Mex		511 Main st=Fenton, off of 141 and 30	636-305-1844
Jan 20, 2005	Pennys Bar-B-Q		Reavis barracks/at Union rd	314-544-1661
Jan 27, 2005	Red lobster		So. Lindberg, across from walgreens/east of tesson ferry	
Feb 3,2005	Texas roadhouse		I-44 & Lindberg	

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Thursday Nite dinners provide a nice break during the week. A chance to try different restaurants and enjoy the company of good friends.

Everyone was in a holiday mood. The private room protected other customers from the merriment.

Dinner change this Thursday: Pietro's (the old Munzerts) .



STLCC

Saint Louis Corvette Club was started by Mack Yates and a few new Corvette owners in the Fall of 1953. Meetings were held at the end of the bar at Gio's (Manchester at 270) . No dues, no minutes, during the regular Sports Car Club of America meetings. Mack was general manager of Barford Chevrolet. He was enthusiastic about the new sports car and guided Barford into being the largest Corvette dealer in the country.

Mack, on a couple of occasions, would take a new Corvette off the showroom floor and race it at the SCCA events at Smart Field. I and a couple of high school friends became pit-crew. We checked the water, oil , tire pressure and girls. Things like roll bars, helmets and fire proof suits were not required for racing. The race course was a flat concrete runway and the worst hazard was a corn field.

From 1953 to 1960 we knew almost everyone in the area who owned a Corvette and many would gather just to exchange stories and talk about Vettes. Bob Spooner became president in 1957 and the club started holding separate meetings. Mack bought a dedicated racer in 1957 and began receiving back door support from Chevrolet and Zora Dunlov. Things like sintered metallic brakes, a fuel injection unit and high performance cams and heads showed up unexpectedly with instructions to feed back performance experience. Spooner bought The Purple People Eater from Jim Jeffords.

STLCC interest was centered about racing. Most Corvette owners who raced drove their cars to work during the week and raced on weekends. Racers would weld extra pipes onto the exhaust just behind the front wheels. Caps were removed for racing which made for very loud engine noise. SCCA races were held at abandoned air fields around the mid-west. A real luxury was to have a car trailer in case the engine blew. Car trailers raised the level of competition.

STLCC meetings were often held on Sunday nights at Daniel Boone Inn. This restaurant was located just east of Clarkson road on highway 40. They had the best fried chicken in the area which was served family style with heaping plates of mashed potatoes, gravy and green beans. Since they had no liquor license, we were free to bring our own drinks. There was no speed limit at the time so engine testing was done between Clarkson and Lindberg after the meetings.

STLCC went out of existence some time in the 1970's. Last summer at the Corvette's restaurant car show, a gentleman mentioned that he had some of the papers and a banner from the original club. We hope we can make contact again. Mack's original '57 racer and The Purple People Eater were restored and owned by Chip Miller.

On the Road—Nashville - Opryland Hotel—Spectacular Christmas displays in a Tropical Garden.



On the Roadlooking back to last Summer. Maine and Prince Edward Island



Mount Washington Hotel
in New Hampshire. Life as it was
at the turn of the last century



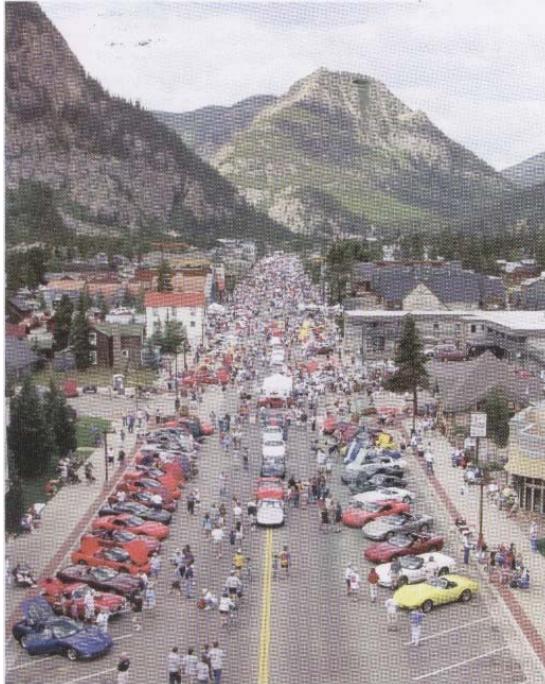
Cappy's Chowder House in Cam-
den Maine. Must stop for lunch.



Visitor's Center arriving at
Prince Edward Island. Just
off the 7 mile Confederation
Bridge.



Inside the Walled City, Quebec City.
High quality shops, outdoor restaurants,
artists and a board walk along the river.
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Meeting Location

Hessler's Pub
11804 Tesson Ferry

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

Next meeting
January 4. 7PM

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

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