

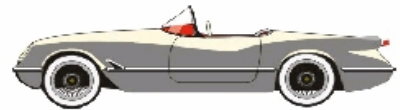
# St. Louis Corvette Club



## Gateway News

March 2005

Next Meeting Mar 1, 2005



Spring Swapfest is April 2

For those who missed the Daytona 500, a 2005 C6 was the Pace Car. For those who just like Corvettes a 2005 C6 was the Pace Car. For those that like Dale Jr. There you go.



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### 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 St.LCC President**

We have had a couple of busy months to start this year. A lot of members have come up with some very good ways to keep us active this year. Things are looking like a lot of us want to keep up what was started a year ago, with plenty of ways to enjoy our friends and our vettes.

When you get people together, as with any organization, there will be many thoughts of what we want to do. One new idea is a way to help some of our veterans. This is a good cause that some of us would love to pursue. With our club support, this could be the start af a really good thing.

I would like to thank Rich and Theresa Luebcke for helping with our Valentines brunch on The Robert E. Lee. The attendance, food, and the company more than made up for the poor weather...

Lets get those vettes shined-up and ready to go.  
Marty Dooley

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**March Birthdays**

Mar 6 Mary Wienstroer  
Mar 15 Tom Quick  
Mar 17 Shirley Berving  
Mar 18 Beverly Crain  
Mar 19 Ron Weiler  
Mar 26 Ed Lee  
Mar 31 Joe Holaus

**March Anniversaries**

NONE CLAIMED

**On the Cover:**

The 2005 C6 Daytona Pace Car. A Nextel racer for the road.

**ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB MEETING**  
**February 1, 2005 – Hessler's Pub**

President Dooley called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Thanks to Karen Mericle and Joe Halaus for bringing a flag. All club officers and chairpersons were introduced.

Jerry Craig was recognized for issuing the monthly newsletter one more time. From this point on, we will be receiving the monthly newsletter from Mike Price.

*Thanks to Fran and Mary Wienstroer for bringing the monthly birthday cake in celebration of the club's First Anniversary.*

Officer/Chairperson Reports:

Treasurer's Report by Fran Wienstroer – A motion was made by Dick Mericle, seconded by Roger Ruengert to accept the Treasurer's Report as published in the monthly newsletter.

Secretary's Minutes by June Huch – Motion made by Dick Mericle to accept minutes as published in monthly newsletter, seconded by Roger Ruengert.

Membership Report by Peggy Craig – We currently have 32 Primary members, 25 Associate members, 4 members who receive monthly mailings and 11 honorary members. February birthdays and wedding anniversaries were recognized. Sign attendance sheet before the end of the evening.

NCCC Governor's Report given by Carl Ballinger – Feb. 26 is the next Governor's Meeting at Sheraton Westport. Anyone interested in attending with Carl, let him know. We have a total of 50 NCCC members out of 57 memberships.

NCM Ambassador Report – Sharon Ballinger. As of year end 2004, the National Corvette Museum had a membership of 6,810. If interested in purchasing any raffle tickets, see Sharon for the details. The NCM Bash is scheduled for 4/21-23. 2005 calendars containing all NCM events can be secured from Sharon.

Newsletter Editor – Mike Price – Please submit any articles for the monthly newsletter to Mike Price before the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Webmaster – Ed Lee – Absent from tonight's meeting, but Judy Lee announced that Captain Joe had an article in a recent newsletter mentioning the Charity Car Show for Jessica Gullet given by the St. Louis Corvette Club. Captain Joe's car appeared in the Inaugural Parade.

By-Laws Committee Chairman – Ron Huch. A by-laws meeting was held wherein the by-laws were reviewed. Any member wanting changes to the by-laws should submit them in writing to Ron Huch. He will coordinate all changes and submit them to the board for review before bringing them up to the membership for discussion.

Recognition of Guests and New Members:

Pat and Carl Cox – 1999 Red Convertible.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Rick Frierdich reviewed the overall results of the Event Survey. The majority of the membership is interested in short, one-day events put on by our club. Rich Luebcke will be coordinating the results onto a spreadsheet for membership's review. The general comments are to focus on handing out club business cards to potential new members, revise by-laws, and don't be drilling people to put on events. Rick F. and Rich L will be available to help anyone interested in putting on an event. The need for a method of communicating to the membership not having email was discussed. The Board will be meeting in the near future to discuss this issue. See Judy Dooley if interested in ordering club logo apparel. CD's prepared by Jerry Craig are available for \$2 each with proceeds going to the club's General Fund. Come to the front desk at the end of the meeting, if interested. Mary Wienstroer spoke briefly about the collection of items she has received so far for the hospitalized Veterans at JB Hospital. Club members have been asked to bring donated items to the next meeting. Magazine renewals have been suggested. Bill Dotson will be checking on the procedure of how we could turn over our magazine subscription(s) to the Veterans Hospital.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Club member, Maurice (Woody) Wood has been hospitalized at St. Anthony's hospital. Judy Dooley will be sending a plant to him on the club's behalf. A thank you card was received and read from Rick Berving for the Corvette Planter he received after his recent eye surgery. Club members voted to purchase two-sided club flags that will clip to your car window or antennae. Purchase price for these flags will be discussed at the next meeting and orders will be taken. Anyone having ideas to make money for our General Fund, see Rich and Theresa re. putting on an event.

#### PAST EVENTS – Rick Frierdich

No club sponsored events were held during January.

#### FUTURE EVENTS - Rich Luebcke

1. 2/13/05 – 11am Valentine's Day Brunch at the Robert E. Lee Riverboat at Kimmswick, MO to be sponsored by Rich & Theresa Luebcke
  2. 2/26/05 – NCCC Governor's Meeting at Sheraton Westport. See Carl Ballinger if interested in attending the all-day meeting.
  3. 3/13/05 – Proposed road trip to Fast Eddies in Alton, IL – to be sponsored by Kent Lissa. More details available at March 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.
  4. 4/2-3/05 – Mid America Swap Meet in Effingham, IL. Dick & Karen Mericle to lead group and provide truck space for purchases. Club to sponsor 2 Swap Meet spots - \$50 a space
  5. 4/21-23/05 – NCM Bash in Bowling Green, KY. See Carl & Sharon Ballinger in interested in caravanning to the museum.
  6. 7/28-31/05 - Corvettes on the Rockies in Breckenridge, CO – Judy Dooley to provide more information next month.
- 10/23/05 – Race in Martinsville, VA – Sponsored by Bob and Mary Tucker.

A brief discussion was held to begin plans for a sponsor car show and the need to work with Jim Wand to schedule a date. So far we have no volunteers to sponsor the annual car show.

Jim Wand, Club Sponsor for Route 66 Chevrolet, presented a check to Marty Dooley to sponsor our club for one more year. He also thanked the club for the recent wedding gift and card.

50/50

Winner – Rich Crain - \$52

Club CD's were raffled off and won by Bob Woods and Bill Dotson respectively.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
June Huch, 2005 Secretary

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### **STLCC Thursady Night Dinner Schedule Dinner at 6:30**

March 3, 2005	Portofinos Italian	A-23-card	14560 Manchester/ Winchester Plaza/Ballwin	636-227-7230 at Baxter West of 141
March 10, 2005	Sunny China		I44 and Lindberg	314-909-1888
March 17, 2005	Tsevis pub n grill	A-253 cpn	Concord Plaza-Lindberg	314-729-7540
March 24, 2005	Chevy's Mexican	A-69-card	1382 Clarkson-Clayton rd	636-256-8585
March 24, 2005	Culpepper's		22 Arnold Mall/off of I44 and 55	636-282-5740
April 7, 2005	C.J. Muggs	A-22-card	101 W. Lockwood/Webster Groves	314-963-



Our Spring Swapfest will be Saturday, April 2, from 8 am to 3 pm, vendor setup starts at 6:30. In exchange for promoting the event in their newsletter or at a meeting, clubs get one free, 20' x 20' space. If you want to purchase a second space for the club, or any club member wants to purchase a space adjacent to the club space, the cost is \$50 per space, maximum of two purchased spaces. Please call me when you decide what you want to do because I must reserve the free club spaces manually. Our computer system goes crazy trying to process a "no charge" sale!

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**SMILE AND WAVE  
KAREN**

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## March Tech Tip

### Changing a driving lamp bulb

Try raising the headlamps and then turn back to park lamps, this will turn off the headlamps but leave them raised. Remove the hood stop on the side you are working on and this gives you a lot of room to fit your arm in and access the driving lamp bulbs. For fog lamps just push the brake duct to the side and reach up until you feel the lamp socket, twist and remove, if you have any problem find someone with smaller hands like wife/kid and recruit them to help.

Remember—you break it - we don't fix it.



## Vintage Sports Car Racing.

Armynta and I really enjoy watching the older cars mix it up on the track. We hope to visit at least one of the events this summer.

### Road America At Elkhart Lake Wisconsin

(North of  
Milwaukee)

A great Road-  
race Track.

Thunder Valley  
is awsome  
with Corvettes  
running.

#### 2005 Tentative Schedule of Events

Championship Cup Series (CCS – Motorcycles)	April 22-24	Semi-public
Sportscar Vintage Racing Assoc. (SVRA – Spring Vintage)	May 13-15	Semi-public
American Motorcycle Assoc. (Motorcycles)	June 2-5	
Kohler/Chicago Region SCCA June Sprints®	June 23-26	
Brian Redman International Challenge (BRIC – Summer Vintage)	July 14-17	
Road America 500 (ALMS series)	August 18-21	
Vintage Sportscar Drivers Assoc. (VSCDA – Fall Vintage)	Sept. 16-18	Semi-public



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

Event Info	Driver Info	Car Info	Racing Ser
2005 Race Schedule			
SVRA at the 53rd Mobil 1 - 12 Hours of Sebring (March 16-19)			
Savannah Spring Fling (April 7-10)			
Tire Rack Cannonball One Lap of America (April 30 - May 7)			
Vintage GT Challenge (May 13-15)			
Vintage Grand Prix (June 23-26)			
U.S. Zippo Vintage Grand Prix (September 8-11)			
Formula Car Festival (September 29 - October 2)			
Road Atlanta Season Finale (October 20-23)			
2004 Race Results			
Photo Album			
Contacts			



1/28/2005

Dear Fran:

I enjoyed our phone conversation last night and am looking forward to meeting you at this year's Bloomington Gold. Enclosed is information concerning the Gold Club Package we are offering to Corvette club members.

Corvette clubs that register and send payment before June 1<sup>st</sup> will be given reserved parking in the Gold Club area. Your club members will be able to park together, socialize, picnic, set up tents, and meet members from other clubs. With your registration, you will also be entitled to:

- Express entry into the show.
- Freedom to exit the grounds and still have your parking reserved.
- Admittance to the GoldTour (40-mile Corvette parade).
- Commemorative GoldClub Pin for all drivers.

Your club will also be eligible for one of two awards. The club with the most cars in attendance and the club which travels the most miles to the show, point to point.

We have set up two options for clubs to reserve parking for their group:

1. Two-day plan: either Fri - Sat or Sat - Sun/\$60 per car
2. Three-day plan: Fri - Sun/\$80 per car.

There is a five-car minimum to be eligible for either plan.  
Payments must be sent as a club, no individual registrations please.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the GoldClub Program or other show topics. I will be more than happy to help with your plans on attending Bloomington Gold. You may call me at 309-663-4756 or e-mail me at [mike@bloomingtongold.com](mailto:mike@bloomingtongold.com)

I am looking forward to seeing you at the show.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Stypolkowski". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "S" at the end.

Mike Stypolkowski  
Manager - GoldClubs



## St. Louis Corvette Club

### To Whom It May Concern:

With the war in Iraq, it's already increasing our hospitalized Veterans. Here in St. Louis at Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital they are currently caring for soldiers recently injured in Iraq as well as hundreds of Veterans from all wars and conflicts. With so many Veterans still hospitalized today they sometimes tend to be forgotten. These soldiers all made tremendous sacrifices for us and we would like to take this time to do something for them.

The St. Louis Corvette Club would like at this time to ask for your help. Our club is currently gathering donations for our Veterans. Many Corvette owners are Veterans and a lot are Vietnam Veterans and feel grateful to have this opportunity to help with this campaign. Within our club we will be gathering car magazines and other various items for delivery to the VA.

### To help, we are in need of the following items:

- Baseball hats New or nearly new in good shape
- Tee Shirts New or out dated inventory
- Disposable razors, shave cream, combs, toothbrushes, floss, mouthwash (non alcohol) socks with rubber bottoms, hard candy or lifesavers

With gratitude we will be acknowledging all contributors.

***Let's show them we haven't forgotten!***

Donations may be sent to:  
St. Louis Corvette Club  
C/O Mary Ann Wienstroer  
P.O. Box 808  
320 Cahoon Dr.  
Eureka, MO 63025

or call 636-938-4858 for local pick up

## Meeting Location

### Hessler's Pub 11804 Tesson Ferry

Directions:

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

## Next meeting

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

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