

# St. Louis Corvette Club



## Gateway News

September, 2006

Next Meeting Sept 5, 2006

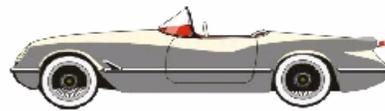


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**505-horsepower  
Corvette Z06  
Pace Car  
Headlines  
NASCAR Race  
at Indianapolis  
Motor  
Speedway**  
*Chevy: So  
racing-ready  
that all we do is  
add strobe  
lights!*

C6 Corvette Pacecar at the Brickyard Nascar race on August 17th



## 2006 Officers

President: **Rick Frierdich**  
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Ambassador: **Carl Ballinger**  
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## National Corvette Museum:

Ambassador: **Judy Dooley**  
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No animals where hurt or damaged in  
the making of this newsletter.

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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 its activities. To respect the differences and wishes of each STLCC club member.*

Greetings,

Here comes September which is traditionally the busiest month on the calendar. Starting with the Labor Day weekend at the Museum, we then have the Car Show, The Sunday Brunch Run, Fun Fest and Anticipation of the Eureka Springs Weekend. For good measure we sprinkle in the Thursday Night Dinners, The start of Football Season and the official end of summer. These are busy times for the club.

Speaking of Eureka Springs, here's a bit of trivia for you. Last year at Eureka Springs, the St. Louis Corvette Club accomplished something that, to my knowledge, hasn't happened before and because of the complexity of the accomplishment, probably won't ever happen again. Can you tell what it is that we did??? I'll disclose the answer in the next newsletter.

Rick F.

**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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| JIM LOVE   | 9/8   | Fran & Mary Wienstroer  | 9/6   | Mark & Denise Shipley   | 9/6  | Jerry & Armynta Craig   | 9/11  | Rick & Susan Frierdich  | 9/18  |
| JAIME SMULL  | 9/14  | Bob & Chris Woods   | 9/20  |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| FRAN WIENSTROER  | 9/15  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| JIM WAND   | 9/17  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |
| CAROL MEISNER  | 9/26  |   |   |   |  |   |   |   |   |
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## ***St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting August 1st, 2006- Hessler's Pub***

The meeting was called to order by President Rick Frierdich at 7 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. All club officers and chairpersons were introduced.

### **Introduction of guests:**

Roger Ruengert introduced Ray Matthes who is the proud owner of a 2001 Z06- welcome.

### **Rick made the following announcements:**

He thanked everyone for attending this meeting and encouraged everyone to sign in if they hadn't done so on the attendance record.

Gary Murray had 50/50 tickets for sale.

Rick encouraged questions or suggestions to improve our club to be sent to any board member.

Photos of members, their cars, or events were encouraged to be submitted to Bill Dotson or Rick to be forwarded to our new Webmaster- Mr. Jerry Craig, to be placed on the Club Website. Jerry and Peggy Craig were also thanked by Rick for their effort and contribution in the acquisition of our PA system. He has received several favorable comments about the improvement in communication during our meetings.

The committee to explore options for our meeting place (Rick, Ron Meisner and Carl Cox) - has narrowed the options to Bandana's, Nicoletti's, and Pietro's. An update was given as to the pros and cons to each place. It was also presented that with the new ownership at Hessler's and the PA system, the meetings seemed to have improved. They also had received another suggestion to explore the Brick Bistro. Rick reported that we would need to vote to see if we still want to move and the location and this probably would not occur until the election in November.

Rick announced that the Nominating Committee for Club officers for 2007 included June Fain, June Huch and Susan Frierdich. They would be accepting nominations until September 20<sup>th</sup> so that they could be announced in October, in order to hold the election in November.

**Treasurer's report:** Jerry Fain presented his report – a motion was made by Roger Ruengert to accept the report and was seconded by Carl Cox.

**Secretary's report:** The minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Carl Ballinger to approve them and seconded by Ron Hagenow.

**Membership Report:** Jackie Miget reported that we currently have 59 members, 3 mailing members and 2 honorary members. The Monthly Birthdays and Anniversaries were reviewed.

**National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's report:** Carl Ballinger gave an update on our participation in the speed event with Route 66 to be held Oct.15/16<sup>th</sup> - we would share in a 30/70 split and would be responsible for

**National Corvette Museum Ambassador's report:** Judy Dooley reported that this would be the last chance to purchase the \$10 raffle tickets available for the Sept gathering drawing for a red C6.

**Sponsor Update:** Jim Wand was not present.

**Prior events:** VP Bill Dotson presented the following events:

Rick Luebcke displayed a car at the NCRS Event which took 2nd flight recognition. He also displayed his birthday present that Theresa had arranged for him- a Dana Forrester water color of his car in front of the St. Louis plant- way to go Theresa!

Bill Dotson proudly displayed the trophy that was presented to the club for winning the best Classic Car Event at the Webster 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade.

The Ashmore's reported that the Z06 Fest at the Museum on July 20-22<sup>nd</sup> was great and well attended.

**Future Events:** Rich Luebcke and Bill Dotson presented the preview of coming events:

Vettes Restaurant in St. Charles would be hosting the St Louis NCRS show on August 20<sup>th</sup> from 11am-3pm  
Corvettes at Carlisle Show will be held August 25-27<sup>th</sup>.

Our Fall Sponsor Car Show will be held on Sept 9<sup>th</sup> at Route 66- Marty and Judy Dooley will head this up again and are looking for donations for attendance prizes and also volunteers to help set up and run the show.

The Museum will be hosting the Anniversary Celebration over Labor Day- see the Luebcke's for information.

Fun Fest will be held in Sept 15-17th- Marty Dooley has volunteered to set-up a tent.

The Route 66 Fest will be held on Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> in Springfield, ILL.

The Eureka Springs, Arkansas event will be held Oct 6-8<sup>th</sup>.

November 11<sup>th</sup> will be the Veteran's Day Parade- Rick Frierdich will be heading that up.

The Christmas Party is scheduled on Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at the Berkshire Grill where it was held last year. Carl and Sharon Ballinger will be working on that event.

**Newsletter report:** Mike Price announced that the due date would remain the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month for any information to be printed in the upcoming newsletter and he would still be late!

**New Business:**

Ron and June Huch have suggested that we should try a monthly Sunday Brunch- they will bring a sign up sheet to the Sept Meeting.

Marty is looking for volunteers to help with the car show. He also had club hats for \$12 that Midwest Monograms had made.

Theresa Luebcke then made a motion based on the information that had been presented by the committee to look for a new location, that we take a vote to stay at Hessler's. It was seconded by Jean Dupont. The vote was taken by the general membership and it was passed to stay at Hessler's.

**50/50 Raffle:** \$56 was won by Bev Dupont.

Next meeting is scheduled to be held at 7pm on Tuesday September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Thanks to Bonnie and Roger Ruengert for the delicious cake for us all to enjoy. Next month's cake will be brought by Chris and Bob Woods.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Carl Ballinger and seconded by Carl Cox at 7:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen L. Price Secretary 2006*



JUST  
PICTURES





EUREKA SPRINGS CORVETTE WEEKEND

October 5-6-7-8, 2006

St. Louis Corvette Club  
Statement of Accounts

Treasurer Report submitted by: Jerry Fain

Balance July 20,2006 \$5,583.69

Income:

Membership  
dues  
50/50 Monies \$56.00

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**\$5,639.69**

Disbursement  
s:

Newsletter (Mike Price) \$26.13  
Picnic \$43.36

Club End.  
Bal. Aug. 20, 2006 **\$5,570.20**

**VA Fund (incl. in end. bal.) \$382.38**

# TRIVIA!!!!

1. Zora Arkus-Duntov, the legendary Corvette engineer, came on board at GM in:
  - a. May 1952
  - b. May , 1953
  - c. April, 1954
  - d. May 1955
2. The Corvette heavy-duty racing package of 1957 was coded:
  - a. RPO 684
  - b. RPO Z01
  - c. RPO X84
  - d. RPO SR2
3. In the mid-1950s, what annual production target did GM figure they needed to reach in order for the Corvette to make a profit?
  - a. 10,000
  - b. 12,000
  - c. 50,000
4. What famous cowboy hat-wearing mechanic did the prep work on the three '56 factory-owned Corvette beach racers run on the packed sands of Daytona Beach, FL?
  - a. Junior Johnson
  - b. Salt Walther
  - c. Fireball Roberts
  - d. Smokey Yunick
  - e. Max Balchowsky
5. What year saw the biggest year-to-year sales increase in Corvettes during the twentieth century"
  - a. 1954
  - b. 1956
  - c. 1963
  - d. 1984

CORVETTE FUNFEST SEPTEMBER 15TH—17TH  
AT  
MID AMERICA MOTORWORKS  
LOTS OF VETTES  
LOTS OF FUN



# Funfest Or Bust!



Hello to all of you that are living the dream.

My dream, started about 43 years ago, with my first ride in a beautiful 1962 red Corvette convertible. I am happy to report my wife Sara and I are now living the dream to the fullest, in our very own red Corvette convertible. We thank the Lord for the car and all of the friends we have been blessed to meet. We love our Corvette club and all the fun that it brings us.

On June 5<sup>th</sup> of this year, Sara and I really took the dream to a new high. We drove to Bowling Green, Kentucky and did the Xperience offered by the National Corvette Museum. I am here to tell you, if you want the time of your life, with the treatment of a king or a president; you need to do the Xperience. Don't take time to think about signing up—just do it!!

If I live to be two hundred, I will never forget the Xperience or our guide, Don Sherman. I can't say enough about this extraordinary young man. He is truly a fountain of knowledge. Don personalized our tour and made it special. He was a very gracious host, both during the plant tour and also in the museum.

Many of us do not purchase new Corvettes. We purchase project cars or one we just have to have (no two are really alike). This is where you and your car can form a union like never before. Don't take our word for it, just do it for you!

Leaster and Sara Gibson



# Rt 66 Chevrolet Fall Corvette Show

**Sponsored by:**



Sept. 9, 2006

11:00 till 3:00

## Route 66 Chevrolet

2027 W. Osage Pacific, Mo

Hot Dogs - Soda - Prizes

Trophies



**\$10.00 entry fee:**

For more information call  
Marty Dooley 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

**TUESDAY SEPTEMBER**  
**5TH**  
**@ 7 PM**

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

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