

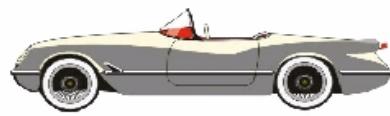
# St. Louis Corvette Club



## Gateway News

June, 2007

Next Meeting June 5, 2007



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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)

### **2007 Officers**

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Govenor: **Carl Ballinger**

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Ambassador: **Judy Dooley**

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

## President's Greeting:

Hat's off to Ron Hagenow, Jerry Fain, Jeff & Patty Craig, Karen Price and Angie Bradford for volunteering to sponsor a club event during the coming months. ***Who else would like to step up and sponsor an event?***

Once again, the topic of finding a new location for our meetings has been introduced. A number of our members have expressed their displeasure with our current location's waiter service, quality of food, distracting noise and traffic and size. I met with John Iovaldi, the manager of Pietro's Bluffs (old Munzerts) and he is agreeable for us to have our meetings there. This will be one of the topics for discussion at our next meeting so if you have any comments about this please be sure to attend.

It looks like the weather is finally beginning to act like spring with more sunny days than rainy days so let's get out there and enjoy our Corvettes. But remember, be careful out there.

**Bill Dotson  
President, St. Louis Corvette Club**

# BIRTHDAYS

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# ANNIVERSARIES

Carl & Pat Cox	6/5
Jerry & June Fain	6/6
Kevin & Jamie Smull	6/12
Jim & Jackie Goggins	6/13
Ron & June Huch	6/15
Don & Angie Bradford	6/26
Ron & MaryAnn Hagenow	6/30

## St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting

May 1, 2007 – Hessler's Pub



The meeting was called to order by President Bill Dotson at 7:05 PM. Bill welcomed everyone. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Bill introduced the board of officers and current chairpersons. Mike Dean, the club's new sponsor, was not present. Everyone was reminded to sign in and to purchase 50/50 tickets from Sergeant at Arms Roger Ruengert.

### **New Members**

Bill Dotson welcomed new members Steve and Leanne Lyle who joined the club at the Lynch Hummer car show on April 21<sup>st</sup>. They own a '65 red convertible. Rich and Maggie Ratner are also new members though they were not at this month's meeting. The Ratner's own a '99 Sebring silver convertible.

Jeff and Patty Craig are the proud new owners of a '98 Sebring silver convertible.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Rich Luebcke made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented in the May newsletter. Karen Price seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership.

### ***Secretary's Report***

*Charlie Miget made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 3, 2007 meeting as published in the May newsletter. The motion was seconded by Carl Ballinger and approved by the membership.*

### ***Membership Report***

Patty Craig reported that there are 61 members, 4 mailing members and 3 honorary members (sponsors). May birthdays were acknowledged. There were no anniversaries this month.

Patty mentioned that there had been some confusion over the recent activation of the phone chain prior to the club sponsor's car show. To avoid confusion in the future, board members will share the responsibility of personally calling club members when notification by phone is needed.

## **National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report**

Judy Dooley announced that the red convertible raffled at the C5-C6 Bash was won by "John" in Florida. She has tickets available for the red coupe to be raffled in September.

## **National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report**

Carl Ballinger reported that he has NCCC patches available for \$3. The Governors meeting will be held at the Westport Sheraton on May 5-6. The national convention will be held in Nashville, Tennessee from June 16–23. Carl reminded everyone to check the NCCC website and the Midwest Regional website for information on summer activities.

## **Webmaster Report**

Jerry Craig announced that a sixteen page Black Hills brochure is available on the website. Bill Dotson said that the website is in great shape and encouraged everyone to visit the website often for club news.

## **Sponsor's Report**

Mike Dean from Lynch Hummer was not in attendance this evening.

## **50/50 Raffle**

Everyone was reminded to purchase 50/50 tickets from Roger Ruengert.

## **Prior Events**

Ron Hagenow reported on the April 14<sup>th</sup> gardening event at Jefferson Barracks Hospital. In spite of the inclement weather, nine members succeeded in planting the gardens behind the Spinal Cord Unit. Thanks to Marty Dooley for bringing an additional load of mulch on April 20<sup>th</sup>. After two years of rain, we'll be looking forward to sun and 72 degree weather for the 2008 planting experience!

Gary and Jan Murray attended the car show in Columbia on April 14<sup>th</sup>.

Thanks to Jean and Beverly DuPont for arranging the trip to the Whitmond Hotel in Brussels, Illinois on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. 15 cars made the trip. The weather was beautiful, and everyone enjoyed the scenery, roads, ferry rides and family style dinner.

The first sponsor's car show at Lynch Hummer was held on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Bill Dotson said that it was the "best (show) in a long time. We far-exceeded Mike Dean's estimation of our club support. The off-trail Hummer rides were awesome." Highlights of the day included the opportunity to drive a black '06 Z06 and Tammy Walker's purchase of an '02 triple black convertible! Jerry Fain's memorable experience was caught on film (see Jerry for more details!) with a happy ending for the Fains.

Judy Dooley said that 5 club cars attended the C5-C6 Bash at the National Corvette Museum. Rich Luebcke provided an overview of the week-end's events which featured guests Jim Perkins, COO of Hendrick Enterprises; Rick Hendrick of Hendrick Motorsports; and Corvette Racing driver Ron Fellows. The 2008 Corvette was unveiled. It includes upscale interiors, 6.2 liter engine and an upgraded transmission.

### **Future Events**

May 2 – C4 gathering at NCM.

May 6, Sunday – Ice cream run to Fritz's at Big Bend and old 141. Meet at 7 p.m.

May 19, Saturday – Missouri Armed Forces Day Parade in St. Peters. Rick Friedich, event coordinator, provided a sign up sheet for those participating. Club members should meet at the Bob Evans Restaurant at Hwy 44 and 141 at 6 a.m. for breakfast. Cars will leave the restaurant at 7:15 a.m. to travel to the staging area. All participants are to be at the staging area (Mid Rivers Mall - Sears lot, east side, upper level) between 7:30 and 8:00 a.m. The parade starts at 9 a.m. Convertibles are needed to carry parade dignitaries. The parade theme is "Welcome Home, Vietnam Veterans". Don't forget your military car flags.

June 22 – 23, Anniversary Affair – Theresa Luebcke said that 71 are signed to attend. Former plant manager Will Cooksey will be featured. Bill said that this event would be a great day to go to the museum in lieu of a planned club trip to the museum.

Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, will be a work day at the museum.

Armynta Craig suggested that club members consider purchasing more personal bricks at the museum. It is possible to place bricks around the STLCC brick already in place. Judy Dooley has information on the "Buy a Brick" program. Information is also available on the website or from Bill Dotson.

June 23, Saturday – Tentative date for Mystery Cruise planned by Ron Hagenow.

Ron presented the possibility of attending a Gateway Grizzlies baseball game. Reserved suite and meal (hot dogs/hamburgers in food tent) would cost approximately \$20 per person with a minimum of 30 people needed. One open stadium date was July 21<sup>st</sup> but it was mentioned that several members would be out of town participating in the Spearfish trip.

Montell Winery trip – Karen Price offered to coordinate a trip to Montell Winery in Defiance, Missouri. The winery will be offering Saturday evening "sunset dinners" at 6:30 p.m. Meals will be \$13.99 per person with one set meal. Reservations are required. A live band will also be available. Karen will post menu information on the club website.

Ron reminded everyone that he needs help in planning monthly events. Bill presented the idea that one person or couple might take responsibility of planning a monthly event(s). The following members offered to plan monthly events:

July – Michelle Paillou (offered to help with Webster Groves July 4<sup>th</sup> parade)

August – Jerry Fain

September – tentative date for club picnic (Jeff and Patty Craig) and FunFest

October – Angie Bradford

Ron said that he will post event ideas (submitted by members at the February meeting) on the website. He encouraged members to review these suggestions and consider sponsoring an event.

Bill said that he will contact OCC members to see if they are interested in participating in the Webster Groves parade.

Spearfish Trip – Marty Dooley said that he needed to meet with all members going on the Spearfish Trip after the business meeting this evening.

### **Old Business**

Business Cards – New cards are available.

Club Banner – The new banner was displayed at the recent car show. Changes can be made to the banner if anyone has suggestions.

Veterans Garden Stone – Bill asked Rick Frierdich if he had information on getting an etched stone for the VA Garden. Rick will follow up on this.

### **New Business**

Correspondence – Thank you notes were received from Shriners Hospital for the teddy bears donated by the club. A letter of thanks was also received from the Veterans Administration for the phone cards and gifts for the patients and the gardening for the Spinal Cord Unit.

Club Brochure – Bill presented the idea of putting together a club brochure. Ron Hagenow said that he is working with some ideas for a brochure. Rich Luebcke asked if the purpose of a brochure would be to let others know about the club and bring in new membership, keeping in mind the decision of the club to limit membership numbers per the standing by-laws. (At present there are 61 members. Current by-laws allow for a total membership of 100.)

Bill Dotson said that we don't want the club size to be too large to enjoy and that we want all members to know each other by name.

Club Pins – We still have 11 oval club pins. A minimum order of 250 is needed at cost of \$1.00 each. Pins could be used to hand out at club functions and as part of new member packets. Bill asked membership if they would want to get more pins. Armynta Craig mentioned that she had attended an Earnhardt event at which pins were given out and well received. It was suggested that pins be ordered prior to the Spearfish trip in July. Some questioned switching to a smaller lapel pin but it was thought that these would be more expensive. Bill Dotson suggested keeping the oval pin that we currently have. Carl Ballinger offered to check into the cost of lapel pins. Judy Dooley will find out the price of oval pins.

Club Patches – At present, we do not have a supply of club patches. Marty Dooley will get pricing/ordering information from Midwest Monograms.

Midwest Monograms – Charlie Miget said that representatives from Midwest Monograms will be present at the June 5<sup>th</sup> club meeting to take orders for club apparel. Charlie said that you can bring in your own shirt and Midwest will monogram it for you at a relatively low price. Payment for merchandise is due when the order is placed.

Nametags – Rich Luebcke reminded all members to wear their nametags to monthly meetings and events for the benefit of our new members.

**Corvette Caravan '09 Video** – Jerry Craig showed a video about the “Corvette Caravan '09”. Carl Ballinger provided additional information on this exciting event.

Carl is the Regional Chairman for the Caravan and will be coordinating plans for Missouri, Nebraska, and Kansas. Marty Dooley will be heading up the Missouri group.

The coast-to-coast caravan will bring Corvettes from around the country to the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky for the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the Museum. The event will take place Labor Day Week-end, 2009. Anyone with a Corvette can participate. Activities will include plant tours, road tours, and shopping. Participants will need to register each person in each vehicle. You will need to select which caravan you will be traveling with. Go to [www.corvettemuseum.com](http://www.corvettemuseum.com) and click on the events' link for registration and fee information and hotel accommodations as they become available. Link to GM for information on plant tours on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. It will be necessary to register for the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary event when information for that becomes available. Check out the caravan chat pages.

Groundbreaking for the new museum addition is scheduled for April 2008. This addition will hopefully be completed by the '09 caravan. Additional parking will also be available.

**Corvette Racing Video** – A second video was shown which featured highlights from the '06 Corvette racing season. A very special thank you to Jerry Craig for providing the equipment and expertise to set up and show these videos to the membership.

## **50/50 Raffle**

Mike Walsh won \$50.00 in the 50/50 raffle. Thanks to Mike for returning \$25 of his winnings to the club!

**Dessert** – Thanks to Don and Angie Bradford for bringing two delicious cakes this month. The cake for the June meeting will be brought by June and Jerry Fain.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>. Judy Dooley made a motion to adjourn this evening's meeting. Karen Price provided a second to the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Mary Ann Hagenow*

Secretary 2007



The Black Hills Corvette Classic website is now updated and registration forms are now available! If you are planning on participating in a racing event, there is now an additional registration form to fill out and send in. This will save you time at registration in Spearfish. If you have any questions, please let us know! Thanks, and we hope to see you in

St. Louis Corvette Club  
Statement of Accounts

Treasurer Report submitted by: Jerry Fain

Balance \_\_\_\_\_ Apr. 20,2007 \$

Income:

Donation -RGL Account's.	\$50.00
Membership dues	\$170.00
50/50 Monies	\$75.00
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Disbursements:

NCCC	\$135.00
Newsletter (Mike Price)	\$22.52
Incredible Engravings-name tags	\$115.08
Vet's phone cards (Dotson)	\$321.23
Club banners (Dotson)	\$175.73
Mulch-Vet's. Hosp. (Dooley)	\$70.00
American Heart Ass'n. (L. Miget)	\$50.00

Club End. Bal. \_\_\_\_\_ May. 20, 2007 \$

**VA FUND (incl. in End. Bal.)** \$50.00



**THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE - 2007**

**Meet at 6pm - Dinner at 6:30pm**

May, 2007

Date	Restaurant	Location	Phone No.
May 3	Red Lobster	5733 S. Lindbergh Blvd.	314-487-7744
May 10	Senior Pique	14424 Manchester (West of 141 on South side)	636-394-3455
May 17	Sho Gun Steak House	10550 Baptist Church Rd	314-842-8889
May 24	Alandale Brewery	105 E. Jefferson (off Lindbergh in Kirkwood)	314-966-2739
May 31	Bella Sera Italian Grill	11686 Gravois (East of Lindberg on South Side)	314-849-9339

Bill Dotson

Date	Restaurant	Location	Phone No.
6/7	Roberto's Trattoria Italian Cuisine	9416 Gravois Road	314-631-4321
6/14	Las Margarita's Mexican Restaurant	9815 Watson Road	314-965-2042
6/21	Sesame Chinese Restaurant	10500 Watson Road	314-821-5038
6/28	Nicoletti's Steak & Pasta	1366 Big Bend Square (1 block east of 141)	636-225-4222

### Proposed Activities as submitted by members

If you see a (plus \_\_) beside the activity that means that more than one suggestion was received for the same event. Some events have already taken place. They are underlined. As you can see there are a lot of good suggestions. We need people to step up and sponsor one of these events or maybe a new one not on this list:

Bingo Night, Trivia Night

Car Shows (maybe with other clubs) (plus 2) (probably do a Fall show at Lynch

Whitmond Hotel in Brussels, IL (DuPonts will set up for Apr 15)

Poker Run (Tammy Walker working on another one) (plus 1)

Road Ralley (plus 3)

Ladies Day with the Vettes

Gimmick Autocross

Fancy dress up dinner with cars as the centerpiece

Route 66 day tour from Pacific to Rolla (Also meet up with Vintage Vettes of the Ozarks in Rolla)

Cruise to Our Lady of Stankenburg (Herman)

Cruise to Elephant Rocks State Park

Covered Bridge Tour weekend (plus 1)

Pioneer Log cabin in Walsh, IL

Lamberts in Sikeston

Fast Eddies in Alton

Finn Inn in Grafton

Pierre Marquette in Grafton

Sayersbrook Bison Ranch in Potosi

Sunday chicken dinner in Gallaghers in Waterloo

Spring and Fall dinner at Dreamland Palace

St. Genevieve (Crown Valley Winery), St James Winery

Host the hospitality room for NCCC governor's meeting

Join Boone Trail for the Liver Walk at Forest Park Nov 3 or 4 with car display

Go cart track in Earth city

Corvette night at Gateway drags

### Previous activities discussed

Work weekend at NCM (or just road trip)

Kemp Auto Museum

AAA Baseball Game in Springfield or Memphis

Super Saturday at MidAmerica (Lunch, road tour, timed events, etc)

Progressive Garage Tour

Lake of the Ozarks Outlet Mall

Concerts

Road America – Elkhart, WI (May 18-20 and Aug 9-12)

Black Hills Classic Jul 18-23 – already scheduled with Dooleys

Cruise to Bevo Mill

Cruise to Ft. DeCharles in IL, Ft. Kakaskia in IL.

Cruise to Meramec Caverns

Rt 66 cruise to either Litchfield or Alhambra, IL

Petit LeMans

Eagles Nest in Louisiana, MO

Villa Antonio Winery in Hillsboro

Clearwater Lake, HaHa Tonka Park – Ozarks

Arlington Inn – Desoto

***WEBSTER GROVES COMMUNITY  
DAYS***

**Parade**

**Wednesday, July 4, 2007**

**Parade Theme:**

**“Webster Groves – City of Champions”**

**Over 100 Floats and 2000 Participants**

Parade Starts: 10 AM

Meet at the Schnucks Market on the corner of Elm Ave and Big Bend Boulevard 8:30 AM to decorate cars

**Route: Start at Webster Groves HS on Lockwood Ave continuing through the downtown and residential areas of Webster, ending at Memorial Field near I-44 and Elm Ave**

Lunch following the parade at a location to be determined

*For More Information Contact: Bill Dotson at  
314-918-7663 or Email: emdparts@aol.com*



C5/C6 BASH WAS  
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SEVERAL MEMBERS

MR. FELLOWS WAS  
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FOR HIM.

THE INDY PACE CAR  
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BEVERAGE ON THE  
WAY BACK.





SOME OF OUR  
SPECIAL  
MEMBERS  
GETTING READY  
TO GO IN THE  
PARADE STARTED  
A LITTLE CHILLY  
BUT WARM UP  
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STLCC SALUTES  
OUR SOLDIERS ON  
ARM FORCES DAY  
NICE PARADE-  
BEAUTIFUL DAY





## JUST CORVETTES—OFF THE BEATEN PATH



# THEM BOYS AND THEIR TOYS



## Meeting Location

**Hessler's Pub  
11804 Tesson Ferry**

### Directions:

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

## Next meeting

TUESDAY June 5th  
@ 7 PM

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

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