

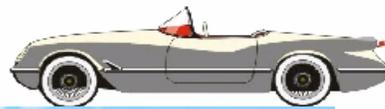
St. Louis Corvette Club



Gateway News

March, 2008

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OF COURSE IT'S A CORVETTE
PACING THE INDY 500—SILLY
YOU

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:

Eventually the temperature will get warmer, the winds will be light, the rain, sleet and snow will change to sunny and dry days. My question is WHEN!!!!

What a wonder Valentine’s Day brunch we had at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows. The food was absolutely delicious and the time with fellow members was a social event. A special thanks to Karen and Mike Price for sponsoring this event and to Judy Dooley for arranging for the yellow roses for our “ladies”.

Next month our club will be teaming up with Lynch Hummer and the Pujols Family Foundation to host a father/son/mother/daughter event for those children affected with Down syndrome at the Lynch Hummer dealership. This will be one of our club’s major local events of the year so I hope everyone will get involved with the planning and execution of this event. A number of you have already stepped up and volunteered your time and energy to make this a wonder and memorable event for the kids attending. We will discuss this event in more detail at the March meeting.

We still have a large number of weekends that are ripe for a road trip or other event. Put your thinking caps on and come up with an idea.

I look forward to seeing all of you at our March meeting.

Bill Dotson
President, St. Louis Corvette Club

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Leanne Lyle 3/05
John Anth 3/15

Mike & Melanie Ludlow 3/18

St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting

February 5, 2008 – Sunset Lakes Banquet Center



The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by president Bill Dotson. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Bill welcomed everyone who had come out in the rain on Fat Tuesday/Super Tuesday for the evening's meeting. He introduced board members, committee chairpersons, National Corvette Museum ambassador Judy Dooley and NCCC governor Rich Luebcke. Unable to attend were membership chair Angie Bradford, webmaster Jerry Craig, and club sponsor Mike Dean from Lynch Hummer. Members were reminded to sign the attendance sheet and purchase 50/50 tickets.

National Council of Corvette Clubs Governor's Report

Rich Luebcke gave a brief overview of the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC). He said that many clubs are represented by NCCC and that the organization provides excellent support for participating car clubs. Many clubs join NCCC for the opportunity to be well-insured for club events. No other insurance companies provide the insurance coverage that K&K Insurance Company provides for NCCC. Rich distributed informative handouts detailing NCCC benefits and information from the NCCC Handbook. He also provided 2008 planners and NCCC lapel pins for club members. Rich reminded everyone of the next governors' meeting to be held in St. Louis at the end of February.

Charity Committee

It had been the intention of the Charity Committee to decide on a charity/charities to support for the year at this meeting. Not everyone attending the January meeting received a charity nomination form. Forms will be distributed this evening. Members are asked to return their completed forms to Jan Murray prior to or at the March 4th meeting. Voting on selected charities will take place at the March meeting if possible but if more time is needed, voting may be postponed until the April 1st meeting. Completed forms may be mailed to Jan Murray.

Treasurer's Report

Jean Dupont made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented in the February newsletter. Ruth Howard provided a second to the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Secretary's Report

Patty Craig made a motion to accept the minutes from the January 20, 2008 meeting as published in the February newsletter. Jerry Fain provided the second to the motion and it was approved by the membership.

Membership Report

There was no membership report given in Angie Bradford's absence. Bill Dotson acknowledged February birthdays and anniversaries as noted in the February newsletter.

National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report

Judy Dooley reported that the C5-C6 Bash will be held at the museum April 24–26, 2008. 400 are pre-registered as of this date. The banquet will honor Wil Cooksey upon his retirement as Corvette plant manager. Paul Graham, the new plant manager, will participate. Groundbreaking ceremonies for the new museum wing will also take place during the Bash week-end. A new ZR-1 will be displayed and the ZR-1 design team will attend.

Judy will share more information at the March meeting regarding club events that may be held at the museum. Bill Dotson noted that registration for the C4/ZR-1 gathering is now open. That event will be held May 8-10.

Website Report

There was no report available due to Jerry Craig's absence.

Sponsor's Report

There was no report available due to Mike Dean's absence.

Charity Committee

Jan Murray reminded members to turn in the completed charity sheet as soon as possible. She will type up a ballot for voting if a sufficient number of charity suggestions are turned in.

Past Events

The January 20th meeting at the new location was successful. No other events have been held since the meeting.

Future Events

Sunday, February 17 - Valentine Brunch

Karen and Mike Price are event organizers. Brunch will be at Our Lady of the Snows Restaurant in Belleville. \$22.68 per person includes "all you can eat" brunch, tax, and gratuity. Pay STLCC in advance. A sign-up sheet is available tonight or contact Karen Price if you plan to attend. Meet at the Hooter's Restaurant parking lot in South County on Lindbergh at 10:00 a.m. Members will caravan to the Shrine and plan to eat at 11:00.

Sunday, March 30 – Sponsor's Charity Event

Ideas were shared for the Lynch Hummer Charity Event to benefit the Albert Pujols Foundation. The event is tentatively scheduled for 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Lunch Hummer. Planned activities (e.g. face painting) are needed for the children while they are waiting to participate in the off-road event. A photographer will be available to take digital photos of the children in club cars. Let Bill know if you have a business contact who might be able to donate merchandise/food for the event. Members will be needed to grill meat and help with lunch. Patty Craig suggested bringing the DVD "Cars" to play in case of inclement weather.

Ideas were shared concerning gift items for the event. Possibilities included contacting Mike Yaeger at Mid-America regarding a donation of Corvette hats or other Corvette items. "Hot Wheel" Corvettes could be a possibility. Bill Dotson said that club can coozies will be given to each father/son pair attending. Judy Dooley will contact Midwest Monograms to ask if they will consider donating Corvette or club items for the event.

It was decided to prepare a Corvette/Hummer coloring page for a coloring contest for the children. Celebrities in attendance at the event could be enlisted as contest judges. Crayons will be needed.



Tammy Walker and Ruth Howard will prepare a coloring page. Meet with Karen Price after the meeting to share activity ideas.

Bill wants club to arrive en masse at the dealership. It was decided to meet at 9:30 a.m. on the north side of Hwy 40 near the new bank, east of the Lynch Hummer dealership.

Saturday, March 29 – Hermann, MO Wurstfest Trip

Jeff and Patty Craig will set up a trip to Hermann for the Wurstfest. More information will be given at the March club meeting.

June 22 – 24 – Club trip to the National Corvette Museum

Marty and Judy Dooley are coordinating this event. Spaces have been reserved in the museum for our club cars. Jerry and Armynta Craig will take delivery of their new car on Monday, June 23. The return trip to St. Louis will be on Tuesday, June 24. Let Marty know if you are going so that he can make room reservations. Gary Murray asked if Boone Trail members could join us for the week-end and he was assured that they are welcome to attend. Marty will provide a schedule of week-end events later on.

Old Business

Business cards, club brochures, and DVD of 2007 activities are available. Angie Bradford has a small supply of square window decals. Jeff Craig will bring a sample of a long window cling with the club name to the March meeting for members' consideration. These may cost approximately \$5.

By-Laws Proposal

The proposal to change the by-laws concerning club expenditures was correctly printed in the February newsletter. Vice President Ron Hagenow explained his rationale for suggesting the proposal. Discussion also took place concerning a proposed yearly budget (see below). Members requested a reading of that portion of the by-laws being considered for change as well as the proposed amendment to the by-laws. After the reading, Randy Howard made a motion to adopt the proposed amendment to the by-laws. Jan Murray provided a second to the motion that was then approved by the membership. Dave Davidson questioned whether the by-laws call for a secret vote on changes to the by-laws. A hand vote is acceptable.

To recap, Article VIII, Section 4: Expenditures previously stated:

No obligation, debt or other liability shall be incurred in the name of the Saint Louis Corvette Club by any member of the club without specific approval of the Board.

The amendment to Article VIII, Section 4: Expenditures will now read:

- a) No obligation, debt or other liability shall be incurred in the name of the Saint Louis Corvette Club by any member of the club without specific approval of the Board.
- b) Any donation to a charity or other club expenditure greater than \$300 must be presented to the Board prior to a regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Discussion concerning the expenditure can take place during the regularly scheduled meeting however approval for the expenditure must be voted on at the next regularly scheduled meeting.

New Business

Budget

Bill Dotson proposed forming a budget committee for the purpose of establishing a yearly budget. He suggested that the committee be composed of the current treasurer and two additional ad hoc members.

A budget proposed by the committee would need to be presented to the membership for a vote. Bill circulated copies of a sample budget for members' consideration. Several members questioned how monies designated for charitable contributions would be reflected in a budget. Jackie Miget felt that a definite dollar amount should be included for charities. Bill said that a designated dollar amount based on annual club revenue would be earmarked for charities chosen by the club. Randy Howard gave the example that 15% of proceeds from club events could be earmarked for charitable contributions. Les Gibson recommended allocating a certain % of all monies made within the year to be given to the club's designated charities. Jan Murray asked how expenses incurred when planning charitable events would be determined and reflected in the budget.

Randy Howard and Charlie Miget volunteered to serve as budget committee members along with treasurer Sara Gibson. Bob Woods expressed his concern that the club was becoming too complicated with the formation of numerous committees. Bill Dotson said that anticipating continued club growth, structure and control of club finances are needed. He said that developing a budget will be a learning experience for the club.

Vettes on the Rockies

Marty Dooley has a sign-up sheet for this trip, scheduled for July 31 – August 3.

Announcements

Rich Luebcke announced that the Elks Lodge in St. Peters, Missouri will be holding Mouse Races on Saturday, March 8. He will send out an email with more information on this event.

Bill encouraged members to email meeting night buffet menu suggestions to him for consideration. This evening's buffet featured mixed salad, jambalaya and rice, vegetable medley, oven potatoes, roast beef, rolls, and brownies. Cost of the buffet was \$12 per person, non-alcoholic beverages included.

Judy Dooley reminded members that \$10 raffle tickets are still available for the victory red '08 convertible to be given away at the museum on April 26.

50/50 Raffle

Tammy Walker drew Chris Woods' winning ticket. Chris won \$55. Congratulations to Chris. Thanks to everyone for purchasing tickets.

Dessert – Thanks to Jeff and Patty Craig for bringing this month's cake. Les and Sara Gibson have volunteered to provide the March dessert.

Bonnie Ruengert moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gary Murray. The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, at 7 p.m. at Sunset Lakes Banquet Center. (Doors will open at 5:30 and buffet will be served at 6:00 for those interested in eating prior to the meeting. Please note the earlier serving time to facilitate prompt start of meeting.)

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Ann Hagenow

Secretary 2008



WE'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK OUR SPONSOR FOR HELPING OUR MEMBERS FIND THEIR DREAM CAR OR ASSISTING THOSE WITH THE CARE THAT THEIR CARS DESERVE.



A LITTLE TRIVIA AT ST. MARTENS - THANKS TO THE LUBECKES FOR INVITING US. NOW FOR THE QUESTION— DO YOU KNOW WHAT JEFF CRAIG IS SMILING ABOUT?

LOOK AT ALL THE RED—YOU'D THINK IT WAS VALENTINE'S DAY OR SOMETHING



St. Louis Corvette Club
Statement of Accounts

Treasurer Report submitted by: Sara Gibson

<u>Balance</u>	Jan. 31, 2008	\$
<u>Income:</u>		
Club Sponsor:Lynch Hummer		\$
Valentine		\$685.04
DVD Sales (VA		\$32.00
50/50 Monies		\$55.00
Pin Sales		\$5.00
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Disbursements:

Newsletter (Mike Price)	\$30.10
Corporations Division Missouri	\$10.00
Valentine Brunch	\$680.54

Club End. Bal. Feb. 19, 2008 \$

Charity Nominations for 2008

Nominated Charity: _____

Charity Contact Information: _____

Will the Charity be able to provide information on the charity: YES NO

Will the Charity provide assistance if the club sponsors an event on their behalf:
YES NO

Brief description of the Charity:

Nominated By: _____ Charity Affiliation: YES NO
If Yes Explain: _____

I will have ballots at the next meeting for you to vote for your charity of choice. If you have a charity nomination, please call me or send your nomination to the address on the nomination form so I can add it to the ballot. The charity with the most votes will be the main St. Louis Corvette Club Charity for 2008. If we should decide on more than one charity the next highest vote tally will be added.

So far – we have 6 charities nominated: The Diabetes Association

Backstoppers

National Corvette Museum Building Expansion

Jefferson Barracks VA Spinal Cord Injury Unit

The Albert Pujols Foundation

The Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital Flower Garden

Janis R. Murray

The dinner time for our meeting has been revised to allow enough time for everyone to eat and still start the meeting on time.

Starting in March the Sunset Lakes Banquet Center will be open at **5:30pm**. The buffet will be open beginning at **6:00pm** (rather than 6:30pm) and then the meeting will still start at **7:00pm**. This will hopefully allow those that want to eat prior to the meeting to have enough time without rushing. I think at our March meeting there will be the St. Patrick's traditional corn beef and cabbage.

The following is information concerning two events for later this spring (and spring can't come too soon!).

First, Mid-America Design in Effingham, IL (home of Fun Fest) is hosting a Swap Fest on Saturday, May 3 from 8:00am to 4:00pm. In exchange for running their ad in our newsletter they will waive the \$40 space fee, giving our club a free 20' x 20' exhibitor space. In addition to having a swap fest for all makes of cars, there will be a low-speed autocross event. I know we go to Fun Fest every September so I would like to know if anyone is interested in attending this event as well. If you would either email me or let me know at the next meeting we will determine if we want to add this to our list of events for the year.

Second, and most importantly, is that most of you know by now that Jerry Craig is taking delivery of his new 2008 Corvette at the National Corvette Museum on Monday, June 23rd. This is 50 years to the day from when he got his first Corvette. We are planning on taking over the Museum that day and will have 7 other cars doing the Corvette Xperience. Right now we have 24 cars attending this event. Thanks to Marty Dooley we have a block of rooms at the Super 8 in Bowling Green. If you are planning on attending you can call the Super 8 at 270-781-4900 to make your reservations (I've already got mine). **When you call please tell them you are with the St. Louis Corvette Club to get their special rate which is \$59.95 plus tax. The rooms are blocked for Sunday June 22nd and Monday June 23rd.** We will all drive back on Tuesday, June 24th. Some people may be going down on Saturday but that date is not blocked out for us so if you are planning on going that day, please contact the motel as soon as possible. **After you make your reservations please let Marty know that you have your room. His email is jmdooley6493@aol.com. If you are going and haven't contacted Marty please do as soon as possible.** Finally we are considering going out to a restaurant as a group on Sunday. Cost may be in the neighborhood of \$25-30. We can discuss this at the next meeting to determine if there is enough interest in doing this.

One of the club's "big" trips this year is Vettes on the Rockies, sponsored by Looking Glass Corvettes in Denver. There has already been some discussion on who is going and when they are going to leave. The dates this year are July 31 – Aug 3.

For those of you who are planning on making the trip, **registration opens on this Saturday, March 1, 2008**. Please go to this link: <http://www.lgcacorvette.org/> to get all the information and registration forms. If you look at the website you will see that this is their 35th anniversary and they are anticipating a record turnout of people wanting to attend. I think I read somewhere that they are limiting it to the first 700 cars. So this is your advanced warning. If you plan on attending it would be in your best interest if you registered on Saturday or as soon as possible.

Thanks to Carl Ballinger for keeping on top of this registration date.

See you all on Tuesday, March 4th for our next meeting.

Ron

P.S. I understand that some of our members have already spent their anticipated tax refunds for the year and have new purchases sitting in their garages. We'll need all the details at the next meeting.

RON

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



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