

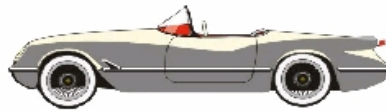
# St. Louis Corvette Club



## Gateway News

July, 2007

Next Meeting July 3, 2007



IT'S TIME  
FOR THE  
4TH OF  
JULY  
WEBSTER  
GROVES  
PARADE



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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.*

President's Greeting:

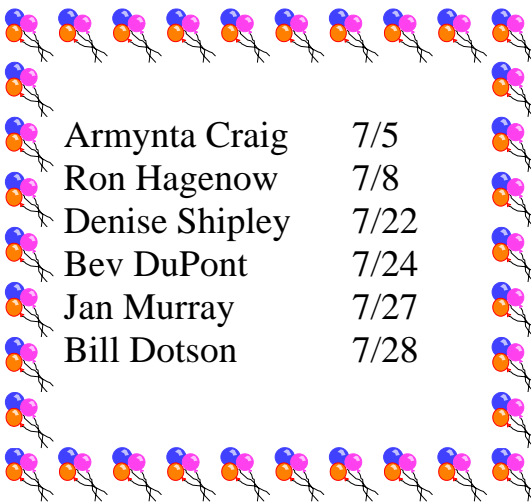
The month of August marks the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the St. Louis Corvette Club with the first meeting at our new location, Pietro's Bluffs. I think our June meeting proved that we have outgrown the room at Hessler's Pub. I am confident all members will like the larger meeting area, the lack of distraction, the adequate and secure parking and the private entrance to the meeting room. Not to mention the fact that Pietro's serves a fine meal from complete dinners to sandwiches and appetizers. A detailed map showing the directions to Pietro's Bluffs will be mailed to each member prior to the August meeting.

Summer is officially here and with its arrival is the official beginning of the travel season. Our trip to the Black Hills will depart before we know it and a number of shorter trips have also been planned. This is also the time to celebrate our country's Independence Day and I hope to see you at the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade in Webster Groves. Please remember to be careful and drive defensively.

Bill Dotson  
President, St. Louis Corvette Club

**BIRTHDAYS**

**ANNIVERSARIES**



Armynta Craig	7/5
Ron Hagenow	7/8
Denise Shipley	7/22
Bev DuPont	7/24
Jan Murray	7/27
Bill Dotson	7/28



Jean & Beverly DuPont	7/29
Carl & Sharon Ballinger	7/31

# St. Louis Corvette Club Meeting

*June 5, 2007 – Hessler's Pub*



The meeting was called to order by President Bill Dotson at 7:04 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all. Bill announced that representatives from Midwest Monograms would be available after the business meeting for anyone wishing to place an order. He thanked everyone for coming and noted that the weather was much nicer than it had been for the May meeting. Bill then 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.

## **Guests**

Bill introduced the owners of Midwest Monograms. They have done the monogramming of all of our club shirts as well as the car blankets given as Christmas gifts to members this past December.

## **New Members**

New members Ken and Sue Dahman were welcomed. They were present at the sponsor's car show and are the proud owners of an '07 C6 Monterey Red convertible. Rich Ratner was also introduced. He and his wife Maggie own a '99 Sebring silver convertible.

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

Rich Luebcke made a motion to accept the treasurer's report as presented in the June newsletter. Peggy Craig seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the membership.

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

Jean DuPont made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 1, 2007 meeting as published in the June newsletter. The motion was seconded by Judy Dooley and approved by the membership.

## ***Membership Report***

Patty Craig reported that there are 63 members, 4 mailing members and 3 honorary members (sponsors). There were several June birthdays and anniversaries and these were acknowledged. The Dahmans added their names to the anniversary list as they had celebrated their anniversary on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

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

Judy Dooley said that the building expansion is coming along nicely. Check the museum website for information on this and cars to be raffled. A 2007 Corvette Indy Pace car, valued at \$68,000, will be raffled at 2 p.m. on July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Museum. Only 500 of these cars were made. 2,007 tickets are available at \$100 each.

An '07 silver coupe will be raffled on June 13<sup>th</sup>. 500 tickets are available at \$250 each.

An '08 victory red coupe will be raffled at the Labor Day celebration. Tickets are \$10 each.

Be sure to register now and get hotel rooms for the Labor Day celebration.

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

Carl Ballinger reported on the May 5<sup>th</sup> Governor's meeting which was held at the Westport Sheraton. He said there are 2,000+ members in the Midwest Region. A reorganization of awards for next year may be considered. Jack Wilson, the Regional Competition Director, may move up to the national level.

The 2008 NCCC convention will be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. An item of discussion at the national meeting included ways to reduce the cost of new membership cards which are exceeding \$5,000 annually.

### **Past Events**

Rick Frierdich reported on the Armed Forces Day Parade held on Saturday, May 19, in St. Peters. 13 club cars participated. There were a good variety of vehicles local to St. Peters in the parade and a good number of spectators. Rich noted that of the first 6 Corvettes in the parade, only a C6 was needed to have 1 car of each generation.

Bill Dotson was the only club member to attend the rainy C4 gathering on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Bowling Green. He said that the C4 gathering will be combined with the Z06 event in 2008 though some are trying to get those plans changed.

Peggy Craig said that the recent ice cream runs to Fritz's were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Ron Hagenow reminded everyone that club business cards are available.

## Future Events

Ron Hagenow provided copies of a revised June-August calendar but noted the date change for Montell's sunset dinner run to Saturday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Those going to Montell's will meet at Eureka High School at 4:30 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup> and will caravan to the winery. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. A jazz band will provide entertainment. E-mail or call Karen Price by Thursday, June 14<sup>th</sup> if you are going.

June 17<sup>th</sup>, Father's Day - Boone Trail All Corvette Car Show and Crestwood Elks Car Show

June 22 – 23, Anniversary Affair – Theresa Luebcke said that 121 are registered. Many items have been donated. On site registration is still available. Week-end events include planned tours, a barbecue, drive-in, and display of '08s.

July 4, Wednesday – Webster Groves parade – Bill Dotson has signup sheet available. Details will be discussed at the July 3<sup>rd</sup> club meeting.

July 22 - FunFest in Effingham, IL – Be sure to register early if going.

August 19, Sunday – Miller's Grill in Washington, MO - More information will be provided later on.

Ron shared information about a club event at either the River City Rascals or Gateway Grizzlies minor league baseball games. A minimum of 20 is needed for a group reservation. Tickets will be \$17 - \$22 per person and will include box seat and picnic dinner approximately 1½ hours before the start of the game. A deposit must be made to guarantee the reservation. When polled for preferred date, a majority of members preferred Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Ron will call and try to make arrangements for this date with the Gateway Grizzlies.

Black Hills-Spearfish Trip – Bill presented the idea of breaking up the first day's drive into two days due to the length of the drive. Theresa Luebcke asked that everyone going email her their current cell phone numbers and email addresses. When she gets these, she will contact everyone and will present the option of breaking up the trip into two days. Marty Dooley asked that those coming back on Sunday send him or Theresa Luebcke an email so that they know that room reservations are taken care of. Please meet with Marty after the business meeting this evening for additional trip information

September 16, Sunday – Club picnic – Jeff and Patty Craig and Don and Angie Bradford are making plans for the picnic and road rally. Picnic will be at Klondike Park near Augusta.

Christmas Party – Start thinking about volunteers to plan this year's party. It has been held at Gilly's for the last two years. New member Rich Ratner asked if information could be e-mailed concerning specifics needed when planning the party.

June 7<sup>th</sup> Thursday Dinner – Ron Meisner said that this Thursday's dinner location has been changed to Joe Boccardi's in Columbia, IL. Meet between 6:30 and 6:45 p.m. to allow additional time due to local road construction. Ron reminded everyone that the dinners are open to all members though dinner attendance usually numbers 8-10. Theresa Luebcke asked if the dinners could be held at locations to the north. Dinner locations are selected by monthly volunteers and more volunteers are always welcome to help with planning.

Carl Ballinger had flyers available for the June 9<sup>th</sup> Farmington Car Show. He also had information on a raffle for a "build your own" '08 coupe. 650 tickets are available at \$100.

Carl said that he and Sharon are driving to Toronto on August 22<sup>nd</sup> to watch the Corvette racers. They will then go on to Bowling Green for the Labor Day activities.

### **Old Business**

Veterans' Garden - Rick Frierdich had previously presented the idea of purchasing an etched garden stone for the Veterans' Garden. He reported that he had been trying to get information from a company that manufactured etched garden stones but found out that the company is no longer in business. Rick said he will try to find another company providing this product.

Marty Dooley suggested that the club decide how much money should be expended

annually for garden maintenance. ■ He also suggested that the club consider volunteering time throughout the growing season to maintain the garden. Bill Dotson said that he would check with the VA staff to determine what help they have for maintaining the garden on a regular basis.

Club Pins – Marty Dooley has not yet received information on cost of club pins. He said that hat pins would cost approximately twice as much as the present oval club pins. We still have

11 oval club pins. Carl Cox said that he prefers the hat pin size to the larger oval pin. Judy Dooley said that she will email the pin information to Bill Dotson. Bill said that a decision on what to do will be made at the next board meeting.

Club Patches – Bill Dotson asked Marty Dooley for information on the club patches. Midwest Monogram had prepared the patches previously. The membership indicated that they would like to get club patches. Representatives from Midwest Monogram said that they didn't remember the cost of the patches but that it would not be necessary to order 250 as previously thought.

Club Hats – Membership questioned the availability of club hats. Marty Dooley said that there are no white club hats available but there are possibly three yellow hats remaining. Bill Dotson said that he would like to look into getting hats but would like to consider a different style and would prefer that there be a standard club hat.

### **New Business**

Bill Dotson commented on an inquiry by Carl Ballinger concerning NCCC information regarding the club's IRS filing for possible tax exemption for social and recreational clubs. Bill said that he doesn't think the information we have received extends to "social" clubs but he will review the information provided.

Correspondence – Thank you notes were received from Chris Woods who is recovering from recent surgery. Charlie Miget also thanked the club for the donation made to the American Heart Association in memory of his brother Larry. Burial was at Jefferson Barracks Cemetery.

Meeting Location – Bill Dotson opened discussion on the possibility of changing the meeting location. He cited repetitive problems at Hessler's including food quality. A show of hands indicated that a majority of members were in agreement. Bill said that he had recently visited Bella Sera at Lindbergh and Gravois Road. The owner would be agreeable to do what we needed but parking was questionable. Bill was also concerned that the meeting area there would be too close to the bar. Bill had also looked at Alandale Brewery in Kirkwood but parking there was also questionable. He suggested Pietro's Bluffs (2 miles west of Gravois and 141) as a fabulous place with great parking and a private entrance.



The members were asked if they had any other ideas or suggestions. It was noted that highway construction and resulting traffic congestion will be an issue for any location chosen. Theresa Luebcke noted that churches often have meeting rooms available. Bob Woods suggested having a meeting place for club business only and not dinner. Bill Dotson felt that dinner socialization prior to the meeting was important. Les Gibson suggested that members go out to see what facilities they could find. Carl Cox said that the idea of changing locations had been discussed for 1½ years. He suggested forming a committee of new members for a month to look for locations to consider. Bill Dotson reminded everyone that committees to search out new locations had been formed twice in the past 18 months, and though the process had been ongoing, no decision to relocate had been made. Rich Bivens noted that Pietro's can easily accommodate a large group.

Rich Luebcke made a motion to move to Pietro's. The motion was seconded. Membership took a hand vote and the motion passed. Bill Dotson said that Pietro's will be closed on July 4 therefore we might not be able to go to Pietro's until August. (The restaurant is used as a polling place for August elections but polls close at 7 p.m. and that should not interfere with routine business.) Peggy Craig reminded Bill to let Hessler's know that we would be making the change to the new location.

Drive Your Corvette to Work Day – Armynta Craig asked where drivers would be meeting on that day (Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup>). It was suggested that participating drivers drive to Lynch Hummer. Bill Dotson said that he will check with Mike Dean at Lynch to see if this is a possibility.

Mr. Woods interjected a touch of "Bob humor" into the proceedings when he presented the idea of amending the by-laws concerning parades and certain brightly colored cars! No action was taken.

Karen Price reminded everyone to sign the available sheet regarding newsletter distribution. Be sure to verify your correct email or snail mail address. Everyone was reminded to check the membership roster to verify their current information.

Carol Meisner asked if there were any CDs available with photos from 2006 club events.

### 50/50 Raffle

Peggy Craig won \$86.00 in the 50/50 raffle. Congratulations, Peggy!

**Dessert** – Thanks to June and Jerry Fain for providing this month's cake. Jean and Beverly DuPont will bring the cake in July.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> at Hessler's. Les Gibson made a motion to adjourn this evening's meeting. Bonnie Ruengert provided a second to the motion.

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

<u>Balance</u>	June. 20,2007	\$
<u>Income:</u>		
	Membership dues	\$85.00
	50/50 Monies	
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		\$
<u>Disbursements:</u>		
Newsletter (Mike Price)		
NCCC dues		\$45.00
Incredible Engraving (name tags)		\$58.60
<u>Club End. Bal.</u>	June. 20, 2007	\$
<b>VA FUND (incl. in End. Bal.)</b>		\$50.00



**THURSDAY NIGHT DINNER SCHEDULE - 2007**

**Meet 6-6:30 pm**

July, 2007

Date	Restaurant	Location	Phone No.
7/05	Lazy River Grill	631 Big Bend Blvd	636-207-1689
7/12	Two Nice Guys	5445 Telegraph Road	314-487-6006
7/19	Pasta House	6214 Lindbergh Blvd.	314-894-9161
7/26	Tucker's Place	3939 Union Road	314-845-2584

Bob and Chris Woods

August, 2007

8/02	Fletcher's Kitchen & Tap	384 Crestwood Plaza Mall (The old Houlihan's)	314-961-2337
8/09	Helen Fitzgerald's	3660 S. Lindbergh Blvd.	314-984-0026
8/16	Madison's Café	14501 Manchester Rd.	636-394-0303
8/23	UNO Chicago Grill	1244 So. Kirkwood Commons	314-835-9600
8/30	Café Manhattan	9992 Lin Ferry	314-849-4143

Bill Dotson

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 Rally (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. DeChartes 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  
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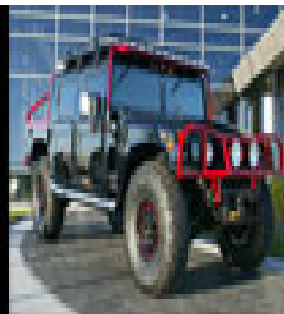


I would say we had a pretty laid back good time at Mondelle's Winery. The food was much better than expected and the music was great and relaxing.



Enthusiasts can register in advance for **Corvette**  
**Funfest 2007, September 21-23,**  
by calling 1-800-500-1500

## Sponsored By:



### Meeting Location

### Hessler's Pub

### 11804 Tesson Ferry

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

### Next meeting

TUESDAY July 3rd  
@ 7 PM

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



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**TO:**