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President's Message

Well, it is time for me to prepare my final President's message. Finally! I have had great pleasure in serving as your President for the past two years, but it is time for someone else with new blood and fresh ideas to take over. The past two years have been "interesting". Our original meeting place (Grand Slam) had a devastating fire, so we had to find a new location for our meetings, TWICE (Arnold Rec Center and Jilly's). After settling in at Jilly's, COVID-19 hit. Of course, that meant that we had to cancel all of our indoor activities for a long period of time and adjust the outdoor activities to meet our safety standards. As you would expect, our members responded well by coming up with some new outdoor activities.

So, we have had some good times, some bad times, and some sad times, as you are well aware. In the past two years we have had five members pass away. They can never be replaced, but the loved ones that are left behind will remain a part of our Corvette family forever.

So, once again, I thank you for your support and understanding, and I trust that you will support the new President and Board as well.

Don Pickles, President

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Mike Moore	Dec 2
Dale Zeisset	Dec 2
Mary Doerr	Dec 4
Ruth Howard	Dec 9
Mike Henges	Dec 10
Randy Howard	Dec 16
Dawn Kirby	Dec 18
Kathy Wooldridge	Dec 20
Mike Grubb	Dec 22
Bob Rogers	Dec 26
Khourtney Miller	Dec 27
Bob Woods	Dec 28
Michelle Finn	Dec 29

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Sherri Marlo	Dec 31
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Meeting Minutes

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Jilly's on November 4, 2020, delaying our regular meeting by 1 day due to Election Day.

The meeting was called to order by President Don Pickles at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

The Introduction of Officers was as follows: President- Don Pickles, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Marcia Sheer, Sergeant at Arms- Mike Kirby, and

Immediate Past President Ray Queen. Vice President Rick Doerr and Membership Chairman Mike Kunst were not present. Our club sponsors were not in attendance.

President Don Pickles welcomed everyone to the meeting. He reminded members that there would be no 50/50 raffle nor cake due to COVID-19 restrictions. He reminded everyone to social distance as much as possible and wear masks unless you are eating.

President Don Pickles read a thank you note from Rich and Theresa Luebcke thanking the club for our donation in memory of Theresa's father.

We had 2 new members join at us at the meeting. Roger Reinhardt and Theresa Lindemann who met the Grubbs recently in Waterloo. Also, Jim Avery introduced himself. He has been a member for a few months and has participated in some events but this was his first meeting.

President Don Pickles requested a motion to accept the October secretary's minutes. Peggy Craig made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Mike Price. The motion passed.

Treasurer Marcia Sheer presented the treasurer's report for the month of October. Chris Woods made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Kirt Sheer. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman Mike Kunst was not present so President Don Pickles reported that we had 100 regular members (with the new members joining at the meeting), 7 lifetime members, 12 associate members and 4 sponsors for a grand total of 123.

NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley reported that there is an event at the National Corvette Museum honoring all veterans which is free on Veterans Day. There is little activity going on right now due to the COVID-19 restrictions but the museum is still open.

NCCC Governor Jeff Craig was not present but Peggy Craig reported there was no activity and all racing was cancelled for the year.

Newsletter Editor Kathy Mueller was not present but several members reported that they appreciated the excellent report on our club veterans.

Webmaster Steve Kirby was not present.

Mark Gerecke was not present for our sponsor's report. Randy Howard, reporting for Mark, mentioned that they had 1 C8 that the person ordering it did not take delivery so it was available. The dealership is running a special on \$10,000 off selected cars for November and December.

By-laws chairman Ron Hagenow reported that there will be several changes proposed for next year.

The Christmas committee reported that the party will still be at Royale Orleans on December 12, beginning at 6:00 pm. Don Pickles, Judy Dooley and Chris Woods have met with their management and they are taking every precaution for us to have a safe party. Money is due by December 1. Cost is \$15 per person with the club picking up the remaining portion of the bill. Cash bar only with no credit cards accepted. There will be a buffet line set up that you will go through; however staff will be plating your meal in keeping with current COVID-19 guidelines. Chris Woods reported that 50 people have signed up so far.

The History committee reported they were on target.

The Nominating committee reported that the current slate of proposed officers are: President, Jim Givens, Vice President Karen Price and Secretary Bev Givens. Since there was no opposition for any office, the nominated people were elected by acclamation. Congratulations to our new board!

Michelle Finn of our Charity Committee introduced Jerry and Judy from the St.

Vincent DePaul Society who accepted our donated gifts for Christmas. Judy reported shortly on the family the gifts are going to and thanked the club for our generous support the last several years.

The Parade Committee had no report since the Veterans Day Parade was cancelled. While on the subject of the parade, it was mentioned that we might want to make a donation to the Gold Star Mothers even though we will not be with them in the parade this year. Marty Dooley made a motion that we send \$200 to the Gold Star Mothers and Ken Payne seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Marty Dooley reported that the VA hospital garden we normally support is not looking good and we continue to not have access to the garden. Sherri Marlo mentioned that since the Veterans Day Parade is cancelled, maybe we could do a drive by at the hospital for our veterans. Marty Dooley will check with the hospital to see if that is possible. More information will be sent out prior to November 11.

In the absence of the vice president, President Don Pickles reviewed the past and upcoming events.

Past events were a Fritz's ice cream run and the Point Labaddie Brewery run sponsored by the Grubbs and Queens. There were about 18 cars participating. There was also the club hayride which had about 36 members attending.

The only upcoming event will be the club Christmas party on December 12, 2020.

President Don Pickles also mentioned that there are several proposed events for next year. Jared Ramsey is investigating a trip to the Detail Garage in Valley Park and Barb Payne spoke about a 9-day trip to Kentucky for next October.

There was no new business but Immediate Past President Ray Queen thanked the outgoing board for their work this past year. Randy Howard asked about a budget meeting. A transition meeting for the new board is scheduled for November 19

and the budget will be brought up at that time.

There were 41 members in attendance.

Attendance prizes were won by Bev Givens and Bob Bradley.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 5, 2021 beginning at 7:00 pm, unless we are restricted due to COVID-19.

Anne Pickles made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded by Gail Mattler. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Thank you for attending. Drive safely, Save the Wave and always have fun!

Respectfully Submitted by Ron Hagenow - Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report



Hope this finds everyone well at this time. I guess here we go again. As far as I know the National Corvette Museum is still open.

You can now purchase a hexagon brick with a military emblem on it to be displayed on Corvette Boulevard, which is inside the museum. These bricks include the logo of your choice: Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines or Coast Guard and up to 3 lines of text with 13 letters per line. You can also order a keepsake brick. Allow 8-10 weeks for delivery.

The Twinkle at the Track opened at the Motorsports Park on November 23rd. Marty and I went last year and drove through, and we were impressed. It was really nice. There are lots of displays and two tunnels of lights. The display is open every night at 5 pm for \$20 a carload.

Don't forget to check out the raffle cars.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors





Future Events

St. Louis Corvette Club Annual Christmas Party

Due to the fact that COVID-19 has progressively gotten worse in St. Louis County and restrictions are in place, we have decided to cancel the Christmas Party which was scheduled for Saturday, December 12, 2020. For those of you who paid by check we will return those checks to you and for those of you who paid by cash we will send you a check from the St. Louis Corvette Club. We wish you all a Happy Holiday Season during this unusual Coronavirus time. Please be well and be safe out there. Take care.

Chris Woods & Judy Dooley

Past Events

Road Trip Up the Great River Road

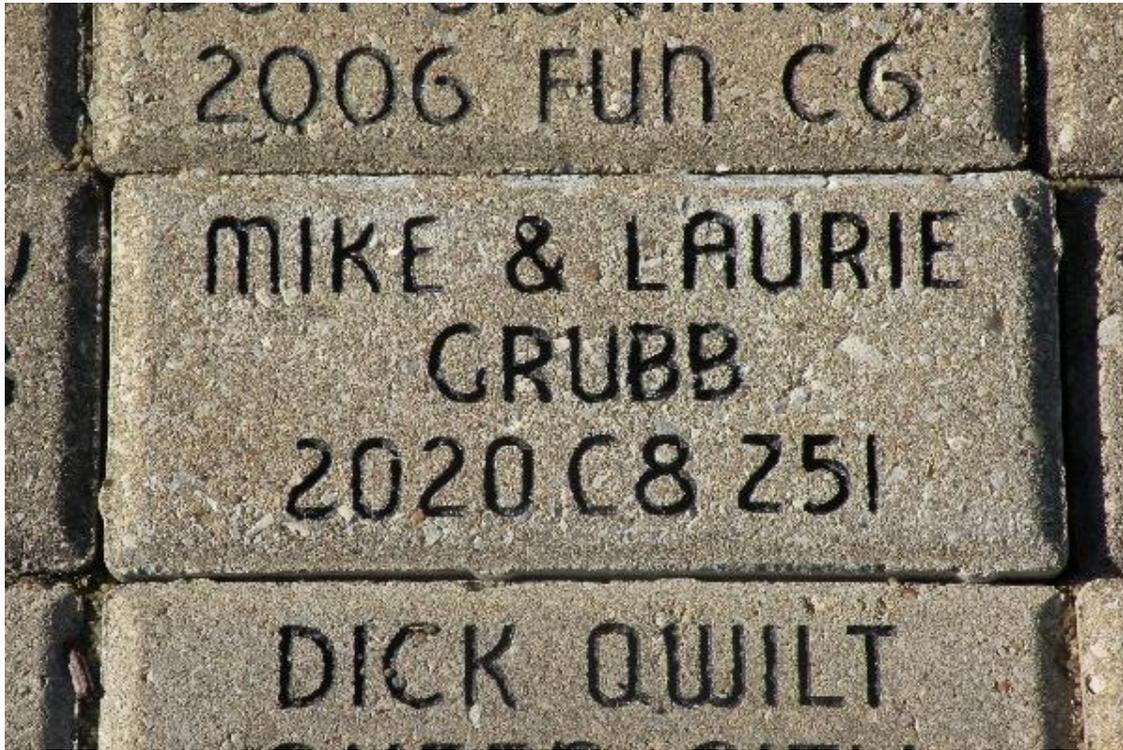
A few club members went on a spur of the moment, socially distanced, road trip up the Great River Road on a beautiful November Friday to the Loading Dock in Grafton. The weather couldn't have been nicer and there were a lot of other cars and motorcycles on the road. There were even a few other Vettes at the restaurant. And if you were lucky enough to see the weather report from Channel 4 at 5:00 pm on November 6, you got to see Tom Marlo for maybe a half a second. Channel 4 was doing a weather report from the Loading Dock on the great weather and Tom happened to briefly be in the background for one shot.





Special Announcements

Mike and Laurie Grubb Bought a Brick
at the National Corvette Museum



Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

In December 2006, Rick Frierdich was our club president and we had 51 members in the club. It was reported that we had a cold Veterans Day Parade last month with the temperature in the 20s! Michelle Paillou joined the club in the previous month. Our Christmas party was to be held at Jilly's, our current meeting place. We were still doing our Thursday dinners every week. Newly elected officers were Bill Dotson as president and Ron Hagenow as vice president.

In December 2009, Theresa Luebcke was club president and we had 74 members. Our meetings were held at Sunset Lakes Golf and Banquet Center. Last month we welcomed Larry and Elise Akins to the club. At the November meeting it was announced that ELCO Chevrolet was our new club sponsor. They brought a new 2010 Grand Sport to the meeting which was greeted with enthusiasm. The newly elected officers were Randy Howard for president and Jeff Craig for vice president. Our Christmas party was held at Bartolino's South (and we had freezing rain during the party). We were planning on holding a mouse race in the spring to benefit the Jefferson Barracks Spinal Cord Unit, where we maintain our garden. Club member Kevin Bayliss was deployed to Iraq in early December.

In December 2016, Mike Price was club president and we had 92 members. Our Christmas party was held at Sam's Steakhouse. Newly elected officers were Ray Queen for president and Mike Grubb for vice president. Bob Kusky had calendars at the November meeting. He had them made up with club cars pictured as a fund raiser for the club. Everyone was eagerly anticipating the Prices' Twelfth Day of Christmas party.



From our first Christmas party in 2004, Rick Frierdich accepts an award from President Ron Huch.



From our Christmas party in 2013, Randy Howard and his elves.



From our party in 2009, Sharon Ballinger with Dana Forrester, the noted Corvette artist.



From our Christmas party in 2014, these were some of our past club presidents.

Club Presidents

By Ron Hagenow

While there has plenty of turmoil with the recent Presidential election, luckily our own club's presidential elections have been less stressful. And no campaign TV ads either! With that in mind, here is a look back on all our club presidents. Some of these pictures go way back in our club picture archive. A few of our presidents are no longer in the club either selling their car or moving out of the area. We thank all of them for their service to our club.

Our first club president from 2004, Ron Huch

Marty Dooley was our president in 2005 and again in 2011

Rick Frierdich served his term as president in 2006

Bill Dotson was our president in 2007

Ron Hagenow was our president in 2008

Theresa Luebcke was our president in 2009

Randy Howard was elected our president in 2010 and his wife Ruth Howard was our president in 2013

Kevin Bayliss served his term as president in 2012

Ann Brown Sedovic served as our president in 2014

Mike Price was our president for two terms in 2015 and 2016

Ray Queen also served two terms as our president in 2017 and 2018

Don Pickles is our immediate past president serving in 2019 and 2020

And our new president is Jim Givens serving his new term in 2021



Ron and June Huch



Marty and Judy Dooley



Rick Frierdich with Pat Ross



Bill Dotson with Pam



Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow



Theresa Luebcke with Rich



Randy and Ruth Howard



Kevin Bayliss with Vikki



Ann Sedovic with Pete



Mike and Karen Price



Ray and Pam Queen



Don and Ann Pickles



Jim and Bev Givens

Corvette Facts

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No. 4: The Corvette's first public unveiling took place on January 14, 1953, in the third-floor Grand Ballroom of New York City's prestigious Waldorf Astoria Hotel. Part of the GM Motorama car show, one group of spectators frustrated the venue's security detail by repeatedly slipping past the ropes and brazenly tape-measuring the show car's dimensions and snapping numerous photographs. A little digging revealed the intruders to be product planners and engineers from

Ford. Its two-seated rival, the Thunderbird, went on sale on October 22, 1954, more than 20 months later. Undoubtedly, details gathered by the Waldorf Astoria snoops helped shape the Thunderbird's final configuration.

No. 9: The Corvette displayed at the January 1953 Waldorf Astoria show was a running prototype with an identification tag bearing number EX-122. After touring the United States on the 1953 Motorama show circuit, EX-122 remained at General Motors as an engineering "plaything" until it was sold to a private party in April 1956. As *the* car that attracted Arkus-Duntov's eye and led directly to his employment at Chevrolet, this car's significance cannot be overstated. It still exists and is in caring hands. (Editor's Note: Terry Mueller has done some research and found that the car is currently owned by Kerbeck Corvette.)

No. 16: Like Ford's Thunderbird, the Corvette body was originally meant to be formed from steel. It was only the last-minute nature of the decision to put the EX-122 Corvette Motorama show car into production (the program was completed in a mere seven months) that made fiberglass the material of choice. Unlike the many months, and millions of dollars, needed to create the massive die-stamping equipment for steel body panels, as any small-boat builder or California car customizer knew, fiberglass molds could be made in days. It's documented that Chevrolet only intended to use fiberglass for the first year or two, after which conventional steel construction would take over. However, as its fiberglass body became part of Corvette's marketing strategy, General Motors embraced it more fully, and the steel-body takeover was cancelled.

Featured STLCC Members and Their
Corvette
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