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## President's Message

Well, “weather” Punxsutawney Phil saw his shadow or not, it is still winter. However, things will start getting warmer soon, and we can get the Corvettes out and enjoy them. Our club has a reputation of being organized and active. I mean, why else do we, sometimes, have a waiting list of new members, and why else would Wide World Technologies call US when they needed Corvettes for their race? We need to maintain that reputation by being active and having lots of events, and the great response we had at last month’s planning meeting accomplished just that. Good job!

Included in this month’s newsletter is a summary of the offices and committees that we have in place in order to operate our club. Mike Kunst thought it would be a good idea to remind people of what positions need to be filled each year (either by electing, volunteering, or drafting) in order to keep our club going. The setup is quite involved and all of these positions need to be filled by our members. Also listed are the members who are currently involved with these positions/committees, just in case you need to know who to contact for getting involved. The more members that are active, the better.

Save the Wave

Don Pickles, President

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## Birthdays and Anniversaries

## **BIRTHDAYS**

Mike Kirby	Feb 15
Dennis Trost	Feb 16
Eric DeBruin	Feb 17
June Fain	Feb 19
Steve Kirby	Feb 19
Kirt Sheer	Feb 19
Barbie Payne	Feb 21
Brian Walsh	Feb 27

## **ANNIVERSARIES**

Larry & Diana Walker	Feb 5
Marty & Judy Dooley	Feb 7

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## **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at Grand Slam Bar and Grill in Fenton for the monthly meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020.

The meeting was called to order by President Don Pickles at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Don also thanked the folks at Grand Slam for accommodating us and remarked how well the remodeled restaurant looks.

The Introduction of Officers is as follows: President- Don Pickles, Vice President- Rick Doerr, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Marcia Sheer, Sergeant at Arms- Mike Kirby, Membership- Mike Kunst and Immediate Past President Ray Queen. Our sponsors Eric DeBruin and Mark Gerecke were not present.

Don reminded everyone about the sign in/attendance sheet, 50/50 tickets, and

attendance prizes. Also, there are still a few months left on the cake signup sheet.

There were no new members present.

Since this was our annual planning meeting, most regular business items were not covered. However, Mike Kunst reviewed the January birthdays and anniversaries.

By-law chairman Ron Hagenow mentioned that there will be some minor revisions proposed to the by-laws. They will be sent out prior to the February meeting for discussion and will be voted on at the March meeting.

Vice President Rick Doerr reviewed events planned for this year. Members presented tentative/suggested events and they were compiled below:

**January –**

- 4 – Price's 12<sup>th</sup> Day of Christmas
- 13 – Club Planning Meeting
- 15 - Retiree Lunch at Walnut Grill by Dana and Diana Griggs

**February –**

- 9 – Valentine Day Brunch at Papa Vito's in Millstadt by Dale and Val Zeisset
- 10 – Club Meeting
- 19 – Retiree Lunch at Corner Pub by Kirt and Marcia Sheer

**March –**

- 9 – Club Meeting
- 14 – Crazy Bowl at DuBowl and refreshments at Don and Anne Pickles after bowling by Ruth Howard, Judy Dooley and Anne Pickles
- 18 – Retiree Lunch at Fortel Pizza by Kirt and Marcia Sheer
- 29 – Fritz's

**April –**

- 4 – Possible Trivia Night for Wounded Warriors in Florissant by John and

Angie Midkiff

- 13 – Club Meeting
- 15 – Retiree Lunch by Rick Friedrich and Pat Ross
- 23-26 – NCM Bash by Marty and Judy Dooley
- 23-26 – Autocross at Pekin by the Racing Craigs (and Bob Bradley)
- 26 – Fritz's

**May –**

- 2 – VA Cleanup by Marty and Judy Dooley
- 9-10 – Autocross in Rantoul by the Racing Craigs (and Bob Bradley)
- 11 – Club Meeting
- 14-15 – St. Jude's Hospital Run by Givens, Howards, Mattlers and Grubbs
- 14-16 – C4 Gathering at NCM
- 16 – Car show for PRISM in Farmington by Rich and Theresa Luebcke
- 20 – Retiree Lunch
- 23-25 – Autocross in Rantoul by the Racing Craigs (and Bob Bradley)
- 31 – Fritz's

**June –**

- 8 – Club Meeting
- 17 – Retiree Lunch by Marty and Judy Dooley
- 20 – Club Luau at Grubbs' House by Mike and Laurie Grubb
- 26 – Drive your Vette to Work (Brunch at Mimi's at 10:00 then to a winery)

by Peggy Craig

- 27-28 – Autocross in St. Charles (STLCC and Route 66 clubs) by the Racing Craigs (and Bob Bradley)
- 28 – Head for the Cure 5K Walk by Larry and Elise Akins
- 28 – Fritz's

**July –**

- 4 – Webster Groves Parade and Picnic at Price's after by Michelle Paillou and Mike and Karen Price
- 13 – Club Meeting
- 17-19 – Small Town Big Adventure trip to Boonville by Ken and Barb Payne

25 – Night at the Races by Randy and Ruth Howard  
26 – Fritz's

**August –**

10 – Club Meeting  
15 – Mystery Run by Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow  
19 – Retiree Lunch  
22-23 – Autocross in Rantoul by the Racing Craigs (and Bob Bradley)  
28-30 – Autocross in Rantoul by the Racing Craigs (and Bob Bradley)  
30 – Fritz's

**September –**

3-6 – NCM Anniversary by Marty and Judy Dooley  
12 – Club Picnic by the club board  
14 – Club Meeting  
16 – Retiree Lunch by Rick Frierdich and Pat Ross  
19 – Josephine's run for the ladies by Ruth Howard  
27 – Fritz's

**October –**

1-4 – Eureka Springs by Marty and Judy Dooley (and others)  
12 – Club Meeting  
17 – ELCO hayride and chili cook-off by the club board  
21 – Retiree Lunch  
25 – Fritz's

**November –**

4 – Veterans Day Parade by Rick Frierdich and Pat Ross  
9 – Club Meeting  
18 – Retiree Lunch

**December –**

12 – Christmas Party by Chris Woods and Judy Dooley  
16 – Retiree Lunch

Other possible events that were discussed and may be planned during the year are:

-Trip to Classic Cars (where the TV show Speed is the New Black was made) by Jared and Traci Ramsey

-A winery trip by Carl and Pat Cox

-Perryville VA trivia night by Michelle Finn

-Perryville working farm by Mike and Pat Moore (and a 1 day trip to Warm Springs for those not doing the entire weekend by Jim and Bev Givens)

Rick reminded everyone that we will firm up events and may add events throughout the year.

Thank you to Mike and Kathy Topolski for bringing the cupcakes. Next month the cake will be brought by Jared and Traci Ramsey.

The 50/50 winner was Pat Cox for \$116.00.

There were 67 members in attendance.

Attendance prizes were won by Pat Moore, Gail Mattler, Pat Cox and Bill Mattler.

The next meeting will be on Monday, February 10, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Michelle Finn made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded by Judy Dooley. The motion passed and the meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

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

Respectfully Submitted by Ron Hagenow - Secretary

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# Extra! Special Section St. Louis Corvette Club Organization

## **Annually Elected Officials**

These positions form the Board of the St. Louis Corvette Club.

### **President**

The President shall preside at all Board and regular meetings and shall perform the duties required as Chief Executive Officer of the Club. The President's duties shall include but are not limited to the following: presides over meetings, coordinates events with other clubs, coordinates all Board and special meetings as needed, attends as many events as possible, and oversees all officers, appointees and committees.

### **Vice President**

In the absence of the President or in the case of a resignation or inability to act by the President, the duties usually performed by that office shall be assumed by the Vice-President. The Vice-President's duties shall also include coordinating events and club calendar, reviewing all events at monthly meetings, and coordinating meeting facilities. The Vice-President shall also become familiar with the process of running and managing the club.

### **Secretary**

The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the members and officers and record all minutes and votes. He or she shall be responsible for maintaining the club's permanent records, giving notice of meetings, reporting minutes of meetings to the Web Master and Publication Chairman and for all other duties assigned by a majority of the club's officers. In the absence of the Secretary, a Secretary pro-tem shall be named by the presiding officer for that meeting.

### **Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the members and officers. The Treasurer shall, subject to conditions and restrictions made by the officers, have custody of all monies, debts, and financial obligations of the club. He or she shall make all payment of club debts upon approval of the Board. All contracts, checks, drafts, notes or other payments shall be signed in the name of the club by the Treasurer. He or she shall give a bond, at club expense, if required by the officers. The Treasurer shall file a report as to the financial status of the club at each monthly meeting and, if so requested, at any Board meeting.

### **Sergeant at Arms**

The Sergeant-At-Arms shall attend all meetings of the members and officers. He or she shall preside on the floor of the meeting room to assist in preserving order as the Chair may direct. The Sergeant-At-Arms shall be responsible for the administration of the "50/50" program.

### **Membership Officer**

The membership officer shall attend all meetings of the members and officers. He or she shall be responsible for providing application forms to all prospective members, information about club activities, and a copy of the club's by-laws to each new member. The Membership officer shall provide a statement to the Board indicating new members and dues payments to the Treasurer. Membership officer shall establish e-mail/phone directory for all club communications.

## **Special Relationship Positions**

These positions belong to the parent organization, i.e. the NCCC and the NCM. The St. Louis Corvette Club benefits from the liaison these special positions provide with the parent organizations.

### **National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) Governor**

The Governor shall be appointed by the Board. The Governor shall serve as the Club representative to the National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. He or she shall keep members informed of all-important issues being acted upon including any changes to the rulebook, etc. The Governor shall keep members advised of the events being held within the Region and should encourage members to attend other clubs' events. The Governor shall also keep members advised of the renewal date for NCCC membership. He or she shall process all renewal forms as per

Membership Director guidelines and shall be responsible for signing new NCCC members within the club. The Governor shall be responsible for working with the Regional Competition Director for scheduling events and submitting completed event results as required by the Regional Competition Director.

### **The National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador**

A National Corvette Museum (NCM) Ambassador shall be appointed by the Board. The duties shall be to maintain and report communications with the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY.

## **Specific Skills Positions**

These positions require certain and specific skills.

### **Web Master**

A Webmaster shall be appointed by the Board. The duties shall be to maintain the club's website and update it with current event calendar, officer information and other information of interest to the club members. Any information on the St. Louis Corvette Club website shall be approved by the Board.

### **Newsletter Editor**

The Newsletter Editor shall be appointed by the Board. The duties shall be to provide a newsletter to all members, information about club activities, members, and Corvettes in general. Specific functions shall be to provide a President's message and distribute the St. Louis Corvette Club business meeting minutes to the members.

## **Appointed Committees**

### **Charities Chairperson**

A Charities Chairperson may be appointed by the President. The duties shall be to maintain communications with the recipients of our charitable contributions. They organize the club's annual Christmas Tree donations as well as any other charitable events as needed.

### **By-Laws Chairperson**

A by-laws chairperson may be appointed by the Board. The by-laws chairperson shall review proposed changes to the by-laws and make recommendations to the

Board for submitting to the membership.

## **Appointed Committees Not Detailed in the By-Laws**

### **Budget Committee**

The Budget Committee is responsible for preparing our annual budget in conjunction with our Treasurer. They oversee the overall financial picture of the club and make recommendations to ensure our club operates within our financial constraints.

### **Christmas Committee**

The Christmas Committee is responsible for the planning of our annual Christmas Party.

### **Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee is responsible for finding and organizing a slate of nominees for our annually elected officials (club officers) each year.

### **Parade Committee**

The Parade Committee is responsible for organizing our two traditional parade entrants each year, the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade and the Veterans Day Parade in downtown St. Louis.

### **History Committee**

The History Committee is responsible for maintaining a historical record for the club. They have an archive of club minutes and pictures as well as club memorabilia since the club was formed. If you want to know what the club did in the past, they are generally the folks you want to consult.

### **VA Hospital Committee**

The VA Hospital Committee is responsible for the planning and maintain of the garden at the Jefferson Barracks VA Hospital Spinal Cord Unit Building. They cleanup and plant flowers in the spring and have a dedicated team of volunteers to water and weed the garden throughout the growing season. They also have a cleanup team of volunteers to help in the fall.

## The Volunteer Position Holders

### Annually Elected Officials

These positions form the Board of the St. Louis Corvette Club.

<b>President</b>	<b>Don Pickles</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Rick Doerr</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Ron Hagenow</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Marcia Sheer</b>
<b>Sergeant at Arms</b>	<b>Mike Kirby</b>
<b>Membership Officer</b>	<b>Mike Kunst</b>

### Special Relationship Positions

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<b>National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC)</b>	<b>Jeff Craig</b>
<b>Governor</b>	
<b>The National Corvette Museum (NCM)</b>	<b>Judy and Marty</b>
<b>Ambassador</b>	<b>Dooley</b>

### Specific Skills Positions

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<b>Web Master</b>	<b>Steve Kirby</b>
<b>Newsletter Staff</b>	<b>Mike Kunst, Kathy Mueller, Jerry Craig, Terry Mueller, Ron Hagenow, Ruth Howard, Tom Marl</b>

## **Appointed Committees**

<b>Charities Committee</b>	<b>Michelle Finn, Judy Giovanoni, and Sonja Gifforn</b>
<b>By-Laws Committee</b>	<b>Ron Hagenow, Mike Kunst and Judy Giovanoni</b>

## **Appointed Committees Not Detailed in the By-Laws**

<b>Budget Committee</b>	<b>Ray Queen, Larry Akins, and Randy Howard</b>
<b>Christmas Committee</b>	<b>Chris Woods and Judy Dooley</b>
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>Ruth Howard and Judy Dooley</b>
<b>Parade Committee</b>	<b>Michelle Paillou and Rick Frierdich (Co-Chairs)</b>
<b>History Committee</b>	<b>Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, and Mike Kirby</b>
<b>VA Hospital Committee</b>	<b>Marty Dooley, Judy Dooley, and Karen Price</b>
	<b>Sherri &amp; Tom Marlo, Elise &amp; Larry Akins, Anne &amp; Don Pickles, Mary Ann &amp; Ron Hagenow, Kathy &amp; Mike Topolski, Kathy &amp; Bruce Wooldridge, and Mike Price</b>

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## **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

The Michelin NCM Bash registration is now open. The Bash is April 23-25, 2020. Registration is on the NCM website. The prices are \$20 per person for lifetime

members, \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers. There will be lots of seminars, out trips (some may have a registration fee), car shows (cars chosen by NCM celebrities) and much more. You can go to the website, click on events, click on "On Site Events" to read the agenda and register for the event.

If you are interested in going to the Bash, see Marty or Judy Dooley for hotel information.

Judy & Marty Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors

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## **Future Events**

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**VALENTINE DAY LUNCHEON**

**FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> - 12:30pm**

**PAPA Vito's**

**741 W. Washington St.**

**Millstadt, IL 62260**

*For those interested in caravanning over please meet at  
the Hooter's on South Lindbergh for  
departure at 11:45*

*If you are interested in attending please email Valerie  
Zeisset at [val56@aol.com](mailto:val56@aol.com) or Ruth Howard at  
[rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net) no later than February 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

*Or please sign up at Planning Meeting on Jan. 10th*

*Food will be order off the menu*

*Dessert choices will be Cheesecake or Triple Chocolate Cake*

*Valentine Luncheon sponsored by the Howard's & Zeisset's*

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DATE & TIME: Wednesday, February 19, 2020, 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: **Corner Pub & Grill, 13645 Big Bend Road #105, St. Louis, MO 63122**

MENU: <https://www.cornerpubandgrill.com/cornerpubmenu>

Sponsored by Kirt and Marcia Sheer

Email: [msheer2010@charter.net](mailto:msheer2010@charter.net)

Phone: 314.603.1524

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## CRAZY BOWL

**Saturday March 14, 2020**

**DuBowl Lanes**

**2711 Lemay Ferry Rd.**

**St. Louis, Mo. 63125**

**Arrive by 5:45 pm bowling starts at 6:00 pm**

**\$4 per person for 2 games of**

**Bowling and shoes.**

After bowling we have been so graciously invited back to Don & Anne Pickles house for food and awards ceremony. Just like last year there will be sandwiches and we ask that members bring an appetizer or dessert to share and your beverage of choice.

**Additional price for sandwiches is \$4.00 per person.**

**Please pay with cash night of event.**

Please rsvp to Judy at [jmdooley6493@aol.com](mailto:jmdooley6493@aol.com) or Ruth at [rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net). There will be a signup sheet at meeting.

**Last day to sign up is March 2!**

***Event is sponsored by the Dooley's and Howard's***

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DATE & TIME: Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 11:30 a.m.

PLACE: Fortel's Pizza Den, 7932 Mackenzie Road, St.Louis, MO 63123

MENU: <https://www.fortelspizzaden.com/menu/>

Sponsored by Kirt and Marcia Sheer

Email: [msheer2010@charter.net](mailto:msheer2010@charter.net)

Phone: 314.603.1524

## 2020 MICHELIN NCM BASH



**APRIL 23 – 25, 2020**

Are you interested in the new 2020 Corvette? Want to see several in one place? Yes, you can touch them and even sit in them. How about questions. You do have questions, don't you? How about asking a Corvette Design Team member?

Want to know what is going on at the Assembly Plant? Think about remodeling your kitchen. Start by completely gutting it. Then expand it outside the current footprint of your house by 50%. Now rearrange everything. Nothing goes back in the same place. That is what they did to the Assembly Plant!

What about an opportunity to drive your car on a real racetrack? You wouldn't be racing, but you would be going fast! Have you even seen the NCM's Motor Sports Park?

So much to do and see! Why not come with us to Bowling Green?

Contact Judy and Marty Dooley for more information.

[jmdooley6493@aol.com](mailto:jmdooley6493@aol.com)

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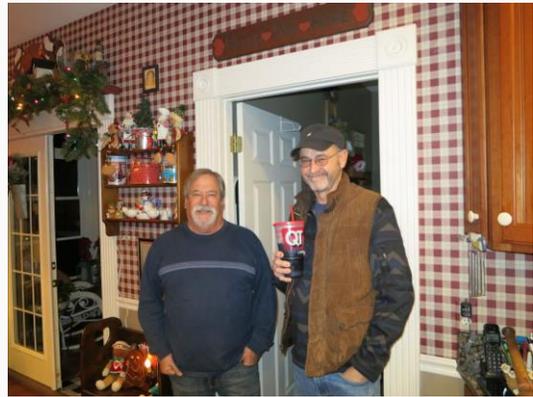
## Past Events

### The 12th Day of Christmas Party

Hosted by Karen and Mike Price













# Retiree and Anyone Who Can Show Up Lunch

Sponsored by Dana and Diana Griggs





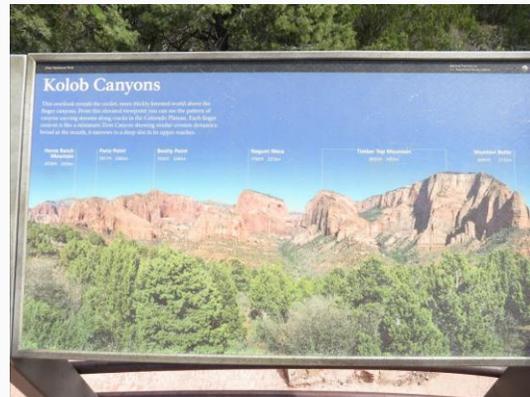
# Utah National Parks and More! A Lot More!

Trip Planned and Hosted by Barb and Ken Payne  
Narrative by Mike Kunst

On the road again with the St. Louis Corvette Club! Utah sure has some stunning scenery.

**Day 8, Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, Panguitch, UT to Springdale, UT**

Today is mostly a driving day to reach Springdale, UT. This town is built into an indentation in Zion NP, and the main road to Zion runs right through the center of Springdale. We are generally headed southwest to Zion NP. We stop in Cedar City for a quick Subway lunch. Then we head south on I-15. As are all the National Parks in Utah, Zion is huge! The northwest corner of the park is where you will find the Kolob Canyons and is right on I-15.





We leave Kolob Canyons and proceed to Springdale. We are staying at the Bumbleberry Inn! We are arriving late afternoon to check in and relax a while before dinner.

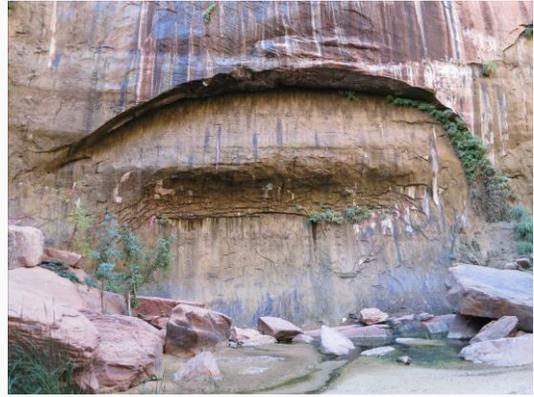


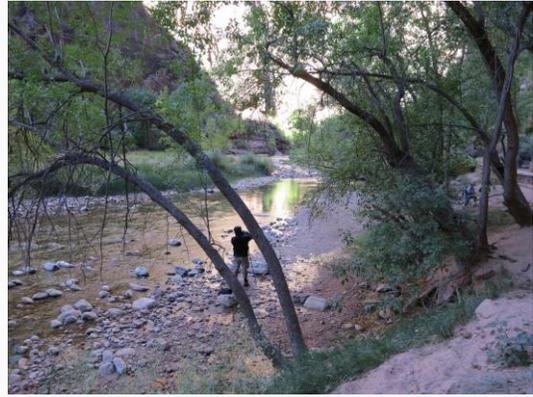
There is a nice little café that is recommended right next door from the hotel, MeMe's. It is just right for dinner. After dinner, I notice the view from behind the hotel. Since we are in a canyon, there are beautiful bluffs in back as well as the front of the hotel. Yes, that is a pony! Sunset over the hotel and the bluff in front.

### **Day 9, Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Springdale, UT (2 nights here)**

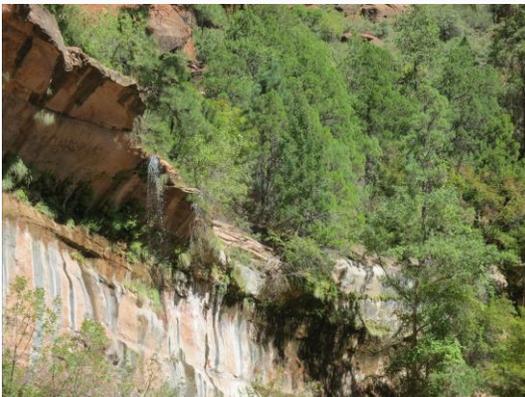
Although Zion NP is huge, the terrain dictates the man-made facilities like roads and parking lots. You can't take a car into Zion unless you are camping in the park or have a room at the park lodge. However, there is a convenient shuttle bus that runs down the main street where the hotels are. It takes you right into the park to the visitors center. This is the largest visitors center of any of the parks we have or will visit. It feels similar to being at an amusement park with queues for the second bus that will take people to the park lodge and other trail heads. We are going to the River Walk trail first.







The River Walk is very peaceful despite other hikers along the trail. The canyon walls are close to the Virgin River which is part of the Colorado River watershed. At the end of the paved trail, you can continue into the Narrows in the water. They rent or sell special shoes for walking in the water. The woman you see in the middle of the water told me she comes here from Germany once a year to visit our National Parks.





There is another trail close to the Lodge that leads to the Emerald Pools. There was a rockslide earlier in the year that blocked the trail at the pool. The trail continued to another pool which must now be reached from the other side. In the last photo before the mule deer, you can see the rockslide. In the middle is the retaining wall that supported the trail. The white streaking on the right side of the photo is water from the spring above the trail.





Just across the street from the Bumbleberry Inn is another nice restaurant, Oscar's Café. We didn't use our cars to go anywhere today. That was very unusual for this trip.

Tomorrow we will be headed out to Page, AZ. Of course, there is a stop along the way. We will be visiting the North Rim of the Grand Canyon National Park. Be sure to check out our continued adventures in the next edition of the St. Louis Corvette Newsletter!

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## **Special Announcements**

### **Newsletter Staff Announcement**

I am pleased to announce the promotion of Kathy Mueller to the position of Managing Editor of the St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter. The promotion is

authorized by the St. Louis Corvette Club Board. Kathy will assume full editorial responsibility for the St. Louis Corvette Newsletter immediately with the next edition of the newsletter. All Newsletter Staff columnists, photo journalists, and contributors will submit their articles, documentary photos of events, and any and all other material to Kathy for inclusion in the newsletter. Newsletter Staff will submit their materials to Kathy by the publication deadline.

Kathy has mastered the technical aspects of the newsletter software more quickly than anticipated resulting in this accelerated promotion. The newsletter is in capable hands with Kathy.

I will retain the Publisher position for the present. This position is responsible for the automated publishing of the newsletter and the maintenance of the distribution email list. I will be available to assist Kathy when requested.

Please join me in congratulating Kathy on her promotion to Managing Editor.

Mike Kunst  
Publisher & Managing Editor  
St. Louis Corvette Club Newsletter

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## Articles

### Hot Wheels for the NCM!

Of course, Only Corvette Hot Wheels

By Mike Kunst

Most of our St. Louis Corvette Club family knows that Judy and Marty Dooley are very active members of our club. Many people know that Judy and Marty are Founding Members too. How about leadership positions in the club? They have that covered. Marty was the President in 2011. Judy and Marty have served as NCM Ambassadors since 2006! They serve as Chairs or contributors to several committees as well.

If I had to say what I thought was nearest and dearest to their heart in the Corvette world, it would have to be the National Corvette Museum. They have given much to the NCM, and the article that follows is an illustration of their dedication to the NCM. What better way to give to the NCM than to create a program specifically designed to give children visiting the NCM something to remember their experience. You see, Judy and Marty have a soft spot in their hearts for children.

### **Judy and Marty's Hot Wheels Story by Marty Dooley**

About six years ago, Judy and I were remodeling our basement. We needed somewhere for a collection of Corvette Hot Wheels to go. We called the National Corvette Museum with an idea of what we wanted to do. We were aware that the NCM hosts school field trips. We proposed giving all the kids a Corvette Hot Wheel to take home to remember their trip to the museum.

This started with about 300 cars that were in our collection. A year later we got a call from the Director of the Kids Learning Center saying they were out of Hot Wheels. They asked if we would be able to get any more for them. This started our hunt for more. With the help of family, friends and STLCC members, we got serious about finding these toys. We started visiting local Hot Wheels swap meets. With the help of some members of the St. Louis Hot Wheels Club we were able to buy some small and a few large collections of Hot Wheel Corvettes. These all add up. In 2018, we delivered our 5,000<sup>th</sup> toy car to the NCM, and on December 4, 2019 we delivered another 5,000 in one trip. These kids are very appreciative when they receive these cars. Sometimes their teacher will have them write thank you notes to us. The notes are a lot of fun for Judy and me to get.

Thanks to all who help us keep this going. Maybe when these kids grow up, they will be the ones to keep our love of the Corvette going into the future.

Marty & Judy Dooley



The Dooleys had to load up their truck to transport all those Hot Wheels to the NCM!

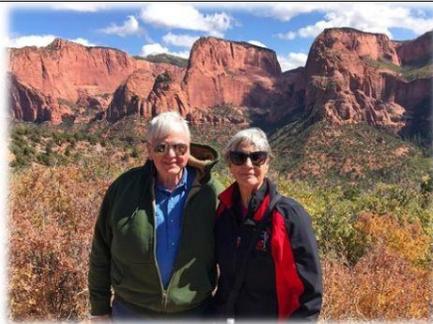
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## New Feature Section

Featured each month will be STLCC members with their Corvette!



**Ken &  
Barb  
Payne**



## The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

### **What Happened This Month of February in Previous Years**

In February 2007, Bill Dotson was our club president and we had 50 members. It was reported that in December we gave 43 new toys to the Shriner's Hospital and our club gifts were embroidered blankets with the club logo on them keyed to the color of our car. Plans were being made to go to Corvette show at Spearfish. At that time we had no club sponsor (Johnny Londoff bought Route 66 Chevrolet but did not want to sponsor our club).

In February 2012, Kevin Bayliss was our president (we met Kevin and Vicki at Vettes on the Rockies and when they moved to St. Louis they joined the club). We

had 86 members. The newsletter contained the frequently asked questions from the NCCC concerning insurance and our coverage (still need to make sure you sign the NCCC waivers.) We were meeting at Sunset Lakes and Banquet Center during this time. And Jeff Craig won the attendance raffle.

In February 2016, Mike Price was our president. We were planning on a Valentine's Day Brunch at Papa Vito's in Belleville (yeah, some things never change but they have great pizza!). And we were planning on a Happy Hour at 026 Pub and Biergarten. In the some things never change department, Judy Dooley was still selling raffle tickets for the NCM and Marty Dooley was collecting Hot Wheel cars.



From visit to Gateway Classic cars and brunch at Blue Springs Café in February 2007, here is Jackie Miget, Pam Dotson, Bill Dotson and Mary Ann Hagenow.



From our trip to the Corvette Museum in June of 2008, here is Ruth and Randy Howard. This is when Jerry and Armynta Craig picked up their black 2008, 50 years to the day from when Jerry got his first Vette.



And keeping in somewhat the same theme, here are Sherri and Tom Marlo coming home in their 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition car. We had a big surprise party when they got there.



And this was said to be taken at the 2018 Crazy Bowl but there were rumors that Elise got these by being somewhere called the “East Side”?

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## C7 Battery Change Out

From Frank Ellis via Jerry Craig

Some of our C7 batteries are getting old. How old is yours? Mine was still fine but going to Utah prompted me to change it out at almost 5 years. It seems like it delivered good value at that point. I sure didn't want an issue while traveling in Utah! Mike Kunst

From Jerry Craig:

Frank Ellis turned up this information from the Corvette Mid-Engine Forum. Being pro-active on changing the battery may be a good idea. Interstate Batteries has a 5 year warranty model and Optima is even longer.

Follow this link:

<https://www.midenginecorvetteforum.com/forum/diy-how-to-section/2819-changing-out-the-oem-battery-in-a-c7-step-by-step-guide>

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## Service Parts Identification

By Ron Hagenow

When I was changing the battery on my Vette recently I ran across the Service Parts Identification sticker. For those of you with a C7, it is located under your carpeting in the rear. It's on what looks like a piece of fiberboard and it is in about the middle of the trunk.

This lists all the RPO codes for your car. Using these RPO codes, you

can decode all the information about your car. You can go on the Internet and just search for your year of car, and it will probably give you most of the RPO codes. But I also found this website that contained codes I could not find anywhere else. Here is the link: <https://d354nuoz4t18d4.cloudfront.net/151587b49e7f6970ff59f6f339b177de/images/custom/rpoCodes.pdf>.

Don't bother printing this out since it's 412 pages. But it is a PDF document, so you can search for a specific code. I've been able to find about 95% of the codes for my car.

So while our cars are all warm and cozy this winter season, you can spend your idle hours searching for RPO codes and dreaming about spring!

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