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## **President's Message**

Well, maybe it is time to get back to normal, whatever normal is. Over the last few months, the club has had some outdoor activities that seemed to have gone well. We have had the normal ice cream socials, a birthday parade, an impromptu road trip to a mill, a modified Drive Your Corvette To Work Day, and, sadly, a funeral procession. In every instance, our members did a good job of social distancing and wearing masks. So, now may be the time to bring it inside.

At the July meeting we will not have a lot of past or future events to talk about, but we do still have some business to conduct. I know that attendance will probably be low, but that is OK. We need to start somewhere, and if anyone prefers to avoid crowds for a little bit longer, so be it.

One final thought. Over the past few months, we have had two members of our Corvette family pass on... Tony Jokerst and, more recently, Elise Akins. I, again, want to express my sincere condolences to Jane and Larry, and I want to reassure them that we are all here for them.

Hope to see you all soon, and save the wave.

Don Pickles, President

## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Marc Portman	Jul 3
Dick Shoulders	Jul 5
Ron Hagenow	Jul 8
Kathy Mueller	Jul 11
Sharon Love	Jul 13
JoAnn Rogers	Jul 15
Pat Moore	Jul 16
Dana Griggs	Jul 21
Bruce Wooldridge	Jul 22
June Wachter	Jul 23
Cherie Hopson	Jul 25
Jan Murray	Jul 27
Pam Rethy	Jul 29
Larry Walker	Jul 31

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Paul & Kathy Craig	Jul 5
Dale & Valerie Zeisset	Jul 5
Jim & Bev Givens	Jul 28

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## **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at our new meeting place, Jilly's, and on our new meeting date of the first Tuesday of the month, March 3, 2020.

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, Vice President- Rick Doerr, Secretary- Ron Hagenow, Treasurer- Marcia Sheer, Sergeant at Arms- Mike Kirby, Membership- Mike Kunst and Immediate Past President Ray Queen. One of our sponsors, Mark Gerecke, and his family were also present.

Don reminded everyone about the sign in/attendance sheet, 50/50 tickets, event signups and attendance prizes. Don explained the situation about Grand Slam and why we no longer were going to meet there. Don asked what everyone thought of our new meeting place and everyone seemed to enjoy it. It is large enough to hold most of the club.

We had one new couple as guests, Gene and Marian Glandt. They own a 1999 pewter convertible and have had several Corvettes previously, going back to a new 1958. They look forward to joining the club.

President Don Pickles requested a motion to accept the secretary's minutes. Randy Howard made a motion to accept the minutes and they were seconded by Chris Woods. The motion passed.

Treasurer Marcia Sheer presented the treasurer's report. Ken Payne made a motion to accept the report and it was seconded by Anne Pickles. The motion passed.

Membership Chairman Mike Kunst read the names of the March birthdays and anniversaries. He reported that we had 96 regular members, 6 lifetime members, 15 associate members and 4 sponsors for a grand total of 121. He also congratulated Jim Givens for his recent retirement.

NCM Ambassador Judy Dooley reported that the new exhibit at the NCM is Cartoon Creatures, featuring drawing and creations from Ed "Big Daddy" Roth which were curated by Tom Peters. Big Daddy was famous for creating the creature called Rat Fink back in the 60s. Also congratulations to Kirt and Marcia Sheer for

becoming new members of the Museum. A reminder that the Anniversary Bash is in April so you are urged to register soon.

NCCC Governor Jeff Craig reported that he will be attending the Midwest banquet on March 7. Autocrosses will be starting up in April with the first one in Pekin on April 25-26. He also reminded everyone of the Route 66/St. Louis Corvette Club autocross on June 26-27. However we lost our venue at Family Arena and they are pursuing other sites. There are also several autocrosses upcoming at Rantoul and Pekin. Jeff urged people to attend the national convention which is July 5-10 in Indianapolis. They are making it more family friendly with many events other than racing. He also mentioned that the Midwest region is the largest in NCCC and sponsors the most events.

Newsletter Editor Kathy Mueller requested that you send newsletter articles directly to her rather than using the club newsletter email. Mike Kunst reported a number of members still do not open their newsletter email. He also reminded everyone they need flyers for events.

Webmaster Steve Kirby reported everything was on target.

Mark Gerecke gave our sponsor's report and noted there are only 4 C7s left. They are planning on getting in 65 C8s this year, with 3 already built. All their allocations have been taken but he anticipates some may be turned back. Mark also noted they have a good selection of used Vettes if anyone is interested. Mark also complimented Jilly's as our new meeting location. He mentioned former member Bob Kusky recently purchased a new Blazer.

By-laws chairman Ron Hagenow reported by-law ballots on proposed changes are available tonight.

The Christmas committee reported they were on target.

The History committee reported they were on target.

The Nominating committee reported they were on target.

The Charity Committee reported that the proposed trivia night has been postponed until the fall.

The Parade Committee Rick Frierdich reported that Veterans Day Parade signups are available tonight.

Marty Dooley reported that the VA hospital cleanup and planting is now April 26 beginning at 1:00 pm. Meet at Building 52 and we will go for food afterwards.

Vice President Rick Doerr reviewed the following events:

Previous:

February 19 was the Retiree's Lunch at Corner Pub by Kirt and Marcia Sheer. We had a good turnout.

Future:

March 3 is the club meeting tonight.

March 14 is the Crazy Bowl at DuBowl sponsored by the Dooleys and Howards. Food afterwards at the Pickles' house. Flyer has been sent out. \$4 per person for bowling and \$4 per person afterwards to cover food at the Pickles' house. Bring an appetizer/dessert to share plus your beverage.

March 18 is the Retiree's Lunch at Fortel's Pizza beginning at 11:30 am. Sponsored by Kirt and Marcia Sheer.

March 29 is the first Fritz's night. Meet around 6:00 pm.

John Midkiff spoke briefly about a Collectors Car Trivia night on April 4 in St. Charles. It runs from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm. He has flyers available.

Rick Frierdich is sponsoring the April 15 Retiree's Lunch at Rosalita's in Des Peres. Signups are available.

Rich Luebcke spoke about the Corvettes, Camaro and Collector Car car show at Chaumette Winery scheduled for May 16. This is in support of PRISM. The show is from 11:00 pm to 3:00 pm.

Randy Howard mentioned there is a meeting at Gianino's on March 12 at 7:00 pm for those going on the St. Jude's run in May or anyone else that is interested.

Barb Payne discussed the upcoming Boonville trip and reported there are 37 people signed up so far. This is July 17-19. She mentioned that there was a service charge she was unaware of when ordering the tickets so those going need to pay \$1.50 more.

Under New Business Sherri Marlo mentioned that the Paws for the Cause benefit in Columbia, IL is coming up soon and she has 2 tickets if anyone wants to join their table. They are \$75 each. Ray Queen mentioned that Pam will be placing an order soon for shirts, etc. so if you are wanting any club wear, please email her soon.

President Don Pickles made several announcements. Bob and Chris Woods donated money toward the VA hospital planting tonight. Also Bob from Bob's Gasoline Alley, who we visited recently, died suddenly this week. Club member Dale Zeisset had a heart attack recently while in Florida. He is doing well and he and Valerie are on their way home. Also Carl Cox mentioned he will be going on an Honor Flight in the next few weeks. Congratulations and thank you for your service, Carl!

There were also announcements from two members with new cars. Bruce and Kathy Wooldridge recently purchased a Shark Grey 2016 coupe in Texas and Kevin Yovich recently purchased a 2017 Black Rose Z06.

Thank you to Rick and Mary Doerr for bringing the dessert tonight. Next month the cake will be brought by John and Angie Midkiff.

The 50/50 winner was Kathy Wooldridge for \$110.00.

There were 57 members in attendance.

Attendance prizes were won by Randy Howard and Theresa Luebcke.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 pm.

Bob Woods made a motion that the meeting be adjourned, and it was seconded by Jeff Craig. 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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## **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

### **NCM Ambassadors Report**

The National Corvette Museum has been nominated in USA Today's 2020 Ten Best Readers' Choice awards. Their panel has selected the NCM as a contender for "Best Attraction for Car Lovers" category. Hopefully they will win in this category. Voting ends July 6<sup>th</sup>, and winners will be announced on July 17<sup>th</sup>. Right now they're in first place.

I hope some of you used the Corvette store for Father's Day and were able to get the free shipping on your order.

The Rat Fink exhibit will continue at the NCM until December 2020, with the East Side Rat Reunion scheduled for August 20-22 of this year.

The new C-8 has won the Best Interior award for 2020. The C-8's exterior really complements its dramatic interior.

As of now, the 26th Anniversary Celebration (September 3-5) is still on.

Congratulations to Jerry Craig on his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of being a member of the NCM!

Marty and Judy Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors

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## Future Events

### St. Louis Corvette Club Luau



Date: Saturday, July 18

Time: 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Location: The Grubb's, 117 Quail Run, Waterloo, Illinois

We are planning this year's luau with COVID precautions in mind. As such, the format will be a bit different than previous years and we are asking everyone to bring their own drinks and snacks (we will not have a meal so as to keep groups of

people from congregating in the kitchen). At 3:00 p.m. the Kona Ice truck will arrive and the Club will be providing snow cones for everyone! Bring your swimsuit and towel if you plan on swimming. We'll have yard games for those with a competitive side. There is plenty of room to spread out chairs in the yard (don't forget to bring your chair) so you feel comfortable with a group and/or wear masks if that makes you feel more comfortable. Bathrooms will be available for your use. If you can join us, please send an email to [lgrubb61@gmail.com](mailto:lgrubb61@gmail.com) (or sign up at the July 7 meeting) so we can give Kona Ice a headcount. Hope to see you at the luau!

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## **NCCC Event**

As of now this event is still scheduled, but contact the organizer to verify the event is still on.

If you are interested in learning more about the Autocross event, [here is a link](#) to more information and the registration process.



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**ON-LINE REGISTRATION ONLY**

<https://www.corvettesnccc.org/NCCCOnlineRegistration/Programs/Registration.php?eventId=228>

(If you don't send your fees by August 1<sup>st</sup>, you are not registered)

**Please make check payable to "Sunburst Corvette Club" and mail to  
Pat Stevens, 783 Shoreline Rd, Lake Barrington, IL 60010**

**EVENT FEES**

**Register by 8/1/20**      **NCCC Members -1 Day \$60 Both Days \$120**  
**NON-NCCC -1 Day \$70 Both Days \$140**

**Lodging:** Hampton Inn, 1555 S. Route 31, McHenry, IL 815-578-1900 (\$114/night)  
Best Western Inn, 900 Lake Ave, Woodstock, IL 815-337-0065 (\$99.99/night)  
Country Inn & Suites, 600 Tracy Trail, Crystal Lake 815-477-3500 (\$95/night)  
*(Rooms held until 7/31 under Sunburst Corvette Club)*

**Registration & Tech:**      **SAT 8:00am to 9:00am    SUN 8:00am to 8:30am**  
**Drivers' Meeting:**      **SAT 9:00am                      SUN 8:30am**  
**First Event:**              **SAT & SUN Immediately following the Drivers' Mtg.**

Sunburst, Mad City, Northern Illinois and Glass Favorite Corvette Clubs are moving forward in planning this weekend of autocrossing, in the anticipation of Covid 19 restrictions being lifted sufficiently to allow an outdoor gathering of this size. We will be following the guidelines of the State of Illinois, McHenry County, the Village of Crystal Lake and McHenry County College. The use of paper documents, including cash, will be limited. Facial masks will be required when using the restroom facilities and when in close contact with others. Social distancing is required in all situations. If any participants or workers attending these events contracts Covid 19, none of the hosting clubs or NCCC will be held liable. You are attending under your own risk.

	<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
Overall Chairperson: Mike Moushey - 815-355-1850 (Cell)	MW-465-005	MW-167-006
Day of Event Phone: Mike Stevens - 847-989-9302 (Cell)	MW-465-006	MW-167-007
Mad City Governor: Joan Thomas - 815-494-5985 (Cell)	MW-465-007	MW-277-002
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Glass Favorites Governor: Mike Link - 309-337-3122 (Cell)	MW-077-003	MW-277-005
	MW-277-001	MW-277-016

## Picnic and Winery



Join us for a fun picnic lunch and winery day on Saturday, August 15! We will enjoy a picnic lunch at Sandy Creek Covered Bridge State Historical Site off of Highway 21 near Hillsboro in the morning! Everyone bring their own lunch and bag chair to sit under the trees in the shade! The bridge is very cool, bathrooms are available, and if you're adventurous you can even walk/swim in the creek!

Afterwards, for those that would like to join us, we will head over to Villa Antonio Winery, only a few miles away, for an afternoon of wine and music! Jason Michel Cole will be playing from 1-4 pm. You can choose to do both or one or the other of the activities! Rain date would be the next Saturday, August 22! More details will be in the August newsletter and at the meetings! Hope you can join us!

Barb & Ken Payne

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From the Organizers of the St. Jude Corvette Drive 2020

We will not be making a scheduled / planned trip to Memphis. Instead, Peoria will host the ***St. Jude Corvette Drive: Kruzin' For The Kidz*** on Friday, August 21st from 10am – 4pm. We welcome participation from our Effingham, St. Louis and Louisville satellite drives and hope each of you can join us.

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**September 19, 2020**

**Meet at Syberg's restaurant at 2430 Old Dorsett Road at 10:00. We will depart at 10:15 as Josephines is requesting that we be there by 10:45.**

**We have lunch reservations at 11:00 and after lunch everyone is welcome to visit their shops.**

**If you have any questions please contact Ruth at 314-486-6836 or [rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net)**

**Looking forward to a fun time as usual!**

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## **Past Events**

**Drive Your Corvette to Work (or Winery)  
Day**

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# Ice Cream at Fritz's

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## Special Announcements

# 2020 Head for the Cure – St. Louis 5K Run/Walk In Honor of Elise Akins



Because of the Coronavirus, the original event is now a virtual event.

[Here](#) is a link to Elise's team page if you would like to make a donation.

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## Articles

# Happy Birthday Corvette!

By Mike Kunst



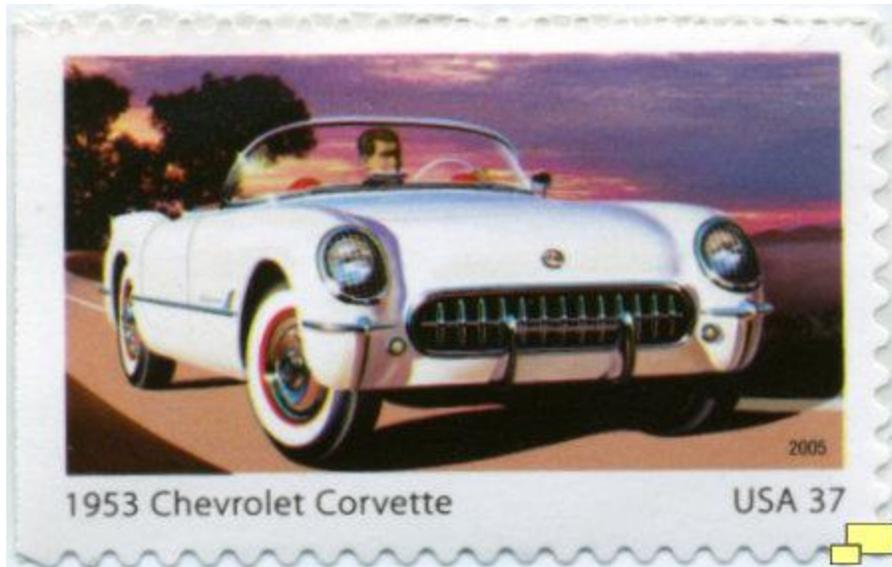
The first production Corvette was finished on June 30, 1953, which is considered to be the birthday of the Corvette.



A 1953 Corvette in front of the first construction phase of the new National Corvette Museum.

All 1953 Corvettes were Polo White with a red interior and a black canvas top. There were two options offered: a signal seeking AM radio (\$145.15) and a heater (\$91.40). Although listed as options, all 1953 Corvettes were equipped with both items. The base price was \$3,498.00, including the federal excise tax and \$248.00 for shipping and handling. The radio had an interesting feature: since fiberglass is electrically inert, the antenna

was simply incorporated in the trunk lid. This would not be possible with a conventional steel body.



**You know you've hit the big time...**

When the post office issues a stamp in your honor. Announced in 2004 and available in 2005, it was the work of Carlsbad, California artist Art Fitzpatrick and featured the 1953 Corvette owned by noted Corvette restorer Noland Adams.



The same car (#284) was auctioned by Russo and Steele in 2012 for \$467,500.00.

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# The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

In July 2007, Bill Dotson was our president and we were meeting at Hessler's Pub. After the June meeting it was decided that we needed to investigate getting a new meeting place as we had outgrown our current location. We decided to try Pietro's for our August meeting. We had 63 members and Ken and Sue Dahman were welcomed as they officially joined in June. We were planning on our annual participation in attendance at the Webster Groves Fourth of July parade as well as preparing for an upcoming trip to the Black Hills Corvette event in Spearfish, SD.

In July 2012, Kevin Bayliss was our president. As an aside, the club met Kevin and Vikki on a trip to Colorado. When Kevin and Vikki moved to Washington, MO they joined our club. Kevin went to Iraq while in the Army Reserves and the club sent him several care packages during his tour as well as many letters. Thank you for your service, Kevin! They have since moved back to Colorado Springs. Our meetings were at Sunset Hills Banquet and Golf Center and we had 87 members. The newsletter had an article concerning Jack Panzica who was driving his restored 67 Vette through all 48 states, and he stayed with Jerry and Armynta Craig while in St. Louis. Then club members Tom Sandvoss and Dave Davidson both won awards at a car show at Johnny Londoff Chevrolet. And, as in 2007, there was another trip being planned this month to Spearfish, SD.

In July 2016, Mike Price was our president and we had 62 members at our meeting. Even then we had a big turnout at meetings. The Kuskys were planning a Route 66 trip which became a popular event for them. This one was "Christmas in July". We were also planning on the Fourth of July parade in Webster Groves. We raffled off the club banner that hung in the parking lot at the National

Corvette Museum and it was won by Mary Ann Hagenow. It is now displayed in our garage (she wouldn't let me put it in the living room). Some folks had just gotten back from the Wisconsin Dells/Road America trip and everyone enjoyed the Night at the Races at Fairmount Park. Current member Linda Roth joined us at the June meeting. And it was HOT for our recent car show at ELCO.



This is a photo of folks who went to Road America in 2014. In the shot are Associate Members Sharon and Jim Love (in front of Marty and Judy Dooley) as well as Paul Craig (next to Sharon Ballinger).



Some of the folks that went on a mystery run in 2010. Yes we like to eat! That's Associate Member Cherie Hopson on the left with her head turned.



Here are some of the folks that helped celebrate Carl and Pat Cox's new C7 with a happy hour in 2015.

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## Getting to Know Our Associate Members

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

For the month of July we have several associate members we wish to recognize.

First, on July 5, it is Associate Members Paul and Kathy Craig's anniversary. Paul and Jerry Craig are brothers. Paul and Kathy live in Ankeny, IA. Paul was a music

teacher before switching careers. He then worked at the University of Iowa. Kathy is a bookkeeper. They have been into Corvettes for a long time and have joined the club on several events throughout the years.

In keeping with the Craig family, July 5 is Associate Member Dick Shoulders' birthday. He lives in Vincennes, IN and is the husband of Conita, who is Armynta's sister. So if you are into genealogy that makes Dick and Jerry brothers-in-law. What is interesting is that both Dick and their daughter went to Eastern Illinois University, the same college Mary Ann and I graduated from. Dick taught music at Mattoon High School for a number of years and his high school jazz band won several state awards. Dick bought Jerry's old '84 which he then sold back to Jerry. He then bought Jerry's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. He eventually sold the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary back to Jerry as well, which seems to be Jerry's favorite car (can't get him away from those C4s!).

July 13 is Associate Member Sharon Love's birthday. Sharon and husband Jim live in Lebanon, IN. The Loves, Carl and Sharon Ballinger, and Jerry and Armynta Craig all met on the Motorama in 2002 and have been associates with the club ever since. They have been to numerous events with the club and were instrumental in getting us on the Indy track for the opening day ceremonies in 2006 (still one of the best things we've ever done with the club).

Associate Member Cherie Hopson will celebrate her birthday on July 25. Cherie and husband John were with the club for a number of years but are now residents of Fort Meyers, FL.

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**Jerry Craig celebrates the most  
important lessons a Father can teach  
his children!**



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## Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvettes

Ruth and Randy Howard



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