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## President's Message

Happy February everyone,

WOW! January is already in the rear-view mirror which means we are 31 days closer to warmer weather. We were thankful for the mild January weather and I know, like us, many of you were able to enjoy the opportunity to take your Corvette out a couple times for a quick drive.

After a lengthy discussion, the board is exploring the possibility of scheduling our 2021 planning meeting with a tentative date of Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Jilly's. I know many of us still have reservations about meeting in person, but we are also anxious to come together once again to fellowship as a club and plan some COVID-friendly events for the coming year. We understand there are many members who have had COVID and others who may have health issues, employment restrictions or other reasons that may prevent you from attending an in-person meeting. Your health and safety will always be a priority. Prior to making a final decision, we will be sending out a survey link to gather your feedback on attending an in-person meeting. If we move forward with scheduling the February meeting, we encourage each of you to make the best decision for you and your family and we respect your personal decision to attend or not. We are looking forward to a time that we make some drives and need you to submit all of your awesome event ideas to our Vice-President, Karen Price ([santa17@msn.com](mailto:santa17@msn.com)).

Now that most of us are spending more time at home, you may find yourself with a little extra time for reading and research. Some of you may know John Elegant,

the co-founder of MidEngineCorvetteForum (MECF). John writes a monthly newsletter and sends it to any Corvette Club free of charge to share with their members. John's newsletter, Mid Engine Monthly Update is a combination of factual information, C8 items of interest as well as personal thoughts and speculation about upcoming models. I have asked John to include our club on his email distribution list, and we will distribute it from our STLCC Membership email account for your reading pleasure!

Your board is looking forward to seeing those of you who can attend our February meeting! More information to follow regarding meeting specifics.

Stay warm, be safe and Think Spring!  
Jim Givens, 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
Judy Henges	Feb 29

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Larry & Diana Walker	Feb 5
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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

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## **Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

## NCM Ambassadors Report

Hi all! Hope everyone is staying safe.

Right now is a great time to go to the National Corvette Museum. You can check out the newly refreshed displays, and there are lots of displays to see and to learn about.

If you want to go see the new things at the NCM, the BASH is the best time to go see them. The BASH registration is now open. The BASH is April 22-24. There will be seminars, guided tours, 2 celebrity choice car shows, autograph sessions, auctions, and the Ladies Oasis. This year's BASH will also include the 2020 Hall of Fame activities. Registration is \$20 per person for lifetime members, \$25 per person for members, and non-members are \$35 per person. There will be on-site registration also at increased rates.

If you haven't heard, the NCM CEO Dr. Sean Preston has left the museum for a different endeavor. Jack Matakas, a former NCM board member, is now the interim CEO while the NCM searches for a new CEO.

It's again time for us to order our club banner to be displayed at the NCM parking lot. We have been displaying a banner at the NCM for years. We get a new banner every year, and we will raffle off last year's banner to help pay for the new banner. The old banner makes a nice display on your garage wall behind your Corvette.

Don't forget to check out the raffle cars:

- 2021 Red Mist convertible to be raffled off on February 4 for \$150 per ticket with only 1500 tickets to be sold.
- 2021 Black coupe to be raffled off on February 25 for \$100 per ticket with only 2000 tickets to be sold.

- 2021 Artic White coupe to be raffled off on April 24 during the BASH. Tickets are \$20 each with an unlimited amount of tickets to be sold.

Good Luck.

Judy and Marty Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors



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## **St. Louis Corvette Club**

### **COVID-19 Guidelines for Events**

#### **Guidance for Attending St. Louis Corvette Club Events**

##### **Prior to the Event**

Please take a moment to reflect on your well-being.

- Have you been in contact with someone who has a suspected or lab-confirmed COVID-19 case in the past 2 weeks? Please stay home.
- Do you have a fever? If it is greater than 100.4 F°, please seek medical attention and stay home.
- Do you have any of the following symptoms? Please stay home.
  - Fever
  - Cough
  - Nausea
  - Chills
  - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Vomiting
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - Diarrhea
  - Muscle or body aches
  - New loss of taste or smell
  - Unexplained weakness
  - Fatigue
  - Congestion or runny nose

##### **Going to the Event**

Do you have the supplies needed to attend an event?

- Face Coverings (Masks)
- Hand Sanitizer

- Disinfectant wipes (optional depending on circumstances)

### **At the Event**

Are you prepared to avoid complacency? We want to provide a safe and responsible environment for all Club events. Please respect the safety and well-being of other members as well as yourself.

- Always practice social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Outdoors, wear your mask when approaching other members; be respectful
- Indoors, always wear your face covering (mask) except to eat or drink
- Wash or sanitize hands frequently and when appropriate
- Do not share objects
- Stay safe, have fun and enjoy the fellowship of being with other St. Louis Corvette Club members!

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## **Past Events**

# Utah National Parks and More! A Lot More!

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

We are in the final stretch now. There is still some great scenery to see. Anybody for some old western movie locations?

### **Day 12, Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Page, AZ to Monument Valley, AZ**

Today, we are leaving Page, AZ and driving to Monument Valley, AZ. We will be on the Navajo Reservation the entire day. We are going directly to Goulding's Lodge where we will have lunch. Goulding's is directly across from Monument Valley. After lunch, we browse through the small movie museum at Goulding's.

### **Goulding's History**

Harry Goulding was a sheep trader looking for a new business opportunity and a place to call home. In the early 1920s, Harry and his wife Leone, whose nickname was “Mike,” visited Monument Valley and were enamored with the area. Although Monument Valley had once been part of the Paiute Indian Reservation, the reservation relocated, and areas of land opened up for sale. The Goulding’s jumped at the chance to purchase a substantial plot of land in Monument Valley and quickly set up a Trading Post.

When the Great Depression hit in the 1930s, the Navajo Reservation suffered immensely. Harry heard of a movie production company scouting out locations in the Southwest to use in films. He believed that bringing movie production to Monument Valley would help the local Navajos with much-needed income.

So, Harry and Mike set out on a journey to Hollywood, California with their last \$60. By luck and perseverance, Harry met the famous director John Ford. When Ford saw Harry’s photos of Monument Valley, he knew it was the perfect location for his next movie. The Goulding’s received an advanced payment, and in a few days, John Ford and his crew began filming [Stagecoach starring John Wayne.](#)





The view from Goulding's parking lot. The museum is in the building on the right.

We are going across the highway to Monument Valley. We are staying at "The View" hotel. This is all Navajo Nation property. I am quite sure this would be a National Monument or Park if it were on federal land.

Here is a photo of the hotel and the view from "The View". Every room has a glass

sliding patio door and balcony. The photo shows two of the most photographed buttes named West Mitten on the left and East Mitten on the right. They have alternative names of Left Mitten and Right Mitten.



We are going on a late afternoon tour of Monument Valley returning just as the sun sets. The Native Americans have names for all the rock formations. We will be seeing more interesting rock formations, a demonstration Hogan, and John Ford Point. The Hogan is the shelter Navajos built to live in back in the 1800s. I have arranged some of the photos so you can see the stark contrast between a late afternoon photo and a sunset photo.



One of our guides took this photo of our entire group.

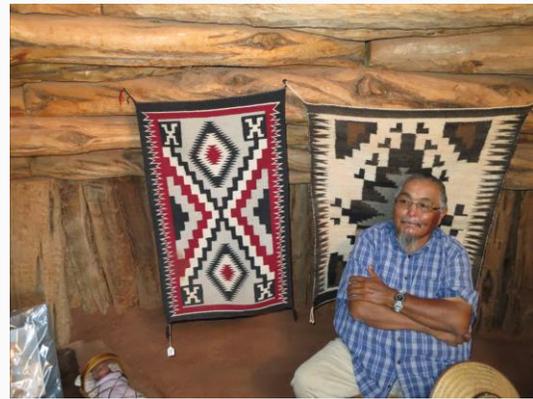
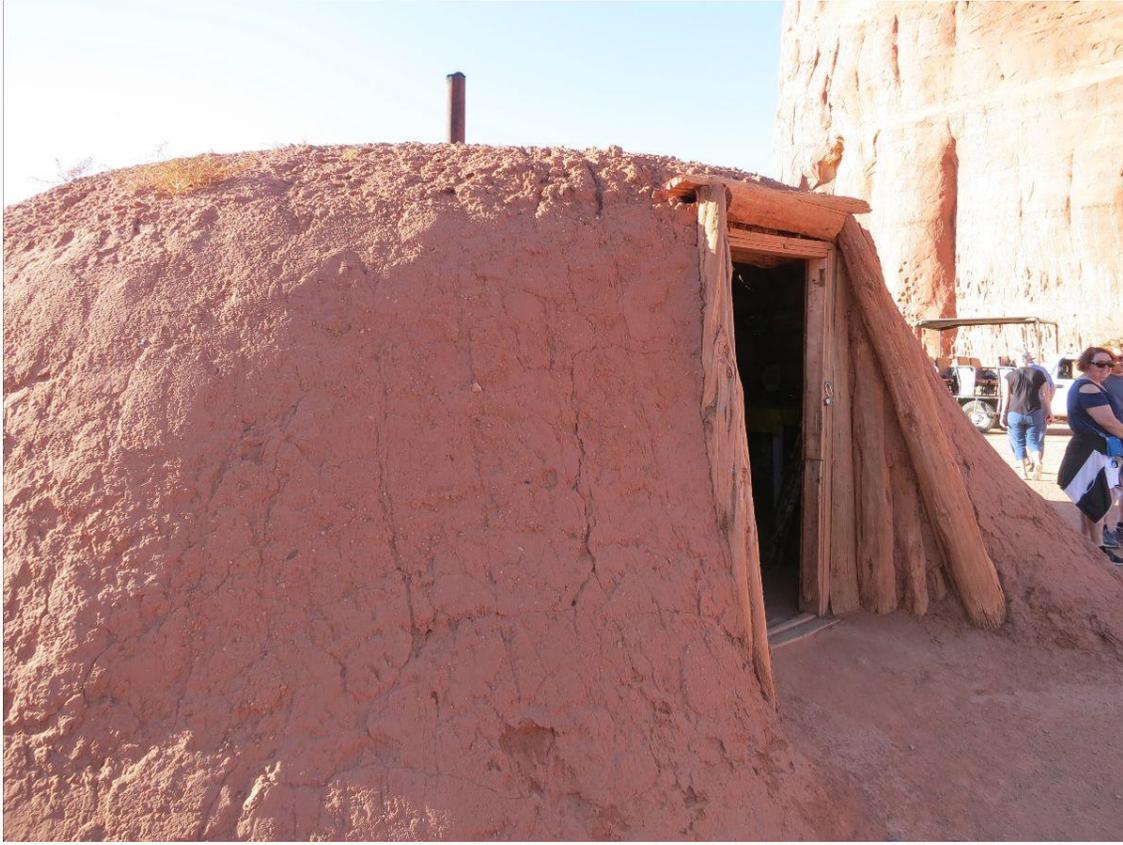






The Three Sisters from the dark side.









Ear Of The Wind









Our Tour Guides



Back at “The View Hotel”, the group presents Barb and Ken with a memento for all the hard work planning this wonderful trip.

**Day 13, Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, Monument Valley, AZ to Various Destinations**

When I look out the patio door from my room before sun rise, I realize I can catch a few photos of the sunrise looking at the Mittens.



Barb and Ken's official itinerary have a stop at Canyon de Chelly National Monument and then on to Albuquerque, NM for the balloon festival. They will arrive home on Monday at dinner time. Valerie and Dale convince Janet and Dennis that it would be a good idea to get up early and drive to Santa Fe. There, they visit the many shops and a restaurant in the town square and have a pleasant walk around town. The next morning, they start for home with a stop for dinner in Tulsa. Another quick jaunt in the Corvette and they were home!

Marcia and Kirt have friends to visit in the Phoenix area. Angie and John have a niece to visit in Colorado. Pat and Carl are going to visit friends in Santa Fe. Mike and I are just ready to go home. We decide to go to Santa Fe with Pat and Carl and spend the night there. Mike and I will take Saturday and Sunday to drive home with a stop in Oklahoma City.

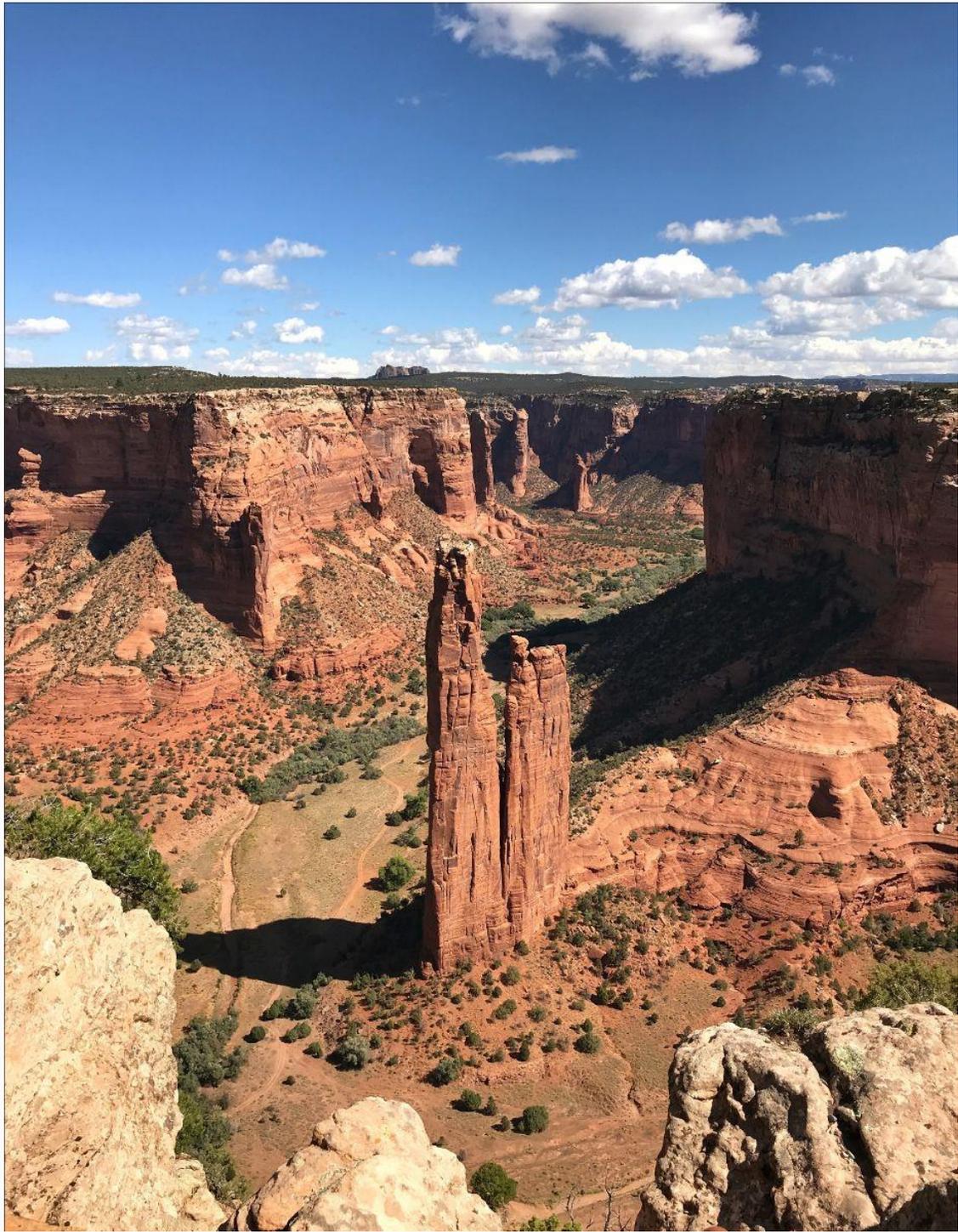
Before Mike and I have dinner in Santa Fe, I drive downtown to see the Loretto Chapel. This chapel is very small and has a choir loft in the back. Because floor space was at a premium, a spiral staircase was built to the loft. It is unlike any other spiral staircase. It has no center column for support. There is an interesting legend that explains the construction of the staircase.





**Day 14, Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Albuquerque with Barb and Ken**

Ken and Barb stopped in Canyon de Chelly National Monument for a quick peek and then were on their way to Albuquerque for the International Balloon Fiesta! The next morning they arrived at the park before sunrise to see the mass ascension, but conditions were not favorable for that to happen until the next morning! What a beautiful site! Barb and Ken were then on their way home!







This trip was outstanding. It means even more since we were able to do this just before the pandemic arrived. There are a lot of fond memories for all. These trips that we do as a club create relationships that we all treasure. I can't wait for the next trip as soon as it is safe!

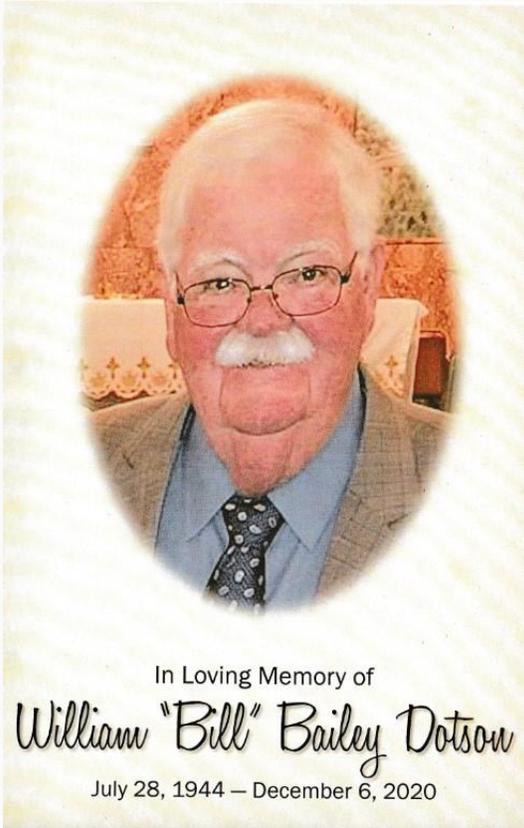


Barb and Ken resting!

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## Special Announcements

Remembering Bill Dotson



In Loving Memory of

*William "Bill" Bailey Dotson*

July 28, 1944 – December 6, 2020

Bill Dotson watched his mom grab an overnight bag and hustle to the family car. She was about to give birth to his baby sister. Bill chased her across the lawn. Saw her wince with pain. Dottie Dotson always smiled when she remembered what happened next. Her serious little boy leaned into the car window and said, "Try and have a good time."

That sentence is the essence of Bill Dotson's 76 years. He wanted the people in his life to find their smiles. Bill found his rooting for St. Louis Cardinals, driving Corvettes, and caring for kids: 2 children, 2 stepchildren, 2 grandchildren, 5 step-grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. Fourteen children weren't enough. In retirement, he helped kids in need who lived near his Lake of the Ozark home.

Bill cherished people. Every September, for 40 years, he gathered with the ones he met at Drury College to retrace shared memories. He had a lot of college friends. It took him eight years to graduate because he chose to join the Air Force during the Vietnam War.

William Bailey Dotson grew up in Webster Groves, Missouri, but work moved him across America to Seattle, Houston, and Virginia Beach. He managed companies that powered ships and boats. Bill loved big engines, open water, and endless roads. That's where he met his wife Pam who shared his passion for Corvettes.

Pam, who survives Bill, was at his side when he died of complications from the Coronavirus on December 6, 2020. He is survived by all the kids listed above, his brother Bob Dotson and his sister Suzi Gerichs.

Bill is preceded in death by his mother Dorothy Bailey Dotson and dad William Henry Dotson.

*William "Bill" Bailey Dotson*

*Born*  
 July 28, 1944  
 St. Louis, Missouri

*Passed Away*  
 Sunday, December 6, 2020  
 Osage Beach, Missouri

*Graveside Services*  
 Tuesday, December 15, 2020  
 1:00 pm  
 Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery  
 St. Louis, Missouri

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## Articles

# The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley and Mike Kirby

In February 2010, Randy Howard was our club president and there were 85 members. We had a Valentine's Day brunch at the Officer's Club at Scott AFB on February 21. We were also in the planning stages of having a mouse race in March. Our new sponsor, ELCO, promised to give away a free one-year membership in the club for every Corvette sold this year. Our previous Christmas

party was held at Bartolino's and we had freezing rain which made it very dicey for those driving their Corvettes to the party. It was also announced that the National Corvette Museum was planning on putting in a new motorsports park.

In February 2013, Ruth Howard was our club president (do you sense a theme here?). The club had 86 members. We also welcomed new members Mike and Laurie Grubb who joined in January. Our meetings were held at the Pasta House on Manchester. It was also reported that the Price's had a successful Twelfth Day of Christmas party in January. At the party we had a visitor from Hawaii named Wanda (you'll have to ask Ruth about this person). We also had pictures of the new C7 Corvette for 2014. On a sad note we said goodbye to Dave and Marya Horstmeyer who were moving out of the area. Both were active members of the club.

In February 2016, Mike Price was club president. This month we had our Valentine's Day brunch at Papa Vito's and a happy hour at Pub 026 as well as an outing at Shooter's in Columbia. Marty Dooley was collecting Hot Wheels cars for the NCM. There was also an extensive article in the newsletter concerning maintenance quirks of the C6.



Getting ready for our Valentine's Day Brunch in February 2009.



Jeff Craig and former member Steve Lyle rebuilding the engine on Steve's '65 big block 396 from 2010. Nice shop!



Our resident “sweetheart” Bob Woods at our Valentine’s Day Brunch in 2011.



Our valentines from the Valentine's Day brunch in February 2020.

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## Corvette Facts

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No. 269: Was the new Corvette switching from fiberglass to aluminum or even magnesium body construction? That was the buzz in many enthusiast magazines from 1960 to 1962 as rumors about the Sting Ray began to circulate. Although Arkus-Duntov's group did experiment with exotic metals (the 1957 SP-64/Corvette SS received a magnesium body), it was found that fiberglass could be made just as light as aluminum. The 1963 Grand Sport body proved this by cutting the layers

of fiberglass from 5 to 3. Average panel thickness dropped from .100 to .060 inch, and each door weighed a mere 21 pounds apiece. Sure, it was delicate, but so was the Cobra's .045-inch-thick aluminum bodywork. Better still, the Grand Sport's fiberglass panels resisted the ugly body-surface pimples that plagued road-raced Cobras as their soft compound tires grabbed track debris and made like a 12-gauge shotgun against the inner fenders at 150 mph. It was telling that in 1965, Shelby specified thicker .050-inch-thick aluminum body stock for the 427 Cobras.

No. 272: In 1965, Corvette offered one of America's first mass-produced applications of four-wheel disc brakes. But is it true that drum brakes were also offered that year? Indeed, they were. Offered as RPO J61, buyers who were either afraid of newfangled technology or drag racers unconcerned with maximum stopping ability could get "last year's" 11-inch drum brakes direct from the St. Louis factory. They even received a \$64.50 credit for going retro. In 1965, 316 cars (of 23,564) sported drum brakes.

No. 277: Everybody knows you could tell the hotter Corvettes apart from the cruisers by checking the tachometer redline marking. If it read 5,500 rpm, the car carried the base engine, 300-hp L75 327 or 390-hp L36 427 (1966 only). If it read to 6,000 rpm, the 350-hp L79 327, 390-hp L36 427 (1967 only) or 400-hp L68 427 tri-carb was on board. Excitement beckoned drivers of Corvettes with 6500-rpm tachometer redline markings. These contained the higher-revving solid-lifter engines, which included the 365-hp L76 327, 375-hp L84 327 fuelie, L78 425-hp 396 big-block (1965 only), 425/450-hp L72 427, 435-hp L71 427 tri-carb, and L88 430-hp 427 (1967 only). A lesser-known gauge tip off was the oil-pressure fascia. On solid-lifter cars it read to 80 psi. Lower-revving hydraulic-lifter cars read only to 60 psi.

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## Joe Biden's Corvette

By Mike Kunst



Terry Mueller ran across this photo of Joe Biden in his Corvette. He is the original owner. No matter your politics, we can all agree that Joe has great taste in the vehicles he owns and drives. Well sometimes he can drive it. I recalled one of Jay Leno's Garage episodes about this issue.

[Click or Tap Here to see the episode of Jay Leno's Garage](#)

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## Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Kirt & Marcia Sheer



**Kirt & Marcia  
Sheer**



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