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President's Message

Happy Spring!

Spring has sprung and we're about to have a lot of fun! The calendar is full of events to enjoy the American sports car to the fullest extent.

We have the awesome opportunity as a club to impact the lives of families impacted by childhood cancer. I know firsthand the financial and emotional burden this causes and how grateful the staff and the families will be for the support we will provide. How blessed are we to have the Howards and Givens leading us in this very important cause and the kind caring members that will make this happen. Please plan on attending the Mouse Races and having a fun evening with family, friends and members.

Our Newsletter continues to be award winning, providing everything from history, tips, events and connections with our members.

The website has all the information needed to plan your adventures.

Looking forward to fun in the future.

Karen

Birthdays and Anniversaries

BIRTHDAYS

Janet Trost

Traci Ramsey

Maggie Hedgcorth

Gary Duke

Bob Bradley

Peggy Craig Bradley

ANNIVERSARIES

Steve & Maggie Hedgcorth

Richard & Jaime Brennan

Dennis & Janet Trost

Gary & Jan Murray

Brandon & Leslie Hoosier

Bill & Gail Mattler

Gary & Erin Duke

Meeting Minutes

St. Louis Corvette Club

March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

- Call to order – 7:02 by Karen/Jack
- Prayer requests:
 - Erin Duke in hospital for chest pains; home now.
 - Praise for Mike Price – PET scan last week revealed no tumor!
- Prayer – Brandon
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Introduction of Officers

President: Karen Price	Vice President: Brandon Hoosier
Membership: Judy Giovanoni	Treasurer: Patti Kusky
Secretary: Leslie Hoosier	Sargent at Arms: Jack Braznell
Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark Gerecke & Eric DeBruin	

- Reminder: Please do not arrive until 6:10 p.m. to avoid disrupting ELCO business.
- Welcome new members and/or guests: New guest John Eskew ('94 corvette); New members Steve & Julie Willis – welcome!
- Website update - Steve Kirby. Steve requests updates in Word for website. Steve will be setting up cloud service later this week & will be working w/Brandon for changes/updates to website.
- Updates on Jack's mentoring program – On target. Currently have one volunteer to be a mentor for new members. Mentoring program is to introduce new members to the club & what we do. See Jack if you want to be a mentor.
- Secretary's Minutes: Correction to February giveaway winners: Terry Mueller & Ken Payne (Feb minutes will be corrected). Jim made motion to approve minutes, second by Judy Dooley. Minutes approved.

- Treasurer's Report: Chris made motion to approve, second Steve Kirby. Treasurer's Report approved.
- Membership Report - Judy
 - New members: Steve & Julie Willis
 - Members leaving: June Fain, deceased 12/25/21 (Lifetime member) recently became aware that she passed away.
 - Associate members leaving: none.
 - Current membership totals:
 - Regular: 101 (10 charter members, corrected number)
 - Lifetime: 5 (1 charter)
 - Associate: 3
 - Sponsors: 4
 - Total members: 101 (excludes sponsors)
 - John Eskew on waiting list now.
- Committee Reports:
 - Newsletter: Kathy Mueller (Thanks for great newsletter) Reminder: send Kathy event flyers for newsletter!
 - Budget: Budget was presented in February meeting. Discussion around how budget gets approved and the reserve funds. Randy Howard explained budget reasoning & reserve. Motion to approve by Jim Givens, seconded by Barry. Budget approved.
 - By-laws: On target.
 - Charity: On target, no updates.
 - VA Garden: Marty Dooley/Karen Price. Need volunteers! No masks required. VA hospital 100th anniversary car show (save the date May 13th). Annual spring cleaning & planting coming up, day/time TBD (tentative May 6th). See Marty if you want to volunteer.
 - Parade: On target.
 - National Corvette Museum Ambassador's Report: Judy Dooley. Sold 5 tickets for banner, still need 5 more. Rich Luebcke – Update on

exhibits at corvette museum. This Thursday is opening of Custom Carisma at museum! 30th anniversary of museum in 2024.

- NCCC Governor's Report: Larry Walker- convention updates.
Rulebook awaiting vote, governors will vote online for individual changes. Final vote in fall (see NCCC website for specific rule changes). Over 17,000 members & 233 clubs in NCCC. Everyone should have received membership cards, let Larry know if not. June 24-30 for convention in Bowling Green. Investigating venues for local auto cross events, such as in Bonne Terre if there is interest.
- History: Ron does extremely good job on newsletter articles, thank you!
- Christmas Party: Set for Dec 2nd at the Falls. Includes DJ. & open bar, will be a lot of fun!
- Nominating: On target.
- Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke/Eric DeBruin. Inventory still a challenge, but getting better. 2021 black coupe available w/4,000 miles if anyone is interested! Mike Henges got new C8, also has 2013 for sale.
- Insurance review committee – we are exploring other options. On target, accepting information for review. See Randy & John if you have any info. Randy requested that an ex-VP or president volunteer to be on committee – Marty Dooley volunteered.
- Vice President's Report: Reminder to coordinate events w/Brandon to ensure we don't double book on the same day, and Brandon will send to Steve/Kathy for inclusion in newsletter/website. Brandon went over March & April events.
- New events– Ruth and Randy, Jim and Bev doing St. Jude fund raisers. Have 8 cars now for St. Jude, fundraisers will benefit our drivers who have signed up. Fundraisers (Givens): Pampered Chef online event; selling smoked pork loins 2/\$25 to be ready for member pick-up in April at TBD

location; Arnold VFW Show & Shine April 1st; mouse races & bake sale May 12th 6:30pm at Arnold VFW.

- Randy Howard held quick auction for St. Jude. Raised \$55 tonight.
- Thank you for bringing cake tonight – Rick Frierdich and Pat Ross! Next month Angie & John Midkiff
- Congratulations Larry for finishing 40th radiation treatment!
- 50/50 drawing: \$90 – Barry S. Won! Drawing for monthly gift certificate – Val Z. Won! Tote bags for sale for \$25 if anyone interested.
- Judy announced the attendance at the meeting – 68 in attendance tonight. Next meeting April 4, 2023.
- Motion to adjourn meeting by Bill Mattler, second by Bev Givens, adjourned. Thank you for coming! Drive safely.

Upcoming Events (see website for more info):

March 11, Bunco, Kirby's house, 6 p.m.

March 11, Corvettes & Coffee, LaBelle Vie Café, St. Charles, 8:30 a.m.

March 15, Retirees lunch, Pappy's Smokehouse

March 19, Fritz's ice cream, 5:30 p.m.

March 21, River City Casino/ lunch, River City Casino. Gambling starts at 11:00, lunch at 12:30.

March 25, Giant City Drive, Giant City State Park, drive begins at 8:00 a.m.

March 26, Crazy Bowl/party at Pickles, DuBowl, arrive at 12:30, bowling begins at 1 pm.

April 1, Show & Shine, Arnold VFW, 10 a.m. - 2p.m. (St. Jude fundraiser)

April 4, April club meeting, ELCO

April 8, Corvettes & Coffee, Crooked Tree Coffee House, St. Charles, 8:30 a.m.

April 19, Retiree's Lunch, Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon, O'Fallon, 11:15.

April 27-29, Bash at Corvette Museum, all day.

April 30, Fritz's ice cream, 5:30 p.m.

Leslie Hoosier

Secretary

Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports

NCM Ambassadors Report

There are many reasons to join the National Corvette Museum through membership. We went to the Grand Opening of the NCM and liked what we saw and joined. Here are some of the membership options:

Individual membership

- \$65.00 a year which comes down to \$5.42 per month, \$1.25 per week, or 18 cents per day.

Or you can go to the membership page and you will find other options like:

Family membership which will get you

- \$100.00 a year or 5 years for \$350.00 with a yearly renewal
- 2 membership cards
- 2 lapel pins
- 1 subscription to America Sports Car Magazine
- Free admission into the museum
- 10% discount in the Corvette Store
- Discount on NCM events
- Discount on NCM insurance

- Discount on car rentals and hotel
- 20% discount on Carfax

Senior Individual membership for 65 & older

- \$750.00 for 20 years
- 10% off Motorsports Park and all of the above

Lifetime membership \$2000.00, 1 time donation:

- Lifetime individual membership to the Museum
- Lifetime name badge
- Name engraved on a special Lifetime plaque in the NCM
- Lifetime subscription to America Sports Car magazine
- Gold membership card
- Lapel pin
- Free admission into the museum plus 1 guest
- Invite to VIP functions sponsored by the NCM
- 15% discount to the Corvette Store
- 10% off Motorsport Park driving club
- Discount on NCM insurance
- Free admission to participating NARM museums
- Free admission into Automotive Museums at participating museums
- And more

Contact Bobbie Jo Lee at 1-270-467-8833

The National Corvette Museum by the numbers:

- It has won 9 awards and had 221,165 visitors in 2022.
- 214 groups visited the Museum with 7,334 people.
- 88 school groups visited the Museum with 3,191 students.
- 4,287 new members.
- 1,632 Corvettes participated in the R8C Delivery program.
- 2,859 people toured the assembly plant.
- 3 Corvettes were added to the collection.
- 35 small artifacts and archival collections were added.
- \$32,076 total revenue from contracted sales.
- \$456,376 in total sales of build sheets and window stickers.

Judy and Marty Dooley
NCM Ambassadors

Governor's Report, March 7, 2023

Governor meetings 10 days ago... I also sat as an observer to the RCD meeting – our former member Jeff Craig was representing the Midwest Region...

Here are a few RCD meeting observations:

Formerly the Rulebook which is typically revised every 2 years, failed the last vote in November 2021 and thus the 20-21 Rulebook was kept in force for 22 and 23. Currently voting is an "all or nothing" vote for the rulebook. Under the new proposed change, Governors will vote online for individual changes. This rule change was tabled until the May meeting. Beyond this, new rulebook changes are

listed online on the NCCC website – please take a look at them and let me know what you think. The current changes are as follows:

2022 R5 – Allows events on the Friday following a Thursday holiday (Thanksgiving, and Independence Day, if it falls on a Thursday)

2022 R6 – Allows the VP of Competition to suspend competition in event of national emergency

2022 R8 – Revises the required details for Event Flyers and adds additional verbiage to the bottom of the flyers: “Non-NCCC members are not covered by NCCC insurance”

2022 R10 – Increases the number of club sanctions from 10 to 14

2022 R14a – Time Trials... Allows up to 3 Events per 20 minute Time Trial

2023 R1 – Changes “People’s Choice Concours” to “People’s Choice Car Show”

Note: C8 engines will not be judged in Concours car shows due to lack of access to the engine.

2023 R2 – Divides the Sanctioned Event Types into 2 major categories – Speed Events and Non-Speed Events.

- o- Speed events are Autocrosses, Drag races, Matching Times, and Time Trials.

- o- Non-Speed Events are Funkhanas, Rallyes, Economy runs, and Concours and Peoples Choice car shows.

- o- National Champions will be recognized in each major category and also the top 15 participants in each category.

Currently there are over 17,000 members and 233 clubs in NCCC.

All the membership cards have been mailed and should all be delivered by now.

Convention

The Annual NCCC Convention in Bowling Green will celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Corvette

There are almost 700 registrants for this year's Convention; the events and tours are all just about fully booked. Conventions are great and a must for the serious Corvette enthusiast!

Local Events

14 Autocrosses at TireRack (South Bend, IN) on 15 and 16 April

21 Autocrosses for a Midwest Region Fund Raiser at Rantoul, IL 27, 28 and 29 May

Since we are at a disadvantage for finding local autocross venues, here's a new idea...

How quick is your Corvette? Nearby there is a great little drag strip in Bonne Terre – what do you think about a club outing - it has a decent 1/8 mile strip, nice country atmosphere, and every Friday night – has an open Test & Tune! If anyone is interested please give me a call and we'll try to set something up!

Lastly... On the NCCC website there are tire raffles 4 times per year for a full set of tires with the drawing at the Governor's meeting. It is open to NCCC members only and benefits St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Entries must be mailed and received by May 6th for the next giveaway.

There is lots of information on the website including minutes of the meetings in the Members Only section. Give it a look-see! Email me if you need the sign-on details.

Cheers and Save the Wave!

Larry Walker
STLCC Governor

Future Events



Arnold VFW Post 2593

2301 Church Road

Arnold, Mo.

Welcome to the first St Jude Corvette Drive

Show & Shine.

Saturday, April 1st

from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

\$10 Donation per car

All money will be donated to St Jude Children's

Research Hospital.

All makes and years of Cars/Trucks are welcome!

With Great Classic Rock Tunes provided by: "DJ Don"

"BBQ" & "50/50 Tickets"

Relax and enjoy the great food, great cars & great people!



NO ALCOHOL OR BURNOUTS - NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, DAMAGE TO, OR LOSS OF PROPERTY.
CALL AHEAD IN CASE OF BAD WEATHER.



&



When:

- Saturday, April 8th @ 8:30am

Where:

- The Crooked Tree Coffee House
- 559 1st Capital Dr
- St Charles, MO 63301

Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

314.341.3383



April Retiree Lunch

Date: April 19, 2023

Time: 11:15 a.m.

Where: Ethyl's Smokehouse & Saloon, 8505 Veterans Memorial Pkwy, O'Fallon, MO 63366

Hosted by Marc Portman

There will be a sign-up sheet at the April 2023 meeting. If you will not be attending the meeting, you can email Marc Portman at mportman@centurylink.net.

Click below for the menu

<https://ethylssmokehouse.com/>

The NCM BASH

The NCM BASH is April 27-29 which is the first Big event of the year down at the Museum.

Some of the things that will be going on there are:

- Seminars which some will be given by GM engineers and the plant manager.

- Out trips

Shopping

Checking out the new exhibits

And more

I know it's short notice but if you want to go, there should be rooms available in Bowling Green, KY. It's a nice 5 hour drive down there.

Judy and Marty Dooley

NCM Ambassadors



COME JOIN US AT FRITZ'S ICE CREAM

THE LAST SUNDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 5:30PM

APRIL 30, 2023

MAY 28, 2023

JUNE 25, 2023

AND SO ON

WATCH FOR REMINDER UPDATES ON FACEBOOK!

Fritz's Ice Cream address: 815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088

Sponsored by: John Jordan and Joyce Newbauer
John and Angie Midkiff

Ken and Barb Payne

2023 V.A. Garden Spring Clean-up/Planting

Our Corvette Club has helped maintain a garden area behind building 52 at the J.B. Veterans Hospital for the past 18 years. The idea for this came from a friend in our club as a way of giving back. That idea evolved into making a garden area behind the spinal cord injury rehab (bldg. 52). Every year we have club members show their support of our Veterans by cleaning up the garden area and planting new flowers and plants. Doing this work gives the patients and staff a chance to get out of the hospital for a while and relax.

For those club members with a couple of hours that want to help our Veterans, we plan to meet at the entrance to the V. A. Hospital on Koch Road at 10 a.m. on Saturday May 6, 2023 and like any of our club events, we will be going to lunch after our volunteer work.

Any questions please call Marty or Judy Dooley 314-814-4349 or 314-814-4495.



Corvette Show and Festival



May 7th (Sunday.) 12:30PM - 4:00PM

Church service 10:30 AM (optional)

Registration starts @12:00PM

3 trophies Awards

Presentation 3:30 PM

- 1) Peoples Choice.....vote with your \$\$\$
(Support Ukraine Relief)
- 2) Rector's Choice
- 3) Assist. Rector's Choice

LOCATION:

St. Martin's Church Parking Lot
15764 Clayton Rd.
Ellisville, MO 63011

Bar-B-Que and refreshments available

Sponsors: Dana & Diana Griggs

Djq5@charter.net or 314 757 0742



Friday, May 12, 2023

Doors open at 6:30pm, first race at 7:30pm

Arnold VFW Post 2593

2301 Church Road

Arnold, MO 63010

**Mouse Races, Mouse Roulette, Plinko, 50/50, Bake Sale,
Raffle Baskets & much more....**



**All proceeds benefit St Jude Children's
Research Hospital**

\$20/person or \$200 for a table of 10

Contact Bev Givens @ Bevgivens28@gmail.com

Beer, Soda, water, tea and coffee included. Cash bar available.

No outside drinks/alcohol. Bring your own food & snacks.



**Join us on
May 13, 2023,
as we celebrate
over 100 years
of World Class
Service to our
nation's Heroes!**

**Featuring - Car Show - Music - Food Trucks -
Great Lakes Navy Band - Visit by Fred Bird! -
Veterans Village - PACT Act Info - Hiring Fair-
Food Demos - VA Health Care & Benefits
Yoga & Tai Chi - and more!**

**Saturday
May 13th
10am -2:00pm**

**Food truck
registration:
stlpao@va.gov**



**To register your show 'n' shine vehicle,
for the car show, email vastlevents@va.gov**

VA St. Louis Health Care System

**Jefferson Barracks Division
1 Jefferson Barracks Drive
St. Louis, MO 63125-4199**

(Exit onto Koch Rd., not Telegraph Rd.)



**St. Louis Corvette Club
Day Trip to Casey, Illinois
Friday, June 2**

Meet in Columbia, IL at Red Roof Gas Station (right off Route 3 after JB Bridge) at 8:15 a.m. for 8:30 a.m. departure!

Arrive by 11:30 at Richards Farm Restaurant for lunch in Casey.

After lunch we will drive into Casey where there are many “large” items to see.

Casey is home to eight attractions certified by Guinness World Records as the largest in the world. In addition to the world’s largest attractions, Casey offers visitors a plethora of large items to view, including the World’s Largest:

- * wind chime
- * golf tee
- * rocking chair

- * wooden shoes
- * mailbox
- *barbershop pole

Most items can be viewed by parking in downtown Casey and walking short distances to see them. (Or you can drive to each item.) We will meet up at 3 p.m. at Casey's Candy Depot (located in the old train depot) and home to the World's Largest Wooden Shoes to pick up sweets and then to caravan home.

RSVP: Laurie: lgrubb61@gmail.com or text 618-210-3197

NCCC Convention

Bowling Green, Kentucky

June 24th through the 30th, 2023

**Information will be posted as it
becomes available**

**[Updated Hotel Info, Please read!](#) (as
of Dec 16, 2022)**

**Overflow Hotels
The Host Hotel, Holiday Inn, is full.**

Please book Reservations at one of the below Hotels

- Book reservations at the [Hilton](#)
- Book reservations at the [Mariott](#).

[2023 Convention Schedule](#) (as of Feb 01, 2023)

[Convention Online Registration](#)

Convention 2023 Online Day Pass
Registration will begin on Sat Apr 01
2023 10:00:00 (Central Daylight Time)

[2023 Convention Tours](#) (as of Feb 01, 2023)

[2023 Convention Tours Details](#) (as of Jan 31, 2023)

[Things to do in Bowling Green](#) (as of Dec 16, 2022)

[2023 Convention Competition](#) (as of Dec 16, 2022)

[Valve Cover Racing Rules](#)

[Overall Competitor Rules](#)

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[2023 Convention Shirt Order Form](#)
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Past Events

Coffee and Corvettes

Hosted by Jim and Bev Givens





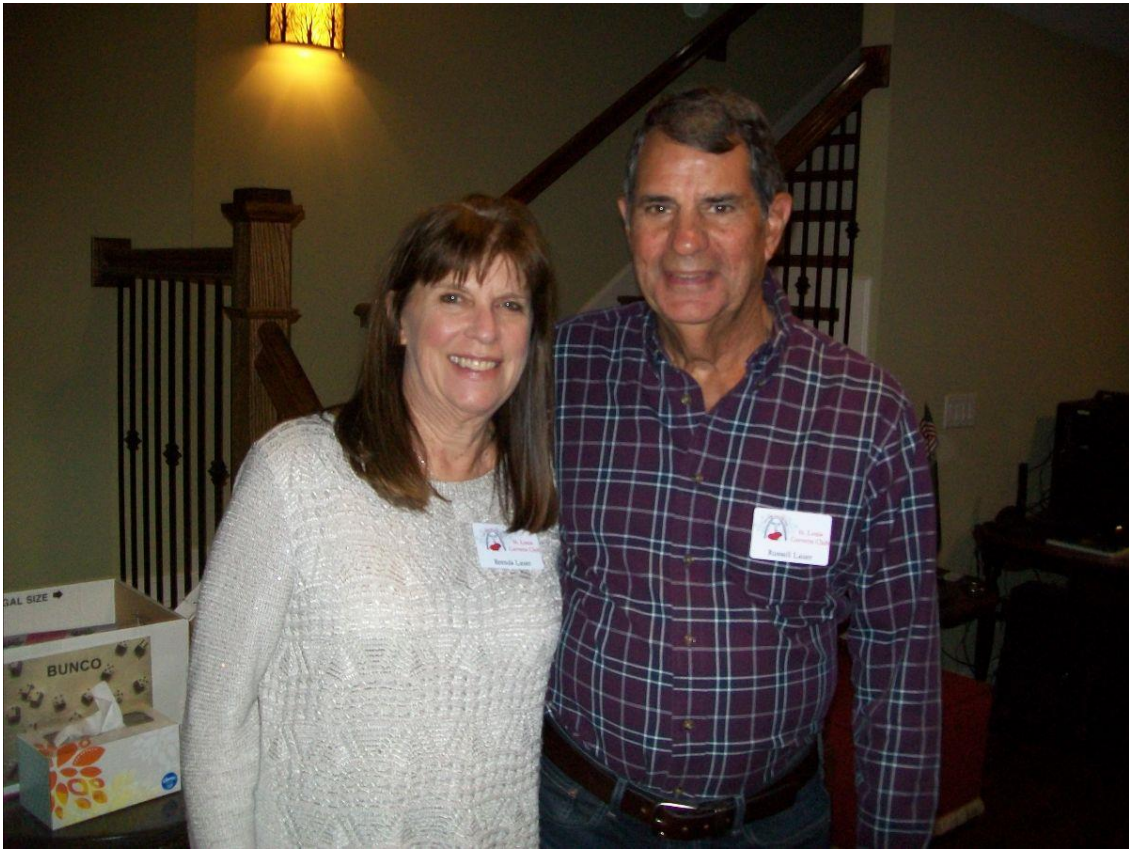


Bunco

Hosted By Dawn and Steve Kirby









Bunco Winners!

March Retirees' Lunch

Hosted By Barry Seelig







Ice Cream at Fritz's

Sponsored by Ken and Barb Payne, John and Angie Midkiff, and
John Jordan and Joyce Newbauer





River City Casino Day

Sponsored by Ruth & Randy Howard









Crazy Bowl

Sponsored by Judy Dooley and Ruth Howard













Crazy Bowl After Party

Hosted by Anne and Don Pickles



Thanks to the Pickles for hosting!









Winners of Crazy Bowl women's and men's lowest bowling score.



Winners of Crazy Bowl women's and men's highest bowling score.



Winners of Left Right Center



Winners of Left Right Center



Thanks to the Dooleys and Howards for coordinating this event!

Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, Mike Price and
Peggy Craig Bradley

April showers bring May flowers as the saying goes. But showers are bad because Corvettes melt in the rain! But that doesn't stop our club from enjoying the better weather and it's not like we need another reason to eat! So here is a look back on some of our previous April events.

In April 2006, Rick Friedrich was our club president and for some reason there was a picture of yellow Corvettes on the front page of the newsletter. At one time I think we had 8 yellow Vettes in the club. It used to be a running joke to give those folks with a yellow Vette a hard time, calling them taxi cabs. But they are very useful when we caravan because you can spot them a mile away. Now only the Hoogvelds and Rogers are yellow Vette owners. We were meeting at Hessler's Pub on Tesson Ferry Rd and had 55 members. This month we made a trip to Fast Lane Cars in St. Peters and also went to the Blue Springs Café near Highland, IL. Other activities were a car show and a trip to Dreamland Palace German Restaurant in Waterloo. We were also having our weekly Thursday night dinners at area restaurants.

In 2016 our current First Gentleman Mike Price was our fearless leader (actually Karen had to tell him what to do) and our meetings were held at Grand Slam in Fenton. We had 90 club members at that time. We had our annual VA garden

clean up this month as well as some members planning a trip to the NCM for the Bash. We also received an email from Associate Members Richard and Fancy Loch who lived near Denver at that time. They received 24 inches of snow and there was a picture of Richard waist deep in a drift (and Richard is 6'6" tall).

Don Pickles was our president in April 2019. We had 95 members at that time and we welcomed Bruce and Kathy Wooldridge to the club. Meetings were still being held at Grand Slam. Mark Gerecke reported that ELCO was out of 2018 cars and there was a 268 day supply of 2019s, all in anticipation of the new C8. Our retirees' lunch was at the Hawthorn Inn in Labadie along with our monthly Fritz's outing. In addition we had an event at Shooters in Columbia, IL which naturally ended up with a lunch afterwards.

Now for some pictures.



This is a 2007 Z06 from our Lynch Hummer car show in April 2007. Lynch was our sponsor at the time. They foolishly said we could take it for a short drive. Well after about the 10th “test” drive there wasn’t much left of the tires. It may have exceeded the speed limit on the access road. I know I scared the heck out of Mary Ann.



In 2008 a group that met on the internet called 63-67 Vettes.com was going through St. Louis on their Route 66 trip from Chicago to California. We met them for dinner in Fenton. The one couple from New York drove over 5000 miles on that trip.



John and Angie Midkiff as well as Patty and Jeff Craig doing their autocross thing in Rantoul in April 2021.



All the workers finally relaxing after the VA garden cleanup in April 2010.

Featured STLCC Members and Their Corvette

Barry Seelig



Barry
Seelig



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