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## **President's Message**

Hello everyone,

I want to thank all who attended the mouse races. It was very successful! I think everyone had a good time.

We want to remember all those who are having medical procedures and those who are recovering.

The meeting is April 1<sup>st</sup>. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone.

As always, we, your board, are open to suggestions and ideas to make our club more fun and better. You can text me at 314-799-2749.

Your President,  
John Jordan

PS: REMEMBER IF YOU HAVE A COMMITTEE REPORT LET ME KNOW BEFORE THE MEETING SO WE CAN ADD IT TO THE AGENDA,

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## **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Janet Trost

Maggie Hedgcorth

Gary Duke

Arlene Thomas

Dee Riehlman

### **ANNIVERSARIES**

Ed Flaspohler & Lisa Schuenke

Steve & Maggie Hedgcorth

Dennis & Janet Trost

Ed & Joanmarie Hartzke

Gary & Jan Murray

Bill & Gail Mattler

Gary & Erin Duke

### **STLCC Anniversary Milestones**

There were no anniversary milestones in April.

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### **Meeting Minutes**

The St. Louis Corvette Club met at ELCO Chevrolet in Ballwin, MO on March 4, 2025. President John Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

John led us with the Pledge of Allegiance.

John introduced the Club officers:

President: John Jordan	Vice President: Don Pickles
Membership: Brian Walsh	Treasurer: Anne Pickles
Secretary: June Walsh	Sergeant at Arms: Dennis Trost
Immediate past president: Karen Price	Sponsor: ELCO Chevrolet Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin

John went over the following information:

- He thanked everyone for attending tonight. He reminded everyone of the 50/50 tickets, event sign-up sheets, and retiree's lunch sign-up.
- No new members or guests are in attendance.
- John thanked Kathy Mueller for the wonderful newsletter and Steve Kirby for the great website.
- Ron Hagenow made a motion to accept the February 2025 secretary minutes. Ken Payne seconded it. The motion passed.
- Brian Walsh, Membership Officer, gave the membership report.
- Regular Members: 101
- Lifetime Members: 6
- Associate Members: 12

Total Members: 119

- There are currently 8 on our waiting list.
- Sponsor Report: Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin – Mark reported that Costco came out with an incentive of \$2,700 or \$3,000 off a Corvette Stingray thru end of April. Gold star members, if you upgrade, Costco will allow you to use the \$3,000 incentive. Mark has a 3LZ Z06, clear bra, he sold it new, has 8,000 miles, convertible, one owner, and it is \$121,900.

- Eric reported they have four pre-owned C8s. Two coupes and two convertibles.
- Mark reported there is also a new 2024 white one in the showroom. It is \$12,500 off.
- Mike Kunst bought a beautiful new Blue E-Ray and picked it up Saturday morning.
- John Jordan picked up a new red Cadillac XT4. John commented on how pleasant it was to buy a car through ELCO. They do an excellent job.
- Mark reported that ELCO has an E-Ray coming in, and a torch red convertible ZR1 without the big wing package on it.
- Vickie DeBruin told members that the Quilt show at Queeny Park is on March 15<sup>th</sup>. They will be carpooling from Vickie's house and will have lunch at Circle 7. Admission is \$10. If you want to join, message Kim Gerecke or Vickie DeBruin.
- John asked for a motion to accept the Treasure's report that Anne Pickles presented to members by email for February 2025. Ken Payne moved to accept the report, and Rick Doerr seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**St. Jude** – Ruth Howard acknowledged the ladies who made the St. Jude quilt which will be raffled off. We will also raffle off a tote bag that Karen Price made to hold a quilted chess board that Vickie made. Karen also made a matching pillow to go with the quilt. Tickets will be \$10 each or two for \$15.

**Mouse races** – tickets are \$25 each or \$180 for a table of eight.

April 1<sup>st</sup> & April 6<sup>th</sup> eat at the Texas Roadhouse up the street from ELCO and they will donate 10% of the proceeds to St. Jude. They also donated a gift basket.

Clear Auto Bra – they have sponsored for 5 years now. The first two years they donated \$2,500. The 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year they donated \$5000. This year they donated \$10,000.

Jim Givens reported that twenty-two baskets have been donated . They are looking to have forty. Ray Queen's son has donated a \$500 vacuum.

Karen Price reported that Ruth and Randy received a very special reward for working with St. Jude for 20 years.

President John Jordan encouraged everyone to attend the mouse races as it is a lot of fun.

**VA Garden** – Marty Dooley asked everyone to pick up red, white, and blue spinning petal wheels at your local Dollar Tree to spiff up the garden for spring. They do not last very long in the windy weather, but it brings such joy and movement to the garden and the veterans really like it.

John Jordan encouraged everyone to visit the garden and volunteer to help.

**Auction** – Michelle Finn said a couple of years ago Randy Howard auctioned off donated items to benefit St. Jude. She would like to do that again. If anyone wants to donate Corvette related items, please bring it to the next meeting.

**Vice President's Report:** Don Pickles reviewed past events and future events. They are as follows:

**Past Events**

February

26<sup>th</sup> Retiree Luncheon at Joey B's, sponsored by Michelle Paillou

**Future Events**

March

4<sup>th</sup> Business Meeting

19<sup>th</sup> Retiree Luncheon at Mellow Mushroom sponsored by the Doerrs.

21<sup>st</sup> Mouse Races

22<sup>nd</sup> Bunco at the Prices

30<sup>th</sup> Fritz's

One scheduling change, the Hannibal Run originally scheduled for April 26<sup>th</sup> will now be May 31<sup>st</sup> .

April

1<sup>st</sup> Monthly Meeting

12<sup>th</sup> Coffee and Corvettes  
16<sup>th</sup> Retiree lunch at Ethyl's  
24<sup>th</sup> Sangria and Sunsets – Sponsored by the Givens  
24<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> NCM Bash at Bowling Green  
27<sup>th</sup> – Fritz's

**REMEMBER TO CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR ALL EVENTS.**

**New Business**

John asked the club to keep Bill Perez in our thoughts and prayers. His mother recently passed away. Also, Sandy, his significant other, is dealing with chemo treatments.

Karen Price reminded the club that Eureka Springs moved to the last weekend in September. The hotel is holding a block of rooms under the St. Louis Corvette Club, so call down there to get the discount. They will be releasing the rooms soon.

**Good and Welfare**

Brian Walsh talked about the family business document that Jim Givens created a few years back. This document advertises family businesses of club members. The most recent addition is Russell's business. Steve Kirby said the business document is currently not posted on the website. The club discussed getting it updated and posting it in the newsletter along with being online. Please forward any information to Brian. Brian had five trivia questions regarding corvettes and ELCO.

Karen Price shared that Steve Willis' cancer returned with a vengeance. Please keep Steve and family in your thoughts and prayers.

June Walsh read a Thank You note from Lisa Schuenke thanking the club for the memorial tree that will be planted in honor of her mother.

John thanked Rick Frierdich and Pat Ross for bringing the cupcakes and Joyce for bringing muffins.

Thanks to ELCO for providing our meeting place as well as pizza.

Ruth Howard – Horse racing under new ownership, she is waiting to hear back. The

winery trip may have to wait until next year as buses are all rented and so many things are already on the calendar.

Michell Finn is out of her wheelchair and given the green light to start walking. She thanked us all for the prayers. The wound is almost gone.

Mike Kunst reported that Jan and Gary Murray's 20<sup>th</sup> club anniversary is this month.

Bev Givens reported that Jim is having his right ankle replaced on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Six months after the right, they will be doing the left.

Steve Kirby reported that Dawn will be having a hip replacement at the end of the month on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

There were fifty-two members in attendance and four sponsors.

Marty Dooley won \$81 in the 50/50 raffle.

Former members Pat and Mike Moore donated a leather Corvette jacket to auction off, and we had four club koozies and a hat to raffle off.

Randy Howard was the high bidder for the jacket. \$50 will go into our general fund.

President John Jordan asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Kunst made a motion to adjourn, and Barry Seelig seconded the motion. The motion passed, and John adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be on April 1<sup>st</sup> at ELCO Chevrolet.

**\*\*\* PLEASE REMEMBER TO ARRIVE AFTER 6:30 PM AND TO BRING YOUR CHAIRS TO THE MEETING. \*\*\***

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**Committee Reports & Sponsor Reports**

## **NCM Ambassadors Report**

The National Corvette Museum has made David Hill its new CEO.

As a long time Corvette enthusiast with extensive leadership experience, Hill brings the strategic vision needed to take the Museum into its next chapter while staying true to its mission of preserving and celebrating its legacy of America's Sportscar. Hill is a hands-on Corvette owner, and he has restored a multitude of Corvettes, including a 1971 Stingray. His personal favorite is a 1967 Corvette which he calls "A beautiful car in so many ways."

Judy and Marty Dooley  
NCM Ambassadors



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**Future Events**





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When:

- Saturday, April 12th @ 8:30am

Where:

- Café La Belle Vie
- 1200 N Second St
- St Charles, MO

**Come for the Coffee, Stay for the People!!**

Sponsored by Jim & Bev Givens

314.341.3383

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## **BUNCO**

**HOSTED BY JUDY AND MIKE McELHONE**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 12, 6:00pm**

**310 OXFORD RIDGE CT. ELLISVILLE MO 63021**

**Eat at 6:00, Bunco at 7:00**

**Bring \$5.00 per person and a dish to share**

**Beer and Soda Provided**

**RSVP By 4/10/25**

**Text JUDY at 636-236-7294 or email at**

[judithgiovanoni@gmail.com](mailto:judithgiovanoni@gmail.com)

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## **April Retirees' Lunch**

Hosted by Barry Seelig

Date: April 16, 2025

Time: 11:00 a.m.

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

There will be a sign-up sheet at the April 2025 meeting. Or you can let Barry know at [vetdude67@gmail.com](mailto:vetdude67@gmail.com) or 314-974-4644.

Click below for the menu.

<https://ethylssmokehouse.com/>

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# Sangria Sunsets

(4th Thursday of each Month, April – October)

(April 24<sup>th</sup>, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, June 26<sup>th</sup>, July 24<sup>th</sup>, August 28<sup>th</sup>, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>, Oct 23<sup>rd</sup>)

**Sunset Overlook**

**11604 Bluff Road**

**Columbia, IL 62236**

5:30pm - ?????

Come when you can. Rain, shine, snow or sleet.

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## 2025 MICHELIN NCM BASH



**APRIL 24 – 26, 2025**

Are you interested in the new 2025 Corvette ZR1? Want to see in person? 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?

Don't miss the Corvette Team presentation! It will bring you up to date on all things related to Corvette. There will be Corvette Team leaders from Detroit to present. They spend a lot of time mingling with enthusiasts (that's us!). New colors for the 2026 MY?

Want to know what is going on at the Assembly Plant? Hear the latest from Ray Theriault, Bowling Green Assembly Director.

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? If you go a day earlier, you could participate in an HPDE at the track.

Maybe you are interested in a nice scenic drive led by the NCM. There are several road trips to choose from.

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

Contact Mike Kunst for more information.

[Mike.Kunst@Outlook.com](mailto:Mike.Kunst@Outlook.com)

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## **St. Louis Corvette Club Monthly Ice Cream Run March Until October**

**When:**

Sunday  
April 27<sup>th</sup>  
May 25<sup>th</sup>  
June 29<sup>th</sup>  
July 27<sup>th</sup>  
August 31<sup>st</sup>  
September 28<sup>th</sup>  
October 26<sup>th</sup>

**Where:**

Fritz's Frozen Custard  
815 Meramec Station Road, Valley Park, MO 63088

**Time:**

5:30 PM Until We All Leave

**What:**

Come For The Custard  
Stay For The People

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# Corvette Show and Festival



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

Church service 10:30 AM (optional)

Registration starts @12:00PM

**Awards**

**Presentation 3:30 PM**

People's Choice.....vote with your \$\$\$

## LOCATION:

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

**Bar-B-Que and refreshments available**

Sponsors: Dana & Diana Griggs

[Djg5@charter.net](mailto:Djg5@charter.net) or 314 757 0742

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**St. Jude Corvette Drive  
May 15 – 16, 2025**

**St. Louis Drive Captains  
Randy & Ruth Howard**



Please consider joining us for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual St. Jude Corvette Drive. You will be supporting the children and families at St. Jude Research Hospital.

We will be departing from St. Louis on May 15<sup>th</sup> and arrive in Dyersburg, TN where we will spend the night and enjoy a fabulous dinner hosted by Mayor Holden. In the morning we will head to Memphis for a visit and presentation at the campus.

Why do we do this..... As a Corvette owner this is the most rewarding experience you will ever have as you raise funds for sick children.

Each registered vehicle expenses are \$425. This registration fee covers the cost of tee shirts, event polos, gas, Thursday night hotel room, parking, lunch in Memphis and other incidentals.

Drivers commit to raise \$1,250 and passengers commit to raise \$750. Fundraising is easy and a great way to connect with your friends, coworkers and family.

**Please visit our website at [www.stjudedrives.org](http://www.stjudedrives.org) to see the history of the drive and additional information.** If you are interested in participating in this amazing-

experience or have additional questions, please contact St. Louis satellite Coordinators Ruth & Randy Howard at [rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net) or call Ruth at – 314-486-6836.

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**The below event is not sponsored by the St. Louis Corvette Club, but is included for your information.**



## **Bloomington Gold Corvettes Announces New Venue for June 2025 Event**

**Bloomington, IL** –Bloomington Gold Corvette's June 2025 Event will be held at World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison, IL. Scheduled for June 5-7, the Show will offer the components traditional to the June event as well as some new ones.

In addition to Gold Standard Judging, the Gold Collection, Corvette vendors and seminars, Bloomington Gold will also offer opportunities for Corvette owners to drive their Corvettes on the racetrack as well as on site Kart racing.

"Bloomington Gold recognizes that late model Corvette owners want to get out and drive their Corvettes. When offered the opportunity to partner with WWTR to host the Show, we thought this would be a great time to tie in new activities to attract a wider range of Corvette owner interests." says Guy Larsen, Bloomington Gold President. "Over the years", he continues, "Bloomington Gold started to get the reputation of being a show only for early generation Corvettes. This is not true, and we hope by adding activities where owners can drive their Corvettes on a racetrack, we can re-introduce Bloomington Gold to these owners."

World Wide Technology Raceway is in Southern Illinois, five minutes from downtown St. Louis and the Arch. The raceway's 1.25 mile oval track hosts the NASCAR Cup Series, NASCAR Xfinity Series, and the NTT IndyCar Series as well as a number of races on their road course and drag strip. In addition, there is a state-of-the-art Kartplex which boasts an 11-turn course for Kart drivers to tackle. Both the oval track and the Kartplex will be a part of the 2025 Show.

Bloomington Gold Corvettes is the longest running Corvette Show in the country and is known for their Gold Standard judging of a Corvette's authenticity as well as an annual themed collection of elite Corvettes, known as The Gold Collection. The 2025 Show will run June 5-7<sup>th</sup>. For more information on the Show, see [BloomingtonGold.com](http://BloomingtonGold.com).

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### **Past Events**

March Retirees' Lunch  
Sponsored by Rick and Mary Doerr  
Photos by Terry Mueller









## Mouse Races

Sponsored by Bev and Jim Givens and Ruth and Randy Howard

Photos by Ruth Howard and Terry Mueller



The volunteers who helped make the Mouse Races a success.





The first mouse race.



Mouse Roulette



Plinko









Vickie won the vacuum cleaner!



The mice that Vickie and Chris named won their individual races, so they were entered in the final race. Unfortunately, neither mouse won the final race.

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Bunco  
Hosted by Karen and Mike Price  
Photos by Terry Mueller









Bunco Winners!

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## Articles

The St. Louis Corvette Club

Historical Society Column

By Ron Hagenow

History Committee: Ron Hagenow, Marty Dooley, and Mike Price

If you have noticed in the past several newsletters, members who are celebrating certain anniversaries of club membership have been noted. We now have members who have been in the club for 20 years or more. But I thought we would take a slightly

different look and see who joined during the month of April. Here are members who joined during that month: Anne and Don Pickles – April 1- 2008 and Linda and Mike Pilla – April 19, 2021. They joined just at the right time to enjoy all our fun activities that come with warmer weather. Heck, maybe even a few Vettes will be sporting drop-tops at the next Fritz's! It looks like we will have many events to participate in this year so happy Vetting to all.

Here are a few events from past Aprils.



From April 2023, current president John and first lady Joyce enjoying custard at Fritz's.



April 2021 saw John and Angie Midkiff along with former members Jeff and Patty Craig enjoying a nice trip around the cones at an autocross event in Rantoul, IL.



From our VA garden cleanup in April 2013, I believe Gary may have done something that Jan didn't like. Luckily Gary lived!



In April 2010, we donated \$1500 to the Gateway Hemophilia Association. The two individuals to the left are representatives from the Association. And it looks like the other two might be a younger Karen Price and Randy Howard but with a much different hair color! Hey, it's only been 15 years.

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