



# THE ST. LOUIS CORVETTE CLUB

## NEWSLETTER



### July 2016

### STLCC Upcoming Events

July 4, 2016	Webster Groves Parade
July 5, 2016	Meeting at Grand Slam
July 9, 2016	Cars and Coffee Ballpark Village
July 16-17, 2016	Christmas in July
July 31, 2016	Fritz's



#### Your 2015-2016 Board

- Gary Duke, Sergeant at Arms
- Erin Duke, Secretary
- Carl Ballinger, Vice President
- Mike Price, President
- Judy Giovanoni, Membership
- Don Pickles, Treasurer

#### President's Letter

Hot time in the Summer Time.

Let's go places. While some of you went to the car show at Kimmswick others went to County Winery by Defiance for a car show. Others wandered around here and there. Bring your stories to the July meeting and share. If you can.

We have some big events coming up. I'm looking forward to Bob Kusky's Route 66 trip. He's calling it "Christmas in July". He is going to set up a drive-in movie environment to watch Christmas Vacation. How cool is that. We also have the mystery run coming up but I don't know anything about it.

We had some super past events which we'll talk about at the meeting along with other stuff.

Time to start thinking about how much better job of being Prez you could do and run for an office. Dues are coming up with the new by-law changes which will help Jeff and the NCCC dues date.

As always it's great to know all of you and look forward to seeing you.

Roar on and save the wave.

Mike

## Meeting Minutes



St. Louis Corvette Club meeting of June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at Grand Slam was called to order at 7:00 pm starting with a moment of silence for members who have lost loved ones recently. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited after the moment of silence.

Mike Price introduced the Club Officers as follows: Mike Price- President, Carl Ballinger- Vice President, Secretary- Erin Duke, Treasurer- Don Pickles, Membership- Judy Giovanoni, Sergeant At Arms- Gary Duke, Immediate Past President- Ann Sedovic, and our Sponsors from ELCO Chevrolet- Mark Gerecke and Eric DeBruin.

Mike reminded everyone of the sign-in sheet, 50/50 tickets, attendance prize and Marty and Judy Dooley are also selling banner tickets.

Our guests joining us tonight are Jim and Bonnie Fears and they are owners of a 2010 Grand Sport, Tom Fuller who is an aspiring owner, and Terry Walster and he owns a 2002 maroon convertible. Welcome to all.

A vote to accept the Secretary's May meeting minutes as posted in the newsletter was announced. Jeff Craig gave the motion to accept with Peggy Craig giving the second motion to accept the minutes and all were in favor.

Judy Giovanoni announced the May Birthdays and Anniversaries. Our membership numbers are as follows:

Members- 94  
Assoc. Members- 14  
Lifetime Members- 3  
Sponsors- 4  
Total-115

Don Pickles gave the Treasurer's report with Chris Woods making the motion to accept the report and Laurie Grubb gave the second motion to accept with all in favor.

Judy Dooley gave the NCM Ambassador's Report. If you are looking for something for your dad for Father's Day, check out the NCM Store online. There is a new NASCAR exhibit that is on display until September 8<sup>th</sup>. Judy is also selling raffle tickets for a 2016 Corvette. They are also asking members to possibly donate some Matchbox Corvettes. If you see some that are \$1 or less, they are collecting them to give to the NCM.

Chris Woods announced that we will have our Annual Christmas Party at Sam's Steakhouse again this year!!!

Webster Groves July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade- Members are meeting at 8:30 am at the Schnucks on the corner of Elm and Big Bend Blvd. on the upper parking lot. The theme is "All about the seasons". There will be a potluck after the parade at the Prices' house. The Dooleys and Kirbys will be meeting at the Schnucks for those who want to leave their side dishes with them, they will transport it to the Prices' house.

VA Hospital- There was a request for help with putting the fountain back together and also help to clean and trim some ivy. If you wish to help, please meet there by 11:30 am.

Prior and Future Events/Activities:

May 5- Looking Glass 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party

May 21- Excel Bottling Plant Run- Craig Brown sponsored.

June 7- STLCC Meeting

June 11- ELCO Car Show from noon until 2:00 pm

June 18- Club Luau-the Grubbs' house from 1:00 pm-5:00 pm

June 24- Take your Corvette to work day. If you are retired, meet at Mimi's café.

June 25- Night at the Races- Fairmount Park Racetrack

July 4- Webster Groves 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade

July 5- STLCC Meeting

July 16-17- Route 66 Run-the Kuskys sponsoring

Aug. 2- STLCC Meeting

Aug. 13- Pub 231 Car Show on Telegraph Rd. Proceeds go to Fisher House. Sign-ups at 11:30 and Car show starts at noon. The Tidwells and Murrays sponsoring.

Sept. 6- STLCC Meeting

Sept. 10- Club Picnic. The Kirbys sponsoring

Sept. 16- Villa Antonio Wine and Dinner. The Doerrs sponsoring

Oct. 4- STLCC Meeting

Oct. 22- Josephine's Ladies Run

NEW BUSINESS

Grand Slam has approached us about moving to the new building. Drinks and great parking available, but no food to order at this time. There will be more discussion about this at the next meeting.

Thank you to Marty and Judy Dooley for bringing the cake this evening. Next month signed up for the cake is Ron and Mary Ann Hagenow.

Number in attendance- 62

Mike Kunst was the 50/50 ticket winner of \$106. Congratulations!!

Attendance Prize drawing winner was Randy Rickermann for an Olive Garden Gift Card. Congratulations!!

The winner of the banner was Mary Ann Hagenow!! Congratulations!!

Next Meeting is July 5<sup>th</sup>

Sandy Kirby made the motion to adjourn the meeting and Jeff Craig made the second motion to adjourn the meeting with all in favor.

Thank you for coming! Good night, Drive Safely, Save the wave and always have fun!

Respectfully Submitted by Erin Duke (Secretary)

## Birthdays and Anniversaries



Marc Portman	July 3	Dale and Valerie Zeisset	July 5
Dick Shoulders	July 5	Paul and Kathy Craig	July 5
Wil Mertsch	July 7	Mike and Sandy Kirby	July 8
Ron Hagenow	July 8	Mark and Gina Kessinger	July 25
Sharon Love	July 13	Carl and Sharon Ballinger	July 31
JoAnn Rogers	July 15		
Pat Moore	July 16		
Dana Griggs	July 21		
Bob Kerin	July 22		
Cherie Hopson	July 25		
Jan Murray	July 27		



### NCM Ambassador Report



A big part of the National Corvette Museum is the Library and Archives. The Library and Archives is the repository for historic collections. The collections are organized, catalogued, and stored at the NCM Library and are made available for research, teaching, and exhibition. They also maintain all the build sheets from the Bowling Green Assembly plant (mid 1981 to present) and from the build sheets a window sticker can be recreated as it appeared in a specific year. If you are interested in acquiring a build sheet and/or window sticker for your car, see me at the meeting and I will give you the information to order one.

Registration is now open for the 22nd Anniversary Celebration (Labor Day weekend) Sept. 1-3. Activities include: Hall of Fame Induction and dinner, Lifetime dinner, great seminars, road trips, touring laps at the Motorsports Park and much more. The 2016 black Convertible, 8 speed paddle shift automatic will be raffled off that weekend. See me to purchase a \$10 ticket for this raffle.

Judy Dooley  
NCM Ambassador

### July 4<sup>th</sup> Webster Groves Parade

Don't forget about the Webster Groves Fourth of July Parade. For some of our newer members, this is probably the biggest parade in the area. We meet at the Schnucks parking lot about 8:30 am (corner of Elm and Big Bend). From there we proceed to our assigned spot in the parade (usually in front of the high school). The parade begins at 10:00 am and winds through several streets. It isn't unusual to see folks lined up 5 deep along the parade route. Once the parade ends everyone is invited to Mike and Karen Price's house for a barbecue.

### Old/Unique Cars Version 4

Here is the continuation of the old/unique cars section that has been in the past several newsletters:



Fatty Arbuckle and a 1919 Pierce Arrow



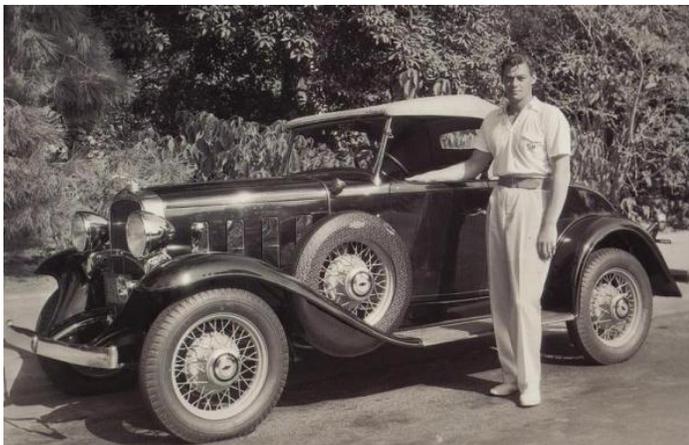
Harold Lloyd and his wife in a Buick



Joan Crawford and a 1930 Cadillac Fleetwood



Laurel and Hardy in a 1930 Buick Model 30-45

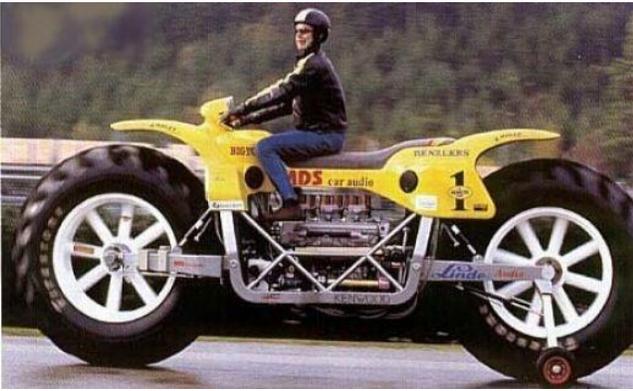


Johnny Weissmuller and his 1932 Chevrolet



Lillian Harvey and her Mercedes

Then these are just crazy!



## VA Garden Update

Marty Dooley sent in these recent pictures of the VA Garden. It looks amazing and thanks again to the volunteers who maintain the garden for our veterans.



## Club Luau

Special thanks to Mike and Laurie Grubb for hosting the annual club luau. The weather was great, the games were great, the camaraderie was great and the pool was the best of all. Some luau dessert recipes follow – enjoy!!



You'll have to figure out for yourself with is the best side!



And since we all like to eat...

All of the desserts were outstanding as usual. I'm still in chocolate overload from Gail Mattler's cake! Here is a recipe from Sandy Kirby.

### Fluffy Strawberry Pie

30 MIN Prep Time  
8 Servings

9 HR 30 MIN Total Time

11 Ingredients

#### Ingredients

**Pretzel Crust**

- 1 1/4 cups crushed pretzels
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine, melted

**Pie**

- 3/4 cup boiling water
- 1 package (4-serving size) strawberry-flavored gelatin
- 1 teaspoon grated lime peel
- 1/4 cup lime juice
- 1 1/2 cups whipping (heavy) cream
- 3/4 cup powdered sugar
- 2 cups strawberries, slightly crushed
- Chocolate-covered strawberries, if desired



#### Directions

1. In medium bowl, mix all crust ingredients. Press mixture firmly against bottom and side of 9-inch glass pie plate.
2. In large bowl, pour boiling water on gelatin; stir until gelatin is dissolved. Stir in lime peel and lime juice. Refrigerate about 1 hour or until very thick but not set.
3. Beat gelatin mixture with electric mixer on high speed about 4 minutes or until thick and fluffy; set aside. In chilled large bowl, beat whipping cream and powdered sugar on high speed until soft peaks form. Fold whipped cream and crushed strawberries into gelatin mixture. Pour into crust.
4. Refrigerate about 8 hours or until set. Garnish with chocolate-covered strawberries. Store covered in refrigerator.

#### Notes

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Here is Gail's cake which I highly recommend. I guarantee there are no calories!

### Heavenly Hash Cake

- 2 Sticks Butter (Melted)
- 2 Cups Sugar
- 4 Eggs
- 1 1/2 cups Flour
- 4 Tablespoons Cocoa
- 1 Cup chopped nuts

Cream together melted butter and sugar. Add eggs 1 at a time. Add rest of ingredients. Mix well. Bake in ungreased 9x13 pan for 30 min at 350 degrees.

Then take 1 jar Marshmallow Cream – drop by teaspoons over hot cake.

### Icing

- 1/2 Cup Milnot
- 4 Tablespoons Butter
- 1/2 Cup Cocoa
- 1 Tsp Vanilla
- 3/4 Box Powdered Sugar

Mix together and spread on hot cake. Cool in refrigerator.

## Night at the Races

Hopefully somebody has money left for the 50/50 at the next meeting. Looks like a great time.



## Wisconsin Dells

It looks like everyone had a great time at the Dells. But I understand that the Queens found out Vettes get very hot without air conditioning. Hope they got it fixed now.



Mike and Laurie Grubb burning up the track and if I did it correctly the link below should take you to a video that Dawn Kirby posted on Facebook of Mike and Laurie on the track.

<https://www.facebook.com/dawn.s.kirby.12/videos/10204839972719019/>

## Dues Payment

Just a friendly reminder that back in March the by-laws were changed to move up the dues payment date. Dues are now due by the September meeting. Please see Judy Giovanoni to pay your dues at your earliest convenience. They are \$45 for single and \$75 for a couple. Associate members' dues are \$24.

## Elections

It's not too early to start thinking about the upcoming elections in November. Mike Price as President and Carl Ballinger as Vice President are both completing their second terms and cannot be re-elected. If the Dukes move then the offices of Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms will be open. Both Don Pickles as Treasurer and Judy Giovanoni are completing their first terms and can run for another term if they so desire. So think about serving your club. Yeah, it might take a couple of hours a month depending on your position. But we always need fresh ideas and viewpoints so this would be a perfect opportunity for some of our newer members to step up and run for a position.

## Drive Your Corvette To Work (Or Not To Work!)

After eating our fill at Mimi's Café we had to visit Sugar Creek Winery to relax.



## Eureka Springs October 6 through 9, 2016

I got my Eureka Springs information in the mail several months ago. If you haven't ever been, then you need to make your plans and reservations now. Here's the website for more information:  
<http://www.eurekaspringscorvette.org/>.

### Oh, No!!

Some of you might recall from the last newsletter I had several pictures of Jeff and his neighbor cleaning his 86 for the racing season. Here's what it looked like before:



However on the way to Kansas for a race somebody that probably needs a seeing eye dog missed seeing Jeff's big truck and trailer with the 86 on it. Here's the result (scraped car and broken axle on the trailer):



I think Jeff's expression says it best.



## Autocross

While on the subject of racing, don't forget about the Route 66 Corvette Club/St. Louis Corvette Club autocross at the Family Arena in St. Charles on September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. If you haven't been before you definitely need to make plans. And if you are really adventurous, maybe Jeff, Patty or Peggy will take you for a ride. Who knows, maybe even Jerry will get out there and show those kids how to really drive a car!

## Comings and Goings

This month we welcome Lynda Roth. She has a 2016 Shark Gray Convertible and was at the recent Elco car show. We also welcome Terry and Deb Walster from Maeystown, IL (yeah, us Illinois folks are taking over.) We are sad though to see Steve and Leanne Lyle moving to Maryland. We know they are excited for the move but they have been members for quite a few years and will be missed. And we are also sad to see the pending move of Gary and Erin Duke to Florida. Again, they have been members for a number of years and are very active in the club (Erin is the current secretary and Gary is the current sergeant at arms). We wish them and the Lyles good luck and don't forget to keep in touch. And finally Associate Members Paul and Kathy Craig have moved to a townhouse which will allow Paul to stop cutting grass and get into his pre-retirement mode (ie., lazy).

## Elco Car Show

All I can say is it was **HOT** for the recent car show at Elco. We had a decent turnout and there was plenty of food for everyone. Thanks to our sponsor, Elco Chevrolet, for having us out and especially to Mark and Eric for everything they do for us. Here are a few pictures of the cars and award winners:

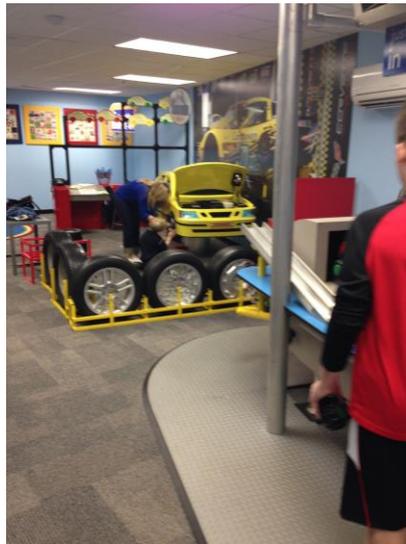




### The "Bling Sisters" from the June Meeting



### Hot Wheel Cars for NCM by Marty Dooley



I'm looking for help from our club members. A couple of years ago, I helped start a program where the National Corvette Museum gives a Hot Wheel Corvette to kids that visit the Museum as a school field trip. These kids don't have much and when they leave, they receive a Hot Wheel Corvette as something to remember their trip. What we are looking for are club members, family or friends that have any Hot Wheel (size) Corvettes and would be willing to donate them, or keep an eye out for them where you shop. We are looking for the less expensive cars not the high dollar collectibles. Bring them to a meeting and I will take to the NCM and donate them for the club.

## Pictures from NCM Bash

Here are a couple of pictures from the NCM Bash compliments of Mike Kunst.



## What was your first car?

Jerry Craig had an idea for a new feature back in May. What was your first car? What did you drive in high school? **Unfortunately I guess nobody read the newsletter because I didn't get anything for the second month in a row. Is anybody reading the newsletter? So how about looking through your old photo albums and scan in some pictures.**

## Bloomington Gold

The following article was posted on our Facebook page. Since I know not everyone is on Facebook I thought I would reprint it here. I also saw that former members Rich and Theresa Luebcke were there with their new club.

As Bloomington Gold comes to a close we have a neat story to share with you about this 1966 Corvette that was part of the 2016 Gold Year display.

Twenty five years ago, this Corvette, owned by Dale and Valerie Zeisset was a part of the Silver Salute display. The Zeissets even had their Silver Salute key ring on display with the car.

In the mid - 90s at Bloomington Gold in Springfield the Zeissets' Corvette was stolen while they were having dinner in downtown Springfield. Fortunately for them, there was an eye witness of the theft that led police to the person committing the crime.

Due to their persistence and detective work with local authorities, the man was arrested and their Corvette was recovered. They later learned their Corvette was the first of what was going to be many stolen that weekend. A professional auto theft ring had rented a large shed and had plans to steal many Corvettes that weekend!

And now 25 years later the same 1966 Corvette was proudly displayed in the Gold Year display. A true survivor! Thank you, Dale and Valerie, for sharing your story with us!



### From the Historical Committee

#### Mack Yates

Mack founded the St Louis Corvette Club in 1953. Mack was a Flying Tiger in WWII and flew many missions in China. He became general manager of Barford Chevrolet in Ladue in the early 50s.

A high school friend and I were at the SCCA meeting in June '53. We flagged SCCA races so we could watch cornering and driving techniques. Mack and a small group were gathered at the end of the bar. Mack commented that they were having the first meeting of the St. Louis Corvette Club. No one had seen a Corvette but all in the group had ordered one.

In October of '53 Mack took a new Corvette off the showroom floor and raced it at Smart Field in St. Charles. The Vette did not do well – could not go and could not stop. The Jag 120s ran circles around the poor Corvette. In 1957 the 283 fuel injection engine became available and Mack built a real racer. Mack was Midwest champion for several years and raced in the SCCA nationals many times. Zora Duntov used to send Mack racing parts like brakes, cams and shocks to “evaluate”.

The Route 66 TV show used to exchange Corvettes at Barford each year as they filmed their way to Chicago. The Vettes were in terrible shape and Mack wholesaled them to a dealer in South Missouri.

Barford closed in the early 60s. Brown Shoe Co. next door wanted to expand and the land under Barford was extremely valuable. Mack purchased Suburban Ford in Kirkwood and bought the first of 7 USRRC 289 Cobras from Shelby for \$18,000. The Cobra was unbeatable and the Corvettes complained. The Cobra is still vintage racing and is valued in the millions. Mack's '57 Vette was found in Florida and fully restored as raced.



## New at the Missouri History Museum

There is a new exhibit at the Missouri History Museum in St. Louis concerning Route 66. Here is a link to the exhibit: <http://mohistory.org/route66>. It looks like something to check out. Best part is, it's free!

## In Our Thoughts and Prayers

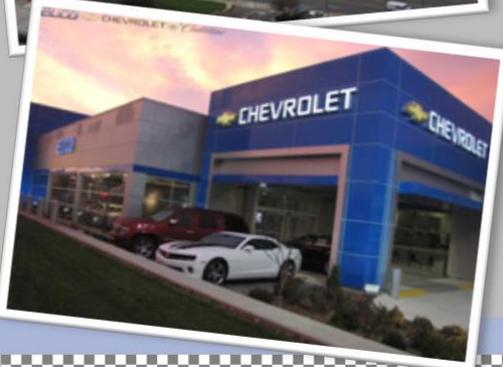
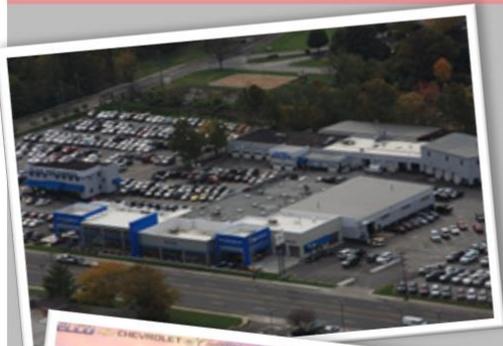
While everyone seems to be healthy, some of our members recently lost family members. Our sympathy goes out to Gary and Jan Murray on the loss of Gary's mother as well as Gary and Erin Duke on the loss of Erin's father. Condolences also to Tom and Sherri Marlo on the death of their brother-in-law. Prayers are needed now for Sonja Giffhorn's father and Elise Akins' mother.

BE SURE TO CHECK ALL THE PICTURES ON OUR WEBSITE

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