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Feature Items

a. VIEW FROM THE CHAIR Kelly Waite

The year is going by fast and hard to believe that the summer is half over. I am really proud of all of the great events that we have had already. Your participation makes these events special and really makes the difference!

- **April Judging School** - held at Steve Gissy's house was well attended. Our Judging Chair - Mark Markel put on an excellent judging overview with do's and don'ts and fielded several questions. Mark also had a special guest speaker - Bill Williamson - who gave folks an excellent overview of factory paint. Bill Williamson is a Master Judge with over 35 years of experience and his presentation was very informative. Thanks to Steve and BJ Gissy for hosting the event....and thanks to Mark Markel....and thanks to Bill Williamson!
- Next was the **Judging Event at Love Park**. The rain did not cooperate...but fortunately we could pull the cars under cover and proceed with the event. Great job by our Judging Chair - Mark Markel to a very successful event! The event was very organized and went off very smoothly! We judged four cars.....and two of the cars were Chapter members' cars. I am pleased to note

- that Randy Rapp was awarded a Top Flight for his 67 big block....and Dale Baker was awarded a Top Flight for his 65 coupe! Also thanks also to Ernie Durlas for another great job in cooking up all the burgers and hot dogs!
- In June we had a Road trip to **D&A Corvette** in Gillespie, Illinois. Thanks to owner Dick Fernando for hosting this event again ...and giving us a tour and a sharing some of his great corvette knowledge! Also thanks to Frank Savetz and our Events Chair - Dave Buescher for setting up. We had 20 plus corvettes make the drive and had great attendance. A good time was had by all.
- Also in June.... several of our members went up St. Charles, Illinois to attend **Bloomington Gold**. I believe we had 18 members up there! Also pleased to share that our Chapter had a couple of Bloomington Gold winners - **Bill and Dian Lacy** won a Gold Certificate for their Black, 427, 435 hp 67 coupe.....and **Randy Rapp** won a Gold Certificate for his maroon 350 hp, air conditioned 65 convertible. Way to go!
- Our recent Dinner meetings have been held at **JJs** in St. Charles. Thanks to

Kenny Webb and Greg Simon for suggesting and setting this place up for Dinner meetings. JJs has worked out well for the last couple of dinner meetings. They rope off an area for Corvette only parking. It is really nice to be able to drive our vettes to the dinner meetings. We will have our August Dinner meeting at JJs as well. Hope you can come to the next dinner meetingand drive your vette...and enjoy a great burger.

- o Also - please remember to bring anything helpful for our charity - **Nurses for Newborns**. They really need our help. Can goods, diapers, toys, and/or checks are very much appreciated.
- Upcoming events - - please be sure to mark your calendar for the following:

- o **Car Show at Fee Fee Baptist Church** on Saturday, August 1st. They will have a special Corvette Display in honor of Marvin Burnett. I know you all will want to bring your cars to this show. Lunch will also be provided.
- o Our next **Judging Event at Love Park** will be on Saturday, September 19th at Love Park.
- o Also we have been invited to tour the special collection of cars at **Hunter Engineering** on Saturday, October 31th. More details to follow.

Hope to see you soon!

b. Memorial Car Display

By Joan Burnett

On August 1, Fee Fee Baptist Church will be holding a Car Show & Family Fun Fest from 9 am to 1 pm (see Flyer). There will be a special display in memory of Marvin and I would ask that you consider bringing your car out in his honor. I plan to have several our cars there on display as well. There is no cost to enter and trophies will be awarded by class and lunch will be provided. If you would be willing to come

and display your car, please let me know. You do not have to register in advance but it is encouraged so we can plan for how much parking lot space to reserve. So if you know you are coming, use the [registration form on the flyer](#) or go to our website www.feefeebc.org to enter. Hope to see you there.

Articles

a. All corvettes are not found in barns

By Bill Lacy

All corvettes are not found in barns, some are in old garages.

I have owned a lot of old Corvettes and I am always looking for another.

A Policeman friend of mine told me about a retired gentleman in old town Florissant that had a 67 red coupe. He didn't drive it much, but did run it every week or so.

My friend knew the car had been painted sometime ago, it is a big block and that the owner had bought the car in the 1970's and it was NOT FOR SALE. I always wanted to go look

at the old car but I could never catch the car or the owner outside. I didn't want to bother him since the 67 was not for sale.

On a beautiful spring Friday morning Steve (my Policeman friend) called me and said the 67 and the owner was outside, come over and take a look.

So off I went knowing that the car was repainted. I just knew that it probably was a Goodwood Green car, after all weren't all red repainted corvettes originally green?

When I got to the owner's house the garage was open and there she sat. a red 67 big block coupe. A little dirty and in need of a good cleaning but looking really well. As I started looking at the 67 I opened the hood I said to the owner 390hp? No he said 435 and I have the old carbs and intake put away up on the shelves, 7 bladed fan I said, yeah he said, but it makes it run a little cooler and I have the original 5 bladed one put away. As I went to the interior of the car to look at the trim tag another surprise. 900AA a black car. Wow what a car. And a build date of K 23, my birthday! I knew I was destined to own this car.

I asked if he knew what he had here and if he had any paper work? He told me that he bought it in 1977 and that he did a title search a few years ago. He had all the owners names and copies of all the titles back to the selling dealer Placke Chevrolet in St Louis Mo and oh by the way, when he took the gas tank out of the car to repair it, the gas tank sticker was on it and in very good shape.



Figure 1- 1st time I saw it

By now my knees were shaking and I had to ask, have you ever thought of selling. He told me that if I had asked him that six weeks ago he would have said never, but that he and his wife had been thinking about selling it.

I asked if I could be first in line when he was ready to sell and if I could come back tomorrow with my camera.

On Saturday when I came back to take pictures he told me that he and his wife had talked all night and they were ready to sell but he wanted to keep it for a couple of months and that I was

the only one he would sell it to. It took three months, but we did arrive at a price and we got the deal done.



Figure 2 - The day I bought it Mr. Kiel

This great 67 now is in my garage and its amazing just how Original it is. It has never been hit and has almost all of its original parts including interior and running gear. It's a shame it was repainted because it would make a great survivor candidate.

In late May of 2005 I took this wonderful 67 to a chapter meet in St. Louis. Even though we took the full deduction for paint she still scored high enough to get a Top Flight.

On Easter Sunday 2006 we found and talked to the 1st owner Ron Hampton.

In March of 2007 the 67 was painted black lacquer, just as it was in June of 1967.



Figure 3 - How it looks today.

May 5th 2008 we found the 2nd owner Bill Petersen.

July 2008 we scored 97.8 at the NCRS Nationals in St Charles Mo.

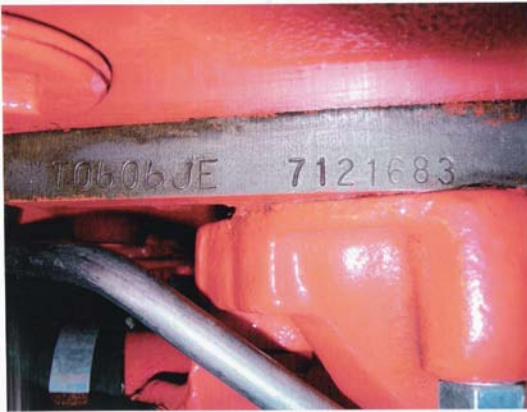


Figure 4 - Eng. pad



Figure 5 - eng. compartment

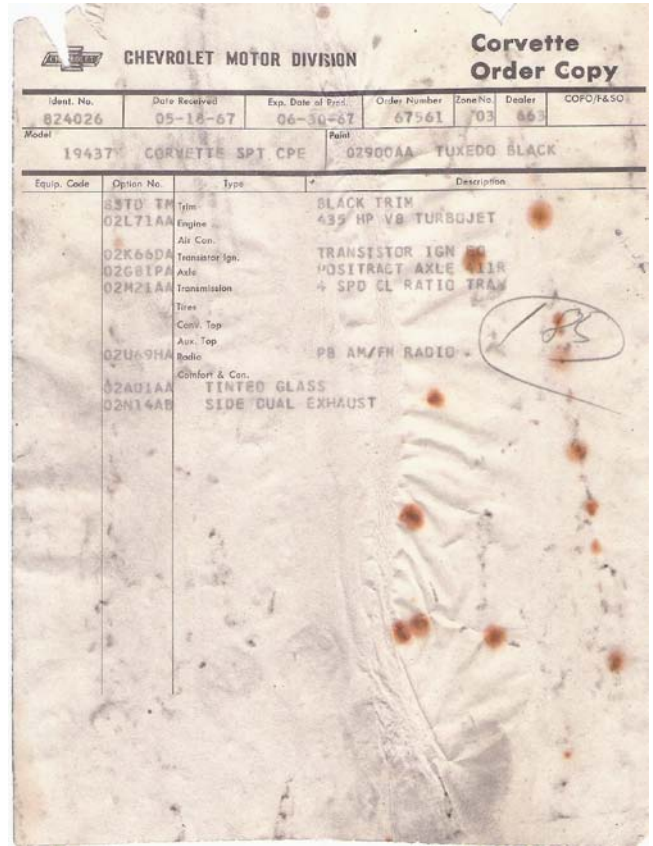


Figure 6 - Tank Sheet

I truly believe that there are not very many original (2 repaints) Black/Black 67/435's with complete owner history.

b. 57 Frame Off Restoration

By Frank Bloemke

I am currently doing a frame off restoration of my 57 Corvette, and am the original and only owner. All the weldnut plates for seatbelt seat, gas tank and lid hinges were completely rusted. All the C1's I have seen in several judging events showed these plates to be bare metal and/or lightly rusted. I could not accept the idea that this was the true original condition because of my experience working at the St. Louis GM assembly plant from 1953 to 1985. So I started searching all of the most popular sources and could not find a definitive answer. Finally I discovered the NCRS Technical discussion board on the NCRS website (a wonderful resource) and ask the question. Many replies came back from many experienced and knowledgeable people in NCRS. The summation of all their answers is that no one has documented a new Corvette, only ones that were several years old and already well rusted because of their environment.

I worked as a tooling/production engineer for Fisher Body, GMAD and at the Corvette plant from 1975 thru 1982. I was intimately involved in the production process since it was basically my job to trouble shoot redesign tooling and/or get parts changed to resolve problems. I don't believe I ever saw a bare steel part of this general type go on a car that didn't have some kind of paint finish. However; we are not talking about something that would endure the salt of the first winter, only something that would hopefully keep the parts from rusting together in the cardboard box if the rail car leaked during shipment.

Accordingly I examined these parts on my car very carefully before sand blasting to remove the rust. Most were so badly rusted no paint could be found, I even took a front seat weld nut plate out of the fiberglass hat section reinforcement in hopes that it was better protected and would have traces of paint, but it was more rusted than most (probably due to poor drainage). However; the outboard seatbelt weld nut plates did show traces of paint on the protected surfaces next to the fiberglass, see photos 352 and 355. Also the

forward propshaft U-joint shield; protected by regular greasing; was still well painted.



Figure 7 - 352



Figure 8 - 355



Figure 9 - 392

With these two examples and my experience I concluded that these weld nut plates came off the assembly line painted black (original condition) even though they may not have made it thru the first winter. My decision to paint them black (with aluminum rivets bare) is shown in photos 392,393, 394 and 397.



Figure 10 – 393



Figure 11 - 394



Figure 12 - 405

I'm sure I'll have to take my lumps on this one for going against the flow, but so be it. I'll worry about that and make my case when the time comes by the end of 2010.

P.S. Someone might be interested in my custom design beam frame completely adjustable dolly shown in these photos. Maybe I'll make that a subject of another article.

Frank Bloemke (43434)

c. NCRS Newsletters (cont)

By Doug Garrette

As the St. Louis NCRS Editor I receive copies of of NCRS Newsletters and other info from across the US (*all that are sent out on the NCRS distribution list*).

They include a wide variety of information on Corvette activities, events, history, and technical articles. Some could be of interest to our members. I don't forward these to the members of our club mainly because the

often include large attachments that may or may not be of interest to our membership – and I don't like to load up everyone's emails unless they request it.

The following is a list the newsletters and other articles that come that come in along with links to those that are available on line:

- Northeast Chapter [Spring Newsletter](#)
- The latest issue (July 2009) of Corvette Enthusiast magazine is ready for viewing online by way of their FREE "Digital Edition"! Want to see it?
<http://www.digitalcorvettes.com/forums/showthread.php?p=1409029#post1409029>
- On behalf of our Western NY NCRS Chapter Crossed Flags Newsletter editor, Rick Casper, here is the link for our Volume 19, Number 1 newsletter. Enjoy!
<http://www.wnyncrs.org/WNY%20Newsletter%20Volume%2019%20Number%201.pdf>
- The Western NY NCRS Chapter Crossed Flags Newsletter Volume 19, Number 2 may be viewed at:
<http://www.wnyncrs.org/WNY%20Newsletter%20Volume%2019%20Number%202.pdf>
- July issue of the Central New Jersey NCRS Chapter Newsletter, please view the Newsletter on line at:
http://centralnewjerseyncrs.org/CNJNCRS_Newsletter_July_2009.pdf
- The Experimental Chevrolet Corvette SS **OLD FOOTAGE OF CHEVROLET ENGINEERS WORKING HARD ON CORVETTE INNOVATION:**
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=upquH0f-LQA>

Take a look at the information that I collect and let me know if you would like to have this sent to you.

Events

a. Events and Activities

By Dave Buescher

Year to date , the St Louis Chapter has had a lot going on. We hosted a Chapter Judging school in April, a Chapter judge meet in May, a road trip to D&A Corvette Restorations in June.

Some upcoming events are A Memorial Car display in memory of Marvin Burnett Saturday August 1st

Our 2nd Chapter Judging event scheduled for Sept. 19 at Love Park Funfest at Mid America Motorworks in Effingham IL. Sept. 25 / 27

The monthly meeting location has been temporarily moved to JJ Restaurant for August and POSSIBLY September.

Be on the lookout for notices regarding meeting location. The new location has given members the opportunity to drive their cars and display them in a secured location in the parking lot. At the July meeting there were 9 Corvettes on display Below is the address and link to the restaurant.

JJ's Restaurant
1215 S Duchesne
St. Charles, MO 63301
(636) 946-3500
[map & directions](#)

If you have an idea for a group outing or an activity that you think would interest or members, contact me

b. STL Spring 2009 Judging Meet

By Joe Raine

The following pictures were provided by Joe from our Spring Judging Meet. The full set is available on Joe's Picaso photo album.

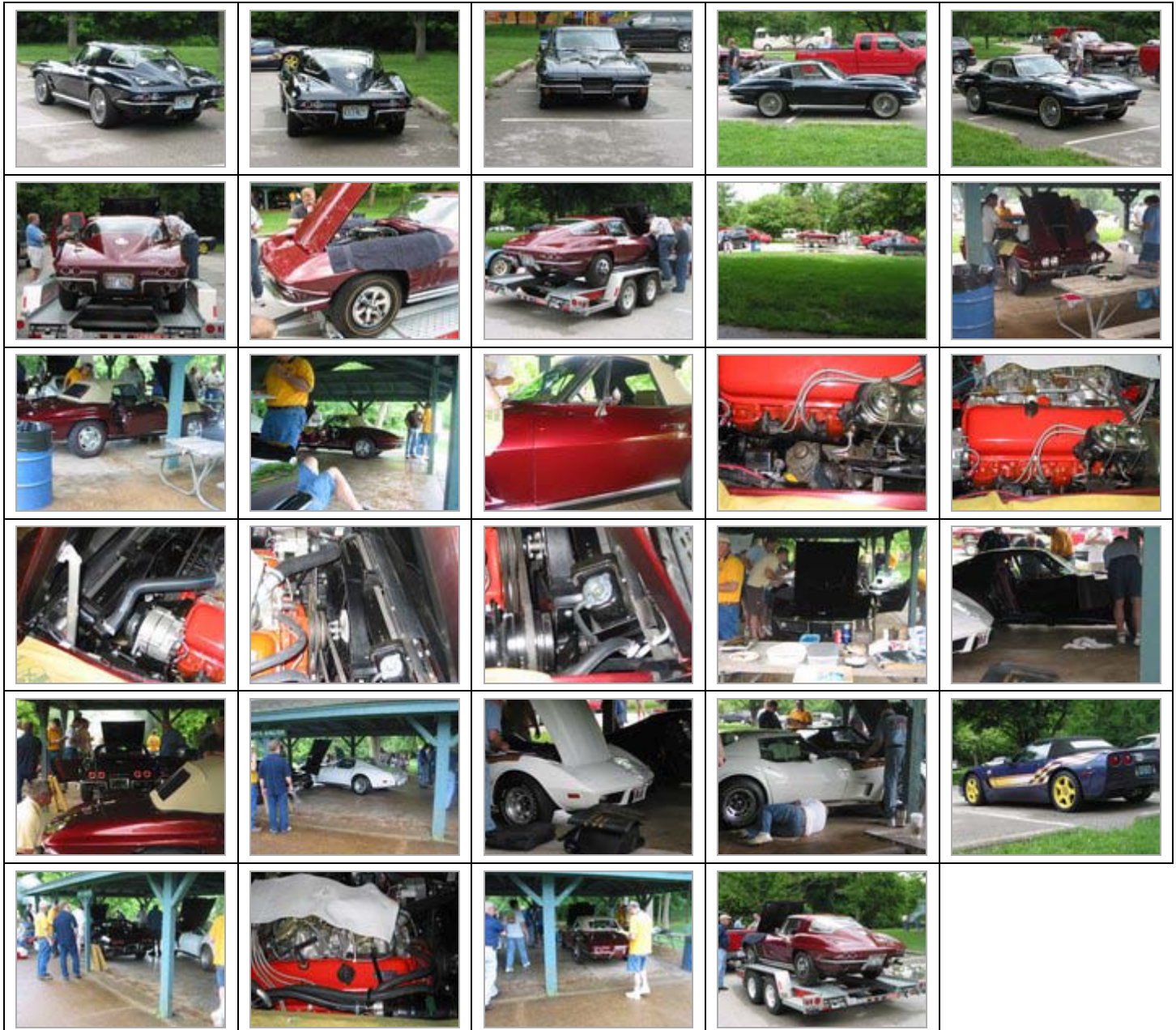
You are invited to view [j.r.raine's photo album: Corvette](#)



Corvette Jun 15, 2009 by j.r.raine

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c. STL NCRS 2009 Calendar

	Activity	Location	Time
July			
09, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
20-24	NCRS National Convention	San Jose, CA	
August			
01, Saturday	Memorial Car Display in memory of Marvin Burnett	Fee Fee Baptist Church	8:00 AM
13, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
28-30	Corvette's at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	
September			
10, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Judging School	TBD	6:30 PM
17-19	Regional - Marlborough, MA		
19, Saturday	St Louis Chapter Judging Meet	Mary's Shelter, Love Park	9:00 AM
20, Sunday	Queeny Park Swap Meet		
25-27	Funfest - Mid America Motorworks	Effingham, IL	
October			
08, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
15-17	Texas Regional	Waco, TX	
31, Saturday	Hunter Engineering Tour	St Louis	9 - 11AM
November			
12, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
December			
05, Saturday	St Louis Chapter Holiday Meal	TBD	

For Sale or Trade

a. Parts

I have a 1965 hood and need a 1964 hood. Would like to buy or trade for a 1964 hood.

Kevin Bayliss,
636-376-2102
Cell: 586-909-1435
kevin.bayliss@us.army.mil

(Send me any items that you have for sale or are looking for and they will go in the next edition!)

Club Information

a. STL Chapter Meeting Minutes

Anne Pickles

The June 11, 2009 monthly meeting of the St. Louis Chapter NCRS was called to order by Kelly Waite. (The meeting was held at JJ's Restaurant in St. Charles.)

Joan Burnett presented the Treasurer's Report. The account balance is \$7252.80 (Note: bills associated with the May 30th judging were just submitted tonight).

Old Business:

Kelly Waite thanked everyone for the turnout at the May 30th judging. Four cars were judged – three earned Top Flight and one earned Second Flight.

The chapter still does not have a car for the Pinewood Derby event at the National Convention.

Joe Anelle has a buddy in a Cadillac club that is also trying to tour Hunter Engineering. Since Hunter limits the number of tours each year, we will try to combine with the Cadillac club for the tour.

Frank Bloemke said the September 19th Webster Groves Rotary Club car show needs judges.

New Business:

Those participating in the road trip to D & A Corvettes this Saturday (June 13th) will meet at Dave Buescher's house. A group from South County is meeting at the Steak & Shake at

Telegraph & I-270 at 8 am; a group from North County is meeting at McDonald's at I-270 & McDonnell Blvd. at 8:15 am. Both groups plan to be a Dave's by 9 am and proceed from there to Gillespie. Remember, no beer allowed at NCRS events.

Doug Garrette has a new e-mail address that he will send to everyone. Deadline for the next newsletter is mid-June.

Don Pickles said that the NCRS survey responses to are to be submitted by the end of June, so please send your comments to him prior to June 30th.

Gary Chestnut needs help at the NCRS booth at Bloomington Gold. Bill Lacy asked if there is a chapter banner he can display at Bloomington. Discussion indicated we have a huge banner and perhaps should look into getting a smaller one for times like this.

Joe Anelle said the Route 66 Corvette Club car show is this Sunday at Vettes Restaurant on Highway 94. Registration is 9 – noon.

Kelly suggested that the July meeting also be held at JJ's Restaurant. Everyone agreed.

Attendance: 24 members and 2 guests

(Joe Plaffer, a guest of Steve Gissy, has a laguna blue '58)

50/50 drawing: \$39 to John Foster

b. Editors Note

The newsletter and web page are great ways to keep everyone in the club current on our latest activities. We are working hard to keep them up to date. The next edition of *The Legend* is planned for November. Please send in your articles by 15 October.

Our web page (<http://stlouisncrs.org/>) and newsletter are available for posting classified ads for those parts that you no longer need. Ads for any model year Corvette to buy, sell, or trade are free NCRS members.

Commercial advertising is also available for the newsletter (includes a link on our web page). All

ads will be included in four consecutive newsletters.

Classified Ads:

- Free for members – 50 words or less
- \$10 for non-members

Commercial Advertising:

- Full Page - \$75
- ½ Page - \$50
- Business Card size - \$25

Order your club shirt. They are available in Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large and XXX-Large. Contact Cherie Garrette at (314 971-1373) or dgarrette@charter.net for your order (\$25 per shirt)



Feel free to drop me a note if you have any suggestions for improving our newsletter or webpage (dc.garrette@gmail.com) I want to hear from you!

c. Our Sponsors

Bloomington Gold	Cingular	Mid America Motorworks
California Car Cover	Hagerty Insurance	Mid America Designs
Corvette America	Meguiars Wax	Vette Brakes & Products
Elco Chevrolet	Weber Chevrolet	Feld Chevrolet
Dobbs Tire and Auto	Just Corvettes	Londoff Chevrolet
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