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ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB



- Largest Club in the NCCC Midwest Region -

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Our 2025 Charities

Main Charity

AT HOME IN
OUR HEARTS



Missouri

And

the
weekend
HUNGER
PROJECT



**FOCUS MARINES
FO U N D A T I O N**
HONOR * COURAGE * COMMITMENT

On the Cover: At the Popeye statue in Chester, IL.
Side bar: A view of the Grand Canyon from the Two Lane America Tour



Meeting Location

First Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm
January thru November



[Map](#)

Old Hickory Golf Course
#1 Dye Club Drive
St. Peters, MO 63302
636-477-8960

<http://www.OldHickoryGC.com>

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Board of Directors and Officers

President

Dave Hecht

Vice President

Paul Kaus

Directors

Dennis Osterhorn

Governor

Craig Besand

Treasurer

Rich Weinhold

Mike Spathelf

Secretary

Doug Stone

Past President

Don Lorimier

Committee Chairs

Audit

Bill Mitchell
Bob Isermann

NCM Ambassadors

Mike Spathelf
Jan Spathelf

Sponsorship

Bob Isermann
Mike Spathelf

NCCC Events

Craig Besand

Newsletter

Doug Stone

Trailer

Danny Clayton

Car Show

Robert Gamblin

Financial Planning

Bill Mitchell
Bob Isermann

Rules & Regulations

Lynda Rothweil

Charity

Howard Sardis
Mike Force
Tom Desmond

Nomination

Bob Lamb
Robert Gamblin
Don Lorimier

Social

Larry Boyd
Patti Hall

Membership

Dennis Osterhorn

Website

Joe Anelle
Lynda Rothweil
Greg Ritter

[Contact a Board Member](#)

President's Message

Thank You to the Route 66 Corvette Club Members

As the year draws to a close and the warmth of Thanksgiving lingers in our hearts, I want to take a moment to thank each and every member of the Route 66 Corvette Club. Your participation and friendship have made every cruise event and lunch memorable, filling our calendar with laughter, adventure, and camaraderie.

This Thanksgiving, I hope you all enjoyed special moments with your families and friends, cherishing the bonds that mean the most. Our club is built on these same values—coming together, sharing good times, and supporting one another as we make memories on the fun times, we all share on the open road.

Looking ahead to Saturday, our annual Christmas Party promises to be a joyous event, a chance to reflect on the fun and friendships we have cultivated throughout the season. It's more than just a celebration; it's a testament to the spirit of our club and the wonderful people who make it so special.

The Route 66 Corvette Club exists for your enjoyment, fun, and socialization. Whether we're cruising down historic highways or gathering for a simple lunch, it's the connections we form that truly define us. I hope you continue to find joy in this organization, embrace the opportunities to participate, and help us build a club that others envy and aspire to join.

Thank you again for your enthusiasm, kindness, and friendship. Here's to more adventures, more laughter, and another year filled with the spirit of Route 66 and the unmistakable energy of our Corvette family.

Happy Holidays to you and yours!
David Hecht



Our Sponsor



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and information
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Meeting Minutes

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

Date: There is no meeting in December
Location:
Call to Order:
Submitted By: Doug Stone

Officer's Reports

Introduction of Officers:

President: David Hecht
Vice President: Paul Kaus
Secretary: Doug Stone
Treasurer: Rich Weinhold
Governor: Craig Besand
Directors: Dennis Osterhorn,
Mike Spathelf,
Ray Shea
Past President: Don Lorimier

Introduction of Committee Chairs:

Audit & Financial Planning: Bill Mitchell,
Nominating: Bob Isermann
NCCC Events: Don Lorimier,
Rules & Regulations: Bob Lamb
Car Show: Robert Gamblin
Social: Craig Besand
Charity: Lynda Rothweil
Sponsorship: Robert Gamblin
Membership: Larry Boyd
NCM Ambassador: Patti Hall
Newsletter: Howard Sardis
Website & Graphics: Bob Isermann,
Mike Spathelf
Dennis Osterhorn
Mike & Jan Spathelf
Doug Stone
Joe Anelle

Pre-Meeting Social Hour:

None – we had a Christmas party instead.

Corrections & Approvals of Last Month's Minutes:

None.

President's Opening Remarks: David Hecht

- There was no meeting in December. Instead, we hold the Christmas Banquet.
- See the Toys For Tots report on the next page.



See the Next Page!!!!

The next Club Meeting
will be held on
January 8, 2026

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



2026 Route 66 CC _ Toys For Tots Event

Once again, our club has collected and donated well over 100 toys to the Marine Corps Toys For Tots campaign.

This was accomplished thanks to the efforts of our partner, Poage Chevrolet and the generosity of the members of our club.

A special Thank You to Mike Force and other members for pulling all of this together.



Rt66CC picking up toys donated at Poage Chevrolet in Wentzville



Unloading the toys at the collection center.

Fantastic effort, Route 66 Corvette Club!

Officer's Reports: (cont.)

Treasurer's Report: Rich Weinhold

The November 2025 Treasurer's Report and Income & Expense Comparison to 2024

- See next pages. (Reports only in Members Issue.)

We expect to reduce dues in 2026 once we know what insurance will cost outside of NCCC.

Sponsorship Report: Poage Chevrolet, Randy Wells

Poage has taken on a couple member's cars for sale. See the story at the end of this issue.

Poage has Vettes in stock – go there to look at them or check out this link.

<https://www.poagechevrolet.com/searchall.aspx?q=corvette>

Celebrate 25: Mike Spathelf

\$401.25 dollars was awarded to Dawn Stilwell at the Christmas party from the Celebrate 25 Quarters Drawing. Congratulations Dawn! Thanks to all for helping celebrate the club's 25th anniversary.

We have the 100th anniversary of Route 66 to look forward to next year!

Shirt Kong is the place to get your embroidered 25th anniversary shirts. Bring your own shirt or buy one from them. Their prices for shirts are very good. See info in Road Notes and on the Rt66CC website.

2026 Route 66 Car Show: Robert Gamblin

The car show will be held in May 2026. Mark your calendars now! The flyer is on the next page in Road Notes and online – send a copy to your Corvette friends.

A flyer showing this year's raffle prize is also in this issue. Tickets for the raffle will be distributed to members in January.

More committee members are needed and welcome to help with this event that raises money for the USO of Missouri and other local veterans' charities. Please join us for these meetings.

Reach out to Robert with any questions or if you want to help work the show.

Introduction of New Members/Guests: Dennis Osterhorn

No Report.



Treasurer's Reports – Members Only



A scenic view of the Grand Canyon. In the foreground, a lone tree with green leaves and a thick trunk stands on a rocky cliff edge. The middle ground shows the deep, layered rock formations of the canyon walls. The background features a vast, cloudy sky. The overall scene is a mix of earthy tones and bright sunlight.

Officer's Reports: (cont.)

Treasurer's Report: Rich Weinhold

Treasurer's Reports – Members Only

SAVE THE DATE

MAY 9, 2026



Poage Chevrolet
851 W Pearce Blvd, Wentzville, MO



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2026

SALUTE TO THE TROOPS



BIG CEDAR LODGE



\$ 1500 Get-a-Way “Raffle” Package

\$10 Raffle Ticket

3 Ways To Win !!

Spend at Big Cedar Lodge (No Restrictions)

OR

Spend at ANY Bass Pro Resort Property (NO Restrictions)

OR

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Winner will be announced at the Route 66 Corvette Club Car Show on ...

Saturday; May 9, 2026



- **11 Restaurants**
- **5 Golf Courses (Woods, Nicklaus, Watson design)**
- **Fitness Center and Spa**
- **Indoor and Outdoor Heated Pools**
- **Boat Rentals, Horseback Riding and more**

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Officer's Reports: (cont.)

NCCC Governor's Report: Craig Besand

We will not participate in NCCC next year.



Reports from Committees: Paul Kaus

None.

Social Committee: Larry Boyd

Upcoming Events:

- Bluff City Grill Saturday, January 10, 2026
- The Original Pancake House Thursday, January 22

We restarted holding impromptu events along with the weekend events. Be on the lookout for emails about events that will happen during weekdays. Lunch meetups, short road runs, etc.

Past events:

- Route 66 Social Committee Meeting – Old Hickory GC - November 19th
 - All members are invited to help suggest and plan events.
- Route 66 Reid's Harvest House and Popeye - Chester, IL - November 22nd
- Route 66 Annual Christmas Party - Old Hickory GC - December 6th

There is an SCCA competition coming up in April, 2026. See details on the next page.

Women's Social Events: Patti Hall

On December 18th we will have a Christmas party at Massa's.

We have disbanded the ladies Bunko. We are now doing a ladies Game Day on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1:30, starting in January. If anyone is interested please contact Patti Hall or Jeri Clayton.

Handy Club Info:

- Add the Rt66CC Calendar to your Google Calendar:
 - <https://www.route66corvetteclub.com/calendar.html>
 - Pick: + Google Calendar
- Add the Club Logo to Apparel and Accessories:
 - See our website and contact Shirt Kong for more info:
 - <https://www.route66corvetteclub.com/clubMerch.html>
 - To order individual green polo Club shirts with logo ask to talk with Samm.
- Order name badges at the following link:
 - <https://soloperformance.com/products/route66>
- Members are invited to arrive as early as 5:30 PM to the monthly meetings to enjoy a meal and/or beverage of choice for purchase in the meeting room to socialize and meet other Club members. The full menu of Old Hickory's Bistro Restaurant will be available.
- Two-way Radios are helpful on road runs. Similar to [this](#) is OK.

From Member Jeff Craig:

Save the Date if you might want to compete in this SCCA event:



Is it road race season yet?

No, not yet but be sure to save the date for the 1st annual Dorsey Schroeder Invitational SCCA Majors at World Wide Technology raceway in St Louis!

Test day and PDE Friday April 10th

Time Trials and Majors races Saturday, April 11th and 12th

"Serious racing... and serious fun. Join us for both at this Inaugural race; you'll be glad you did!" Dorsey Schroeder

Who is Dorsey? Just google his name or go to www.scca.com/pages/dorsey-schroeder to learn more about him and his racing accomplishments, including being the youngest driver to earn his SCCA national racing license, in the same class in 1972 with Bobby Rahal and our own St Louis racer Mark Weber!

Questions? email roadracing@stlscca.org and we'll be happy to answer them

Committee Reports: (cont.)

NCM Ambassador Report: Mike and Jan Spathelf

NCM Ambassador info from an ambassadors meeting: A restored 1967 Vette with a 327 engine is being awarded in a sweepstakes. Look online to get a free entry form or to buy entries - Use "ROUTE66" code by December 15, the last day to enter the sweepstakes. The drawing will be held on December 29th. A link to the entry form is below:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/1967-corvette-convertible-sweepstakes/>

Raffles are always going on. Sign-up at the NCM website:

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/win-a-corvette/>

Banner for 2026: We will auction the 2025 banner at our April meeting. We will register for the 2026 contest in January.

Trailer Committee: Danny Clayton

Nothing to report.

Rules & Regulations Committee: Lynda Rothweil

Updated club documents will be available on the website on January 1st.

Website & Graphics: Joe Anelle

Doug Stone is coordinating website update requests with Joe Anelle. Please inform Doug of any corrections or updates that may be needed. Revised club documents will be live January 1st.

Joe is expecting to design a new NCM banner for next year.

Charity Committee: Howard Sardis

None.



1953 - 1955



1955 - 1962



1963 - 1967



1968 - 1982



1982 - 1996



1997 - 2005



2005 - 2014



2014 - 2019



2019 - now

<https://listcarbrands.com/corvette-logo/>

Committee Reports: (cont.)

Road Notes Newsletter: Doug Stone

Doug explained that Road Notes is the monthly club newsletter that includes the minutes from the monthly membership meeting, a selection of photos from earlier club events, and a variety of information (often nonsense) on the for-fun Gasoline Alley page.

Doug also asked that folks let him know if there is anything that they would like to see in this publication that would also be of interest to other club members.

Links to past Road Notes:

- [04-2025 Road Notes - Website.pdf](#)
- [05-2025 Road Notes - Website.pdf](#)
- [06-2025 Road Notes – Website.pdf](#)
- [07-2025 Road Notes - Website.pdf](#)
- [08-2025 Road Notes – Website.pdf](#)
- [09-2025 Road Notes - Website.pdf](#)
- [10-2025 Road Notes - Website.pdf](#)
- [11-2025 Road Notes - Website.pdf](#)

Tech Korner: Rich Weinhold, Doug Stone

Members are asked to jot down the work that you have done on your cars so that maybe if another member needs to do that job, they can find who to contact. Please send that information to Doug or Rich.

See my notes from an NCRS meeting about Collector Car insurance on the next page.

[1963 Corvette Sting Ray Promo Film](#)

Listen to the end for Zora Arkus-Duntov's interview of the drivers.

St. Louis NCRS Chapter Newsletter article (page 15):

[Everything I Wanted To Know About Car Batteries](#)

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Wear Your Pride: Craig Besand (Dennis Osterhorn)

There was not Wear Your Pride contest in December. The pot will be \$60 at the January meeting.

50/50 Drawing: Chris and Greg Fultz

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

None.

David Hecht
President

Tech Korner: (cont.)

Notes from NCM Insurance Zoom Meeting:

Bill Mulder, a Rt66CC club member and NCRS representative, held an NCRS meeting on November 18th featuring Adam Boca of the National Corvette Museum insurance program. <https://ncminsurance.com/>

Adam spoke about the insurance policies offered through the National Corvette Museum.

Rt66CC members were invited to attend in person at the Sports Café in Bridgeton or join by Zoom. Mr. Boca presented his program from Bowling Green via Zoom.

Below is some of what I learned from the meeting.

- Normal car insurance will not cover when your tires enter a race track. Must purchase a stand alone coverage for the event. Even if you are not racing and are at slow speed.
- Stated coverage is different than Agreed Coverage. Stated will pay up to the policy value. Agreed Coverage is what you get for a total loss less any deductible. If you have a \$100K Stated Coverage and your car is totaled, the insurer could pay \$80K if they believe the car is only worth \$80K.
- The NCM Insurance Agency receives 1,800 calls a week. 16 people work at the NCM agency.
- Stated Mileage: Mileage roles over to the following years. This is an extra benefit with NCM that others normally don't offer.
- You can buy an under-restoration policy. Driving issues don't occur but property is important to be covered.
- They can ensure multiple cars thru a single policy. Gotta check this out!!!
- Car club discounts can be applied.
- AARP accident prevention courses can earn a discount.
- Air Tags in your cars can save \$++. Leave one easy to find. Hide the other.
- Standard insurance will apply to rental cars. Your normal car policy extends to the rental. Collector car policy will not extend to a rental.
- Insurance will pay a relocation fee for covered cars. They pay to move the car from storm areas to safe areas. And will reach out post-storm to see all is OK.
- Trailering question: Liability lays on car hauling the trailer.
- Umbrella Policies: You can apply online. You have to answer 10 questions. Home, auto, properties, collector car, can be covered. Can extend to multiple company policies. Umbrella policy can be bought even if no other policy is bought through NCM. Most people should have at least a \$1M umbrella policy as the standard \$250/\$500 policy does not pay much now days with high medical costs. The first million is about \$500 and the second million is about \$400 per year.
- Tony Stein, Lawyer, talked about under and uninsured motorist coverage. \$25K/\$50K is minimum in MO. You probably really want to have more than that. If the person who hits you only has \$25K of insurance, you will recover little to nothing for your injuries. Check with your agent.
- Be sure your insurance is with a company that adjusts incidents well to be sure that you get what you need to fix you and your car.
- Coverage is the same even if you are on a battery tender.
- There are fireproof bags for battery tenders. Useful for older tenders as the tenders have caused a lot of fires.
- This meeting was recorded. I'll try to get a link.
- Coverage is good for parades. Road Run and cruises. You collector car must not be the primary.
- Don't remove car coverage when it is stored. Home coverage will not cover your stored car.
- Garage safety:
 - Suggest **not** using the cigarette lighter style battery tender. They get hot.
 - Replace your glass incandescent bulb in a trouble light - the filament can start a fire if the bulb breaks.

Membership Anniversaries:

Dec:

Last Name	First Name	Year	# of Yrs	Joined
FORTHMANN	Debra	2020	5	Dec - 20
MASSOTH	Charles	2023	2	Dec - 23
Poepping	Rick	2024	1	Dec - 24
Lutz	Cletus & Norma	2024	1	Dec - 24
PROSSER	Jim & Sharron Hankins	2024	1	Dec - 24

Jan:

Last Name	First Name	Year	# of Yrs	Joined
MASTEN	Tim	2014	11	Jan - 14
HICKS	Mike	2019	6	Jan - 19
WEIS	Elmer	2019	6	Jan - 19
RAMPONI	Wade	2022	3	Jan - 22
SMITH	Mike & Joan	2023	2	Jan - 23
MESSENGER	Gary & Sharon	2024	1	Jan - 24
MESSENGER	Jason & Rebecca	2024	1	Jan - 24
McGAHAN	Steve & Denise	2024	1	Jan - 24
Blase	Dennis & Judy	2025	0	Jan - 25
Eldridge	Gary	2025	0	Jan - 25
Palermo	Carl & Cindy	2025	0	Jan - 29



Vets 'N Vettes

11-6 to 8-2025

Mike and Jan Spathelf shared this photo of work at the NCM, National Corvette Museum, during Vets 'N Vettes. Mike and Jan are Ambassadors to the Museum and devote many hours each year to help make the museum more accessible and inviting. Mike and Jan were joined by club members Danny and Jeri Clayton, Dave and Lorri King, and David and Patti Hall. (Single photo)



Meet-Up at Syberg's in Chesterfield

11-17-2025



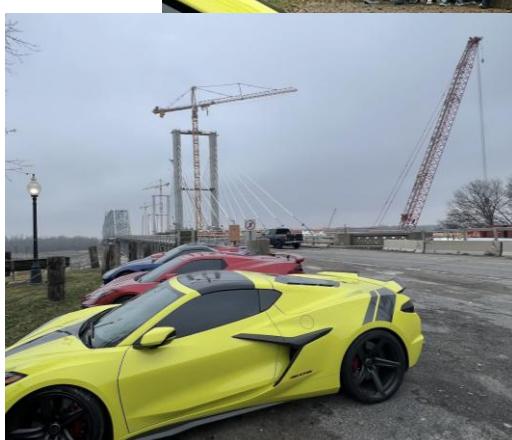
To see more photos and read a description of each event

click the titles to go to the full photo album.

Event Photos:

Road Run to the home of Popeye the Sailor

11-22-2025



To see more photos and read a description of each event
[click the titles](#) to go to the full photo album.

Event Photos:

Impromptu Run to Skippy's

11-19-2025



To see more photos and read a description of each event

[click the titles](#) to go to the full photo album.



December



January

Last Name	First Name	Birthday
STURGESS	David	January 2
KOENEN	Michael	January 3
THOMPSON	Gary	January 5
McGAHAN	Steve	January 8
Partridge	Tim	January 15
Hotfelder	Beverely	January 16
THOMPSON	William	January 18
ERHARDT	Dean	January 21
REYNOLDS	Ron	January 23
SMITH	Linda	January 23
PATTERSON	Greg	January 25
DISANO	Kaye	January 26
COLLINS	Joshua	January 27

Last Name	First Name	Birthday
HEIDER	Dick	December 2
VON MINDEN	Alana	December 2
Hartman-TC	Tom C	December 3
ROBERTSON	Jason	December 4
SCHEFFING	Scott	December 7
METZGER	Dave	December 9
Tenney	Susan	December 10
KAUS	Paul	December 15
IMPERIALE	Rich	December 21
Vollmer	Randy	December 22
LAMB	Bob	December 23
BESAND	Vickie	December 24
RENDELL	Ian	December 25
BONOMO	Angela	December 27
WEINHOLD	Richard	December 28
MESSENGER	Rebecca	December 28
THARP	Russ	December 31
BRATTON	Michael	December 31



Gasoline Alley



Everyone loves a great car story, right? Car histories are fun to learn, even if they are movie cars. I love the car in **Chitty Chitty Bang Bang**. How about you? How they named the car was epic, or really simple, depending on your viewpoint.

[Google Search](#) for “Where is the Chitty Chitty Bang Bang car now?”

[CHITTY CHITTY BANG BANG Cars - Where Are They NOW? - Video](#)

[Off Screen Tourist: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang Filming Locations: Full List + Map!](#)

And how about the creator of Caractacus Pott's machines:

[Rowland Emett's Marvellous Machines](#)

Route 66 Video Overload:

Some Route 66 TV by Samantha Brown:

<https://www.pbs.org/video/route-66-missouri-to-oklahoma-jtqcLg/>

Some Route 66 on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/hashtag/route66>

The Route 66 Store:

<https://national66.org/collections/all-products>

And more! Michael Wallis has created videos and written books about Route 66:

<https://www.michaelwallis.com/>

And info about Old's version of a Corvette bodied car:

[1954 Oldsmobile F88: The Rocket Corvette Killer!](#)

Member's Story:

Here's a good story about our club members, Jim and Catherine, from Hempstead, TX, selling two Corvettes to our Sponsor, Poage Chevrolet, with the help of our friend Randy at Poage.

A lot happened between our club member Jim Gibson and Randy at Poage Chevrolet. A few days ago, Jim called me to say he had two Corvettes he wanted to sell. They were a 1962 C1 convertible with a hardtop, Roman Red, and a 2019 Z06 convertible, 7-speed, with about 7,200 miles, plus an extended warranty with three years left. I believe the Z06 is gray.

I suggested a couple of ways to sell his cars. One option was to contact Randy at Poage Chevrolet and let him know what you have. Knowing Randy, I told Jim I believe he would help out. Randy has done this several times before. So Jim contacted Randy, they agreed on a deal, and I think Jim's cars will be shipped to Poage very soon.

Jim and Catherine, I'm glad everything worked out for you. I knew it would. Also, thanks to Randy from Poage.

Jim and Catherine are selling their cars because they are moving from a farm to a much smaller place. They currently live in Hempstead, TX.

Bob Isermann



C7 Items For Sale

From : Jason Luebke

To: Larry Boyd

Larry, I've attached the photos and descriptions for the items we are selling along with pricing. Appreciate you helping to spread the word to the club. If anyone is interested they can email me directly.

Hang Time Racing

jlouie62@gmail.com

Follow us on Facebook @JasonandKay Luebcke & Instagram @jlouie62

Jake Floor and cargo mat \$300

Range device to deactivate AFM \$100

Tow hooks (steel not aluminum) \$125

Rear wicker bill for stage 2-3 rear spoiler with bolts \$125

C7 Coverking sunshield \$30

Front Splitter from Extreme Online Store. Carbon Flash with the stage 3 end plates. The splitter and plates are covered in paint protection film. No damages and as new. \$450.00.

See larger photos at:

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/tkRTBu7k63uwkEPfA>





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