

Road Notes

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

- Largest Club in the NCCC Midwest Region -



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Our 2024 Charities

Main Charity

AT HOME IN
OUR HEARTS



Missouri



And

the
weekend
HUNGER
PROJECT



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FOUNDATION

We want to grant a wish for you.

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In memory of Michael Fitzwater 1991-2014 501 (c) (3)

STOP HEROIN



FOCUS MARINES
FOUNDATION
HONOR * COURAGE * COMMITMENT



**American
Red Cross**

On the Cover: Cars in the Vettes for Vets Parade in Bowling Green.
Side bar: Tugboat in the Mississippi River at Quincy, Il.



CORVETTE

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 -447- 8960

<http://www.OldHickoryGC.com>

Jen Champion, Events Coordinator
jchampion@heritagegolfgroup.com



Board of Directors and Officers

President

Don Lorimier

Vice President

Paul Kaus

Directors

Bob Lamb

Mike Spathelf

John Kozlowski

Governor

Tom Reitz

Treasurer

Rich Weinhold

Secretary

Doug Stone

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Mike Spathelf

Jan Spathelf

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Tom Reitz

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Trailer

Danny Clayton

Car Show

Paul Kaus

Financial Planning

Open

Rules & Regulations

Lynda Rothweil

Charity

Howard Sardis

Sheryl Ray

Tom Desmond

Nomination

Bob Lamb

Robert Gamlin

Craig Besand

Social

Larry Boyd

Membership

Dave Hecht

Website

Joe Anelle

Lynda Rothweil

[Contact a Board Member](#)

President's Message

December

As we approach the end of 2024, we can look back upon all of the activities we have completed as well as the new friends we have made along the way.

It appears we have surpassed 50 social activities along with our charitable efforts which have allowed our club to contribute over \$40,000 to our community. That does not include approximately 300+ toys that were donated to Toys For Tots.

Our Christmas Party will have wrapped up by the time this message reaches our membership. This was our one last social event to get everyone together and enjoy the holiday season together. Be sure and take time this season to give thanks and share your time with those that may not be as fortunate.

It has been a privilege to serve as your President these past 2 years. We have a great club and great members. Please continue to provide your support to our newly elected officers. I am sure they will continue to build on the positive momentum going forward. I would like to thank my wife Carlene for all of her assistance and support these past 2 years. We have wrapped toys, worked Car Shows, addressed envelopes, and so much more thanks to her help.

Best Regards,
Don



Our Sponsor



For all sales related questions
and information

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Meeting Minutes

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024
Location: Old Hickory Golf Club
Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Submitted By: Doug Stone

Officer's Reports

Introduction of Officers:

President: Don Lorimier
Vice President: Paul Kaus
Secretary: Doug Stone
Treasurer: Rich Weinhold
Governor: Tom Reitz
Directors: Bob Lamb,
Mike Spathelf,
John Kozlowski
Past President: Bill Mitchell

Introduction of Committee Chairs:

Audit & Financial Planning: Bill Mitchell,
Bob Isermann
Nominating: Don Lorimier,
Bob Lamb
NCCC Events: Tom Reitz
Rules & Regulations: Lynda Rothweil
Car Show: Paul Kaus
Social: Larry Boyd
Charity: Howard Sardis
Sponsorship: Bob Isermann,
Mike Spathelf
Membership: Dave Hecht
NCM Ambassador: Mike & Jan
Spathelf
Newsletter: Doug Stone
Website & Graphics: Joe Anelle

President's Opening Remarks: Don Lorimier

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

Corrections & Approvals of Last Month's Minutes:

None.

Introduction of New Members/Guests: Dave Hecht

None.



See the Next Page!!!!

The next Club Meeting
will be held on
January 2, 2025

MARINE CORPS RESERVE



2025 Route 66 CC _ Toys For Tots Event

Once again, our club has exceeded our prior years efforts by collecting / donating 185 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 Tom Desmond and Dennis Osterhorn for pulling all of this together.



Rt66CC picking up toys donated at Poage Chevrolet in Wentzville



Unloading the toys at the collection center.



Unloading the toys at the collection center.



Fantastic effort, Route 66 Corvette Club!

Officer's Reports: (cont.)

Car Show: Paul Kaus

The club held back \$2000 from the car show's proceeds to directly support the USO of Missouri at St. Louis Lambert International Airport. The club has spent all but \$27 of that money doing just that, purchasing Clorox wipes, licorice, Cheez-Its, Ritz crackers, nuts, Slim Jims, Oreos, chicken and tuna snacks, and other similar items to support our troops that travel through the airport.

See next page for the car show flyer, and judging and raffle ticket information.

New Business:

None.

VP's - Board of Directors Report: Paul Kaus

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes report per Club Constitution:

[11-13-24 BOD Minutes.docx](#)

Members Present:

None.

Sponsorship Report: Poage Chevrolet, Joey Vassallo

None.



Treasurer's Report: Rich Weinhold

- November 2024 Treasurer's Report - See next pages. (Reports only in Members Issue.)
- Income & Expense Comparison to 2023 - See next pages.

NCCC Governor's Report: Tom Reitz, Craig Besand

NCCC STUFF

- Last month in Road Notes we reported about Chris Reitz being awarded the Presidents Award for her service to the NCCC. That was awarded at the past Governor's meeting in St. Louis.
- She and other club members were recognized for some other events in Blue Bars, the NCCC magazine, at the convention that was held in Joplin, MO in May.
 - She and Tom Reitz placed 7th in Class D in the Funkhana, Tom finished 3rd in Class 1 of the Matching Times Low Speed event and placed first in the Class 1J/K Low Speed event. Chris finished 5th in Class L1 in the Matching Times Low Speed event and 1st in Class L1J/K of the Low Speed event.
 - And members Mike and Jan Spathelf placed 8th in Class A of the Funkhana event.
- Please let me know if I missed any other honors our club members have received.
- Information about Concours Judging, the type of judging that we do at our car show: Concours D'Elegance (Concours) – "A show or contest of vehicles and accessories in which the entries are judged chiefly on excellence of appearance and turnout."
 - More details can be found in section 7 of the [NCCC SANCTIONED COMPETITION PROGRAM](#)

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB



CORVETTE SHOW

Saturday

May 17th 2025



Route 66 Corvette Club

SALUTE TO THE TROOPS



Annual Corvette Show

PROCEEDS BENEFIT USO MISSOURI AND
OTHER LOCAL VETERAN CHARITIES

Help Support Those Who Defend The USA

Saturday, May 17th, 2025

Rain Date June 7th, 2025

Registration: 8:00am to 10:00am

Best of Show

Poage Choice

Raffle and Silent Action

50 / 50
Drawing

Poage Chevrolet

851 W Pearce Blvd, Wentzville, MO

Awards 1:00pm

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place Awards for Coupes and Convertibles in each Class:

C1 - 1953 - 1962

C3 - 1968 - 1982

C5 - 1997 - 2004

C7 - 2014 - 2019

C2 - 1963 - 1967

C4 - 1984 - 1996

C6 - 2005 - 2013

C8 - 2020 - UP

Show Pre-Registration: \$30 includes T-Shirt till April 25th

Registration Day of Show: \$30 does not include T-Shirt

Buy some tickets for yourself and invite your friends to get some, too.
Contact Don Lorimier for additional tickets.

May 17, 2025

SALUTE TO THE TROOPS



BIG CEDAR LODGE



\$ 1500 Get-a-Way “Raffle” Package

\$10 Raffle Ticket

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

Treasurer's Reports – Members Only

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Committee Reports:

Trailer Committee: Danny Clayton

None.

NCM Ambassador Report: Mike and Jan Spathelf

None.

Rules & Regulations Committee: Lynda Rothweil

None.

Website & Graphics: Joe Anelle

The photo albums of the Club's road runs have been updated through November.

Road Notes Newsletter: Doug Stone

- Send Your:
 - Car Stories – with photos if possible.
 - Especially Corvettes
 - Favorite Drives – with significant destinations
 - Suggestions or New Topics
- **Doug reminded members of a special presentation by Mike Dixon about the St. Louis Corvette Assembly Plant to be made at the February club meeting. Mike worked at the plant. See a teaser for this presentation on the next page.**

Membership: Dave Hecht


We have 227 members right now.

- The membership directory is available online at [Route 66 Corvette Club Directory](#)

General Membership Reminders:

- Green “Club Polo Shirts” _ Shirt Kong
- Club Name Tags _ Solo Products / St Louis
- New Club Patches and Lapel Pins are available at meetings
- Two-way Radios are helpful on road runs.

Handy Club Info:

- Add the Rt66CC Calendar to your Google Calendar:
 - <https://www.route66corvetteclub.com/calendar.html>
 - Pick: 
- 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>
- Dining Membership at Old Hickory's full-service, casual dining restaurant, The Bistro, is no longer available. Existing dining memberships will continue with no changes.

Biography of Mike Dixon, the Speaker for Our February 2025 Membership Meeting:

Mike Dixon will tell us about some of his experiences that happened during the reign of the Chevrolet Corvette. For almost 30 years the city of St. Louis, Missouri had the privilege of being its birthplace, except for the 300 made in Flint, Michigan, while the plant in St. Louis was being readied.

Mike started working at the St. Louis Corvette Assembly Plant on October 3rd, 1969. He didn't know it at the time, or even at the end of his tenure there, which lasted 18 years, that the period of his existence there would have the impact on his life that it has. And he had never read any stories told from the men who worked on the lines there in very adverse conditions that you will soon hear about.

Mike's first night at the plant watching his soon to be good friend shift through all four gears on a set of rollers at a speed of 80 miles an hour had quite the impact on him. He has said "That scent of exhaust, gasoline and smoking tires was better than any expensive French perfume I've ever had the privilege to encounter."

Mike is currently the caretaker of five. He says of the Corvette: "It's in my blood, some people would call it a disease, and if that's the case I'm as terminal as anyone can get and I'm not looking to get well anytime soon."

Mike says: "I feel the need to tell my story about the days 6500 days and or nights that I spent being a part of building the world's greatest sports car."



Mike's Convertible C3



Mike, on right, taking NCM Delivery of his C8

Text derived from the cover of "The Factory of Dreams" by Mike Dixon. Photos property of Mike Dixon.

Committee Reports:

Social Committee: Larry Boyd (Paul Kaus)

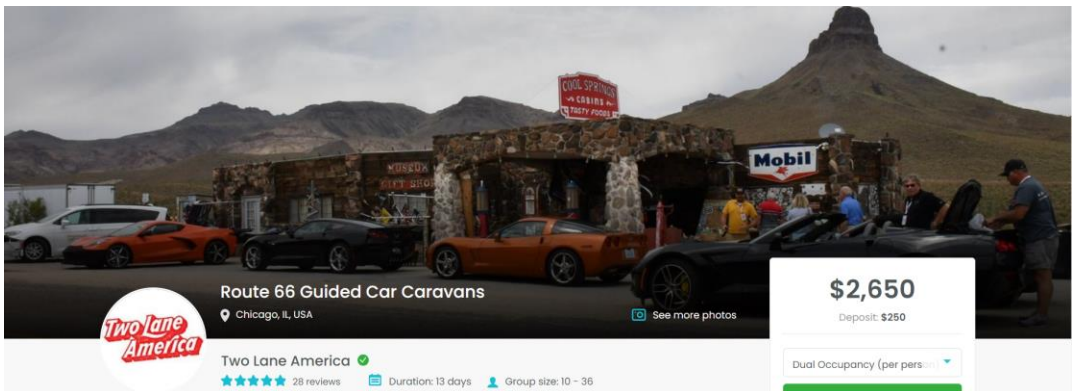
• Upcoming Events:

- Dec 6th Toys for Tots Collection at Poage
- Dec 7th Christmas Banquet at Old Hickory
- Dec 10th Toys for Tots Delivery to the Collection Center

• Events in the planning stages:

- Jan 11th Snow Run / Mike Hicks
- Jan 18th Fast Eddie's / Don Lorimier
- Jan 25th Favazza's / Larry Boyd

Additional Opportunities for a Route 66 Experience found on the Internet:



The fabled “Mother Road” is a bucket-list trip for millions of people. Be one of the Road Warriors that make the dream a reality!

Two Lane America Makes the Great American Road Trip on Route 66 easy. Imagine hitting the pavement on this 13-day trip of a lifetime with zero planning required - Discounts are offered for Corvette Clubs and multi-car registrations, so grab some friends and set up your Route 66 Guided Tour!

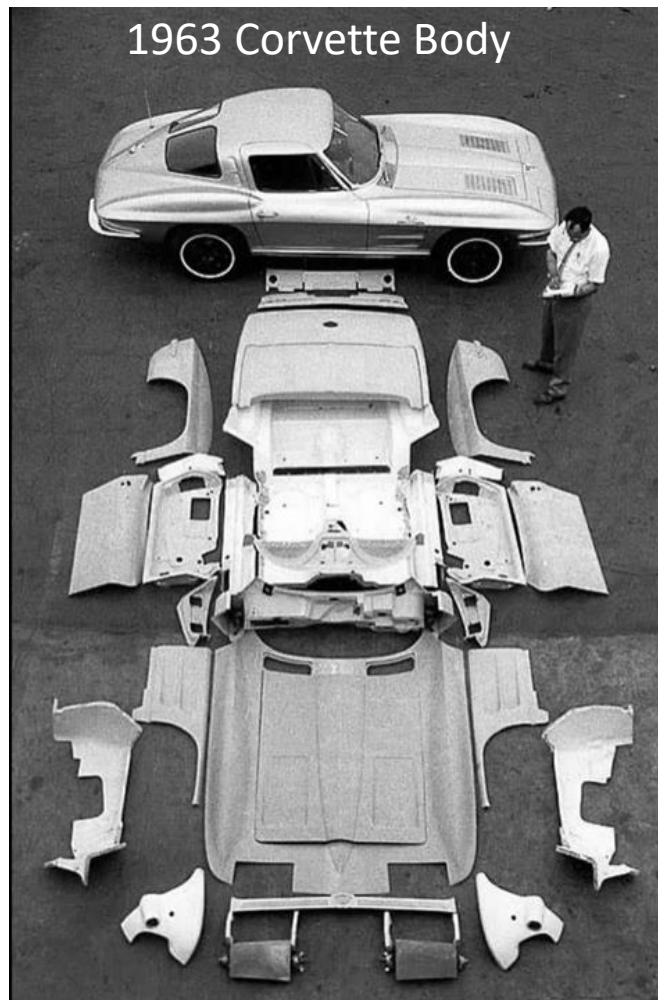
<https://twolaneamerica.wetravel.com/trips/route-66-guided-car-caravans-two-lane-america-67846292>



Committee Reports: (cont.)

Tech Korner: Rich Weinhold, Doug Stone

- [The water engine, running for the first time in history: 400 hp power and 6,500 RPM](#)
- [Power-Lift AeroCreeper](#)
- [Chevrolet's latest entrant into the Corvette lineup – the 2025 C8 Corvette ZR1. "That's what Corvette is."](#) HP, torque and boost of the twin turbos is discussed at about 6:00.



Committee Reports: (cont.)

Charity Committee: Howard Sardis (Tom Desmond)

None.

Old Business:

None.

Wear Your Pride: Tom Reitz (Don Lorimier)

None.

50/50 Drawing: Chris and Greg Fultz (Mike Koenen)

None.

Motion to Adjourn:

None.

Don Lorimier

President



1953 - 1955



1955 - 1962



1963 - 1967



1968 - 1982



1982 - 1996



1997 - 2005



CORVETTE

2005 - 2014



CORVETTE

2014 - 2019



CORVETTE

2019 - now

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



Membership Anniversaries:

December:

Members		# of Years	Joined
FORTHMANN	Debra	4	Dec - 20
MASSOTH	Charles	1	Dec - 23

January:

MASTEN	Tim	10	Jan - 14
HAUK	Joel	5	Jan - 19
HICKS	Mike	5	Jan - 19
WEIS	Elmer	5	Jan - 19
RAMPONI	Wade	2	Jan - 22
SMITH	Mike & Joan	1	Jan - 23
MESSENGER	Gary & Sharon	0	Jan - 24
MESSENGER	Jason & Rebecca	0	Jan - 24
McGAHAN	Steve & Denise	0	Jan - 24

Make time, save time,
While time lasts.
All time is no time
When time is past.



Rt66CC Supports Vettes for Vets

11-13-2024



Rt66CC Ladies Events 2024

8-17 to 11-15-2024



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

Quincy, IL Christkindl Market

11-9 & 10-2024



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

Mystery Fun Run

11-19-2024



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



January

Member		Birth Date
STURGESS	David	January 2
KOENEN	Michael	January 3
THOMPSON	Gary	January 5
McGAHAN	Steve	January 8
THOMPSON	William	January 18
ERHARDT	Dean	January 21
HAUK	Joel	January 22
REYNOLDS	Ron	January 23
SMITH	Linda	January 23
PATTERSON	Greg	January 25
DISANO	Kaye	January 26
COLLINS	Joshua	January 27



December

HEIDER	Dick	December 2
VON MINDEN	Alana	December 2
ROBERTSON	Jason	December 4
EKISS	Theresa	December 5
SCHEFFING	Scott	December 7
METZGER	Dave	December 9
KAUS	Paul	December 15
MOERSHELL	Mark	December 18
IMPERIALE	Rich	December 21
LAMB	Bob	December 23
BESAND	Vickie	December 24
RENDELL	Ian	December 25
BONOMO	Angela	December 27
WEINHOLD	Richard	December 28
MESSINGER	Rebecca	December 28
THARP	Russ	December 31
BRATTON	Michael	December 31

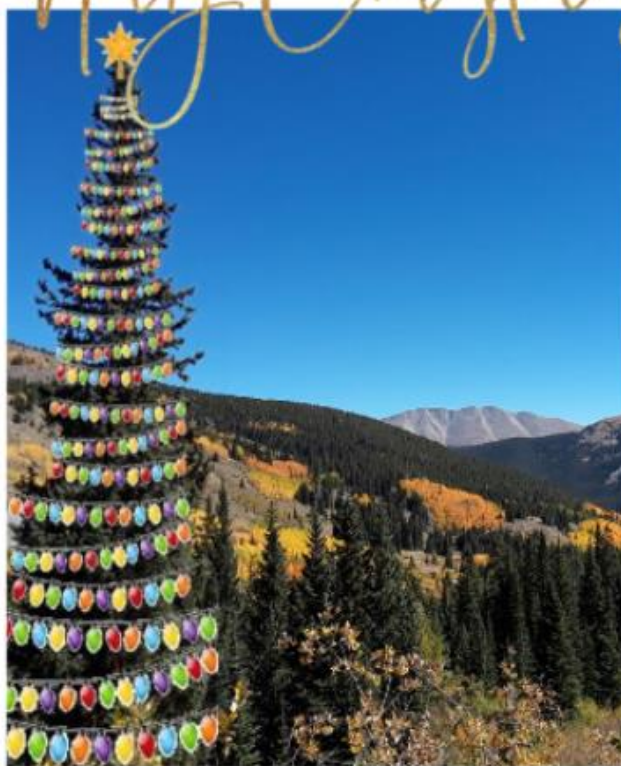


Gasoline Alley



- [\[VIDEO\] Corvette ZR1 to Pace the 2025 Indianapolis 500 and Michael Strahan Will Be the Driver](#)
- [The Corvette C8 E-Ray: One Year Later](#)
- [Embark on an unparalleled journey with the NCM Experience, designed exclusively for Corvette owners, regardless of the model year.](#)

Merry Christmas



Lessons from a Christmas Tree:

- Be light in the darkness.
- It's OK to fall over sometimes.
- Bring joy to those around you.
- Sparkle and twinkle whenever you can.
- And remember, it's perfectly fine to be a little tilted.

Member's Wheels and Tires For Sale:

Jerry Jeter has low mileage C8 wheels and tires for sale. He recently sold his car with the original wheels on it. Please contact Jerry for more info and to make an offer. His phone number is 314-494-5529.



ELEMENT
WHEELS • TIRES • ACCESSORIES

7201 W Oakland St
Chandler, AZ 85226

INVOICE

Invoice Number: 86670
Invoice Date: Nov 9, 2023
Page: 1
Duplicate

Voice:
Fax:

Bill To:
Jerry Jeter

314-494-5529

Ship to:
Jerry Jeter

Customer ID	Customer PO	Payment Terms	
Jeter Jerry		Net Due	
Sales Rep ID	Shipping Method	Ship Date	Due Date
Matt B	Ship From Element		11/9/23

**** Attention: If you order wheels and install your own tires, you must "TEST FIT" wheels for proper fitment before mounting tires. Once tires are installed on wheels, they cannot be returned for any reason.**

Quantity	Item	Description	Unit Price	Amount
	brake	* Note to Element Warehouse: DOUBLECHECK BRAKE CLEARANCE *		
2.00		20x9 Vossen HF-5 Gloss Black (Hybrid Forged) 5x120 35mm HF5-0B01	699.00	1,398.00
2.00		21x12 Vossen HF-5 Gloss Black (Hybrid Forged) 5x120 52mm HF5-1B36	849.00	1,698.00
2.00		255/30ZR20 Michelin Pilot Sport 4S 29965	424.25	848.50
2.00		325/25ZR21 Michelin Pilot Sport 4S 14828	654.25	1,308.50
4.00		Aftermarket TPMS - Tire Pressure Monitoring System (Priced Ea.) (Tesla Model X/Y, Jaguar, Land Rover And Most New 2022+ models may require OEM Sensors)	44.75	179.00
1.00		Upgrade to Black Install Kit	40.00	40.00
4.00	labor-mount	Vehicle: 2020 Chevrolet Corvette C8 Stingray Z51 Package * Mount and Balance. Once tires are mounted on the wheels they are considered	40.00	160.00
Subtotal				Continued
Sales Tax				Continued
Shipping				
Total Invoice Amount				Continued
Payment/Credit Applied				5,632.00
TOTAL				Continued

Check/Credit Memo No: ZPDQ-Q2V3-MG2
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Rotation every 5k-6k miles
 Alignment Recommended
 Check Tire Pressure
 Retorque



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