

Road Notes

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB



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January 2026

Edited by: Doug Stone

Our 2025 Charities

Main Charity

AT HOME IN
OUR HEARTS



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And

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HUNGER
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On the Cover: Mike is either admiring the pretzel or the delivery method at the Goodbye to 2025 lunch run.

Side bar: A view of the Grand Canyon from the Two Lane America Tour



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
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<http://www.OldHickoryGC.com>

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President's Message

January 2026

Route 66 Corvette Club: A Joyful Journey Through 2025

If you love the thrill of the open road, the rumble of a classic Corvette engine, and spending time with friendly folks, you'll feel right at home in the Route 66 Corvette Club.

As we look back on 2025, our club has been a beacon of joy, camaraderie, and excitement for car enthusiasts across our community.

2025 Highlights:

This year, our calendar overflowed with unforgettable events. From sunny cruises along the historic Route 66 to lively dinners at local hot spots, every outing brought smiles and laughter. Our annual Christmas Party drew record crowds. Members shared stories of the road trips, swapped tips on keeping those engines humming, and enjoyed scenic stops that made every drive a memory to cherish.

We also hosted group activities like the annual Salute to the Troops car show, family style picnic, and even a charity poker run that combined the joy of driving with giving back to the community. The sound of engines revving was matched only by the laughter and conversations among friends old and new. It's these moments that make our club truly special.

One of the milestones for 2025 was ending the year with 186 dedicated members—a true testament to our welcoming spirit! New faces quickly become friends, and everyone is encouraged to bring their passion and ideas to the group.

Charitable giving is at our core. We rally together to support local causes, demonstrating that our love for Corvettes goes hand in hand with kindness and generosity. Whether it was the car show, supporting veteran groups, or helping

President's Message

(cont.)

with the backpack program that is our way of showing support for families and veterans in need, our members always stepped up to make a difference.

As our club grows, we're always looking for ways to make the member experience even better. In 2025, we introduced new event formats and updated our club website to make it easier than ever to stay connected.

Members suggested fresh ideas, and together we shaped a calendar that offered something for everyone—from spirited drives to relaxing social gatherings. These ongoing improvements are all about making our club a place where every member feels valued and involved.

If you ask any Route 66 Corvette Club member what makes our group special, you'll hear the same answer repeatedly, it's the people. Participation is the heart of our club.

Every event, meeting, and rides are a chance to build friendships, share knowledge, and enjoy the cars we love.

As we wrap up a wonderful year, we want to say thank you to every member and supporter who helped make 2025 a success. Your enthusiasm, kindness, and willingness to pitch in are what keeps our club thriving. With more events, fresh ideas, and new faces on the horizon, the Route 66 Corvette Club is gearing up for an even brighter future. Let's continue to make memories, support one another, and enjoy the ride—together!

I cannot wait to welcome you on our next adventure!

David Hecht



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Meeting Minutes

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

Date: January 8, 2026
Location: Old Hickory Golf Club
Call to Order: 7:00 PM
Submitted By: Doug Stone

Officer's Reports

Introduction of Officers:

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

Introduction of Committee Chairs:

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

Pre-Meeting Social Hour:

As in previous months, the meeting room was open starting at 5:30 PM for those who'd like to grab dinner, enjoy a beverage, and socialize with fellow members before the meeting. It's a great opportunity to catch up and relax! All members and guests are invited.

Corrections & Approvals of Last Month's Minutes:

No changes were needed. A motion was made to accept the minutes as submitted. That motion was seconded. A Yay/Nay vote was held. The motion passed.

President's Opening Remarks: David Hecht

Welcome to Route 66 Corvette Club, January 2026 and thank you for coming this evening.

Welcome the "new" board members for 2026. All were re-elected at the November meeting:

Paul Kaus	Vice President
Doug Stone	Secretary
Dennis Osterhorn	Director
Mike Spathelf	Director

Officer's Reports: (cont.)

President's Opening Remarks: (cont.)

The minutes of a board meeting that was held just prior to tonight's membership meeting are linked below: (Only in member's issue.)

Introduction of New Members/Guests: Dennis Osterhorn

We have no new members or guests tonight.

Club statistics as of January 1st:

- We have 186 members. We had 233 at the end of last year.
 - It's not unusual that that number of folks did not renew. Non-renewals increased some this year due to folks that left because our club chose to not join NCCC this year.
 - Please send a note to folks that you don't see on the roster anymore and ask them to come back.
- 40 members were in attendance tonight.
- The directory has been updated for the new year. A copy has been sent to all 2026 members.
 - Keep your email addresses up to date.
 - Shred any printed copies to protect personal data of members.

Treasurer's Report: Rich Weinhold

- The December 2025 Treasurer's Report and Income & Expense Comparison to 2025
 - See next pages. (Reports only in Members Issue.)
- Our club now, as of October 10, 2025, has 501c3 non-profit status
 - Donations made to the club are tax-deductible.
- The board is discussing charging for Square use as there is a significant cost for that convenience.

Sponsorship Report: Poage Chevrolet, Randy Wells

No one from Poage was here tonight – no report. They are very busy selling tons of cars.

Check their website for cars for sale and to make reservations for service.

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

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



Treasurer's Reports – Members Only



Treasurer's Reports – Members Only

Reports from Committees: Paul Kaus

2026 Route 66 Car Show: Robert Gamblin

- It's only 4 months to the show! See the flyer on the next page.
- **Registration is now available online at the club website – sign up now!!!!.**
- We need some more members to volunteer to judge attendees' cars. Judging is done on appearance only – no technical knowledge is needed.
- The next planning meeting is Tuesday, January 13th at 6 PM at Old Hickory. All are welcome to attend.
- Contact any folks that you might think would be a show sponsor. Sponsorship are now tax deductible and are not limited to car-associated businesses. Some of our members buy sponsorships. At least 150 folks will see their logo on the shirts and on at least one banner at the show.
- Tickets for the Bass Pro and Big Cedar Lodge Get-a-Way raffle will be in the mail soon to all members. Please buy them yourselves or sell them to your friends. Rich will get more to you when you run out!

Social Committee: Larry Boyd

- Event summary:
 - 78 people attended The Christmas Party. We had a different music set-up that included a couple rounds of Music Bingo. The food and the entertainment was great.
 - The final event of the year was held on Dec 31 – Folks met at the Wildwood Pub and Grill and stayed for 3 hours having lunch and visiting.
- Upcoming events:
 - Jan 10 – road run to Bluff City Grill in Alton. Mike Hicks will lead the club on a road run after lunch for eagle viewing.
 - Jan 17 – Ray is setting up a trip to Route 66 Big Boys in Washington. Along Route 66.
 - Jan 22 - The Original Pancake House - Breakfast in Chesterfield Valley
- Long term look ahead:
 - Yellowstone and Mt. Rushmore trip in early August. An email with details has been sent to members. And see the information on the next page.
 - Road Run to Fulton, MO to explore the Iron Curtain and Winston Churchill history there.

Keep your eyes open for impromptu weekday events along with the weekend events. There will be lunch meetups, short road runs, etc.



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

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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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Committee Reports: (cont.)

Women's Social Events: Patti Hall

We have disbanded the Ladies Bunko. We are now doing a Ladies Game Day on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 1:30, starting in January. Please contact Patti Hall or Jeri Clayton for details. Members and guest are welcome to attend.

NCM Ambassador Report: Mike and Jan Spathelf

We will auction the 2025 club's NCM banner at our April meeting. Last years banner will be auctioned at a future meeting. Send your bids to Rich Weinhold. The winning bid is now tax-deductible donation to the Club!

[National Corvette Museum Announces 2026 Programming](#)

A restored 1965 Vette is being awarded in a sweepstakes at the NCM. Look online to get a free entry form or to buy entries - Use "ROUTE66" code for our club to get credit.

- Entry Deadline: April 26, 2026, at 2:00 PM CT
- Drawing Date: May 7, 2026, at 2:00 PM CT

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/1965-corvette-convertible-sweepstakes/>

Plant tours will be available Feb 9-13, 16-20, 23 -30 April 23-24. Sign up on the NCM website.

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/plant-tours/>


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

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

Membership: Dennis Osterhorn

New members: Get your new member packets from Dennis. They include a Route 66 Pin, a Patch, and a Window Decal for the car, along with a business card and a tri-fold brochure.

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>
- 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.

Committee Reports: (cont.)

Trailer Committee: Danny Clayton

Nothing to report.

Rules & Regulations Committee: Lynda Rothweil

- All documents are updated on the website.
 - Specifically, all references to NCCC have been removed since we are no longer a member.

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.

- The website has been updated to allow members and guests to register for the car show.
- The 2026 NCM Parking Lot Banner participation fee has been paid and Joe is in the process of completing this year's banner design. We will show the banner to the club membership after it has been submitted to the museum.
 - **Last year's banner, at right, will be auctioned at a future meeting. Send your bids to Rich Weinhold. The winning bid is now a tax-deductible donation to the Club so be generous!**
- Joe is designing the shirts for the car show. Poage decides the color and provides their logo for the shirts that they, very thankfully, pay for. Joe designs each year's Route 66 Corvette club portion for the front and the sponsorship logos go on the back.
- Contact any folks that you might think would be a show sponsor. Sponsorships are now tax deductible and are not limited to car-associated businesses. Some of our members even buy sponsorships. At least 150 folks will see your sponsorship logo on the shirts and on at least one banner at the show.

Charity Committee: Howard Sardis

Howard and his committee made the following recommendations for club charities for disbursement of available 2025 funds:

- Habitat for Humanity
- Focus Marine Foundation
- Veterans Community Project

The club will vote on the recommended charities at the February meeting.

2025 NCM Banner



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 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:

- [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](#)
- [12-2025 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.

[Corvette's Record Breaking "True American Hypercar" to be Built in Kentucky](#)

[My Vette Got a Nose Job](#) – Doug Stone

[For lovers and builders of the chevy 350](#) - Facebook Link

- - Chevrolet Engine Colors: The Complete Guide
 - Detailed text is from the Facebook post [Linked here](#).

Quick Reference by Era:

- 1924–1928: Gray-Green
- 1929–1952: Blue-Gray
- 1953–1962: Blue (passenger cars), Gray (trucks)
- 1955–1957: Red (V8s), Chartreuse (265 manual), Yellow (trucks)
- 1955–1966: Green (trucks)
- 1958–1976: Chevrolet Orange
- 1958–1969: Chevrolet Red (performance engines)
- 1977–1986: Corporate Blue
- 1987–Present: Black
- 1997–Present: Natural Aluminum

The Takeaway: Chevrolet engines have come in a rainbow of colors, reflecting their evolution and diverse applications. Each shade represents a unique chapter in Chevrolet's storied history.

Committee Reports: (cont.)

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

A custom Club Trip to Yellowstone and Mt. Rushmore starting on August 2nd is being planned with a professional tour guide that also guided the club members on the Two-Lane America tour last year. We are hoping for 30 people to join in. All hotel, breakfast, and some lunches and dinners are included in the cost. See the email invite from Larry Boyd and the flyer on the next page.

Wear Your Pride: Dennis Osterhorn

The pot tonight is \$60 after it was not won at the November meeting. **Remember to come to the meetings and to wear your "Route 66 Corvette Club" shirt, jacket, or hat.** Also known as "Wear Your Pride"! The basic rules are that pins and name tags do not count. The pot rolls over every month that it is not claimed, increasing by \$10 per meeting until claimed then starts over at \$10 again. The name called tonight by Dennis Osterhorn was Elmer Weiss. He was not present at the meeting. The pot will be \$70 at the January meeting.

50/50 Drawing: Chris and Greg Fultz

The 50/50 drawing supports the Weekend Hunger Project that is run by club members David and Patti Hall.

\$225 total was collected tonight. \$113 went to the Weekend Hunger Project. \$112 went to Mike Spathelf!

Motion to Adjourn:

Lynda Rothweil made a motion to adjourn, and Bob Lamb seconded the motion. All were in favor, and the meeting was adjourned.

David Hecht
President

-Official meeting minutes can be requested by members from the Secretary.-



Route 66 Corvette Club Adventure

August 2, 2026

Day 1: STL to Sioux Falls, SD
(Could break this into two days and do Lincoln/Omaha (American Museum of Speed for those that haven't been there)



Day 2: Sioux Falls, SD to Rapid City, SD
-Corn Palace, Minuteman Missile, Wall Drug, Badlands
-"Welcome Dinner" at hotel with special guest Stephen Yellowhawk

Day 3: Rapid City, SD to Deadwood, SD
-Iron Mt., Needles Highway, Mt. Rushmore, Custer, Crazy Horse

Day 4: Deadwood, SD to Sheridan, WY
-Devils Tower, Frontier Auto Museum



Day 5: Sheridan, WY to Cody, WY
-Little Bighorn, Bighorn Mountains, Cody Rodeo

Day 6: Cody to West Yellowstone, MT
-Buffalo Bill Center of the West, Artist Point in Yellowstone

Day 7: Yellowstone Sightseeing
-Hire buses to take us around

Day 8: West Yellowstone, MT to Jackson, WY
-Old Faithful, Grand Teton NP

Day 9 and beyond: People make their own way back to STL



This tour has been designed just for our group. The proposed tour package would include pre-arranged accommodations, breakfasts, some lunches and dinners, tolls, parking fees, and group activities. Your car's gas is not included. Previous tour participants have arranged carpools with vehicles rented in St. Louis and made various return plans; fly home/drive home.

The tour is expected to cost under \$3000 per person based on double occupancy.

Register via the email from Larry Boyd that will be sent soon to all members.

Membership Anniversaries:

Jan:

Last Name	First Name	Year	# of Yrs	Joined
MASTEN	Tim	2014	12	Jan - 14
HICKS	Mike	2019	7	Jan - 19
WEIS	Elmer	2019	7	Jan - 19
RAMPONI	Wade	2022	4	Jan - 22
SMITH	Mike & Joan	2023	3	Jan - 23
MESSENGER	Gary & Sharon	2024	2	Jan - 24
Blase	Dennis & Judy	2025	1	Jan -25

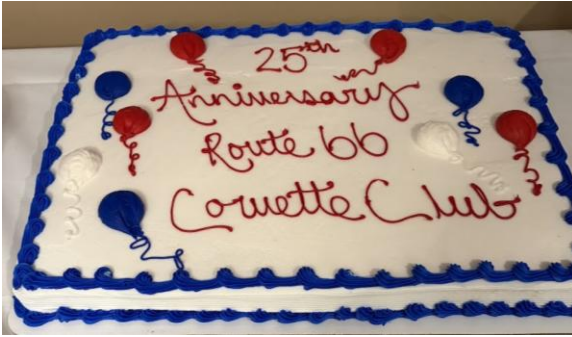
Feb:

Last Name	First Name	Year	# of Yrs	Joined
ANELLE	Joe & Joann	2000	26	Feb - 00
WALKER	Scott & Linda	2000	26	Feb - 00
ROTHWEIL	Lynda	2011	15	Feb - 11
REYNOLDS	Ron & Jackie	2015	11	Feb - 15
GIBSON	Jim & Catherine	2016	10	Feb - 16
WELLS	Randy	2019	7	Feb - 19
WHITT	Neal & Joyce	2021	5	Feb - 21
OSTERHORN	Dennis & Cheryl	2023	3	Feb - 23
HARTMAN	Tom	2024	2	Feb - 24
DePOLITO	Scott & Mary	2024	2	Feb - 24



2025 Christmas Party

12-6-2025



Route 66 Corvette Club & Poage Chevrolet Support Toys for Tots

12-8-2025



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

Event Photos:

Say Goodbye to 2025 Lunch

12-31-2025



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



January

Last Name	First Name	Birthday
STURGESS	David	January 2
KOENEN	Michael	January 3
THOMPSON	Gary	January 5
Partridge	Tim	January 15
Hotfelder	Beverly	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



February

Last Name	First Name	Birthday
REIDY	Mike	February 2
WAGANER	Sharon	February 3
STEWART	Greg	February 4
FORCE	Patricia	February 10
WELLS	Randy	February 16
RENZ	John	February 18
JACOBS	Jamie	February 25
KOENIG	Bob	February 28
KOPPENHAVER	Randy	February 28



Gasoline Alley



Celebrate 66 – A Source for Centennial Events:

<https://route66centennial.org/>

Cringeworthy Puns:

- Yesterday, a clown held the door open for me. It was such a nice jester.
 - Becoming a vegetarian is a huge missed steak.
 - The other day she tried to make a chemistry joke but got no reaction.
 - It's funny — England doesn't have a kidney bank but has a Liverpool.
 - Acupuncture is a jab well done.
 - When a clock is hungry, it goes back four seconds.
-

Vettes at the Arch – A video from member Mike Koenen

- Smoke and location are simulated & there is no sound.

[higgsfield-ada57026-62c1-4ffd-949b-5077b363ca9b.MOV](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=higgsfield-ada57026-62c1-4ffd-949b-5077b363ca9b)

Corvette Video Overload:

CORVETTE TODAY is hosted by Steve Garrett, Moderator on CorvetteForum.com, MC and DJ at Corvette FunFest and DJ at the #1 radio station in Kansas City, MO...101 The Fox (KCFX) for 44 years. Steve is also the President of the Corvette Club of Kansas City, Missouri!

<https://www.youtube.com/@CORVETTETODAYThePodcast/shorts>

Motor Trend's December 1953 Issue and the Corvette's Early Survival

December 1, 2025

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/motor-trends-december-1953-issue-and-the-corvettes-early-survival/>

From Sting Ray to Starship: The 1965 Star Trek Corvette Now on Display

September 17, 2025

<https://www.corvettemuseum.org/from-sting-ray-to-starship-the-1965-star-trek-corvette-now-on-display/>

Corvette Caballista

<https://www.autoweek.com/news/a1973701/corvette-caballista-redefines-luxury-refinement-if-it-aint-baroque-fix-it/>

Gasoline Alley



Seen on Facebook at Save the Wave:



From a Google Image Search: “This image is a digital rendering of a potential future Chevrolet Corvette SUV. General Motors has not officially announced plans for such a vehicle, but reports and speculation about an expanded Corvette sub-brand, including an SUV, have circulated.” This sort of discussion has been going on for a few years now.

C7 & C8 Items For Sale

From member Mike Hicks:

- 2019 Corvette Grand Sport wheels (no cracks) as a set for \$250.
- 2019 Corvette Grand Sport Stage 3 Clear Wickerbill (must have the Stage 2 Spoiler installed), windshield sunvisor, and transparent top sun screen - Free
- 2025 Corvette Z06 wheels (one rear is cracked) as a set for \$500.
- 2025 Corvette Z06 original tires (Michelin Pilot Sport 4S, 3/16" tread left) with good tread left (8000 miles on them) for \$200. I don't think they will fit any other car.

Contact Mike if you need more info or want these items.





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