

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

ROAD NOTES

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Trash Pick-up - Fall 2007



Thanks to Don Trunko and Feld Chevrolet for sponsoring our club for the 8th year!!!





—*President's Letter*—

We are off to a great start for 2008. At our first meeting of the year we welcomed 14 new members. It was good to see many familiar faces as well as new ones. I look forward to getting to know everyone better in the upcoming months.

I want to thank those who volunteered to chair and serve on our club committees. It takes everyone working together to form an exciting club.

At our February meeting we will start planning club road runs and events for the coming year. Shake off the winter blahs, visualize an exhilarating summer and come prepared to help plan your vision!

Drive safe.

Mary Morak

Our Elected Officials

Vice President

Gary Schiermeyer

Treasurer

Bob Lamb

Secretary

Rhonda Trout

Directors

Noel Wilson

Jeff Anderson

Rik Thompson

President

Mary Morak

Governor

Tom Reitz

Bylaws Committee

Christine Reitz

Jeff Anderson

Ron Reinhardt

Patty Schroeder

Club meetings are held on the 1st Thursday of each month at Culpeppers Restaurant in O'Fallon at 7:30 p.m.



January Birthdays

John Morak

Lora Gracey

Joanie Jordan

2nd

13th

17th

MEETING MINUTES – ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

Monthly Meeting January 3rd, 2008 Culpepper's Restaurant, O Fallon, Missouri

Mary Morak called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm

Mary introduced the officers:

President:	Mary Morak
Vice President:	Gary Schiermeyer
Governor:	Tom Reitz
Treasurer:	Bob Lamb
Secretary:	Rhonda Trout

There were no changes to last month's minutes. Tom Reitz made a motion to pass the minutes, and Gary Schirmeyer 2nd the motion. Vote was taken and the minutes were passed as written.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Richard & Janet Warren, Bob & Sharon Duisen, Frank & Bobbi Arnold, Les & Sharon Waganer, Rod & Charlotte McCoy, Randy & Rhonda Trout, Judy Brady, Rik Thompson, Tom & Chris Reitz, Jeff Anderson, Scott & Andi Graham, Noel & CJ Wilson, Randy Moore, John & Mary Morak, Angelo & Debbie Biondo, Randy & Colleen Jung, Manny & Joanie Jordan, Shelly Gracey, Terry & Sharon McCoy, Dominic & Barb Pisciotta, Joe Anelle, Ray & Kay Bedwell, Jeff Meywes, Ron Reinhardt, Walt Breville, Gary Schiermeyer, Bob Lamb –

- **(NOTE: These are the members that signed the signup sheet. Make sure you sign up so you get counted. If you haven't seen the signup sheet, please stop by the officers table at the end of the meeting)**

GUEST(S): Marilyn Goghlan

Dave Metzger – 2001 Torch Red Coupe (Former member – Welcome Back!)

TREASURE REPORT: See page 8 & 9

These annual fees are coming due soon:

- \$408 Storage locker fee (Due 2/1/08) – Bob made a motion to pay, Joe Anelle 2nd the motion
- \$70 Website fee (Due 2/1/08) – Bob made a motion to pay, Chris Reitz 2nd the motion
- Vote was taken – Motion passed on both items

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

New member packets were handed out to the following members:

- Frank & Bobbi Arnold (1995 Red Coupe)
- Ray & Kay Bedwell (2002 Red Coupe)
- Scott & Andi Graham (2005 Magnetic Red Coupe)
- Angelo & Debbie Biondo (2007 Red Convertible)
- Bob & Sharon Duisen (2001 Torch Red Coupe)
- Richard & Janet Warren (2004 Silver Coupe & 1962 Silver Coupe)
- Current members also introduced themselves, their cars and how long they have been in the club.

Going into January 2007, we had 67 members, going into January 2008 we have 75 members. At renewal for this year, we lost 7 members but gained 15 new members. These numbers reflect the 3 honorary members.

Bob will create a membership flyer that we can hand out at any of our events. Also, when we have guests, if we have their contact information, Bob can send them a thank you note along with the membership flyer.

VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: none

GOVERNOR REPORT: See below

ACTIVITY COMMITTEE:

Christmas Party 2007

Judy Brady gave Committee report: We had the Christmas Party at the Firemen's Hall in St. Peters. We had a good turnout of approximately 40 people. The food was good and included Chicken Marsala, and Roasted Pork Loin. The DJ was good; there were LOTS of dancing going on. At one point, almost everyone was on the dance floor. We had BUNCHES of toys for the "Toys for Tots". Thanks to Paul and Bridget Balkenbush for getting the toys where they needed to go. Also, thanks to Karen Brooks and Bridget Balkenbush for getting the Christmas Party together. A good time was had by all.

OLD BUSINESS:

11/3/07 – NCCC Rallyee, Centralia, IL – 3 cars

Tom & Chris Reitz, Dominic & Barb Pisciotta, Susan Strube & friend attended. All had good time. It was a nice slow paced Rallyee. Donation proceeds go to the local community college for the Auto Mechanics program. The next NCCC Rallyee will be coming up March 28, 2008, more details to come.

11/4/07 – Adopt-A-Highway trash pick-up (Award presented by Shelly Gracey)

There was a good turn out for our Semi-Annual Trash pickup. You can find some pretty interesting things on one. Someone one year found a brand new set of Metric wrenches. This year, however, was probably the most interesting of all and we felt that this person should be rewarded for it. On behalf of the club, Shelly Gracey presented Dominic Pisciotta with the "TRASH" award. So next trash pick up, join in and you could be the next winner of the "TRASH" award. (Due to keeping the meeting G-rated we couldn't reveal what was found. However, there is a picture of it on the club forum:

(<http://www.ourvettenet.com/>)

- Shelly would like to thank the Moraks for donating the paper bag, rubber gloves and plaque tag.

NEW BUSINESS:

◆ At the transition meeting, we activated/selected the committees that are stated in our By-Laws; here are a list of these committees, the chairperson(s), and a brief description of the committee. (The Committee information is available in the By-Laws/Constitution you received in your new member packet [Section 8 – Page 9] – See one of the officers if you need a new copy of this)

By-Laws/Constitution Committee:

Chairperson: Noel Wilson

Members: Jeff Anderson, Tom Reitz, Rhonda Trout, Chris Reitz, and Charlotte McCoy

Mission: Review and evaluate all written requests submitted by any member, requesting changes to the Constitution and By-Laws and recommending any necessary changes.

- At February meeting we will be collecting revision input from club members. If you will be unable to attend the meeting and would like to have a voice in the revision, please contact/email one of the committee members

(See Attached ByLaws – Tentative 2008 Schedule)

Sponsorship/Publicity Committee:

Co-Chairperson(s): Bob Lamb & Jeff Anderson

Mission: This committee will submit articles to the media at the request of the other committees and club. They will also be the contact for our current sponsors and will also possibly be looking for additional sponsors for our club and events.

- The questionnaire that you were asked to participate in filling out will be the first step in analyzing the needs for our club. We want to go after sponsors that our members are interested in supporting.

Technical Committee:

Chairperson: Tom Reitz

Members: Paul Ballkenbush, Rod McCoy

Mission: This committee will assist members with tech inspections at club events such as Autocross and Road Runs as needed.

Special Events Committee:

We chose not to activate at this time

Charity Committee:

Chairperson: Rhonda Trout

Members: Bob Lamb, Bridget Balkenbush, Charlotte McCoy, and Judy Brady

Mission: This committee will coordinate a list of charities for the club to be involved with for 2008

- If there are any valid charities (**registered 501(c)(3) tax-deductible nonprofit charity**) that you would like the committee to add to our review list, please contact one of the committee members so it can be added to our list for research and consideration.

Social Committee:

Chairperson: Bridget Balkenbush

Members: Rhonda Trout, Judy Brady, and Charlotte McCoy

Mission: This committee will coordinate monthly club events

- One of the items we would like to implement would be to have a different club member, each month, pick ("host") a restaurant for members to meet for dinner on the 3rd Thursday of the month. So each month we could meet at different places for dinner. Other clubs in the area do this and have been pretty successful in getting great participation from the members.
- Shelly Gracey suggested getting a Golf outing together for our club. This would consist of a 4-person (or so) scramble. We asked for a show of hands to see the level of interest. There were approximately 15-20 members present that showed interest. Shelly will get with the Social Committee and we will add this to our calendar for 2008.
- If anyone else has any ideas that they would like to share, feel free to contact the committee with your suggestions.

◆ For the February 7th meeting, we want to get our 2008 Events Calendar setup. So everyone just grab a date and put it on the calendar. You don't have to have it all planned out right now. Something that some you might want to consider getting if you don't already have them are tow-way radios. Randy Moore wrote a really nice article on the different types of radios, it is on the club forum (<http://www.ourvettenet.com/>) so check it out.

◆ Also, throughout the year we will announce any Car Shows, Autocrosses, Road Runs, etc as we know about them. If any of you happen to run across any activity that you would like to share with the rest of the club, please bring it in and we can discuss it at the meetings.

◆ The Route 66 Road Preservation Committee will be coming through some time in 2008. They do different things to try to preserve some of the nostalgia from the Route 66 days. We have volunteered our club to help if they need it when they are in our area. More details will be shared about this as we get them.

◆ The 14th Annual Columbia Cup will be coming up the 2nd weekend in April (April 12, 2008). Flyers were emailed out and were available at the officers' table. A block of rooms were reserved by Mary Morak for our club. The rooms have been remodeled. The car show is on Saturday. The proceeds from this will go to "Dream Factory", which is like the "Make-A-Wish". At the next meeting, we will plan the trip, etc.

◆ Our Corvette Forum: (<http://www.ourvettenet.com/>) This is a forum that our member Pete Fahle put together for our club. Thanks Pete! The participation on this hasn't been as much as we expected. We only have a small portion of our members who have joined. This is a great way for us to stay in contact with each other. We post events here as they are coming up so we can plan meeting points etc. The Two-Radio article mentioned above is on there. Even the picture of why Dominic won the "Trash Award" is posted on there. This is an awesome tool for us to use. If we want to keep it just a "Route 66 Corvette" Forum, we need more people to participate. Joe has even put a link to this forum on our website (<http://www.route66corvetteclub.com/>).

◆ Email Notices – Some members do not have email or cannot open PC attachments. How do we want to handle this? It was discussed that those who have these issues to "buddy" up with someone who does. If you need help with that, let us know.

◆ Name badges – Mary Morak brought in a sample and passed them around for everyone to look at. Since our membership is growing, it was recommended that we start using name badges. The price of these will run in the ballpark of around \$7.00 each. If we supply Mary with a clear picture in a .jpg format, she can also include a picture of your car on there for you. If you don't know how to do this, there are people in the club who can assist you with this. Again, just let someone know that you need help.

◆ NCCC Calendars & Lapel Pins – Tom handed these out at the meeting. If you were not there to get yours, please see Tom Reitz aka, "The Gov" at the next meeting to get yours. The new NCCC rulebook will be mailed to you. The format this year will be on a CD. This was done to cut costs on shipping, production, etc.

◆ Tom also has some extra T-shirts from the Autocross if anyone is interested. They are \$5.00 each.

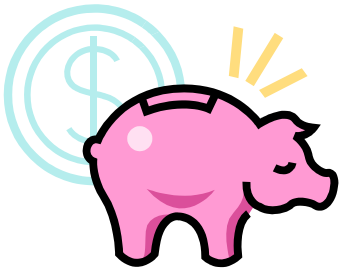
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

◆ There is a Trivia night coming up on 1/12/07 7:00pm, sponsored by St. Charles vision leadership. The cost is \$16.00 a person, and you get free beer and soda. Bring your own food. We are putting together a team, if anyone is interested; we have 4 spots left to fill. Please see Mary Morak after the meeting if you are interested.

50/50: \$94.00 dollars was collected
\$47.00 dollars went to the club
\$47.00 dollars went ticket winner Kay Bedwell

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted by Rhonda Trout



ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

\$\$\$ TREASURER'S REPORT \$\$\$

January 2008

Number of Members: **75** (NOTE: Includes three honorary members)

BEGINNING ACCOUNT BALANCE of November 1, 2007 **\$3,914.01**

INCOME/DEPOSITS:

50/50 @ November Meeting	\$53.00
CY 08 Dues Renewal	\$305.00
CY 08 Dues Renewal	\$95.00
CY 08 Dues Renewal	\$570.00
Auto Cross Income	\$2,510.00
Auto Cross Food Income	\$45.00
Christmas Party Income	\$780.00

TOTAL INCOME/DEPOSITS: **\$4,358.00**

EXPENSES/CHECKS WRITTEN:

#420 to NCCC	for 2008 Member Head Tax	(\$137.50)
#421 to NCCC	for 2008 Member Dues	(\$1,390.00)
#422 to NCCC	for FCOA dues for 4 Club Members	(\$20.00)
#423 to Party DJ	for Christmas Party	(\$350.00)
#424 to PFEM	for Christmas Party (Food & Facility)	(\$1,252.10)
#425 to T. Reitz	for Auto-X Supplies	(\$48.96)
#426 to R&R Sanitation	for Auto-X Portable Rest Rooms	(\$148.00)
#427 to Incredible Engravings	for Annual Awards	(\$934.18)
#428 to K. Brooks	for Christmas Party Deserts	(\$60.37)

TOTAL EXPENSES/CHECKS WRITTEN: **(4,341.11)**

ENDING ACCOUNT BALANCE as of December 31, 2007: **\$3,930.90**

NOTE: The Route 66 Corvette Club checking account balance may be viewed on line by doing the following:

1. Go to website: <https://smallbusiness.commercebank.com/CBI/login.aspx>
2. Enter Customer ID: [rte66cc](#)

After entering the Customer ID, there will be a question to verify Personal Security Image. The picture should be a glass of white wine titled "Evening Delight".

If this is the picture,

go down to the Password box.....and things used to be sooo simple!!!

3. Enter Password: [ettevroc \(corvette spelled in reverse\)](#)
4. Observe Checking Account Information

Note: We DO NOT have "on line" banking set up on this account.

2008

 CLUB EVENTS 

Calender Coming in February

***Rt. 66 Corvette Club
100% Participation
As of 1-03-08***

***Jeff Anderson
Joe Anelle
Frank Arnold
Bobbi Arnold
Kay Bedwell
Ray Bedwell
Angelo Biondo
Debbie Biondo
Judy Brady
Walt Breville
Bob Duisen
Sharon Duisen
Shelly Gracey
Andi Graham
Scott Graham
Joanie Jordan
Manny Jordan
Colleen Jung
Randy Jung
Bob Lamb
Sharon McCoy
Terry McCoy
Rod McCoy
Charlotte McCoy
Randy Moore
John Morak
Mary Morak
Dominic Pisciotta
Barb Pisciotta
Chris Reitz
Tom Reitz
Gary Schiermeyer
Rik Thompson
Randy Trout
Rhonda Trout
Les Waganer
Janet Warren
Rich Warren
Noel Wilson
CJ Wilson***

Route 66 Corvette Club Points

	<i>Feld</i>	<i>Trunko</i>	<i>NCCC</i>
<i>Bobbi Arnold</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Frank Arnold</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Bridget Balkenbush</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Paul Balkenbush</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Robert Duisen</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Sharon Duisen</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Mary Morak</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>John Morak</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Tom Reitz</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Chris Reitz</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Gary Schiermeyer</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Randy Trout</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Rhonda Trout</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>Noel Wilson</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>50</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>CJ Wilson</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>0</i>

Points Collected and Submitted by Gary Schiermeyer

For Sale Section

- Spare front energy absorber for an 85 - 91 Corvette for sale. This is commonly damaged during a front end collision and goes under the front bumper cover. \$50.00 delivered. Contact Bob Lamb

We would like to recognize that we had 22 members attend our Trash Pick Up back in November. This is a record number of members to attend the pick up. Thanks everyone. Picture on the front page.

Here is a list of all that attended.

Jeff Anderson

Frank Arnold

Brett Arnold (Frank's Son, not actually a member)

Angelo Biondo

Debbie Biondo

Walter Breville

Bob Duisen

Sharon Duisen

Shelly Gracey

Randy Moore (taking pictured)

Karen Brooks

John Morak

Mary Morak

George Oliver

Dominic Pisciotta

Tom Reitz

Chris Reitz

Dale VanDeven

Lester Waganer

Sharon Waganer

Steve Wiechens

Noel Wilson

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