

# Road Notes

## ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB



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First Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm  
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# Club Officials

## President

Bob Isermann

## Vice President

Mike Spathelf

## Directors

Harold Lloyd

Mary Morak

Ron Nelson

Noel Wilson

## Governor

Tom Reitz

## Treasurer

Rich Weinhold

## Secretary

Nancy Streib

# Committee Chairs

## By-Laws & Constitution

Bob Lamb

Greg Fultz

Lynda Rothweil

## Sponsorship

Mike Spathelf

Bob Isermann

## Membership

Bob Lamb

Nancy Streib

## Technical

Tom Reitz

## Social

Detta Nelson

## Charity

Howard Sardis

## Car Show

Orville Caupp

## Website

Joe Anelle

## Trailer

Tom Reitz

# PRESIDENT'S LETTER

January 2018

Hello Everyone!

I just want to say, thank you to all that came out and braved the cold for our first 2018, club meeting! Also, thank you for all the kind words that I received after my first meeting as your new President! (Just think, you have 100% attendance for 2018!) :)

I know it was a long meeting. However, it is typical for the January meeting to be a little longer than normal. I just had a lot of ideas and changes that I wanted to introduce to the club. As I mentioned, we have an outstanding club today; I just want to work hard and make it better. If I didn't think this way, I wouldn't have run for President.

I am asking for club involvement. When we have various events, try your best to join us. Don't get me wrong; I know everyone is busy. I'm just saying, if you can make it, I would sure like to see you there. I would like to call our club a participating club. We will be having a lot of events to participate in this year.

I hope you were able to attend our first Birthday Bash of the year and don't forget Sunday, January 21; we are all heading up to the Village of the Blue Rose. Check the calendar for times. You will see other activities popping up along the way.

Before I end this, once again, our prayers are with Chris, Tom, and family for the passing of Chris's Mother. Also, our congratulations to Bob and Nancy on the birth of their new Granddaughter.

Bob Isermann, President  
Route 66 Corvette Club



# Meeting Minutes

## ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

Old Hickory Golf Club, St. Peters, Missouri  
January 4, 2018

### Members Present:

Anelle, Joe	Isermann, Bob	Pisciotta, Dominic
Brady, Judy	Jarvis, Brian	Reitz, Tom
Caupp, Orville	Kleemeyer, Brian	Rothweil, Lynda
Craig, Jeff	Koenig, Michelle	Ryan, Joan
Craig, Patty	Leary, Pam	Ryan, Kevin
Flynn, Glenn	Leary, Sean	Spathelf, Jan
Flynn, Michele	Loyd, Harold	Spathelf, Mike
Fultz, Chris	Moore, Karen	Vanlandingham, Chad
Fultz, Greg	Moore, Randy	Waganer, Les
Heidenreich, Brenda	Morak, Mary	Weinhold, Rich
Heidenreich, John	Nelson, Detta	Wilson, Noel
Henke, Fred	Nelson, Ron	Wortkoetter, Deb
Isermann, Barb	Pisciotta, Barbara	Wortkoetter, Jim

### Guests:

None

The January 2018 meeting was called to order by President, Bob Isermann at 7:05 pm.

### Introduction of Officers

### New Members/Guests

While Michele Flynn attended the November meeting as a new member, this was the first meeting for Glenn Flynn to have the opportunity to be introduced. Welcome, Glenn!



# 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the New Year



Changing of the  
President's

1<sup>st</sup> call to order of  
the year by our  
new president.



Bob I. accepting a  
check from Chad V.



## President's Remarks: Bob Isermann

- Bob announced that Chris Reitz's mother passed away. He had shared specifics via email.
- Nancy Streib & Bob Lamb were in Virginia with a new granddaughter, so not able to be here tonight.
- Bob presented a plaque to Ron Nelson for his term of president of the club for the past 2 years and expressed appreciation for Ron's work and contributions to the club.
- Bob introduced the 2018 officers of the club.
  - ✓ Mike S - VP of our club and ambassador to the National Corvette Museum
  - ✓ Rich Weinhold - Treasurer
  - ✓ Tom Reitz - Governor (represents our club at the NCCC meetings)
  - ✓ Secretary - Nancy Streib (unfortunately could not be here but being backed up by Brenda Heidenreich tonight)
- February will be our 18th anniversary as a Club, and we are going to make a party of it.
- Bob requested the following past Chairs to stand to be acknowledged for their contributions to the club and helping to keep the club moving forward:
  - ✓ Presidents: Mary Morak, Sean Leary, and Ron Nelson
  - ✓ Governors: Tom Reitz who has the distinction of being the sole person who has held the position.
  - ✓ Treasurers: Bob Lamb and Chris Reitz
  - ✓ Secretaries: Mary Morak and Karen Moore
  - ✓ Vice Presidents: Joe Anelle and Mike Spathelf
- Bob talked about how he has reached out to members (and listened to members who have come to him) for suggestions of what the members would like to see the Club doing more of. More activities to be planned. Recognize people more and the efforts they put into the organization. Birthday Bash is something that was done in the past - that is going to be resurrected to celebrate the birthdays of members each month at locations that will change each month. Still hope to get a January



Birthday Bash put together. Details will be sent out via email.

### **Corrections to the November 2017 Minutes:**

None

### **Treasurer Report: Rich Weinhold**

See Full Report

### **PalPax: Detta Nelson**

The PalPax program and food donations were discussed. If you would like a list of the suggested food items to pick up, Detta had additional copies. Please keep in mind these are items the children should be able to make themselves. Instead of a box of macaroni and cheese, individual serving size work better. Food donations are taken to the Winfield 1st Baptist Church and they see to it that the food goes to the Winfield School District. Detta purchases additional items using the 50/50 money that is allocated for this use. Please remember to bring your food donations to each meeting.

### **Membership Report: Bob Lamb/Nancy Streib**

Current members: 88

Note: Bob and Nancy were out of town. More information next month.

### **Governor's Report: Tom Reitz**

See Full Report

I have a few autocross t-shirts left if anyone is interested. September 15 & 16, 2018 for this year's AutoCross. Contract is the same as last year but rental increased from \$2100 to \$2300. We will do 14 events again this year (7 & 7) - same as last year. There was discussion about potential revenues based on different scenarios based on # of cars signed up for participation

- Motion was made by Greg Fultz and seconded by Les Waganer to pay this rental. Motion carried

### **Old Business:**


None



## New Business:

Bob discussed several changes as we move into 2018.

- Treasurer position (Rich Weinhold) Previously the Treasurer's position dealt with both Treasurer responsibilities and Membership. That is now being divided. Membership will now be handled by Bob Lamb and Nancy Streib.
- Noel Wilson has been involved with Rules and Sponsorship for many years. Noel is going to back away from Rules (although available for consult) with Greg Fultz and Linda Rothweil to work with Bob Lamb on Rules going forward.
- Rule changes will be sent out the week before a club meeting to streamline discussions in the monthly meetings. This will give members an opportunity to reach out before the meeting to ask questions as needed.
- Mentoring new members. Lynda Rothweil had proposed an idea for new members to be hooked up with mentors. Someone to connect with new members, get them acquainted with the workings of the club, introduce the new members around at the meetings and generally make them feel welcome. Lynda Rothweil along with Bob & Michelle Koenig have agreed to take this on.
- Trailer - We have had Bob Lamb so heavily involved in so many aspects of the Club, to give him a break, Tom Reitz has agreed to take over the chair for the trailer.
- Committee meetings. Asking the people in charge of the committees to not have meetings right before the monthly meeting. Have on a different day. This will eliminate the need to rush right before the monthly meetings. Ultimate goal is to make the monthly meetings more social and fun.
- Birthday Bash is back. A person with a birthday in a given month will pick a location and we will go (even if the birthday person can't make it - we will celebrate for them).

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- Scavenger Hunt is back. Sunday afternoon, April 22 - time TBD. Mike Spathelf and Bob discussed with Chad. Mike knows the Illinois roads well and will put together. There will be one in Missouri at some point, but the first will be on the Illinois side where our sponsor is. More details will be available in February. Afterwards we may cater food at the dealership.
  - Model Railroading. There has been interest expressed in seeing a Model Railroading layout. Looking to see what activity could be done around it.
  - Circus - March 24th. Checking into the possibility of taking a “behind the scene” tour before the circus and then finish the tour afterwards.
  - An activity with Police/Law enforcement - TBD. Orville has a son that is a policeman. Might be able to arrange something.
  - An activity with Airplane - TBD. Learning about what goes into planning a trip when flying a private jet. This would be a warm weather activity.
  - An activity with tour of Jack Schmitt Chevrolet dealership - TBD

### **Vice President’s Report: Mike Spathelf, NCM Ambassador**

- Museum - our banner is #1 where the cars are parked. Banners are up until June. Considering auctioning the banner in the fall. If we want to do the banner again, we have to apply by March 1. Cost is \$425. If we do again, we can have a committee come up with a new design or we can use our existing design again
  - Motion made by Sean Leary and seconded by Dominic Pisciotta to pay the \$425 and apply again. Motion carried
  - Motion made by Mary Morak and seconded by Joe Anelle to use the same banner design. Motion carried.
- NCCC did “Shift & Shoot” at a shooting range. Mike and Jan go Sharpshooters Indoor Range in South St. Louis which also has a restaurant. \$40 @ person for 3 hours - 2 hours range time and 1 hour eating. If you don’t have your own firearm, they will let you use theirs

but you must buy the their ammo. If you have your own firearm and your own ammo - that's fine. Mike asked if there would be interest in an event like this. Positive interest was expressed so Mike will obtain more information.

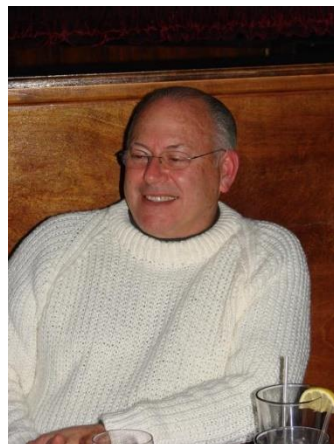
- As we are a Business Member of NCM, we are entitled to put a business card sized ad in Sports Car of America magazine which goes out to every NCM member. This would be an opportunity for us to advertise our car show in the magazine. Business Card size ad is free. We can obtain a ¼ size ad for \$375. It would have to be in by February 1 for the March (quarterly) edition.
  - Motion made by Ron Nelson and seconded by Sean Leary to buy a ¼ size ad. Motion carried.
- Bowling Green, KY - GM pricing still good for 2018. Mike has the names of the 2 people to contact for information.
- Working to put together a trip to the museum this summer. Would like to see if a tour of the archives can be arranged. They also have 20-30 cars that are not on display that are something to see. Mike had the opportunity to do this and enjoyed it. Asked for a show of hands for those that would like a Thursday, Friday, Saturday trip. In order to see the above, it would need to be these dates. If Friday, Saturday, Sunday is preferred, would have to pursue other activities. Good response for the Thursday, Friday, Saturday so Mike will pursue for those days. Question was asked about when the plant will reopen for tours. Mike said that is not known at this time.



<http://www.corvettemuseum.org/>



# Pics from the Past!











# Committee Reports

## **Sponsorship: Mike Spathelf & Bob Isermann**

None

## **Sponsor: Chad Vanlandingham, Jack Schmitt Chevrolet**

Bob Isermann accepted, on behalf of the club, a check for \$2,500 from Jack Schmitt Chevrolet, presented by Chad for this year's sponsorship. Chad talked about the great meeting he had with Bob Isermann and Mike Spathelf discussing event ideas for the Club. Chad also discussed the availability of cars (not just Corvettes) to purchase from the Schmitt family of dealerships by working through him. He also discussed the availability of a completely free loaner car if you come in for service of any kind at Jack Schmitt Chevrolet. Fairview Heights mall and shopping areas are very close by that you could be shuttled to. Many eating venues in the area.

## **Website: Joe Anelle**

Will be updating the website with the 2018 officers

## **By-Laws: Bob Lamb**

None

## **Social: Detta Nelson**

Jan 21, 2018: Village of the Blue Rose Eagle Days luncheon. Please drive your metal car, the roads are gravel. Meet at 11:45 at the Dierbergs at Salt Lick & 70. Leave at Noon.

Feb 10, 2018: Valentine's Day dance in Troy, MO featuring Butch Wax and the Hollywoods! \$35 per person. Detta accepting checks. Tickets need to be bought soon.

Feb 24, 2018: Judy Brady will plan a Birthday Bash event

Feb 27, 2018: Social Committee Meeting. 5:30 at Ethyl's in O'Fallon, MO



Mar 18, 2018: March Birthday Bash Event - Rosalita's

Mar 24, 2018: Circus (details to follow but potential tour before & after the circus)

Mar 31, 2018: Little Egypt

April 7, 2018: Columbia Cup, Columbia MO

April 22, 2018: Scavenger Hunt. Will start and end at Jack Schmitt

May 2, 2018: Social Committee meeting. Location TBD

May 12, 2018: Model Train exhibit

May 19, 2018: Route 66 Car Show

June 3, 2018: Club Picnic. Brommelsiek Park

Sept 22, 2018: Funfest (Effingham) - going as a club

TBD: Prison Tour in the Fall

Dec 1, 2018: Club Christmas Party

### **Car Show: Orville Caupp**


Saturday, May 19th is the date for our car show. It will be in Old Town St. Peter's again this year across from Hobo's. It has been decided we will have t-shirts for the car show again this year.

### **Other Car Shows: Randy Moore**

None

### **Technical: Tom Reitz**

Tom provided information regarding battery charging, including "maintainers" for the Corvettes.



Jeff Craig discussed the importance of keeping/storing car fobs (regardless of the make of the car) at least 20 feet away from your cars as the cars continuously receive the signals which impacts the charge on your battery.

**Trailer: Tom Reitz**

None

**Announcements:**

Rich spoke about a list of the club's cars he has put together and will email to everyone in the next couple of days. It will be a list of every car in the club broken down by C7s through C1s including the owners, color and other information.

**50/50: Chris Fultz**

Total collected tonight \$115.00 rounded up to \$116.00

\$58.00 to Noel

\$58.00 in food to our new backpack program Pal-Pax

Motion to adjourn by Mary Morak and seconded by Judy Brady.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Heidenreich

1/4/2018



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# Governor's Report

## January 4, 2018 Meeting

### NCCC STUFF

Up-coming events:

- March 31<sup>st</sup>, 3 rallies in Centralia, IL, fun event, hope to get some of us to that event
- April 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> is first Regional autocross with 14 events at TireRack in South Bend, IN

The Midwest Regional Party is in Chicago at the William Tell Hotel on Old Route 66 (called Joliet Rd.) on March 10<sup>th</sup>. It is an easy drive to get there and no tolls. Tom R has copies of the flyer which includes the hotel information. Cost to attend is \$35.00 per person which includes open bar and an incredible dinner from 5:00p - 10:30p

The next Governors meeting is February 24<sup>th</sup>. The Regional meeting is Saturday at 8:15a and the National meeting begins at 12:30p. Contact Tom R if interested in attending. These meetings are open to all NCCC members if you have any interest on how the National body operates and wish to see it firsthand.

NCCC MWR permanent numbers for competition forms will be out soon. You must submission must be post marked between January 15<sup>th</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup>. The application will be available on the Midwest Region website. Tom R should have some at the February meeting. This is only for people wishing to have a reserved car number for 2018.

### AUTOCROSS

T-shirts left are available, 2-small, 3-medium, are FREE to members who can use them, and XL are \$5.00 with any remaining being donated as door prizes to the NCCC National meeting and/or Midwest Region Party.

# Governor's Report

## Continued

Working on 2018 autocross now. The dates will be September 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 which is the week BEFORE Funfest. Tom R has a hold on those dates with the arena. Unfortunately, the price has increased \$200 from last year.

We do have a commitment from STL CC for the use of 4 of their sanctions which will allow us to do 14 events again. The budget for autocross was presented to the club at the January '18 meeting and had passed (see minutes for details). It includes 14 events at the Family Arena with indoor restroom facility use, timing services, sanction purchases from St. Louis Corvette Club, T-shirts for participants and workers. It also includes miscellaneous expenses totaling \$3,900 and estimated income of \$5,640 from entry fees based on 46 entries. We had a total of 59 entries last year. This budget does not include any food purchases or sales which is a separate budget item and should net approximately an additional \$300.

### Technical Report

#### *Winter Car Battery storage:*

Use of a "battery maintainer" is recommended as opposed to a cheap trickle charger. Get one that has a float, storage, or maintenance charge mode. This type will automatically adjust to "charge" or "float" depending what is needed. A typical tender will charge a 12-volt battery to 14.4 volts and will not let it go below 12.6 volts. A battery maintainer is NOT meant to charge a dead battery. You need to use a full-sized battery charger to charge a dead or very low battery. A fully charged battery in good condition will have between 12.4 and 12.7 volts when tested with a multi-meter and charger detached for at least 12 hours.

# Governor's Report

## Continued

Top maintainer picks include:

1. Battery Tender Junior 12V Battery Charger (\$25.99 at Amazon)
2. Extreme *Max Battery* Buddy Intelligent 6V / 12V Battery Charger / Maintainer (\$16.50 @ Amazon)
3. CTEK (56-158) MULTI US 3300 12 Volt Fully Automatic 4 Step Battery Charger (\$56.89 @ Amazon)

Top battery picks include:

1. Wal-Mart "Ever Start"
2. Sears "Die Hard"
3. AutoZone "Duralast"

All are all made by Johnson Controls and are very good batteries.



# Happy Birthday

## January Birthdays!

John Morak	January 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Lora Gracey	January 13 <sup>th</sup>
George Kimble	January 15 <sup>th</sup>
Camille Caupp	January 20 <sup>th</sup>
Ron Reynolds	January 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Joan Ryan	January 25 <sup>th</sup>
Cindy Nelson	January 30 <sup>th</sup>



## February Birthdays!



Sharon Waganer	February 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Greg Stewart	February 4 <sup>th</sup>
Jim Brady	February 7 <sup>st</sup>
Bruce Timlin	February 7 <sup>th</sup>
Pam Leary	February 17 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon Gacki	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Sharon McCoy	February 20 <sup>th</sup>
Rod McCoy	February 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Bob Koenig	February 28 <sup>th</sup>



# 2018 Calendar of Events



## January Schedule of Events

Jan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Social Committee Meeting
Jan 4 <sup>th</sup>	Route 66 Meeting
Jan 14 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday Bash
Jan 21 <sup>st</sup>	Eagle Days @ Village of the Blue Rose

## February Schedule of Events

Feb 1 <sup>st</sup>	Route 66 Meeting
Feb 10 <sup>th</sup>	Valentine's Day Dance
Feb 24 <sup>th</sup>	Birthday Bash
Feb 27 <sup>th</sup>	Social Committee



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