

Road Notes

ROUTE 66

CORVETTE CLUB

- Largest Club in the NCCC Midwest Region -



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Our 2022 Charities

Main Charity

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On the Cover: A photo of a lighthouse from the Route 66 Michigan Lighthouse road tour.
Side bar: Long Creek in Hercules Glades Wilderness Area near Branson, MO. Photo by
Doug Stone, 2001.



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>





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Bob Isermann

Mike Spathelf

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Rich Weinhold

Nomination

Don Lorimier

Bob Lamb

Technical

Tom Reitz

Charity

Howard Sardis

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Open

Trailer

Tom Reitz

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Rules & Regulations

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President's Message

October 7, 2022

Well, it is officially fall and our temperatures and leaves are beginning to change. Fall is always a great time to drive our Corvettes and enjoy club friends and the beautiful scenery. It's hard to believe we have only one club meeting remaining in 2022 but our social calendar is filled with activities through December.

As you know our club elections will be held during our November meeting and I encourage all of you to please attend and vote for the candidate of your choice. Over the years our club has been fortunate to have so many quality officers and board members guiding and representing our club.

In our October meeting Tom Reitz, our Governor, reported that our club roster now totals 180 members. For the first time in our club history, we are now the largest NCCC Corvette club in the Midwest. Congratulations to all of our loyal and devoted members.

Finally, remember that our annual club Christmas party will be held on December 3rd. This is a great way to celebrate the Christmas season and the success of our club during the year.

See all of you soon!

Bill Mitchell
President
Route 66 Corvette Club



Our Sponsor



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Meeting Minutes

ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

Date: Thursday, October 6, 2022
Location: Old Hickory Golf Club
Call to Order: 7:00pm
Submitted By: Doug Stone

Officer's Reports

Introduction of Officers:

President: Bill Mitchell
Vice President: Jeff Schweikert
Secretary: Doug Stone
Treasurer: Rich Weinhold
Governor: Tom Reitz
Directors: Lynda Rothweil,
Mike Spathelf,
Mike McMillen
Past President: Bob Isermann

Introduction of Committee Chairs:

Audit & Financial Planning: TBD
Nominating: Don Lorimier and
Bob Lamb
Autocross-Technical-Trailer: Tom Reitz
Rules & Regulations: Lynda Rothweil
Car Show: Rich Weinhold
Social: Bob Isermann
Charity: Howard Sardis
Sponsorship: Bob Isermann &
Mike Spathelf
Membership: Don Lorimier
NCM Ambassador: Mike & Jan
Spathelf
Newsletter: Doug Stone
Website & Graphics: Joe Anelle

Presidents Opening Remarks: (Bill Mitchell)

- Club officer elections will be held at the November meeting.
- The Christmas Party is coming up on December 3rd.
- Remember to send your membership renewal.
- Thanks for participation in events and meetings.

Corrections & Approvals of Last Minutes:

- A motion was made to approve the minutes as is. There was no one opposed. The motion was approved.

Officer's Reports:

Introduction of New Members/Guests:

- Guests:
 - Kevin Hall. He does not have a Vette yet but is shopping.
 - Steve and Jen Ragland. 2016 White.
 - Sam and Nicole Coulter
- 9 new members joined last month:
 - Linda Getz.....2017 Grand Sport Black
 - Dick and Cindy Heider..... 2005 Convertible White & 1973 Coupe White
 - Jack and Linda Smith..... 2003 Coupe Torch Red
 - Tom and Alana Von Minden.....2023 Convertible Red Mist
 - Jonathan and Madeline Young.....2023 Coupe Black

Members Present:

62 members were present at the October meeting.

ANELLE	Joe	ISERMANN	Bob	RICHARDET	Ken
BESAND	Craig	JILLSON	Jim	ROTHWEIL	Lynda
BONOMO	Jeff	JILLSON	Mary	SARDIS	Howard
BOYD	Larry	KAUS	Paul	SCHWEIKERT	Jeffrey
BOYD	Lisa	KLEEMEYER	Brian	SCOPEL	Rand
CLAYTON	Danny	KOZLOWSKI	John	SCOPEL	Shelly
CLAYTON	Jeri	KOZLOWSKI	Sandy	SEIFRIED	Rita
CZERNIEWSKI	Leo	KOZOZENSKI	Bruce	SHEA	Raymond
DANNENBERG	Thomas	KOZOZENSKI	Margaret	SMITH	Jack
DESMOND	Tom	KRIEGERMEIER	Tom	SMITH	Linda
ERHARDT	Dean	LAMB (Streib)	Bob	STONE	Doug
FORTHMANN	Bill	LORIMIER	Carlene	STREIB (Lamb)	Nancy
FORTHMANN	Debra	LORIMIER	Don	SUTTON	Jim
FULTZ	Chris	McMILLEN	Michael	SUTTON	Linda
GAMBLIN	Robert	MITCHELL	Bill	THARP	Russ
HALL	David	MITCHELL	Jeanne	VAN NESS	Forrest
HALL	Patti	PRIVITOR	Jim	VON MINDEN	Alana
HECHT	David	RATLEY	Randy	VON MINDEN	Tom
HECHT	Joan	RATLEY	Sharon	WEINHOLD	Richard
HEIDER	Richard	REIDY	Mike	WEIS	Elmer
HICKS	Mike	REITZ	Tom		



Officer's Reports:

New Business:

Election Committee: (Bob Lamb)

- Summarize the Election Process at our November Club Meeting
 - The club election process was explained by Bob. The election committee started work in August.
 - This year we have the following positions open:
 - President: Don Lorimier is running for this as Bill Mitchell is stepping down.
 - Treasurer: Rich Weinhold will run unopposed for the treasurer's position.
 - Governor: Tom Reitz is running unopposed for the Governor's position.
 - Director: This position currently is held by Lynda Rothweil. She is running for re-election. Bob Lamb is also running to fill this position.
 - The election will be held at the November meeting. Only attendees at the meeting can vote. Votes will be counted by a 3-member group. More details of the election process are detailed on the Rules and Regulations page on the club's website.

Treasurer's Report: (Rich Weinhold)

- Club Dues And Renewal
 - We have 110 renewals so far. Members need to renew on-line before the end of October. The Rules and Regulations state the renewals are due by the end of the October meeting. Membership totals are needed to be turned into to NCCC by Nov 1.
- See the full financial report on the next page. (Included only in Members edition.)

Sponsorship Report: (Randy Wells, Poage Chevrolet)

- There was no representative from Poage tonight.
- (Editor's note: There were 3 used Corvettes in the dealership showroom Saturday morning before the rally.)

Governor's Report:

NCCC Report: (Tom Reitz)

- Upcoming events:
 - Our rally is on October 8th,
 - October 15-16th is 14 events in Crystal Lake, IL.,
 - Oct. 22-23rd is 14 low speeds in Toledo, OH.,
 - Oct 29-30th is 14 low speeds in Toledo, OH
 - then things move to Florida and locations South for the rest of year.
- The 2023 NCCC Convention link is posted on our website, registration will open Feb. 1st at 9:00 AM. Early registration insures you will be in the host hotel. You really need to start thinking about attending NOW! We, the Route 66 Corvette Club, are doing the "People's Choice" Car Show on Monday June 26th morning at the NCM parking lot. If you do not wish to register for the entire convention you CAN register for a "day pass" which you will need to be at the People's Choice Car Show on Monday.



Committee Reports

NCCC Report: (Tom Reitz) cont:

- The Next NCCC Regional and National Governors meeting: November 11-12th.
- Officer headshot pics have been updated with the current club logo on the MWR (Midwest Region) website, they have been sent to Blue Bars editor, and the National NCCC website. <https://www.mwregion.com/officers.html>
- Last NCCC meeting highlights:
 - NO electric cars allowed in speed events for time being
 - We have persons volunteering to run for all open offices (I am on Teller committee)
 - Chris Reitz named 2023 NCCC Convention Treasurer
 - Accepting bids for new meeting location for 2025 and beyond (away from St. Louis)

Trailer Committee: (Tom Reitz)

- Nothing to report.

Club Rally: (Tom Reitz)

- Saturday October 8th, we will have 1 gimmick rally and 3 chance rallies to run concurrently as per NCCC rules. These are NCCC sanctioned rally's, Flyer is on our website. Would like to see quite a few members enter the rally as competitors, proceeds are to help fund the Christmas Party. This is a "challenging" rally, you will need a driver and a navigator (passenger) to do the writing and read the directions. Cost to enter is "per car" not "per person". The rest of the rules will be explained at the drivers meeting. (NEW TIME) Starts at Poage Chevrolet, registration is 10:00 AM till 11:00 AM with drivers meeting at 11:15 AM and first car out right after drivers meeting. I strongly suggest you bring a clipboard and writing utensils. This is NOT a "road run", it is a sanctioned rally with some points chasers coming to compete, so play fair.
- **As of 9-29-22 Route 66 Corvette Club became the**



Largest Club in the Midwest Region



by passing the Corvette Club of Illinois (Champaign, IL.)

- A big "Shout Out" to a few of the reasons this happened:
 - Our award-winning website
 - Poage Chevrolet, the best sponsor any club could have!
 - Our Social Committee, led by Bob Isermann
 - Our large presence on our Facebook page.



Committee Reports:

VP's - Board of Directors Report: (Jeff Schweikert)

- Jeff introduced each committee chair to make their report.

NCM Ambassador Report: (Mike and Jan Spathelf)

- Mike is out of town.
- NCM Updates:
 - No update
- Raffles:
 - Raffles are still ongoing. One raffle is "Build your own 2023". \$250 for each ticket, 1500 tickets total. A second raffle is for 2023 VIN 001. Each of the 2023 tickets is \$300. It is a white 2023 convertible.
- Plant Tours/Starting In October:
 - Per Bill Mitchell, Mike is planning on setting up a museum tour for the club next year.

Rules & Regulations Committee: (Lynda Rothweil)

- The Rules and Regulations have been updated and posted on the website with the changes we voted on at the September meeting.

Website & Graphics: (Joe Anelle)

- Joe still needs a back-up to help with maintenance of the website. Please contact him at webmaster@route66corvetteclub.com if you can help.

Road Notes Newsletter: (Doug Stone)

- Nothing to report.
- Editor's Note: There was some confusion with the attendance sheet tonight. If you were at the meeting but you don't see your name on the attendance list on page 9, please send me an email (newsletter@route66corvetteclub.com) so that I can update the sheet. I'll post corrections in the next minutes.

Membership: (Don Lorimier)

- The total membership is 182 as of tonight. The membership team has expanded to be sure that we say high to every visitor and new member.

Tech Corner: (Rich Weinhold, Doug Stone)

- See the feature article in this issue by club member Bill Mulder.

Car Show Committee: (Paul Kaus)

- May 20, 2023 will be our next car show. June 3 will be the rain date.
- The car show is scheduled for May 20, 2023. June 3, 2023 is the rain date.
- The next Car Show Committee meeting will be Oct 20th at Old Hickory. All are welcome to participate.

Nomination Committee: (Don Lorimier and Bob Lamb)

- Bob and Don named some folks that have agreed to run again.
- Bob Lamb announced that he will run against Lynda for Director.
- See the full list of this year's election positions on page 10.

Social Committee: (Bob Isermann)

- September Social Review
 - Car Display at Forest Park Festival
 - Trophies at Kustom Car Show in Florissant.
 - Michigan Light House Tour
 - Snow Foundation Car Show
 - Funfest in Effingham
 - Rt66CC Picnic
- October Social Schedule
 - Boone Trail Car Display
 - Loading Dock
 - Rt66CC Rally
 - Farmington Chaumette Winery
 - Pere Marquette breakfast
 - Joplin Mo Route 66 Trip
- Upcoming Additional Events
 - Bonne Terre Space Museum
 - Christmas Party
 - Tillis Park Carriage Rides
 - Colton Steak House Run.
- Ladies Day Out
 - The women of the club are looking to get ladies together for some activities. Nov 9 is their first event. If you did not receive an email regarding this event, please contact Sandy Czerniewski to get on their mailing list.
- All scheduled club activities are at <http://www.route66corvetteclub.com/calendar.html>



Rt66CC:

**“An eating club with
a driving problem!”**

Charity: (Howard Sardis)

- Howard asked members to submit names of charities we would like to see funded for 2023. The USO is still our club's top charity to support.
- Paul Kaus asked for a program called Reel Recovery to be considered. It is a fly-fishing resort that also facilitates discussions that give participants strength, encouragement and a new network of friends and support for men with their cancer recovery. Paul will match what the club donates. <https://reelrecovery.org/>

Old Business:

- None

Committee Reports:

Wear Your Pride: (Tom Reitz)

- Remember to wear your “Route 66 Corvette Club” shirt, jacket, or hat. Also known as “Wear Your Pride”! Basic rules are pins and name tags do not count. The member must be wearing an article of clothing with the Route 66 Corvette Club on it.
- The pot is at \$20 after the pot was not won at the last meeting.
- The pot rolls over every month it is not claimed, increasing by \$10 per meeting until claimed then starts over at \$10 again.
- The pot was not won at the October meeting, Mike Hicks did not have any Rt66CC clothing on. The pot will be \$30 at the November meeting.

50/50 Drawing: (Chris and Greg Fultz)

- \$285 was the total donated for the 50/50 tonight. \$142 was awarded to Bob Isermann and \$143 will be sent to the St. Louis Food Bank.

Motion to Adjourn:

- A motion was made to adjourn. There was no one opposed. The motion was approved.

Minutes Taken By:

Doug Stone



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

Membership Anniversaries:

October:

Members		# Of Years	Joined
STREIB	Nancy	13	Oct-09
SPATHELF	Mike & Jan	11	Oct-11
HENKE	Frederick	10	Oct-12
KLEEMEYER	Brian & Tammie	10	Oct-12
CRAIG	Jeffrey & Patty	6	Oct-16
LINDEMANN	Teresa	5	Oct-17
RENDELL	Ian & Jama	4	Oct-18
THARP	Russ	4	Oct-18
DAVIS	Janice	2	Oct-20
RATLEY	Randy & Sharon	2	Oct-20
BRANDT	Scott	1	Oct-21

November:

Members		# of Years	Joined
LAMB	Bob	17	Nov-05
SUTTON	Jim & Linda	4	Nov-18
CLAYTON	Danny & Jeri	2	Nov-20
HALL	David & Patti	2	Nov-20
SEIFRIED	Rita	1	Nov-21
STONE	Doug	1	Nov-21



*Trees are about to show us how lovely it
is to let things go.*

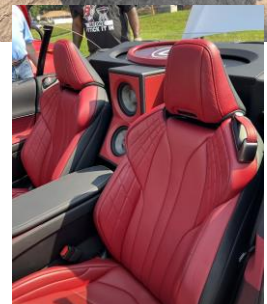
St. Louis World's Fare and Heritage Festival

9-3-2022



Kustom Club Car Show

9-10-2022



To see more photos and read a description of each event
[click the titles](#) to go to the Route 66 Corvette Club
website.

Michigan Lighthouse *Tour - Part 1* 9-10 to 16-2022



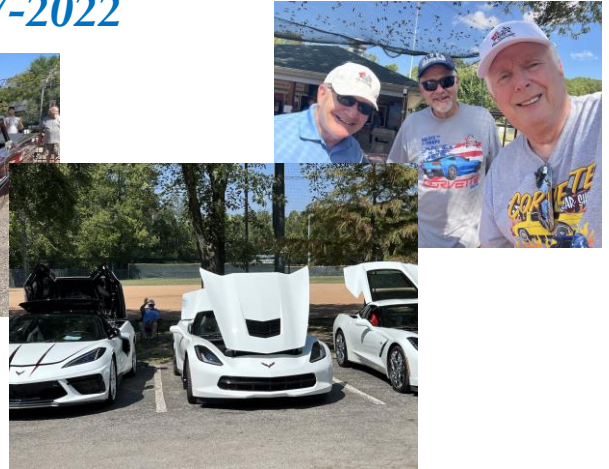
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Snow Foundation – For Wolfram Syndrome Research

9-17-2022



The LOT Car Cruise

9-17-2022



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ROUTE 66 CORVETTE *CLUB PICNIC 2022*

9-24-2022



To see more photos and read a description of each event
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Happy Birthday

October 2022



Member		Date
CZERNIEWSKI	Leo	14-Oct
RAMPONI	Wade	14-Oct
ANELLE	Joe	19-Oct
DISANO	James	20-Oct
REINHARDT	Roger	24-Oct
FULTZ	Greg	28-Oct
CANADA	Dennis	30-Oct

November 2022

Member		Date
HECHT	David	2-Nov
RATLEY	Randy	2-Nov
STREIB	Nancy	4-Nov
GIBSON	Catherine	5-Nov
WHITT	Neal	8-Nov
LINDEMANN	Teresa	9-Nov
EKISS	Bill	11-Nov
NELSON	Ronald	11-Nov
POLLIHAN	Bernadine	11-Nov
HECHT	Joan	14-Nov
LUEBCKE	Jason	15-Nov
JILLSON	Jim	17-Nov
VANLANDINGHAM	Jack	18-Nov
RUPPERT	Joe	18-Nov
BONOMO	Jeff	23-Nov
HARR	Chuck	23-Nov
CRAIG	Patty	28-Nov
ERHARDT	Lisa	30-Nov
DESMOND	Tom	30-Nov





Feature Article:

A Car Named Desire

By Bill Mulder, Route 66 Corvette Cub Member

Every classic Corvette owner dreams of learning who the original owner of their car was and learning about the person and hoping for a great story to go along with a great car. My dream came true on September 1st, 2022. I was at work when I received a call from Robert Smith who called to tell me his mom, Rebecca Walker, was the original owner of my 1954 Corvette. He had tracked me down as I was listed in the C1 Registry on the internet of car SN #2933.



Original 18-Year-Old Owner – Rebecca Walker

My involvement with the car started 7 years ago when my wife and I decided to buy an original 1954 Corvette. We fell in love with these early 53-55 Corvettes and their graceful lines that no other Corvette

has since eclipsed. The 53 to 55 Corvettes are the only ones to have such rounded and curved lines and the only ones to have their license plate recessed into the trunk with a clear cover to ensure their curved lines. It is the only early version that has its radio antenna embedded into the skin of the trunk to avoid flawing its flowing lines. Only the 53-55 cars have no door handles to finish its smooth and graceful lines. The car was designed to be and is a piece of artwork while it is sitting still.

To help find an original car, I turned to noted restorer, Steve Newsom, who knew of an original 1954 Corvette located in California. It belonged to another noted restorer, Dave Ferguson. Steve and Dave knew each other as they were co-authors of the NCRS manual on how to restore 1953 to 1955 Corvettes. Both men knew the cars inside and out and appreciated and restored only 1953-1955 Corvettes – no 1957 Corvettes with fuel injection, windows and four speeds for these two. Although Dave had died 10 years earlier, his widow, Jan, still owned it. After a few years of talking with Jan, my wife and I flew from St. Louis to Los Angeles to look at the car. We agreed on a price and brought the car home.

We started tracking the ownership backwards and Dave Ferguson bought the car in 2008 because he knew it was a very original car with 60,900 miles on it because, at the time, he was the chief Judge for the NCRS for 1953 to 1955 Corvettes. He purchased it from another noted car collector and car expert named Mel Winer who also lived in Los Angeles. Mel had owned the car from 1998 to 2008 but did not know who owned it prior to 1998. I searched Google News and vintage newspapers online like NewsPapers.com in hopes of finding it listed for sale or maybe an article on it. But, no luck. The trail went cold so I registered my name on the C1 Registry in hopes someone would contact me.

In the years that I owned it, I took it to NCRS local, regional and national events where it earned Top Flight. I drove the car regularly including to work on occasion. It ran as well as it looked. But I was always on the search for the original owner..

Robert Smith called to tell me Corvette #2933 was rather famous. His mom was the very first owner in 1954 while she was only 18 and still in high school. Rebecca and her sister, Martha, drove the car to high school in Jackson, Mississippi. The car and the two blonde occupants were famous when they showed up unexpectedly in Jackson having just moved there from Natchez, MS.

Rumor spread quickly in school about the car and the occupants as it was hard to believe two such beautiful girls could exist and that they were sisters and drove the fabled and yet unseen and newly developed Corvette was something that could not be believed. But to the dismay of many of the girls, and to the delight of the boys, the car and girls did exist and what a sight it was to see such a rare car as there were none in Mississippi or Texas. After all,



The Corvette Twins

there were only 3,640 Corvettes built in 1954 and for the fall school year when the mystery car began to appear, there were less than 2,500 in existence. And to be driven by two such beautiful girls defied reality until you saw it coming to a high school football game being driven by the 'Corvette twins' as they were known.



The girls drove the car to school, football games and around town. In this picture Martha is driving it and waving to us. Note that the front plate says “Becky” – rare to have a personal plate back then.

OLDSMOBILE		JORDAN AUTO CO., INC.		CADILLAC	
		NATCHEZ, MISSISSIPPI			
CAR INVOICE NO. (281)		August 18		1954	
SALESMAN: Adrian Trimble		SOLD TO: Miss Rebecca Walker		Natchez, Mississippi	
MODEL	MOTOR NO.	SERIAL NO.	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	TOTAL
54	0646636F-470	K548002533	New Chevrolet Corvette	3450.00	
			Excise tax	248.00	
			Freight	150.00	
			D & H	48.00	
			Option 101A-heater & defroster	71.20	
			Option 102A-signal seeking radio	144.30	
				4132.00	
			Sales tax	40.50	
				4172.50	
			W.O. insurance 24 months	258.00	
			GMAC Differen. Int.	217.12	
				4645.62	4645.62
LICENSE NO.					
IGN. KEY					
COMP. KEY					
SETTLEMENT			By cash	.50	
53	1A0367802		Used Chevrolet Bel Air Convertible	2312.00	
			24 GMAC notes @ 400.00	2133.12	
					4645.62
LICENSE NO.					
TEN DAYS REPORT			VEHICLE COMMISSIONER		
1954-1955 L. EXTERIOR CO., NATCHEZ					

The “twin’s” dad bought the car in August of 1954 for a stunning price of \$4,645 and traded in his 1953 Belair Convertible. Remember, a Corvette was the flagship of Chevrolet and they cost more than twice as much as any other Chevrolet with the Belair at \$1,620, the 150 at \$1,524 and the 3100 / Pickup at \$1,648.

This car was built on May 19th, 1954 and must have been special ordered to be delivered to Natchez, MS and sold to the twins three months later, on August 18th, 1954.

Sadly, the girls' dad died while they were still young and the car was sold. Eventually, the girls got married and had children and grandchildren. But, they were not forgotten as they left an impression on a fellow student turned writer named William Jeanes who wrote an article about his experience at Central High School in Jackson, MS and the car which article was published in 1999 in the Corvette Quarterly called 'A Car Named Desire'. Jeanes ended the article by stating he did not know where the twins and the car came from – California, possibly Venus, and if so he wish he had been abducted. A fitting comment to the car and the twins. The twins saw the article and wrote him a letter thanking him and remembering high school and William Jeanes.

When I talked to Rebecca's son, Robert, he was concerned if the car had faced a rough life and how it looked as some of them had a rough life. I noted it was a no-hit body and how original the car was as after all these years as it still had the original interior door panels, dash cover, seat tops and unrestored gauges. Only the carpet and the seat bottoms had been replaced and only one repaint. The engine, head, transmission and drive train were all original and had not been rebuilt. Even the front shocks were still original and dated coded for March of 1954 and the back shocks dated May of 1957. My wife was so excited to be able to ride in a car with 70-year-old original shocks – at least that is what she said – dryly.

Robert stated during the Twin's ownership it had never been in an accident and only the front windshield was replaced and that was because one of the high school football stars asked Rebecca out and she turned him down, so he threw an M-80 in the car one night and it blew out the windshield. Sure enough, the windshield had been replaced and there was a little nick in the dash. I thought a rock had gotten the windshield and the nick was a factory defect – after all, the NCRS states these were shoddy cars put together at the truck plant in St. Louis and only made for racing and not for durability or looks. I replaced the windshield with a correct date coded one and left the nick in the dash thinking it was factory - but I was wrong.

Even though the car was very original, it was showing some age as the single repaint was now at least 40 years old and deteriorating and cracking. It made NCRS National Top Flight as it was original and the NCRS places most of its emphasis in judging on originality. But, it could not make Bloomington Gold because although it was original and in great shape for its age, it was far from what it looked like from the factory and Bloomington judging places more emphasis on how it currently looks compared to how it looked when it came from the factory. My wife wanted to bring it back to its former glory. I said the car was like the Mona Lisa and like that classic painting that has a few cracks in the paint you don't repaint the Mona Lisa, do you? Well, Mona Lisa got repainted in the spring of 2022 with a fresh interior, rebuilt gauges, new wiring harness, re-chromed bumpers and 70 years of dents in the stainless steel side moldings were pounded out to make the car look like it came from the factory.



Rebecca's son, Robert Smith, did not fall far from the tree as he is also a Corvette enthusiast and owns a very original 1967 Corvette Convertible 365HP, a 1969 Corvette 427 435HP and a 1999 hardtop. This is a picture of Rebecca and her granddaughter sitting on Robert's two Corvettes.

Robert and I are making plans to meet up so that he can see the car in the near future. A great story for a great car. I have no plans to sell it and I still drive it frequently including to the office, the grocery store and of course car shows. Next year, I will drive it to the NCRS Nationals in French Lick which is about 5 hours away. I proudly display the pictures of Rebecca and Martha and the original invoice when it is at car shows. A great ownership story for a great car.

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