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On the Cover: On the Mystery Run in November. Side bar: Tugboat in the Mississippi River at Quincy, II.

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First Thursday of each month @ 7:00 pm



Map

Old Hickory Golf Course #1 Dye Club Drive St. Peters, MO 63302 636 -477 - 8960

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Trailer

Danny Clayton

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Contact a Board Member

President's Message

Dear Members of the Route 66 Corvette Club,

As the new year approaches, it's a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our accomplishments and anticipate the thrilling opportunities 2025 promises for our club. Our mutual love for Corvettes and the open road has forged a robust organization, and I am excited to see where the upcoming year will lead us.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to our past officers and members who have helped shape this club into the remarkable organization it is today. Your commitment, time, and enthusiasm have been the driving forces behind our achievements, and I am privileged to continue the journey you began.

A special thanks goes to those who have led our many unforgettable road trips and social events that embody the adventurous spirit and passion for the open road. These expeditions have strengthened our bonds as a club and enriched our shared history with countless stories.

In 2025, we plan to uphold our tradition of uniting Corvette enthusiasts through scenic drives, exhilarating car shows, and community gatherings. We'll have numerous chances to celebrate the Corvette legacy, connect with fellow members, and revel in the iconic Route 66 spirit that binds us together.

Here's to an exciting new chapter filled with camaraderie, adventure, and plenty of Corvette excitement! I wish you all a prosperous and joyful start to the year. Stay tuned for updates on upcoming events, club meetups, and new ways we can continue to grow together as a community.

Happy New Year, and let's make 2025 our best year yet!

Warm regards,
David Hecht
President of the Route 66 Corvette Club

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ROUTE 66 CORVETTE CLUB

Date: Thursday, January 2, 2025 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
Governor: Craig Besand
Directors: Dennis Osterhorn,

Mike Spathelf,

Ray Shea

Past President: Don Lorimier

Introduction of Committee Chairs:

Audit & Bill Mitchell,
Financial Planning: Bob Isermann
Nominating: Don Lorimier,

Bob Lamb

NCCC Events: Craig Besand Rules & Regulations: Lynda Rothweil

Car Show: Paul Kaus
Social: Larry Boyd
Charity: Howard Sardis
Sponsorship: Bob Isermann,

Mike Spathelf

Membership: Dennis Osterhorn
NCM Ambassador: Mike & Jan Spathelf

Newsletter: Doug Stone Website & Graphics: Joe Anelle

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: Don Lorimier

- Welcome 2025!
- We are re-introducing the attendance sheet. This topic will be discussed more at the January 22 Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome to attend. It will be held at Old Hickory at 6 PM. Please let Paul Kaus know if you want to attend so that a proper size room can be reserved.
- Don Lorimier, past president, presented some awards to members that were not present at the Christmas Banquet. See all of the presentations on the next page.

Awards Presentation: A highlight of the Christmas banquet evening was the presentation of awards by Don Lorimier, recognizing members outstanding contributions to the club:

- Tom Reitz: Almost 25 years of service to Route 66 Corvette Club and his retirement as NCCC Governor.
- Chris Reitz: Honored for receiving the prestigious NCCC President's Award.
- Rich Weinhold: Celebrated for his dedicated and continued service as our Treasurer.
- Doug Stone: Recognized for his exceptional work on the Route 66 Road Notes.
- Patti Hall: Acknowledged for her creative raffle baskets, car show contributions, and Social Committee support.
- Bob Lamb: Thanked for crafting a custom "President's Gavel" to replace our lost one.
- Larry Boyd: Applauded for his leadership of the Social Committee and work on activity applications.
- Randy Ratley: Showcasing his woodworking skills by creating a wall plaque celebrating Tom & Chris Reitz.
- Paul Kaus: For his leadership with the 2023 and 2024 Car Show raising over \$33,000.
- David Hecht: He made many contributions to the club as membership chairman and created and managed tools for the Car Show.
- Mike Hicks: Commended for his leadership and tireless efforts organizing numerous cruises.
- Bob and Barb Isermann: We received a "long distance Thank You" from our member, Bill, in Australia, for their hospitality. Bill sent the message and a gift card.























Officer's Reports: (cont.)

Introduction of New Members/Guests: Dennis Osterhorn

Rick Poepping
 2016 Long Beach Red Convertible

Cletus & Norma Lutz
 2007 Atomic Orange Coupe

• Jim Prosser & Sharron Hankins 2001 Yellow Convertible, 2006 White Convertible

Treasurer's Report: Rich Weinhold

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

Sponsorship Report: Poage Chevrolet, Joey Vassallo

Contact Randy Wells or Joey Vassallo if you want a car. They have been busy selling cars and could not attend tonight.

NCCC Governor's Report: Craig Besand

NCCC is busy planning 2025 events. Sanctioned events have been approved, and a list is on the tables. A link to the list will be added to Road Notes.

 The Rt66CC Rallye in July and the convention in August in Wisconsin are included on the list.

NCCC Convention:

- The NCCC organizes both social and racing (speed) events for the convention including a Harley Davidson Factory Tour, Road Runs, Autocrosses, Drag Races and the ever-popular Valve Cover Races.
 - Harley Davidson Factory Tour
 - NCCC Convention Information
 - Convention Schedule
 - <u>Convention Entry Raffle</u>
- New user ID and Password at the NCCC website.
 - To log in as an NCCC member:
 - Username: NCCCMember
 - Password: 2025ZeeROne
- NCCC raffles raise money for St. Judes see the <u>NCCC Homepage</u> website for raffles.
- The next governors meeting will be Feb 22 and 23 at the Westport Plaza Sheraton. All
 members are welcome to join in the social hours and other NCCC business meetings. See
 Craig for details.
- 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 Rulebook 2024-2025

Officer's Reports: (cont.)

Treasurer's Report: Rich Weinhold

Treasurer's Reports – Members Only

Officer's Reports: (cont.)
Treasurer's Report: Rich Weinhold

Treasurer's Reports – Members Only





Committee Reports:

Committee Reports: Paul Kaus

Members Present:

The attendance tonight was 44.

Celebrate 25: Mike Spathelf (Dennis Osterhorn)

The club's first meeting was held in February 2000. We will celebrate throughout 2025. First, we will have cake at our February meeting. And additional activities are being planned. And an anniversary banner may be added to the club lapel pin. We will submit an article for the NCCC's Blue Bars and NCM's America's Sports Car magazines.

Please send any ideas on how the club should celebrate this milestone. Email Spathelf@sbcglobal.net or talk to any of the committee or board members.

Car Show: Paul Kaus

Register now for the car show. See the brochure in Road Notes.

- Register online. We are at about the same level of registration now that we were at last year at this time.
- Trophies: Trophies will be in the shape of pistons and spark plugs. There will be no plaques this year.
- Sponsorships: Let Don Lorimier or Paul Kaus know if you or someone that you know might want to be a sponsor. Get your/their logo on the shirt and banners at the show.
- 2 sponsors have signed up already.
- Raffle and Silent Auction Items: Bring raffle and silent auction items to a meeting for Patti and David Hall to prepare for the show.
- Car Show Proceeds: A discussion of how to distribute the proceeds will be held at a BOD meeting in January. The national USO takes 27% for overhead before distributing the remainder to the USO of Missouri so we are considering splitting the car show proceeds with them and other military charities that do not have such high overhead expenses.
- This topic will be discussed more at the January 22 Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome to attend. It will be held at Old Hickory at 6 PM. Please let Paul Kaus know if you want to attend so that a proper size room can be reserved.
- Judging: Robert Gamblin is leading the judging. The Kustom Corvettes Club will judge our club members' cars. Rt66CC will judge the guests' cars he will need members to help. Doug will add a link in Road Notes to the NCCC Concours Judging rules that we will be following.
- Registration: Jeri and Danny Clayton will need help at the registration table.
- We will require help in all areas involved with the car show. Registration, raffles and silent auction sales, food preparation, judging, parking, etc. Please show your support by contacting any chairperson and sign up for that committee. Your help and support is greatly appreciated.







Saturday May 17th 2025



Route 66 Corvette Club

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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

Raffle and Silent Action

Poage Chevrolet

50/50

Drawing

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

Show Pre-Registration: \$30 includes T-Shirt till April 25th Registerion Day of Show: \$30 does not includes T-Shirth

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Buy some tickets for yourself and invite your friends to get some, too.

Contact Don Lorimier for additional tickets.

May 17, 2025

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Social Committee: Larry Boyd

- Use of the event registration process in Google has been working well. If you have any questions about it please contact Larry or David Hecht.
- Upcoming Events watch your email for invitations:
 - Jan 11th Snow Run / Mike Hicks
 - Jan 18th Fast Eddie's / Don Lorimier
 - Jan 25th Favazza's / Larry Boyd
- Next Social Committee meeting is Jan 8th. All members are invited to attend. Bring your ideas for activities.
 - Long-term Road Runs in the planning stages:
 - Louisville, KY: Horses and bourbon tours Patti and David Hall
 - · South Dakota Mike Hicks
 - Club picnic
- Ladies Bunko is getting organized. Contact Jeri Clayton for more information.

NCM Ambassador Report: Mike and Jan Spathelf

Dennis Ostermann reported that NCM hours and membership and entry fees have been revised. Doug will add links to the NCM website in Road Notes where you can find this information.

- https://www.corvettemuseum.org/membership/
- https://www.corvettemuseum.org/plan-a-visit/

Check the NCM website for your car insurance. It can save you hundreds of dollars each year.

Membership: Dennis Osterhorn

We have 209 members as of the first of 2025. Membership was 227 in December. 18 members did not renew.

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.

Trailer Committee: Danny Clayton

No report.

Rules & Regulations Committee: Lynda Rothweil

A couple updates were made to the Standing Rules to reflect the revision of club officers.

- Attachment A. Membership Information.
- Attachment B. History of Elected Officers.
- Attachment D, 2025 Committee Chair changes

Member Greg Fultz asked us to confirm that none of these changes need to be voted on by the membership.

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Committee Reports:

Website & Graphics: Joe Anelle

Event photos through the end of 2024 have been updated.

The banner for the NCM is in work. Joe is also working on the car show T-shirt.

Charity Committee: Howard Sardis

Our club's practice is to donate any funds over \$10,000 in our bank account on January 1st to charity. A discussion and a vote were held by those present at the meeting that the Charity Committee present a recommendation for one charity to receive \$1000 at the February meeting.

Our Toys For Tots efforts this year resulted in the collection of 184 toys. That was more toys than last year when we collected 175 toys. Thanks to all for supporting this activity. See photos in the December 2024 issue of Road Notes.

Handy Club Info:

- Add the Rt66CC Calendar to your Google Calendar:
 - https://www.route66corvetteclub.com/calendar.html
 - Pick: + Google Calendar
- 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.



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

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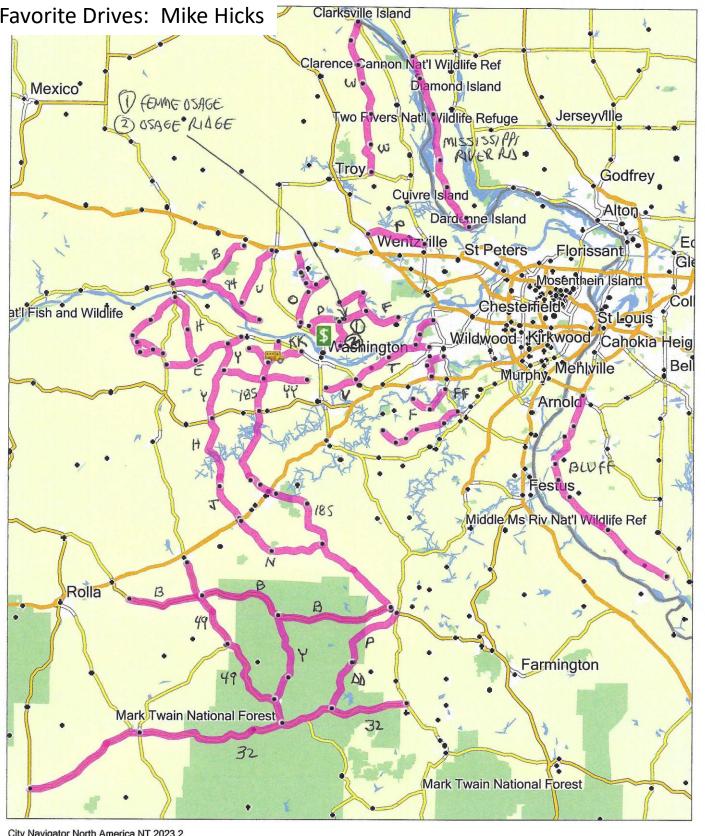
Committee Reports:

Road Notes Newsletter: Doug Stone

- · Send Your:
 - Car Stories with photos if possible.
 - Especially Corvettes
 - Favorite Drives with significant destinations
 - See Mike Hicks' map on the next page.
 - 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 a following page.
- Links to past Road Notes:
 - 07-2024 Road Notes Website.pdf
 - <u>08-2024 Road Notes Website.pdf</u>
 - 09-2024 Road Notes Website.pdf
- 10-2024 Road Notes Website.pdf
- 11-2024 Road Notes Website.pdf
- 12-2024 Road Notes Website.pdf

Tech Korner: Rich Weinhold, Doug Stone

- 1963 Corvette Grand Sport : From Banned to Brilliant
- <u>Check out the how-to section of CorvetteForum.com for helpful service and maintenance information.</u>
- Your GAME CHANGER For C5, C6, C7 & C8 CORVETTE Oil Maintenance
- The Engineering Behind the C8 Corvette ZR1 by SavageGeese
- Maintenance Tales Keep these cars in your thoughts ©:
 - Wade Ramponi: His '79 C3 has been in the shop for many months to get the steering gear replaced. It sat for 1.5 years at one shop that never touched it. And It has been at a different shop for 2 months with no activity.
 - Doug Stone: His '77 C3 had been in the shop for 2 months to get the dash lights, door locks and windows working. The shop also found and replaced the control struts in the rear suspension. The time was complicated with waiting for parts and for the mechanic to heel after breaking his foot racing his son on a 20" Spyder bike!
 - Mike Bratton: His '24 C8 has been in the shop since mid November when it was hit from behind, damaging both the back and front, as he was driving his 1,200-mile car to the club road run to the Ulysses S. Grant Home.



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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

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

Committee Reports: (cont.)

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

- Reminder of Celebrate 25 planning and events.
- · Reminder of guest speaker, Mike Dixon, at the February meeting.
- David and Paul are working with Old Hickory for our club to gather in the meeting room, rather than the restaurant, at 5:30 before meetings, to eat, drink and socialize. That will start in February. This is intended to be an opportunity not only for current members to socialize but also for new members to meet and visit with members before the meeting.

Wear Your Pride: Craig Besand

We didn't hold the drawing tonight – Craig did not bring the members names. We will add \$10 for next month. The pot will be \$210 at the February meeting.

50/50 Drawing: Chris and Greg Fultz

\$180 was collected. \$90 went to the Weekend Hunger Project. \$90 went to Dean Earhart. He donated it back to the Weekend Hunger Project. Thanks, Dean.

Motion to Adjourn:

A motion was made by Greg Fultz to adjourn, and that motion was seconded by Patti Hall. A Yay/Nay vote was held. The motion passed.

David Hecht President



Membership Anniversaries: January:

Tim	10	Jan - 14
Joel	5	Jan - 19
Mike	5	Jan - 19
Elmer	5	Jan - 19
Wade	2	Jan - 22
Mike & Joan	1	Jan - 23
Gary & Sharon	0	Jan - 24
Jason & Rebecca	0	Jan - 24
Steve & Denise	0	Jan - 24
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February:

Joe & Joann	24	Feb - 00
Tom & Chris	24	Feb - 00
Scott & Linda	24	Feb - 00
Lynda	13	Feb - 11
Ron & Jackie	9	Feb - 15
Jim & Catherine	8	Feb - 16
Randy	5	Feb - 19
Neal & Joyce	3	Feb - 21
John & Angie	1	Feb - 23
Dennis & Cheryl	1	Feb - 23
Tom	0	Feb - 24
Scott & Mary	0	Feb - 24
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Event Photos:

November Birthday Bash

11-23-2024







Club Annual Christmas



Party 2024









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To see more photos and read a description of each event click the titles to go to the full photo album.





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	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
	HAUK REYNOLDS SMITH PATTERSON DISANO	Joel Ron Linda Greg Kaye	January 22 January 23 January 23 January 25 January 26

Birth Date

February

Mike	February 2
Sharon	February 3
Greg	February 4
Patricia	February 10
Deborah	February 14
Randy	February 16
John	February 18
Linda	February 23
Jamie	February 25
Bob	February 28
Randy	February 28
	Sharon Greg Patricia Deborah Randy John Linda Jamie Bob





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