



# BTCC Trail Talk

March 2025

## Presidents Message

**B.T.C.C. currently meets every second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Shamrock's Pub & Grill 7337 Mexico Road**

Yearly club dues, which includes NCCC Membership are:  
*Renewal: \$40 single, \$60 couple; New: \$55 single, \$80 couple.*

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So is everyone as tired of winter as I am? Obviously this year the groundhog knew something. Hopefully it will be over soon. I know those first warm days of spring will be very appreciated. So when they get here don't waste them. Get those cars out and drive!

Our new meeting location is a hit. The room is nice, the service is good and the food is great. If you haven't been able to make it to a meeting yet at Shamrock's Pub and Grill in St Peters we hope to see you in March. You won't be disappointed.

This year the club is planning a trip to the National Corvette Museum and Churchill Downs. The dates are June 18 – 23. We will hit the museum first then head to Louisville for breakfast at the barns, Kentucky Derby Museum tour and day of racing on Millionaire's Row (which includes a chef buffet lunch). You are welcome to come on all or part of the trip. The Churchill Downs portion is limited to 24 persons. We began signups at the February meeting. More information will be sent in an email soon, we are firming up details.

We have several events coming up and more being added all the time, be sure to check the calendar on the website for flyers and signups.

Till next time!

Melissa

## Boone Trail Corvette Club 2025 Calendar

### JANUARY

- 5 \*BTCC Planning Meeting (@ Shamrock's Pub  
(CANCELLED)  
9 \*BTCC Meeting; – Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
18 Ranken Tech Open House  
19 St. Gertrude Parish Sausage Supper (Wayne  
Goodreau)  
25 Bowling at Harvester Lanes (Debbie Doak)

*Birthday Cake – Terry and Melissa Dean*

### FEBRUARY

- 9 Super Bowl Party (Steve and Debbie Doak)  
13 \*BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
22 \*NCCC Governor Meeting

*Birthday Cake – Gary and Joleen Chytil*

### MARCH

- 1 Solo Performance Open House and Dine out  
(Brad Statler)  
13 \* BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
21-24 Shriner's Circus (see Bob Gale for tickets)  
16 Diamond Mineral Springs Dine out (Debbie Doak)

*Birthday Cake – Doug and Rebecca Bruenning*

### APRIL

- 10 \*BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
12 Mid Missouri Corvette Club Car Show, Columbia  
26 Lake of the Ozarks CC Car Show – Margaritaville

*Birthday Cake – Mike and Terri Cruickshank*

### MAY

- 1 Cinco de mayo dine out (Debbie Doak)  
3 \*NCCC Governor Meeting  
8 \*BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
17 Route 66 Car Show. Poage Chevrolet  
24 Spring Party – Dean's House (Terry and Melissa  
Dean)

*Birthday Cake – Bouncer and Nicki Nail*

### JUNE

- 12 \*BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
18-22 NCM/Churchill Down's trip (Gary Chytil and  
Melissa Dean)

*Birthday Cake – Tom and Gloria Goellner*

### JULY

- 4 Wentzville Parade (tentative)  
10 \* BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
19 Freddy's car display and dine out (Steve Doak and  
Barry Elam)

*Birthday Cake – Steve and Debbie Doak*

### AUGUST

- 14 \*BTCC Meeting – Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
16 Doak's Pool Party (Steve and Debbie Doak)

*Birthday Cake – Wayne and Joan Goodreau*

### SEPTEMBER

- TBD BTCC Picnic (Rebecca Bruenning)  
11 \*BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
13 \*NCCC Governor Meeting  
19-20 Funfest - Effingham IL  
27 Kustom Corvette Car Show

*Birthday Cake – Bob and Sue Williams*

### OCTOBER

- 5 BTCC Car Show Lou Fusz Chevrolet  
9 \*BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
(DUES ARE DUE)  
25 Fall Color Run (Gary and Joleen Chytil)

*Birthday Cake - ?*

### NOVEMBER

- 13 \*BTCC Meeting; Shamrock's Pub and Grill  
OFFICER ELECTIONS  
15 \*NCCC Governor Meeting  
15 Holiday Kickoff Party (Terry and Melissa Dean)

*Birthday Cake – Paul and Faye Denniger*

### DECEMBER

- 6 BTCC Holiday Party, Bear Creek Golf Club (Nicki  
Nail, Joleen Chytil, Terri Cruickshank)

### JANUARY 2026

- 4 \*BTCC Planning Meeting – Location TBD

\* Required for eligibility of 100% Pin, Per By-Laws.  
Sanctioned Events held Rain or Shine.

Please Report Additions or Corrections to Melissa Dean

# BOONE TRAIL NEWS

## MARCH and APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- |    |                   |    |                     |
|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|
| 1  | Rebecca Bruenning | 6  | Sara Carter Jameson |
| 2  | Nancy Marsden     | 12 | Bill Mulder         |
| 9  | Gloria Goellner   | 13 | Donald Aulbert      |
| 16 | Gail Greeley      | 15 | Helen Zykan         |
| 21 | William Kaimann   | 16 | Bob Marsh           |
| 22 | Billie Meyer      | 26 | Steve Doak          |
| 24 | Greg Witterholt   | 26 | Scott Dreyer        |

### FOR SALE

Chrome 2012 Z06 wheels for sale will fit 2005-2013, stored on shelf inside with wheel locks and key 2 Front 18" x 8.5"W and 2 Rear 19" x 10"W \$650.00 or best offer contact Greg Jameson 636-633-3722



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 St. Charles, MO 63301

## Corvette Fun Facts by Bob Gale

### What was the GM Special Corvette Lease Deal made in the 1960s ?



### Answers from Last Meeting

From Corvette Forum:

#### The Best & Worst Corvette Value in 2025

##### #1 Worst Value – 1953 Roadster (\$250,000+)

If you want a museum piece, these are great options. But for \$250K, the original Corvette is horrifyingly slow and, thanks to the 2-speed automatic transmission, not very engaging to drive. Plus, you won't want to drive it anyway. Only 300 were ever made, and if you have one, you won't want to put any miles on it because it will decrease the value of the car. So, while these cars are vitally important to Corvette history, they don't make very good cars. If you want Corvette art, this is the place to go. If you want a car to enjoy, there are many better ways to spend a quarter of a million dollars.

##### #1 Best Value – 2001-2004 Z06 (\$20,000 - \$30,000)

Whenever it comes time to do any type of Corvette value-for-the-money list, it must include the C5 Z06. They are getting older now, but they still pack a wallop with 405 horsepower. And you can pick these up for between 20 and 30 grand all day long. If you are looking for a fantastic track day car that can still chase down many newer and more expensive machines, these are the cars you want.

# BTCC Meeting Minutes

## February 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

### Introduction of Officers:

Melissa Dean – President  
Debbie Doak – Vice-President  
Mike Marsden – Secretary (not present)  
Gordon Arbesman – Treasurer  
Bob Williams – Governor

**Attendees:** Gordon Arbesman, Don Aulbert, Lori Benisch, Bill Bries, Mike Bratton, Becca & Doug Bruenning, Gary & Joleen Chytil, Mike & Terri Cruickshank, Terry & Melissa Dean, Paul & Faye Denninger, Steve & Debbie Doak, Barry & Gail Elam, Vince Gabrunas, Bob Gale, Tom Goellner, Wayne & Joan Goodreau, Bill Mulder, Bouncer & Nicki Nail, Bob Rutowski, Bob & Sue Williams.

**Introduction of New Members and Guest:** None

### **New car in your garage:**

Mike Bratton has a 2025 C8 Red Mist hardtop convertible, and Bob Rutowski has a 2021 C8 White hardtop convertible. Congratulations!

### **Approval of the Minutes:**

January 2025 minutes were approved as recorded.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Gordon did not have a report at this time.

### **Governor's Report:**

Bob did not have anything new to report at this time.

### **Reports of Committees:**

**Audit Committee:** Melissa Dean reported on the findings of the audit committee that the books are in order from the previous year and no anomalies were found.

**Budget Committee:** Debbie Doak passed out copies of the budget for year 2025. After a short discussion the budget was found to be appropriate and approved by the membership present.

**Car Show Committee:** Bob Williams is heading up the All Chevy Show this year at our sponsor Lou Fusz St. Peter's location. It will be Sunday, October 5. Bob expressed that all club members be involved to make this a great show. We will judge club cars this year. A DJ and food truck have already been secured. Please start bringing to meetings a bottle of your favorite libation for our alcohol basket raffle. Bob is asking for everyone to also make a basket to raffle off. If you need help or ideas for this please see Debbie.

**Holiday Party** – Joleen, Nicki, & Terri will be hosting the party this year at Bear Creek Golf Club in Wentzville on Dec. 6. More information to follow soon.

**Webmaster Report** – Mike reported that there is a problem with flyers and PDF's opening on the website. Network Solutions has been notified to correct the issue. Sign-up sheets for all events are on the website so if you are not able to sign the paper sheet you can do this on the web and it will be seen by the event chair person. Mike requested that if you have an event even if it is months away to make up a flyer so he can post it that way visitors to our site can see the fun we are having! Please send all flyers to Bob Gale and Mike Bratton.

### **Old Business:** -

January 18 – Rankin Tech Day – Bill Mulder informed us that it was a very informative session. The instructor was very knowledgeable in enhancing performance of your vehicle.

January 19 – St. Gertrude's Sausage Supper – One Corvette, two trucks, and 6 members made their way to Krakow, MO for some delicious food & fellowship.

January 25 – Bowling Harvester Lanes – Seven members braved the cold for a game of bowling, small group but lots of fun.

### **New Business:**

**March 1** - Solo Performance Open House (Brad) Melissa will send more information out on this event.

**March 16** – Diamond Mineral Springs Dine-Out (Debbie) Meet at Mattingly's on Truman Blvd off the Cave Springs exit at 10:45 a.m., depart at 11:00 a.m., lunch at 12:00 noon. Cash or checks only, ATM on site. All except the main course is served family style.

**March 21 -24** – Shriner Circus (Bob Gale) Bob has free child tickets available with the purchase of an adult admission. The circus is at the Family Arena.

**June 17 – 23** NCM/Churchill Downs Trip (Melissa & Gary) Visit the NCM Museum and possible plant tour then on to Louisville, KY for a barn breakfast, museum tour, and lunch on Millionaire Row. Cost for Churchill is \$100.00 per person plus gambling & shopping monies. This trip is limited to first 24 members to sign up.

### **Additional Announcements:**

Birthday cake tonight was provided by Gary & Joleen Chytil. March birthday cake will be provided by Doug & Becca Bruenning.

Bill Mulder informed the club of a Route 66 Centennial celebration in 2026. Chicago, IL to Los Angeles, CA stopping at roadside attractions, dining, & motels. Looking to see if anyone would be interested in participating. He also shared an informational flyer for a St. Jude drive to Memphis, TN from STL on May 15-16, 2025. Call Ruth Howard, STL Coordinator for more information at 314-486-6836.

### **February Birthdays:**

February 9 – Mary Lee Sander

February 21 – Donna Kaimann

**Anniversaries:** None

### **Fun Facts:**

Bob Gale presented us with some interesting facts that you have never thought about before!

**50/50:** Congratulations to Terri Cruickshank who is now \$62.00 richer!

### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m. via motion, second, and unanimous consent.

Respectfully Submitted  
Debbie Doak, Vice-President



Join us for a fun drive and great food at

# Diamond Mineral Springs

Sunday March 16, 2025

We will meet at Mattingly's on Truman Blvd. in St. Peters (north of I-70 at Cave Springs exit) 10:45am, depart at 11:00am with lunch served at 12 Noon.

Contact Debbie Doak at 636-373-4850 with questions or to sign up. No Ice Cream Run, you are on your own.

And remember this is a **CASH ONLY** location! An ATM is on site but best to bring it with you.



# Mid-Missouri Corvette Club

<https://midmocorvette.weebly.com>

**MID MISSOURI CORVETTE CUP**

**APRIL 12, 2025**

**Elk's Lodge**

**4747 E. Elk Park Drive**

**Columbia, MO**

**BTCC participates in both of these Car Shows . Stay tuned for information on groups that will caravan to the events.**



*Presents the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual*



*April 26, 2025*

*at the beautiful*



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**To Register:**

<https://2025-Corvettes-in-Paradise.eventbrite.com>

Indoor show parking for first 100 registered entries

22 trophy classes plus sponsor awards and more

Margaritaville amenities available for all attendees

Proceeds to local charities

Friday Evening Participant Meet & Greet featuring live entertainment, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar PLUS silent auction



*2024 Best in Show*



# Let's Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

## Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> of May 2025

Chimi's Restaurant  
60 Four Seasons Shopping Center  
Chesterfield, MO 63017

Meet at Harvester Square Schnuck's parking lot  
Hwy 94 and Harvester Rd in St. Peter's

5:45 p.m. and depart 6:00 p.m.

Dinner 6:30

**Siesta after you Fiesta!**



Questions, contact Debbie Doak 636-373-4850  
or Bob Gale 314-478-4774





**What:** The St. Jude Corvette Drive is an annual charity event with 100% of the proceeds benefiting St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (NCCC national office sponsored charity).

**When:** May 15-16<sup>th</sup> 2025.

**Where:** Drive or sponsor a car going from St. Louis to Memphis for a one-way trip of 300 miles.

**Why participate:** We drive because we are blessed with beautiful and healthy grandchildren. Once you walk the halls of St. Jude you realize how blessed you are! Can you believe that a car we drive for enjoyment is saving the lives of sick children? As a Corvette owner this is the most rewarding experience you will ever have with your car!

**How to Participate:** Corvette drivers and St. Jude supporters depart with Satellite Drivers out of St. Louis, Peoria, Louisville, Nashville, and Bourbonnais to make an even larger impact towards the mission of St. Jude for the trip to Memphis, where they enjoy dinner, hear from amazing speakers, and visit with hospital staff.

**Please visit [www.stjudedrives.org](http://www.stjudedrives.org) to see the history of the drive and additional information.**

If you are interested in participating in this amazing- experience or have additional questions, please contact St. Louis satellite Coordinators Ruth & Randy Howard at [rhoward15@charter.net](mailto:rhoward15@charter.net) or call Ruth at – 314-486-6836.

Thank You:

Randy and Ruth Howard, St. Louis Coordinators.

#### **NCCC Charity Mission Statement**

#### **NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS CHARITY PROGRAM, INC.**

**The mission of National Council of Corvette Clubs Charity Program is to promote and direct donations from NCCC Regions, Clubs and Members, which will be awarded to the charity approved by the Board of**

**Governors. As of 2016, NCCC's current charity is St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, where research is conducted to discover new knowledge that improves the quality of care and the quality of life to children and their families; and to provide care to children whose families do not have the ability to pay.**



**BTCC**

# **SPRING PARTY**

**4 P.M. – SATURDAY, MAY 24**

**AT THE DEAN'S HOUSE**

**107 QUOIN CT.**

**WENTZVILLE, MO**

**ENJOY COMPLIMENTARY**

**BRATS \* BURGERS \* HOT DOGS**

**BRING A SIDE DISH**

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**SIGN UP OR CONTACT**

**MELISSA DEAN @ 316-605-7165**

**OR**

**[Melissa428@Charter.net](mailto:Melissa428@Charter.net)**



## National Corvette Museum and Churchill Downs Trip

June 18-23, 2025

Tour the National Corvette Museum, shopping and other events. Then BTCC will travel to Louisville where we will enjoy breakfast at the barns, tour Kentucky Derby Museum and spend a day on Millionaire's Row for horse racing and a chef buffet lunch.

Contact Gary Chytil,  
[garychytil@charter.net](mailto:garychytil@charter.net)  
or Melissa Dean,  
[melissa428@charter.net](mailto:melissa428@charter.net) to sign up! Space  
is limited to 24 for Churchill Downs  
portion of the trip.





together with



We invite everyone to display their Corvettes and enjoy dinner & frozen custard! The date is July 19, 2025 with the display to start at approximately 5:00 p.m. The display will be located at Freddy's Steakburgers, 6031 Mid Rivers Mall Drive, St. Peters, Missouri. We will have a section of their parking lot dedicated to our use for the afternoon.

Bring your chairs and stories - stay a while and relax!

For additional information, contact:

Steve Doak: 636-373-4842    Barry Elam: 636-293-1509



**Saturday, July 19, 2025**



# Boone Trail Corvette Club



## Show and Shine Corvette & GM Car Show

**Sunday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (8:00 AM – 3:00 PM)**

**Lou Fusz Chevrolet, 5120 N. Service Road,  
St. Peters, MO 63376**

**REGISTRATION: 8 AM – 10 AM    JUDGING: 10 AM – 12 NOON**

**Awards: 2pm-3pm                      REGISTRATION - \$30**

**JUDGING CORVETTES    C1-C4, C5, C6, C7, C8 Coupe, Convertible (1ST - 3RD PLACE)**

**JUDGING OTHER GM VEHICLES – TOP 20**

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**Click [HERE](#) to Pre Register and Pay.**

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**PRE-REGISTRATION DEAD LINE 09/01/2025**

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CLUB AFFILIATION \_\_\_\_\_

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT: I AGREE TO ASSUME RISKS OF ANY AND ALL DAMAGES OR INJURIES AND TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS THE BOONE TRAIL CORVETTE CLUB FOR ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS WHICH RESULT IN THE THEFT OF OR DAMAGE TO MY PROPERTY OR INJURY TO ME OR OTHERS OCCURRING DURING OR AS A CONSEQUENCE OF THIS EVENT.**

SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE: Participants that are not NCCC member's are not covered by NCCC Liability Insurance**

**MARCH 2025**

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