



BTCC Trail Talk

April 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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Trail Talk is published monthly as an informative newsletter of club events and related activities of interest to the members of Boone Trail Corvette Club. Members are encouraged to contribute. NEWSLETTER DEADLINES ARE THE THURSDAY FOLLOWING THE MONTHLY MEETING. "For Sale" ads are free for members. Quarterly advertising rates are as follows: \$200 Full Page Ad, \$100 1/2 Page Ad, \$60 1/4 Page Ad, \$25 Business Card Size Ad.

Well we made it to Spring! Now if Mother Nature would just decide warm temperatures are best.

We have entered car show season. This is a fun way to show off your car and benefit charities. There are lots of shows around so check them out. Speaking of car shows one of the biggest Corvette shows is coming to World Wide Technology Raceway in Madison IL in June. That's right, Bloomington Gold will be June 5-7 at the racetrack. There are vendors, go-karts and track laps available. The club is putting together a trip on Saturday June 7. We will get club parking if we all arrive together. Also we are trying to arrange being able to get on the track for laps together as a club. They also have a GoldTour that starts with a lap on the track and then heads out for a drive. More information will be discussed at the April meeting.

June 18-23 the club is heading to the National Corvette Museum and then on to Churchill Downs. We will tour the museum and other events in Bowling Green then head to Louisville. At Churchill Downs we will do the Breakfast at the Barns on Saturday morning and then tour the Kentucky Derby Museum. On Sunday we will do a day of racing on Millionaire's Row which includes a buffet lunch. This is a fun trip so if you are interested please let me know right away as attendance is limited.

There are lots of other events on our calendar with more added all the time so be sure to check the website calendar frequently.

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

APRIL & MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Sara Carter Jameson
- 12 Bill Mulder
- 13 Donald Aulbert
- 15 Helen Zykan
- 16 Bob Marsh
- 26 Steve Doak
- 26 Scott Dreyer

- 2 Nicki Nail
- 5 Pay DeProw
- 8 Terri Cruickshank
- 13 Gary Chytil
- 14 Susan Williams

FOR SALE

No items listed this month

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Corvette Fun Facts by Bob Gale

Where's My VIN Number? Locate The VIN On Your Corvette! Tag Locations For All Years (1953 to 2024)



Answers from Last Meeting

From Corvette Forum:

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

The relationship between NASA astronauts and the Chevrolet Corvette is a long one. According to reports, Alan Shepard was the first astronaut to show up to NASA training in a Corvette, his 1957 model. This happened in 1959, and three years later, GM rewarded Shepard for becoming the first American in space by giving him a new 1962 'Vette. Jim Rathmann, the winner of the 1960 Indy 500 and a Chevrolet dealer in Melbourne, Florida, furthered the relationship. With approval from GM's corporate brass, Rathmann arranged "special" lease terms for any NASA astronauts who wanted to drive a Corvette. In 1969, three members of the Apollo 12 crew ordered matching 427 Stingray coupes (nicknamed the "AstroVettes") with a gold-on-black color scheme custom-designed by astronaut Alan Bean.

BTCC Meeting Minutes

BTCC Meeting Minutes – March 13, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm

Introduction of Officers:

Melissa Dean – President

Debbie Doak – Vice President

Mike Marsden – Secretary

Gordan Arbesman – Treasurer

Bob Williams – Governor (not present)

Attendees:

Gordon Arbesman, Mike & Sue Bratton, Becca & Doug Bruenning, Bill Bries, Gary & Joleen Chytil, Terry & Melissa Dean, Steve & Debbie Doak, Barry & Gail Elam, Vince Gabrunas, Bob Gale, Carol Gardner, Tom & Gloria Goellner, Gene & Gail Goen, Dave & Gail Greeley, Tom Hartman, Greg Jameson, Bob & Joanne Kinnison, Mike Marsden, Bob Marsh, Alan & Sande Mawhinney, Bill Mulder, Bouncer & Nicki Nail, Eric Rosenthal, Don & Sharon Ruble, Bob Rutkowski, Brad Statler

Introduction of New Members & Guests:

None

Anything new in your garage:

Tom Hartman – 2025 E-Ray Convertible in Hysteria Purple

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

February 2025 meeting minutes were approved as recorded

Treasurer Report:

Gordon reported account status. Sponsor checks received from JML and Clear Advantage.

Governors Report:

No report

Reports from Committees:

Car Show Committee: The BTCC car show is at Lou Fusz Chevrolet on Sunday October 5th.

Webmaster Report:

Mike Bratton mentioned that sign-up sheets for upcoming events are on the website. There are also 2 links on the website for the car show. One for members and one for the public.

Old Business:

March 1st – Solo Performance Open House – Brad Statler said small group attended, but a nice facility.

New Business:

March 16th – Diamond Mineral Springs drive and dine out (Debbie Doak)

March 21st-24th – Shriners Circus – held at Family Arena, contact Bob Gale for tickets

April 10th – BTCC monthly meeting at Shamrocks. Possible guest speaker from Alloy Wheels.

April 12th – Mid Missouri Corvette Club car show in Columbia, MO

April 26th – Lake of the Ozarks CC car show at Margaritaville

May 1st – Cinco de Mayo Dine out at Chimi's in Chesterfield (Debbie Doak)

June 5th – 7th – Bloomington Gold at World Wide Technology racetrack (Bill Mulder)

June 17th – 23rd – Trip to NCM and Churchill Downs in Kentucky (Gary Chytil and Melissa Dean)

Additional Announcements:

March birthday cake provided by Doug & Becca Bruenning. April cake to be provided by Mike & Terri Cruickshank

March birthday's:

See Trail Talk

March Anniversary's:

Bob Marsh and Carol Gardner – 20 years

Fun Facts:

Bob Gale presented us with info that was “out of this world”

50/50 Raffle:

Congratulations to Bob Gale on winning \$64.00

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55

Minutes submitted by Mike Marsden, Secretary

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.



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2024 Best in Show



Let's Celebrate Cinco de Mayo

Thursday, 1st 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 15-16th 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 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 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.

HELLO SPRING



BTCC

SPRING PARTY

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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
or Melissa Dean,
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 5th, 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

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April 2025

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