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JUNE MEETING & LUNCH

Date: Sunday, June 28th**Time:** 11 AM to 2 PM, Lunch served at Noon**Where:** Dave & Patti Van Berkel Home**Address:** Emailed Separately

RSVP: To Patti Van Berkel by **Friday, June 20th** with your side dish or dessert selection, if applicable, at <pvbdvb@att.net>.

Note: The Club will order fried chicken from Karsch's Market in Barnhardt, MO. Members are asked to bring a side dish or dessert, chairs, and their beverages of choice. Side dish suggestions are picnic-type foods like coleslaw, potato salad, deviled eggs, various salads, pasta salads, veggies/fruit/dip, salty snacks and dip, cheese, crackers, hummus, pickles, olives, appetizers, etc., and of course, desserts.

When you RSVP please state the type of side dish or dessert you plan to bring, as we do not want too many duplicates. The early RSVP responders get first choices on side dish or dessert selections!

The Van Berkels have a beautifully-finished lower level and large covered patio, so this will be a rain-or-shine event. Rain—bring your daily driver; Shine—bring your pride and joy. Oh, and bring your appetite!

SECRETARY'S REPORT

On May 3rd, we held our monthly meeting and participated in the St. Martin's Church annual car show and fundraiser for Circle of Concern. We had a good turnout of about 22 members and guests.

Members brought 14 vehicles for display—11 Cadillacs and 3 non-Cadillacs. Pictures from the show are included later in this newsletter.

Jeff Rosansky had an unfortunate "incident" while preparing to bring son Taylor's 1955 Sedan to the show. The car is stored at an airplane hanger in St. Charles, and its driver-side rear quarter panel was hit by a runaway lawn mower. OUCH!



The mower operator (the airport owner!) states he will make things right. So sorry, Jeff and Taylor!

It was proposed that along with the Club's show participation, that a \$200 donation also be made to Circle of Concern. All approved, and David Baker will work with Treasurer Steve Colesworthy to complete the donation process. Members also contributed via food purchases, the silent auction, and car show award voting-ticket purchases.

Steve Colesworthy provided the Treasurer's report. After the donation, the Club's treasury balance will be a smidge over six Grover Cleavelands.

Kevin Williams reported that our Club's display of 25 cars at the HCCM Easter Concours Show in April was the largest of any club display. In recognition of that fact, our Club was awarded the show's "Car Club-Best Display" Award. Our Club's presence at this event has grown substantially over the past five years. Kudos, and hats off to all who participated!



Kevin also reported contact from Sapaugh Cadillac in Herculaneum, MO. Sapaugh has recently opened their newly-built Cadillac showroom. Sapaugh also expressed interest in both joining the National and St. Louis Region CLC clubs, as well as hosting a future Club meeting.

Several tour and car show events were discussed at the meeting, both past and future. One event was the now-completed Route 66 low-speed cruise to Cuba and St. Robert, MO, organized by the HCCM. Several members participated with varying degrees of success. Maybe (fingers-crossed), a participant will submit an article about the tour's fun and foibles. Also discussed was the upcoming Tragic to Magic central Illinois CCCA tour to several private classic car collections; the May 16th Boy Scout car show at Gateway Classic Cars in O'Fallon, Illinois was discussed (**NOTE:** The Boy Scout show has been rescheduled to June 20th due to inclement weather); and the May 29th Food Truck Frenzy car show in O'Fallon, Missouri.

Lou Dauton reported that he has attended a **Cars and Coffee** show held each Wednesday morning (9 AM – Noon) at the (Highway) 370 Lakeside Park in St. Peters, MO. The week Lou attended, there were ~200 cars present. Lou stated this is a very enjoyable and worthwhile event to attend. Your editor attended one of the shows recently, and the Mastersons plan to attend again in the future.

Jack Bertlesmeyer reported that the **Faith Church car show**, off of Hwy 30/Gravois Road in Sunset Hills, has started its first-Friday-of-the-month car shows (April-October, 4 PM to 9 PM) for model-year cars 1979 and older.

As listed on page one, Dave and Patti Van Berkel have graciously offered to host our Sunday, June 28th meeting at their home with a fried chicken lunch. This is a rain or shine event, so be sure to get your RSVP's in and choose your side dish or dessert selection that you would like to bring.

Todd Tobiasz presented news about a CCCA tour being organized that would involve a drive northward on the **Great River Road in Illinois**, north of St. Louis, with a stop and tour of historic Principia College, high on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River near Elsah, IL.

Another tour, planned for July, is a tour of **Bellefontaine Cemetery and Arboretum**. For those of you who may be unfamiliar, Bellefontaine Cemetery was "the place to be buried" if you were one of the region's movers and shakers (or even if you were one of your editor's distant relatives). Founded in 1849 as a rural cemetery, Bellefontaine has several architecturally-significant monuments and mausoleums such as the Louis Sullivan-designed Wainwright Tomb, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

A small sample of some of the notable burials at Bellefontaine include:

- Adolphus Busch (1838–1913) founder of Anheuser Busch Company
- Eberhard Anheuser (1805–1880)
- Daniel Bissell (1768–1833) U.S. Army officer in War of 1812
- Robert S. Brookings (1850–1932), founder of the Brookings Institution
- William Seward Burroughs (1857–1898), inventor of the mechanical calculator, founder of Burroughs Corporation
- William S. Burroughs (1914–1997), author of novel *Naked Lunch*, icon of Beat Generation
- William Clark (1770–1838), explorer of Louisiana Purchase territory and MO Territorial Governor
- James Eads (1820–1887), engineer; constructed bridges, railroads, and ironclad warships
- David R. Francis (1850–1927), United States Secretary of the Interior, governor of Missouri, mayor of St. Louis, ambassador to Russia, president of the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair
- Albert Bond Lambert (1875–1946), businessman, aviator, Olympic athlete; namesake of Lambert-St. Louis International Airport
- Rush Limbaugh (1951–2021), nationwide radio show host, Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient, inductee to the National Radio Hall of Fame
- Theodore Link (1850–1923), architect of St. Louis Union Station
- James Smith McDonnell (1899–1980), founder of McDonnell Aircraft Corporation

John O'Fallon (1791–1865), railroad executive, philanthropist, namesake of O'Fallon, Missouri and O'Fallon, Illinois, nephew of William Clark, and namesake of my spouse's Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) chapter

Irma S. Rombauer (1877–1962), author of *The Joy of Cooking*

Another tour being planned for the first weekend in August is a drive to **Chester, IL** (Birthplace of cartoonist E.C. Segar, the creator of Popeye), then crossing the river to **Perryville, MO**—the home of the American Tractor Museum (really cool) and Missouri's National Veteran Memorial (very moving).

As you can see, there are PLENTY of activities available and planned for vintage car enthusiasts!

On a downbeat note, we received the following information regarding the **Kicks on Route 66/ Randy Gori Memorial Show** that has been held for each of the past six years in the Edwardsville, IL area. The email said in part:

"Hi Everyone, The Randy Gori Memorial Kicks on 66 Car Show & Cruise began in October 2020 with a simple idea...honor the memory of someone who made a lasting impact on the community and brought people together around a shared love of motoring. Six weeks later, that idea became the first show. Year by year, it came together through the people who showed up, participated, supported, and made it their own in different ways. After a lot of thought, we've made the decision to bring Kicks on 66 to a close and will not be hosting the event in 2026. It's not an easy decision, but it's the right one. We're proud of what it became and grateful to the many people who were part of it along the way. However you were involved, you helped shape the experience and what people will remember. Keep cruising as we celebrate the centennial of Route 66 and America's 250th birthday this summer."

Upcoming Events: As reported on page one, upcoming car shows and multi-club tours discussed at our prior meetings were:

- May 23-24: "Tragic to Magic". Visit the Nancy and Allen Strong collection in Urbana, Illinois.
- May 29, 2026: O'Fallon, MO. Food Truck Frenzy & Car Show, 250th U.S. and 100th Route 66 Celebrations. To be held at O'Fallon Sports Park (off Highway K) on Friday, May 29 from 5:30–8:30 PM. More details to follow.
- June 1-6, 2026: CLC Grand National, Concord, NC. Fun, Fun, Fun!
- June 20, 2026: (Rescheduled from May 16) O'Fallon, IL. 6th Annual Scout Troop 520 Car

Show. Gateway Classic Cars, 1237 Central Park Dr., 10 AM-2 PM. Early Registration \$15, \$20 at show. Dash Plaques to first 50. Awards: Best of Show, Scout's Choice, Scouter's Choice. This is the last year for **Bobby Patterson's son** in the troop. See flyer.

Member News: Several members participated in the Missouri History Museum's Route 66 100th Anniversary Celebration held May 1-3. Members displaying cars in front of the Museum included **Doug Birk, Todd Tobiasz, Kevin Williams, John and Nancy Fluss, and Mark and Cindy McCullough**. Todd's and Doug's cars were displayed on the various local TV news channels as the event was being promoted and reported upon. See Doug Birk's article about the event later in this month's newsletter.



David Baker has sold his 1992 Cadillac Fleetwood Sixty Special that was advertised for sale in the newsletter last month. The good news is that the car has been sold to a CLC St. Louis Region member, as yet undisclosed, until s/he can announce the purchase at a future club event.

This month, we have Doug Birk's article on his participation, and others, in the Missouri History Museum's Route 66 Centennial Festival, and another "WHA-CHA-MA-CALL-IT" article from Bill Tabor. Thank you both!

Craig Masterson 



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(By: Bill Tabor)

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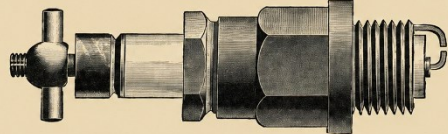
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ROUTE 66 100th ANNIVERSARY



(By: Doug Birk)

Greetings from River City. In conjunction with the 100th Anniversary of the opening of America's Route 66 a/k/a The Mother Road, St. Louis undertook its celebration in style.

The glorious "highway to adventure" opened on November 11, 1926, literally paving a trail from the Great Lake's major city of Chicago, Illinois, to the sunny Pacific shores of Southern California at the Los Angeles Santa Monica Pier.

This iconic road that many talk about traversed eight states, 89 counties, and three time zones. All paving construction was ultimately completed in 1938, covering a remarkable total of 2,448 miles.

Route 66 travelled to and through countless cities, towns, burgs, and wide-open spaces, making unheard of and almost inaccessible places available to all motorists. California, here I come!

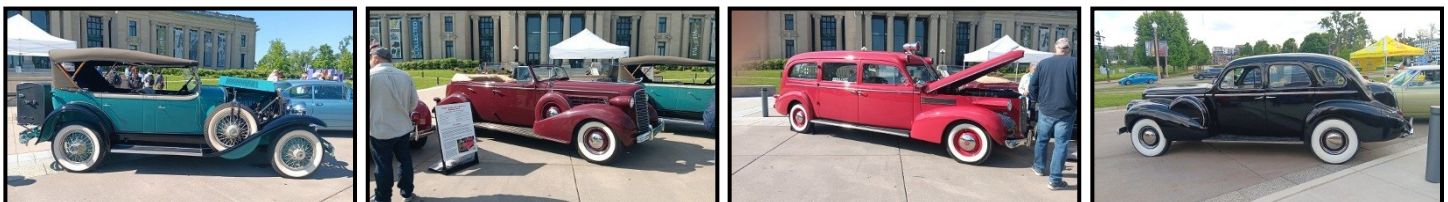


Recognition of Route 66 has occurred through songs, the written word, and old tales of The Mother Road. Remember the song (*Get Your Kicks on) Route 66*, Ernest Hemmingway's novel of the plight of farmers travel from the 1930s Dust Bowl to California in the *Grapes of Wrath*, or the televised program *Route 66*, with two young men—Todd (Martin Milner) and Buzz (George Maharis)—cruising Route 66 in their Chevrolet Corvette?

Route 66 was the first fully-paved national highway, setting the stage for our model interstate highway system. Route 66 was alive with adventurous folks who were giving birth to new towns, while breathing life back into forgotten towns in rural communities. While officially decommissioned in 1985, we still love the memories, folklore, and nostalgia of yesteryear.



In recognition of the impact of Route 66 on St. Louis and paying tribute to its 100th Anniversary, the Missouri History Museum celebrated with an eclectic display of artifacts, memorabilia, neon signs used back-in-the-day along the highway, and film clips, and culminated with an array of vintage automobiles representing the vehicles like those that would have traveled Route 66 during the 1920s to 1960s. Participating vintage auto clubs included the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri (HCCM), Classic Car Club of America (CCCA), and the Cadillac and LaSalle Club (CLC). Those clubs' members provided and displayed the beautiful cars of that era.

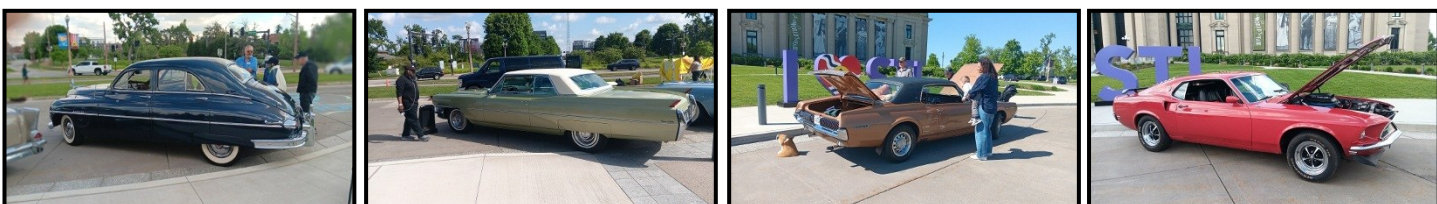


Perfect weather and a perfect setting (in front of the museum's fountain) ensured easy viewing of the automobile display. The manufacturers of many of the cars displayed no longer exist. The manufacturers

that made the automobiles displayed included: Buick (1940s), Cadillac (1930s, '60s), Chevrolet (1930s, '50s), Ford (1930s, '50s), LaSalle (1920s, '30s), Mercury (1960s), Lincoln (1940s), Packard (1930s, '40s), Pierce Arrow (1930s), and Plymouth (1960s).



News of this celebratory event was widely disseminated to the public, thanks to the Missouri History Museum's promotional efforts via newspaper, advertising flyers, and television broadcast news stories by all three major local TV networks. The public responded enthusiastically with the celebratory event having great attendance on all three days.



The diversity of the events' spectators was as varied as the travelers, cultures, topography, cities, towns, and rural communities of Route 66's 2,400-mile ribbon-of-highway.

Not only did St. Louis locals enjoy the show, but many tourists, both foreign and domestic, reveled in the excitement of this 100th Anniversary celebration.

It was common to see octogenarians reliving their heyday, especially with the antique cars. I talked with an older gentleman, a Korean War veteran and participant in the Greater St. Louis Honor Flight, who reminisced about the vibrant, yet turbulent, years of the 1950s.

Making her presence known, was "Mrs. Missouri Route 66", wearing a semi-formal black dress, pageant banner, and glittering tiara—happily posing for photos with visitors and antique cars alike.



Unexpected visitors included two gentlemen arriving on horseback. First impressions were that they were renowned Buffalo Soldiers; then I realized that they were just urban cowboys taking their "horsepower" for a gallop around the park and stopping by for a photo-op at the Museum's giant outdoor "I ❤️ STL" logo.

Hungry folks were pleased with the food truck vendors' wide variety and quality of food, snacks, and desserts available. Food vendors offered such items as BBQ pork sandwiches, BBQ hot wings with plenty of sauce, hamburgers, hot dogs, and adult refreshments provided by two beer wagons. You could top all of that off with tempting dessert offerings from Hank's Cheesecakes and hometown favorite Ted Drewes frozen custard. Ted Drewes is a popular original Route 66 stopover that has survived!

The crowd made themselves at home perched on the fountain's edge, enjoying lunch or just picnicking on the lush green front lawn of the museum. Recorded period music kept things lively.

This celebration was truly a snapshot in time; St. Louis coming together to enjoy the outdoors, eating good food, and viewing special displays in support of our great city—a special stop 100 years

ago, and still a destination with much rich history, amenities, and attractions for all to enjoy—many of them free, for which St. Louis is known!



Special "Thank You's" to the Missouri History Museum for a well-coordinated, well-attended event, to TV channels 2, 4, and 5, for great news coverage, and to members of the HCCM, CCA, and CLC for sharing their pride-and-joy vehicles for the viewing pleasure of the public.

Doug

P.S. Look for the new issue of celebratory Route 66 stamps being offered by the USPS!



How would you like to own a "rig" like this and display it at a Grand National!
(truly "as delivered"!)





Get Your Kicks With Route 66 Stamps



(By: Craig Masterson)

The Postal Service is commemorating the centennial of Route 66 with the release of a set of eight stamps, each showing a site from the states through which the roadway runs.

The first-day-of-issue ceremony was held in Phoenix on May 5, 2026 at the National Postal Forum, the mailing and shipping industry’s premier trade show.

For a century, drivers have hit the open road chasing the American Dream along Route 66, which originally stretched about 2,400 miles from Chicago to Los Angeles. Route 66 forever changed how Americans travel and became a symbol of freedom and adventure. These stamps from the U.S. Postal Service celebrate the 100th anniversary of the iconic road, honoring its enduring spirit and the ongoing efforts to preserve this uniquely American treasure.

The USPS has a large selection of Route 66 stamp collectibles in addition to the stamps, including first day covers, digital color postmarks, framed stamps, post cards, note books, collector sets, and commemorative panels. All are available for purchase online at: <https://store.usps.com/store/results?Ntt=route+66& requestid=1121556>.



(Photos: USPS)



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**CLC - St. Louis Region
Calendar of Events**



Date	Day	Time	Event	Location	Notes
1/17	Sat	12:00 PM	Monthly Mtg & Holiday Party	Zia's Restaurant, 5256 Wilson Ave, St Louis, MO	
2/25	Wed	6:00 PM	Monthly Mtg - The Sports Café	579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, 63044	
3/21	Sat	10:00 AM	Monthly Meeting-Fast Lane Classic Cars	427 Little Hills Ind. Blvd. St. Charles	Lunch at Sugarfire BBQ nearby
4/5	Sun	8:00 AM	Mo. Mtg: HCCM Annual Easter Car Show	Forest Park-Muny Opera Upper Parking Lot	RSVP by 3/21 for Club Display,\$15
5/3	Sun	12 PM-3 PM	Monthly Mtg & Car Show	St.Martin's Episcopal Church, 15764 Clayton Rd., Ellisville	Circle of Concern Food Pantry Bnft
6/1-6			CLC Grand National	Concord, NC	
6/28	Sun	11 PM-2 PM	Monthly Meeting & Fried Chicken Lunch	Van Berkel home, Arnold, MO	RSVP; bring side dish or dessert
7/TBD			Monthly Meeting		
8/TBD			Monthly Meeting		
9/20	Sun		Annual CLC Car Show & Monthly Mtg	National Museum of Transportation	
9/25-26	Fri-Sat		CLC Fall Festival & Car Show	Gilmore Museum, Hickory Corners, MI	
10/TBD			Monthly Meeting		
11/18	Wed	6:00 PM	Monthly Mtg - To Be Confirmed	ELCO Cadillac, 15110 Manchester Rd., Ballwin	Final 2026 Meeting
Other Local Car Related Events					
6/21	Sun	10 AM-3 PM	HCCM Father's Day Car Show	Museum of Transport, 2967 Barrett Station Rd.	
9/26	Sun	6:30 AM - 4 PM	HCC Show & Swap Meet	849 Jeffco Blvd., Arnold MO 63010	Fox School District Service Center
10/TBD	Sat	7 PM-11 PM	Archway Oldsmobile Charity Trivia Night	2500 Raymond Dr., St. Charles, MO	Amer.Legion #312, \$20/person