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# Route 66 Cruisers Newsletter

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## President's Message

Hi Gang

I'm your new Club President, Jeff Whitehead. If my name sounds familiar, it could be because I'm a past president, past board member, past music guy etc. You could say I've been around for awhile. LOL I've been a member since September of 1992, so you have most likely seen me around.

Our club Secretary, Ronda Whitehead, is my Queen. We have been married for uhh 12 years in August. She tells me its been wonderful.

I have two daughters and they adopted Ronda before we even got married. We have a 10 year-old granddaughter, a grandson who is almost 2 and a grandson on the way

I have been a car guy since i was a little guy. I am not a die hard brand-specific guy, just a good ole car guy. I love 'em all man. I got hooked working on them when my dad started me off as his grease monkey on our family vehicles when I was 8 and it seems like I've had a wrench and a rag in my hand or back pocket ever since.

I am very proud to Represent Route 66 Cruisers and I thank you once again for the chance.

As it warms up and the cruisers come out of hibernation, snap a good picture of it, add a little info and send it to our webmaster Jim Gatlin, at [jgatlin1@gmail.com](mailto:jgatlin1@gmail.com) so it can be added to our web site.

A big THANK YOU to our former board members. A very grateful club appreciates all you did for us!!!!

Jeff Whitehead

See Ya down the Road





Happy Birthday  
from the  
Route 66 Cruisers  
Car Club!!

## Birthdays

### January

Earl Morgan	January 2
Pam Scattergood	January 5
Kerry Weinhoft	January 6
Ron Wiggins	January 10
Darilyn Watts	January 12
Kim Beckett	January 12
Stan Porter	January 13
Richard Roth	January 14
Dennis Miller	January 15
Alora Hanson	January 18
Jane Chard	January 18
Vincent Kincaid	January 22
Jan Porter	January 23
Henry Schmidt	January 30
Nicole Osborne	January 31

### February

Gary Bryan	February 1
Teresa Horve	February 2
Ditmar Walker	February 3
Diane Kreiser	February 8
Laura Morrell	February 9
Andy Samoore	February 11
Linda Sheary	February 11
Galen Johnson	February 13
Connie Johnson	February 14
Diane Baggerly	February 15
Phil Novak	February 15
Peg Canum	February 16
Robert Miller	February 17
Charlie Foor	February 18
Greg Tanner	February 18
Delmar Ballinger	February 21
Melissa Roberts	February 22
Jeremy Batson	February 25
Scott Stuewe	February 25
Sherron Russell	February 29

### March

Matt Morrell	March 1	Larry Flessner	March 13
Pamela Meyer	March 1	Greg Clyburn	March 16
Sandy Dickman	March 1	John LaDew	March 16
Mike Tarr	March 3	Kathy Koopman	March 17
Janet Burghart	March 4	Charlie Gouveia	March 20
Martha Shearburn	March 4	Chris Cartwright	March 22
Juanita Walker	March 6	Deb Drone	March 24
Penny Wilson	March 7	Dallas Mrasak	March 25
Rex Warren	March 7	Ron Hoehn	March 26
Joe Phillips	March 8	James Chaffin	March 27
Wanda Volz	March 9	Nancy Campbell	March 27
Leslie Morgan	March 12	Dave Ferguson	March 31
Brenda Bryan	March 13		

## Sponsor's Corner

### Corporate level sponsors



### Isringhausen Imports



In its 30 year timeframe, Isringhausen has made its name synonymous with quality vehicles in Springfield where it all began. Starting in 1990 when they acquired the BMW and Porsche dealerships, to adding Mercedes Benz in 1992 and Volvo in 2014 (for the second time) they have established themselves as a leading dealership for high quality vehicles and service. Their philosophy that all customers deserve attention, honesty and respect is extended to their employees as well creating an environment for long term employees. They have a commitment to excellence of customers, employees and community.

The Route 66 Cruisers club thank you for your support!

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### LRS



LRS has positioned itself as a global technology leader with over 900 employees in offices in North America, Europe, Asia and Australia. Started in 1979 as a partnership between Dick Levi, Roger Ray and Bob Shoup as a consulting firm, their services have grown to include printing software, consulting services, pension administration software, computer hardware, education and technical training and web development and hosting. LRS is a good corporate citizen the Springfield community contributing to multiple charities and philanthropy efforts. Dick Levi is now the sole owner but has maintained their mission to be a leading force in technology. LRS has been voted as best employer multiple times.

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## Newsletter Contest

How well did you read your newsletter?

1. When is the Whitehead's anniversary? (look carefully) \_\_\_\_\_
  2. Who has a Valentine's birthday? \_\_\_\_\_
  3. What is the tentative date for the first cruise-in? \_\_\_\_\_
  4. What car did VP Carter Logue have when he was 16? \_\_\_\_\_
  5. What is the name of Rhonda Whitehead's German Shepherd? \_\_\_\_\_
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## Things you probably haven't thought about

### And probably won't again....

Studies show there's no evidence that drivers of red cars get speeding tickets any more often.

In the year after the release of "Smokey and the Bandit" (1977), Trans Am sales increased 36%

From 1916 to 1920, Girl Scouts could earn an Automobiling Badge.

Buick introduced the first electric turn signals in 1938.

On Nov, 5th 1870, the Reno Bros. gang committed the 1st successful trail robbery in the US.

With a crankshaft 89 yards in length generating 5.6 million lbf-ft of torque at 102 rpm, the 14 cylinder Wärtsilä RT-flex96C is a two stroke turbocharged diesel engine that makes over 107,000 bhp and is used in ships. It is the largest engine in the world

One for the ladies...search on Wikipedia - Camille du Gast (Ok guys you can too)

## Meet the Vice President

Hi, my name is Carter Logue and I am the current Vice President for Route 66 Cruisers Car Club.

I have been married to Renetta for 27 years. We have four boys and one granddaughter. I joined the car club over 20 years ago.

Currently I have a 1949 Plymouth and I have been a car guy ever since I was old enough to know what a car was. The first car I remember was my dad's 1966 Ford Fairlane GTA. He had several different cars while I was growing up - when I was 16 years old I had a 1969 El Camino SS. My dad and I also built a 1970 Chevelle. I've had several different cars over the years. I am currently working on a 1966 Thunderbird convertible for my wife.

I am hoping that the club will be able to have several cruise ins this year.

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## Meet the Secretary/Membership Chair

Hi, my name is Ronda Whitehead and I am the current Secretary/Membership officer for Route 66 Cruisers Car Club. I will be married to Jeff Whitehead for 11 years in May. Wow it feels like just yesterday we were dating. Lol!

I have worked as a legal assistant for Graham & Graham, Ltd. for 25 years this year. We have two dogs, a German Shepherd, Hexa and an Australian Shepherd, Roxi. I love animals!

I do hope we are able to have a car season this year. Jeff and I have been working on my 1966 Mustang putting in a new engine and lots of other stuff. Hope to see you all soon!

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## From the Editor:

Hi—it's Carla Rapps. I have agreed to continue to compile the monthly newsletter for the time being. Because of things going on in my life, I will not have time to be around much, but have agreed to still put the newsletter together for the club. I do enjoy bringing all of you the club news and am glad I could come to an agreement with the board on this.

Here's hoping a cruise season is going to happen this year!!!





## Route 66 Cruisers Classifieds

### Business Ads

Advertise your business here!!! \$5.00 to include a member's business cards or ad in this space for the entire season.

Contact Carla Rapps with your business card.

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### Member Merchandise for Sale:

Have anything auto-related you need to get rid of? Want to make some money in the process? Send your ad to the newsletter editor and place an ad right here!. The ad can run for free for up to 90 days for members.

Contact Carla Rapps if you have an ad to include.



## Recipe Corner

### Cream of Corn Soup

*Submitted by Carla Rapps (from <https://www.legendsofamerica.com/66-recipes/>)*

2 lb cut fresh yellow corn off the cob	3 cups heavy cream
12 oz sliced white onion	2 cup water
2 oz butter	1 level teaspoon salt

Find the freshest corn you can and cut it off the cob making sure you scrape the cob to extract all of the milk. This is the sweetest part of the corn. Sauté the onions in a thick bottomed pan until soft but not brown. Add the rest of the ingredients and bring to a boil

Simmer for 10 minutes and remove from the heat. Place in a blender and puree till smooth. If the corn is not sweet you may add a little sugar to taste. This may be done ahead of time and kept warm in a double boiler.

Serves 6-8.



### Cheese Fries

*Submitted by Carla Rapps (from "The Roadtrip Cookbook")*

1 bag fries, wedges, frozen	1 package cheese, shredded
1 tbsp chilli seasoning	1 onion, green, sliced
1 can chili	2 tbsp Sour Cream

1. Heat the grill to a medium heat.
2. In a bowl, combine the fries and chili seasoning toss to make sure the fries are well coated.
3. Add the fries to the grill (In aluminum foil or a grilling pan) and grill for about 4 minutes. Turn and grill on the other side for 4 minutes.
4. While the fries are cooking, cook the chili in a medium-size saucepan and bring to a simmer.
5. Take the fries off the grill once they are cooked thoroughly.
6. Move the cooked fries to a serving dish and pour the cooked chili over the top of the fries.
7. Sprinkle shredded cheese and onion over the top of the chili. Top with sour cream.



## Cruise-in Schedule

Saturday	April 24	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	4 p.m.—7 p.m.
Saturday	May 15	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Saturday	June 12	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Saturday	July 17	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.
Saturday	August 14	Rock N Roll Hardees— Stevenson Drive	5 p.m.—8 p.m.

**The schedule above is tentative for now. Please watch the upcoming newsletters and email notifications for updates to the schedule. Keep on cruising....**

***Hey Gang,***

***Unfortunately, due to COVID 19 constraints we will not be having our monthly membership meeting in March or the club-sponsored Mystery Cruise Dinner.***

***Hopefully, April will get us back into the swing of things.***

***Keep your fingers and toes crossed that we get to do some driving soon.***

## Mystery Cruise



There will not be a Mystery Cruise Dinner in March due to continuing COVID restrictions. We will resume these as soon as restaurants can have indoor dining with larger groups. Watch the newsletter and your emails for any updates.

If you are a newer member you might not know what the mystery cruise is. A board or committee person picks a restaurant and calls them to set it up. You let us know that you are coming by showing up at a designated location at the designated time (i.e. J.C Penny's front lot on Dirksen Parkway). Once we are all together, the person at the restaurant is notified of the number and we cruise to the restaurant. One member and his or her co-pilot will get their dinner paid for by the club.

Sounds great right!!

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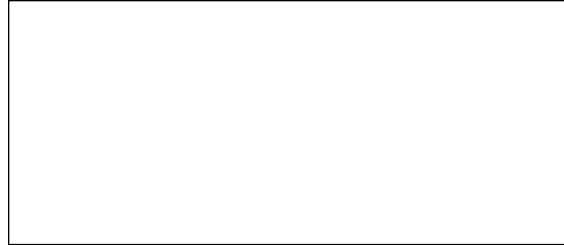


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Jeff Whitehead, President



## Rear Bumper

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25 Board Meeting	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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