



The Forming of Boone Trail Corvette Club

By Ron Reinhardt

In 1972 Dave Sanson and Ron Reinhardt worked for AT & T in Wright City, Missouri. Dave had bought a new Corvette coupe in 1965 and Ron had bought a 1964 Corvette convertible in 1972. They got together with Ken Benham in Warrenton who had a Corvette and made a list of Corvette owners and invited them to the first meeting in Warrenton. They formed a club named "Boone Trail Vette Set" in 1972. Boone Trail was the name of the road from Warrenton to Marthasville, where Daniel Boone had lived years ago.

The first members of the original club were: Sorg & Pat Hull, Dave & Phyllis Sanson, Jeff Schroer, Phyllis Hull, Ken Benham and Ron Reinhardt.

Ron Reinhardt was elected as the first president of the Corvette club. The name was changed to "Boone Trail Corvette Club" in 1974. Boone Trail Corvette Club joined the National Council of Corvette Clubs (NCCC) in 1975 and we have had over 700 members since then.

After 38 years we still have two charter members left in the club. They are Jim Schwent and Ron Reinhardt. Ron has not missed a monthly meeting since Boone Trail Corvette Club was formed!

Sadly, we know of at least 19 past members who are deceased. They are: Warren Nilson, Ed Andrews, Mike Nease, Betty Sutherlin, Don Schultz, Carl Counts, Elaine Skinner, Al Darrow, Shelby Reichman, Ron Wilmscheer, Steve Eggemeyer, Gary Dieckmann, Bob Waldon, Larry Blunk, Jerry Lowery, Sig Sutherlin, Kim Luther, Sorg Hull and Bill Rush.

We have one past member, Fred Von Kaenel, in the Delmar Gardens Nursing Home in O'Fallon, Missouri with MS.

Let's have a moment of silence in remembrance of these past members who've passed away. Thank you!