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November 2025 Minutes



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Crosswicks Community House
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Club Calendar **[New or Revised]** [To Be Determined]

December 8, 2025	Club Meeting at 7 pm (Cancelled)
March 9, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
April 13, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm; Club vote to select the Brookdale College Scholarship Awardee
May 11, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm; Club vote to select the Mercer County Community College Scholarship Awardee
May 15, 2026	TK's Cruise #1, Brookdale Scholarship Award Ceremony
May 25, 2026	Allentown Memorial Day Parade
June 8, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
June 19, 2026	TK's Cruise #2; Rain Date, Brookdale Scholarship Award Ceremony
June 20, 2026	Terhune Orchards Display
July 13, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
July 17, 2026	TK's Cruise #3; Mercer County Community College Award Ceremony
August 10, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
August 21, 2026	TK's Cruise #4; Rain Date, Mercer County Community College Scholarship Award Ceremony
September 14, 2026	Club meeting at 7 pm
September 18, 2026	TK's Cruise #5; Final Scholarship Award Ceremony Rain Date
October 11, 2026	Mercerpalooza, 11 am to 4 pm
October 12, 2026	Club Meeting at 7 pm
November 9, 2026	Club Meeting at 7 pm
December 14, 2026	Club Meeting at 7 pm (Subject to Cancellation)



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(2026 Officer's Roster)

President: Robert Horner

Vice President: Craig Kunz Treasurer: Carl Christiansen

Secretary: Doug Watt Webmaster: Samantha Spence

Membership Chairman: John Pieczynski Newsletter Editor: Carl Christiansen

Events Coordinator: Earl Groendyke

Minutes from the November 10, 2026 meeting:

12 members and 3 guests were in attendance. Tatiana Dodge, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Mercer County Community College attended with her twin boys.

Jimmy Spence brought the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The November meeting was held at the Crosswicks Community House. As the first order of business, the club members and guests enjoyed a slice or two of pizza brought to the meeting by Bob, a cooler of soft drinks and water brought by John, and cookies brought by Tatiana.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Carl Christiansen presented the treasurer's report.

October Meeting Minutes: Secretary Doug Watt presented the minutes from the October meeting to the membership. Kevin Vinicombe made a motion to accept the minutes as read and Joe Bartzak seconded the motion.

Old Business

2026 Club Officers:

Last month, Jimmy made a motion to elect the 2026 Officers Roster, which was unanimously approved. The 2026 Officer's roster is:

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The 2026 Officer roster is included in the mast head of this page.



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New Business

Mercerpalooza 2026: Tatiana Dodge, Director of Development and Alumni Relations at Mercer County Community College attended our November meeting. She personally invited the club to attend Mercerpalooza 2026, which is tentatively scheduled for October 11, 2026. MCCC will be celebrating its 60th anniversary at Mercerpalooza 2026.

Tatiana noted that over 1200 people attended Mercerpalooza 2025 on Sunday, October 5th. To celebrate MCCC's new mascot, the Mustang, Doug displayed his classic Mustang next to a brand new unpurchased 2025 Mustang GT from Haldeman Ford. Jason Evans, the Automotive Technology Program Coordinator, displayed two vehicles used for teaching his students in the automotive program, and an authentic Mustang, the horse, was on hand from Wild Lands Wild Horses.

Tatiana asked the members present at the meeting if they had interest in visiting the Automotive Program facilities. A very positive response was provided. Doug will work with Jason Evans to set up this visit in April 2026.

2026 Scholarship Program: Last month, the club voted to fund two \$1000. Scholarship awards, one with Brookdale Community College, and one with Mercer County Community College. Treasurer Carl Christiansen will be issuing checks to both schools to activate each 2026 scholarship program.

Both college foundations were reminded that in 2023, our club made two changes to the student's application process, which still apply to our 2026 scholarship program:

1. The club requires a minimum of two scholarship applications in future years. If fewer than two scholarship applications are received, the club either may accept the application on its merits, or the club may roll the scholarship funds over to the following year's scholarship program.
2. The scholarship essay topic will be changed to "How does the collector car hobby fit into your future as an automotive technician".

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Club Leadership Changes: Leadership of our club is changing for 2026.

- Jimmy Spence is stepping down as our Club President and Membership Chairman
- Bob Horner is stepping up from Vice President to President
- Vice President: Craig Kunz
- Membership Chairman: John Pieczynski

The club presented plaques to Jimmy and Bob for their service to our club and welcomed Craig and John to their new roles.

Club Dues for 2026: Carl collected dues from the members present at the November meeting.

Community House Rent: Craig Kunz made a motion to bring the club's rental payments for our meeting room current. Jimmy Spence seconded the motion, and the club voted unanimously in favor.

Winter Club Meetings: Carl made a motion to cancel the December 2025, January 2026, and February 2026 club meetings. Joe Bartzak seconded the motion, and the club voted unanimously in favor.

Jimmy Spence made a motion to adjourn our meeting at 7:50 pm and John Pieczynski seconded the motion.