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Chairman's Message

By Rick Reiff

Happy New Year Rocky Mountain Chapter!

Well the New Year is upon us and 2008 is behind us. Now we get to move on to the new Chapter calendar, which I think is now sold out, and 12 new pictures of member's cars. Thanks again to all you who participated in this good cause (the money raised goes to our current charity, 9HealtFair).

The 2008 event that took a lot of coordination and member's time was the Regional Meet that we hosted in May. Even though we had to deal with nasty weather at first, everything came off in sync and the meet was a success. Thanks again to all of you that made it that way.



Last month we had the opportunity to tour Ken and Fran Petrie's splendid auto collection and enjoy a barbeque lunch. What a great collection and wonderful display of some really great Corvettes and vintage race cars (and high performance go-karts). If you missed it, check the Chapter web-site for some pictures of the cars and bumper art work.

Next up is the annual Holiday Party, which is on the 10th of January at Fox Hollow Country Club. See the Activities Section of this newsletter for more details. This is usually a fun event and we tried, given the current economic climate, to keep the cost reasonable. Thanks go to Mike Bird (our

Activities Chair) and Dennis Kazmierzak (our Regional Director) for putting this event together.

I hope each of you had a great holiday season and look forward to a great 2009.

Cheers,

Rick Reiff
Chairman



Vice Chairman's Report

By Bob Montgomery

Top Flight Chapter Award

I have written before about our participation in the NCRS Top Flight Chapter Award Program. We have earned the award for the past several years. It is a reflection on the dedication of our membership to participate in judging meets, monthly activities and help build the knowledge base within the chapter. Unfortunately, we didn't earn the award for 2008. We met all the requirements except for the number of technical articles. We needed to

publish 6 articles in this newsletter but we only had 5 articles submitted in 2008.

Soap Box Time . . .

This award is prestigious in the NCRS world as it takes dedication by the membership of the Chapters to meet all the requirements. RMC has worked hard for more years than I have been involved in the chapter to step up and participate in all the aspects of requirements to achieve the award. To miss the award for 2008 by one technical article simply amazes me. This chapter has a wealth of knowledge and many of you are actively working projects throughout the year. All it takes to write a technical article is a few pictures, some words of description and the end result is that we all learn something about this passion of ours. There are many people in the chapter that would be more than happy to help you write an article, all you need to do is contact someone on the board and we will make the arrangements. Let's pull together and over-achieve for 2009 and publish more articles than is needed. Every member of the chapter will benefit from your efforts!

. . . . Stepping down from the soap box now . . .

Charity News

I met with the 9New Health Fair late in October to arrange our chapter's participation for the 2009 Health Fair. Our financial participation is nearly complete with the donation from members to have their Corvette's prominently displayed on the 2009 RMC calendar. Thanks to everyone that participated in the calendar! The second part of the financial effort is the sale of the 2009 RMC calendars! Proceeds from these sales go to the 9News Health Fair as well. What an easy way to support the charity and have great pictures of Corvette's all year! Calendars will be available at chapter events. We will also have volunteering opportunities to man the phone banks during the fair or help out at one of the Health Fair locations. More details soon!

Thanks for your support!

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National Corvette Museum News

By Ron Berggren

How can your help celebrate and build on the passion for America's sports car? Contributions from individuals, corporations and foundations are

essential to support the National Corvette Museum. Gifts may be a one-time gift or pledge paid over time. Appreciated assets such as stocks, bonds, retirement accounts, life insurance policies, vehicles and real estate are donation opportunities which may provide you substantial income tax savings.

Your support of the NCM ensures the celebration, education and preservation of Corvette's heritage. Please consider joining me and becoming a member of the NCM.

Membership Report

By Bob Montgomery

Let's give a big welcome to the newest RMC members joining since our last newsletter:

- Chris and Linda Hermsen, Bailey., Colorado – 1965 roadster
- Joseph and Nancy Glassman, Centennial, Colorado - 1959 roadster
- Richard and Kittie Udd, Cedaredge, Colorado, 1969 roadster
- Richard Shriver, Morrison, Colorado – Richard actually joined way back in March 2008 but I didn't get him recognized properly!

Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Chapter!

The 2009 membership drive is in full swing! As of January 6th, 2009 seventy (70) out of 139 members from 2008 have renewed their memberships. If you intend on renewing your RMC membership please refer to the invoice that was sent out by email or USPS mail and submit your dues to the chapter's

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I would like to wrap up the 2009 membership drive by January 31st!

If you have changes to the information you have provided to the chapter (address, email address, phones, Corvette(s) owned etc.) please provide the updates when you submit your renewal. Our primary communication tool is our web site at www.ncrsmc.org but email is a very effective tool for us as well. If you have an email account but have not received email notifications recently about the Holiday Party on January 10th, we

probably don't have the correct address for you. Please send an email to me at milehiview@yahoo.com and I will get your info updated.

If you would like a copy of the chapter membership roster, just drop me an email and I can send you an Acrobat PDF file to you or we will have hard copies at future chapter events.

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Editors Corner

By Dennis Dalton

I receive quite a few newsletters via email from other chapters every month. Some of them have contained some very informative articles. For that reason, as a service to the club I thought I would begin to copy the links and put them in my column here for you to check out. Look for those starting with the March/April issue.

Dennis

Polar Bear Swap Meet

By Dennis Kasmierzak

The Polar Bear Swap Meet is coming up this month. Two tables have been reserved (93-94) in the back of the main building. The date is January 24th 8:00AM-2:00PM at the Adams County Fairgrounds, 9755 Henderson Rd., Brighton.

Plan on participating by bringing your stuff to Corvette City by the 23rd or by helping out with the event. Make sure it's marked with the price and your name. 10% of the sales price goes to the club as this is one of our fund raisers for the year. Items can be auto parts, garage/shop tools or something you just need to get rid of.

RMC Judging Chairman Report

By Jack Humphrey

Well, by now 2009 is actually here so let's take a look-see at coming events for the first calendar quarter. For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jack Humphrey and I've been appointed to fill out the remainder of Jim Lennartz' term of office as RMC Judging Chairman. Hi!

There are two key events scheduled in 1Q: a judging seminar in February and a chapter judging meet in March. The March meet is set to be held at Bozarth Chevrolet and registration forms are available from Driveline magazine and the RMC web site.

PLEASE do us a favor and fill out + mail the meet registration form even if you're not having your car judged! It gives us foresight on who'll be present to plan and construct the judging team assignments! Plus, for the minor cost of a postage stamp, you'll avoid paying a meet registration fee...

Now let's talk about the judging seminar scheduled for February. We have two forms of training for judging: (1) a traditional judging school, and (2) a judging seminar. Judging schools range in duration from a few hours and up. Attendees get ONE point of credit in the NCRS Judging Recognition Program for these events and the topic of study varies from school to school.

Recently, the judging seminar was introduced. It's intended to be longer in duration and more intense with activities split between class room lecture and hands-on experience with a Corvette selected for its educational profile. These seminars range in duration from one to three days.

At the Chapter and Regional level, a judging seminar is a single but FULL day event. Those who participate get as much credit as those who are tasked to actually judge cars on the judging field. So, this event in February will generate two points to your credit in the Judging Recognition Program.

The Catch-22 is each attendee must come and participate in the FULL day's session of the seminar. That means, no 'in/out' appearances or students leaving early to attend to other business.

So, if you plan to attend the judging seminar, please wipe your schedule clean for the WHOLE day! We'll start promptly at 8AM, break for one hour at lunch (pizza and beverages provided on-site) and continue until 4-5 PM.

The seminar includes a Powerpoint presentation to familiarize everyone with the basic do's and don'ts of NCRS Judging. That means there are NO skill prerequisites. So, if you've never judged a Corvette before, don't worry! This is an excellent get acquainted program intended to TEACH you

the ropes. If you're an old pro, I can promise you, you WILL learn and have fun.

After the initial orientation, we divide into groups and each group will judge four sections of a Corvette (interior, exterior, mechanical, and chassis) in one hour time formats. Most will not finish, but that's part of the program...you learn and gain appreciation for time management on-the-job.

While judging the car, you'll be supported by a placebo or real owner + judging team leader. When you finish judging, you'll debrief a placebo or real car owner and receive feedback on the quantity/quality of your judging work product.

Most RMC members were too busy at our 2008 Regional Meet to attend the judging seminar that was offered, so this is your opportunity to gain the experience you probably missed. Come and have some fun with us and learn!

The club will provide the basic tools (pencils, forms, clipboards), but some tools are in short supply (flashlights, inspector's mirrors, magnets, Etc.). So, if you have your own judging tools I HIGHLY recommend you bring them.

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One, Two, Three

By Ron Berggren

The Rocky Mountain Rod & Custom Car Show was held again this past Thanksgiving weekend at the National Western Stock Show Complex. A Duntov Award display was set up with three cars. The display included Jim and Lori Lennartz's '63 split window, Ralph and Sharon Ridge's '67 roadster and Ron and Linda Berggren's '63 split window. Classed in the *Domestic Sports Category*, these three cars placed 1st (Jim), 2nd (Ralph) and 3rd (Ron). What a thrill!

At the awards presentation, the presenter announced the award for *Best Antique Restored*, and Jim Lennartz said jokingly, "That's me". The next thing you know, the presenter said the award goes to Jim and Lori Lennartz for their '63 split window. We were laughing so hard we couldn't believe it. Jim finally got the recognition he has deserved for his many years of hard work and love

of his 'Monet'. We are all proud of Jim for this accomplishment. What a fun time we had and we encourage more of you to show your cars at the event next year.

Prior to this show, both Jim and Ralph had just received their *Chevy Vette Fest Award*. Along with their *Bloomington Gold Award*, this completed the Triple-Crown for these cars. Congratulations to Jim and Ralph for their two beautiful Corvette restorations.



7 UP

By Ron Berggren

This past summer, an unprecedented seven RMC NCRS members received the *Duntov Mark of Excellence Award* at the NCRS National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. The award winners included Jim and Lori Lennartz for their '63 split window, Ralph and Sharon Ridge for their '67 roadster, Mike and Jan Bogan for their '63 roadster, Chuck and Nancy Banks for their '67 roadster, Rudy and Candy Kiffor for their '62 roadster, David and Walter Seeds for their '60 roadster, and Ron and Linda Berggren for their '63 split window. What an incredible accomplishment this was for our chapter! Four other RMC members received awards: Mike and Janice Bird for their '93 coupe (Founders Award); John and Flora Marsico for their '92 coupe (Top Flight Award); Mike and Nancy Able for their '77 (Four Star Bowtie Award); and Max and Sharon Beggs for their '68 (2nd Flight Award). Congratulations to all the award winners!

Several other RMC members, including Glenn and Lynn Reiff, Dennis and Shirley Kazmierzak, Tom and Michelle Meyers, Jerry and Felicia Mulick, Martin Egan, Jack Humphrey, Bill Pearson, and Bill

Bruhn were at the event. Our Australian (Murray and Wendy Forman) and New Zealand (Graham and Veronica McDonald) members were also in attendance. The week was filled with tours to the St. Louis Arch, the Cardinals baseball game, Mid America Motorworks and many other excursions.

I would encourage all of you to pursue these achievements with your Corvettes. As Mike Bogan says, "It takes a lot of brain damage to get there." But as most of us agree, it is well worth the effort. Hopefully, there will be more RMC members and their Corvettes at next year's National event in San Jose, California.

Merchandise

By Wayne Pendley

REGIONAL

Hats	\$16.00
Shirt	\$20.00
Polo Shirt	\$40.00
Hat Pin	\$3.00

CHAPTER

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Grey T Shirt Long Sleeve	\$18.00
Denim Shirt Short Sleeve	\$31.00
Denim Shirt Long Sleeve	\$35.00
T Shirt with Pocket - Black	\$15.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve	
White & Blue	\$30.00
Polo Shirt Long Sleeve	\$35.00
Grey Sweat Shirt	\$20.00
Chambrey Shirt	\$30.00 XL \$32.00
Shopcoat	\$35.00
Black Apron	\$16.00
Hat Black / Stone	\$15.00
Hat Charcoal / Blue	\$15.00
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