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Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

Happy New Year Rocky Mountain Chapter!

I hope this finds everyone well and enjoying the holidays. We are the beginning of the New Year and start our activities off with the holiday party on the 9th of January. See the Chapter web-site and this newsletter for additional details.

The start of the year marks the time when new Board members or reelected members start their respective new terms. For 2010 the new/reelected Board member positions are as follows:

Vice Chairman – John Marsico

Treasurer – Steve Beatty

Merchandise – Wayne Pendley

Judging – Jack Humphrey

Activities – Eckhard Pobuda

Please join me in thanking these new Board members for their contribution to the Chapter and helping it run smoothly. These and your other Board members and the volunteers are the ones that organize the various events and carry on the business of the Chapter and without them, we wouldn't be able to do what we do, so let them know you appreciate their efforts.

If you are planning on attending the Barrett-Jackson event in January in Scottsdale, I received the following information to pass along to the membership:

Several years ago NCRS partnered with Barrett Jackson to host a NCRS booth at their Scottsdale, Las Vegas and Palm Beach auctions and to also provide Confirmation Document Service for claimed NCRS Awards Corvettes. Last year some of you may recall seeing the windshield sticker that Barrett-Jackson affixed to all cars that had the Confirmation Document Service. We are now able to confirm that NCRS has arranged with the Corvette Market Magazine free admittance for any NCRS member to attend the "Corvette Market Insider's Seminar" at the BJ Auction in Scottsdale this January. In addition Corvette Market will provide free publicity for NCRS in their magazine and newsletter."

That's it for now. Hope to see you at the Chapter holiday party on the 9th and if not at one of our events during the upcoming year.

Happy New Year!

Rick Reiff
Chairman

Vice Chairman's Report

By Bob Montgomery

Our 2010 membership renewals are in full swing! Please get your renewals in by the end of January. As you renew please send me any updated information (address, phone etc.) that may have changed since you joined the chapter. It would be great to get an email address as well. We send out meeting announcements and other chapter information by email. If you don't receive these notices from me and would like to, please send a note to me at the email address noted below.

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Editor's Corner

By Dennis Dalton

December Tech Session

If you did not attend our last tech session you missed an informative presentation on the up keep of your hydraulic brake system. The session was led by Jim Lennartz and Gary Steffans. The topics covered the different qualities and types of brake fluid along with their costs, the operational life of the fluid and different bleeding procedures and equipment available for the

do it yourselfer. In all, it was a very informative session. Thanks to Jim and Gary for their donation of expertise and time to prepare for that presentation.

Leather Interior

I could not resist sneaking in this picture of a 1963 Pontiac interior. The car belongs to the Roy Rogers Museum and is (was) part of the permanent collection in his museum which closed due to lack of interest on December 12, 2009. I rushed to Branston MO over Thanksgiving to take one last look and snap the picture. The museum had been in Victorville CA until the death of his wife, Dale Evans in 2003.

The picture may not clearly show that those circular shapes imbedded in the tooled leather are all silver dollars and those are operational single action colts for inside and outside door handles. It has been said that he actually drove this thing around Victorville.



Just a reminder, I am sending our newsletter PDF link to all chapter editors. Your buy or sell add in our newsletter has the potential to reach the entire NCRS membership!

Membership Report

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RMC Judging Chairman Report

By Jack Humphrey

As I write Christmas has passed leaving cold air and snow on the ground. The New Year holiday is a few days away and the November judging school is in my rear view mirror.

Judging School

I conducted an interactive audio-video session based on the NCRS National training DVD covering Operations Judging. There are five DVD's in this program that I've heard others say are BORING!

Well, they are NOT filled with the visual wonders of a *Star Wars* episode or the non-stop action of an *Indiana Jones* movie, but I've found there IS decent information in all of them.

In my opinion, the 'trick' to using these training materials effectively is NOT to simply play them out to the audience... The presenter needs to take the time to preview the DVD and take notes on the high points, controversial issues, and key aspects that each embodies.

Along with each note, annotate its elapsed time so you know WHEN the issue is going to surface. Now, be vigilant and pause the video there. Then, open the floor for discussion and get the audience INVOLVED in interactive discussion(s).

That way you transform what can be a mono-tonal lecture into an interactive, experience sharing, event. Hopefully, those of you who attended the school felt it

was worth your time. The objective was to learn something new AND have fun!

Points

The judging school served another purpose: it gave me the opportunity to go on-line and post live results into the new NCRS Judging Recognition Program's data entry system. I found the system was fast and responsive and not a big/burdensome task.

The exercise taught me 'why' the old system of each event chairman submitting raw paperwork to the NCRS National Judging Chairman for data entry had its drawbacks. There are cases of atypical data entry situations and I saw both when I turned the crank.

First, NCRS members are registered by name and number on a FAMILY account basis. The old system wasn't very smart and it did NOT comprehend nicknames. So, a 'Richard Smith' was a different entity than a 'Dick Smith' who just might have had the same NCRS number and physical address.

If one wasn't careful during data entry, events and their associated points could easily be mis-allocated. But, with the data entry chore pushed back to the source of the event, this kind of 'error' stands out like a sore thumb. It's now easy with the system software NCRS has developed to generate nicknames on the fly and get things right the first time!

Next, I ran into another atypical situation. We had a father/son team attend the school and I discovered that the son DID NOT exist in the NCRS data base. That's strange, because both have been participating in various events for two years now.

Additionally, some prior points WERE in the system logged under the member's wife's account and she'd never shown up at an event. Creating a sub-account for a spouse is child's play. But, it's another more complex issue to create an account for a child. Why?

Well, NCRS rules allow children to share their parents account until they reach 22 years of age. So, in addition to the name of the child, his/her account has to carry their birth date!

Gosh, this little caveat isn't documented in the NCRS Judging Reference Manual. You need to submit not only the child's name, address and NCRS number but add the date of birth too)...

But, such exception conditions WERE documented in the on-line training video each Chapter Judging Chairman received via email. So, when I encountered this problem during the data entry process for our

November judging school, I fired off a 'HELP' email to John Waggoner, the NCRS IT manager.

John phoned me within hours for a live who, what, when, where conversation! Working with John, we resolved a problem that had existed for over two years that NOBODY even knew about.

I give the NCRS Board of Directors and our IT staff a big ATTABOY here! Taking the time and spending the money to properly computerize this aspect of NCRS life (Judging Recognition System) is a job well done. Plus, it just HAS to take a rather hefty gorilla off the back of our National Judging Chairman. He simply HAS to have better things to do with his time than blindly key and track judging points!!!

Looking Ahead

The 2010 kickoff Regional is set for Kissimmee, Florida (that's a suburb of Orlando) on January 20-24th. If you haven't registered and decide you want to go, take the family to DisneyWorld and attend the meet, you'll have to register at the door.

RMC ads for our Chapter Judging Meet should begin to run this month. HEADS UP folks, we're set for Sunday, March 21st, at Bozarth Chevrolet. Let's avoid some of the overhead and confusion we had last year.

Don't rely on waiting to the 11th hour to check your schedule then just drop by. Take the opportunity NOW to pencil whip that registration form, send 'er in and get entered into the data base before the meet. You'll make my job a LOT easier!

Last, don't know if you've got a schedule conflict? Easy! Register now, and simply don't show if a conflict arises. We'll miss you, but you'll be in the meet data base AND you'll avoid cost of registering on-site. Pre-registration entries attend the meet FREE of charge!

Activities

By Eckhard Pobuda

NCRS-RMC Holiday Party
Saturday January 9, 2010
5:30 PM

NCRS Holiday Party will be Saturday, January 9, 2010
at
Randel Home,
Hosted by the Randels and the Bogans

DIRECTIONS FROM I-25:
Take EXIT 232 and go WEST 2 Miles to COUNTY
ROAD 5.

At COUNTY ROAD 5, turn NORTH 1.5 Miles to RUE DE TRUST (Parkland Estates Airpark Entry Sign)
Turn WEST on RUE DE TRUST to BEVERLY LANE (3rd Street on the Right)
Turn NORTH on BEVERLY LANE to 3rd house on the Left - Southwest Style Home with Stucco Wall Surrounding Front

Once again the club will provide the prime rib & salmon course, soft & hot drinks. Any other beverages will be BYOB. We also need appetizers, salads, side dishes & dessert for those of you who are attending. If you wish to bring an appetizer, please plan to arrive by 5:30 p.m.

The location of the Party is
4719 Beverly Lane
Erie, CO 80516
(303) 828-0701

Please RSVP to Cheryl 303-828-0701 or
Jan 303-828-3711 by Friday, January 8th.
Or Email: Jan <skybogan@comcast.net>

Also, if you wish to participate in the White Elephant gift exchange, the gift should be around \$15.00

Keep in touch with your own suggestions

Eckhard

From The President

By Vito Cimilluca

Dear Fellow NCRS Members:

As we experience the joy and excitement of the holiday season with family and friends, let us take a moment to reflect and give thanks for the many blessings and good fortune that we have experienced over the past year.

It has been my pleasure serving as your president throughout the past year. We have accomplished much and we can look forward to a productive 2010 and beyond. Throughout the holiday season, let us not lose sight that we are an organization of great diversity... an organization of many faces... an organization of different faiths... yet we blend together as one vibrant and energetic Corvette family seeking peace and prosperity for one and all throughout the year.

I would also ask that we not forget our fellow Members and neighbors serving the cause of freedom, and that we pause to offer our thanks and blessings for their

sacrifice. And, as importantly, let us count our blessing as a community; help provide for our neighbors who may be less fortunate.

I, along with my family, extend the very best of wishes to each and every fellow NCRS Members and your family for a healthy and happy holiday and a successful and prosperous New Year. May the season be filled with peace, joy and happiness.

With All Best Wishes,
Vito Cimilluca
President NCRS

Index for C1 Corvettes

By Dennis Kasmierzak

Over the past couple of years I've restored or help restore a few C1 Corvettes. One of the frustrating things is the AIM (Assembly Instruction Manual) for these early Corvettes. You may take all the pictures of your disassembly of the car but was that done the way the factory did it in the first place or was the car previously taken apart and not re-assembled in the correct manner. One of the sources for the information is the AIM. These early AIM's were not as detailed as the C2 or 3 manuals. They are also not indexed in a convenient way for quick reference. This can be frustrating when you're trying to verify and assembly while reassembling the car. You're spending more time flipping pages looking for the assembly area that it takes to put the part on the car.

I decided to go through the manual and write my own index. This uses the same description that the AIM uses but now it's in a form that will put you to the section and page quicker with out flipping pages. I'll refine this more as time permits and reference it to the new Judging manual for cross reference. This may be applied to other references on the C1's to denote articles on specific areas of restored projects that appeared in the Restorer or other publications that you would use for reference.

[Editor's Note: This index can be accessed as a direct download in PDF format on the RMC website right below the newsletter download titled [Index for C1 Corvettes.](#)]

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Let's Talk Operations Judging!

By John Marsico

I am certain everyone who has registered a Corvette for flight judging knows that the NCRS goal is to recognize owners who have preserved or restored Corvettes to factory original appearance and function. The point of this article is to focus on the last word of the previous sentence – function.

In my experience, it seems many owners spend significant amounts of time and money looking for, restoring, and replacing wrong or incorrectly dated parts, chasing every originality and condition point possible, but give little thought to the Operations Judging required for all NCRS Flight Awards.

A quick review of the Operations Judging Sheets shows that the total points possible for the Operations check varies from 720 to 750 points depending upon the year of the Corvette. For those cars capable of earning 720 points, each judged part which does not operate can result in a loss of 20 points. For those vehicles which can earn 750 points, each non-functioning part can result in a loss of 25 points. As an example, consider a 1962 Corvette. If the cigarette lighter fails the operations test due to a faulty element, a full line item deduction of 20 points will be assessed. For approximately \$8.00, the element could be replaced preventing the loss of those 20 points. Eight dollars is a great, cost effective way to hold on to 20 points.

Let me offer a few additional simple steps which can improve the likelihood of earning maximum points in the Operations Judging.

1. Read the owner's manual for your car and understand exactly how every item functions. Simply stated, know how to operate all the equipment which will be tested in the Operations Section. This is critical for C4 Corvette owners since the car is much more technological than is a C1 Corvette. NCRS judges have been trained not to touch or operate an owner's car. The best advice is to know your car and not place the judge in the awkward position of having to respond to your request that he/she perform the desired function.

2. Read the [Technical Information Manual and Judging Guide](#) for your car and understand exactly what will be asked of you when the operations judge works with you at your car. Read the NCRS

Corvette Judging Reference Manual to familiarize yourself with NCRS judging rules. The more aware you are of the judging rules and the more you understand your car and what will be asked of you, the easier it will be for you and the judge during operations judging. Being proactive and knowing how features of your car function will allow your operations judging to go smoothly and your anxiety to be reduced.

3. Never leave home without doing several practice operations tests using the Technical Information Manual. Ask a friend or fellow NCRS member to act as the operations judge. Carry out the operations test several times in the comfort of your own garage. You can download judging sheets for your car from the NCRS Website. The newer the Corvette, the more bells and whistles you must know how to operate. Again, know your car.

4. Finally, I would suggest that the first time you register your car to be judged, you do so at a chapter meet. This is not to imply that chapter judging is different or easier than what is done at a regional or national event because it is not. The judging standard and process is identical and equally rigorous. However, the helpful insights you will likely glean from your fellow chapter members at a local chapter meet will be invaluable in providing you with the information and confidence you need to prepare your car for a successful regional or national event.

Getting a perfect Operations Score is not just achievable but is one of the most efficient ways to achieve a Top Flight award.

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Merchandise

By Wayne Pendley

REGIONAL

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

CHAPTER

Grey T Shirt Short Sleeve	\$15.00
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
Hat Blue / White	\$15.00
Hat 2-tone brushed twill	\$13.00
Challenger Jacket	\$50.00
Hat Pin Chapter	\$3.00
Knife	\$3.00
Window Sticker	\$3.00

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Membership Items for Sale

07/09

For Sale: 2001 roadster. Torch red, black interior, 6 spd, HUD, new tires, all amenities, 39,500 miles. \$22,500.

C5 Chrome wheels. 2x17" and 2x18". Original spoke pattern for 2000-2004. Excellent condition with approximately 2,000 miles on them. \$400.

Call Dave Talley, 303-726-9640.

01/10

For Sale: 1970 Corvette parts. Rochester carb 7040204, engine block 3963512 (casting date J289, heads 3964290 casting date K269 & L49, intake manifold 3955287 casting date B970, seat frames, front suspension & rear suspension and differential, frame, rear body panels. R & L fenders, deck, T tops, R & L doors, R & L side glass, rear glass & frame, wheels (5) date, brake calipers, rotors, power steering valve, cylinder, relay rod & pitman arm.

1961 rear springs rebuilt w/new liners and straps. p/n 3751438 date 285E0 \$475.00. Call Dennis NCRS 6885 PH:(303) 748-8235, e-mail

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Dennis@rockymountaincorvette.com

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Wanted to buy, sell, swap: Corvette memorabilia – books, magazines; GM dealer albums, promotional models, postcards, mailers, posters, ads, etc. Need Automobile Quarterly publications including 30 Years of Great Advertising.

Weldon Montgomery #3295 303- 530-1372

01/10

C4 Cover including storage bag, used very little.
Jerry Bayer 303-324-0503

Membership in the NCRS is open to persons interested in the restoration, preservation and history of the Corvette produced by the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corporation from 1953 through 1982. NCRS is not affiliated with Chevrolet or General Motors.

Membership in the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the NCRS is open to all members of the NCRS National organization. Dues are \$30.00 for the first year, and are \$20.00 per year for renewal. First year dues entitle the new member to a Chapter ball cap and membership nametag.

Advertising in the Rocky Mountain Chapter Newsletter is free to all active members, for all Corvette related

items or Corvettes for sale. Commercial advertising rates for the Newsletter are \$15.00 for a business card, \$25.00 for a ¼ page, \$40.00 for a ½ page and \$60.00 for a full page. All rates are quoted for 6 issues or one-year printing. Contact the editor for further information. All editorial material can be sent to the editor.

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