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February 18

Tech Session
at Corvette City

March 21

Judging School: Paint



Monty (Weldon Montgomery) receives his Master Judges Hat at the Chapter judging meet.



Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

helped lead the Chapter with successfully hosting a Regional (in 2014) and a National (in 2015) during that time.

Also "retiring" from the Board is Chuck Banks our Judging Chairman. Chuck wants to spend a little more time in Arizona, which would be difficult to do and remain as our chief judge. Chuck has done a great job coordinating and overseeing our Chapter Judging Meets and has also been an active member of the past years. We wish Chuck the best of luck down in the Valley of the Sun.

The RMC Board represents your interest in the Chapter. As such, I encourage you to reach out to me or other Board members with ideas, concerns, or other feedback you want to provide. Our goal is to make your membership in the Chapter an enjoyable experience, so please let us know how we can achieve that goal.

I took a quick look at the 2017 calendar of events on the Chapter website and it looks like we have a busy schedule with a wide range of activities in which you and your Corvette can participate. First up is our annual holiday party at Mt. Vernon Country Club, which is always a fun event and well attended.

I wish you all a great 2017 and hope to see you at upcoming Chapter events. Happy New Year!

Rick Reiff
RMC Chairman

I've been nominated to be your Chairman for the next two years.

"You can check out but never leave" are part of the lyrics from Hotel California by the Eagles, one of their famous songs from the 70s. I refer to this as after a four year hiatus from the RMC Board, I've been elected to be your Chairman for the next two years. I look forward to working with a great Board and getting ramped back up on the workings of the Chapter. I want to say thanks to Eckhard Pobuda who over the last four years has been our Chairman and



Ralph Ridge
Judging Chair

Let me introduce myself as your new RMC judging chairman...

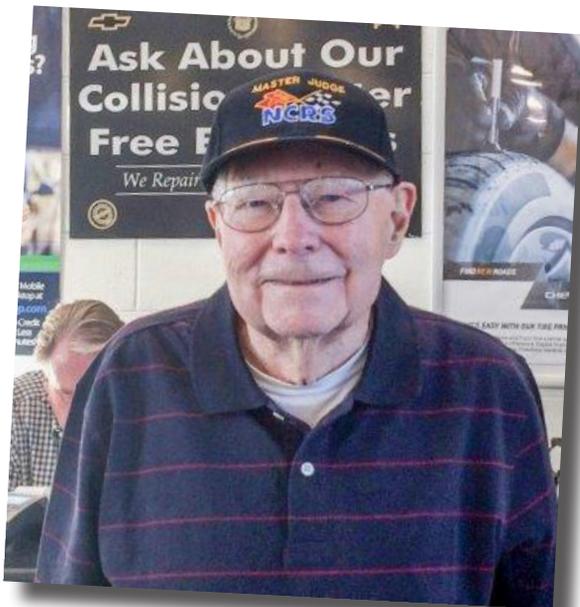
First, let me introduce myself as your new RMC Judging Chairman. My name is Ralph Ridge and I am honored to accept this position. I hope I can fill the shoes that Chuck Banks walks in. He has done an outstanding job as our chapter Judging Chairman, carrying us through very successful Regional and National judging events, as well as organizing numerous chapter judging meets and schools.

Our chapter meet at Medved Chevrolet last fall was a very successful meet with a great turnout of members to fill out the judging rosters. We were especially pleased to present Monty Montgomery with his Master Judges hat.

The venue worked well and the folks at Medved were gracious hosts. We're looking forward to a long term relationship with them. The limitation on the number of judged cars made for a more relaxing event for all participants. This procedure will carry over to future chapter meets unless the membership dictates otherwise.

Speaking of future events, we are planning a chapter judging meet at Medved on Sunday, May 21st. If you have a car you'd like to have judged, start thinking about getting it ready now. Also coming up in the near future will be a judging school on March 18th at Corvette City. If anyone has a suggestion as what would be a good topic to cover please contact me.

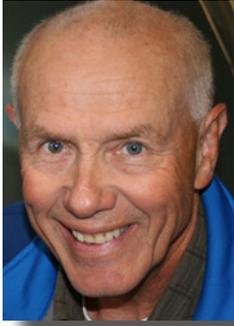
Thanks, Ralph



Editor's Note:

NCRS policy requires Black Hats to be presented only at Regional or National meets. Red Hats and 200 Club and up only at National Meets. A very few exceptions have been made. Monty was signed up to go to the regional but was hospitalized with pneumonia. An exception was granted to Ralph to present his hat at a chapter meet. See pic at left.





Membership
by Gerry Phillips

Our Chapter membership is now at 126 members...

I hope everyone had a great holiday season and that many of member's corvettes were driven at least a little bit.

I'm happy to report, our Chapter membership roster is now at 126 members, one less than at this time last year. The names of new members recently joining and their corvette ownership include: Patrick Collins (1965, 1970, 1975 & 2003), Pat Cain (1965 Coupe), Dave Picken (2003) and Barry Grossnickle (1965). Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future meeting.

The 2017 RMC membership dues notices were sent out in early December. Again, many thanks to all who have already paid their dues and for those who haven't, please pay them immediately to avoid being dropped from the membership roles. Renewal online via the National NCRS website is encouraged using this link (<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/chapter-membership.php>).

Chapter notices are generally sent out via email using the addresses contained on the National NCRS' member email database.

Accordingly, please make sure your National NCRS profile email address is always up to date to avoid missing Chapter news. Here is a link to your member profile. (<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>)

RMC Chapter membership directories are now available upon request by emailing me at gphil460@comcast.net. Please keep in mind that the list is confidential and isn't to be shared with non-members.

Finally, I've been the Membership Chairman for four years now which has been a great experience but would like to pass the position on to someone else. If you have an interest, please shoot me an email and I'd be happy to further discuss the opportunity to serve the Chapter and further participate in the Corvette experience.

I hope you all have a happy and prosperous 2017

Gerry Phillips
Membership Chairman
gphil460@gmail.com

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Below is what's on tap for 2017

Activities

by Jeff Roth

This past year was fun and educational. We had some great tech sessions and two really fun road trips. We finished with a December tech session on thread lockers presented by Jim Lennartz and Dirk Gaddis. I personally had no idea there were so many different kinds to use depending on the application. The guys handed out samples as well as a print out of an application chart. I have scanned the chart and would be glad to email it if anyone would like it. Thanks to Jim, Dirk and Gary Steffens for the use of his shop. Hope to see you all at the Holiday Party.

Below is what is on tap for 2017. You'll notice that the July 4th event will be held on July 29th do to NCRS Nationals road trip. Put these dates in your calendars so you don't miss any of the fun in 2017.

Activities for 2017

- Jan. 7th Holiday party.
- Feb. 18th Tech session
- March 21st Judging School "Paint"
- April 15th elections, membership meeting and swap meet
- May 21st Judging Meet
- June 17th Spring road trip maybe an over night
- July 29th Summer Party
- Aug 19th Tennyson House
- Sept. 16th Fall road trip
- Oct. 21st tech session
- Nov 19th Judging meet and school
- Dec 16th Georgetown or tech session

Jeff Roth
Activity Chair



2016 Road Trip

TOP:
Tanawanda, Mich.
assembly plant
BOTTOM:
Niagra Falls, NY





2017 Rocky Mountain Road Tour to San Antonio, Texas

Please consider joining us on another fun-filled Road Tour where we get to enjoy these fantastic cars and meet some new fellow enthusiasts.

We will kick off the trip with a barbeque at our home in Highlands Ranch, CO on Saturday evening July 1, 2017. We'll depart on our trip Sunday morning July 2 from Highlands Ranch. Highlights of our trip include:

July 2: Drive to Santa Fe, NM (350 miles).

July 3: Spend a full day exploring Santa Fe (our hotel is located just 3 blocks from the Plaza).

July 4: Drive to Albuquerque (60 miles) and spend the day exploring.

July 5: Drive to Carlsbad, NM (320 miles).

July 6: Spend the day touring the world famous Carlsbad Caverns.

July 7: Drive to Midland, TX (190 miles) and tour of The Petroleum Museum & the Chaparral Car Museum.

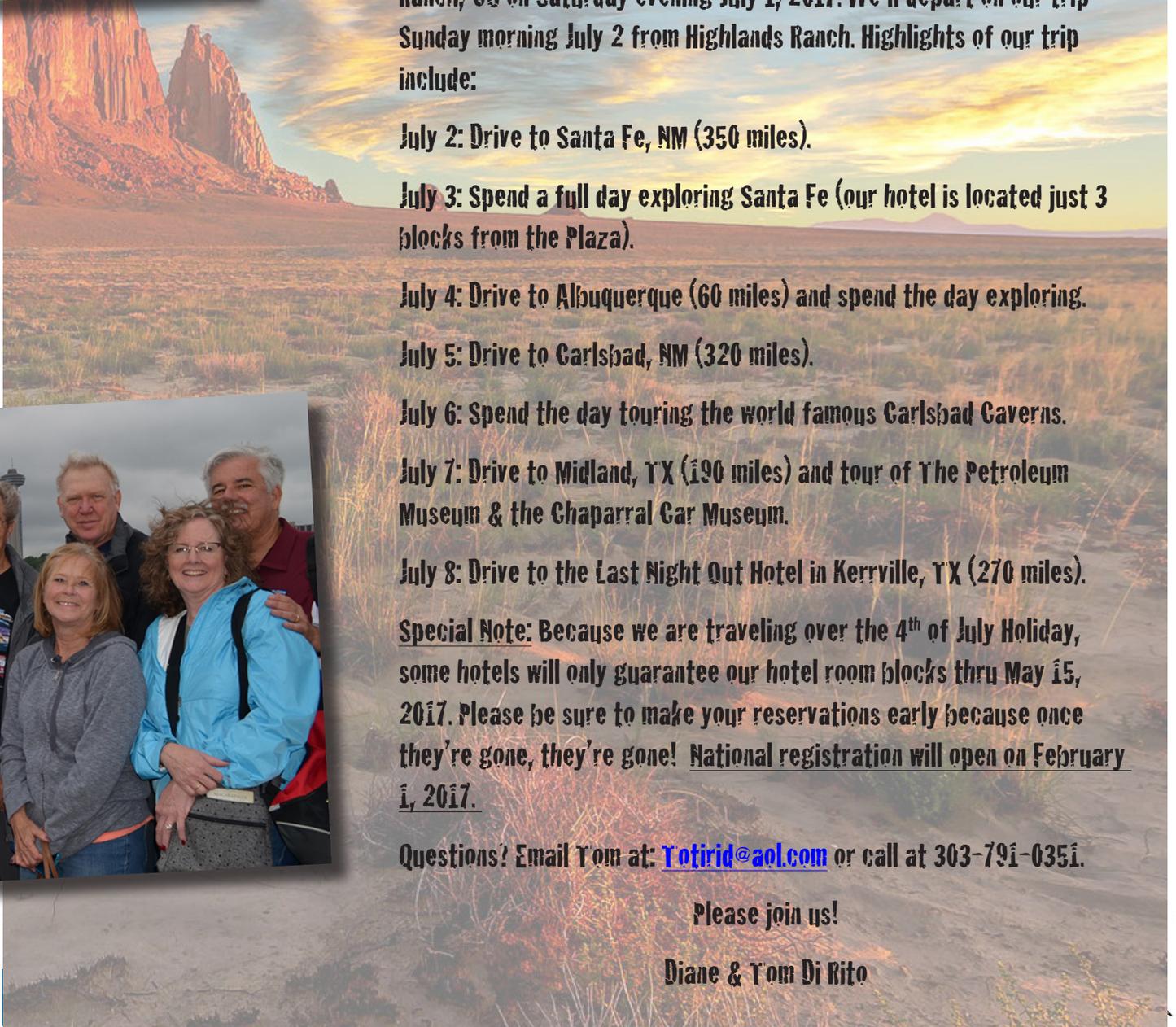
July 8: Drive to the Last Night Out Hotel in Kerrville, TX (270 miles).

Special Note: Because we are traveling over the 4th of July Holiday, some hotels will only guarantee our hotel room blocks thru May 15, 2017. Please be sure to make your reservations early because once they're gone, they're gone! National registration will open on February 1, 2017.

Questions? Email Tom at: Yotirid@aol.com or call at 303-791-0351.

Please join us!

Diane & Tom Di Rito





Editor's Corner
By Dennis Dalton

I will hopefully complete my founder's Award...

I will hopefully complete my Founders Award this summer by completeing the National road trip rquirement and getting an ops check at the national. My 94 LT1 did not complete the road trip in the summer of 2015 due to transmission problems. That problem has been fixed but the ops check is now my biggest concern.

The courtesu lights were flashing on and off intermittently as were the door locks. The problem appeared to be the door jam switch which is located at the bottom outer edge of the door panel in the door, not the jam. I discovered that if I squeezed on the door with my arm to pull it tight when it was closed the security light would go off on the dash.

These switches appear to have an adjustment function noted by the arrow in the picture on the right. Notice the very small slot. My door jam button somehow worked it's way down to where it was flush with its base and closing the door did not close the circuit completely. That slot is there to insert a small hook tool to pull the button back out if it is all the way down to the bottom, as mine was. Closing the door then adjusts the button to its proper position.

I had pulled all of the fuses connected to the courtesy lights until I could figure out how the switch works. When i fixed the switch and put fuses back in, the courtesy lights under the dash would still not work.

I think I will just go to work on the windshield wiper motor for my C2 instead.



C4 Door Jam Switch







I wrapped up the books on 2016...

Calendar year 2016 is in the rear view mirror and we're waiting out the current snow storm to get together and celebrate at the 2017 RMC Holiday Party set for Mt. Vernon Country Club this weekend! I wrapped up the books on 2016 and I'm providing our 2016 P&L plus our year-end balance sheet here.

We're in solid financial condition with cash on hand of roughly \$23K. The lions' share of membership renewals have been collected, but straggler transactions are still coming in. So, cash on hand continues to rise modestly.

by Jack Humphrey
RMC Treasurer

Include our merchandise inventory of \$5300 and we're a tad over \$28K in the black financially.

Turn to the profit and loss statement and you'll see we lost money in 2016 to the tune of roughly \$1700. Actually, that's pretty good and an expected outcome. Why?

Well, we ARE a non-profit institution and we try to run a ship that's either revenue neutral or slightly unprofitable. Where did we lose money? Look at the revenue component of our annual holiday party and then compare the party expense line. For the 2016 period, we lost roughly \$1200 on this event.

But, that was expected. The club deficit funds the annual holiday party which is our way of saying 'thanks' to the membership for their support. Bottom line, that's explains almost all of the 2016 financial deficit. It's in the off years when we host Regional and National events that we become profitable and put money in the bank...

Things to do in the near future include, filing our IRS 990N tax form for 2016, getting with the bank to remove Mr. Pobuda as President and account signator and replace him with Mr. Reiff, and finally pulling together and submitting the chapter's 2016 annual report to NCRS National.

Rocky Mountain Chapter - NCRS Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2016

	Dec 31, 16
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
Checking	2,845.61
PayPal	48.25
Savings	20,002.01
Total Checking/Savings	22,895.87
Total Current Assets	22,895.87
Other Assets	
Merchandise Inventory	5,308.93
Total Other Assets	5,308.93
TOTAL ASSETS	28,204.80
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	10,446.68
Retained Earnings	19,474.60
Net Income	-1,716.48
Total Equity	28,204.80
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	28,204.80

Rocky Mountain Chapter - NCRS
Profit & Loss
 January through December 2016

	Jan - Dec 16
Income	
Dues	2,060.00
Event Income	
Chapter Meet Income	
Flight Judging Fee	700.00
Registration Fees	80.00
Sportsman Fee	100.00
Total Chapter Meet Income	880.00
Holiday Party Income	1,300.00
Total Event Income	2,180.00
Other Income	
Interest Income	6.38
Merchandise Sales	758.50
Total Other Income	764.88
Total Income	5,004.88
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	
Inventory Adjustment	276.81
Cost of Goods Sold - Other	517.10
Total Cost of Goods Sold	793.91
Total COGS	793.91
Gross Profit	4,210.97
Expense	
Dues Related Expense	
Supplies	229.68
Dues Related Expense - Other	10.00
Total Dues Related Expense	239.68
Event Expense	
Chapter Meet Expense	
Food & Beverage	491.41
Misc Judging Expenses	96.46
Total Chapter Meet Expense	587.87
Holiday Party Expense	2,427.12
Total Event Expense	3,014.99
Other Expense	
Accounting Services	40.00
Charity	500.00
Compensation Item	167.06
Food & Beverage	1,103.02
Freight	51.57
Gifts Given	188.16
Judging General Expense	236.58
Licenses & Permits	10.00
Merchandise Expense	7.65
Office Expenses	74.11
Other	95.00
PayPal Fees	130.26
Sales Tax Merchandise	69.37
Total Other Expenses	2672.78
Total	5927.45
Net Income	-1716.48

New RMC Merchandise Available

As presented at the Chapter Meeting on 10/15/15, your RMC has new merchandise available. This includes: Heather Charcoal Ring Spun Short Sleeve T-Shirts (Pic 1); Black Heather Silk Touch Long Sleeve T-Shirts (Pic 2); Blue Silk Touch Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (Pic 3); Royal Blue Long Sleeve Sweatshirts (Pic 4). All of this merchandise is available in all sizes. Also, we have replenished the inventory of several of our popular items such as the Chambray Shirts with embroidered pockets and Black Short Sleeve T-Shirts with embroidered pockets. Prices are shown in the attached Merchandise Inventory. Contact Pete LeClair to order items. It's easiest to deliver merchandise at Chapter events, the next one being the Judging Meet on 11/12/16.

Pete LeClair
Merchandise

Item	Value	Color
2015 National Cooler	\$10.00	Blue
Aprons	\$15.00	
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Red/Navy
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Black/Black
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Blue/Navy
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Red/Navy
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Black/Black
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Blue/Navy
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Red
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Blue
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Black
Hats	\$15.00	Black
Hats	\$15.00	Black/Red
Hats	\$15.00	Brown
Hats	\$15.00	Beige
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Green
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Black
Hat Pins	\$3.00	
Pocket Knife	\$5.00	
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Red
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Blue
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	White
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve - Silk Touch (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Blue
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve - Silk touch (XXL - XXXL)	\$30.00	Blue
Subtotal Polo Shirts		
RMC Window Sticker	\$2.00	

Chambray Shirt (SM - XL)	\$35.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$40.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt -Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Denim
Shopcoats - 38R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 40R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 42R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 52R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 54R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 56R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 58R	\$35.00	
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$25.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Royal Blue
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$25.00	Royal Blue
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (SM - XL)	\$15.00	Black
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (XXL - XXXL)	\$20.00	Black
T-Shirts - Short Sleeve -Stenciled	\$10.00	Gray
T-Shirts -Ring Spun SS -Stenciled (SM - XL)	\$10.00	Heather Charcoal
T-Shirts - Ring Spun SS -Stenciled (XXL - XXXL)	\$15.00	Heather Charcoal
T-Shirts - Silk Touch LS -Stenciled (SM - XL)	\$15.00	Black Heather
T-Shirts - Silk Touch LS -Stenciled (XXL - XXXL)	\$18.00	Black Heather



Pic. 3



Pic. 1



Pic. 4



Pic. 2

Tech Session at Corvette City Saturday December 17, 2017





Car of the Month

1961 CORVETTE

Owned by Ralph Ridge



I have owned this car for almost twenty years and it has quite a story over that period of time. It is an original Fuel Injected car that I restored to NCRS standards. It achieved an NCRS Top Flight award in 1998. In 1999 I drove the car to a NCRS regional meet in Zion, UT and then to the NCRS national meet in Sun Valley, ID where I achieved the Founders Award.

The car has subsequently been driven to NCRS national conventions in Galveston, TX, Monterey, CA, Hershey, PA, Charlotte, NC, Hampton, VA and Novi, MI. For the road trip to Novi, this car was selected to represent the year of the '61 on the convention t-shirts.

During the various road trips, I have had the opportunity to drive the car on the Texas Motor Speedway, Laguna Seca, Road America and the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

In 2005 this car was also selected to represent the '61 on the Motorama II tour organized by the Corvette Museum and sponsored by GM. It was on the road returning from Hampton, VA that the car was rear ended by a semi and totaled. I was able to retain the car after the insurance settlement and am in the process of restoring the car as a resto rod. It will have a tube chassis with '93 Corvette suspension. The engine is a GM Ram Jet 350 crate motor and the transmission is a Tremec 5 speed. The rear end is getting a special treatment with six tail light with LED lights and sequential flashers. There will also be some other unique changes to the car as it will never be original again.

The car is in the CARS body shop in Colorado Springs right now and should be painted by the end of January. I hope to have it on the road by late spring. I am considering naming the car "Phoenix" as it has risen from the ashes.

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