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Jan. 6

Holiday Party

Feb. 17

**Tech session, advanced
home plating**

March 16

Judging School



Chairman's Report
By Rick Reiff

Happy New Year Rocky Mountain Chapter!

Looking back, on October 21, 2023, we had a Board of Directors (BoD) meeting which included the following Chapter business: (1) plans for monthly activities in 2024 were made (refer to the Chapter website and newsletter for upcoming activities); (2) with a significant increase in the annual dues for membership in the National Corvette Museum, we decided to not renew our membership for 2024;

(3) approval to issue the \$500 donation to Tall Tales Ranch, the Chapter's charity; and (4) given the amount of extra bookkeeping and reporting required to participate in the NCRS Top Flight Chapter Program, the BoD decided to forego participation in program in 2024. As always, Chapter members are welcome to sit in on BoD meetings, the next of which will take place at 9:00 A.M. on February 17th prior to the tech session at Corvette City.

With the ringing in of 2024 new year comes new RMC BoD terms. Those starting a two-year term are Jeff Roth as Vice Chairman, Martin Egan as Judging Chair, Jack Humphrey as Treasurer, Dirk Gaddis as Activities Chair, and Eckhard Pobuda as Merchandise Chair. Those BoD members whose terms end in December 2024 are Dennis Dalton (Newsletter Editor), Steve Beatty (Membership), Jerry Fearn (Secretary) and yours truly (Chairman). In April we will be electing RMC members to fill these positions that start a two-year term in January 2025. We can always use new input perspectives to the BoD and if you are interested in helping with the Chapter's operations, please reach out to me or any of the other BoD members. I hope you had a wonderful holiday season and look forward to seeing a lot of you at the holiday party in January.

Cheers!

Rick Reiff



During the chapter visit to Lowrey Air museum last December, Jack Humphrey snapped a picture of Santa's arrival by helicopter.





Editor's Corner
By Dennis Dalton



RMC 2024 Holiday Party
[Rocky Mountain Chapter](#)
January 6, 2024

Florida 45th Winter Regional
January 17 - 20, 2024

Hoods C1-C5 (Virtual Judging School)
[Heart of Ohio Chapter](#)
January 27, 2024

Prejudging 1967 convertible (Judging School)
[Carolinas Chapter](#)
February 17, 2024

I want to congratulate everyone on the board for their continued efforts.

I mentioned in the last nesletter we had received the Golden Quill award for 2022. This award is applied for in January after the year completed. The announcements are in March or April and the certificate finally appeared in my mailbox this week. I want to congratulate everyone on the board for their continued efforts to contribute to the club and this newsletter. I would like to take the time to really encourage anyone with a story or anecdote, not necessarily technical in nature to forward their thoughts to me . If you would like me to visit with you and take pictures of a car you have or a how-to project with a story, I would be glad to do that. I know others in the club would be interested in reading about it. The human interest stories is what makes the newsletter newsworthy.

Mark Tulley has requested that all editors include local, regional and national upcoming events in our local newsletters. So here goes the first inclusion. I have taken this information from the national web site events calendar. I have abreviated and standardized the information I found there. If you are interested in any further information on any event I would encourage you to go to the national site or the individual chapter web sites for more details. I have only included the next 3 months events of January through March 2024, as that is the lifespan of this newsletter edition.

Local, Regional and National Events

SoCAL SPRING MEET 2024
[Southern California Chapter](#)
February 17, 2024

Door Panels, Hinges and Labels
www(Virtual Judging School)
[Indiana Chapter](#)
February 17, 2024

2024 NCC Spring Judging Meet
[Northern California Chapter](#)
March 1 - 2, 2024

LA Chapter Spring Judging Meet
[Louisiana Chapter](#)
March 2, 2024

2024 National Judging Retreat
March 14 - 17, 2024

Southeast NCRS Spring Meet
[Southeast Chapter](#)
March 15 - 16, 2024

Spring Flight Judging Meet
[Carolinas Chapter](#)
March 22 - 23, 2024



Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future event/meeting.



Membership and Top
Flight Chair Report
by Steve Beatty

At the time this report was issued (Dec 28th), our Chapter membership roster stood at 120 members, which includes 29 members who have not renewed for 2024. The names of new members that have recently joined and their Corvette ownership include:

David Diehl 1958
William Piper 1960, 1963, 1964, & 1971

Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future event/meeting. The 2024 RMC membership dues

notices were sent out in November. Many thanks to all who have already paid their dues, if you 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.forums.ncrs.org/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.

REMINDER, you must be a current member of National NCRS to be a member of RMC, so please check your national dues expiration date.

Updated RMC Chapter membership directories will be available on 2/1/2024 upon request by emailing me at stingraycpa@hotmail.com. Please keep in mind that the list is confidential and is NOT to be shared with non-members.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to meeting new members while participating in the upcoming 2024 events.

Steve Beatty
Membership Manager
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Judging Chairs Message
by Martin Egan

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year RMC members

Back in November we had a Judging School on Corvette paint which was presented by Tim Ehlers. Tim used Power Point slides and paper handouts for the Judging School. If you missed this School, you miss an interesting slide show on how the Corvettes were painted in the 60's at the Chevrolet plants back then.

We will again have a Judging School in March of 2024. More details to come so stay tuned. Save the wave.

Martin Egan 4320



This page: Jack Humphrey
addresses the multitude. Loaves
and fishes lunch was provided.

November 18th Judging School on C2 Corvette Factory Painting procedures.

This page: Tim Ehlers presenting the power point





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ASSEMBLY PLANT TOURS SUSPENDED

Suspended Tours Announcement

Due to manufacturing advancements, GM recently announced that the tours will be suspended beginning Monday, February 5, 2024. At this time, there is no confirmation date for plant tour resumption. As more information is made available, it will be shared by the Museum.

The Museum will remain open to the public and continue regular operations. To reserve a tour "spot" through Friday, February 2, 2024, contact the Museum online at corvettemuseum.org. Tour scheduling will take place at the time of purchase. At this time, plant tours can only be booked through December 2023.

Tour History

While attending Washington University in St. Louis in the late 1950s and early 1960s, I frequently toured the Corvette Assembly Plant. During his early years with GM, Wilmer Cooksey, Jr. (Wil) worked in the St. Louis plant and was aware of the impact the tours had on Corvette enthusiasts. After the Corvette assembly plant moved to Kentucky in 1982, Wil, the Bowling Green Assembly Plant (BGAP) manager from February 1993 to March 2008, resumed them. Over the years, the BGAP tours became extremely popular. Initially, tours were booked directly with BGAP and conducted by Western Kentucky University students. The NCM took over booking the tours for the plant, using Corvette plant retirees as guides.

In 2017, plant tours were suspended due to renovations that significantly altered the facility; the Covid epidemic extended the suspension. After a 5 - year hiatus, plant manager Kai Spande announced at the September 2022 NCM's Annual Birthday Celebration that tours were again open to the public as of November 1, 2022.

NCM INSURANCE

Some NCRS-RMC members insure their Corvettes through the NCM. A range of mileage options, 1,000, 3,000 or 6,000 mileage tiers are offered to align with specific driving requirements. Any unused miles are carried over from year to year.

If you are planning to attend the NCM's Labor Day 2024 Annual Birthday Celebration, and drive your NCM insured Corvette, be aware

that the mileage options are not being waived. In the past, it was rumored that the mileage restrictions would be waived, but this is not true. I contacted Adam Boca, NCM Insurance Director, about the rumor. He said the options would not be waived. Because a round trip journey between Colorado and the NCM is between 2,500 and 3,000 miles, you should choose the correct mileage option before beginning your trip.

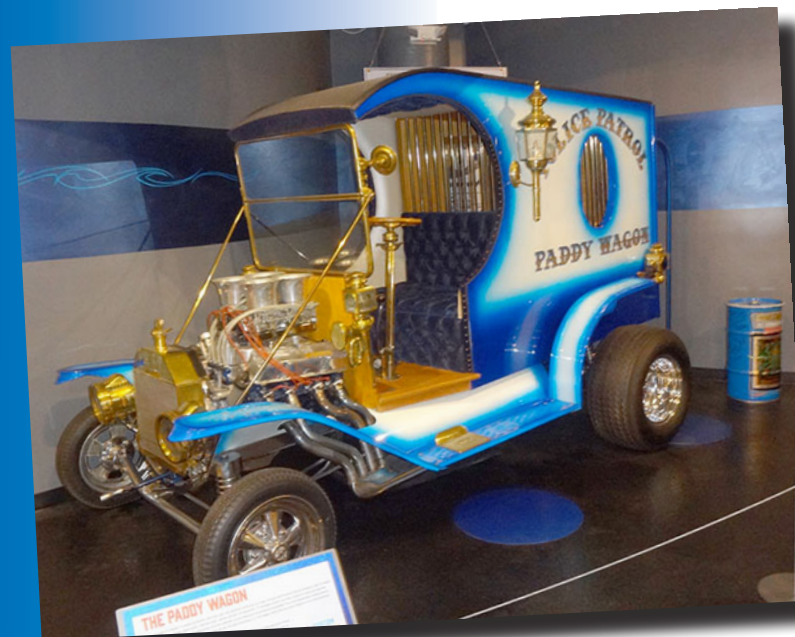
FYI: One local Corvette Club member with a new Corvette tried to initially insure the C8 for the agreed upon value option. The NCM insurance representative said it could not be done for 6 months. Adam Boca told me that the waiting period for the collector car insurance market is typically 1 year. The NCM was able to convince the carrier allow the NCM to change waiting period to 6 months. There are several reasons for this.

- Insurance Fraud - by locking in the purchase price the chance of someone taking advantage of the insurance policy is minimized.
- Long Term Inflated Value - the longer the car is produced the softer the market becomes. The C8 values are stabilizing with over 100,000 cars produced.
- Total Loss - the insurance market right now is upside down partially due to inflation. If the vehicle is over insured and a total loss occurs, the insurance carrier would pay out more than it took in.
- Remember, an agreement takes 2 parties. If the agent does not agree with the value requested, the option will not be written. If market can substantiate the requested value, the option can be written.

CARL CASPER CUSTOM CARISMA EXHIBIT

The Carl Casper Custom Carisma Exhibit closed on December 31, 2023. I highlighted 5 of the Casper cars in the 2023 4TH Quarter issue. In this issue, I have included 4 photos of the remaining cars in the exhibit.

This custom built Model T is a fan favorite at Carl's auto shows. Body, paint, and upholstery were all done by Carl. He hand-built the wood body, and combined it with 1910 Model T fenders, running boards, splash panels, solid brass lights, radiator and trim. Carl painted the 7-ft, 6-inch tall highly styled C-cab with a mixture of ice blue and indigo blue translucent acrylic lacquers. The custom woodworking continued into the prisoners' compartment so even the



bad boys would enjoy the ride. The high-performance 427 Ford engine is fed by 4, four-barrel carburetors.

Carl drove the Paddy Wagon to the first major event at the Dells in Wisconsin in 1969. It was a tremendous hit at the 1970 NHRA Indy Nationals where it took on the duty as the push car for Carl's record setting AA/FD Young American dragster

Carl Casper's Paddy Wagon

Carl Casper's "Young American" Dragster



Young American

Casper sought to conquer the dragstrip in addition to creating show cars. He built four dragsters including the Young American, a champion that held numerous NHRA and AHRA records in 1970 and 1971. Carl handled the design and gave the Young American the red, white, and blue paint theme and upholstery. The dragster was powered by a super 426 hemi with a 671 GMC supercharger, Cragar blower drive, Enderle fuel injection, Cyclone headers, and a Mallory magneto igniti



Carl Casper's 1951 Mercury "Knight Cruiser"

Knight Cruiser

While still in high school, Carl transformed his 1951 Chevy into an NHRA National Championship-winning daily driver that he called the Exotic Express. He became one of the founding fathers of the Custom Car culture movement in the 1950's and 1960's.

The Knight Cruiser, a sensational full custom "all metal" 1951 Mercury is just one of the many examples of the true, genuine 1950's era street cruisers. Carl added three Rochester two-barrel carburetors to the engine. He painted the car himself with purple candy color, highlighting all the custom work with his striking, multi-colored scallops, making Casper's Knight Cruiser a stunning example of the Custom Car era.

Carl Casper's "Popcorn Wagon"



Popcorn Wagon

The tremendous popularity of Casper's Popcorn Wagon ignited record sales in the model car industry. Carl was inspired from the 1904 horse-drawn popcorn wagon invented by Charles Cretor. Carl's horsepower came from a 428 high-performance Ford engine with two-stage twin 671 GMC superchargers, Cragar drive and custom headers. The walnut body was sealed and painted by Carl and trimmed with antique brass scrolls. The chassis utilized a 1967 Corvette rear suspension with Corvette disc brakes.

The popcorn Wagon is fully functional and actually makes movie theatre quality popcorn. Carl would offer free samples to fans coming to his auto shows.

NCM SCHEDULED EVENTS FOR 2024

If you are planning a visit to the Museum in 2024, you may want to take in one or more of the scheduled events. The NCM recently published it's scheduled 2024 on-site events and exhibits.

EXHIBITS

March 15 Through December 31, 2024: Luster-Realism and Hyperreal-ism in Contemporary Automobile and Motorcycle Painting traveling exhibit comprised of over 55 paintings by nearly 15 of today's artists.

June, 2024: Ground to Sky – the February 12, 2014 Sinkhole Re-imagined. The Cave-In exhibit includes documents, moments, machines and memories of that day.

October 2024: An American Love Affair. Pop Culture and the Corvette includes new Corvettes, artifacts, and displays in the Skydome.

On-Site Events

April 25 – 27, 2024: Annual Michelin Bash (First On-Site event for 2024)

May 1 - 31, 2024: Military Appreciation Month sponsored by Mobil 1. This event included the Vets 'n Vettes event, which began on 2008 and held on Veteran's Day until last year.

August 29 – 31, 2024: 30TH Anniversary Birthday Celebration including the 26TH Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies. Caravans from all over will be converging on the Museum.

Note: If you insure your Corvette through the NCM, buy raffle tickets, become a member or renew your membership, or attend a Museum event, please let me know at a meeting or by e-mail. Thanks.

**October 21
tech session:
Clutches
and harmonic
balancers**

*Presented by Dirk Gaddis and
Gary Steffens*





Merchandise
By Eckhard Pobuda

We now have most sizes of the heather gray ring spun t-shirts, blue silk touch polo shirts, royal blue sweatshirts, gray sweatshirts with embroidered logos. 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.

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Item	Value	Color
2015 National Cooler	\$10.00	Blue
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	\$30.00	Black
Hats	\$30.00	Black/Red
Hats	\$30.00	Brown
Hats	\$30.00	Beige
Hats	\$30.00	Beige/Green
Hats	\$30.00	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



Polo Shirt

Chambray Shirt (SM - XL)	\$35.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$40.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt -Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Denim
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$40.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$45.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$40.00	Royal Blue
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$45.00	Royal Blue
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (SM - XL)	\$30.00	Black
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (XXL - XXXL)	\$35.00	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



Sweatshirt



T-Shirt



Long Sleeve T-Shirt

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For Sale

1991 ZR-1 Rare Steel Blue Metallic with blue interior. New injectors, coils, plugs and wires. New radiator. 3k miles on tires. Borla Exhaust. K & N Air filter. Custom show sign and Wolf car cover Owners Manual. Nice well maintained driver. NCRS owner for 20 years. 88k miles \$24,500 OBO Steve Beatty, Phone: (720) 501-8668, Email: stingraycpa@hotmail.com, Member #29095



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