

High Plains Shifter

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Chairman's Report
By Rick Reiff

We had a good start for 2011 with our annual holiday party which for this year was held at Mt. Vernon Country Club. As always, we had a white elephant gift exchange and everyone enjoyed the mystery associated with finding out what was under the gift wrapping.

We also had a Judging School in January led by our Judging Chairman, Jack Humphrey and had a lively discussion regarding the different NCRS awards and what is involved with each. Thanks Jack for another interesting Judging School.

On February 2nd I represented the Rocky Mt.

Chapter at the LeMay – America's Car Museum in Lakewood. The purpose of the meeting was to explore how the various car clubs in the area can unite and bring together the collective power as an organization to help all car clubs. There were several clubs represented, including Mustang, MG, Porsche, Ferrari, Looking Glass, Cadillac, and many more. It is an interesting venue and I'll discuss the membership requirements/benefits with the RMC Board to see if we are interested in joining.

The February get together was at the Forney Museum. I was out of town and unable to attend, however I heard we had a good turnout.

The Chapter Annual Meeting and Board Elections will take place in April. At that time we will vote for the following RMC Board positions: Vice Chairman, Judging Chairman, Treasurer, and Merchandise. At the March Tech Session I will ask for nominations for these four positions and will distribute the ballot to the RMC membership prior to the Annual Meeting in April. So, if you are interested in helping the Chapter run and having a voice in what we do and how we do it, please consider running for a Board position (even if you are new to the Chapter).

Hang in there – spring is around the corner. Hope to see you in March.

Rick Reiff
Chairman

RMC Schedule of Events

March

March 19th
11am Tech session
Front suspension
with Jim Hilton

April

April 16
Annual Business Meeting
9am RMC Board
11am General Members

Annual Holiday Party at the Mt. Vernon Country Club





Vice Chair Report

By John Marsico

I thought it would be appropriate for my report to give the membership an update on our charity. As I'm sure most of you know, our charity for 2011 is the 9Health Fair. We not only donate financially to this cause, but we also provide volunteer power staffing the telephone lines during the Spring Fair. I am including a brief history of the event for those newer members who may not be familiar with the 9Health Fair's development.

9Health Fair Mission: To promote health awareness and to encourage individuals to assume responsibility for their health.

In the late 1970's, John F. Brensike, a physician conducting heart disease research at the National Institutes of Health in Washington, D.C., became involved in cholesterol screenings. As he traveled the country, he observed a high level of interest from communities to provide screening services. However, he noted that few screenings were available and the quality varied. But more importantly, he noted that there was no mechanism to provide health education and medical follow-up to the community. From there, Dr. Brensike started the National Health Screening Council for

Volunteer Organizations (NHSCVO) as a means of promoting preventative health maintenance. Through this organization, the health fair concept was born. The idea was presented by NHSCVO to interested communities across the country. In Colorado, NHSCVO approached Al Flanagan, then president of KBTB Channel 9 in Denver, now 9NEWS. The television station recognized this effort's value to the community and agreed to provide both financial and media support to help launch the first health fair.

In 1980, along with support from hundreds of medical and non-medical volunteers, the Lions Clubs of Colorado and the Colorado National Guard, the first 9Health Fair was staged. To this day, all three groups remain steadfast in their important roles with the 9Health Fair as important in-kind sponsors.

In 1987, 9Health Fair became a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. With the sole mission of promoting health awareness and encouraging individuals to assume responsibility for their own health, and because of the support of 19,000 statewide volunteers, 9Health Fair has helped save thousands of lives by providing free and low-cost health awareness and educational screenings. To date, 9Health Fair is the only program of its magnitude and that has become a community institution as a result of the NHSCVO initiative. Since inception, 9Health Fair has impacted over 1.7 million individuals

The Spring Fair is just around the corner and I will once again be looking for volunteers to staff the hot line at the Channel 9 studio in April. If this peaks your interest, please email me to get

your name on the list. My email address is jmarsico@frii.com. If you prefer, you can also call me at 303-421-6973. Please leave a message if I am not in and I'll return your call.

Hope to see some of you staffing the hot line.



RMC Judging Chairman Report

By Jack Humphrey

Happy New Year! We survived our holiday party, the ski resorts are open and the days are getting longer now. This report will be brief as there's not much judging action taking place.

January School

In January I finished the 2-part judging school I kicked off last September. The focus was on the new 8th Edition of the NCRS Corvette Judging Reference Manual. We covered the second half of the book; essentially a primer on the club's various award/recognition programs. Those who attended have been turned in for credit. Both the school and credits have been approved. You should now see your judging points updated with this event when you view your on-line profile.

One issue was left open and I'll close



that out now. Ralph Ridge asked a question about the Sportsman Award. Specifically, he asked whether those NCRS members with more than one Corvette in their stable could mix & match the use of their cars for earned points to achieve the award. My initial take, based on the specific text of the Sportsman Award's purpose/description and requirements sections was negative. The English language used consistently refers to the Corvette in the singular form. That suggests, a member may only participate in the Sportsman Award with a single car from his/her stable... It turns out that interpretation is NOT true! Had either of us read further, we would have discovered award framers had already considered this aspect and ruled favorably on the member's ability to mix and match car usage. Specifically, provision E of the Requirements section reads:

“May accumulate points with the same Corvette or with different Corvettes”

The requirement that the Corvette(s) actually be owned by the member survive with the new rule exception allowing member(s) residing outside North America to earn Sportsman points when he/she visits North America and borrows a qualified Corvette. This exception is specific and, apparently, does NOT apply to NCRS members who are North American residents who travel outside the North American Continent to participate in NCRS judging events held there.

Next Judging Event

I've heard from a few members who were confused about our judging event plans for 2011. I'll clarify. We have PERMANENTLY moved the annual chapter judging meet from the

spring to the fall in consideration of weather relief. There is NO meet on the schedule for the March/April time frame. Further, at our January Board of Directors meeting I proposed, and the Board approved, a schedule change for this fall. Currently, the club calendar slates a judging school for September (Saturday, the 17th) and a judging meet for October (Sunday, the 16th). These events have been effectively 'swapped'. Why? When we initially set our 2011 calendar, we didn't note there were two Regional meet events surrounding the October date we picked for our Chapter meet. The week before, there's a Regional set for California and the week after holds the Texas Regional. RMC folks have a history of attending both of these meet locations. So, to preclude a potential conflict, we exchanged the September judging school with the October chapter judging meet. Since our sponsor, Bozarth Chevrolet, actively works their service center on Saturdays, the exchange isn't exactly 1:1 on the calendar.

Mark your copy of the calendar for the chapter judging meet on Sunday, September 18th at Bozarth Chevrolet and pencil the judging school in on Saturday, October 15th at Corvette City. The official calendar on the RMC web site has already been updated.

2011 National Convention
Our volunteer labor to help NCRS National beta test the on-line registration system has paid off! The on-line registration software for this year's National Convention in Novi, Michigan when operational February 1st. I registered postage free, in approximately 5-minutes. I've also chatted with a few RMC members who reside outside North America and they expressed satisfaction with the on-line system. In the past, notice of the convention was all manual via the club's Driveline publication that's sent by US mail. This is a decided disadvantage to those club members who live literally an ocean away from us! For the first time, they were able to register for the National convention at the same time as us, remit payment electronically (with automatic currency conversion) and NOT be 'second tier citizens'... If you intend to go to the National and haven't registered yet, I encourage you to use the on-line system. It's the way of the future. Plus, once you've visited and navigated the on-line registration web site, the next meet you attend will be that much easier to register for! Steer your web browser to the NCRS National web site (www.ncrs.org) and click on any of the 2011 NCRS National Convention buttons that appear on the main page.





January 15th Judging School



Membership/Top Flight Chapter Award Report

By Bob Montgomery

Our annual membership renewal drive has wound down for the year. Membership in 2010 hit a high of 128. Renewals as of Feb 20 are at 106. I sent out reminders in mid January to those that had not renewed. If you had intended to renew but haven't yet, there is still time! The dues remain at \$20 per year and you can simply send a check to the chapter's PO box at:

NCRS RMC
PO Box 204
Morrison, CO 80465

As you know, we offered membership renewals via PayPal/Credit card for the 2011 renewals. Here are the statistics on checks vs. PayPal.

Renew by Check: 54

Renew by PayPal: 49

3 members had credit from last year.

If you would like a copy of the chapter 2010 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. I'll publish the 2011 roster in March.

The 2011 Top Flight Chapter Award program is off and running. Thanks for your outstanding support of the chapter over the past few years. As we roll into the New Year we start all over. Your attendance at chapter functions,

driving your Corvette to them and writing of technical articles to be published in this newsletter is what it takes to continue the long running record of awards.

Hoping for an early spring this year!

2011 NCRS RMC Calendar

The 2011 calendars are still available at chapter events and now by USPS mail. Get your copy(s) soon!

Prices: Pick up in person, \$10 each, 2 for 15
Have one or more sent to you by USPS, \$11.50 each or 2 for \$16. If you would like this option simply email or call me so I can get them in the mail to you. Checks or PayPal can be used for payment.

The price will reduce the more you buy!

All profit will be donated to the 9Health Fair, our chapter charity.

I am starting to collect pictures for the 2012 calendar now. If you have a good shot of a Corvette that you think is a good candidate please forward it to me by email or CD to our PO Box.

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Activities

By Eckhard Pabuda

January 8 we had our holiday party at the Mount Vernon Country Club. Everyone had a great time surrounded by good friends, the club's excellent, plentiful cuisine, and safe roads (whew). Our gift exchange was presided over by Lisa Racz as only she can do it. On Jan 15 Jack put on one of his informative judging schools, reviewing and updating us on various NCRS awards which are outlined in the current judging reference manual.

On February 19th, thirty of us including spouses and kids visited the Forney Transportation Museum. Following our 2 hour self guided tour many of us had lunch together at Jake's Food and Spirits, a friendly place nearby where no one goes home hungry. Thanks to John Marsico for all the pictures taken and the fun we had posing for them.

On March 19 Jim Hilton will give a tech session on Corvette front end work, springs and ball joints.

April 16 is our annual business meeting where we will discuss plans for the chapter and hold elections for available board positions. Please plan to attend and cast your votes.

Looking ahead we are planning a road trip to Canon City on May 21. Several options for this trip will be discussed in future meetings.



Editor's Corner
By Dennis Dalton

I have redesigned the newsletter beginning with this issue. You will find that noted events for the upcoming two months (in this issue, March and April) will be featured on the front page. Eckhard will still have his activities article explaining the events elsewhere in the newsletter. Also, the emails and telephone numbers of all board members has been moved to the end of the newsletter. Additionally, there is more flexibility in design and the ability to include larger pictures and to vary the format. We (your board members) want you represented and to participate...it's your club. We will be including photos of all our events, outings, judging schools and tech sessions featuring as many members as we can. This should give you a good idea of what you missed if you couldn't attend.

The photos in this issue from the Forney Museum were contributed by John Marsico. If anyone who attends these functions wants to take pictures, please send them to me and I will include them in the newsletter. There is no need to write any article or captions with them.

We only have one technical article for the year so far. Remember, even if you just wash and wax your car and drive it, you probably have an experience or anecdote to share, or a small item that you replaced. These things are of interest to other club members! If you are short on time, I can help with your article; just send in a rough draft. The next deadline is April 25th.

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 1/4 page, \$40.00 for a 1/2 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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Membership Items for Sale

January 2011

Midyear suspension parts. Restored 9 leaf standard rear spring\$350 (see spring 2005 Driveline article on this spring restoration). One reproduction 7 leaf Heavy-Duty spring from America's Finest Corvettes used for product information article with correct retainer cups installed \$300 (article available on request).

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Forney Museum Visit



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\$35.00
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\$20.00
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\$30.00XL \$32.00
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Merchandise

By Wayne Pendley

REGIONAL

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Shirt	\$20.00
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