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April 20

Annual meeting and
swap meet

May 18

Museum tour site TBD

June 15

Road Tour



Chairman's Report
By Rick Reiff

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Hello Rocky Mountain Chapter!

As many of you know, the NCRS was founded back in March of 1974, making this year the 50th anniversary since seven guys in a bar in Angola, Indiana decided to form a "society" focused on the restoration and preservation of vintage Corvettes. Given this major milestone, this year's National Convention will have a display of American Heritage Award Corvettes and special events including a theme night to

celebrate the 70s (still have bellbottom pants or a leisure suit?). The National takes place in Hampton Roads, Virginia from August 4th through the 8th. For more information be sure to check the most recent Driveline or the NCRS website.

This month we are having our annual meeting and swap meet. The annual meeting is when we elect RMC Board of Directors for positions that start in January of the following year. You should have received the ballot for this year, which includes the following RMC members running to fill the associated positions; Dennis Dalton (Newsletter Editor), Steve Beatty (Membership), Jerry Fearn (Secretary), and yours truly (Chairman). These positions start a two-year term in January 2025. Please cast your vote either by mail, email, or bring it to the annual meeting, which will take place on April 20th at 11:00 at Corvette City. More information about the annual meeting and swap meet will be distributed via email prior to the meeting.

As I reported in a broadcast email in January, I notified the Chapter that longtime member Weldon Montgomery (Monty) had passed away. In that email, I had stated that Monty had become a Master Judge back in 2016, mostly from participating in Chapter Judging Meets, meaning he crawled under and around a significant number of Corvettes. There is a picture, courtesy of John Marsico, in this



Barrett Benson, RMC Ambassador
Nation Corvette Museum;
Photographer unknown April 2022



edition of Monte getting his “Black Hat” at the Chapter Meet in 2016. Back when we sold Chapter calendars, we used a picture Monty provided of his 1960 Corvette in our 2012 calendar, complete with snow tires and a ski rack in knee-high snow. Talk about a love for Corvettes!

Unfortunately, Monty isn’t the only recent RMC member to pass. In early February we received notice that Barrett Benson, our National Corvette Museum Ambassador, had recently passed away. Those of you who read this newsletter know much more about what has been going on at the NCM thanks to his well-written articles. Barrett was also the ambassador for the Colorado Springs Corvette Club, the Central Colorado Corvette Club, and the Down the Road Corvettes, a testament to his love of the Corvette. We coordinated with the Colorado Springs Corvette Club to purchase a brick at the NCM in memory of Barrett. Monty and Barrett will truly be missed. I hope to see you at the annual meeting on the 20th.

Best Regards,
Rick Reiff
Chairman

- 1. Monte and John Marsico at a chapter judging meet
- 2. Monte receiving his master judging hat
- 3. Monte at home 1960
- 4. Monte’s car after a snow storm
- 5. Barrett Benson Brick at the NCM



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



Membership and Top Flight Chair Report by Steve Beatty

Membership Manager Report

We have started the year with the following new member:
63235 Derek Cohn 1963

Please extend a welcome to Derek at a future meeting.
With these new member, our current membership is at 101 members.

REMINDER, you must be a current member of National NCRS to be a member of RMC.

A member’s NCRS membership expiration date can be found on the mailing label of the Driveline/Restorer. The NCRS has the capability to track RMC current year memberships +2 years, which currently is through the year 2025.

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 stingraycpa@hotmail.com. Please keep in mind that the list is confidential and is not to be shared with non-members.

Steve Beatty
Membership Manager
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Editor's Corner
By Dennis Dalton

Housekeeping Items

Golden Quill Award

Our newsletter: The High Plains Shifter has won the golden Quill Award again for 2023 in the National Intermediate Category, which is 13 to 24 pages. Thanks to everyone in the club who continues to contribute.

Youtubes

If you haven't heard, there is a new production of Youtubes sanctioned by the NCRS called : NCRS Insider. It is narrated by Steve Thesier featuring subjects of interest to judges, restorers and those just interested in the NCRS Club. It began on January first and is produced on the 1st and 15th of the month. Currently it will continue for 27 episodes. There are 8 on Youtube so far, but maybe he isn't counting the intro episode since it is not April 15th yet. Although it will be by the time you read this.

NCRS Calendar of Events

April 26	Crystal River, Florida	Florida Chapter Meet
April 27	Marysville, Ohio	Heart of Ohio Chapter Meet
April 27	Meridian, Ohio	Intermountain Chapter Meet
April 27	Manchester, Missouri	St. Louis Chapter Meet
May 2-4	Cedar Rapids, Iowa	Heartland Regional
May 10	Wappingers Falls, New York	Adirondack Chapter
May 17	Pontiac, Illinois	Illinois Chapter Meet
May 19	TBA	Metro Long Island Chapter Meet
May 31-June 1	Marlborough, Mass	New England Regional
June 7	Latrobe, Pennsylvania	Pittsburgh Chapter Meet
June 8	Antioch, Illinois	Wisconsin Chapter Meet
June 21	Markham, Ontario, Canada	Ontario Chapter Meet

I wrote the following article on the opposite page for the March/April Issue in 2010. For people just joining the club, it is very hard to determine original parts on C1, C2 and C3's since a 1980's reproduction part is now 40 years old and in some ways, looks original, especially in the Finish. Since there are a few people in the club with "old" original owner cars and/or close to it, certain archival findings are of interest, A case in point: were the cardboard panels behind my seats in my 66. They are supposed to be screwed on. So I wrote the following.....



2022 award shown. 2023 award is in the mail. ED



That Panel is Sposta Have a Screw in There!

I was looking through some of my books on Corvettes and came across "Corvette Restoration, State of the Art" by Michael Antonick published by Micheal Bruce Associates, Inc. 1981. I didn't check, but it is probably still offered for sale in the back of the Driveline. The book covers the restoration of an original 1965 coupe by Dave Burroughs. I had forgotten that Dave was the main force behind the National Corvette Certification Board which became Bloomington Concourse judging in 1978. His mantra was "The way it was... not the way we wished it was". This got me to thinking as I (we) always run across a precipice or maybe just a crack in the sidewalk, when restoring (or preserving) our cars. What to do with this part, replace it or save it. Was this really the way they put this together or did somebody before me switch this around? How will it be judged? Will I lost points keeping it original..if we're sure it is? We have all been cautioned (or at least I have) to leave it alone.

If you own an original car, meaning you bought it new, your decisions may be fairly simple, maybe. On the other hand, there are many things that happened to these older cars that happened at the factory and didn't happen to yours. If you bought it from someone else, and you are not the original owner, knowledge and experience is your only guide. That is where the judging system and being involved in that system is one of the best deals around for someone wishing to learn about every abnormality GM employees could cook up. That is what makes this hobby interesting.

Having just finished assembling the rolling chassis on my 66 I began in earnest to examine my interior pieces. The cardboard side panels behind the seats on my coupe were on my bench and I noticed something weird. Now this is one of those decisions where I believe that these are original even though anything could have happened in the five years before I bought this car. I noticed there was no hole or screw put through the cardboard where it is attached at the bottom (you can see an indentation where it should have been). There is a bracket down there for a screw. The back reveals the embossed area where the screw should come through. I don't know for sure, but I was told that the reproduction panels do not bother with this recess. (who would?)

This got me to thinking about Dave's mantra: "The way it was.. not the way we wished it was." Easy answer, I'm not putting a hole (and a screw) in there. A mere crack in the sidewalk. Go ahead, tell me: "hey pal that panel is sposta..."



For Sale



Sample file model car...not
Fred's. ED

Fellow Members:
I have 20 1/24th scale
Corvette models from
the Franklin and Dan-
berry Mint I am sell-
ing. I will bring them
to the swap meet.
All models are mint.
All are in original
shipping materials
with literature, except
the 1953 model.
Wholesale was \$100.
Selling each for \$50.

Fred Koenig
970-669-8616

Corvette Models for Sale

Year	Color	Body type
53	white	conv.
68	blue	T top
54	red	conv.
69	orange	T top
55	blue	conv.
75	yellow	conv.
56	turq/wh	HT
78	grey	H top
57	red	conv.
82	red	H top
58	blk/sil	HT
84	blue	conv.
59	red/wh	conv.
86	yellow	conv.
62	red	HT
88	white	T top
63	red	coupe
93	maroon	T top
67	blk	HT
97	red	T top

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,

For Sale



Photos by Guy McMann



For Sale

BendPak 4 post lift model HD-9xw 9000 lb. capacity. Mobile caster set. Rolling bridge, jack with hydraulic foot pump. \$3500.00

Jeff Roth 303-517-7095

1954 Corvette: Beautiful white on red body off restored car in Aurora, Colorado. Born May 3rd. Mainly a driver but never judged. Has a 235 (911 block) engine bored 30 over. All engine parts restored. Many but not all numbers match. The engine is a F54Z out of a 54 Belair with all the 54 Corvette goodies on it. VIN 2468. Beautiful paint job and the panel gapping is excellent. Has dual pot air cleaner and all gauges restored and working. New wiring harness and excellent chrome. Re-cored radiator and heater core. All new suspension parts. All new rubber. \$3000 invested in radio alone. Has NOS hubcaps on it, even saved the boxes. I have the ignition shielding. Has less than 1000 miles since started back up. Have the original 241 (C) head restored and bagged. Many pictures taken during restoration. Has a beautiful frame with no rust. VIN stamped twice on top rail. This was an Arizona car many years ago. Top bows restored by Sully with new canvas top. Restored side curtains by Newsome. Appraised in 2017 at 89,900. All lights work. I started restoration in 94. Runs good and shifts strong. \$79,000

Email Guy McMann at gmcman@jeffco.us for an appointment.

Greetings Fellow Members

I am Randy Hamlett I have been a NCRS member since the late 70's (member #3006). I joined the Rocky Mountain chapter once we moved up to Aurora in 2017. I have a business Run Yesterdays Corvette Co. that I run out of my house. I am filling big shoes in taking over Eck`s job of Merchandise sales for the club. We have a good selection of tee shirts and hats that will be on display at our upcoming meeting and swap meet April 20th. at Corvette City. Please come see me.

Thanks Randy Hamlett
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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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