

# High Plains Shifter

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## Chairman's Message

By Rick Reiff

Hello Rocky Mountain Chapter:

Summer is now in full swing and the National Convention is just around the corner. We had a great showing and time with our "show-n-shine" and tech session at Bozarth in June. The Chapter presented the dealership with a sponsor appreciation plaque and Bozarth continued providing goodwill, this time in the form of hotdogs and associated trimmings for lunch. The tech session was "tips for getting your Corvette ready for the road." Jim Lennartz led the discussion on what to bring, what to check, and what to look out for during the open forum session. A handy session, given the upcoming road trip to the National Convention in San Jose, California.

This year the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July get together returns to the Pobouda's. However, this time it is an evening event and will coincide with one of the National Road Tour legs. So, we'll get a chance to meet some new Corvette people and welcome them to our great state.

On the administrative side of my report, due to his schedule and other commitments Mike Bird has resigned as Activities Chair, but will continue to stay involved in the Chapter. Eckhard Paboda has stepped up and returns to the RMC Board as the new Activities Chair. We are glad to have Eck with us and look forward to his involvement on the Board.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you on the 4<sup>th</sup>!

Rick Reiff  
Chairman

## Vice Chairman's Report

By Bob Montgomery

### Top Flight Chapter Award

We are well on our way to earning the award for 2009 continuing a fairly impressive string of consecutive awards. This is a great reflection on the chapter as a whole. We have a pretty large group of core members that participate in tech sessions, judging schools, judging meets and other chapter activities. If you haven't been to one of the chapter events lately I would encourage you to stop by! The chapter is yours . . . reap the benefits!

One area of the chapter award we always struggle with is technical articles that we can publish in this newsletter. If you are working a project and would like to write an article please contact one of the board members or any member for that matter. Many of us have written articles and would be happy to help.

Thanks for you support!  
Bob Montgomery

## Membership Report

By Bob Montgomery

Membership stands at 110 as of 6/30/09. There are 29 members from 2008 that haven't renewed for 2009, so if you had intended to renew, now is the time! You can send your \$20 renewal fee to:

NCRS RMC  
PO Box 204  
Morrison, CO 80465

I sent out email reminders the 1<sup>st</sup> of June to those of you that had not renewed but only received 3 replies so I am assuming you have moved on to other hobbies or email isn't a good way to reach you!

If you have changes to the information you have provided to the chapter (address, email address, phones, Corvette(s) owned etc.) please drop me an email!

If you would like a copy of the chapter 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.

Thanks!

Bob Montgomery  
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## Editor's Corner

By Dennis Dalton

I mentioned I would pass on newsletter addresses from other chapters. I am starting the list in this issue and will continue to add to it as I receive more. These addresses will take you to the chapter web site for a PDF viewing or download. I am sending our newsletter PDF link to all chapter editors as well. Your buy or sell add in our newsletter will now reach the entire club membership!

[www.ncrs.org/ncc](http://www.ncrs.org/ncc)  
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[www.ncrsmag.org/signalseeker.htm](http://www.ncrsmag.org/signalseeker.htm)

## RMC Judging Chairman Report

By Jack Humphrey

The 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009 is behind us now and we look forward to 'good' Corvette months of Spring and Summer. Looking back, we executed a Judging Seminar as well as our annual chapter judging meet.

At first it looked like we'd have a relaxed time of judging since there were few cars and members who registered early. But, when all was said and done, we had a decent turnout.



Picture by Bob McLeavy

There were seven Flight cars, two Mark of Excellence/Bowtie display cars and two Sportsman cars at Bozarth Chevrolet for our

March 22<sup>nd</sup> meet. The weather was EXCELLENT and we judged outside, but that wasn't by plan!

Despite three reminders, there was a right-hand/left-hand 'oops' with Bozarth's staff showing up about two hours late to open the facility for us. But, we executed 'Plan B' and readied the judging field outside. With Mother Nature cooperating, things turned out well.

The Flight Judging results were:

Jonathan Thorne, Boulder, Colorado; 1960  
Second Flight  
Mike Clabaugh, Monument, Colorado; 1963  
Second Flight  
Weldon Montgomery, Boulder, Colorado; 1963  
Second Flight  
Vernon Randel, Erie, Colorado; 1963  
Top Flight  
Tom Cleek, Cascade, Colorado; 1965  
Second Flight  
Jack Barnett, Albuquerque, New Mexico; 1966  
Top Flight  
Max Beggs, Centennial, Colorado; 1968  
Top Flight

Sportsman awards went to:

Marshall Mahlum, Lakewood, Colorado; 1960  
John Hilborn, Littleton, Colorado; 1963

Our Mark of Excellence/Bowtie display cars were provided by:

Martin Egan, Cheyenne, Wyoming; 1977  
Jim Lennartz, Evergreen, Colorado; 1963

Thirty eight RMC members performed judging and tabulations services. Total meet attendance was at the 50 member level. THANKS to all who turned out to support the chapter!



Picture by Bob McLeavy

### About Registration

This meet was advertised in Driveline starting in January. It was also discussed at our 1<sup>st</sup> quarter chapter meetings where registration forms were provided. Last, registration forms have been on the RMC website since January as well.

We structured the meet to be free to all except those paying judging fees, PROVIDED you pre-registered. That didn't work...

As of the March 1<sup>st</sup> pre-registration cut-off, less than half of those attending and/or bringing cars for judging had registered. We moved the registration deadline by 10 days to expand participation. In the end, we totally waived our late registration fee and registered folks at the meet...

We HAVE to do a better job here! To put on an event we need visibility of those who'll be there in order to form the judging teams, crank out the paperwork, and get the lunch count right. It's NOT a matter of drumming revenue for the chapter, it's a matter of complying with NCRS governing rules (ALL who attend a meet MUST register) and being able to plan for a smooth sailing event.

I know months out you may not know your work schedule and/or travel plans. But, waiting until the 11<sup>th</sup> hour isn't the solution... Burn that postage stamp and do us the favor of putting your

name on the list. The worst that can happen is you have a conflict and can't attend!

### Looking Ahead

In May, we have a Regional Meet at Lake Tahoe scheduled for 5/14-5/16 and the word is RMC will make an active showing of both cars and people. For the swap meet folks, Coy's annual event at Bandimere Speedway is docketed for Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The NCRS National Convention is set for San Jose, California on July 12-16<sup>th</sup>. Ralph Ridge is leading an RMC leg of the National Road Tour that departs July 5<sup>th</sup> and I expect it will be well attended. I know I plan to go returning a classic Corvette driving favor to Holland's chapter chairman, Rob Musquetier, who's coming to see Denver and the American West by joining me! Why not bring your car along for the ride?

### **March 2009 NCRS BOD Meeting**

By Dennis Kazmierzak

The BOD meeting was held in St. Louis for the second year. It most likely will continue there for reasons of travel for most of the BOD members and employees rather than the convention site as in the past.

Highlights of the meeting were; President Vito Cimilluca was elected to office for another year. Vito reappointed Mark Lincoln as Vice President and National Activities Chairman. Other one year appointments made by President Cimilluca include; Cece Nelson as secretary, Roy Sinor as National Judging Chairman, Gary Mortimer as Merchandising and Membership Manager, John Pirkle as National Corvette Museum Representative and Carlton Colclough as Public Relations Coordinator. Jeff Cook affirmed Finance Manager.

Mark Lincoln was appointed the Business Manager – Mark will chair the newly formed Business Management Committee. Vito Cimilluca and Jeff Cook will also be part of the Business Management Committee. This committee will establish policy regarding employee's performance and Mark will be the manager of all

employees. Previously this was somewhat vague and handled by the Finance Manager.

Reconfirmed by the Board was, Vinnie Peters as *The Restorer* Editor, and Eric Mortimer as the *Driveline* editor.

Reappointments to the Publications Committee were Dick Whittington, Chairman, Vito Cimilluca and Jeff Cook. Ed Vignone was appointed to replace Mark Lincoln.

Darold Shirwo presented a proposal for the 2012 National Convention. The Board voted for the 2012 National Convention to be held in San Diego, California. The Board appointed Darold Shirwo as the Convention Chairman.

The Board voted to support six Regionals for 2011. The Regionals will be held in the following sites: Kissimmee, FL - January 26-29; Joplin, MO – April 28-30; Wildwood, NJ – May 19-21; London, Ontario Canada – June 9-11; Sacramento, CA – October 6-8; Waco, TX – October 20-22.

The Board accepted the proposal submitted to form an NCRS Wichita Kansas Chapter. They are to establish a name for the Chapter other than Kansas Chapter since there is a Kansas City Chapter today. This would eliminate confusion of the chapters names in Kansas.

John Pirkle reported that the National Corvette Museum expansion is on schedule to be complete by the end of April, 2009 for the Labor Day/15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. NCRS member John Hinckley will be inducted into the NCM Hall of Fame during the Labor Day celebration. John Pirkle also reported that the NCRS Library and Archives is complete and open for business. National Corvette Museum now has a new library and archives featuring NCRS and singular Corvette collections. Betty Harrison, the Archives Manager says they now have over 900,000 build records, plus service manuals, a collection of Larry Shinoda drawings, and 1954 full scale drawing and clay model.

Roy Sinor announced that Brian Pearce, current 1978 to 1982 National Team Leader, will take on the added responsibility as the 1973 to 1977

National Team Leader. Nick Culcowski is the new 1967. Roy also announced a new award, NCRS Challenge Car Award to recognize unique 1988, 1989 and 1990 Corvette race cars announced Quality Assurance & Training Advisors remain the same. Gary Chestnut is the 1956-57 manual coordinator. Dave Heitzman is now the Solid Axle manual coordinator. Mike Murray is now the 1965-1967 Technical Information Manual & Judging Guide coordinator. Duane Ravenberg will remain as the 1963-64 Technical Manual & Judging Guide Coordinator. 1978-1982 Manual Coordinator is Ken Sleeper. 1984 and up manual coordinator is Allen Tremain. A point of order is to make any suggestions to the Team Leader of the respective class and copy the coordinator so both are aware of your suggestion.

The Award confirmation document program has been very successful in terms of money and memberships.

The NCRS Information Technology team reported that the *Driveline* on-line has been implemented. The Board approved the implementation of on-line Regional Director voting program which should be ready for Regions I, II and III elections.

The proposal to waive the registration fee for the National Team Leaders at NCRS Regionals and the annual NCRS National Convention was approved by the Board. This was approved in an effort to reduce the total annual expense each Team Leader spends for travel, food and lodging to attend the National events.

#### Chapter Reports -

- Carlton Colclough reported that 20 Chapters participated in the 2008 NCRS Charity Program
- Marilyn Heitzman reported that 21 Chapters achieved Chapter Top Flight status in 2008 and will receive banners at the 2009 NCRS National Convention.

Three amendments were made to NCRS by-laws

Addition to §6.1: *The President may elect to serve on any committee as an additional member of such committee as described in these by-laws.*

Revision to §6.5: [The Business Manager shall be responsible for the general business operations of the club including supervision of] *all employees and managers. The Business Manager will chair the Business Management Committee which will include the President and Financial Officer.*

Addition of §22.5: *Team leaders will not be required to pay registration fees for Regional events and National Convention effective 2010.*

NCRS Foundation: The Foundation has received numerous contributions which have made it possible to go forward with the Scholarship Program. Mark Lincoln and Joan Burnett have put together the selection and eligibility guidelines and will be working on the selection process.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be July 17, 2009

#### **Cars and Coffee**

Cars & Coffee is a franchise out of SoCal for car enthusiasts which now have a local connection. Please put this in the newsletter for those that may want to check this out. The local contact is Bill Barnett e-mail: [07turbo@comcast.net](mailto:07turbo@comcast.net)

Cars and Coffee™ Denver is a weekly gathering of auto enthusiasts from 9:00am - 12:00pm , weather permitting, where hundreds of proud drivers will congregate to kick tires and have a cup of coffee. There will be something for everyone to enjoy; classics, exotics, concepts, hotrods, motorcycles and motor-sport. And it's all free, minus the coffee of course. The first show will be May 2nd 2009. Go to their web site for more info....<http://denver.carsandcoffee.info/>

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#### **Merchandise**

By Wayne Pendley

REGIONAL  
Hats \$16.00



Shirt	\$20.00
Polo Shirt	\$40.00
Hat Pin	\$3.00
<b>CHAPTER</b>	
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
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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

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.

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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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