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May 17th

Dealer appreciation
Day at Bosarth Chev-
rolet 11-2pm

July 4th

Annual picnic at
Pobuda's in Monument



Chairman's Report

By Eckhard Pobuda

Our Loveland Regional is fast ap-
proaching.

At our April meeting the existing
board members who were up for re-
election were reinstated for another two
year period. NCRS National approved
the Tennyson Center for Children as
our new charity. Thanks to Bill Barcus

for all of his time on this task. NCRS Australia will sell us
the rights to their DVD about the judging process (version
3). We will use it at our judging school during the dealer
appreciation day.

Our Loveland Regional is fast approaching. Ralph Ridge
and John Marsico have done a great job organizing
the event. Call or email either one to volunteer a
couple of hours for one of many jobs that need to be
done. Contact Ralph at [303718-8102](tel:303718-8102), [rockymntnridge@
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We have only until May 15 to register as a participant for
the regional. The deadline of May 5 to register your car
has passed.

See you there,
Eck





Vice Chair Report
by Jack Humphrey

Can I get an 'amen' on BOTH events?

Primarily, I worked with Fred Koenig to line up and sign up contributions for door prizes and silent auction items to support the 2014 Regional. Working with Fred is a pleasure! Two ex-peddlers get along like bugs in a rug when it comes to working your way around switchboard attendants and those ever-present gestapo secretaries...

With 98% of the solicitation complete and 95% of the 'goodie' collection roundup done, I began the transition to mothering along 2015 National Convention support work. Eckhard and I have kept things relatively quiet on this front to give Ralph Ridge and John Marsico the forefront on RMC volunteer services. But, soon we'll have the 2014 Regional behind us and the chapter's focus will switch to next year's National Convention.

Bottom line, the ink is dry on our host hotel contracts for the 2015 National. The venue will be on Denver's eastern side, roughly half way between downtown and the Denver International Airport. We have a primary hotel with captive indoor convention center and two nearby overflow hotels set up.

The brainstorming work for the meet's logo is done and the artwork is in progress. This National Convention will showcase the year of the '65 and we think we've captured that in our logo.

I also initiated work on a short audio-video to be used to support our on-line registration and to 'drum' attendance for the Denver Convention at next years' Regional meets. Hopefully, both the logo and video will be done in time to launch at our Regional. But, if there are schedule snags, the fallback will be to premier them at this year's National Convention in Kansas City.

So, our concentration is to make the 2014 Regional in Loveland a success and then turn our focus on staffing up the 2015 National Convention effort. Can I get an 'amen' on BOTH events?



Activity Chair Report
by Gerry Phillips

We welcome five new members..

We welcome five new members joining our Chapter in April and March: Tim Krall (1963 and 2005 coupes), Robert Ludwig (1967 convertible). Todd Parsons (1964 roadster), Chuck Riblett (2009 coupe) and Brad Smith (1966 convertible).



C1 and C4 used for PV judging school last April at Corvette City.



Editor's Corner
By Dennis Dalton

Pursuing the Founders Award: Part 1

I discovered a great way to learn more about my 94 LT1. Get it judged. What a bargain.

It all started last October. I entered my 94 in Sportsman at the chapter meet. Travel plans interfered and I had to bow out two days before the event. A couple of months before, I had written an article published in the chapter newsletter about how I fixed my overheating problem with that car. Vinnie Peters read it and said he would like to publish it in the Restorer. That coincidence got me thinking; maybe I should pursue the Founders

award, since submitting an article to the national is one of the requirements. Very briefly, the requirements to meet for the Founders Award are:

1. Be a chapter member
2. Drive to a chapter meet and flight judge your car
3. Achieve a 96% on Ops check at a regional, driven both ways
4. Level 1 or higher judge or tabulator
5. Submit and gain approval one article for driveline Publication
6. Participate in at least the last 500 miles of the National Road Tour
7. Enter a national meet for Ops check with a 96% or better

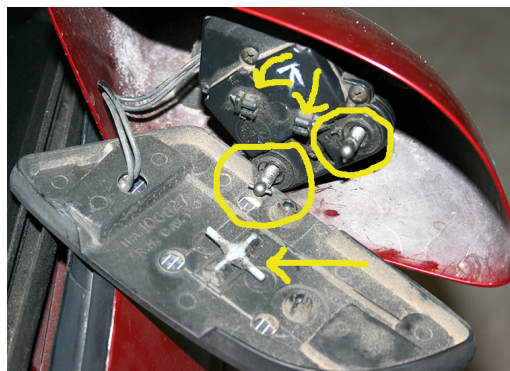


Mirror pic.1, see page 4

The fact that we have a regional and national in our backyard in the next two consecutive years makes the idea even more appealing. Unfortunately, I missed the chapter judging meet requirement last October (remember), which is required before a regional Ops check. I only had a couple of options and time was running out to get my car judged before the regional this June. I decided to drive to the Arizona Chapter Meet in Tucson in order to qualify for the regional OPS check. I got a good working over by Art and Gloria McNay (chassis and interior respectively) and Tom Barr on mechanical!!! Can't get any more knowledgeable than that. I learned a lot about my car and got my chapter flight award.

In the chapter Ops check I got a 37-point deduct. I had some work to do to shave that down to meet my 96%. I had some easy and not so easy fixes to make. Easy fixes were running lights, under hood lights and a stuck security shield. Not so easy were the following.

The console lid light had melted the lens before the bulb exploded and fused itself to the lens assembly. That took a while to fix unless I wanted to buy a whole new console lid.



Pic. 2
Trunion and corresponding slots are indicated by the yellow arrows. The circled items are the threaded shafts that also snap into the mirror back. They will tend to stay in the mirror back and you will be pulling them out of the gear motor when you pry the mirror off. This picture shows them back in the motor case.



Pic. 3

The heater /air conditioning control panel on the dash had problems. The heat element light would not go on when pushed to activate the rear window and mirror heat elements. There was no fuse in the mirror heater spot in the fuse panel. There was a good 40Amp fuse in the window heat element on the firewall. Well, apparently the circuit board or the switch was faulty since I was getting a reading of .3 volts in the mirror fuse holder with the engine off and the key out. The switch might have been on all the time. But, even with the fuse in there, the mirror was not heating up. The power to the mirrors for heat runs downstream of the 40amp power to the rear window, which also was not working with the fuse in. Some thing was wrong but I didn't know what. Maybe the circuit board in the control panel? My solution: I found a NOS control unit on ebay for \$100. Fixed that! Mirrors heat up and rear window heats up AND the switch lights up. That is one of the few times that I bought an electrical part that was actually the problem and not a simple ground issue. I am not an electrical engineer.

The only thing left now was the passenger mirror (again). They said it didn't work up and down, only sideways when operated by the remote switch. Lets take it apart and see what makes it tick! The mirror pops off from the trunion with the gentle twist of a screwdriver. [Pic. 1, pg. 3] The threaded shafts of the two small motors inside of the motor assembly can actually be pulled out gently from the gears on the motors. [pic. 2] Remove the mirror to the side and let it hang. Three screws and the motor assembly can be removed. [Pic. 3] Undo the harness plug and the mirror and motor assembly comes out. The one small motor was not working. [Pic. 4] I bought another mirror assembly (my only option) on eBay for \$65. They ranged from \$50 -\$125 used. I ended up with a 92 mirror so I could switch the motor assembly but I had to take the plug apart to get the mirror wires out so I could switch mirrors (since the mirrors are dated). So I guess I paid \$65 for one little motor but now I have an extra one!

I think I am ready for the regional Ops check. I hope everything works at the regional like it works in the garage. Part 2 will run in the July/August Issue.



Pic. 4



Chuck Banks
Judging Chair

35 Members attended a one point judging school

We had a well-attended judging school after the Chapter's annual meeting on April 19th. The topic was Performance Verification judging. We started with a brief discussion covering the differences between Flight Operations Judging, Founders Operation Judging and Performance Verification. We then did a PV covering the static tests on three of our members' cars. Jeff Roth brought his 1962 Corvette and Ralph Ridge acted as the Judge, Russ Steinhaus brought his 1966 and Jack Humphrey acted as the Judge, and John Marsico brought his 1992 and acted as the Judge. Russ is registered at the North Central Regional for Performance Verification Judging, and we were able to find several items for Russ to repair before he goes that would have caused a failure.

Thirty five members were able to add one judging point to their total by attending this informative and fun school. Keep tuned. We will try to add more Judging Schools so you can achieve your next level of judging expertise.

The Rocky Mountain Regional car count is below our expectations. As we go to press (April 20, 2014), we've registered 21 cars for Flight, 7 for PV, 5 for Founders Ops, and 13 for Sportsman Display. If you want to take of advantage of this opportunity to have your car judged at a Regional Meet, contact me before the May 5th deadline for registering cars.

The tentative date for a Fall Chapter Judging Meet is Oct. 12th. On-line registration and information should be in the July-August issue of the Driveline.
Hope to see you in Loveland June 5-7.

Chuck Banks
RMCJC

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Since our last newsletter we have held two activities.

What follows is a description of these events and the ones to come.

In March we held our 2nd annual RMC Swap meet and fund raiser for our new charity, Tennyson Center, residential treatment center for youth. I am told we raised a nice sum at \$5 per person. Soon after this event we received a call from Dirk Gaddis who has some ideas which he will present to the board regarding expansion and restructure of this event to further our charity fund raising efforts. As Dirk points out, there are not many swap meets which exclusively feature Corvette parts. We are looking forward to hearing his ideas, and going forward in the coming year.

After the chapter meeting and elections on April 19, we held a PV Judging School focused upon preparation of car and owner mind set. Thanks to Jeff Roth, who brought his 62, Russ Steinhaus, who brought his 66, and John Marsico who



Judging School on April 19 at Corvette City; performance Verification (PV) judging. We had a C1, C2 and C4 [ED]

brought his 92. Chuck prepared a guide sheet and explained the difference between Flight judging Ops check, Founders Ops check and Performance Verification procedures. The judging team was divided into 3 sets. Ralph Ridge led the C-1 group. Jack Humphrey led the C-2 group, and John Marsico led the C-4. Thanks to all these folks for stepping up and participating. It was a lively, interactive format, and gauging from all the laughter, it was a good time as well. Thanks also to Gary for hosting our rowdy bunch, and for the amazing pizza choices.

Lothar is working with Bozarth's to arrange our Dealer Appreciation Day, but as we go to press, the date is not yet firm. We are looking at a Saturday in mid May and plan to pair it with another entertaining judging school....more points!!! As soon as we have the date set, we will send a blast out to membership.



July 4 is our chapter picnic, this year hosted by the Pobuda's at our their Monument abode. This is one of our main social events and a good time to bring family members and significant others....Yes Dirk and Lisa, please bring Jack! Everyone brings a dish to share and the club provides the BBQ. We gather at noon but you will receive an email with details and directions.

August 29-31 is our road trip to Steamboat over Labor Day weekend. We plan to stay two nights Friday and Saturday, and return home on Sunday to avoid the traffic on Monday. Stay longer if you like. We have negotiated special rates with the Rabbit Ears Motel on Lincoln Avenue downtown. Depending upon your choice of room size and location, the rate is from \$89 for Queen overlooking parking lot to \$139 per night double queen overlooking Yampa River. These rates apply only if you book before August 1. You must call the motel directly [1-800-828-7702](tel:1-800-828-7702) and ask for the Rocky Mountain Corvette chapter rate. Do not book on line. Glenn and Lynn Reiff will be our hosts for this event. We will spend one of the evenings having dinner at their home. Let Terri know if you are planning to attend and we will arrange a group caravan. To check out the facility go to www.rabbitearsmotel.com. Please sign up soon before the motel fills up.

September 13 is the pizza party and car show at Tennyson Center. We will gather at 10:30 AM in their parking lot and receive guide lines for interacting with the children, who will begin arriving at 11:00 AM in small groups. Again this is a great activity for spouses to attend. Thanks to Bill Barcus for all the work he has done with national to get approval from national to allow us to sponsor this charity.

October 12 is scheduled for our Chapter judging meet.

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Top picture is attendees cars. Above and to the right is editor Dennis Dalton with Martin Egan looking at Russ Steinhaus's C2. Facing page is Russ's car with Russ at the wheel.



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\$75 Corvette jack with handle. Date stamped "549" on rivet, (first week of December 1975).

FREE 9 Years of Driveline magazines complete #143 Jan/Feb 2002 through #200 July/August 2011. The B&W Covers. #200 was the last B&W Cover. I can bring them to a chapter meeting or the regional in Fort Collins.

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