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The 2015 NCRS National Convention is behind us.

Hello RMC Members

The vast majority of attendees had smiles on their faces as they headed home. This success was due to the planning of Jack Humphrey and the hard work of the Planning Committee Chairs, as well as all of the volunteers from our chapter and from all other attending chapters.

Chairman's Report

By Eckhard Pobuda

The Rocky Mountain Chapter gives special thanks for the guidance received from all National Officers.

Many of the activities and side trips, organized by Terri and Sharon, were sold out. Several out of town visitors attending the Mountain High Dinner told me personally how enjoyable the event was for them, commenting on the astounding views of mountain and valley and the authentic Western Music provided by the Flying W Wranglers. The daily downtown shuttles were a challenge, however Ralph and Jan Bogan came to the rescue and taught the shuttle drivers how to navigate the city. Other volunteer guides followed their lead. Unlike the Wildlife Sanctuary trip, the Rockies/Coors Field trip sailed through the night without being rained out. The events downtown gave folks a chance to see how a "cow town" can grow up! On different days two bus loads of folks went to Georgetown, the top of Pikes Peak on the Cog Railroad, and another small van did downtown CS and Air Force Academy. Two buses visited different car museums and others toured the Molly Brown House and Brown Palace. No one seemed to suffer from altitude illness thanks to all the preventative education and cases of water. All of the buses were staffed by one and often by two RMC bus guides. Although we had a few anxious moments, no one was lost thanks to their careful oversight. Our chosen bus company, Arrow Stage Lines, was outstanding. [cont. page2]



4th of July Picnic

Chair's message cont....

Tech sessions and judging schools were also successful, especially the Fiberglass workshop presented by Jim Lennartz and the two battery seminars which were taught by Dirk Gaddis and John Marsico and developed by Jack. A lot of folks hung out at the outdoor swap meet.

I cannot list the names of all the people who helped us and were on deck from Saturday through Thursday. Rick Reiff (registration), Dennis Dalton (photograph presentation and arrangement for awards), Gerry Phillips (facility issues), Rosanne and Steve Bennett (food and beverage), Ron Berggren (signage and other printed material). All worked overtime to keep things working smoothly. Each of them had a host of helpers. We had a whole posse of RMC folks who helped with car and trailer placement on Saturday, Sunday and again on Monday. It was hot and intense, especially when the National Road Tour arrived (thanks Tom DiRito and Ralph for organizing and Bill Bell for arranging security and escort). Bill Baker, our regional director, saved the day by providing free milk shakes for all on Sunday afternoon.

Special thanks to Dana Forester and Bob Hensler for the Veterans Recognition Program. Thank you Gary De Kler for your beautiful rendition of the National Anthem.

All of us should be proud, as I am, of our membership and the amazing task that was accomplished.
Thank you one and all.

Eckhard Pobuda
RMC Chairman

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Membership

by Jerry Phillips

Our Chapter membership roster now stands at 125 members. This includes new members and their corvette ownership, John Amen - 1963 SWC & 1985 coupe, Dave Barclay - 1966 convertible, Roland Harris - 1966 coupe, Ric MacDonald, Mark Mohny - 1958 & 1962, Jim Morris - 1960, 1967 convertible and a 1972 LT1.

Our membership was well represented in having cars judged at the Denver NCRS Denver National Convention in July.

Again, members are encouraged to keep their contact information current on the National NCRS website as it is used for chapter emails.

RMC Chapter membership directories are now available upon request by emailing me at gphil460@comcast.net. Please keep in mind that the list is confidential and isn't to be shared with non-members.



Chuck Banks

Judging Chair

Chapter meets are important...

After a successful RMC judging meet in May, and then my involvement with the National in July, it's now time to look to 2016. Ralph Ridge has volunteered to be assistant judging chairman which will make the job of putting together a chapter meet a much less daunting task.

Chapter meets are important because they are what NCRS is all about; the restoration and preservation of 1953-1999 Corvettes. We all want to see how well we've done in restoring our cars, and a chapter meet

is the first step to your ultimate goal, whether that be a Regional or National Top Flight, Performance Verification, or Mark of Excellence Award.

Successful chapter judging meets require judges (duh). We limited last May's meet to just eight cars and still failed to have enough judges to have two man teams for all sections that we judge. We finished the day a little later than promised, but all of the cars received a top notch evaluation. Ralph and I will hate to turn away cars that want to be judged, but that will probably be necessary again unless more members register on-line and sign up to judge by the registration closing date.

The tentative date is Sunday May 15, 2016, and at this time the location is Bozarth Chevrolet on Havana Street in Aurora. The judging school that was held prior to the start of judging was well attended last May, and by attending the school and also judging you can receive three judging points for the day. I'm looking for someone to lead the school for this May. Please let Ralph or me know of any area you'd like to have covered at the school.

The announcement of the meet will be in the NCRS on-line calendar after the first of the year, and registration for cars and all member registrations (required) will open on February 15th. Car registrations will be accepted in the order they are received through the on-line registration link.

Please let me know if you have any ideas on how to increase member judging participation. Ralph and I would really like to judge every car that wants to come.

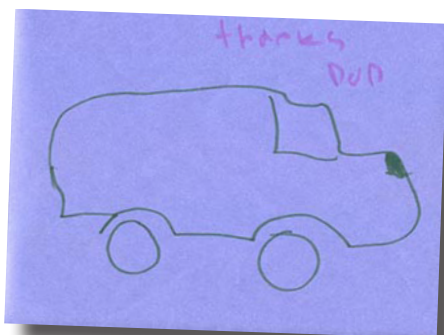
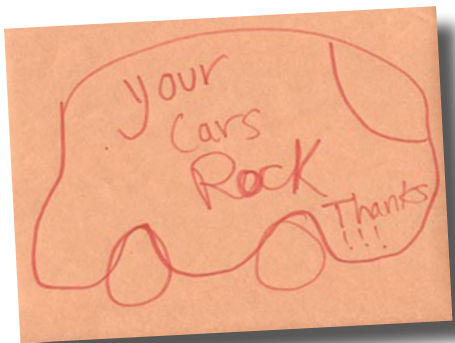
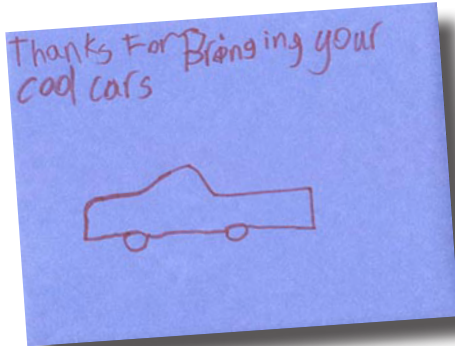
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Kids drawings from our visit to the Tennyson Center



Activities Co Chairs
by Terri Pabuda and
Lothar Kemerer

Hola members:

Yes folks, Terri is preparing for her annual sojourn across the border, heading for Baja Sur. But Lothar remains on duty during Oct, through December. So please send him some suggestions for the your pressing needs for tech sessions. lothar.kremer@wsfp.us

I can't tell you about the convention due to sudden onset of amnesia....doctor says it will pass! But others told me it was a huge success. Check with Jack and Eck who remain competent. I do know that the RMC road trip came off without a hitch, way to go, Tom and Ralph. I am proud to report that a large numbers of RMC folks stepped up to help us accomplish our mission.

We finished our annual event at Tennyson Center on August 22. Hat's off to everyone who answered the call: Humphrey, Dugan, Salzman, Barcuses, Bird, Marsico, Benson, LeClair, Nelson, Tillapaughs, DiRitos, Ridges, Pobuda. The parking lot was filled with happy kids, (fortunately one cottage at a time,) climbing in and out of cars, honking horns and chasing battery operated Corvettes all around the pavement. Motorized Corvettes were brought by Rick Nelson, along with miniature model Corvettes which he gave away to the children. Some of the kids remembered us from last year and were excited to show their peers how you open a Corvette door. They soon learned how to operate the radios. Pizza and watermelon were enjoyed by all. We gathered donations of school supplies, a few duffle bags and coloring books from the Forney Museum, sure to be a hit throughout the year. It was fun to gather in the shade with the gals and watch to action while the guys monitored the attention to the cars. Thanks to Treasurer Jack who picked up the club tab for Pizza. Upon departure the kids presented us with pictures and notes of appreciation. Nice reward.

We had road trip on Saturday, September 12, to Estes Park to visit Ann and Tim Krall, who hosted a BBQ at their home early afternoon. We had a quiet ride through the mountains, and a little poker along the way!

If anyone has a suggestion for a visit to a festive December holiday market, let me know.

Hasta Luego
Theresa Pobuda



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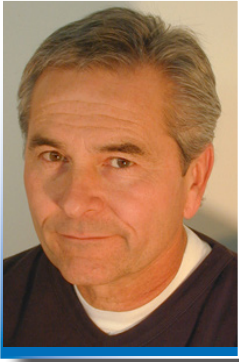
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for coming!



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for Being awesome and
Giving us A chance to See
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Editor's Corner

By Dennis Dalton

I am in the process of pursuing the Founder's award with my 94. I met the chapter judging requirement last spring by driving the car down to Arizona in March of 2014. That was very helpful and I fixed a few "issues" like inop mirrors, lights, etc.

My efficiency plan included the regional in Loveland for an OPs check. That worked great. I wrote about that in the newsletter last summer. The final phase of the plan was to register for the national in Denver for another OPs check preceded by my participation in the Rocky Mountain Road tour.

Well I didn't make the OPs check in Denver as the car had some issues the first day of the tour.

It is an LT1 with the 3 speed /overdrive automatic. The transmission had been shifting hard and slow to shift, occasionally slipping slightly. It was fine leaving Denver until we hit the "hills" on the way to Fairplay. Instead of the car going up the grade, the tach went up. I barely made it to Fairplay and the transmission was toast. First and second was OK but no 3rd or OD. Thanks to Ralph Ridge, who stuck by me until the problem was diagnosed and a plan of action developed. I drove back to Pueblo on "lonely" highway 9 doing about 35mph.

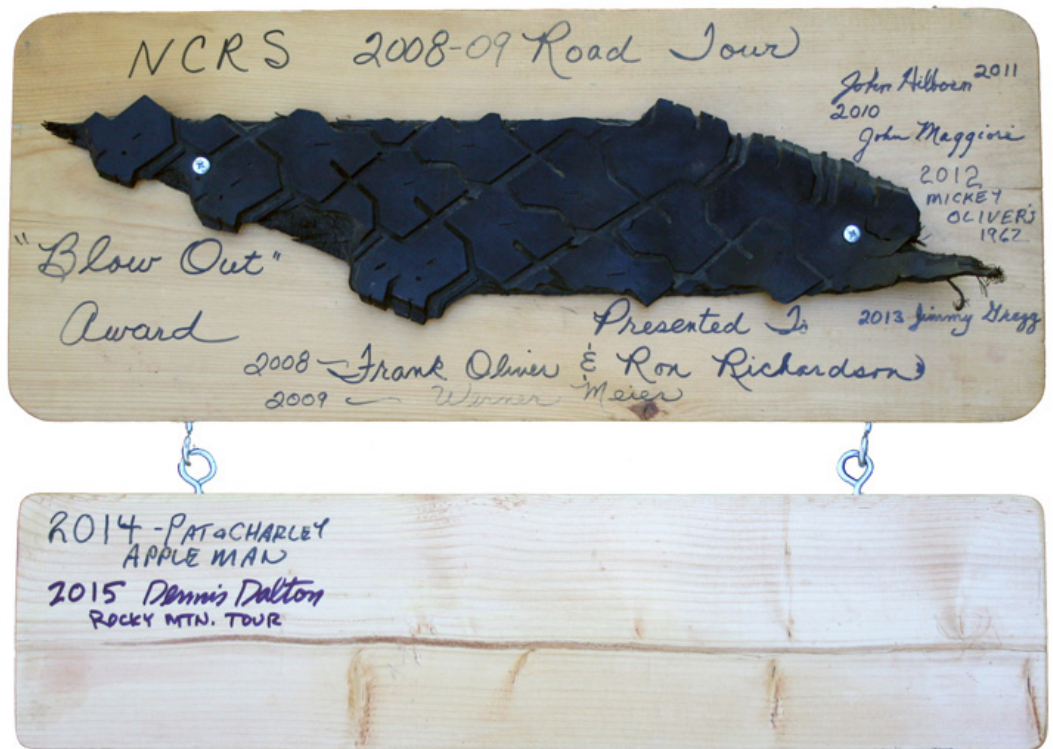
I took another car out of the motor pool and drove to Denver for the Last Night Out party where I received the "Flat Tire Award". That is one award I would rather not win again. Just ask John Hillborn!

The transmission was rebuilt by a local shop that showed me all the parts. They never saw one with only 100,000 miles on it in this shape. It looks like it was "driven hard and put away wet" he said. That will be \$2800.

The car was fine for two weeks and then it wouldn't start. The starter was done. I have some reservations about driving it to the east coast. Although I am sure the

transmission and the starter will be reliable there are so many other parts... National assured me I would be within the three year window if I do the road tour and the OPs check in Texas in 2017.

My article on fixing the cooling system on this car should come out in the Restorer soon.





2016 Rocky Mountain Road Tour

The 2016 National Convention will be held in Warwick Rhode, Island next July. I've started planning for this road tour (approximately 2,150 miles to Rhode Island). The following is a brief summary of my preliminary planning efforts:

Day 1: Sat July 9: to Salina, KS
 Day 2: Sun July 10: to Collinsville, Illinois
 Day 3: Mon July 11: to Dayton, Ohio
 Day 4: Tues July 12: Tour US Air Force Museum
 Day 5: Wed July 13: to Niagara Falls, New York
 Day 6: Thurs July 14: Tour Niagara Falls; Possible tour of GM Tonawanda Engine Plant
 Day 7: Fri July 15: to Utica New York; optional Tour Baseball Hall of Fame, Cooperstown, NY and/or tour a local winery.
 Day 8: Sat July 16: Warwick, Rhode Island for Last Night Out Party.

Please note: the National Convention Dates in the July-August issue of the "The NCRS Driveline" are incorrect. The correct Convention dates are July 17 through July 22, 2016.

If you're even a little interested in possibly taking this trip, please give me a call (303-791-0351) or email me at Totirid@aol.com. Also, if you have any suggestions of places you'd like to stop, please let me know.

Thanks much and remember to "Save The Wave!"
 Tom Di Rito

*Rocky Mountain Chapter road Tour last month:
 Top: Redstone
 Bottom: Independence Pass*



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