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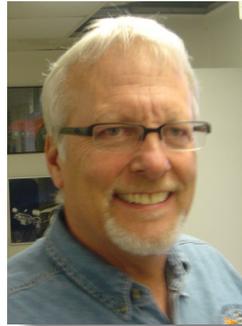
Oct 21

9am BoD meeting

11am Tech session: High cost of maint. on C5-C7

Nov 18

Judging School 11am



Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

All RMC members are welcome to attend our board of directors' meeting.

Greetings Rocky Mountain Chapter, The summer season is now behind us and nights and mornings are a little cooler and the leaves on the trees are starting to change color as winter approaches. A nice summer here in Colorado. Reflecting on the Chapter's activities over the summer, we had a couple of road trips,

a 4th of July picnic (thanks for hosting Glenn and Lynn Reiff), and our Chapter Judging Meet, held at Stevinson Chevrolet in August. In case you missed the judging meet, the Stevinson maintenance facility provided us with more than ample space to judge cars. The dealership welcomes the opportunity to host future judging meets so we'll likely schedule one during the 2024 calendar year.

Regarding Chapter Judging Meets, this year we had a challenge with getting a sufficient number of judges. Having a limited number of judges makes it difficult for those judging as well as potentially limiting the number of cars we can judge. As such, I encourage you to participate in future judging meets - no experience necessary as we'll team you with an experienced judge. With over 100 members in the Chapter, getting a good field of judges should not be too high of a bar to clear.

As I have mentioned previously, all RMC members are welcome to attend our board of directors' meeting. The next meeting will be prior to the Technical Session on October 21, 2023, at 9:00 AM. Among other things, we will be planning the schedule of activities for 2024. So, feel free to come early to the Technical Session and sit in on the BOD meeting.

Hope you had a great summer and I look forward to seeing you at one of the upcoming Chapter events.

Rick Reiff
Chairman



The Bat Signal. See Barrett Benson's report from the Corvette Museum





John Marsico passed this information on to me. ED

A thought for the next newsletter worth mentioning :Randy Hamlet's wife's passing and Jean Jacques' wife who died in June. With those 2 deaths and Jack Humphrey's brother, our chapter has seen 3 deaths this summer. There may be more, but I am not aware of others.
John Marsico



Membership and Top Flight Chair Report
by Steve Beatty

Our current membership is at 121 members.

We have added the following new members since my last report:

- Dave Eggerling (1963)
- Ben Lauer (1970)
- Henry Platts (2002)

Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future meeting.

It's almost that time of the year to think about renewing your RMC membership. Watch for the 2024 RMC membership dues notices to be emailed out November 1st to

those members whose memberships are expiring at the end of this year. Renewal online via the National NCRS website is encouraged using this link:

<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/chapter-membership.php>

Add Member Relative

Some members may not be aware that your membership includes others in your household. The link below enables you to add family members (relatives) including spouses, partners, children & step-children under 23 years of age. This will give access to the NCRS Members Only web areas including the Technical Discussion Board where they can track their Judging Points.

<https://www.forums.ncrs.org/register/add-relatives.php>

Chapter Top Flight Award

Recent chapter activities (discussed elsewhere in this newsletter) have been checking off all the requirements for the chapter to earn another Top Flight Award in 2023. A special thanks to all of the members whose contributions and efforts made it possible for the Chapter to continue its tradition of earning this award.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the remaining scheduled events this year.

Steve Beatty
Membership Manager
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Editor's Corner
By Dennis Dalton



In the last newsletter I retrieved the archive of "Rattle-Can Tips" from Bill Lucia. This issue is a copy from the archives that was originally published in the Long Island Chapter newsletter. I have tried the ATF-acetone on my 98 Ford Truck and it still broke the bolt!
ED

By: Pete Loscalzo

Machinist's Workshop Magazine recently published some information on various penetrating oils that was very interesting. Some of you might appreciate this. The magazine reports that they tested penetrates for break out torque on rusted nuts. They are below, as forwarded by an ex student and professional machinist. They arranged a subjective test of all the popular penetrates with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment.

Penetrating oils Average torque load to loosen

No Oil used	516 pounds
WD-40	238 pounds
PB Blaster	214 pounds
Liquid Wrench	127 pounds
Kano Kroil	106 pounds
ATF*-Acetone mix.....	53 pounds

The ATF-Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50 -50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note this "home brew" released bolts better than any commercial product in this one particular test. Our local machinist group mixed up a batch and we all now use it with equally good results. Note also that "Liquid Wrench" is almost as good as "Kroil" for about 20% of the price. Steve from Godwin-Singer says that ATF-Acetone mix is best, but you can also use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50-50 mix.

*ATF=Automatic Transmission Fluid





Judging Chairs Message
by Martin Egan

August 20th we had our yearly Chapter meet

Hello RMC members

On August 20th we had our yearly Chapter meet at Stevinson Chevrolet. We had 8 cars registered:

- John Amen 1965 Corvette in Stock Concours awarded Concours Blue ribbon which is like Top Flight.
- Ben Lauer 1970 Corvette in Modified Concours awarded Concours 327 which is like Second Flight. Ben you are so close to your Concours 427.
- Dave Eggerling 1963 Corvette Top Flight.
- Duane Powers 1975 Corvette Top Flight and longest distance trailered.
- Brad Hillhouse 1995 Corvette Top Flight and longest distance driven.
- Jerry Fearn 2004 Corvette Top Flight.
- Steve Bennett 1963 Corvette Sportsman.
- Tim Ehlers 1966 Corvette Duntov Display.

I want to thank the car owners and all the members who helped at the Chapter Meet this year. We could not have done it without you.

There will be a Judging School on Exterior Paint on November 18th at Corvette City from 11 AM to 2 PM. The guest speaker is Tim Ehlers with Power Point slides and maybe a hand out as well. Lunch will be provided!! Go to the RMC website and go to events and register there. Thanks.



John Marsico checking Duane Powers trim tag. I regret not having pictures of Steve Bennett's 1963 or Tim Ehlers 1966. ED



Dave Eggerling 1963



John Amen 1965



Ben Lauer 1970



Duane Powers 1975



Brad Hillhouse 1995



Jerry Fearn 2004



2023 Rocky Mountain Road Tour
by Tom Di Rito

The 2023 Rocky Mountain Road Tour, bound for French Lick, Indiana, kicked off with a BBQ for 17 people at our home on Friday, July 14th. We departed early on Saturday July 15.

We had a great tour of the Strategic Air Command in Ashland, Nebraska on Sunday. Sadly, our lunch stop was closed on Sundays which may have been a

blessing in disguise as the sign in front of the restaurant indicated that they were well known for being the "Home of the 2023 Testicle Festival" (see the photo; I'm not kidding).

All was well until we arrived in Council Bluffs, Iowa on Sunday, July 16th where John Hilborn's 1963 coupe decided it was time for a new universal joint. Where to find such a part on a Sunday afternoon? As we all know, our NCRS "Family" is all over this country so John contacted our Regional Representative, Brad Hillhouse, and Brad drove the needed part to John. Brad lives an hour away in Lincoln, Nebraska. Thank you, Brad!



Tom Di Rito's home (top pic), Strategic Air Command (above) and Testicle Festival (below).



John Hilborn replacing a u-joint

In Moline, Illinois we had the chance to visit the recently renovated Rock Island Arsenal, the John Deere Pavilion and enjoyed a dinner cruise on the Mississippi on a paddlewheel boat.

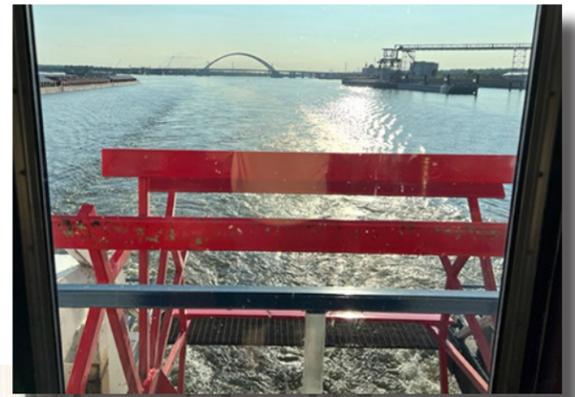
Then it was on to Auburn, Illinois to tour the Cord/Duesenberg Museum as well as the National Auto & Truck Museum which is right next door.

On Friday, July 21st we drove south and visited the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Our last stop on Saturday, July 22nd was a real hit with everyone as we stopped in Columbus, Indiana at the Zaharkos Ice Cream Parlor.

This establishment, opened in 1900, still maintains the décor of an old-time ice cream parlor complete with soda fountain and entertainment provided by coin operated musical machines. We then pressed on to the beautiful French Lick Resort where the staff did everything possible to make us all feel at home.

All in all, it was a great trip with meeting up with old friends and making new friends along the way. Next year, the convention is in Hampton Roads, Virginia, a trip of more than 3,700 miles round trip; a rather long trip for our old bodies. Many of the people on the Road Tour this year encouraged Diane and me to head up the trip next year; a thought that we promised we'd consider, which we will do in the next few weeks. In the meantime, if anyone has a burning desire to head up such a trip, please let me know as I have already assembled some fun stop ideas enroute to Virginia.

Tom & Diane Di Rito



Pictures follow the copy from top to bottom, and are fairly explanatory. ED

In the 3rd Quarter 2023 issue, I discussed exhibits currently displayed at the National Corvette Museum. I attended the event, August 31 - September 2, and photographed some of the exhibits. I am including 7 photos of the *Carl Casper* exhibit and 3 photos of the *American Love Affair: 70 years of Corvette*, along with information accompanying the exhibits. Rather than repeating here, you can read the details of both exhibits in the 3rd Quarter issue.

**CARL CASPER EXHIBIT:
CUSTOM CARISMA**

Created by Bob Kane and Bill Finger, Batman debuted in 1939, first appearing in Detective comics #27. Batman has become one of the most iconic and recognizable characters in popular culture. Possessing no superpowers, he instills fear in the hearts of criminals, taking the look of a bat!

Warner Brothers tasked Carl to build 3 long, low, sleek and highly sculptured Batmobiles for the movie. Loaded with dozens of crime-fighting devices, this CORVETTE powered Batmobile proves to be one of the World's most popular of all Batmobiles.



Turbo Shark
Carl Caper has always had an affection and admiration for Corvette, has owned many over the years and built two Corvette inspired creations. Carl began his work on the Turbo Shark starting with a 1964 convertible, unveiling it to the world in 1966. Auxiliary power was added to the 327 ci. 300 HP engine with an experimental Turbonique monopropellant turbine running on Thermolene and oxygen fuels. At maximum output, the supplemental supercharged turbine rotor hit 92,000 rpm while raising the HP to 700.



Turbo Shark's Ruby-Red plexiglass was hand blown to form the bubble top. The brilliant diamond dust pearlescence under the body's base paint was highlighted with a custom-blend ruby red translucent acrylic lacquer.

Turbo Shark's interior. The Turbo Shark won the NHRA's 1967 experimental sweepstakes award.



Renegade Duece
 The 1932 Ford sedan had been heavily used and abused. The sedan needed a lot of work and 47 years passed before Carl began to create the Renegade Duece. The body received extensive modifications. The 283 Corvette engine that had patiently sat for all those years fired right up to “hit the road” as soon as it was installed. It still had the Corvette Duntov camshaft.

AN AMERICAN LOVE AFFAIR SINCE 1953

AN AMERICAN LOVE AFFAIR: 70 YEARS OF CORVETTE

Restored by the National Corvette Restorers Society, the newest exhibit of iconic Corvettes from each era marks key milestones in its 70 year history. The exhibit, located in the new upgraded Skydome, is a walk through time, including cars from the early design eras to the Corvettes that collapsed into the sinkhole in 2014.

Hall of Fame exhibit in Skydome featuring NCRS restored Corvettes and information displayed on the newly installed screens on the walls



JUST A REMINDER

Our Chapter is an annual supporting member of the National Corvette Museum. One of the benefits for RMC members is free admission to the Museum, excepting those days during an on-site event such as the Michelin Bash, etc. The club receives 6 free passes each year. If you want to take advantage of this benefit, e-mail me, call me, or talk to me at a monthly event and I will arrange free admission. You will get an e-mail notice from the Museum confirming your admission.

Cosmic Invader

In the 1970s, Carl answered the air pollution and oil crisis problems with an electric car, the “Cosmic Invader”. Carl created, designed and built the concept vehicle on his own. While the automobile manufacturers were not open to teaming up with Carl, his creation received a great response at automobile shows.

The Cosmic Invader is powered by an 108 volt electric motor. The three-wheeled chassis was custom fabricated under a body designed and built by Carl Casper.





Merchandise
By Eckhard Pobuda

We now have most sizes of the heather gray ring spun t-shirts, blue silk touch polo shirts, royal blue sweatshirts, gray sweatshirts with embroidered logos. This includes: Heather Charcoal Ring Spun Short Sleeve T-Shirts (Pic 1); Black Heather Silk Touch Long Sleeve T-Shirts (Pic 2); Blue Silk Touch Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (Pic 3); Royal Blue Long Sleeve Sweatshirts (Pic 4). All of this merchandise is available in all sizes. Also, we have replenished the inventory of several of our popular items such as the Chambray Shirts with embroidered pockets and Black Short Sleeve T-Shirts with embroidered pockets. Prices are shown in the attached Merchandise Inventory.

Contact Eckhard @ epobuda@aol.com.

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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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, Email: stingraycpa@hotmail.com, Member #29095



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