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## October 19

Special Swap Meet/  
watch for an email on  
this

## November 16

Judging School  
at Corvette City

## December 14

Museum Tour, site TBD

## The Cover

The cover cars belong to  
John and Flora Marsico ED

# NOT ALL CORVETTES ARE RED

Story by John & Flora Marsico

At the tender age of 12, in 1957, I saw my first Corvette. All I could say was "WOW." During my junior year in high school, I became a dedicated fan of the 1962 model. At that time, I couldn't afford to buy a half tank of gas for a new Corvette, but I told my high school buddies I was going to own that model car. They responded as you might expect - lots of laughs. Twenty seven years later, in 1989, with Flora's support and help from Dirk Gaddis, I bought my dream car. After hundreds of hours of restoration and countless hours of research since then, the '62 earned a Regional Top Flight Award. In 1992 we decided to order a 1992 coupe providing us with modern features like power steering, air conditioning, and disk brakes. The '92 has been a great driver giving us many hours of sightseeing fun. In 2007 NCRS began judging the 92/93 Corvettes and I decided to pursue the various awards available for this car. To date it has earned National Top Flight, Performance Verification, Dave McLellan Mark of Excellence, NCRS 5-Star Crossed Flags and Founders Awards. And then I became enamored with the C7 Corvette! After attending several presentations at various regional and national conventions, I began plotting a path to eventually own one. When Flora agreed that the C7 was a great car, it was time to play with the Corvette website to design what we wanted. The Stingray you see on the cover is what we decided to order. A white Corvette with factory red racing stripes, red interior, chrome wheels, red brake calipers and high-performance exhaust grabbed our attention. Now you know why Marsico's Corvettes are not all red.



Chairman's Report  
By Rick Reiff



## Hopefully, you were able to enjoy your Corvette during the summer

Hello Rocky Mountain Chapter!

Summer is in the books, and I managed to get my Z06 on the road for both road tours and the trek from Denver to Fort Collins for the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic at the Reiff's. Hopefully, you were able to enjoy your Corvette during the summer as the cooler months of fall and winter are knocking on the door. Now that I'm in semi-retirement, next up for me is a flight to Dallas for the Lone Star Regional. If any of you are planning on going, I hope to see you there.

The third quarter was a tough one for Chapter members as we lost two long-time members, Jim Lennartz and Eckhard Pobuda. I joined NCRS/RMC in the spring of 1999 and met both Jim and Eck, who had been active members of the Chapter for several years before. In preparation of this article, I went back through multiple old Chapter newsletters to help remind me of just how much these men contributed to the ongoing success of the Chapter. For 1993 through 1995 Jim was the Judging Chairman and Eck was the Activities Chairman. In addition to being the Judging Chairman, Jim held board positions of Assistant Judging Chairman where he teamed with Jack Humphrey to coordinate/manage multiple Chapter Judging Events and was Vice Chairman prior to my arrival in '99 and from 2015 through 2021. In addition to Board of Director positions, Jim led or co-led numerous Technical Sessions and Judging Schools. He was the go-to guy for anything associated with restoration of Corvette parts. Eck was the Chapter Chairman from 2013 through 2016, was Merchandise Chairman for multiple years (as recently as earlier this year) and Activities Chairman from 2009 through 2012 and co-chaired the 2004 Regional in Breckenridge and 2015 National in Denver. He also had a wheelhouse full of information related to Corvette judging and restoration. Something you may not be aware of; Eck was also an architect. He designed the house I currently live in after a total-loss fire in 2008. In addition to all the RMC support Jim and Eck provided, they both were also

September road trip pictures  
by Daphne Reiff

associated with supporting and/or getting the Australia, Dutch, and UK chapters established. This is just a sampling of the contributions Jim and Eck made while associated with the NCRS and RMC. They will truly be missed and have very difficult shoes to fill. In tribute to Jim and Eck, we have purchased memorial bricks at the National Corvette Museum in their honor. Hope you had a great summer and get a chance to participate in one of the Chapter's events during the fourth quarter of 2024.

Best Regards,  
Rick Reiff  
Chairman



Judging Chairs Message  
by Martin Egan

### Greeting RMC Members

This past month on Aug. 25,2024 we had our yearly Chapter Meet at Stevinson Chevrolet in Lakewood, CO. Of the 31 members who signed up only 4 members could not attend.

The weather was nice but cool for the morning. Of the 4 cars that registered, only 2 cars were flight judged. One later entry was by Jack Humphrey with his 1971 corvette for the Sportsman Category. All in all, we had 3 cars for the judging meet this year, weird. I hope to see the cars that missed this year's judging meet register next year.

The meets results are as follows:  
Gregory Miller's 1971 Corvette Top Flight with a score of 94.0, that's cutting it close there Greg. Next, we have Steve Beatty's 2002 Corvette with a score of 98.1, way to go Steve. And finally, we have Jack Humphrey's Corvette award of Sportsman. I want to thank everybody who came and helped, especially Dirk Gaddis who brought food for breakfast and lunch. Also want to thank John Marsico for being the Team Leader for the Judges. And last, I want to thank my assistant Tim Ehlers who helped me with getting the Judging Meet up and running and working the merchandise at the meet. Finally, thanks go out to Stevenson Chevrolet for hosting our annual chapter judging event.

Next up is the Judging School on November 16 at Corvette City at 11 AM and lunch will be provided, so stay tune for more information to come.

Save the wave  
Martin Egan 4320



Rick Reiff at Stevensen Chevrolet for the chapter judging meet.  
photo by ED

**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

Our current membership is at 110 members. We have added the following new (or returning) members since my last report:

Dave Bertrand (1966)  
Jim Bessinger (year unknown)  
Kenneth Chavez (year unknown)  
Brad Hanson (1959, 1967, 2019 ZR1)  
Ric Landeira (1962, 1963, 1967x2)  
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 2025 RMC membership dues notices to be emailed November 1<sup>st</sup> 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>

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

Steve Beatty  
Membership Manager  
stingraycpa@hotmail.com



Editor's Corner  
By Dennis Dalton

## Pass it On

My father was a big influence on me. He never swore, he didn't smoke and he never wore shorts. At one time or another, I have done all 3 but he was always there with a sense of responsibility, reserve and wisdom. He was a good role model. He had a work bench in the basement with all the handyman tools and he could fix a toaster, a broken washing machine and all other types of household maladies. He was always being called upon to fix things for friends and relatives.

But he never worked on cars. We didn't have a garage either. First car I remember was a 1954 Bel Air. The car I learned to drive in was next. That was a 1952 Crysler New Yorker. That one was equipped with Fluid Matic option. That means it had a torque converter AND a clutch. Next,

He bought a brand new 71 Pontiac Ventura. That car was powder blue with a black and white PLAID interior. I don't know how much the dealer paid him to take it off the lot. His last car was a 1989 Toyota Tercel. There was no vision or continuity in this selection that I could see.

I learned to work on cars from my neighborhood friend Butch. He was a year ahead of me in high school. 57 Chevys were his favorite and he was the go-to guru for building engines and making them run well. He would say things to me like, well before you pull the engine, take it to the car wash and get MOST of the grease off. Back then the draft tube and the top breather would

spew out crankcase fumes that really attracted road dirt that stuck to the oily ventilation vapors. All engines would have a 1/4 inch of grease covering the entire engine, so why wouldn't you wash it first? Another tip was to use a rather large ball bearing in your bottom feeder paint gun and keep swishing it around when painting metal flake to keep the flake in suspension. He basically walked me through my first engine rebuild and was always there with tips and tricks. He was very willing to share information.

Like my dad who helped out anyone that asked, Butch helped me and when I joined this club, I found people were willing to share helpful information. I feel obligated to help pass that on. As our chair Rick Reiff put it, 2 of our fellow members who recently passed, Eck and Jim, freely shared their extensive knowledge and those shoes will be hard to fill.



Butch drying my block with the air hose after a final cleaning in 1969

## Local Activities

July 4th Chapter Picnic aerial drone shot sent in by Jack Humphrey



## 2024 Regional/Chapter events

Nebraska Chapter "Last Blast"	October 10-12, Lincoln, Nebraska
Queen City Chapter Meet	October 12th, Glendale, Indiana
<b>Texas Regional</b>	<b>October 17-19 Frisco, Texas</b>
Pitburg Tri-State Chapter Meet	October 19th, Hubbard, Ohio
Arizona Chapter Meet	November 2, Mesa, Arizona



# Chapter Judging Meet at Stevinson Chevrolet August 24



Gregory Miller's 1971



Steve Beatty's 2002



# For Sale



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

**Fellow Members:**  
I have 20 1/24th scale Corvette models from the Franklin and Danberry Mint I am selling. 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

**Want to Buy** a 1961-62 hardtop for my '62 Corvette. Must be in very good to excellent condition (stainless, trim, plexiglass, rubber moldings, fiberglass, latches). Although my car is black color is unimportant since it can be repainted if necessary. Given the overall size and difficulty in transporting long distance I'd prefer local seller, within Colorado or no more than 500 mi from Denver. If you have or know of one for sale please call/text Ric at: 303-651-2599 or email me at: [landeira@colorado.edu](mailto:landeira@colorado.edu) . Send pics, location and price.

Ricardo Landiera #NCRS7989

# For Sale



Photos by Guy McMann



**1954 Corvette:** Beautiful white on red body off restored car in Aurora, Colorado. Born May 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 [gmmann@jeffco.us](mailto:gmmann@jeffco.us) for an appointment.

## For Sale

1957/1958 hardtop project. Top needs total restoration. Have all the stainless and plexiglass. \$2,000.00.

1961/1962 hardtop project. Top needs total restoration. All stainless and plexiglass. \$2500.00

Randy Hamlett  
719-238-0628

## For Sale

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

Jeff Roth 303-517-7095



From the worldwide Merchandise Deck

Where has the summer of 2024 gone!! As we get older, the time just seems to fly by. Hope your summer has been good to all.

Just around the corner will be fall. Looking forward to seeing everybody again at our monthly meetings at Corvette City. We will have our inventory of caps, shirts and jackets on display.

I have been talking with Martin and Tim, our judging chair and co chair, and we will try to have a table set up with merchandise at all future judging events.

See you all soon,  
Randy Hamlett

rkhamlett5@ g.com/  
719-238-0628



Polo Shirt

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
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

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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