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January 5th

Holiday Party
Mt. Vernon
Country Club

February 16th

Judging School at
Corvette City on
Standard Deduc-
tion Tables 11am



Chairman's Report

By Eckhard Pobuda

The merchandise chair position is open, as Wayne Pendley has moved to Florida. The board is looking for a volunteer to take that position. Please consider taking on this task. Remember wives are members too. We welcome fashion consultants! Thank you Rick Reiff, Jim Hilton, Bob Montgomery and Wayne Pendley for the years of service and dedication to our chapter.

Happy New Year Corvette Enthusiasts

You elected the following RMC board members for a two year term beginning January 1, 2013:

Chairman - Eckhard Pobuda

Secretary - Tom Di Rito

Membership Chairman - Gerry Phillips

Activities Chairman - Bill Barcus

The two main agenda items for 2013 are the 2014 Regional and the 2015 National Conventions, both hosted by our Rocky Mountain Chapter. These conventions offer opportunities for everyone's involvement in our hobby. The prestige our judges and Corvettes enjoy among car collectors would not exist without the NCRS National organization which sanctions the individual chapters. The gathering of NCRS members at these conventions is critical to the existence of this national organization. You are helping yourself by participating in organization and implementation of these events. Contact Ralph Ridge and John Marsico to assist with the 2014 Regional and Jack Humphrey or myself to help with the 2015 National Convention. John and Ralph have planned an onsite meeting on March 23 at 11:00 AM in Loveland at Embassy Suites Hotel. We will send out a member blast with the date. Although we all know that hosting a convention is hard work, it is also an avenue towards fun and lasting friendships.

Looking forward to fun and fellowship in the coming year
Eckhard





Vice Chairman's Report

by Fred Koenig

By the time you get this we'll probably have had our Holiday Christmas Party (Jan. 5, 2013). Hopefully we don't get snowed out like last year. Kathy and I got turned around by the State Patrol one off ramp away from dinner. With a little bit of luck we all get to make it for 2013 as it's always good to see the members with their better halves. Now let's get serious about our February 16, 2013 meeting at Corvette City. My Good Friend Tom DiRito and I have been given the task of raising money (Tom) and gifts, prizes, give aways (Me) for the June 5 - 7, 2014 Regional meet in Loveland, CO. (a beautiful place to have a Regional). We need some help from the club in getting to the Corvette companies that we are going to solicit. We are looking for anyone who might have an in with these companies that can get us the attention of who controls the dollars and gifts.

Eckhard is giving us a little time at the start of the meeting to talk to you. We will be showing you our lists at the Feb. 16 meeting and asking for your help. Maybe even give us companies that we didn't think of.

This club runs on volunteers, this is my second time on the RMC Board and the pay hasn't changed since the first time. "NOTHING FROM NOTHING LEAVES NOTHING" Help Tom and I to make this upcoming Regional a success. Get ready to wave those hands.

P.S. We still need to fill Wayne Pendley's Merchandise board spot as he's moved to Florida. How about one of you going Crazy and jumping in on that.

See you Jan. 5 and Feb. 16 because your hearts are full of Love and Volunteerism.

Thanks, Fred



RMC Judging Chairman Report

by Jack Humphrey

Happy New Year!

We made it through another holiday season and all appears intact. I guess that old Mayan calendar was wrong after all! By the time you read this, we'll have put the annual holiday party in our rear view mirror and be ready for the year ahead. This is the slow time of the year for judging activities, so my column is short.

There were no judging activities in the 4th quarter of 2012. But, a point of interest was the long awaited 4th Edition of the 1968-69 Judging Reference Manual made its debut in the new 'big book' format. Much has changed so, if you have an older edition, it's probably time to update your library.

Europe Weighs In

After considerable work, the British and Dutch chapters have released an on-line registration system for their return to LeMans 2013 meet this summer. Of course, this meet won't be attended by all due to the travel hurdle. But, if you've ever given



thought to a summer vacation road trip across Europe, this is an EXCELLENT way to accomplish the mission surrounded by friends.

The meet offers two legs of a road trip, one from England via ferry across the channel and the other from Limmen, a suburb of Amsterdam. The legs meet and combine in northern France for a joint cruise to Parcay les Pins, a small town just south of LeMans. Several RMC folks plan to go and take in the French countryside, a little NCRS Flight Judging and the incomparable 24 Heurs du Mans endurance race this June. Interested?

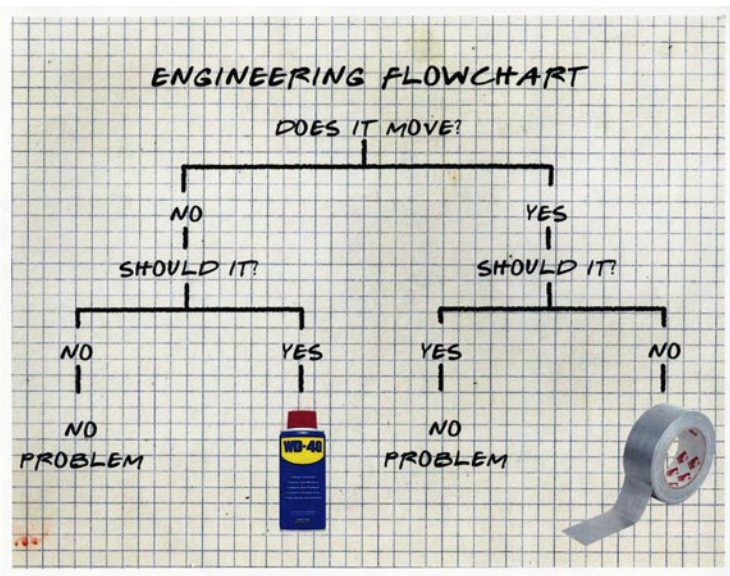
When rooms are gone, that's all she wrote. Direct your web browser to the NCRS National web site, log in for the Technical Discussion Board and click the Event Registration button to reach the 2013 LeMans meet registration page. Need local lodging and help arranging a rental car? Both chapters offer to assist you with a simple click on a check box.

First Quarter Look Ahead

The 2013 judging season kicks off with the Old Town Winter Regional meet, January 23-26 in Kissimmee (Orlando), Florida. This meet is always well attended and known for its swap meet. Speaking of swap meets, I see my copy of the 2013 RMC calendar is void on that subject. For those who like to walk and look for parts, mark your calendar up for the 31st annual Polar Bear Swap Meet at Adams County Fairgrounds on Saturday, January 26th. Then, flip a page and jot in February 9-10 for the 42nd annual Tri State Swap Meet at the National Western Complex.

Last, I'll be conducting a judging school at our February 16th RMC chapter meet at Corvette City. The topic is using the Standard Deduction Tables provided by the NCRS Corvette Judging Reference Manual. Hopefully, you'll have fun AND learn a thing or two.

See you there!



I am responsible for this flow chart, don't blame Jack. I have a high rez version if you want one for your garage. ED



Activities

by Eckhard Pobuda

Thank you Dirk for a great tech session in December. The subject was basic automotive electrical systems. Due to the interest and

member participation, we did not progress past the battery. Members are asking for more.

January 5th is our annual Holiday Party at Mount Vernon Country Club. The social gathering is followed by the buffet. Cost is \$25 per person. Please pay in advance and let me know you are coming. Bring a gift to exchange, a little like a swap meet with Lisa in charge.

February 16 is a Judging School at Corvette City. Time is 11 AM. Contact Ralph Ridge and John Marsico to assist with the 2014 Regional and Jack Humphrey or myself to help with the 2015 National Convention. John and Ralph have an onsite meeting on March 23 at 11 AM in Loveland at Embassy Suites Hotel.

Bill Barcus will be taking over the club activities. He has held this position before. I welcome his experience and creative ideas.

It's been a blast!
Eckhard



2014 ROCKY MOUNTAIN REGIONAL UPDATE

by John Marsico

John Marsico and Ralph Ridge Co-Chairs

The Rocky Mountain Regional in Loveland, CO, is not that far into the future. This is the first RMC newsletter for 2013 and we all know 2014 will be here before we know it. As a result, Ralph and I will be submitting short articles for each newsletter between now and June, 2014. I am writing this first update.

Plans are moving along quite well. We have completed all the contract negotiations with the Embassy Suites in Loveland and have met with hotel staff several times since contract signing. They have been very helpful with our logistical needs. The heart of this article is a listing of the committee chairpeople. Please look over the list to decide which committee piques your interest. Once you make that decision, please pick up the phone, or send an email to that chairperson and volunteer to work with that committee. This event will need the involvement of all our RMC members.ww



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If you have any questions or thoughts regarding this event, please don't hesitate to contact Ralph Ridge or me, John Marsico.



For 2013, I am filling out the last year of Eckhard's term as Activities Chairman.

Activities

by Bill Barcus

Not sure if I should

say I'm the New Old Guy or the Old New Guy, since I have been a member of NCRS since 1987, the year after I bought my '66, and, I have been Activities Chairman several times in the past.

In any case, if you've purchased the 2013 NCRS calendar, you can see there is a full agenda planned for the year. I may try a few twists to the agenda – perhaps a chapter swap meet in the spring. I think many of us have parts to buy/sell, and we can help each other with that needed parts for our restoration/preservation.

Perhaps a roving tech session – hitting several members houses in a day combining mini tech sessions, a picnic, and driving in between stops! You will find I am big on driving the cars- A Corvette is such a great car to hit the Colorado back roads!

I'm also open to any suggestions – Let me know!!





Membership/Top Flight Chapter Award Report

By Bob Montgomery

This is my last entry into this publication as the Membership Chairman. I would like to introduce Gerry Phillips as the next Chairman. Gerry and I have spent some time together looking at the history of this position and how it has evolved. He comes into this with lots of energy and ideas that will be a great asset to the chapter!

We are finishing up the 2013 membership drive by January 31st. For those that have re-joined already, thanks for your continued support of the chapter! For those that haven't yet taken the time to renew, please do so as soon as possible so I can turn the reigns of this position to Gerry.

Looking back at the years I have been in this position (I took over for Peter Gregory in mid-2005 as he was moving into the Merchandise position) there have been a lot of changes in names and faces in the chapter. There have been a core group of

people that have stepped up as leaders for everything from board positions to running the chapter and regional judging meets. The chapter is continuing to reach out and offer to host various events and there is always a big need for volunteers to plan and man the events. It is nice to see some new folks taking on additional tasks in the chapter. That is what will continue to make this group strong. Thanks for your support!

On the Top Flight Chapter Award front, a reminder that every time you attend a chapter event, drive your Corvette to an event, participate in a judging school or meet, write a technical article for this newsletter we can apply your activity to the award. We had great participation in 2012 and I am putting the finishing touches on the final report for the year that will garner another Top Flight Chapter award for us. This is a reflection on how active the chapter is. Thanks for your participation!

Bob Montgomery

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Memorial Wall

by John Waggoner

As NCRS is now approaching our 40th year we are losing longtime friends and fellow Corvette hobbyists. Our way of remembering and keeping these friends in our hearts is to build the NCRS Memorial Wall where we can list deceased members and include a little information about their NCRS life.

Your Chapter Membership Managers will be responsible for maintaining this new feature for your Chapter Members. You will find the Memorial Wall linked from the Membership Services menu on our website or directly at http://www.ncrs.org/memorial_wall.php

This link will allow you to find a deceased member in the listing by selecting the first letter of the last name and then click on the Biography link if available. If a deceased member is not listed and you have the death information, you need to contact the Cincinnati office by email "info@ncrs.org" or phone 513-385-8526 or 513-385-6367 to have the person marked as deceased first.

Once the name appears your Chapter Membership Manager can create the biography. You can find contact information for your Chapter Membership Manager on the contacts page at <http://www.ncrs.org/contact.php> Click on your Chapter Name to get a popup of all your Chapter Officers. They should be provided with the death date, any biographical information and a photo if available.

Please help to keep the memory of our deceased members alive for us.



Rocky Mountain Road Tour from Denver, Colorado

by Ralph Ridge

Dear RMC member, are you planning a summer vacation? How about a Corvette Summer? Below is a summary of what we're planning for the 2013 Rocky Mountain leg of the NCRS Road Tour to the National Convention in Hampton, VA this summer.

2013 Rocky Mountain Road Tour led by Ralph & Sharon Ridge and Jim & Kay Hilton (Denver to Bowling Green)

Day 1, July 13. Saturday, Denver to Dodge City, KS

Day 2, July 14. Dodge City, KS to Tulsa, OK

Day 3, July 15 Tulsa, OK to Branson, MO Branson shows,

Day 4, July 16 Branson, MO to Bowling Green, KY ,

Day 5, July 17 Corvette Museum & Assembly Plant or tour Mammoth Cave Nat'l Park,

Day 6, July 18 Bowling Green, KY to Wytheville, VA. ,

Day 7, July 19 Wytheville, VA to Lynchburg, VA., two days of scenic driving to include a portion of the Blue Ridge Parkway,

Day 8, July 20 Lynchburg, VA to BBQ lunch /tours at ZIP Prods. Mechanicsville, VA. then on to the LNO party.

As you can see, we're planning on "smelling the roses" along the way. In addition to numerous fun stops, you'll have a chance to get to know other people that share your passion of the Corvette, including participants from NZ and AU. Our route is planned along as many



Official T shirt logo for the National Road Tour

scenic routes as possible with Interstate highways our last resort. Once we get to Hampton, your Convention Committee is planning numerous activities that you'll probably want to consider. It's a long drive, but it's also a chance to see and do a lot of things that you might not do otherwise. It's also broken up into short daily drives so you're rested enough to be able to enjoy activities at the end of each day.

We will also have a trailer in our caravan. This could come in handy in case of any road side break downs (hopefully not needed). Some previous participants have

named the trailer tow vehicle the "beer wagon". Tail gate parties seem to proliferate at the end of the day during the tour. If you're a '63 owner, you'll especially want to consider being a participant in the "Year of the '63" celebrations at the convention.

Then, after the convention, you have the opportunity to plan your own road tour on the way home.

I think we're going to have a great time and Jim and Kay and Sharon and I hope you'll consider joining us.

Ralph Ridge



Editor's Corner

By Dennis Dalton

Two Page Format

I have redesigned the newsletter with a magazine spread format. In this way I feel that the stories will be less fragmented since articles will not be continued from page to page as often as before. I welcome your comments.

Regional Meet

I have asked the co chairs to give updates in the newsletter on the developments as they happen up to the time of the meet. I hope that will keep everyone informed. The Regional logo looks like this (see right). It was unveiled at the holiday party. Yours truly was the winning design.

Shock Dates and other Things

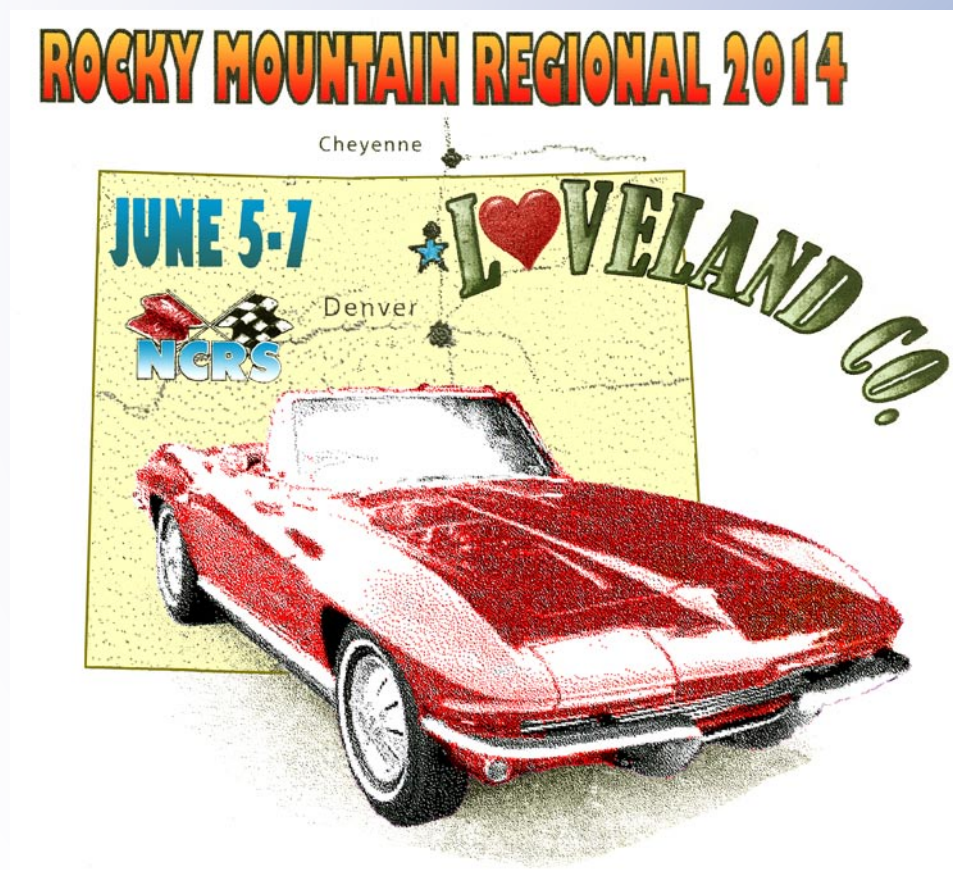
In a dark corner at the last tech session, a discussion ensued over the dating procedure for standard and F40-41 shocks.

I thought I should make a call to the expert and share the information with you. The primary confusion appears to stem from the comparison of the 65JM and the 66JM on the subject of shock dating. Dan Patch (the expert) has been restoring, building and dating shocks for NCRS members for some time. He had this to say when I emailed him on the subject. I have not edited his email.

"The 1965 judging manual is wrong and they are revising it. Delco dated shocks only two ways since they started making shocks. Corvette shocks were done the same way as all other shocks.

From 1949 to January 1963 ALL Delco shocks were month, week, year. In January 1963 all wording went from the top of the shock to the bottom and Julian dates. Except the rear F40 1965 and F41 which used the month, week, year dates. Some front 1965 F40 and F41 have been found with wording on the bottom and with the month, week year dating. I have some pictures of these. They will have the 5/32 characters. Most of the front heavy duty shocks will have the same layout as the standard shocks with Julian dates and 3171488 part number.

11A64 is November first week of 1964.



Rocky Mountain Regional Logo for 2014 in Loveland, CO



The 1966 JM is correct .

In 1963 and early 1964 it was crap shoot. I have a full set of 5D63 shocks standard set with the early format. Rears have the wording on the bottom and fronts at the top. I have seen several examples of these 5D63's . I have seen front 5D63 wording at top and bottom . All of these have the larger 5/32 characters. I have seen a set of rears that came off of the same car. One was Julian dated and the other was the month/ week /year .

The word BOTTOM from January 1963-1967 was on some and not on others . In 1967 The word BOTTOM was on all shocks except rear heavy duty. Some have the letter A behind the date. I suspect there were two plants.

I just hate to see points taken off when the car does have the right stuff.

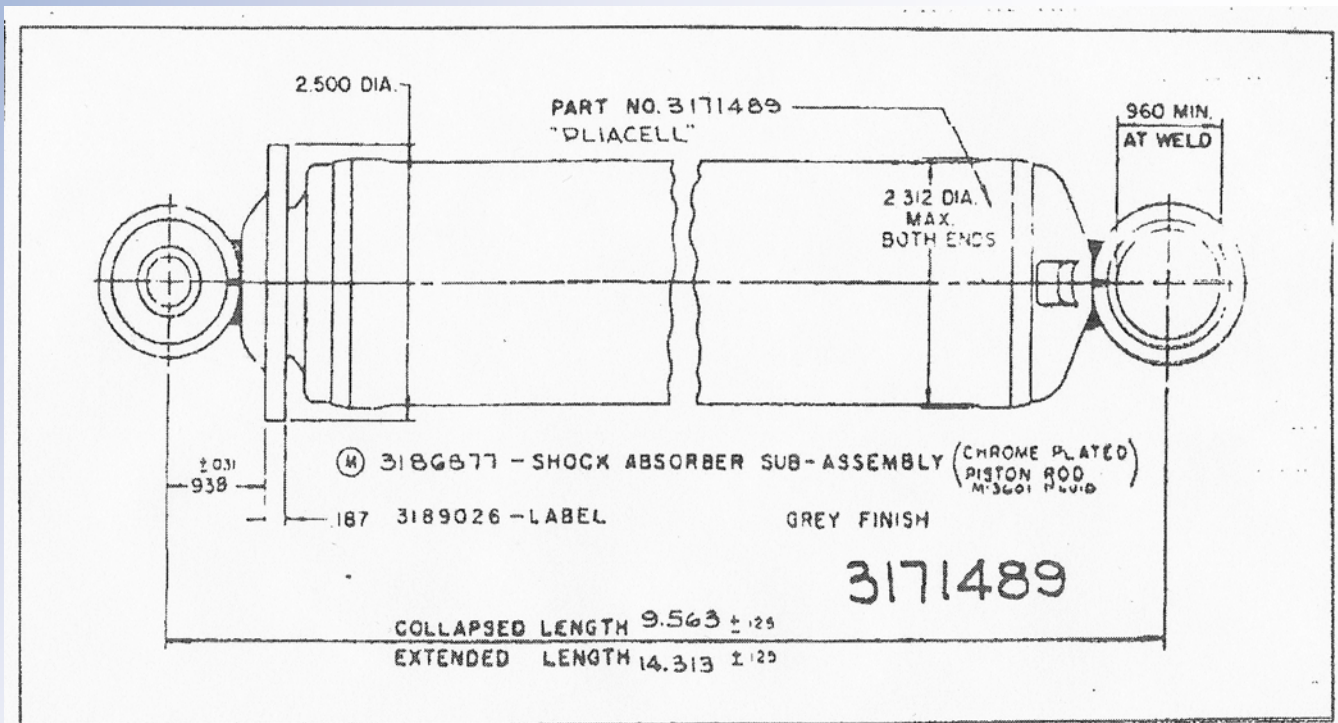
There is a lot of different wording on the 1953-1962 spiral, smooth and big brake shocks.

They have revised the 66 JM but not the 65 Jm. The 65 says A would be January. This is wrong. One of the guys who is helping revise the 65 JM contacted me and I verified the manual was wrong.

Delco NEVER used a letter greater than E. E being the 5th week. They never used the first set of numbers greater than 12. 1= January, 12= December. From 1949 till they quit that format altogether in 1969."

There was also a discussion concerning the washer on the top of the F40, F41 shocks. The 66JM says that the washer is 2 inches in diameter. The engineering drawing in this article that Dan forwarded to me clearly calls for a 2.5 dia. Washer. ED

Engineering drawing from Dan Patch on top washer diameter for F40/F41 rear shocks .





More Chapter meet S from Dan





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**AT CORVETTE CITY
NOVEMBER 2012**

BY DIRK GADDIS



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




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