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Chairman's Report

By Eckhard Pobuda

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Dear Friends,

Another year is coming to its end. This was a particularly busy year for most of our members. We had road trips, tech sessions, judging schools, barbeques, a chapter judging meet, and, oh yeah, a National Convention. All of these activities had to be organized and executed by someone in the chapter...YOU. The convention was by far the largest and most complex of these events. The dedication and enthusiasm with which you carried out this event was obvious to most attendees, especially the national board. I heard many good comments from many people and wanted to express my heart-felt thanks to all of you for your participation in all of the above events. Together we have a fine chapter. For me it is a privilege to be a part of it.

As I write this I am thinking of the holidays ahead and wish all of you the best of everything and a happy and successful new year.

Eckhard



November tech session attendees
at Corvete City.

Photo courtesy of Jerry Phillips



Corvette Snow Plow

Photo from the internet. ED



Chuck Banks
Judging Chair

Judging meet will be at Bosarth Chevrolet Sunday May 15th,

The Rocky Mountain Chapter will hold a judging meet and one point judging school at Bosarth Chevrolet in Aurora, Colorado on Sunday, May 15, 2016. In order to provide quality judging we reserve the right to limit the number and class of cars judged. Good participation by our RMC members will allow us to judge more cars. On-line registration will open on February 15, 2016. Preference will be given to cars that have not been judged before, and in order of date of registration.

All attendees must register using the on-line registration form. Meet registration is free, and lunch will be provided to judges and registered car owners. Car judging fee is \$50, and Sportsman registration is \$20. Late registration fee after April 15, 2015 is \$20, payable at the meet. No cars will be accepted after April 15th.

Judged car check-in and placement begins at 7:00 A.M. Judges meeting is at 8:00 A.M. followed by the owners meeting. Flight judging will occur between 8:15 A.M. and 2:30 P.M. A one point judging school will be conducted immediately after the conclusion of Flight Judging. Awards presentation will be held after the judging school.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR AN EVENT ON-LINE

To log on to the NCRS web site you must create a password.

1. Go to www.NCRS.Org
2. Click on Services and then on Re-set Password
3. Fill in the appropriate information and then click on Retrieve
4. You can now create a log-in password
5. Log in to the NCRS site
6. Click on Services, coming events, event registration, and the event you want to register for.
7. As you are completing the registration on-line be sure to save each page before you go to the next page or the information will not be recorded.

Once you have entered the NCRS web site you can go to the technical discussion board where you can view your judging history and judging point totals.

Chuck Banks

Assistant Judging Chair's message by Ralph Ridge

One of the requirements of every NCRS chapter is to hold at least one annual chapter judging meet. Not only does this give any NCRS member an opportunity to have their car judged, it gives the membership a chance to experience the camaraderie that comes from working with a fellow member during the judging process.

Having said that, one of the problems we have recently experienced is having enough judges to accommodate all of the member requests to have a car judged. Last year we had to turn away several members who wished to avail themselves of the opportunity to have their car judged.

Why? Because we didn't have enough judging manpower sign up for the meet. Notice I didn't say we didn't have the manpower, we didn't have enough judges (i.e., members) sign up. That's sad because we have over one hundred members. If you belong to NCRS, you ARE a judge...and we need YOU! Remember, everyone starts out having never judged before. But once you have judged in an event, you are now in the NCRS database and on your way to becoming an experienced judge and possibly achieving that Master Judges hat.

So please, register to judge for our May meet and help us accommodate those members who wish to have their cars judged. You must register online and Chuck has given you a tutorial of how to do this in his Judging Chairman article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thanks, Ralph Ridge
Asst Judging Chairman

I am Phil Morgan NCRS #1340 and can offer great pricing on BULLET POLISH products and I am a dealer for CORVETTE AMERICA. I will offer 1/2 of whatever discount I get to NCRS members on the VINTAGE CATALOG, the 1953-1982 and 1984-2012 catalog. Please advise if I can send you a catalog.

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This is our last report...

Jeff Roth (jeffroth@myawai.com) will be taking over in 2016. Please lend him your ideas, your participation and support and we know he will enjoy the next 2 years as much as we have.

In October we met at Corvette City and Gary Steffens gave a presentation on automotive chemicals: Engine sealants, restoration products and additives. Everyone contributed to the discussion and we all went home with good ideas. Lunch followed with an Octoberfest fare with grilled brats and salads topped off with apple strudel.

Activities Co Chairs

by Terri Pabuda and
Lothar Kemerer

November was another tech session at Corvette City, organized by Lothar. Presenters were our talented duo, Dirk Gaddis and Jim Lennartz. The subjects of discussion were the physics of electrical energy and the process of rebuilding

alternators. Dirk provided a lively presentation of "Electrical 101" which brought back memories of Lothar's high school and college physics classes. Good work Dirk...! The large attentive class attendees provided many a correct answer to Dirk's questions, and they had questions of their own. Jim's Show N Tell Alternator Class followed Dirk's presentation just as the Pizza arrived. The class was both entertaining and informative. Thank you Jim.

On Dec 19 we are headed to the Forney Museum....what, again??? Yup. This time to see their special display of sleighs along with Denver classic car clubs' entries of Christmas trees. We will adjourn for lunch at Jake's Sports and Spirits. Wish they offered sleigh rides!

THEN.....DON'T FORGET! Our Holiday Party is Jan 9, which kicks off the new year for us. It is held at the Mount Vernon Country Club on Lookout Mountain. Bring your spouse or a friend. Register on line from our web site....it's a breeze. I just did it. <http://NCRSRMC.org>. Remember to click the addition of your spouse or add name of guest to get the correct total for your registration fee. This year we have added a special shrimp dish to the already outstanding buffet...so there is nothing left to desire. This addition is given by the board in tribute to our members for all the volunteer hours you have given us for the 2015 National Convention. The price remains \$25 per member with the club. Old Man Winter has again promised to look out for us.

The following is a Thank You Letter from Lothar :

I would like to thank the NCRS-RMC for allowing me to be involved as the Assistant Activities Officer of our Chapter for the past 2 years. The fondest memories are of the visit to the Rambler Ranch in Elizabeth, CO during a cold spell with temperatures in the Teens and the large barn housing the Ramblers was unheated. Lunch was served by Famous Dave's in a 50's style diner with heat and the attendees were able to thaw out....Nice....! The visit to the Vehicle Vault Car Museum in Parker, CO on Valentine's day was equally memorable. The newly constructed museum had a beautiful display of vehicles of early 1900's car to the modern day super cars and the museum was heated this time....! Reservations for lunch were made at the nearby Armando's Italian Restaurant where good food and drink were shared by the museum visitors. Jeff Roth will be taking over as the Activities Officer for our Chapter and I would like to extend the warmest welcome to him and also thank Terri Pabuda for doing an awesome job as the Activities "Director".
Lothar Kremer

Lothar's letter reflects my sentiments as well, I'll miss cooking for you

Adios, Terri and Lothar



Our Chapter membership roster now stands at 127 members.

Membership
by Jerry Phillips

Tech session in November at Corvette City.
Photos by Jerry Phillips



This includes recently joining new members and their corvette ownership, David Campbell (1962), Corey Krause (2008) and Kent Rooks (1956, 1967 & 2006).

The 2016 RMC membership dues notices were sent out in December. Thanks to all who have already paid their dues and for those who haven't already done so, please pay your dues immediately to avoid being dropped from the membership roles. Renewal online via the National NCRS website is encouraged. The Chapter uses the National NCRS database email addresses for most membership correspondence, including dues renewals so please make sure your email address is always up to date on the National website. Here is the link to the NCRS' member profile page: <https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>

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.

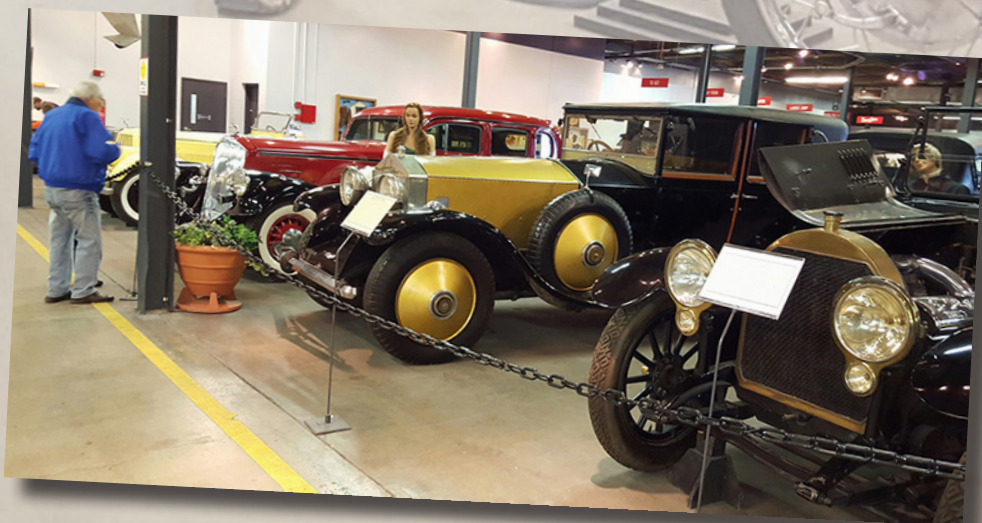
I hope you all have a happy and prosperous 2016

Forney Museum December



Photos courtesy of Jerry Phillips

Museum Visit er 19th





Editor's Corner

By Dennis Dalton

Looking forward to the year ahead, I will be have to keep the 94 in shape to complete the Founder's Award. After the transmission and starter problems on the national road tour last summer got solved, I enjoyed a couple of quiet months with the car until it got cold out. In the below freezing weather the door lock system kept buzzing and the door locks would cycle on and off. The courtesy lights would also stay on once the doors were shut and locked. I pulled the fuses and put the "smart key" system on manual. I put it in the garage, (in the corner for being bad) and I will be taking the passenger side door apart and start troubleshooting.

I am planning on signing up to judge at our spring meet, I hope you are. Ralph Ridge sent me an article (see page 3) as he is currently serving in the assistant judging chair capacity. He is also urging you to also consider judging.

I always learn quite a bit when judging. Our club has many high level judges that are paired to mentor others which is very helpful especially when you consider that our judging manuals cannot cover every aspect of a part or installation and these things are only gained from experience.



Treasurer's Report

by Jack Humphrey

an occasional report from the club treasurer is probably due...

There's nothing really 'exciting' about posting transactions to QuickBooks. But, an occasional report from the club treasurer is probably due, even if such isn't as exciting as a good classic Corvette tale.

We're nearing the 2015 year end now and the accounting action is heating up. This is when Gerry Phillips beats the drum on membership renewal AND Lothar Kremer/Jeff Roth are asking as to sign up for the annual holiday party at Mt. Vernon Country Club. Both events generate positive cash flow! In the past, the lion's share of payments to the club came via check/cash.

But, in recent years more and more of us are using the discounted offer we get from PayPal to send the money in electronically via charge card. Now, most payments ARE coming in electronically!

We get a good deal on banking from Colorado State Bank, but they're NOT long on having multiple branch locations. Turning around a collection of member generated manual payments (checks and cash) into deposit transactions used to be a chore requiring either a drive by at the bank by mail-in activity. But, since I picked up the CFO job from Steve Beatty, I've automated this a bit by loading my smart phone with a mobile banking App. That lets me take a picture of the front and back of a check then electronically upload it to the bank for deposit. No, it doesn't get me off the hook on cash payments tendered, but so far they've been few in number and low in \$-value. So, I stick the cash in my pocket and write a personal check to RMC-NCRS. You got it! Once, the cash is in check form, I can run it through my smart

phone make the deposit electronically. On a day like today where there's a bit more than a foot of fresh snow on the ground, I'm on top of Lookout Mountain, and the nearest bank branch office is down the hill +10 miles at Wadsworth and the 6th Avenue Freeway, that mobile deposit APP is really sweet! But, so much for shop talk.

We're a non-profit corporation (not a recognized charity) and there are limits to how much money we can make and still maintain our NPO status. Typically, we spend more money each year than we take in. From the standpoint of keeping up our NPO status (we don't file a tax return as a non-profit), that's GREAT! But, eventually that scenario plays out to the point of us maybe going broke... RMC has answered this down cycle by hosting a Regional or National judging event every 10 years or so. Those functions require our membership to kick in and do volunteer work. But, we have replenished the chapter treasury each time as a result.

Last year (2014) Ralph Ridge and John Marsico did an excellent job at pumping up our coffers with revenue from our Regional Meet in Loveland. This year, it was Eckhard and Terri Pobudas' turn (I helped a bit) to turn the crank on the Denver National Convention. And it goes without saying, without YOU, the RMC membership, these events wouldn't have been possible.

As I look toward the end of 2015 (the books aren't final yet), I see another year of positive profit for the club. Our sponsorship check from NCRS National arrived very promptly and it's now in the bank, not in the mail! I expect we'll end the year with a net worth in the \$25K range. That means we at RMC-NCRS are good for a future of quite a few years with free pizza. Thanks to all you all...

RMC-NCRS Board Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2015
Corvette City
6863 E. 48th Avenue
Commerce City, Colorado

I) Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:01am by Chairman Eck Pobuda.

The following Board Members were in attendance:

Chairman:	Eck Pobuda
Secretary:	Tom Di Rito
Treasurer:	Jack Humphrey
Communications:	Bob Davis
Activities:	Terri Pobuda
Technical Advisor:	Garry Steffens (does not typically vote)
Judging:	Chuck Banks
Merchandise:	Dan Termeer

Absent from the Board Meeting:

Vice Chairman:	Steve Beatty
Newsletter Editor:	Dennis Dalton
Membership:	Gerry Phillips
Activities:	Lothar Kremer

Also present were Board Members Elect:

Vice Chairman:	Jim Lennartz
Activities:	Jeff Roth
Merchandise:	Pete LeClair

II) Adoption of Agenda: The Agenda was presented by Eck Pobuda and was adopted without vote.

III) RMC Board Members Reports:

- a. Eck Pobuda – Chairman’s Report: Eck welcomed all new Board Members. He advised the Board that he’s received much positive feedback regarding our National Convention. Eck thanked all members of the Board for their assistance with the National Convention. Eck also advised the Board that there is now a new Chapter Charter process whereby the National President and Regional Director will send us a confirming letter (Eck has a copy of this letter). Eck also advised that Gary Chestnut returned the \$200 donation our Chapter sent in honor of the life of Gary’s wife.
- b. Jack Humphrey – Treasurer’s Report: Jack provided to all Board Members copies of the January 1, through September 2015 Profit & Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet as of October 31, 2015. Jack advised the reports do not reflect Chapter dues which has not been collected as yet for this year nor has he yet received the \$3,000 he expects to receive from National for holding the 2015 National Convention. Jack has received assurances from Mike Ingham and Mark Lincoln that this money will be sent to our Chapter. Jack also distributed the Transaction Detail By Account report January through December 2014 which illustrated last year we donated \$500 to the Tennyson Center plus \$130.99 of expenses for food and beverages for the Tennyson show. Jack advised we need to support a charity financially as well as we need to judge 10 cars (10% of our memberships cars) per year in order to maintain our Top Flight Chapter status.

After some discussion Eck offered a motion to accept the previously mentioned Profit and Loss Statement as well as the Balance Sheet, both as submitted, second by Dan Termeer. The motion passed by a vote of 7-0.

- c. Tom Di Rito – Secretary’s Report: Tom previously emailed Minutes from the April 18, 2015 Board Meeting to all Board Members. Jack Humphrey previously requested via email one spelling correction. There being no further corrections or addition to the Minutes, Jack Humphrey moved to accept the Minutes as amended; second by Eck Pobuda. The Minutes were approved by a vote of 7-0.
- d. Steve Beatty – Vice Chairman’s Report: Steve was absent from the meeting thus there was no report.
- e. Chuck Banks – Judging Chairman’s Report: Chuck reported that there is a Chassis judging manual for the 92-96 cars missing as of the National Meet. He also has received the new C-5 Book but has not had time to break it down yet for judging. Chuck reported 7 cars were judged at our Chapter meet in May, 2015 where he had only 25 judges and just 2 team leaders. Eck requested that consideration be given to holding a Spring and Fall Meet. Considerable discussion ensued with the problem being stated that we clearly have not been able to attract enough cars or judges. There was no resolution to this issue.
- f. Gerry Phillips – Membership Report: Gerry was absent from the meeting thus there was no report.
- g. Dan Termeer-Merchandise: Dan reported that the Chapter made more than \$2,000 at the Loveland Regional from selling various items. Jack Humphrey has an inventory list of the existing merchandise and will email the list to Pete LeClair. Pete will go through the merchandise locker to become familiar with the merchandise that we have on hand. Eck reminded us that the merchandise is not necessarily meant to be profitable for the Chapter. It really just needs to break even.
- h. Terri Pobuda – Activities Chairman’s Report: Terri advised she’s not sure about what we will be doing in November; perhaps a Judging school? Our next big activity will be the Holiday Party. She’s talked to the folks at the Mt. Vernon Country Club and has a quote for the catered portion of the event. Discussion ensued regarding if we should add hot or cold seafood to the buffet or if we should consider a steak and lobster dinner for all. After considerable discussion Terri offered a motion for us to keep the popular buffet (cost: \$35.00/person) and to add cold shrimp (additional cost: \$4.00/person). Members will pay \$25.00/person and the Chapter will pick up the balance of the cost. The motion received a second by Jack Humphrey and was approved 7-0.
- i. Dennis Dalton – Newsletter Editor’s Report: Dennis was absent from the meeting thus there was no report.
- j. Bob Davis - Communications: Bob advised the Board that he has been unable to do very much to revise the software.

IV) Old Business:

- a. Tennyson Center Donation: According to a Transaction Detail by Account dated 10-15-15 and presented by Jack

Humphrey, last year we donated \$500 plus paid \$130.99 in costs for pizza and soft drinks regarding our support of the Tennyson Center. A motion was made by Eck Pobuda, second by Bob Davis to make a donation for 2015 to the Tennyson Center in the amount of \$500. The motion was approved 7-0 and Jack Humphrey was asked to prepare this check and send it to the Tennyson Center.

- b. Bill Bell Membership: Eck reminded the Board that Jack Humphrey was previously authorized to provide Bill a one year membership to NCRS National and Chapter for all he's done for us, especially for the National Convention this past July. Eck made a motion to provide Bill Bell and Gary Stephens with two (2) free tickets for each (total of four (4) tickets) to our 2016 Holiday Party at Mt. Vernon Country Club. Motion was second by Dan Termeer. The motion was approved 7-0.
- c. 2016 Calendar of Events: Eck took a few minutes to discuss several points from our "2015 RMC Membership Survey". Some of those findings included:
 - ☐ Members really enjoy Tech Sessions (71% approval).
 - ☐ Networking on restoration matters as well as general networking with other Corvette owners are both important to the membership (81.3% and 82.8% approval, respectively).

Eck thought perhaps we could help networking if we asked people to introduce themselves and the cars they own as we begin each meeting. Considerable discussion then ensued regarding the Calendar of Events for 2016. The final results are as follows:

January 9:	Holiday Party
February 20:	Tech Session
March 19:	Tech Session
April 16:	Business Meeting and Elections
May 15:	Chapter Judging Meet & Judging School
June 18:	Spring Road Tour
August 20:	Tennyson Center Car Show
September 17:	Road Trip
October 15:	Tech Session
November 19:	Judging School
December 17:	Tech Session

It was noted that due to a lack of interest from our dealer sponsor, there will be no Dealer Appreciation Car Show in 2016. Eck Pobuda made a motion for the Board to accept the previously listed 2016 Calendar of Events, second by Jack Humphrey. The motion was approved 7-0.

- d. Chapter Sponsor: Both Eck Pobuda and Jack Humphrey noted that they've been receiving "...very negative vibes..." from management at the Ed Bozarth Dealerships. They are of the opinion that Bozarth may no longer be interested in sponsoring our Chapter. It was agreed by the Board members present that we will use the Bozarth Dealership in Aurora for the Chapter Judging Meet in 2016 (Eck Pobuda will arrange for this). The Board also approved Eck Pobuda and two other Board Members to search out another sponsoring dealership for our Chapter.
- e. Forney Christmas Tree: Terri Pobuda advised the Board that she had been approached by the Forney Museum for our Chapter to sponsor and decorate a Christmas tree to be displayed at the Forney Museum during the holidays. Entry fee would be \$50.00 plus the cost of decorations. Eck Pobuda made a motion for the Chapter to sponsor a tree as previously described. Eck's motion died on the floor for lack of a second to the motion. Eck then made a motion for our December 19, 2015 activity to be going to the Forney Museum to view the trees, second by Dan Termeer. The motion was approved 7-0.

V) New Business:

There being no further business to come before the Board, Eck moved for adjournment, second by Dan Termeer, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47am by a vote of 7-0.

Respectfully Submitted;
Tom Di Rito,
NCRS Rocky Mountain Chapter Secretary

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