

# High Plains Shifter



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## Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

## The first quarter of 2017 is behind us...

The first quarter of 2017 is behind us and it is starting to warm up. Time to dust off your Corvette and get it ready to drive. However, with some of the warm days we've had, you may have already done so. Q2 is here and first up is our annual meeting and election on April 15, 2017 at Corvette City. We will start the meeting with reports from your RMC

Board, followed by the election of Board members. You should have received an email from me with the ballot for this year's elections and the associated instructions for voting. However, it is important for you to vote so I'll repeat the information here.

The following Board positions and members that are on the ballot include: Vice Chairman – Jim Lennartz; Treasurer – Jack Humphrey; Secretary – Tom Di Rito; Activities – Jeff Roth; and Merchandise – Pete LeClair. All the Board positions are for a two-year term, with the exception of Secretary, which is for a one-year term. The Secretary position somehow got out of sync with what is specified in the Chapter By-Laws (i.e. the Secretary position is to be elected on the even years and not during an odd year. So, to get it back into the proper rotation this position will be for just a one-year term. So, next year the Secretary position will be on the ballot, but at that time it will be for a two-year term.

Ballots can be returned to me via email (by April 14, 2007), mail (please mail to my home address that is on the ballot by April 10, 2017) or you can submit the ballot at the annual meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> if your plan on being there.

I want to thank those members that have put their name on this year's ballot. Also, I'd like to thank, Jim Lennartz, Dirk Gaddis, Jeff Roth, Ralph Ridge and Ralph's grandson Cale for putting together two great Technical Sessions this year (mid-year headlight motor

**May 21  
Judging Meet at  
Medved Chevrolet**

**July 17  
Spring Road Trip**

repair and a primer on all the various NCRS judging awards). Kuddos to Gerry Steffens for opening up Corvette City on the third Saturday of the month, which gives us all a place to get together and share our Corvette experience.

Hope to see you (and your Corvettes) at the upcoming annual meeting.

Rick Reiff  
RMC Chairman



Ralph Ridge  
Judging Chair

## Yesterday I returned from the Laughlin Regional...

Yesterday I returned from the Laughlin Regional where Dave Brigham gave a more in depth report on how the Concours Judging will be conducted. Concours is the name of the proposed judging class for those cars that are excluded from current flight judging criteria.

### Concours Judging:

1) Will be judged using the five areas that flight uses (interior, exterior, chassis, mechanical and operations).

2) Judging criteria will be APPEARANCE only (not originality or condition).

3) Points possible will be 2250

4) Percent numbers for each award ribbon will be similar to flight.

5) There will be two divisions, stock and modified (body).

6) Cars that have been denied judging due to engine pads, engine swaps, big block in small block car, etc are eligible.

7) Owner must be an NCRS member.

8) Cars must have a legal VIN (can be state issued)

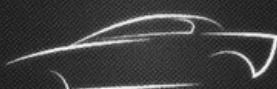
This program is still in its' inception stages, and must be a stand alone financially program to get the final go ahead from the National Board. There were two cars practice judged at Laughlin, and more will be judged at San Antonio and Frisco. Nothing is set in concrete yet, but interest among NCRS members was high at the Laughlin meet and I, for one, hope this program goes forward.

Getting back to current judging, we have a Chapter Meet coming up on May 21st at Medved Chevrolet in Wheatridge. So far I only have

three cars registered for flight judging. I'd like to get several more cars to participate, so if you're thinking about getting your car judged, please enrollee it soon. I've had a good response from members who have signed up to judge, If you haven't signed up yet, I encourage you to do so.

Remember all registration is done online. If you experience a problem with that, please contact me at [303-718-8102](tel:303-718-8102).

See you at Medved.  
Ralph



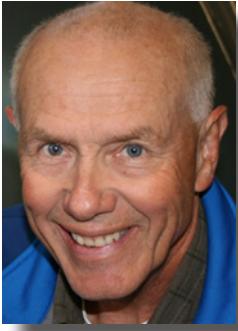
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## We have started the year with several new members...

We have started the year with several new members: Jim Berg (1965), Ray D'Ardenne (1963 and 1964), Denny Gibespm, Duane Grosskrueger (1970 and 2015), Sam Mittan, Roger Nitta, and Rick Ross. Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future meeting.

With these new members, our current membership is at 119 up from the 113 count which we had a year ago at this time but down from the 2016 year-end membership of 126.

Chapter notices are generally sent out via email using the addresses contained on the National NCRS' member email database. Accordingly, please make sure your National NCRS profile email address is always up to date to avoid missing Chapter news. Here is a link to your member profile. (<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>)

RMC once again achieved NCRS Top Flight status again for 2016. A special thanks to all the members whose contributions and efforts made it possible for the Chapter to continue its tradition of earning the award. We are also on a good start to earn a Top Flight Award in 2017 thanks to the planned activities for this year. RMC Chapter membership directories are now available upon request by emailing me at [gphil460@comcast.net](mailto:gphil460@comcast.net). Please keep in mind that the list is confidential and isn't to be shared with non-members.

Finally, I've been the Membership Chairman for four years now which has been a great experience but would like to pass the position on to someone else. If you have an interest, please shoot me an email and I'd be happy to further discuss the opportunity to serve the Chapter and further participate in the Corvette experience.

Gerry Phillips  
Membership Chairman  
[gphil460@gmail.com](mailto:gphil460@gmail.com)



## Activities by Jeff Roth

We started off the year with the Chapter Holiday Party in January. The gift exchange was pretty lively with a number of items being stolen multiple times. Lisa Gaddis did another terrific job as MC of the gift exchange and we thank her very much. In February, our tech session was on head lamp motors trouble shooting and repair. Ralph, Cale, Dirk and I showed everyone how to disassemble, clean and repair the units. Especial thanks to Jim Lennartz for teaching us how to do them. Our first judging school this year was held in March. Ralph Ridge the Judging Chairman explained all the different awards you could get from NCRS. There are lots of them! I had no idea what some of them entailed. Coming up April 15<sup>th</sup> we will have our annual business meeting with board elections. Following the meeting we will have a swap meet. May 21<sup>st</sup> is our first judging meet and June the spring road trip.

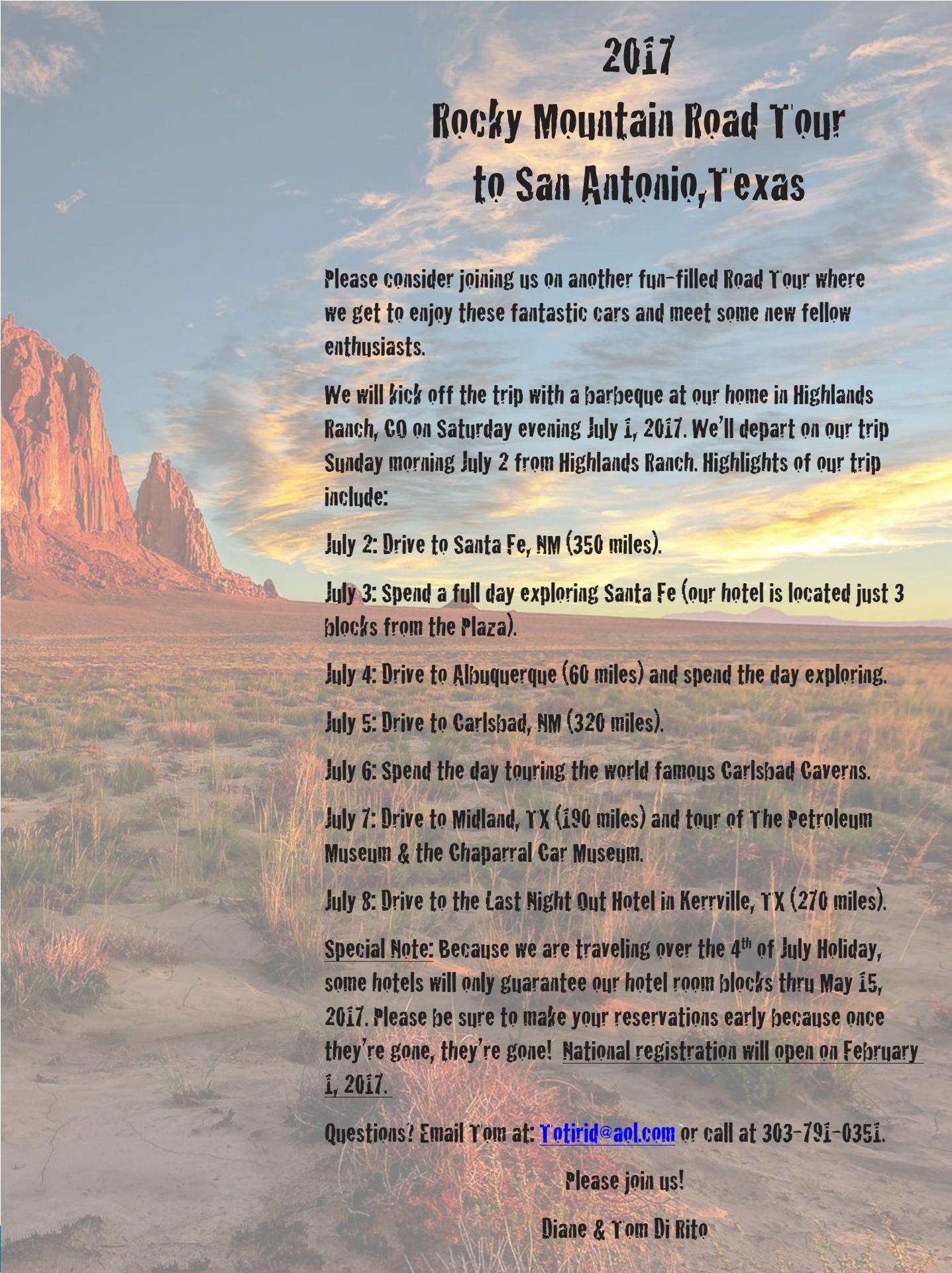
Jeff Roth  
Activities Chairman

# Swap Meet parts for sale!

After 33 years driving my C-1, I decided to sell it and move up to a C-6. I now have 33 years of spare parts, books, magazines and tools for sale. The magazines that I have available are 56 issues of "On Solid Ground" and 144 issues of "Corvette Restorer" both starting in 1984 to 2016. If someone would take all 144 "CR's" for \$100.00 or the 56 "OSG" for \$30 I would like to sell that way. If no one wants the set of each I would sell individual magazines for \$1.00 a piece.

Parts include 3:36 rear end (not posi) and 2 axles for 55 - 62, 1, 3721S AFB for a 64 & 65 300 HP, MT. 5 AFB parts carbs. Carb jets, gaskets, rebuild kit, and several G24 in box gas filters, choke housing, fuel bowls, fuel filter complete. 2 1963 ,461 heads, 2 glass jars for early Chevy & Vette windshield washers. A T-10 speedometer gear adjuster set now for 370 pumpkin with 205 R15 tires. Gas caps, W Wiper arms and wipers, 001E voltage regulator, turn signal housings and parts. Interior screws & knobs, seat belt labels, generator mounting brackets, clutch linkage, rubber grommets, and fuel line, ETC:

Thanks ,Fred Koenig



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## Rocky Mountain Road Tour to San Antonio, Texas

Please consider joining us on another fun-filled Road Tour where we get to enjoy these fantastic cars and meet some new fellow enthusiasts.

We will kick off the trip with a barbecue at our home in Highlands Ranch, CO on Saturday evening July 1, 2017. We'll depart on our trip Sunday morning July 2 from Highlands Ranch. Highlights of our trip include:

July 2: Drive to Santa Fe, NM (350 miles).

July 3: Spend a full day exploring Santa Fe (our hotel is located just 3 blocks from the Plaza).

July 4: Drive to Albuquerque (60 miles) and spend the day exploring.

July 5: Drive to Carlsbad, NM (320 miles).

July 6: Spend the day touring the world famous Carlsbad Caverns.

July 7: Drive to Midland, TX (190 miles) and tour of The Petroleum Museum & the Chaparral Car Museum.

July 8: Drive to the Last Night Out Hotel in Kerrville, TX (270 miles).

**Special Note:** Because we are traveling over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday, some hotels will only guarantee our hotel room blocks thru May 15, 2017. Please be sure to make your reservations early because once they're gone, they're gone! National registration will open on February 1, 2017.

Questions? Email Tom at: [Totirid@aol.com](mailto:Totirid@aol.com) or call at 303-791-0351.

Please join us!

Diane & Tom Di Rito



# We should earn enough in a year to pay for one RMC pizza lunch.

Here's the chapter's financial information (P&L and balance sheet) as of the end of the first quarter of 2017. So far, so good with nothing really 'exciting' new and different. Basically, we show a modest loss due to our annual holiday party. It does a cross-year straddle between revenue collection (mostly in the prior year, 2016) and the recognition of expenses (paid in the coming year, 2017).

by Jack Humphrey  
RMC Treasurer

One thing that is new is my work in juggling our savings account(s). When I took over the CFO position from Steve Beatty, I saw that virtually all of our idle cash was sitting in our saving account at Colorado State Bank & Trust.

Steve used to move our cash in and out of short to intermediate terms CD's at the bank to pump our interest income with prudent, no-risk investments.

But, after the market crash of 2008, interest rates dropped to near zero-percent levels as most of you know. This made it virtually impossible to do better than the meager 0.2% APR the bank was paying on funds in our saving account. At year end, the news was sobering; we'd kept nearly \$25K in savings and reaped a whopping \$6.38 in interest income!

So, I told the BoD that I wanted permission to shop around for better rate(s) presuming no-risk and short to intermediate term investment outside of our current bank. This was an informative mission with a fast learning curve and positive results.

Yes, there were other institutions in the greater Denver area including other commercial banks, dedicated savings banks and credit unions. But, Catch-22, when I approached these alternative institutions, it was the tuna fish story; "Sorry, Charlie".

Those that had slightly better interest rates, didn't do business with corporations. All their accounts were retail intended for individuals. OK...I fired up ye olde Google search engine and explored the world!

Hey, no problem getting +1% yield if I wanted to move our money to a small fly-by-night bank (Barclays) in England. But, I figured that probably wasn't the best move, could we really trust Her Majesty given the current turmoil over Brexit?

Next, I found Capital One, the US credit card giant, had a number of banking alternatives including a commercial entity they call "Sparks". Sparks had been a brick and mortar commercial bank in Sparks, Nevada. Capital One has some nice products for both individuals and business folks. But, I was side tracked once I discovered a new breed of institutions known as "Internet Banks".

These businesses are rather new. They typically lack brick and mortar facilities (no cashiers, safe deposit boxes, or ATM facilities). The one I decided to do business with, First Internet Bank of Indiana, was just down the road from Purdue University where I got my masters degree.

They offered a full line of Certificates of Deposit as well as money market and savings accounts which were FDIC insured and could be tied to any checking account you designated! Their current interest rate on money market and savings accounts was right at 1% (five times what we were getting in Denver) and in the 1.2 to 1.5% range for short to intermediate terms CD's.

I bought \$15,000 worth of 12-month CD's. I took the short term since the Fed has announced it intends to ratchet interest rates up 2-3 times this year. The account was opened on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March and by month end, we'd earned \$11.82 in interest for our first partial month of operation.

Now, at 1.21% we aren't going to get rich, but we should earn enough in a year to pay for one RMC pizza lunch. Hey, that's better than the kick in the head we were getting!!!

## P&L Statement first Q 2017 Income Jan - Mar 17

		ASSETS	
Dues	1,200.00	Current Assets	
Event Income		Checking/Savings	
Chapter Meet Income		Mar 31, 2017	
Flight Judging Fee	150.00		
Registration Fee	-20.00	Certificates of Deposit,	
Sportsman Fee	40.00	FIBI	15,011.82
Total Chapter Meet Income	170.00	Checking, CSBT Savings, CSBT	1,654.37 5,003.01
Holiday Party Income	100.00		
Total Event Incom	270.00	Total Checking/Savings	21,669.20
Other Income			
Interest Income	12.82	Total Current Assets	21,669.20
Merchandise Sales	249.50		
Total Other Income	262.32	Other Assets	
Total Income	1,732.32	Merchandise Inventory	5,137.70
Cost of Goods Sold	171.23	Total Other Assets	5,137.70
Total COGS	171.23	TOTAL ASSETS	26,806.90
Gross Profit	1,561.09	LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Expense		Equity	
Event Expense		Opening Bal Equity	10,446.68
Chapter Meet Expense		Retained Earnings	17,758.12
Food & Beverage	121.27	Net Income	-1,397.90
Chapter Meet Expense	121.27	Total Equity	26,806.90
Holiday Party Expense	2,458.17	TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$26,806.90
Regional Meet Expense			
Comps & Discounts	90.00		
Total Regional Meet Expense	90.00		
Total Event Expense	2,669.44		
Other Expense			
Compensation Item	44.38		
Food & Beverage	190.00		
Freight	6.65		
Paypal Fees	48.52		
Total Other Expense	289.55		
Total Expense	2,958.99		
Net Income	-1,397.90		

# New RMC Merchandise Available

As presented at the Chapter Meeting on 10/15/15, your RMC has new merchandise available. 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 Pete LeClair to order items. It's easiest to deliver merchandise at Chapter events, the next one being the Judging Meet on 05/21/17.

Pete LeClair  
Merchandise

Item	Value	Color
2015 National Cooler	\$10.00	Blue
Aprons	\$15.00	
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	\$15.00	Black
Hats	\$15.00	Black/Red
Hats	\$15.00	Brown
Hats	\$15.00	Beige
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Green
Hats	\$15.00	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
<b>Subtotal Polo Shirts</b>		
RMC Window Sticker	\$2.00	

Chambray Shirt (SM - XL)	\$35.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$40.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt -Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Denim
Shopcoats - 38R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 40R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 42R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 52R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 54R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 56R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 58R	\$35.00	
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$25.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Royal Blue
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$25.00	Royal Blue
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (SM - XL)	\$15.00	Black
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (XXL - XXXL)	\$20.00	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



Pic. 3



Pic. 1



Pic. 4



Pic. 2

**Rocky Mountain Chapter-NCRS Board Meeting Minutes**

February 18, 2017

Corvette City

3931 Holly Street, Denver, CO 80207

I) **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:07am by Chairman Rick Reiff. The following Board Members were in attendance:

Chairman:	Rick Reiff
Secretary:	Tom Di Rito
Treasurer:	Jack Humphrey
Activities:	Jeff Roth
Judging Chairman:	Ralph Ridge
Membership:	Gerry Phillips
Technical Advisor:	Garry Steffens (does not typically vote)

**Absent from the Board Meeting:**

	Vice Chairman:	Jim Lennartz
Communications:	Bob Davis	
Newsletter Editor:	Dennis Dalton	
Merchandise:	Pete LeClair	

**Special Guests:** Eck Pobuda

II) **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion made by Jack Humphrey, second by Jeff Roth to accept the Agenda as submitted by Rick Reiff; motion passed unanimously.

III) **RMC Board Members Reports:**

a. **Rick Reiff – Chairman's Report:**

Rick reported the Holiday Party was a success with 52 people attending. Rick thanked Jack Humphrey and Jeff Roth for their work in coordinating this event and making it a success. Rick is happy to be back on the Board and thanks Eck Pobuda for the great job that he did as Chairman. Rick also thanked all other Board members who volunteer their time to the Chapter.

b. **Jim Lennartz – Vice Chairman's Report:** Jim was absent due to a recent surgery so there was no Vice Chairman's Report.

c. **Ralph Ridge – Judging Chairman's Report:**

Ralph advised that he has mailed out all Flight Certificates and Judging Sheets to the participants of the November Judging Meet. Ralph is currently coordinating with Chuck Banks to learn the ropes to enter information into the system for the upcoming May Judging Event. This meet will be held on May 21, 2017. Ralph has confirmed with our sponsor, MedVed that this date will work for them. He will limit the Judging Field to no more than 6 cars.

The March 18, 2017 Judging School will be held at Corvette City. Topic for this School will be to explain all of the awards individual members and their cars can attain in NCRS. Jack mentioned that he has a PowerPoint presentation that Ralph could use regarding this presentation. They will coordinate outside of the Board Meeting.

There was general discussion and lots of questions regarding the new NCRS judging category for "non-stock" cars. The consensus of the Board was for Ralph to check with National Judging Chairman, Dave Brigham, to determine what, if anything, Chapters should do regarding this new award, judging procedure, judging criteria and judge training.

d. **Tom Di Rito – Secretary's Report:**

Tom presented the October 15, 2017 Board Minutes as prepared by Jeff Roth as Tom was out of town for this meeting (kudos to Jeff for taking care of this!!!). The minutes were approved as submitted by a vote of 5-0-1 (Abstention by Tom Di Rito).

e. **Jack Humphrey – Treasurer's Report:**

Jack advised that he received no credit for being at the last Chapter Judging event in November, 2016 as he was pulled off the judging floor to handle a registration issue. Jack was asked to work with Fred Koenig who had not pre-registered for the event but wanted to have access to the judging floor without paying the \$20.00 fee that we had advertised we would be charging for people who show up unregistered at the event. Jack paid this \$20.00 out of his own pocket. A Motion was made by Rick, second by Tom to reimburse Jack for his \$20.00. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-1 (abstention by Jack Humphrey).

For future Judging Meets, Ralph will indicate more clearly on the registration form that if you don't register in advance, you must pay \$20.00. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Jerry Phillips, second by Ralph Ridge that in the future non-participating attendees to the Chapter Meet must pay \$5.00 for access to the judging floor, which will exclude lunch. Employees of the sponsor (MedVed) shall be permitted access to the judging floor without charge. Motion passed by a vote of 5-0-1 (abstention by Jack Humphrey).

Jack provided a copy of an email he received from Rob Musquetier dated February 5, 2017 which specified which Board Members have access to the Chapter Mass Mail Module. This email was distributed to each Board Member present.

Jack advised the Board that the National Financial Report has been sent out and our 2016 Chapter Financial Report was published in 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 High Plains Shifter. Jack distributed to the Board the January 1, 2017 thru February 17, 2017 Chapter Profit & Loss Statement and the Chapter Balance Sheet as of February 17, 2017.

Jack advised the Board that since the current Balance Sheet illustrates that we have \$21,519.51 in liquid assets, perhaps we should look at acquiring a CD for some portion, say \$15,000, of these assets. Currently we are being paid 0.3% per annum from Colorado State Bank and Trust. Colorado State Savings Bank will pay 1.25% per annum for a 1 year CD. The Board discussed the issue and an idea was also put forth that, depending on what the bank minimums are, it might be appropriate for us to acquire 3-\$5,000 CDs vs 1-\$15,000 CD to avoid penalty should we need some part of the cash early. Motion was made by Gerry Phillips, second by Jeff Roth for Jack to use his judgement regarding CD denominations but to move forward with acquiring a CD or multiple CDs for a total of \$15,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Jack also reported that Eck Pobuda is now off the CSBT checking account and Rick Reiff is now on this account.

f. Gerry Phillips – Membership Report:

Gerry reports as of December 31, 2016 we had 126 members to the Chapter. Gerry distributed a list of 18 people who did not renew their memberships. As of today, we have 112 members of the Chapter.

Gerry reported that in 2016 our Chapter achieved Top Flight Chapter status. On the flip side of the report Gerry provided regarding the names of past members who did not renew their membership was a list of criteria which we must achieve to be a Top Flight Chapter in 2017. We are currently on target to achieve this goal.

g. Pete LeClair – Merchandise Report:

Though Pete was not present at the meeting, Eck Pobuda advised the Board that Pete did a great job of organizing the inventory of merchandise that we currently own and Eck advised the Board that the inventory looks good. Some merchandise was sold at the Holiday Party in January. Merchandise will also be for sale at the Tech Session today.

h. Jeff Roth – Activities Report:

Jeff advised the Board that he'll check with Bob Davis to be sure that the web page reflects the correct dates for all upcoming events in 2017. After considerable discussion it was decided that we will not request RSVPs from members for attending future Tech Sessions.

Gerry Phillips advised the Board that there are several businesses in the metropolitan area that would be interesting to visit however they are only open on weekdays. After discussion it was decided by the Board that there was no problem to schedule an activity during the week provided we did not move the focus of our activities to weekday activities throughout the calendar year.

i. Dennis Dalton – Newsletter's Report: Dennis was not present thus there was no report.

j. Bob Davis – Communications Report: Bob was not present thus there was no report.

IV) Old Business:

- a. March Judging School: The Board agreed that the correct date for this event will be March 18, 2017.
- b. 4<sup>th</sup> of July BBQ: Due to the NCRS National Convention in San Antonio being conducted one week earlier than usual and the Rocky Mountain Road Tour commencing on July 2, the Board agreed to move the BBQ date to July 29. The BBQ will be held at Jeff and Diane Roth's home in Parker.

V) New Business:

a. Transition of Board Positions:

- \* Chairman: Nothing to discuss.
- \* Judging Chairman: Chapter computer currently is with Chuck Banks. Ralph will coordinate with Chuck to acquire the computer.
- \* Membership: Gerry Phillips would like to locate a replacement for his position.

c. Newsletter:



Rick requested that we look more closely at timing from the time all articles are due and when the Newsletter is actually published/distributed to the general membership. For the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2017 newsletter, articles were due in late December with the newsletter going out in late January. Rick Reiff advised that he will speak to Dennis regarding the newsletter and also volunteered to edit the newsletter before it goes out.

d. 2018 Holiday Party:

Date for the party next year will be January 6, 2017. Jack Humphrey advised the Board that he received an email dated February 17, 2017 from the Mount Vernon Country Club advising us that they are increasing their prices for the buffet by approximately 10% and will now require a cash bar minimum of \$350 (vs the previous \$200). Jack also advised the Board that this is their first requested increase in approximately 5 years. Jack also advised that he had input from one of our members who was not happy with the buffet, primarily indicating concern that all of the food was not labeled.

Jeff Roth was requested to check on what our bar bill was for the 2017 Holiday Party and report back to the Board at our next Board Meeting. Jeff will also look at a brief model of what the increase in the buffet price would total assuming the same number of people (52) attend the party in 2018. The goal of this exercise is to estimate how much money the Chapter would need to pay if we leave the membership's cost for the party at \$25.00/person.

The issue was tabled by the Board for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Jeff Roth advised the Board that he has been unable to get meaningful communication back from National regarding matching funds for our charity. After considerable discussion a motion was made by Jeff Roth, second by Jack Humphrey for Jack to cut a \$500 check to the Tennyson Center and Jeff Roth will submit a copy of the check to NCRS National to see if we can acquire matching funds. Motion passed unanimously.

e. Sponsor RMC/NCRS Membership for our Sponsors:

After discussion, Ralph Ridge made a motion, second by Rick Reiff, for our Chapter to pay for both Chapter and National dues for Corvette City (Gary Steffans) and MedVed (Sam Mitton) for as long as they continue to be our sponsors. Motion passed unanimously.

f. April Chapter Elections:

The terms for the following positions will be up on December 31, 2017:

Vice Chairman: Jim Lennartz

Secretary: Tom Di Rito

Treasurer: Jack Humphrey

Activities: Jeff Roth

Merchandise: Pete LeClair

Indications have been made to the Board that all current holders of these offices would likely continue in their current positions if no one comes forward to take those roles, save for Pete LeClair. Ralph Ridge advised the Board that he will speak to Pete to determine if he would be willing to stay on for another term if elected to do so.

Rick Reiff advised that he will assemble the ballots in March. Please provide Rick with names of any other potential candidates as soon as possible.

g. Next Board Meeting:

April 15, 2017 at 9:00am at Corvette City.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Jack Humphrey moved for adjournment, second by Ralph Ridge: the meeting was adjourned at 10:53am by unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted;

Tom Di Rito,

NCRS Rocky Mountain Chapter Secretary

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