

High Plains Shifter



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RMC Schedule of Events

May

May 21

Spring Road Tour

June

June 18

Dealer Appreciation Day



Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

Hello Rocky Mountain Chapter. Wow, it's already time for the May-June edition of the High Plains Shifter and the peak driving and show season is upon us. Before I share with you some tid bits about one of the stops on the upcoming National Road Trip to Michigan I want to look back to March and April and fill you in on a couple of things.

First, in March Jim Hilton, with Jim Lennartz's assistance, presented a Technical Session on suspension components and how to install them.

Special emphasis was made on the removal/ installation of those tricky front springs and how to keep the potential energy of the spring (compressed spring) from being converted to kinetic energy (liberated spring), which if you have ever done one has a certain pucker factor associated with it. So, thanks go out to the two Jims for an informative session.

In April we had the annual meeting and the following members were elected to the positions shown for a 2-year term starting January 2011.

Vice Chairman	Fred Koenig
Treasurer	Steve Beatty
Judging Chair	Jack Humphrey
Merchandise	Wayne Pendley

Please congratulate and thank these guys for being on your board. Also say thanks to Garry Steffens and his crew for letting us invade their shop on Saturdays.

Eckhard will fill you in regarding the upcoming road tour in May and the dealer appreciation event in June. With regard to the Rocky Mountain Leg of the National Road Tour, organized by RMC's Ralph Ridge, the Board voted to help sponsor the Kick-off Party, which will be at the Bogan's and you will hear more about in the next newsletter, so stay tuned for that.

I haven't been on a National Road Tour since the '05 trip to Park City, Utah, and decided to make it this year as they are fun and eventful. When Ralph Ridge gave an overview of the trip a couple months ago I was really excited to hear about a stopover at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin, home of the Road

America Race Track. A couple of years ago I was there with my brother, nephew, and son Jared to watch vintage racing. Kind of a father-son deal, with all kinds of interesting cars held at a great track for spectators. While there, I noticed different cars in the parking lot as well as some of the race cars with the associated with the rapidly evolving world of open road racing. Although the book is "car fiction" Levy makes reference in the book to things that are factual, like Elkhart Lake and the cars of the day. Back then the cars ran on the streets of Elkhart Lake (and other towns) and there was a lot of danger in doing so. The race car parade and party in town before the race was a tradition 60 years ago and continues today. Those going on the Rocky Mountain Road Trip are in for a treat and quite a spectacle.

So when I returned to Road America after the first trip to watch another vintage race I ran into B. S. Levy, who had one of the vendor booths at the track and picked up his second book, Montezuma's Ferrari, which is a continuation of Buddy's adventure with road racing and growing up in the 50's. Although the story takes place a little bit before my time I think it is great car buff reading and think RMC members, even if they don't make the road trip this year, will find it entertaining. If you are going on the trip I'd encourage you to read the book to get a glimpse of Elkhart Lake history. Who knows, maybe Levy will be there again and I can pick up his third book about Buddy Palumbo.

That's it for now. Have a great spring!

Rick Reiff, Chairman



RMC Judging Chairman Report

By Jack Humphrey

My report is short/sweet, no judging activities in 1Q and nothing on the plate for 2Q. The next newsworthy events will be the road trip to National, the National Convention in July and going public with the September chapter judging meet.

Jack Humphrey, Judging Chair





Vice Chair Report

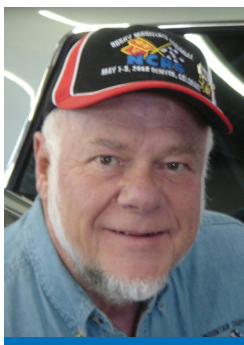
By John Marsico

As you know, our chapter's charity is the 9 Health Fair. In addition to a financial donation, the chapter also volunteers time staffing the fair's hot lines. I would like to offer a big thank you to the following chapter members who donated an afternoon of their time staffing the hot line phones for this year's 9 Health Fair: Bill & Arlene Bruhn, Tom DeRito, Fred Koenig, Rick Nelson, and Gerry Phillips. These six individuals joined me at the Channel 9 Television Studios

where we had the opportunity to answer viewer questions regarding the 9 Health Fair. These calls came from all corners of the state. The questions ranged from the types of tests offered, locations of the various fairs, as well as how to use the free taxi service for those not able to drive. I am convinced Gerry Phillips and Bill Bruhn received the two most unique questions. Gerry was asked if this was the Camaro hot line and the caller wanted to talk about his 1973 Torino. Where is Clint Eastwood when you need him? I had all I could do to keep from laughing when Gerry indicated the Torino might not be quite the car the Corvette is. I must applaud Gerry's tact; he handled

that call very well. Bill had the easier of the two questions. The caller has an older Corvette and wanted to know how to join the chapter. From all indications, this year's health fair will be recorded as an overwhelming success.

This report will appear in the Spring High Plains Shifter. Now that the snow is gone, get in those Corvettes and drive them. I think a few miles per week is the best medicine to keep those seals from drying out and leaking. And now I am going to take a little of my own advice. The sun is shining, I have some errands to run and I'm driving the '92 Corvette. Time's a wastin'.



Activities

By Eckhard Pabuda

The Spring Road Tour is Saturday May 21. We will drive to Canon City for a day or an overnight, your choice. We meet at Monument, the northwest corner of I-25 and Hwy 105 at 8 AM if you plan to enter the show. To date there are 8, possibly 9 confirmed cars. There is a vintage car show, swap meet, wine tasting, Royal Gorge Lunch Train (you arrange) and dinner at Merlino's Belvedere Restaurant (I have reserved a room). See previous blast email or March April Newsletter for more details. Some folks are planning to check out the antique stores in Florence on Sunday. Sounds good to me.

June 18th is Dealer Appreciation Day from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Bring your car for display. We will have meetings and tech sessions. This year the club will provide lunch. I will email a schedule of activities for the day. June 18th is also Cruzin Havana 2011.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend either of these events. Terri and I look forward to seeing you. Happy Cruising,

Eck

Dear RMC members:

I have the following information regarding our road trip to Canon city on May 21. If you are planning to go please contact me and let me know if you plan to make it a day trip or if you are planning to overnight in Canon City, as Terri and I plan to do. Regardless of your choice, we can all caravan down together.

Meeting place is at Monument Exit 161, at the "Coffee on the Go" red trailer. Look for it on your right as you pass under the overpass approaching Monument. Take exit 161, follow the ramp to the stop light. Go straight through the light at the end of the ramp (hopefully when it is green). Turn into the first parking lot on your right. You will see the red Coffee To Go trailer sitting in the middle of the parking lot. We should meet at around 8 AM and be underway by 8:30. This will put us at the event by 9:45 AM. Our route will take us to Colorado Springs where we will exit at motor city to S. Nevada which becomes HWY 115. Travel south on 115 to Penrose and then west to Canon City on Hwy 50. Driving time 1 hr.15 minutes per Mapquest. Of course, for those of you who plan to come down but not enter the show, you have the option of a more leisurely departure.

For those planning to register for the 29th Annual Antique/Special Interest Car show, also known as The Royal Gorge Chapter of VMCCA on the grounds of the Holy Cross Abbey, you need to pre-register by contacting Kathy Kunselman at 719 275-3561 or mailing a check and the pre-registration form to her. See attached form above. Cut off for all registration will be at 400 cars so says the flier. Pre-registration is due by May 9. This allows club cars to be parked together. Pre-registration costs \$15 for show cars, \$20 for swap booth. Registration day of event costs \$25. Besides the Show Cars which will be judged, this meet includes Swap Meet, Flea Market, Craft Space and Car Corral for Sale Cars. Those who don't want to enter their car in the show, entry fee for spectators is \$3.

The Entry form for the show is available for download from the NRCS RMC website at: <http://www.ncsrmc.org/Downloads/Canyon%20Road%20Tour.pdf>

There is wine tasting at the Abbey all day until 6 PM. Yikes the ladies are in trouble! It is also possible for us to arrange for a special wine tasting table for our group perhaps towards the end of the Car Show. The winery is open until 6 PM. They are not offering their VIP tasting which includes bread and cheese due to the size of the event.

If the car meet isn't your thing, the Royal Gorge Train leaves around noon that day from the station in downtown Canon City. Your ticket can include a lovely ride, and gourmet lunch on a vintage vista dome car. Or you might be able to pay extra and ride with the engineer. We are not certain they still allow this, as a few years ago one of our members opted to do this and all along the way kept yelling "Deer, Deer"! Reportedly, the engineer was quite traumatized. ALL ABOARD!



Still doesn't speak to you....how about a visit to the swinging bridge atop the Gorge itself, a bungee jump, a cable car straight down, or a helicopter ride? Bring your sea legs and your nitro pills!

I have talked with several motels and have decided that the Quality Inn and Suites is the most convenient location, as it is next door to the Abbey. Besides John Wayne and Goldie Hawn slept here. They have negotiated their rates for our club at \$80 for a double queen room. Expect you could also get a king for same price. They are holding a block of 10 rooms. There are other options but less convenient. The Hampton Inn seems to be the top of the line, but their rack rate is \$135. If you call the Quality Inn motel, speak with Sara or be sure to tell the clerk you are with the Rocky Mt Chapter of NCRS Corvette club. 719 275-8676.

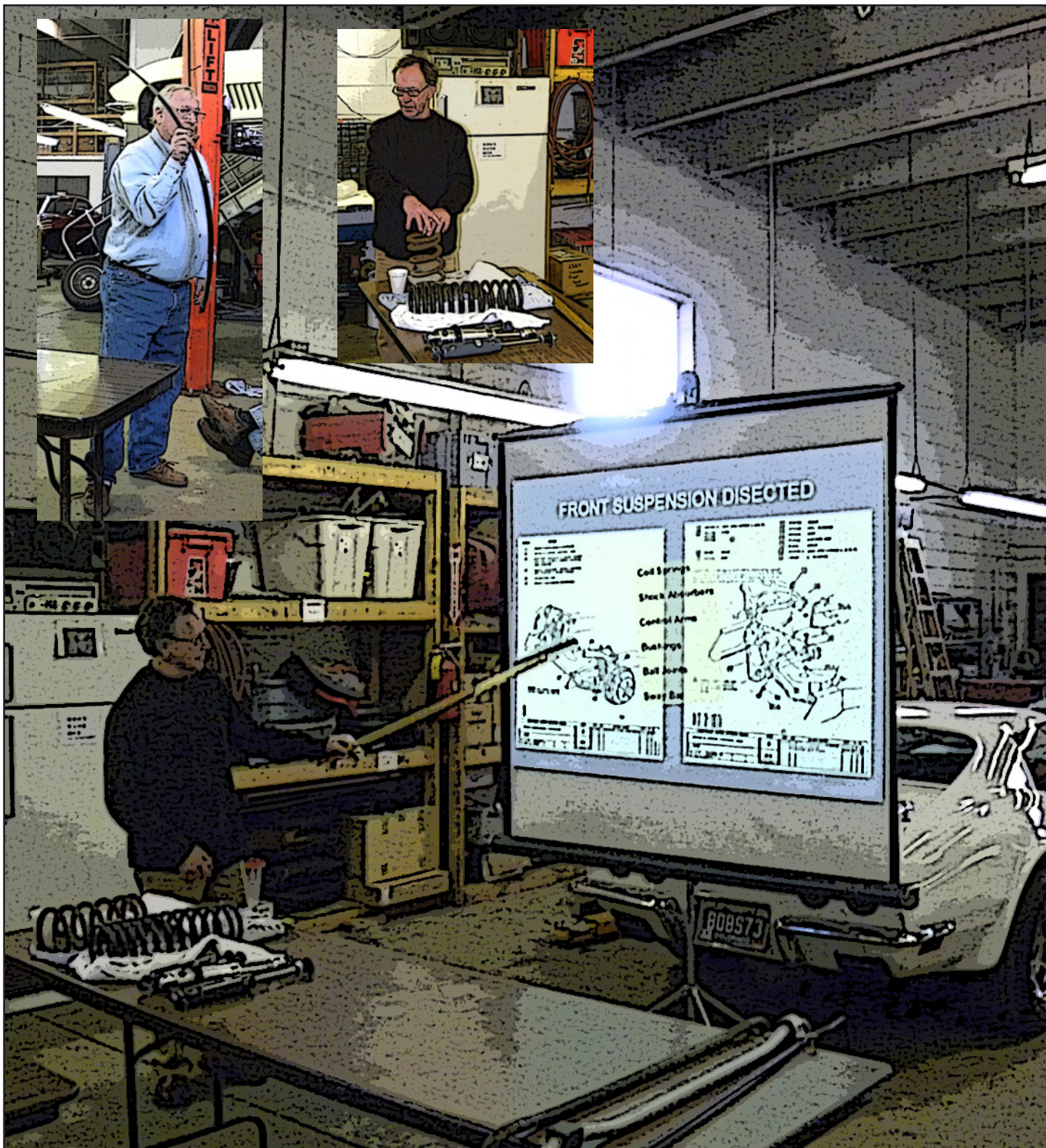
Our choice for dinner that night is Merlino's Belvedere Italian/Steak House on back road to Florence, just outside of Canon City. They have been in business for 4 generations in the same location. I am sure they can accommodate a large table if we plan ahead. Terri and I have been going there for years and are fascinated by their history and their home cooked meals. Again there are other options. Folks speak highly of the French restaurant and also of the Queen Ann Tea Room.

For those of you traveling home late in the afternoon, we recommend a stop at Juniper Valley Inn about 20 miles north of Penrose near Turkey Creek area on Hwy 115 on your right....Absolutely charming place. There is also an alternate route home which follows Highway 9, turnoff just West of Canon City, and goes to Hartsel and Fairplay and then home on 285. Another scenic route out of Guffey goes to Florissant/Cripple Creek area and down Hwy 24 Ute Pass to Colo Springs or turn off at Woodland Park on Hwy 67 and head up to 285 through the burn area.

I am attaching a web site to explore all of these options www.canoncitycolorado.com

Please contact me soon about your plans. I will need a volunteers to lead our diverse groups . Do make your reservations soon if you decide to kick back in Canon City. (lots of hot tubs at this place.) The motel says reservations are coming in daily. This place is also pet friendly. They are in process of remodeling.

Look forward to hearing from you. Eck



TECH SESSION WITH JIM HILTON AND JIM LENNARTZ

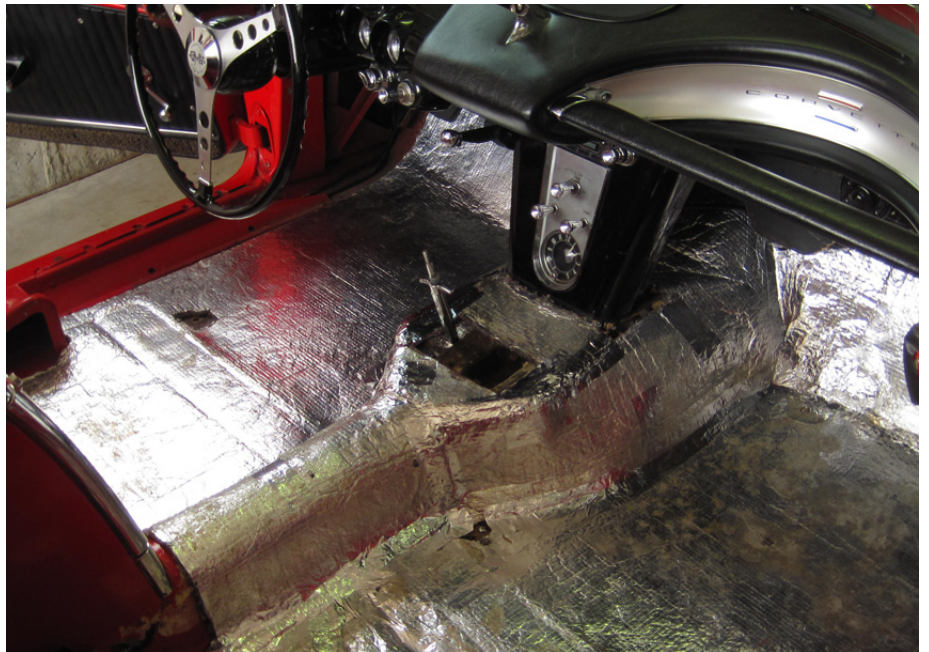
INTERIOR HEAT INSULATION INSTALLATION

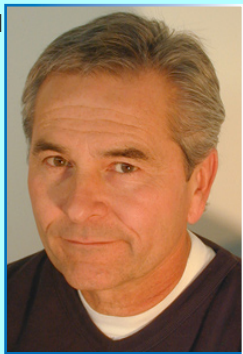
By Fred Koenig

It's winter time and the 62 Corvette is in the garage waiting for spring to return. Normal winter maintenance is oil change, valve adjustment, tire rotation. This year I decided to insulate the interior floor boards with with a thermal barrier to minimize the heat in the interior compartment. I sent off for jute backed aluminum covered roll of insulation a can of adhesive spray and a roll of aluminum tape (this is the same stuff as is used to connect your house heat duct works). What you need in tools is a phillips screwdriver, magic marker,scissors, razor blade holder, and 1/2 wrench (Kathy my wife was helpful at times also). Some suppliers of the insulation have it pre cut. The one I picked you had to cut from a roll. The following instructions are for a C1 install. Unbolt the seats and remove from car. Unscrew the side kick panels, package tray, and package tray support fiberglass. Take the carpet up. Now is a good time to use carpet cleaner on the carpet to get it clean in all



the hard to get at places when it's in the car. Use the carpet as your pattern for cutting the insulation. The magic marker on the foil side marks your pattern, and the foil will be the top side when it is installed. When all is cut start at the firewall and work towards the back of the car placing the insulation down. I only used the spray adhesive on the transmission and driveline tunnel to hold the insulation in place. When you are satisfied with the fit use the aluminum tape for all joints to keep in place and keep heat out. The one place I had to remove more insulation was under the gas pedal. The insulation and carpet was too thick for the gas pedal to stay on the pegs, so I had to remove a little at a time to get the correct fit. Put the carpet back on top of the insulation (I did not spray any adhesive on the carpet install). Use your judging guide to put the upholstery screws in the correct place of your carpet to firewall. Clean and wax your kick panels, package tray support and package tray and reinstall. Seats go back in. Any help this insulation can provide will be appreciated in blocking interior heat while cruising in the summer time. Hope this helps and keep driving those Corvettes.





Editor's Corner
By Dennis Dalton

The photos in this issue were contributed by John Marsico and Rick Reif. If anyone who attends tech sessions and outings wants to take pictures, please send them to me and I will include them in the newsletter. There is no need to write any article or captions with them. It is greatly appreciated!!!

We have two technical articles for the year so far. Remember, even if you just wash and wax your car and drive it, or actually replaced that flap washer on the wingdoodle, you probably have an experience or anecdote to share. These things are of interest to other club members! If you are short on time, I can help with your article; just send in a rough draft. The next deadline is June 15th.

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Membership Items for Sale

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Midyear suspension: Restored 9 leaf standard rear spring, includes new correct shallow retainer cups. (see spring 2005 Driveline article on this spring restoration). Never used since restoration \$350

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May 2011

1991 ZR-1, Black/Black, 25xxx mi., all ZR-1 options plus 2nd top. Top Flight judged Regional and Chapter, owners kit, etc.
\$27,799 Bill 303 361-0083

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Merchandise

By Wayne Pendley

REGIONAL

Hats	\$16.00
Shirt	\$20.00
Polo Shirt	\$40.00
Hat Pin	\$3.00

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Grey T Shirt Short Sleeve	\$15.00
Grey T Shirt Long Sleeve	\$18.00
Denim Shirt Short Sleeve	\$31.00
Denim Shirt Long Sleeve	\$35.00
T Shirt with Pocket – Black	\$15.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve	White & Blue
	\$30.00
Polo Shirt Long Sleeve	\$35.00
Grey Sweat Shirt	\$20.00
Chambrey Shirt	\$30.00XL \$32.00
Shopcoat	\$35.00
Black Apron	\$16.00
Hat Black / Stone	\$15.00
Hat Charcoal / Blue	\$15.00
Hat Blue / White	\$15.00
Hat 2-tone brushed twill	\$13.00
Challenger Jacket	\$50.00
Hat Pin Chapter	\$3.00
Knife	\$3.00
Window Sticker	\$3.00

These items make great gifts! I can send this merchandise UPS. Call Wayne at 303-981-8140 or email sunvett62@cs.com or:

