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July 17

Road Trip

July 29

Summer Party

at Jeff Roth's house

Aug 19th

Tennyson House

Activity

Sept. 16th

Fall Road Trip

Details for these events
can be found on the web
site home page



Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

I thought it may be good to reflect on a part of Corvette history...

As summer is upon us and next up on the RMC schedule is the spring road trip on the eastern Colorado plains, I thought it may be good to reflect on a part of Corvette history that lives on today. This time of year marks the running of the 24 Heures du Mans (24 Hours of Le Mans), which is the oldest active sports car race in endurance racing that has been held since 1923. How does this relate to Corvette history? Back in 1953 when Zora Arkus-Dontov saw the unveiling of the Corvette at the New York Motorama he became drawn to it, wrote a letter to Ed Cole outlining his ideas regarding the Corvette, and joined GM not long after. Zora's philosophy was that entering and winning sports car races was a quick way to establish the Corvette's performance credentials. Sort of a race on Sunday sell on Monday approach. However, a horrific crash during the 1955 Le Mans race (where more than 80 spectators were killed when Pierre Levegh crashed his Mercedes 300 SLR into a spectator area) was one of the things that led the Automobile Manufacturers Association in 1957 to ban auto manufactures from racing. As a result, Zora had to work behind the scene to get high performance parts (and cars) into the hands of the right people. One such person was successful race team owner Briggs Cunningham who entered an unofficial factory team of three very well prepared Corvettes at Le Mans in 1960. One of the three cars, driven by John Fitch and Bob Grossman finished eighth overall and first in its class. Quite an accomplishment given the Corvette's first competition debut in November 1954.

Corvette took a break from Le Mans and returned in 1967, however the entry driven by Dick Guldstrand and Bob Bondurant didn't finish the race due to using stock engine parts instead of special

race parts due to Chevrolet wanting to use stock parts for marketing purposes. The debut of the C3 took place in '68, but didn't finish. In 1970 a privately-entered Corvette finished sixth overall and first in GT. Five Corvettes were entered in the '72 event, including John Greenwood's entries. During the '70s the Corvette didn't have much success at Le Mans and didn't return to the famous race until 1984. However true success at Le Mans came when the factory returned to racing and supported the development of the C5-R race car, which first ran at Le Mans in 2000 and won the GTS class in 2001. The C5-R, and its successor the C6-R have won a total five times and including the wins in 1960 and 1970 have stood on the first podium spot seven times. Zora would be proud.

So when you are out and about in your Corvette this summer, think about Le Mans. Think about the success Corvette has had there. Racing truly improves the breed and if you drive a '55 or newer Corvette your car has benefited from the lessons learned from racing. Thanks for planting the seeds and pushing your ideas into reality Zora.

Rick Reiff
RMC Chairman



Ralph Ridge
Judging Chair

Thanks to a great turnout of members...

On May 21st, we held our Spring Chapter Judging meet at Medved Chevrolet in Wheat Ridge, CO.

We had four judged cars and two Sportsman display cars. Thanks to a great turnout of members, we were able to fulfill the judging roles required to complete the judging process on these cars. A special thanks goes to Jeff Roth who organized the food that we all enjoyed that day, to Jerry Mulick and Peter Gregory who, as team leaders, organized the judging team assignments, to Lori Lennartz who led the much appreciated team of tabulators, and to Jack Humphrey who was in charge of registration that day.

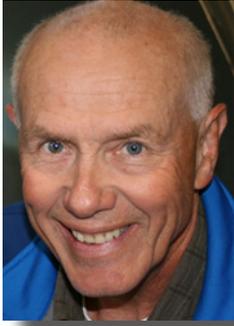
It takes a lot of help and participation to make a successful meet and I appreciate everyone who attended. The four cars we judged and the awards earned at this meet are as follows:

Lothar Kremmer 1963 FI Coupe TOP FLIGHT
John Wiland 1965 Roadster SECOND FLIGHT
Dan Termeer 1966 Coupe TOP FLIGHT
Rodger Nitta 1980 TOP FLIGHT

Congratulations to these individuals as this was the culmination of a lot of hard work.

Our two Sportsman display cars were provided by Peter Gregory and Ralph Ridge.

The next opportunity for membership judging participation will be the National Convention in San Antonio. I hope as many members as possible avail themselves of this possibility. If you've never attended a National Convention, it is a great experience.



Welcome new members Ric Noring and Guy McMann

Our Chapter membership roster now stands at 121 members which is 3 more than at this time in 2016. We welcome the following new members in the second quarter - Ric Noring and Guy McMann (1954).

As is a developing tradition, the Chapter is off to a good start on achieving Top Flight Status for 2017. The efforts of many volunteers and member turnout at Chapter events deserve a well earned thank you.

Membership
by Gerry Phillips

Chapter notices are 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 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.

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Activities
by Jeff Roth

In April, we had our annual business meeting with elections, followed by a swap meet. I think some things went to new owners. May was our first judging meet of the year, which Ralph will discuss in more detail. June 17th, we will go on the Flat Land Spring Road Tour, July 29th we will have a summer BBQ at my house in Parker and August is our charitable donation at the Tennyson House.

Jeff Roth
Activities Chairman



Editor's Corner
by Dennis Dalton

I am hoping to complete my Founder's Award in San Antonio at the National Convention this summer. I tried to complete it two years ago in Denver but I had a transmission problem on the road trip and had to drop out and "coast" home. I should pass the Ops check. I had a few electrical issues with the courtesy lights which seem to be rectified and I just finished changing the oil. You may have seen my article in the Restorer last issue on fixing the water pump and cleaning out the radiator etc. That cured my overheating problems which are going to be well tested driving to south central Texas in the summer.

Tom DiRito is in charge of the Rocky Mountain tour and I will be joining them in Carlsbad New Mexico on June 6 for my 500 mile run into San Antonio. This is the year of the 1967 and there are a couple of brave 1967 drivers on our road tour.

Hope to see you in San Antonio.

Dennis Dalton, Editor

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by Jack Humphrey
RMC Treasurer

The call for newsletter articles was early this quarter due to the timing of the NCRS National Convention. Normally, I like to report on our financials to you and hit a logical calendar quarter ending date, but I'm early here.

Actually, this is the 'slow' time of the year. There's not much revenue coming in and we're in between chapter judging meets. So, I'm mainly posting our monthly meeting expenses...

The balance sheet shows we're just over \$25K in the black. Our assets split between local checking and saving accounts, our merchandise inventory and we have the lion's share of our funds working for us at our internet bank in Indiana earning 1.26% in their 12-month certificate of deposit program.

Turning to the P&L, we booked \$250 in judging meet income with a \$100 dribble from 2017 holiday party late payments. Add

to that our \$1220 collection of membership dues and a tad over \$300 in merchandise sales and our first half revenue is just over \$1700.

We show a loss right at \$3000, mainly due to the straddle in holiday party expenses vs. income collection. I expect that mis-match to increase this year since we've changed holiday party vendors.

The Wellshire Inn collects the bulk of their food expenses BEFORE the party occurs. Mt. Vernon asked us for a modest bona fide payment with the bulk of the party cost invoiced after they provided service. That created a straddle between event revenue collection and expense payment...

This year, we'll be paying the bulk of our 2017 holiday party cost AND the majority of our 2018 party fees in calendar year 2017 with only the 2018 holiday party revenue as an offset. That's why I expect we'll see a one-time aberration. If we continue to party at the Wellshire, future revenues and expenses should align better with the calendar year.

We've paid our 2017 charitable donation early, so the Tennyson Center kids have been taken care of. Well, that covers the financial water front for now.

PROFIT & LOSS

Income

Jan 1 - Jun 12, 17

Dues	1,220.00
Event Income	
Chapter Meet Income	
Flight Judging Fee	200.00
Registration Fees	0.00
Sportsman Fee	60.00

Chapter Meet Income	260.00
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Holiday Party Income	100.00
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Total Event Income	360.00
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Other Income	
Interest Income	44.37
Merchandise Sales	318.50

Total Other Income	362.87
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Total Income	1,942.87
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Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	220.79
Total COGS	220.79

Gross Profit	1,722.08
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Expense	
Event Expense	
Chapter Meet Expense	
Food & Beverage	351.01
Misc Judging Expenses	113.82
Supplies	22.01
Total Chapter Meet Expense	486.84

Holiday Party Expense	3,118.34
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Total Event Expense	3,605.18
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Other Expense	
Charity	500.00
Compensation Item	130.00
Food & Beverage	377.29
Freight	6.65
Paypal Fees	53.78

Total Other Expense	1,067.72
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Total Expense	4,672.90
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Net Income	- 2,950.82
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ASSETS

Current Assets

Checking/Savings

Jun 12, 17

Certificates of Deposit, FIBI	15,000.00
Checking, CSBT	1,165.63
Savings, CSBT	4,000.21

Total Checking/Savings	20,165.84
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Total Current Assets	20,165.84
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Other Assets	
Merchandise Inventory	5,088.14

Total Other Assets	5,088.14
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TOTAL ASSETS	25,253.98
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LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Opening Bal Equity	10,446.68
Retained Earnings	17,758.12

Net Income	- 2,950.82
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Total Equity	25,253.98
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TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	25,253.98
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New RMC Merchandise Available

As presented at each Chapter Meeting, 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.

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
Subtotal Polo Shirts		
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

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FOR SALE
July/August/Sept 2017
 Parts – Noland Adams Resto Guide, Vol 2 for mid-years – Excellent - \$150; Pr. 66 hubcaps – Good, \$60/pr.; 1964 brake master cylinder, non-power - \$75; C4 front license plate Corvette – Excellent, \$50; K&N air filter – Used, but VG - \$30; New K&N air filter for air cleaner top - \$40, new generic car alarm with remotes - \$35. 2nd generation mid year Corvette Bill, 303 361-0083 or blueL79@yahoo.com

