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November 13
Fall Judging Meet at
Medved Chevrolet

December 17
Tech Sesion at
Corvette City

January 7
Holiday Party at
Mt. Vernon
Country Club



Chairman's Report

By Eckhard Pobuda

I proposed a buddy system for new members...

In a recent newsletter I wrote about some of the help I have received over the years from other members in the restoration of my 64 Corvette. These relationships have also taught me to become a better judge. When I first joined the chapter there existed a "Good Old Boys" mentality. National Judging Chairmen have

gradually eroded this attitude over the years through the introduction of the FDICC system and other measures. We now have much more consistent judging.

I proposed a buddy system for new members at the last board meeting and it was approved. I am working on pairing up new members with volunteers to sponsor these members on how we operate. I need more volunteers to make our chapter more vibrant. Existing members who feel left in the dark may also request a sponsor. Please contact me at epobuda@aol.com or 719 488 1767.

Eckhard

Cars in attendance at July 4th club picnic. See more coverage under activities. Photo by Jeff Roth





Chuck Banks
Judging Chair

Our Chapter will hold a Fall Judging Meet at Medved Chevrolet...

The Rocky Mountain Chapter will hold a Fall judging meet at Medved Chevrolet in Wheat Ridge, Colorado on Sunday, November 13, 2016. In order to provide quality judging we reserve the right to limit the number and class of cars judged. On-line registration opened on August 15, 2016. Go to www.ncrs.org, under news and events.

All attendees must be registered using the on-line registration form. Lunch will be provided to registered judges and car owners. Late registration fee after October 15, 2016 is \$20, payable at the meet. No cars will be accepted after October 15th. Judged car check-in opens at 7:00 A.M., and cars must be in place by 0745. There will be a judges meeting at 8:00 A.M. followed by an owners' meeting. Flight judging starts at 8:15 A.M. and should be completed by 2:30 P.M.

This will be our first function to be held at our new sponsor, Medved Chevrolet. We encourage all RMC chapter members to join us for this event. Total judged cars will be limited to three. We would like to limit this event to those cars that have never been judged before by NCRS or cars that haven't been judged for a number of years.

Questions to Ralph Ridge, Chuck Banks
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2017 National Road Tour info by Tom DiRito

The Rocky Mountain Road Tour will be led by me and my wife Diane again in 2017. We will be departing Highlands Ranch, CO on Sunday July 2, with planned overnight stops in Santa Fe, NM, Albuquerque, NM, Carlsbad, NM and Midland, TX prior to arriving at our Last Night Out just northwest of San Antonio, TX. Diane and I lived in New Mexico for a number of years and we're looking forward to creating some interesting stops for the tour. For further information please email me at: Totirid@aol.com. One last item. Because we'll be traveling over July 4th, several hotels are reluctant to hold open a block of rooms any later than May 15, 2017 so if you're planning on going, please register as soon as National opens up online reservations.

Thanks much,
Tom





Membership
by Gerry Phillips

Our Chapter membership continues to grow...

Our Chapter membership continues to grow with our roster now standing at 121 members. This includes recent new members which we welcome and hope to see at future meetings: James Allen (1994 ZR-1) Gene Bygd, Dan Martinelli, and Rob Vanderhoeven (former member rejoining) (2009 Coupe).

In July, members were asked if they wished to be included in our inaugural "Corvette Ownership Directory". The response from the participants has been very positive given their ability to access others with similar vintage corvettes. In all, 58 members responded affirmatively leading to the first directory being published in August. It includes owner's names, their respective corvette ownership (107 cars total) and contact info. The confidential directory is available only to those members choosing to publicize their car ownership. We plan to update the directory in early 2017, so if you missed getting into the first version, you'll have another opportunity. Watch for an email with details coming later.

The Chapter is close to achieving Top Flight Status for 2016. Thanks again to everyone efforts in making this happen.

Again, members are encouraged to keep their contact information current on the National NCRS website as it is used for chapter emails and our membership database.

RMC Chapter membership directories are now available upon request by emailing me at gphil460@comcast.net.

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As always, it has been a busy summer.

Activities by Jeff Roth

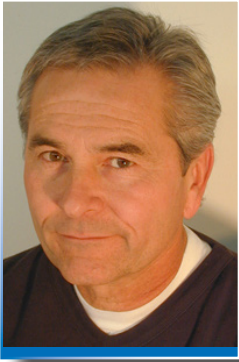
As always it's been a busy summer. The 4th of July party at our house was a lot of fun with over 40

people and many beautiful Corvettes. Our event at the Tennyson house was really fun for us as well as all the kids. We had 15 Corvettes for the kids to check out and honk the horns. Dirk brought radio cars which were the biggest hit of the day. I'm glad he's a good mechanic since he had to repair a lot of the little cars. Eight Corvettes took part in the fall road trip through Golden Gate Park. We had lunch at the Black Forrest restaurant in Nederland and then took Hwy 72 to Hwy 7 and into Lyons. We saw some beautiful country and the roads were made for Corvettes. Thanks to Rick Nelson for organizing the trip. Our tech session in October will be "Trouble shooting windshield washer problems" by Jim Lennartz. An email will be sent out the beginning of the month. On October 1st you will also get an email about the Holiday Party in January, so you can sign up early.

Jeff Roth
Activities Chair



*Attendees cars at the 4th of July picnic.
Photos by Jeff Roth*



We had a two part tech session on Saturday October 15th at Corvette City. The first segment was presented by Jim Lennartz on C2 and C3 windshield wiper motors. He had many parts to pass around and a hands on component on how to test a unit to see if it is working. He also pointed out the judging information in the judging manuals on these parts and discussed what to look for. The presentation was very informative. Thanks Jim!

Editor's Corner

By Dennis Dalton

The second portion of the session was led by Jack Humphrey on how to test the "health" of a battery by determining how many CCAs or cold cranking amps are available compared to the stated amount on the battery. The analyzer gives a percentage value of available power left in the battery in the form of a percentage. Jack says that less than 70% available CCAs and you should start looking for a new battery.

It takes time to prepare for these sessions and both Jim and Jack did an excellent job. These activities make the club active and interesting. A great way to spend a Saturday morning.



This is the model BT100 that Jack used for the tech session. ED



These pictures are from the Tennyson Center charity event. Photos by Jeff Roth



"VAPOR LOCK" MITIGATION 1957 FUEL INJECTION

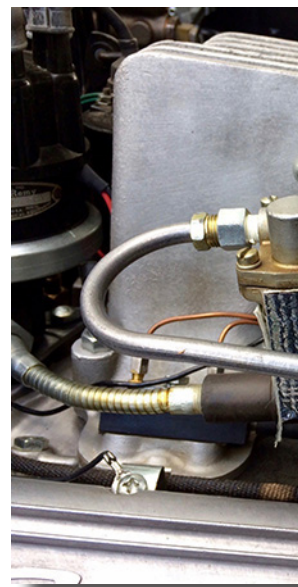
By
Tom Neel

Ever since I began regularly driving my '57 Fuel Injection (#E57S104793) after it was rebuilt, I have experienced vapor lock problems on hot days. With temperatures in the mid-seventies the car idles and runs perfectly. Once the temps get above eighty, the idle becomes very rough and I must keep "gunning" the engine to keep it running. This is especially true in stop and go conditions. When this is happening you can stop the engine, open the hood, and actually hear the fuel boiling in the fuel reservoir. The fuel reservoir is where the float valve is and where the high pressure fuel pump picks up the fuel for injection.

My family and I have owned this car since 1958, and through much of its life it was regularly driven in Los Angeles traffic on hot days without having this problem. So, what is causing it? I have checked the engine and radiator temps carefully and it is not overheating. Perhaps it happens because I now live in Colorado and regularly drive at elevations of 6000' and above. While this may contribute to the problem, it is not the main source since, as I said, the engine functions perfectly at altitude in cool temperatures. Many have suggested that the problem is due to modern fuels, especially those containing ethanol, having a lower boiling point. I have run 100 octane fuel

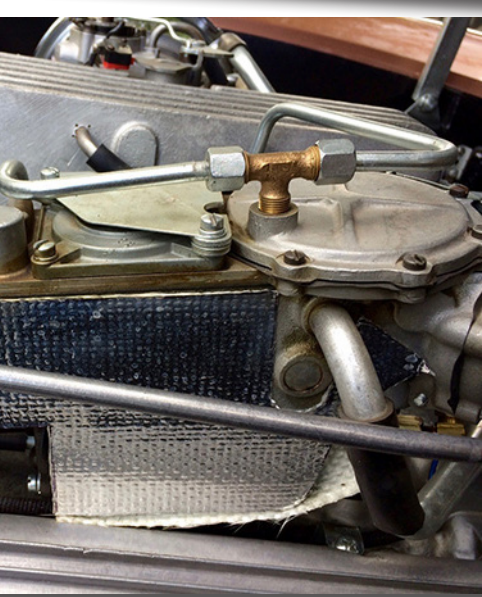
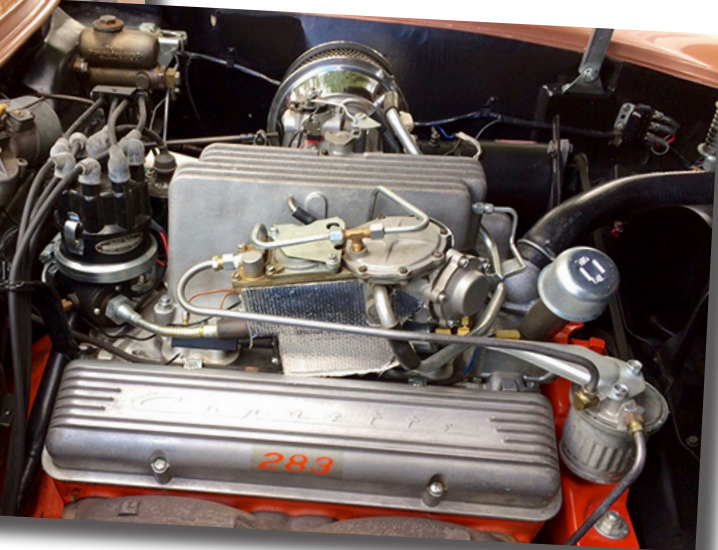


PIC. 2





PIC.1



PIC. 3

without ethanol for many hundreds of miles without noticeable improvement. The internet is full of suggestions to add a small amount of diesel to the fuel to raise the boiling point. I have not tried this because even more people say this is not a good idea and provide technical arguments as to why it does not work.

Finally, a friend suggested that I use modern “space age” heat shielding on the fuel reservoir to lower its temperature. Success! I recently drove the car on a very hot day at elevations up to 10,000’ with a fair amount of stop and go without experiencing problems.

I used Design Engineering Inc.’s (designengineering.com) Adhesive Backed Aluminized Mylar Radiant Matting (Part #10399). See Picture 1.

It is flexible and easy to cut and install. See Picture 2 & 3 of the fuel reservoir after installation.

Obviously, it would not pass judging, but it is relatively unobtrusive to the casual observer. It is easy to remove and reinstall if I enter the car for judging, but I have much more fun driving it than showing it.

I hope this might be useful to others experiencing the same “vapor lock” problems.

Tom Neel, NCRS #7927

RMC-NCRS Board Meeting Minutes

August 30, 2016
Mt Vernon County Club

The meeting was called to order at 1PM by Chairman Eck Pobuda. The following members were in attendance:

Chairman	Eck Pobuda
Vice Chair	Jim Lennartz
Treasurer	Jack Humphrey
Activities	Jeff Roth
Judging	Chuck Banks
Judging co-chair	Ralph Ridge
Membership	Gerry Phillips
Merchandise	Pete LeClair
Special Member	John Marsico
Absent:	
Newsletter	Dennis Dalton
Communications	Bob Davis
Secretary	Tom Di Rito

Board Member reports:

Chairman Eck Pobuda â€“ April Board meeting canceled due to weather. RMC received itâ€™s Top Flight Chapter Award at Nationals which Tom Di Rito accepted. John Marsico and Peter Gregory received their 400-point master judging awards as well.

Vice Chairman Jim Lennartz - Had the best vacation ever and couldnâ€™t believe how tall the Dutch were.

Treasurer Jack Humphrey â€“ Presented a P&L, Balance sheet and described in detail how they corrected an error on the books. Jeff Roth made a motion to accept the reports and Pete LeClair second it. Motion passed.

Secretary absent - Last meeting minutes were accepted after a motion by Eck and a second by Jack.

Judging Chair Chuck Banks & Co Chair Ralph Ridge â€“ Discuss a judging school in Sept., Oct., or Nov. Final decision was to have a judging meet on Nov. 12th. Priority will be given to non-judged cars. Time and location to be determined.

Membership Gerry Phillips â€“ A membership meeting is needed for Top Flight status so The Oct tech session will serve as such. We are short on name tags so Gerry will pursue getting some.

Merchandise Pete LeClair â€“ Presented an actual inventory spread sheet after going through all the merchandise we have stored. He suggested we buy things to fill in the holes in the inventory and as well as go to a new style of tee shirt. A motion was made by Eck, seconded by Jack to authorize Pete to spend up to \$1500.00 on replenishing the inventory. Motion passed. Pete will also bring merchandise to the meeting and try to find someone to help him. He will also do something quarterly in the newsletter.

Activities Jeff Roth â€“ July 4th was fun. August 20th we have the Vette show at the Tennyson Center our chapter charity. September is the fall road tour and Oct. weâ€™ll have a business meeting before the tech session on washer repair and trouble shooting. A motion was made by Eck & seconded by Jack that we have the same menu for Januaryâ€™s Holiday party. Motion passed.

Old Business â€“ Tennyson Center donation has been made and paper work submitted to Carlton and Bill. Jeff will follow up on this.

Board member shirts are all done

Chapter Sponsors â€“ John Marsico & Jack Humphrey presented 3 alternatives for chapter sponsors: Purifoy, Medved (I-70 in Wheat ridge) and Emich in Lakewood. John discussed the pros and cons of each. After much discussion Jeff made a motion which Ralph seconded for them to pursue Medved as our Chapter Sponsor. Motion passed. They have a meeting set up next week with them to discuss this further.

Corey Krause â€“ Wants to be our ambassador to the National Corvette Museum. It was mentioned that Ron Bergman use to be the ambassador. Gerry made motion, seconded by Jeff to make Corey the ambassador if Ron no longer is involved with the museum. Motion passed. Eck will check with Ron and follow up with Corey.

New Business â€“ Las Vegas 2018 National â€“ Eck received an email from Tom Barr about a joint effort in putting on the National. It seems that they have all the major players in place and from past experience joint ventures donâ€™t seems to work well. Ralph made a motion, Jack seconded to help on an individual basis but not as a chapter. Motion passed. Eck will follow up with Tom Barr.

Car Information sharing â€“ Gerry gave a report on the responses to the email. All thought this was a good idea to continue and make available to the members. Jim noted that there should be a column for year expertise to make it more useful. All agreed. Gerry would like someone else to take over this and Jim volunteered as well as Tom Hosea name was mentioned as one to ask about heading this up. Donâ€™t remember who will talk to Tom.

Buddy System â€“ Gerry has had half a dozen responses, so is going forward with this. Eck will be the one to pair up members interested in this.

There being no further business Eck moved for adjournment and was seconded by all. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm by all.

Humbly submitted by a poor substitute for Tom Di Rito by Jeff Roth.

Well done Jeff, but Board Members do let us know if there are any corrections.

Thanks,

Eck

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 11/12/16.

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



by Jack Humphrey
RMC Treasurer


Rocky Mountain Chapter - NCRS Profit & Loss January through September 2016

	Jan - Sep 16
me	
ues	980.00
vent Income	
Chapter Meet Income	
Flight Judging Fee	700.00
Registration Fees	20.00
Sportsman Fee	100.00
Total Chapter Meet Income	820.00
Holiday Party Income	75.00
Total Event Income	895.00
Other Income	
Interest Income	4.87
Merchandise Sales	226.00
Total Other Income	230.87
Total Income	2,105.87
Cost of Goods Sold	
Cost of Goods Sold	
Inventory Adjustment	276.81
Cost of Goods Sold - Other	182.74
Total Cost of Goods Sold	459.55
Total COGS	459.55
Gross Profit	1,646.32
Expense	
Dues Related Expense	
Supplies	153.12
Dues Related Expense - Other	10.00
Total Dues Related Expense	163.12
Event Expense	
Chapter Meet Expense	
Food & Beverage	269.96
Misc Judging Expenses	70.81
Total Chapter Meet Expense	340.77
Holiday Party Expense	2,427.12
Total Event Expense	2,767.89
Other Expense	
Accounting Services	40.00
Charity	500.00
Compensation Item	147.06
Food & Beverage	786.44
Freight	35.36
Gifts Given	110.16
Judging General Expense	236.58
Licenses & Permits	10.00
Office Expenses	74.11
Other	95.00
Paypal Fees	53.23
Sales Taxes Paid, Merchandise	63.21
Total Other Expense	2,151.15
Total Expense	5,082.16
Net Income	-3,435.84

Membership in the NCRS is open to persons interested in the restoration, preservation and history of the Corvette produced by the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corporation from 1953 through 1996. NCRS is not affiliated with Chevrolet or General Motors.

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