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Chairman's Report
By Eckhard Pobuda

This is the last newsletter of the year.

This is the last newsletter of the year, and I am reflecting upon where we have been and where we are going. The number of members has been hovering above 100 for the last few years. Our average club activity participation rate is around 30%. Please give us your input as to what types of events you would recommend in planning in the future. We need ideas to enhance attendance, keeping in mind that

we need to fit in technical sessions, member business and election sessions, museum trips, road trips and other social events. Send your suggestions to me, or to Lothar and Terri. Our activity scheduled for Nov 15 was submitted by a member. Our thanks go to John Marsico.

I am also aware that our chapter members have been taking some very nice cars to regional and national conventions in the past few years; Top Flights, Duntovs, and McClellans....Congratulations to all of you. You have brought a lot more attention to our Chapter and the quality of our cars.

This year we had interesting and fun activities. The outstanding one, of course, was the Loveland Regional Convention. It was a success by any standard, thanks to all our chapter members who helped plan and execute it. Next year the world will come to us for the 2015 NCRS National Convention in Denver. Our committee chairpersons are in the midst of planning. We do need your help now as well as during the convention. Please contact Jack Humphrey or me soon if you are willing to join the fun.....I hate it when I have to go door to door.

Best regards to you and your family during the holiday season

Eckhard



**NOV. 15th
Rambler Ranch**

**Dec. 13th
Tech Session**

**Jan. 10
RMC Holiday
Party**



I've been as busy as a one-armed wall paper hanger...

I've been as busy as a one-armed wall paper hanger with 2015 National Convention tasks. But, I need to take five and fill you in.

Vice Chair Report by Jack Humphrey

October 18th was "D-Day". We received a visit from key members of the NCRS National Board of Directors for a review of our plans. Visitors included Mark Lincoln, our National Business Manager, Mike Ingham, Regional Director and Board Vice President, Bill Baker, Regional Director Region VI, and Dave Brigham, National Judging Chairman.

We met at the host hotel to facilitate everyone's familiarity with the premises. This was pretty much a full day of juggling Powerpoint slides, brain storming and constructive critique. In the end, we were deemed to be in control and ready to proceed to Phase II.

In Phase II our proposed activities are reduced to contracts and booked. The page space for the convention registration is released for publication in Driveline and the on-line registration system is tooled up. That's where we are now. Dotting those pesky "l" characters and crossing the nasty "t" components.

My take is we've provided a wide selection of activities that will showcase Denver and the Colorado front range! But, you can be the judge of our convention offerings when they're made public is roughly 60-days!

After the first of the year, we make the transition to Phase III. That's where we finalize the details, answer questions as they arise and watch the convention numbers make the transition from forecast to reality.

Last, the registration system cuts off in June and we begin Phase IV, that's where the rubber meets the road and we take our plans to production. Stick around, we need everybody's help!



Editor's Corner By Dennis Dalton

Going to a quarterly publication

The High Plains Shifter will be going to a quarterly publication starting in 2015. The issues will be posted the first week of January, April, July and October. It was discussed by the board that club announcements are relying more on mass email for updates and the newsletter could continue its present function of board input on club matters of importance. If you have any input on the matter, don't hesitate to email myself or anyone on the board. Our contact information is on the last page of the newsletter.

First Quarterly Issue

I am planning a retrospective issue for January. I will be reaching out to long time club members for pictures and stories to be published in this issue. This club has been in existence a few decades and should be an interesting read. Anything you have will be used, so start looking as I will need things before Christmas to put this together.

Dennis



Since our last newsletter, we have had one new member...

Since our last newsletter, we have had one new member join the chapter, Steve Nauman of Littleton who owns a 1971 corvette. With Stan's membership, RMC now has 127 dues paying members.

At this time, RMC is on target to earn the annual Chapter Top Flight Award for 2014. Thanks to all who help make this happen.

Membership Chair Report

by Gerry phillips

The board of directors has approved emailing the chapter membership directory to members upon request. I will also try to have a limited number of printed copies of the directory available at Chapter meetings. The directory will only include each member's name, mail and email addresses and phone number as appearing in the National NCRS database. Members desiring a copy can email me at gphil460@comcast.net. Please keep in mind that the list is confidential and not to be shared with non-members for any reason. Member's preferences for the exclusion of certain of their information will be respected. If you haven't already done so, please let me know if you have special requests or concerns with regards to your personal information appearing in the directory.

We will be sending out 2015 RMC dues notices very shortly and urge everyone to please renew by the end of December to keep your membership active. I encourage everyone to renew online via the National NCRS website as it makes the renewal paperwork job much easier for everyone. That said, those members who pay for buddy members or who pay extra to have the newsletters mailed to them will still need to mail their dues into to Steve Beatty, Chapter Treasurer as the National website cannot accept amounts other than the standard \$20 dues renewal. The Chapter uses the National NCRS database email addresses for most membership correspondence, including dues renewals so please make sure your email address is correct on the National website. Here is the link to the National's membership profile for making changes: <https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address>.

Gerry

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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Chuck Banks
Judging Chair

The Rocky Mountain Chapter will hold a Chapter Judging Meet on May 3.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter will hold a Chapter Judging Meet and one point judging school on May 3, 2015 at Bozarth Chevrolet on So. Havana Street in Aurora, CO. We will be judging a maximum of eight cars, evenly divided between; 53-62, 63-67, 68-82, and

84-96. No judging team will be asked to judge more than two cars.

The doors will open at 6:30 A.M., and all judged cars must be on the judging field before 7:30 A.M. A one point judging school on taking originality deductions during flight judging using CDCIF (configuration, date, completeness, installation, and finish) will start promptly at 8:00 A.M. Dennis Dalton will be leading this judging school. There will be a brief judges meeting at 9:00 A.M. followed by an owners meeting. Flight Judging will begin at 9:15 A.M.

On-line registration will open on Feb. 2, 2015, and cars will be accepted for judging based on the timeliness of their registration. Everyone attending must register, and in order to be considered for a judging assignment your on-line registration must be received by April 6, 2015. Lunch will be provided for all registrants except those who register at the door. The late registration fee is \$15. No cars will be accepted for judging after the April 6 registration date.

The Flight Judging entry fee is \$50. Sportsman entry is \$15, and all driven Corvettes may be displayed on a space available basis.

On-line registration can be found on the NCRS technical discussion board; click on Event Registration, or you will find a link on the Rocky Mountain Chapter web site when registration opens. This event presents a great opportunity to pick up three valuable judging points, or give your car a final judging before the National Convention in Aurora in July.

Chuck Banks
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Garage Find!

Hey-look what showed up here in Steamboat—just up the street from me—and I didn't even know it was here! For 20 years this lady has had this '66 Roadster tucked away in her garage. She opened up the door for me, and there it was—just the way it was when she parked it. She now feels it is time for it to go to the right owner who can appreciate her "baby". I've spent quite a bit of time on the car and it is righteous! To arrange an inspection or for more photos available please call Glenn Reif (970) 846-6801 with any questions.



1966 Corvette, 2 top 427 Roadster number 7718. Original owner with original invoice. 390HP/4 speed. Never hit body in original Milano Maroon with Black interior. Very well maintained car as original—true Survivor example with 133,000 miles. "IL" engine has never been touched other than routine maintenance. To my way of thinking, this car is screaming to be a Bow Tie Candidate or, is ready for restoration with all the hard parts still present. It was custom ordered and optioned, when new, with 4 speed, 390HP BB, White walls, AM/FM, Aux. Hardtop, 3:36 Posi, and Teak Steering Wheel. Paperwork includes Dealer Invoice, Owner's Manual, Radio Instructions, Owner Protection Plan with Plate, and original factory keys. Luggage Rack was dealer add-on. Tonawanda stamp reads "TII23IL". VIN shows nicely on block pad and tag under glove box. Intake dated J-30-5. Plate under the glove box reads Trim, Std., Body A-2507, Paint 988, Style 66 467.

Car has been sitting in heated storage for 20 years. With a new battery and fresh gas, it started right up. Sounds right with no extra noise, blow by suggests stuck rings? Right bank smokes out exhaust. This was not the case when the car was parked? Brakes are up. Tach cable was disconnected some time ago. Rest of gauges work and are clean. Antenna mast is missing, base is present. AM/FM radio is original. Not sure if it is still working? Clock does not work. Original seat belts. Parking Brake does not hold. Oil leak back of Intake Manifold. Headlight Motors work as new. New Master Cylinder with new brake lines.

Lacquer paint is worn consistent with age. No question as to being an un-hit, virgin sort of body!! All body gaps are as good as new. Nose has been scratched as well as LF fender skirt. Original wheel covers show wear and age. Stock steel wheels with spare in tub. Uni-Royal radials at about 70% tread. Windshield is not cracked, but does have scratches on driver's side. Door Window glass is good. They crank fine and are loose in tracks consistent with age. Frame has flash type rust, but no cancer or rust through. Rear Wheel kickups are solid in frame. Bumpers are nice for street use. No dings or rust through. Exhaust is hanging lower than it should be, but seems tight? Convertible top and frame are off car, but complete. Rag top has bad stitching. Hardtop is good, some crazing in rear glass where middle bolt goes through. All stainless is mint. One split in Driver's Seat. Passenger seat is good. Both Door Panels look nice each having a small crack. Driver's Arm Rest has ding. Original carpets are good for their age. Comes with original Jack and Lug Wrench. Glove Box Door is mint. New battery tray. Teak wheel is worn, but not cracked or chipped. \$65,000 FOB Steamboat Springs, Colorado.



It has been a busy year...

On October 11 at Corvette City with Dirk Gaddis presented a tech session on the topic of tires, wheel weights, and differentiation of tire types and purpose. Dirk brought various types of tires to display. Attendance was in the high 20's, and as usual when Dirk presents, there was a lively discussion and interchange of information. The lunch menu carried an Octoberfest theme with burgers, brats mit Kartoffelsalat. Everyone had a good time. thanks Gary for providing the grill.

Activities Co Chairs
by Terri Pabuda and
Lothar Kemerer

On Saturday, November 15th, Lothar has planned a trip to the Rambler Museum outside of Elizabeth, Colorado at 11:00 AM. Lunch will be catered. Many people have told us this is a great place for car clubs to gather. We are hoping the weather will bring out the Corvette's for one more run. If not, bring your SUV's.

Below is a copy of the mass mailing to members recently sent out by email.

Our annual Museum Visit is set for Saturday, November 15, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Rambler Ranch, located at 36370 Forest Trail, Elizabeth, CO. This museum has a large collection of Nash/Rambler Automobiles and a very unique Appliance Museum (a must see...!). The cost will be \$10.00 for admission and \$10.00 for Lunch catered by Famous Dave's BBQ (beef and chicken sandwiches). Please RSVP by November 9th, 2014, so that we can get the proper number of lunches ordered. Directions from I-25: Take Highway 86 South to County Road 21 North 2 miles to Forest Trail make a right and then to 36370 Forest Trail.

The website for the Rambler ranch is: www.rambleranch.com

We will have one more tech session December 13th...stay tuned for information.

Don't forget our Holiday Party to be held again at Mount Vernon Country Club on January 10th at 5:30 PM. Registration can be made online by logging into the NCRS Discussion Board clicking on EVENTS at the top of the screen and scrolling down to the RMC Holiday Party. Cost per attendee is \$25.00. A gift exchange with a limit of \$20 will be part of the activities, for those that wish to participate. If you cannot register online you can send your payment with attendee names to :

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Time flies..., It has been a busy year with many accomplishments and lots of fun in between the hard work. Our thanks to everyone for such great attendance and participation in the chapter events....and thanks also for the suggestions you have given us.

Happy Holidays to all of you,
Terri and Lothar



This was recently published in the Long Island Newsletter which was taken from Machinist Workshop Magazine. I thought I would pass this along as a item of interest. ED

By: Pete Loscalzo

Machinist's Workshop Magazine recently published some information on various penetrating oils that was very interesting. Some of you might appreciate this. The magazine reports that they tested penetrates for break out torque on rusted nuts. They are below, as forwarded by an ex student and professional machinist. They arranged a subjective test of all the popular penetrates with the control being the torque required to remove the nut from a "scientifically rusted" environment.

Penetrating oils Average torque load to loosen

- No Oil used 516 pounds
- WD-40 238 pounds
- PB Blaster 214 pounds
- Liquid Wrench127 pounds
- Kano Kroil 106 pounds
- ATF*-Acetone mix.....53 pounds

The ATF-Acetone mix is a "home brew" mix of 50 -50 automatic transmission fluid and acetone. Note this "home brew" released bolts better than any commercial product in this one particular test. Our local machinist group mixed up a batch and we all now use it with equally good results. Note also that "Liquid Wrench" is almost as good as "Kroil" for about 20% of the price. Steve from Godwin-Singer says that ATF-Acetone mix is best, but you can also use ATF and lacquer thinner in a 50-50 mix.

*ATF=Automatic Transmission Fluid

For Sale

Reminder:
For sale items are dated as initial insertion date. They are run for three issues or six months if seller does not contact the editor to extend it or cancel the listing. Listings are free for members. Display ads are charged..see info in the disclaimer on this page. ED

Sept/Oct 2014
1962 Roadster for sale, VIN 20867S105138. Duntov award in 2009 with score 98.6. Driven minimal dry miles without changes or repairs and stored in climate controlled garage since then. Hardtop only. Triple black. 327 / 250, 86k miles. Subject of article in The NCRS Restorer magazine Fall 2006 Volume 33, Number 2, pages 14 - 16. Have sold home (and garage space). Car is in Carbondale, Colorado. Priced to sell at \$69k firm; under appraisal value. contact albomb007@gmail.com or call [773-396-1060](tel:773-396-1060).
Allan Bomersback

May/June 2014
\$75 Corvette jack with handle. Date stamped "549" on rivet, (first week of December 1975).

SOLD



Chapter members at the Tennyson Center for Children on Sept. 13th

Photography by Dan Termeer



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