

## THE VIEW FROM THE CHAIR by John Foster

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Many members of the St. Louis and Kansas City chapters have already put many months of time and energy into the preparations for this year's NCRS National Convention. Some members have already sacrificed countless hours, planning, mapping out the judging floors and parking, arranging events and side trips, even driving the Missouri leg of the road tour and parade route to make sure they offer our guests a memorable experience. We've even held meetings with the KC chapter in Columbia to coordinate activities. Now, the time has come for many more chapter members to step up, in more ways than one.

Because of our central location this convention has the potential to be one of the largest in NCRS history, and requires the involvement of scores of volunteers to make it a success in every way. If you have not yet volunteered to help out at the convention it's certainly not too late to get involved. A few hours here and there will afford you the opportunity not only feel more involved in your hobby, but to also meet other enthusiasts from across the country and Canada. A number of chapter members are even planning vacations around the convention, just as if they were heading to an out of town convention. If you have not yet volunteered to assist on one of the many committees, please contact Kelly Waite to get involved in what promises to be a great time.

I guess I've always been pretty much a conformist; working in a paramilitary organization for 33 years will do that to a person. But when it comes to blind obedience, I have generally refused to drink the cool aid. That said I need to address the issue of all of us registering for the convention in order to attend, even as volunteers.

Clearly defined national NCRS rules require all attendees at the convention to be registered. The only exceptions are those few special dignitaries invited by the NCRS Board of Directors, and individuals who purchase a \$10 daily ticket to visit only the judging field, no other activities or workshops. Our volunteers will need to conform to the same rules that other chapters have followed while hosting national conventions. Therefore, I hope our chapter members are registering early. And taking it to a higher level, I hope that our chapter members register a substantial showing of corvettes for both judging and display.

Our most recent was the Chapter Judging Meet at Love Park on May 10th. We have had a series of meets at this location and our spring meet was another great one. Bernie Myers handled the registrations and it turned out to have a "mid-year" flavor (five were judged). There was great representation of each generation, especially for Sportsman.

## Articles

### Panning for (Black) Gold

By Bernie Myers

My 1956 Corvette has had a passenger car oil pan installed since before I purchased it some 18+ years ago. Over that time, I've replaced many items under the hood with original style components, but never seriously considered replacing the oil pan due to its inconspicuous location relative to its replacement cost.

That is, until two weeks ago when, early on a cool Sunday morning, I picked up a friend and headed for a local swap meet. After the requisite coffee and doughnut breakfast, we began walking the aisles, scanning the piles of unwanted salvage that was looking for a new home. I picked up a few odds and ends that caught my eye; a NOS 12" Trico replacement wiper blade for \$1, some assorted Dremel bits, another \$1, and so on. This should give you a clue that I'm not a big spender.

Then serendipity struck. Perusing a vendor's trailer, haphazardly loaded with what would seem to be scrap metal, I noticed a small block Chevrolet oil pan. There were actually a couple of them. One was newer but the one that caught my eye was a 1950s style with the drain on the bottom. Although I had nothing for direct comparison, it seemed as though it might be deeper than a passenger car oil pan. I picked it up and looked it over. The exterior had decades of caked on grime but the interior was relatively clean. It was almost dent free and still had its original 7/8" drain plug marked F-C installed. I inquired and found out it was from a 283 that had been removed from a 1958 fire engine. There were other pieces of the fire engine there I could use to validate its origin and vintage, like a large radiator with a rusty AC #549 cap. I asked if he'd take two dollars. I knew the drain plug was worth that. He said "For two dollars you can have both of them". I declined the newer one and walked away with the old one, satisfied, but not knowing exactly what I'd purchased.

Back home, I began using a putty knife to remove the layers of filth it had acquired over the years. To my surprise, wherever I exposed what

appeared to be original paint, it wasn't Chevy orange, it was green; more precisely, turquoise. I began to think maybe it wasn't even a Chevrolet part. I compared the bolt pattern to another SBC oil pan I had and it matched so I decided to do some investigating.



Before



After

Among the references in my Corvette library are 1929-1956 and 1929-1957 Chevrolet Parts and Accessories Catalogs. Prior to Corvette receiving its own parts catalog it was included in these volumes along with all other Chevrolet models. (Pay attention; here comes the moral of this story.) Turning to group 1.426 I noted that

application of the oil pan used on the 1957 Corvette (part number 3736615) was shared with the Series 6 truck. It turns out that a Series 6 truck is a 2 ton chassis. Similarly, application of the 1956 Corvette oil pan (part number 3727732) was shared with the D-D Util truck. I believe the 1956 part number to be the early style oil pan with the integral dip stick tube. I didn't know how I could extrapolate that information to 1958 so I turned to the NCRS Discussion Board.

By the way, the new DB format, which allows you to upload photos, was of great service here.

I posted photographs of the oil pan showing segments that still retained paint. I posed a question regarding the color and configuration

and how it compared to a Corvette oil pan of the period. The responses were all positive. One comment noted that it could even have come from a GMC truck. Hmm, weren't their motors painted turquoise back in the day? It had one long and one short reinforcement rib. It was the three step design. I was asked to post a photo of the bottom to check for further configuration issues and measure the depth (8" at its deepest). Yes, it was identical to what might have been installed on a late 1956 or 1957 Corvette. What a find!

So if you are looking for an original style early C1 oil pan, you just might find it in a truck graveyard.

## My Search for a '63 – '67 Corvette

by John Mathers

Upon retirement, three years ago, I began my search for a '63-'67 Corvette. Over the years, I have been fortunate enough to have had several Corvettes, but have never owned a mid-year. That body style in a convertible with side exhausts has always been my favorite.



I began my search locally - thinking, "How hard can this be?" Reading newspapers and attending local car shows proved to be unsuccessful and I began to realize this was going to be harder and more time consuming than I thought. I joined the NCRS and intensified the search: subscribing to numerous magazines, books and other related materials. A great many hours were spent on the internet searching Corvette sites. Like most Corvette enthusiasts, I made the annual trips to Bloomington Gold and Vette Fest hoping for some leads. Endless phone conversations, e-mails and photos led to trips to Illinois, Indiana, Kansas City, Ohio, and Kentucky. Still no car!

My search finally ended in March when I found my '67 Lynndale Blue convertible less than 10 miles from my home.



Although it took far longer than I imagined, not only am I happy to have the car but I feel fortunate to have met a lot of great people along the way. Special thanks to Kelly Waite for his time and advice throughout the search.

### Things I've learned along the way:

- Only a very small number of '63-'67 Corvettes come up for sale in the St. Louis area.
- Murphy's Law applies: If you're looking for a convertible, it seems that most of the cars for sale are coupes.
- Murphy's Law #2: The cars that sound the best are located the furthest away.

- The paint and body almost always look better in photos than they really are.
- A "Driver" can mean many different things to different people. (Lots of wasted trips.)
- A "frame-up" restoration can mean just about anything.
- Many sellers base their prices on what they see on Barrett Jackson.

- Listening carefully and asking the right questions can save you a wasted trip.
- The average 40 year-old Corvette is in pretty rough shape.
- It's far easier and often cheaper to buy a brand new Corvette and it comes with a bumper-to-bumper warranty!

## Events

### Chapter Judging Meet at Love Park on May 10th

By Bernie Myers

I was only able to maintain my record for rain free events by the slimmest margin at our most recent Chapter event. Shortly after completion, it began to rain. Thanks to everyone who came out and participated. I really appreciate those who dedicate a day out of their weekend to help. I'd like to thank my wife, Connie, for getting the picnic together and all who brought food to share. As usual the lunch was a great social aspect to the meet. Ernie Durlas did the cooking again. Five cars were judged. Many more had expressed a desire to enter; a total of 13. I owe this popularity to the upcoming National Convention as several of these were attempting to qualify for entry in that event. Awards presented were:

Fred Oberhaus	1963 Convertible	Sportsman
Ernie Durlas	1965 Convertible	Sportsman
John Foster	1967 Convertible	Sportsman
Kelly Waite	1963 Coupe	Top Flight
Joe Anelle	1966 Convertible	Top Flight
Chris Haefner	1966 Convertible	Top Flight
Bill Lacy	1967 Coupe	Top Flight
Don Pickles	1967 Convertible	2 <sup>nd</sup> Flight

The next Chapter judging event is scheduled Saturday, September 6, 2008 at Love Park. Registration forms are attached. Please plan to attend.



**Calendar**

## 2008 - St Louis NCRS Chapter - Calendar of Events

	Activity	Location	Time
<b>May</b>			
01-03	Rocky Mountain Regional	Denver, CO	
03, Saturday	<a href="#">Mid America Spring Swapfest</a>	Effingham, IL	8am - 4pm
08, Thursday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Meeting</a>	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
10, Saturday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Judging Meet</a>	Mary's Shelter, Love Park	9:00 AM
15-18	<a href="#">Motor City Regional</a>	Novi, MI	
18	<a href="#">St Louis C3 Corvette Show</a>	Fortel's Pizza in Florissant	11:00 AM
<b>June</b>			
12-14	<a href="#">Pennsylvania Regional</a>	Seven Springs	
12, Thursday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Meeting</a>	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
26-29	<a href="#">Bloomington Gold</a>	St Charles, IL	
<b>July</b>			
20-24	<a href="#">NCRS National Convention</a>	St Charles, MO	
31-03 Aug	<a href="#">Vettes on Rockies</a>	Beaver Run Resort	
<b>August</b>			
14, Thursday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Meeting</a>	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
22-24	<a href="#">Corvette's at Carlisle</a>	Carlisle, PA	
<b>September</b>			
09, Thursday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Meeting</a>	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
11, Thursday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Judging School</a>	TBD	6:30 PM
TBD, Saturday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Judging Meet</a>	Mary's Shelter, Love Park	9:00 AM
19-21	<a href="#">Funfest - Mid America Motorworks</a>	Effingham, IL	
21, Sunday	Queeny Park Swap Meet		
<b>October</b>			
09, Thursday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Meeting</a>	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
23-25	<a href="#">Texas Lonestar Regional</a>	Waco, TX	
<b>November</b>			
13, Thursday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Meeting</a>	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
<b>December</b>			
13, Saturday	<a href="#">St Louis Chapter Christmas Party</a>	TBD	TBD

**For Sale or Trade**

**Parts**

Nothing this edition.

## Editors Note

### - News and Club Merchandise

By Doug Garrette

The newsletter and web page are great ways to keep everyone in the club current on our latest activities. We are working hard to keep them up to date. The next edition of *The Legend* is planned for August. Please send in your articles by 15 July.

Our web page (<http://stlouisncrs.org/>) and newsletter are available for posting classified ads for those parts that you no longer need. Ads for any model year Corvette to buy, sell, or trade are free NCRS members.

Commercial advertising is also available for the newsletter (includes a link on our web page). All ads will be included in four consecutive newsletters.

#### Classified Ads:

- Free for members – 50 words or less
- \$10 for non-members

#### Commercial Advertising:

- Full Page - \$75
- ½ Page - \$50

- Business Card size - \$25

Order your club shirt. They are available in Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large and XXX-Large. Contact Cherie Garrette at (314 971-1373) or [dgarrette@charter.net](mailto:dgarrette@charter.net) for your order (\$25 per shirt)



Feel free to drop me a note if you have any suggestions for improving our newsletter or webpage ([dgarrette@charter.net](mailto:dgarrette@charter.net)). I want to hear from you!

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## Club Info

### Club Meeting Minutes

Kay Augustus

#### January 17th

The St Louis NCRS started 2008 with their meeting at Ozzie's on January 17th. The meeting was called to order by John Foster. We welcomed a guest from Eureka, Tim Smith.

Doug Garrette announced that he published a newsletter in December and the next one will be

published in March. He will be looking for volunteers at the February meeting to help with articles and pictures.

Bernie Myers has Love Park reserved for May 10th for our next Judging Meet. It will be at the Mary Pavilion with registration open at 9AM and judging starting at 10A. Let's get the cars out of

the garages and get them signed up to be judged.

A number of our members are going to Texas for the Judging Seminar. Someone should make sure and get a picture of the group from our chapter. Plus an article from someone that attends would be nice. The newsletter editor would love it.

Someone brought to our attention that Jim Staub received a trophy at Mid America last fall for Judges Choice Award. Congratulations, Jim.

Dave Buescher looking for ideas for events. He is working on the events calendar for the upcoming year.

Joan Burnett handed out copies of Convention registrations that can be sent in any time after February 11th. You will not be able to make your hotel reservation until you have registered for the Convention.

Terry McHale has said no to a 2010 regional in Kansas City. However, Oklahoma would like to have one in Branson. We will probably help.

Under new business, nominations are open. Any nominations or volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Rod McCoy's board term has expired and Alan Harkness has volunteered to take his place. Thanks Alan. Greg Simon made a motion to keep the officers that we have. The motion was seconded by Jerry Luck and passed. Officers except for Rod McCoy will remain the same as last year.

Kelly Waite needs a local person for sponsors for the Convention. Please advise Doug Garrette if you would be willing to help.

Joan Burnett is going to check with Nurses for Newborns for a work date. She will let us know.

50/50 was for \$64.00. \$32.00 went to Jim Augustus.

Joe Anthes made a motion to adjourn and Joan Burnett seconded it.

Meeting adjourned.

## February 14th

February 14th meeting at Ozzie's was called to order by John Foster. Now serving his second term.....Thanks John from all the members.

A special THANKS to the spouses that attended with their husbands since it was Valentine's Day.

Treasurer's report - \$6166.54. Joan announced that 65 of 74 renewals were in. This is great.

There is a newsletter coming out in the next month or so, Doug needs articles.

Bernie announced that we have 2 registrants from our club registered for the May judging meet. Don Pickles has his 67 registered and Kelly Waite his 63. Thanks guys. Dave Buescher announced that we need more events for the calendar. Open for suggestions. Please see Dave.

Marc Markel is stepping down as the Charity Event Person. We need a volunteer and some events set up as soon as possible. Thanks Marc for a great job.

Joan Burnett announced that Convention planning is moving along. There will be a local meeting at Ozzie's on Feb. 25th and then a combined meeting with Kansas City on March 2nd in Columbia. There was much discussion about members paying in order to work. However, it is in the National By-Laws that everyone that attends must pay the registration fee as well as be a NCRS member. This is not a local requirement. National will be in again on March 28th and 29th and will have a meeting at the Convention Center in St Charles. Any NCRS member is welcome at their meetings.

The Restorer has a new editor whose name is Vinnie Peters. He is looking for articles that he can publish.

Questions were brought up about Sportsman cars. They register just like everyone else but they will be displayed outside but are allowed to come and go daily.

50/50 won by Ken Webb. \$35.00 for Ken and \$35.00 for Nurses for Newborns.

Motion made to adjourn by Joe Anthes and seconded by Jim Augustus.

Meeting adjourned.

## Club Info

### NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY

March 28, 2008

Jeff Cook was re-elected financial officer. President Vito Cimilluca reappointed Mark Lincoln as vice president and national activities chairman, Cece Nelson as secretary, Jeff Cook as business manager, Roy Sinor as national judging chairman, Gary Mortimer as merchandising and membership manager, John Pirkle as National Corvette Museum representative and Carlton Colclough as public relations coordinator.

Reconfirmed by the Board; Vinnie Peters Restorer Editor, Eric Mortimer Driveline Editor.

Re-appointments to the Publications Committee Dick Whittington Chairman, Vito Cimilluca, Mark Lincoln, and Jeff Cook.

Vito announced the board was very excited about launching the new Technical Discussion Board on March 1, 2008. We presently have 1500+ members signed on to the TDB

Howard Hoover and Mike Bailey from the Michigan Chapter presented a proposal for the 2011 National Convention. The board voted for the 2011 National Convention to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, Michigan. The board selected Howard Hoover as the Convention Chairman for 2011.

Wendell Strode, Executive Director of the National Corvette Museum addressed the board with details of the museums expansion. Wendell stated the NCM was "committed to retain an NCRS presence" at the museum however, he was unable to commit to any details. He also stated the principle reason for the new addition is to allow for the library and archive to be situated in the expansion project of the museum. It was noted that only 10% of the new space will be utilized as the library and archive section of the expansion.

### Board of Directors Meeting

The board approved the purchase of new computer equipment for our Cincinnati membership and merchandise office.

The board voted to support six regionals for 2010. The regionals will be held in the following sites: Kissimmee, FL January 20-23; Gettysburg, PA April 29-May 1; Des Moines, Iowa May 20-22; Bend, Oregon Aug 19-21; Canal Winchester, OH Sept 9-11; Albuquerque, NM Sept 30-Oct 2.

The board agreed to a proposal for a new printing process of the Restorer Magazine. The board also agreed to change the publication date of the second issue of the year from May to March.

#### IT Policy:

The board agreed to the following proposals and policies:

Agreed to the Technical Discussion abuse policy (this is the agreement that you check off when you sign on to the TDB to receive your password)

Agreed to a 31 day "read only" trial period for non-members on the TDB.

Agreed to add a page on the web-site to allow links for Driveline advertisers, this will not be an endorsement of an advertiser but an added feature for buying advertisement in the Driveline.

We will be updating the on-line store to make it easier to purchase NCRS merchandise.

The board agreed to run a test trial of the Driveline Magazine on-line. This trial period will allow us to work out the bugs and determine the feasibility for the on-line Driveline.

#### The board revised bylaw 15.1

**ARTICLE XV – CHAPTERS 5.1** A group of 25 or more NCRS Members can apply for recognition and charter as a Chapter of



NCRS. At least 25 of these members must reside in the same general geographic area as the proposed new Chapter.\*Chapter requests shall be made on the Chapter Application Form obtainable from the Regional Representative. A Chapter will be granted a Chapter Charter only after a one year probationary period and after meeting and demonstrating observance of the Chapter Manual. Chapter Charters are for one year periods and will be renewed on an annual basis providing the Chapter has observed the provisions of the chapter Manual.

\*The chapter manual will be changed accordingly

The board voted to grant full chapter status to the Dutch Chapter.

NCRS Foundation

The board agreed to develop a web page for the Foundation at [www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org) . The web page will include the mission statement, scholarship fund information and will also have information on opportunities to donate.

Our next board meeting will be held on July 25th in St. Charles, MO.

**2008 Officers**

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# St. Louis NCRS Chapter Judging Meet and Picnic

Saturday, September 6, 2008 9:00 AM  
Mary's Shelter, Love County Park,  
2239 Mason Lane, Manchester, MO

Directions: Manchester Rd. west from I-270 two blocks past first stop light to Mason Lane. Left on Mason Lane to the park. Follow signs to Mary's Shelter.

Schedule of Events: 9:00 A.M. Registration; 10:00 A.M. Flight Judging; 12:00 P.M. Picnic and Social. Award presentations following tabulation of scores.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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