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Feature Items

a. VIEW FROM THE CHAIR

Kelly Waite

I think we are all very glad that Spring is finally here!! And that means that our Regional Event in Joplin is almost here!

I am really looking forward to our Joplin Event. It is April 28th through 30th.... in the huge 30,000 square foot Joplin Convention Center. Last count I heard was that we will have well over 50 flight judge cars.....20 or so Sportsmans....and 16 for PV (Performance Verification). The hotels are right there next to the Convention Center and there are also a few restaurants / bars all within walking distance. There is also plenty of parking for the cars and trailers. It is a really nice set up for a Regional Event. Hard to beat! It is not too late to register to attend. If you have not registered yet...please go to page 103 of the latest Driveline for the Registration form. Also – don't forget about our Easter Car show. Last year we had great weather and a full turn out. Please let Dave Buescher know if you need a spot at Forest Park.

We changed the Dinner meeting format a bit from last year....in that we have more socializing and Corvette passion...and less business meeting. Now the dinner meetings have a "very short" business meeting...which allows for more time to

get all of our corvette passion in. If you have not been to the Dinner meetings lately....please try to make the next one. (The Dinner meetings are always the second Thursday of the month at JJs in St. Charles). The normal business meetings are still carried outbut in the quarterly Board meetings.

Hope you at our next Dinner meeting....and at Joplin!!





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b. St Louis NCRS Holiday Get-Together

By Kay Augustus

The St Louis Chapter of NCRS held its Holiday get-together at J J's Restaurant in St Charles January 12, 2011. This was just a way of spending time together and assisting Nurses for couples in attendance - Dan and Mandy Newborns with some extra support by giving gifts or money.

Claire and her husband joined us for dinner. Afterwards, Claire filled us in on what is going on at Nurses for Newborns. We agreed that we would set up another work day and try to help them out physically. We also gave her the gifts

that we had collected for her. She always appreciates everything that we do for her. Our attendance was great. We had two new DuPuis and Greg and Amy Willbanks. Welcome to all.



The food was good and everyone had a good talk. Sometimes more get accomplished with iust casual conversation rather than scheduled meetings.

Articles

Double Secret Fuel Pump Bolt Hole

By Kelly Waite

Ever try to put the fuel pump back on....and the rod keeps getting in the way?

The fuel pump has a lever that goes into the side of the block. (See picture of the fuel pump).

The lever is pumped by a rod that is driven by the cam shaft. (That is what makes the fuel pump work).

The rod rests on top of the fuel pump lever. To install the fuel pump....you just have to position the rod up....and insert the fuel pump. I was attempting to put a new correct fuel pump on the 57....and my fingers were just too fat to keep the darn rod up. Needle nose pliers did not work very well either. Bummer. See picture with needle nose pliers inserted to keep the rod up.

I was talking to Mark Markel....and he said....did you know there is a double secret bolt hole....on the side of the block. I learn something new every time.....said....huh? I am a dummy.....now I remember....



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There is a hole on the side of the block.....that is threaded....so you can put a bolt in...and actually keep the rod up.....to enable you to insert the fuel pump. Much easier than trying to use your fingers....or need nose pliers.......



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Events

a. 15th NCRS "Heart of America"

The 15th NCRS "Heart of America" Regional meet will be held at the John Q. Hammons Holiday Inn and Convention Center located directly off Interstate 44 and US Highway 71, on the original Route 66. It is hosted by the Kansas City, Oklahoma and St. Louis Chapters. This indoor facility features a 30,000 square foot building to display our beautiful cars INSIDE. Registration is over 200 and the car count is over 70, including judged cars, performance verifications, and displays. March 31 was the deadline to register your Corvette to be judged or performance verified without a late entry fee. Hope you got yours in. Secure parking is available for all vehicles. Professional security services for the cars and parking will be provided. The Holiday Inn's pools, fitness center and excellent dining facilities provide an ideal location for the Meet.

Lodging

Make your own room reservations and ask for the NCRS rate. The special room rate is \$74 per night (plus tax) includes full hot breakfast buffet. http://www.hijoplin.com/home.aspx



For reservations contact: Holiday Inn Joplin 3615 Range Line Road Joplin, Missouri 64804 Phone: (417) 782-1000 Fax: (417) 623-4093 E-mail: <u>inlex@jqh.com</u>

General Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 28 - Registration, Operations checks and placement of cars, Flight Judging, Performance Verification (by appointment with Team Leaders), Swap meet, Judging School, Welcome Reception. Secured Parking begins at 7PM

<u>Friday, April 29</u> - NCRS Flight Judging, Swap Meet, Advanced Judging School, Tech Sessions <u>Saturday, April 30</u> - NCRS Flight Judging, Swap Meet, Advanced Judging School, Tech Sessions, Awards Banquet

Sunday, May 1 - Security Ends at 7 AM

Registration and Judging Information:

Corvettes for Judging must be pre-registered. All registered Corvettes must arrive at the Convention Center by 4 PM in order to be placed in the convention center by 5 PM Thursday, April 28th. Registrations received after April 8th will be handled at the meet. Cancellations after March 31st will not be refunded. Registration packets may be picked up at the registration area in the Convention Center. Admittance to any NCRS function will be allowed only with proper name tag. All NCRS members must be registered. You may not attend as a guest of another NCRS Member. Secured parking will be available from 7 PM until 7AM, Thursday through Sunday morning. Note: Proof of current ownership/insurance for Flight, PV, Sportsman, Founders and all display cars showing VIN#, Insurance, Policy Number and Expiration Date, must be attached to the registration. Registrations without will be held and not processes until current information received. All Judged, PV and display cars must remain in place until released by the Judging Chairman.



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b. STL NCRS 2011 Calendar

	Activity	Location	Time
January			
8, Saturday	St Louis Chapter Holiday Dinner	IJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
26-29	2011 Winter Regional	Florida Chapter - Kissimmee, Fl	
February		,	
10, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
March			
10, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
April			
14, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
28-30 Thursday -	Joplin MO Regional	Sponsors- St Louis, Kansas City,	
Saturday	'	& Oklahoma City	
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12, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
19-21	Wildwood NJ Regional		
June			
9, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
9-11	Ontario Fleetwood Farms Regional		
23-26,Thursday - Sunday	Bloomington Gold	St Charles, IL	
July			
14, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
18-23, Monday - Sunday	NCRS National Convention	Novi, Michigan	
TBD, Saturday	St Louis Chapter Judging Event	TBD	9:00AM
August			
11, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
26-28, Friday - Sunday	Corvette's at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA	
September			
13, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
17, Sunday	Queeny Park Swap Meet	http://www.hccmo.com/id15.html	
16-18, Friday - Sunday	Funfest - Mid America Motorworks	Effingham, IL	
October			
10, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
TBD, Saturday	St Louis Chapter Judging Meet	Mary's Shelter, Love Park	9:00 AM
November			
10, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles	6:30 PM
December		,	
TBD, Saturday	St Louis Chapter Holiday Meal	TBD	





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For Sale or Trade

a. Parts

For Sale
Holley carberator
#3868864 LIST-3140-1 dated 573

Altenator w/o pulley #1100692-55A 4J10-12V NEG

Contact: Don Pickles DDPCPA@aol.com

(Send me any items that you have for sale or are looking for and they will go in the next edition! Thanks - Doug dc.garrette@gmail.com)

Club Information

a. Meeting Minutes

Kay Augustus

On January 13th, 2011, St Louis NCRS held a quarterly Board Meeting was held at J J's in St Charles. Members in attendance were: Kelly Waite, Joan Burnett, Dave Buescher, Michael Hanley, Greg Simon, Jeff Peters, Bill Lacy, Doug and Cheri Garrette, Jim and Kay Augustus.

Judging meets were discussed and it was determined that we are required to have two, however, the Joplin Regional may count as one of them. As long as we reach our required goal of 5% of the membership having one car judged, we will be fine. The exact dates will be announced when Love Park availability is determined.

It was also decided that Board Meetings would be held prior to the membership meetings in April, July and October, at 4:30Pm.

Our charity gift wrapping for Nurses for Newborns was a success. Those that participated had no problem doing that. We decided that we would sign up earlier this year and could possibly do a little more than we did last year. We are also going to try and set up a clean-up day for Nurses for Newborns. They appreciate whatever we can do for them.

We need to start thinking about some technical sessions that could possibly be help in conjunction with our monthly meetings.

Mid Missouri Corvette Club has a show at Hearnes Center on April 9th. Anyone interested ask for more details.

Mike Hanley volunteered to have a pool party sometime this summer. The date will be announced later.

We decided that the after Christmas get together was a good idea. We will look into having it about January 7th, 2012. It will be opened to the membership for suggestions on location.

The Easter Car Show is April 24th. We need to sign up ahead of time in order to have a guaranteed spot.



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Cheri Garrette announced that she can no longer purchase the club shirts that she has been embroidering. It was suggested that we check with Tom Greene to see what he would have available.

Joan Burnett announced that she was going to get a conference call set up in January for updates on the Joplin Regional. She has also set up an onsite meeting for February 12th with all three chapters.

Everyone should be scouting around for door prizes. It seems that we can use as many as

we can obtain. We also need to be checking on flags and center pieces.

The 2014 National will be selected in Novi, Michigan, in March. We will be putting in a bid for Overland Park in Kansas in July. Kansas City has been working on this and we will make this a joint effort. The Convention Center there is bigger than the one we used in St Charles.

Meeting adjourned..

b. Editors Note 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 July 2011. Please send in your articles by 15 June.

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

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 for your order (\$25 per shirt)

Feel free to drop me a note if you have any suggestions for improving our newsletter or webpage (dc.garrette@gmail.com) I want to hear from you!

c. Our Sponsors

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