

# THE LEGEND

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## Chairman's Welcome

Jim Augustus - Chairman

The St Louis Chapter of NCRS is starting out 2005 with a new slate of officers and somehow I am Chairman again! Wow – shades of 2000! Every year the new officers are expected to do great things for your club and they do try their best but guess what....it takes all of you to make the chapter, club or group work successfully.

We have an excellent start on our chapter events for 2005 which are always displayed on our chapter website. The website is taking on a much larger role for us this year with the intention of keeping everyone more informed with up to date news and linking people to similar sites and interests.

We are continually looking forward in time in regards to hosting interesting events. The first event is actually the end of this month on 2/26/05 with our 1962 Corvette Seminar (see additional info in this newsletter or on the website). We are scheduling two chapter judging events this year with the first one in April and the second one in September so monitor the website and newsletters for more info. Further out we will host the NCRS Midwest regional in 2006 in St Louis (with the Kansas City Chapter supporting us) and we are working hard towards being selected for the 2008 NCRS National Convention (at the new St Charles Convention Center). We should hear who gets the 2008 National Convention by 1 April 2005.

I am also encouraging all of you to join your fellow Corvette friends at our monthly dinner gatherings and to call (636-462-4231) or send me an email [jkclassics@centurytel.net](mailto:jkclassics@centurytel.net) regarding your thoughts on what our Chapter should do and what interests you.

## Judging

### St Louis NCRS Chapter Judging Event

Bernie Myers

The St. Louis Chapter of the National Corvette Restorer's Society will be hosting a spring judging event in conjunction with a picnic to begin this year's activities. The event will be held at Mary's Shelter in Love County Park in west St. Louis County on Saturday, April 16, 2005 from 9:30 A.M. to 4:00? P.M.

This has been a very successful event in the past and we're hoping to continue that tradition. The location has served well for our judging events for the last two years and provides excellent facilities for both judging and socializing. Our chapter has some very knowledgeable judges in all Flight ® classes to perform the judging duties but in order to provide our best effort, the number of entries may be limited, so please submit your application as soon as possible.

As usual, the chapter will be providing the main course for lunch while members are asked to bring along their favorite side dishes to share. This has afforded a virtual feast in the past. Please feel free to contact any chapter officer for information.

## Activities

Frank Savetz

### EASTER SHOW IS FOR EVERYONE

On March 27th, 2005, you have a chance to experience one of the best collection of antique car displays in the Midwest. The Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri, one

of the oldest organizations of it's kind, will display 100's of cars on the Muni parking lot (upper & lower) at Forest Park. GTOs, Camaros, Corsairs, Corvettes, Mustangs, Jags, Mod A's & T's, almost every vehicle manufactured will be represented from an era past. You'll see muscle cars at their finest, from original to Pro-Street. This is truly a family affair. So bring your car, (1980 or older) lawn chairs & camera's. For more information contact me at 636-458-5252... Hope to see you there.

### **NCRS ST. LOUIS CHAPTER 1961/62 JUDGING SEMINAR**

On Saturday February 26<sup>th</sup> the St Louis Chapter will sponsor a 1961/62 Judging Seminar at the home of Jim & Kay Augustus. The instructors will be Dave Heitzman 61-62 National Team Leader and Marilyn Heitzman – 400 level master judge.

The chapter will provide the meat & drink and we ask that everyone bring a covered dish. Please contact Kay by February 17th and let her know what you plan to bring. 636-462-4231.

If you have not yet registered, please contact Frank Savetz by February 17th at 636-458-5252 to register or obtain more information. The price is \$15.00 per participant (Please make checks payable to NCRS St. Louis Chapter).

#### **Location:**

35 Rocky Ridge Ln, Troy, Mo 63379

#### **Directions:**

Starting at the intersection of I-70 and Hwy 40/61 just west of Lake St Louis

Take Hwy 61 north 8 miles and turn left on Hwy U

Follow Hwy U for 5 miles (go around the 90 degree bend) to the first stop sign and turn left on Hwy J and U

Follow Hwy J and U about 1 and ½ miles and turn right on Hwy U

Follow Hwy U for ¼ mile and turn left on Rocky Ridge Ln (see street sign on left)

Follow road to the fork and stay to the right and take the road down the hill.

See the gray brick house and garage (35 Rocky Ridge Ln, Troy, Mo 63379)

## **Calendar**

### **February**

- Fri-Sat, 11-12 - NCRS Judging School, Dallas Texas
- Thu, 17 - St Louis NCRS Chapter meeting, 6:30PM Ozzie's Restaurant
- Sat, 26 - 1962 Judging School (St Louis NCRS), Augustus Residence.

### **March**

- Thu, 10 - St Louis NCRS Chapter meeting, 6:30PM Ozzie's Restaurant
- Sat, 12 - Chevy/Vette Fest, Chicago Ill.
- Sun, 27 - Horseless Carriage Easter Show, St. Louis, Forest Park Muni Opera Lot.

### **April**

- Fri-Sun, 01-03 - Corvette Expo, Knoxville Tenn.
- Thu, 14 - St Louis NCRS Chapter meeting & Board Meeting, 6:30PM Ozzie's Restaurant
- Sat, 16 - St Louis NCRS Chapter Judging Event, Love Park

### **May**

- 01, 07, or 08 - St Louis NCRS Chapter Road Tour, TBD
- Thu, 12 - St Louis NCRS Chapter meeting, 6:30PM Ozzie's Restaurant

- Sat, 21 - St Louis NCRS Road Tour Rt. 66 Museum, Old Route 66 at Meramec River  
 Thu-Sat, 26-28 - National Corvette Museum Cruise-In, Bowling Green, KY

### June

- Thu, 09 - St Louis NCRS Chapter meeting, 6:30PM Ozzie's Restaurant  
 Thu-Sat, 09-11 - NCRS Northwest Regional, Seaside, OR  
 Sat, 18 - St Louis NCRS Road Tour, TBD  
 Thu-Sun, 23-26 - Bloomington Gold, St. Charles, Illinois

### July

- Thu, 14 - St Louis NCRS Chapter & Board Meeting, 6:30PM Ozzie's Restaurant  
 Tue-Sat, 12-16 - NCRS National Road Tour  
 Sun-Fri, 17-22 - NCRS National Convention, Park City, Utah

## **Club Update**

### Kay Augustus

The membership of the St Louis Chapter of NCRS was invited to a newsletter meeting on Sunday, January 30, 2005 at the home of Doug and Cherie Garrette. The purpose of this meeting was to determine how to create and distribute a more timely newsletter. Those in attendance were: Marvin and Joan Burnett, Jim and Kay Augustus and Doug and Cherie Garrette.

We decided that the newsletter will be distributed every other month by sending out an email notice to all members and referring them to our website. There will be messages from the Chapter officers as well as general information. Since we are not allowed to advertise "For Sale" items on our current website (it belongs to Hemmings), we will get our own. The cost for this is minimal. It will be much easier and less expensive than mailing the newsletter and we will be able to include colored pictures. The members without email will receive a black and white copy by regular mail.

It will be the responsibility of all members to help with articles. All that is needed is a one or two paragraph article on something of interest. We would also like to include a

birthday list (don't worry – no years) and a welcome spot for all new members.

We also discussed making a template to pass around at monthly meetings and at events. This template would include names and email addresses plus some blanks for guests and/or new members to sign in. When you sign the sheet, we hope that you will make the necessary updates for our records. The template will also serve to record any/all meeting attendance for submitting reports to the national organization for our Chapter Award Program.

## **Editors Note**

### Doug Garrette

I'm delighted with the success of the first edition of *The Legend* this year. Everyone has been great about providing information about our club and interesting articles. Keep this kind of support coming.

The next edition is planned for April. By that time I intend to move our Web Page along with the Newsletter to our own host and we can begin posting classified ads. 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!

## Articles

### GM Assembly Line Gift

Marvin Burnett

From time to time General Motors presented inexpensive gifts to the assembly line workers for achieving some company objective. The attached photos are of a tie tack which appears to be from the early 1970's I suspect that this particular item was for the launch of the 1970, 71, or 72 model year. I received it from a former employee who was not at the plant at the time but he passed it along from an acquaintance who was. The tie tack is manufactured by Simmons and is 12 karat gold filled, while the medallion which is approximately the size of a dime (see photos) is 10 karat filled gold and was produced by Jostens Company which was located in Washington, MO.

I know that in 1976 each employee was given a fiberglass cafeteria tray with a yellow 1976 coupe molded into the center. If you are aware of any other gifts that were presented to the hourly or management workers I would be interested in knowing about them.



### C1 Carburetor Tags

Bernie Myers

Carter carburetors that were installed on C1 Corvettes were identified by a triangular brass tag attached using one of the air horn screws. The tag provides an embossed model number and assembly date information used when judging. The model number is always comprised of four digits and one or two letters; either a "S" or "SA", 1/8" in height. The assembly date month and year are encoded using a letter to represent the month, 'A' for January, 'B' for February and so on, and a single digit to represent the year ('6' for 1956 in all the dated examples shown here) 3/32" in height. A 'line number', 1/16" high, is embossed centered below the date code. An inspection punch would seem to complete the information the tag provides, but more may be available.

The tags were often damaged or lost during a rebuild. For restorations, these tags have been reproduced. Original tags can be distinguished from some of the reproduction tags by careful observation of the edge.

Many of the reproduction tags exhibit an edge that is trimmed very close to the perimeter emboss. Original tags have a rolled edge which helps to reduce the tendency of the thin metal to tear. This is apparent in photo 4. Look for this the next time you are on the judging field.

Photo 1: Original 2366SA tag dated February 1956 (B6).



Photo 2: Reproduction 2419S & 2362S tags dated July 1956 (G6).



Photo 3: Reproduction 2419S (Front side shown) and 2362 (Back side shown) tags; undated. Note trimmed edge.



Photo 4: Original style reproduction 2419S (Front side shown) and 2362S (Back side shown) tags dated February 1956 (B6). Note rolled edge.



## If I Only Would Have Known!

Larry Poropat

I still would have ventured into never, never land, but it would have been an easier trip.

We went to dinner with old friends we hadn't seen in a couple years. When I asked what he was up to, he told me about the 60 vette he planned to restore. NO! Where did you find it? How did you find it? That's my number one favorite classic car!

I thought they were gone forever unless you had 40K. (I was right).

He says "The original owner decided to restore it, so it's already all apart"

Translation: basket case.

When we got back to his house I looked at it. "IT" was under his deck in the back, in boxes in his garage, on shelves in his work room and in his den. My first thought was, WOW, Andy you sure have a job ahead of you! (I was wrong again!)

He called me about two weeks later and told me he has gotten hooked on motorcycles and doubts he will ever finish it. If I was interested, it's for sale. I got every parts book I could find. I checked prices on cars and parts. I then went over and took inventory. I looked for everything that was really expensive to replace. Motor mounts, tail lights, bumpers, etc. I checked numbers. The motor (apart of course) the heads, intake, transmission, rear-end, all good numbers. I didn't know about numbers on generators, water pumps, carburetors, glass, pulleys, bla bla blaa! (I got lucky on those). It looked like the only things discarded were discarded on purpose.

The next obstacle: Honey?

She said "If you put it in the garage, YOUR car sits out, not mine."

SHE DIDN'T SAY NO!!!

OK, now what? I am not going to work on this in an unheated, unair-conditioned garage. Honey? All this stuff is in small boxes and we can carry the frame through the basement door. Larry! the door is 30" wide, we have a walk out basement with a 18 foot patio and then a 30 foot drop off to the neighbor's back yard! Honey? if I can figure it out?

SHAZAAM!!! She believed me again!

The body goes in the garage and the frame goes in the basement. I can watch football and work on my car in a T shirt in my

basement. Six years later and I'm almost there.



## ***Board Meeting Minutes***

January 16, 2005

The first 2005 Board Meeting for the St Louis Chapter NCRS was held on January 16, 2005 at the home of Marvin and Joan Burnett.

Present at the meeting were: Joan and Marvin Burnett, Jim and Kay Augustus, Bernie and Connie Myers, Rod McCoy, Frank Savetz, Doug Garrette and Jerry Luck.

The Board meeting was called to order at 2:10PM by chairman, Jim Augustus. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Joan Burnett and approved as read (seconded by Marvin Burnett). Treasurer Joan Burnett stated the treasury balance was \$5789.32.

Under old business, the chapter award program will be caught up by Jim Augustus (file 2nd Quarter Report) It was brought up that this is assigned to be the responsibility of the vice chairman and Jim will give the records to John Foster for the next report filing.

Joan Burnett has been keeping the roster updated with changes. We discussed this being done by the membership chairmen (Tim Parker and Kelly Waite). Joan will verify this with them to assure they will do it (they were not present at the board meeting).

The St Louis Chapter NCRS received a matching check from National for the charity, Nurses for Newborns. We will invite them to our next meeting for presentation of the check.

Under new business, we discussed the excellent chapter attendance at the February 10th, 2005 judging school in Dallas. Our chapter has about 10 members going to it.

We have two National Judges coming to St Louis on February 26th for a 1962 Corvette judging school. It will be held at the home of Jim and Kay Augustus starting at 9AM. The overall time will be confirmed with the Master Judge. The cost is \$15.00 per person and the only cars eligible to participate must be owned by NCRS members. Guests are welcome but will need to pay. The St Louis Chapter is responsible for the judge's expenses (we are paying them to come here from Ohio).

We have been selected to hold a regional event in June of 2006. Kansas City Chapter of NCRS has agreed to support the 2006 regional.

We are also submitting a bid in March 2005, for holding a National Convention in July of 2008. Joan had been working with a gentleman in Branson who has already obtained a lot of information and Joan is working with the new St Charles Convention Center to see what they have to offer. At this time, we are waiting on pricing. Holding this event would require 100% participation by all members if our bid is accepted (Our chapter would assist the National people in conducting the event).

The next three board meetings were set up for April, July and October, following the general membership dinner meetings. This would allow more people to attend since they would already be present for dinner.

Frank Savetz inquired about spots at the Horseless Carriage Easter Show. We will purchase 10 spots for \$100.00. This year there will be no cars allowed that are less than 25 years old. A vote was taken and approved by Kay Augustus and seconded by Jim Augustus. Interested parties should contact Frank for a spot.

We decided that we would record minutes from our monthly dinner event. Some business is usually discussed and the

recording allows the minutes to get out to the membership.

Our next monthly meeting will be February 17th at Ozzie's since a large number of the membership will be in Texas on the 10th.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Kay Augustus and seconded by Rod McCoy.

Respectfully submitted

Kay Augustus

## 2005 Officers

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## NCRS ST. LOUIS CHAPTER MEET & PICNIC

### 9:30 A.M. Saturday, April 16 2005

**\*\*Pre-registration Package Deadline: March 20, 2005.**  
**All NCRS Members are requested to register by Mail or Fax if planning to attend.**

Name:		Spouse / Companion:	
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Phone: (Home)	Work:	Fax:	
Current NCRS Membership #:	E-mail:		

CORVETTE REGISTRATION: (One Registration form per car)			
Flight Judging Entry:	@ \$15	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Sportsman:	@ \$5	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Bowtie: <input type="checkbox"/>	Duntov: <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Interest: <input type="checkbox"/>	FREE
Make Checks Payable to 'NCRS St. Louis Chapter'			Total:

Car Information:	Year		Coupe <input type="checkbox"/>	Convertible <input type="checkbox"/>
Engine CI/HP:	Complete VIN:			

JUDGING PARTICIPATION			
I would like to Judge in class:	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice:	Judging Level:
I would like to Judge :	Int: <input type="checkbox"/>	Ext: <input type="checkbox"/>	Mech: <input type="checkbox"/>
		Class:	
I would like to be an observer judge: <input type="checkbox"/>		I would like to tabulate: <input type="checkbox"/>	Tabulation level:

**Hold Harmless Agreement:**

I agree to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage & liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damage or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and chapters for any such acts of omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during or as a consequence of this meet, wherever located.

Signature _____	Date:		Insured with:	
Policy Number:			Expires	

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