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THE LEGEND

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Chairman's Corner

By Jim Augustus

February, 2007 is a few days away making this past year seem like it's just flown by. Our first 2007 St Louis Chapter Newsletter is due which means my final Chairman's Message has come to be! Once again our St Louis Chapter has had another excellent year and continued membership growth. We have grown to 70 Chapter members as we end 2006 and I predict we will continue to grow as more NCRS members join our Chapter during 2007. Keys to this growth were our members and our events. We held a superb NCRS Regional Meet in June and held two great Chapter Judging events in April and in October and some great tech sessions by Jerry Luck and others! We were also selected to hold the 2008 NCRS National Convention on July 13 – 17, 2008. It will be held at the new St Charles Convention Center, St Charles, Mo with St Louis and Kansas City Chapters co-hosting the event! Joan Burnett was named the 2008 Convention Chairman by the NCRS National Board.

Our NCRS St Louis Chapter Officers/Board Members have two changes for 2007. Please welcome John Foster as our new St Louis Chapter Chairman and Darrell Wilson is the new third Board Member. I look forward to their great contributions in the coming year. Speaking of the new year, we will continue our monthly dinner meetings at Ozzie's Restaurant on the second Thursday of each month so join us on January 11, 2007. John Foster will be calling an Officer/Board meeting in January or February which will include establishing our first draft of our 2007 schedule of events.

Dave Buescher leads our Chapter activities in establishing our Chapter 2007 schedule of events. He will bring his draft of interesting 2007 activities to John's Board Meeting however, he needs to hear your ideas on activities you want. Call (314-346-0654) or e-mail Dave (dbuescher@mktpileman.com) with your thoughts of suggestions for what events you would like our Chapter to hold. We should continue to have our Spring and Fall Chapter Judging Events in 2007. Everyone should check our website, your e-mail or your mailbox for the next couple of months to view the status of our 2007 activities.

One measure of how well our Chapter has come together in the last few years is the honor and recognition from the NCRS National organization with the Chapter Top Flight Award. We have won this award in 2005 and again for 2006! This award is presented at the annual NCRS National Convention and it appears that of the 42 NCRS Chapters (as of November 2006) only 30-40% of the Chapters win this award. This is an award you can all be proud of since it requires a key ingredient, your participation.

As John Foster takes over leading our Chapter, I am asking for your continued involvement and support of the St Louis Chapter. What will 2007 hold for our Chapter? Only you can influence our success and the key is your participation. Come to our meetings and express your opinions as having neat things to do or making changes only happens when someone speaks up.

Judging

St Louis NCRS Chapter Judging Event

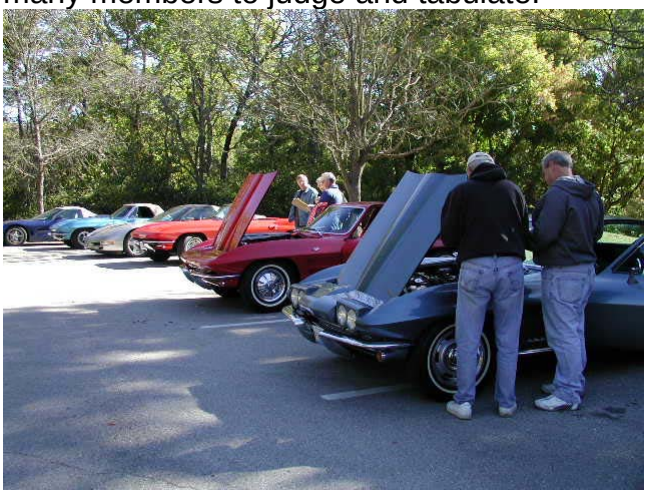
By Bernie Myers

October 14, 2006 St. Louis NCRS Chapter Judging Event & Picnic

Thanks to everyone who participated in the October 14 judging event. Again we had a full day of friends, food, fun and Corvettes. Four of five Corvettes registered for judging were

presented and each one achieved a Top Flight® award. Those cars were Jim Staub's 1957 fuel injected convertible, Pokie Wildhaber's 1964 coupe, Randy Rapp's 1967 coupe and Rex Gooch's 1979 coupe. Congratulations to each of you for achieving a nationally recognized standard of excellence. I thank my wife, Connie, for arranging the food for the luncheon.

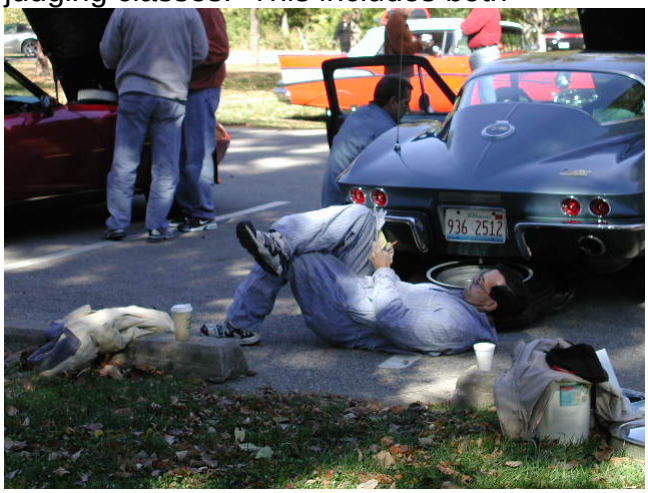
As glad as I was to have such a nice group of cars to judge, I was equally pleased to have the participation and cooperation of so many members to judge and tabulate.



With only a few model years represented, I know that everyone was not able to judge vehicles with which they are most familiar. I do make an effort to make judging assignments as relevant for each individual as possible. That is one reason it is important to pre-register even if you are not having a car judged. The registration form lets me know who is coming and what their judging preference and level of expertise is.

I must say that I believe the level of judging within our chapter is making significant improvements. I attribute this to several factors. As our chapter has grown, we have had a larger selection of cars that have been presented for judging. This has also resulted in more and larger chapter judging meets. Where only a few years ago the chapter was

holding a single annual judging event with as few as two cars, more recently semi-annual events with as many as six cars have stretched our judging capacity. Another significant factor has been the willingness of many chapter members to participate in judging classes. This includes both



the national judging retreats and our locally sponsored judging schools. It was also of benefit to have sponsored a regional convention this year which permitted local chapter members exposure to the judging process at the next higher level without the necessity of long distance travel.

That said; room for improvement exists. I did notice several breaches of judging etiquette. I would remind everyone that these cars represent an owner's extensive effort and investment and should be afforded corresponding respect. Wearing belt buckles while judging as well as leaning against or placement of clipboards upon vehicles must be avoided.

I hope everyone will attend the coming years' events.

Activities

St. Louis Chapter Holiday Party

By Bernie Myers

On Saturday, December 2, 2006 the chapter held its annual Holiday Party at Grappa Grille in St. Charles. Connie Myers made arrangements for the private room. Among the menu choices were grilled salmon, sirloin steak and chicken parmesan. There were about thirty members in attendance. Several who had planned to come reconsidered due to the recent ice storm having left their homes without power. A representative from our sponsored charity, Nurses for Newborns, attended and graciously accepted gifts of baby necessities and monies that members donated.

2007 Calendar

	Activity	Location	Time
January			
11, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
18, 19, 20, & 21	Florida Regional		
February			
08, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
18, Sunday	Queen City NCRS Indoor Swap Meet	Cincinnati, Ohio	6:00 AM
March			
08, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
April			
08, Sunday	Easter Car Show	Forest Park	
12, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
12, 13, & 14	NCRS Western Regional	Palace Station Las Vegas	
May			
10, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
17, 18, & 19	NCRS Garden State Regional	New Jersey	
TBD	St Louis Chapter Judging Meet		
June			
08 & 09	NCRS North Central Regional	Rochester, MN	
14, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
14 – 17	Bloomington Gold	St Charles, IL	
July			
12, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
22 – 26	NCRS National Convention	Boston, MA	
August			
09, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
24 – 26	Corvette's at Carlisle		
September			
13, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
13, 14, & 15	NCRS Northwest Regional	Leavenworth, WA	
21 – 23	Funfest - Mid America Motorworks	Effingham, IL	
TBD	St Louis Chapter Judging Event		
October			
11, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
11, 12, & 13	Classic Corvette Extravaganza	Bowling Green, KY	
25, 26, & 27	NCRS Texas Regional	Waco, TX	
November			
08, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
December			
13, Thursday	St Louis Chapter Meeting	Ozzie's Westport Plaza	6:30 PM
TBD	St Louis Chapter Holiday Party		

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Advertising

Board Meeting Minutes

By Kay Augustus

Location: Ozzie's Restaurant in Westport

July 16, 2006 Meeting

Jim Augustus called the meeting to order and recognized the guests in attendance and they were: Brent Kunstman, Valli Markel and Kim and Jennifer Garrettte. Minutes from the last meeting were approved and Joan Burnett reported our treasury was at $5507.59 as of the end of June. She also has new rosters for anyone that would like one

John Foster announced he will give an update/financial summary of our June Regional at next months meeting. Joan Burnett does not have the actual figures completed since we still have to pay some bills. However, it does appear we will not lose money.

Dave Buescher is working on a garage tour and technical seminar subject that will be of interest to everyone ie: rebuilding a rear end. He is concerned that our way of contacting people for non scheduled events is not up to date. We need to decide if we need phone calls, post cards, etc.

Jim Augustus awarded Jerry Luck a Certificate of Appreciation for his technical seminar on rebuilding a solid axle rear end. Jerry rebuilt/assembled/dialed in Bernie Myers '56 rear end at the seminar and volunteered to do another seminar on midyear/shark spindles and bearings.

Ken Webb had mentioned at our last Board Meeting that we need to assemble a member packet which would be given out to all members, not just to new members. Kelly Waite and Ken Webb volunteered to

assemble one. Anyone already a member would be given one unless they declined it.

Mark Markel reminded us of our Chapter Charity Car Show coming up on August 20th at Vette's Restaurant. Money from this event will go to our Chapter Charity - Nurses for Newborn's.

Doug Garrette is in need of some assistance with the newsletter and keeping our website current. Bernie Meyer is familiar with the procedure and volunteered to help him. We can all help by making sure that Doug has info to print.

Marsha Luck mentioned that Dave Buescher is doing a great job as events chairmen and that he deserves a round of applause. This is a really big job. Thanks to Dave.

A discussion was held regarding how to get more people to drive their cars to our summer meetings. Dave Buescher, Jerry Luck and Ken Webb are going to check into having a meeting at Fast Lane Classic Cars in St Charles. Will have more info at our next meeting.

The Chapter has purchased a Car Birthday Book (approved at our last Board Meeting). All members are free to look up their serial number in the book and it will show you the month and day that car was built (born!).

Bernie Meyer reminded everyone of the Chapter Judging Meet three months away on October 14th. He already has 5 cars to judge (our Chapter limit) so a motion to close registration was solicited. Motion made by Joe Anthes and seconded by Joan Burnett. Bernie will start a waiting list just in case someone already registered should back out.

Cheri Garrette volunteered to call everyone on our roster and remind them of the Vette's Car Show for Charity.

50/50 drawing contributed $20 to Nurses for Newborns.

Motion to adjourn by Dave Buescher and seconded by Joe Anthes.

August 10, 2006 Meeting

Jim Augustus called the meeting to order and recognized our guest present who was: Valli Markel.

Minutes were approved as printed in the last newsletter and Joan Burnett gave the Treasurer's report which shows $5472.80 in our account. Final bills from our June Regional are still pending so we can not provide info this month on its success.

Bernie Meyer agreed to continue helping Doug Garrette with the newsletter and website upkeep. Kelly Waite indicated he is still working on the new member packet.

Bernie Meyer reported that the Judging Meet information has been updated on our web site. He reminded everyone to get registered so that we have a head count for food (Bandanna's) and determine how many judges we will have. Various members also agreed to bring snacks and desserts to the meet.

No 50/50 sold tonight since someone left the tickets at home…….

A discussion was held regarding when we should give our Charity Funds to Nurses for Newborns: after the Car Show or hold it for Christmas time. Jerry Luck suggested that since we know about what the amount should be after the show that we just round the value up or pick a number and give the check to them now. We can still invite the Charity representatives to our Christmas party. A motion was made and approved supporting this approach/cause. Joan Burnett will contact the National NCRS and notify Nurses for Newborns.

Mark Markel reminded everyone of the Car Show this month at Vette's on August 20th. It is a joint show with Boone Trail and Route 66 clubs as well as ours. There will be 7 trophies plus Best of Show. It is open to all Corvettes and has a registration cost of $10.

There will be a group photo about 9:30AM for anyone interested.

Doug Garrette mentioned that he needed some Regional pictures for the newsletter. Tim Parker took a large number of pictures so Doug will contact him.

Jim Augustus reported that the St Louis Chapter once again received a Top Flight Banner at the National Convention in San Antonio, Texas. This is our second year for winning this award! It is awarded to about one third of the NCRS Chapters. To win this award a Chapter must fulfill a large variety of required events in a given one year period of time. Congratulations to all our membership as you made it happen.

We agreed to send our Chapter Banner to the Boston Regional as they had solicited various Chapter Banners for advertising. With our Chapter and KC hosting the National Convention here in 2008 we may want to consider soliciting Chapter Banners as well. Dave Buescher suggested that we insure our banner for $600 and a motion was made by Dave Buescher and seconded by John Foster. Joan Burnett will see that it gets sent off.

Boston National registration is already very high. It was suggested that anyone going, should register soon. Jim Augustus also reported that the next National Board Meeting will be held here in St Louis at the Sheraton Westport (March 23-25,2007).

Joan Burnett sent around a sign up sheet for folks to volunteer for leading teams at the 2008 NCRS National Convention in St Charles, Mo. Joan will also contact KC and establish joint meetings to get things kicked off.

Dave Buescher announced that our next monthly meeting will be September 21st at Fast Lane Classic Cars at 6PM. Everyone should bring a lawn chair and their own non-alcoholic beverages. We will eat at Chuck-a-Burgers afterwards.

The St Louis Chapter gave John Foster a vote of “Thanks” for the great job that he did as chair of Regional. The NCRS National officers were very impressed. They even booked our hotel for their March 07 board meeting!

There are left over regional bags and t-shirts that we will sell for $15 each. If anyone did not get one to begin with please see John Foster.

Bernie Meyer still needs judges for the October Judging Meet.

Ken Webb announced that he is in need of 1962 wheel covers.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Augustus and seconded by Kelly Waite.

<u>September 20, 2006 Meeting</u>

Our Chapter meeting was held at Fast Lane Classic Cars after everyone had walked around and drooled over the many vehicles for sale in their large and varied inventory. They have all types of classic cars….not just Corvettes and have a wide variety of muscle cars.

We held a very short meeting because most everyone forgot their chairs and seemed more interested in going back to looking at the cars on display! So we held a meeting right in front of a Ford Cobra, ’57 and ‘ 55 Chevy’s and a Viper was near by.

Mark Markel reported we had 35 cars at Vette’s Restaurant at our Charity Car Show. There was a little rain but everything went fine plus there was a great lunch and we had some really nice trophies that we awarded.

Joan Burnett just received the last bill for the June Regional. She will have the final dollar amount regarding our profit at the October meeting.

Bernie still needs judges for our October 14th Judging Meet. Five cars will take most of the day even with plenty of help. Don’t

forget to register and bring a snack or dessert.

Dave Buescher has set up a Road Run ending with breakfast at Pierre Marquette on October 22. The meeting/departing location will be announced in a few days by Dave.

Connie Meyer has set up the Grappa Grill Restaurant for our Christmas get together. It will be December 2 at 7PM. Please RSVP to Connie now so that she has a head count.

Jim Augustus announced that at our October meeting he is opening nominations for Chapter officers for the New Year. Be ready to volunteer.

Marvin Burnett mentioned that Dana Forrester is already working on a Road Tour to Boston for the National Convention in 2007. If you have never joined one, you should try to do it as they are lots of fun.

50/50 drawing was $72 of which half went to Alan Harkness.

Motion to adjourn/second was made. Everyone was encouraged to "Thank the owners of Fastlane Classic Cars" for their hospitality and allowing us to have a meeting at their facility.

<u>October 12, 2006 Meeting</u>

The meeting was called to order and one guest was recognized - Beth Augustus.

Last month's meeting would have been much nicer if it would have been warmer. However, we had a decent attendance and everyone enjoyed inspecting all the cars. We may try this again in 2007 and earlier in the summertime!

Our Chapter judging event is this Saturday and Bernie Meyer said he is nervous as we still need judges.

Jim Augustus received the 2009 Regional Bid request and forms from Vito. He queried the membership whether we wanted to bid for a Regional in 2009. The requirements stated we need to select two dates and have proposals complete with location by January 15, 2007. After discussion we decided against bidding since we would be just completing the 2008 National Convention. We agreed to contact the KC Chapter and offer our support to them if they bid for an 2009 Regional (Jim will contact them).

The forthcoming Board Meeting date on Nov 5th was discussed and a recommendation that it be moved to our next monthly meeting on Nov 9th was approved.

Jim Augustus announced that nominations are open for all 2007 Chapter officers and one Board Member position and that Nov 31st is the last day to nominate someone. John Foster volunteered for Chairman and Kelly Waite volunteered for Vice Chairman. Both were subsequently nominated and seconded. We are also asking for someone to take over the Secretary's office as Kay Augustus says it time for someone else to have the opportunity!

Dave Buescher reminded everyone that those going to Pierre Marquette on October 22nd road run to not be late.

Motion to adjourn by Jerry Luck and seconded by Bernie Meyer.

<u>November 9, 2006 Meeting</u>

Jim Augustus called the meeting to order and announced that per approval at last month's dinner meeting, this meeting is officially a Board and Membership Meeting.

We had one guest present, Eugene Nyman who has a 1964 coupe and 1965 fuelie convertible!

We also welcomed to two new Chapter members: Richard Spear with a 1960 convertible and Larry and Yvonne Baker with a 1956,1969 and 1999

Joan Burnett gave a Treasurer's report which showed our balance at $4687.91. The Regional results are complete and

indicate our Chapter received $1511.34 of which $750 was our seed money and leaves us with a profit of $761.34.

Connie Meyer reminded everyone of the Christmas get together next month at Grappa Grill on December 2nd. Don't forget to bring baby needs for Nurses for Newborns. They will be at the dinner.

Bernie Meyer announced that he managed to get enough judges and that we had 4 cars Top Flight at our Chapter Judging Meet and they were:

- Rex Gooch
- Randy Rapp
- Jim Staub
- Pokie Wildhaber

Congratulations to all the car owners and a big thank you to the members who judged. The 5th car had to cancel out that morning so the work load was a little better!

We need everyone to be volunteering for offices. We still need a secretary and board member. After we "talked" to Darrell Wilson, Kay Augustus nominated him for a Board Member. The motion was seconded by Joan Burnett and accepted by Darrell.

Kelly Waite is working on the member packet. He will have it as soon as he gets a few more pieces together. He asked for clarification on the limit for costs and after a little discussion his expense estimates were approved.

Dave Davidson wondered if there would be any interest in becoming a member of the National Corvette Museum. We had some good discussion and David will check into this further regarding costs, benefits to our Chapter, etc.

Jim Augustus announced the KC Chapter has indicated they will be discussing whether or not they bid for a 2009 Regional at their next Chapter meeting. To date they have not replied back to us regarding any decision. We again agreed that we are more than willing to support Kansas City if they apply and are selected.

Dave Buescher asked for some guidelines on what we can spend for club events. After a ton of discussion it was tabled for right now. This may be a subject for the Board to discuss at their next meeting.

Doug Garrette has started on the final 2006 newsletter and is in need of information from everyone as soon as possible.

50/50 drawing kitty was $82.00 with Pokie Wildhaber the winner of half of that.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Kay Augustus and seconded by Marvin Burnett.

<u>December 14, 2006 Meeting</u>

Jim Augustus called his final meeting to order as St Louis Chapter Chairman. There were no guests present and attendance was very low due to the time of year. Somewhere in one of our last three or four dinner meetings (didn't make it into the minutes), the membership that night voted and approved us having a December dinner meeting and it was added to our calendar. In prior years our last real meeting was in November with December being our Christmas party. We held a very short official meeting at the party to induct new officers/board members and thank the outgoing folks. No one seems to recall who initiated this meeting. We may need to reconsider whether to hold this meeting again in 2007.

Jim announced that John Foster was our new Chapter Chairman and the Vice Chairman will be Kelly Waite. Our new Board member is Darrell Wilson. We welcome our new officers and wish them great success in the coming years.

Kansas City's latest newsletter and calendar of events was passed around. Everyone was reminded to continually check our website and the other Chapter Newsletter links as there are numerous technical

articles contained in them and their calendar of events may give us ideas.

Dave Davidson is still looking into the Annual and Lifetime Membership with the National Corvette Museum. He will report his findings soon.

Gilbert Scribner has requested that one person from each Chapter be nominated to have access to the NCRS National Data base (membership portion). Kelly Waite was selected and he now has access to all the membership data. This allows us to rapidly check/verify potential new Chapter members for National membership compliance and whether current members have renewed their membership.

John Foster and Dave Buescher are working on a preliminary Calendar of Events for 2007. Bernie Meyer is scheduling the spring and fall Chapter Judging Events (reserving Love Park) and will advise Dave Beuscher of the dates. John Foster indicated he will schedule a Board Meeting towards the end of January.

Just a reminder to everyone that 2007 dues are due. We now have 70 members on our Chapter roster. It has been a long time since our Chapter was this large and this growth proves we can attract new members.

No 50/50 because of low attendance.

Motion to adjourn by Connie Meyer and seconded by John Foster

Editors Note

By Doug Garrette

The newsletter is a great way to keep everyone in the club current on our latest activities. We are working hard to keep it and our web page up to date. The next edition is planned for April.

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

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