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Feature Items

a. View From the Chair — by Kelly Waite

Spring is here at last!! We had perfect weather for our Easter Event at Forest Park. We had 10 cars and everyone had fun. I think this was the biggest Forest Park Easter Car show that I have ever seen. The upper and lower lots were both full….and the circle around the Muny Opera was also full. The recently acquired NCRS "Feather Flag" was flown with pride. Kudos to Bill Lacy for getting the flags! See pictures elsewhere in this edition.

We also just had a great Judging School session at Bill & Dian Lacy's house on April 7th. Bill and Jim Augustus played a NCRS DVD of Tom Ames's paint session from the NCRS Judging School held in Dallas. Great input and talk about paint! Thanks to Bill & Dian and Jim!

We also had great Judging Event at Love Park on April 21st!! Thanks to Jim Augustus and Bill Lacy our Judging Chairmen for an outstanding event! Also thanks to our head Tabulator – Kay Augustus!! And we need to thank our head BBQ chefs Ernie and Brenda Durlas as well – the food was excellent!!! (Editor's note – The spring judging event will be covered in the next newsletter.)

We normally have our Dinner Meetings on the second Thursday of every month at JJs. However….for the month of May …we will have a breakfast meeting on Saturday morning on May 5th at 9:00 at JJs instead of the Dinner meeting. I will send out a reminder to everyone.

Mark your calendars for a Driving Event on Sunday, June 3rd down Route 66 to Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba Missouri. Please get your RSVPs into Don Pickles.

Hope to see you soon.

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Articles

a. The Story Of My Barn Find Corvette Part 1 by Tom Kreyling

Tom was kind enough to write an article about his car from the beginning. Here is part one of the story. Stay tuned for more!

Thanks Tom!

In March, 2007 I received a call from my son-in-law while I was vacationing in Texas. He told me that a friend's step dad had passed away and his cars were for sale. Was I interested in any of them? My initial answer was NO, I don't need another project! Then I asked him what kinds of cars were on the list. The 1967 Corvette got my interest. It had been off of the road since 1982 for a repaint and was never finished. My wife and I discussed the Corvette and she encouraged me to look into it since I had always dreamed of owning a C-2 Corvette. Soon my daughter and son-in-law looked at the '67 roadster and called me with a play by play description of its condition. While they were there, someone else came to look at the car, but said he was not interested since it was not a big block car. There was a 350 in the car, and with it came a small block hood and what was supposed to be correct 327 for the car. I had them give the owner a small deposit to hold it until I could get home and look at the car in person. Here are some pictures they sent me:

I took the car home the day before Easter, but I didn't do any work on it until I got the title in June, after it went through probate court. Here are some pictures of it leaving the previous owner's garage and loading it up on the trailer:

The first four months, after I got the title to the car, I went about getting it running, since the gas tank was very rusty, the carburetor leaked, and there were no brakes. I replaced the front calipers and master cylinder (of course I didn't know about dated parts) to get the brakes working, added a temporary one gallon gas tank, and rebuilt the carburetor. Finally I got to drive and get my first ever ride in a Corvette. WOW, Oh wait a minute - I only got up to about 30 mph and how far can you go with a one gallon gas can

and no paint on 2/3 of the car? Oh well it was fun and it started the juices flowing to move forward and drive my car. I ordered a new gas tank from Mid America.

I went to Vette Fest to pick up the new gas tank and started looking at a lot of other C-2 Vettes. While talking to a guy with a 67 350 hp, I realized that my radiator was totally different from his. Mine had side tanks and it didn't have an expansion tank. Then he asked which side my hood prop was on. Since the hood was not bolted on my car when I got it, I really wasn't sure at that time. He then told me that all 67 big block cars had the hood prop on the left side. OK so now all the way home I'm thinking "Could I really have a big block car?" As soon as I got home, I opened the garage door, and there it was, sitting on the left side. Then I really started thinking about a lot of possibilities. Maybe it had been wrecked and a used front clip from a big block car had been put on it. Yea, that must be it. Well maybe I should get on the internet and start doing a whole lot more research. That research brought me to the realization that my car had all of the correct parts to identify it as a probable 427 car. The front sway bar was correct and then there was that rusty, 427 only, rear sway bar.

Now if only I could find that elusive tank sticker that had all of the necessary options. I pulled the tank and the sticker was long gone. That is when I started to realize that I had to do more research before I should do any more work on its restoration. Throughout all this time I kept going back and forth on whether to do a complete frame off restoration, or just fix it up, paint it, and drive it.

I joined NCRS in February, 2008 and began asking some questions and checking the archives to research how to identify a real big block car. Yes, it also has the big block yokes on the half shafts. Subsequently I joined the St Louis Chapter, made a lot of new friends and got involved with judging and learning even more. At some point along the way I became about 99% sure that my car was either a 390 or 400 hp car in its first life.

All the while other "important" projects and distractions slowed the start of the restoration. Then one day while I had it up on the lift, my other son-in-law noticed that the differential was not straight.

Further examination revealed that the sombrero bracket was broken completely loose from the frame on the left side. This allowed the cross member for the differential to move any time the car was driven. To weld in a new one required removing the body and clinched the deal on a frame off restoration.

Fast forward to 2011 after many other "important" projects and distractions were behind me, I finally got motivated to take the car apart.

The big lesson learned here is that you should always do your research and thoroughly inspect any project vehicle before you start any work. Watch for the next edition of the newsletter for the next part of the story.

Here are a couple of shots that show the car before starting the restoration:

b. St. Louis Plant Body and Paint Shop by John Hinckley, Michigan Chapter

John Hinckley gave several assembly process presentations at last year's national convention. They were originally posted on the NCRS Technical Discussion Board. John worked at the St. Louis Corvette plant back in the day. Here is a description of John's GM duties here in his own words. "In '67-'68, I was with the Chevrolet Pilot Line Production Engineering Group in Flint (same building where the 1953 Corvettes were built), and I was the Senior Process Engineer - Passenger Cars and Corvette. That group, along with Chevrolet Central Office Tooling, designed, built, installed, and debugged the St. Louis-Corvette assembly tooling. I was assigned to St. Louis-Corvette from July '67 - January '68 for the '67 buildout and the '68 launch." I got his permission to put the slides for his body and paint seminar in our newsletter. Check it out!

St. Louis Assembly Plant Body and Paint Shop

Thanks John!

by Joe Raine

Events

a. Easter Forest Park Car Show by Kelly Waite & Carol Johnson

Great weather and a ton of great cars (including 10 NCRS cars!) made for a memorable Easter Event at Forest Park. Check out the new feather flag acquired by Bill Lacy.

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b. Judging school by Jim Augustus

We held a Judging School session at Bill & Dian Lacy's house on April 7th. Bill and Jim Augustus played a Tom Ames paint judging DVD. Many thanks to Bill & Dian and Jim!

c. Bob's Gasoline Alley Road Trip by Don Pickles

Don Pickles has been kind enough to invite all St. Louis NCRS chapter members on a road trip to Bob's Gasoline alley in conjunction with another Corvette club he belongs to. On Sunday, June 3, we will meet at the Route 66 State Park and Museum which is at exit 266 on I-44, just east of Pacific. We will be leaving at EXACTLY 10:00 am and will follow the original Route 66 all of the way. The drive will take 2 hours. We will have a catered lunch at a cost of $10 per person and will then tour the buildings and displays. Please have NCRS members drive their cars (for Top Flight qualifications) but it is not mandatory...steel cars are acceptable but must be at the end of the group. Please wear your name tags. Reservations must be made with Don no later than May 15. If you are interested in attending please contact Don at 314 846 0354 or email him at ddpcpa@aol.com to make your reservations.

d. STL NCRS 2012 Remaining Calendar

When	What	Where
May 3 - 5	Northwest Regional Seaside	Oregon
May 5, Saturday 9 am	St. Louis Chapter Breakfast Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
June 3, Sunday noon	Bob's Gasoline Alley Meet at the Route 66 State Park and Museum at 10:00 am. The drive will take 2 hours. Reservations must be made with Don Pickles no later that May 15. If you are interested in attending please contact Don at 314 846 0354 or email him at ddpcpa@aol.com	Cuba, MO
June 7 - 9	North Central Regional	Rochester Minnesota
June 14, Thursday 4:30 pm	Board Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
June 14, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
June 21 - 24	Bloomington Gold	St Charles, IL
June 30 - July 4	National Convention	San Diego, California
July 12, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
August TBD	Swim Party	TBD
August 09, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting & Tech Session	JJ's, St Charles
August 24 - 26	Corvette's at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
September 6 – 9	Pennsylvania Regional	Altoona, Pennsylvania
September 13, Thursday 4:30 pm	Board Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
September 13, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
October TBD	Driving Event	TBD
October 06, Saturday 9:00 am	St. Louis Chapter Fall Judging Meet	Mary's Shelter, Love Park
October 11, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
October 11 - 14	Texas Regional	Frisco, Texas
November 08, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
December 13, Thursday 4:30 pm	Board Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
December 13, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
December TBD	Charity Event	TBD

Check out JJ's Restaurant cruise schedule!:

http://www.jjsstcharles.com/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=53&Itemid=61

JJ's general info:

1215 S Duchesne
St. Charles, MO 63301
(636) 946-3500
map & directions

Fun Stuff

a. Trivia by KayAugustus

1. What was the first year rear view mirrors were attached to the windshield?

2. What was the first year Corvette did away with the trunk compartment?

3. The passenger side air bag interior revision was added in 1994 (True / False)?

4. The Stingray emblem appeared on the side fender of the 1969 Corvette (True / False)?

5. Six cylinder engines were an option in 1970 (True / False)?

6. Bright Red, dark red metallic or black became the hottest selling color in 1987?

7. What was the highest m.p.g. marker on the 1957 speedometer?

8. For 1994 all seats were leather (True / False)?

9. 1964 Corvettes had disc or drum brakes?

10. Depending on which engine one ordered in 1966, one of two hood designs were available to correspond?

11. What year was cruise control first available?

12. Both blue and bronze interiors removable roof panel options were available in 1987?

Buy, Sell, Trade

a. Cars and Parts

Holley carburetor #3868864 LIST-3140-1 dated 573 **Alternator w/o pulley** #1100692-55A 4J10-12V NEG Contact: Don Pickles DDPCPA@aol.com	**1978 T Top Corvette**. 29,000 miles. Dark brown metallic with dark brown interior. Excellent mechanical condition and original paint. Best offer. Contact Fred at 636-332-9590. If interested I can send more detailed info and pictures.
1964 Impala SS 2 door Red/Blk 327/4-speed restored. **2001 Corvette Coupe** Millennium Yellow, Automatic 18,000 miles. **1955 Ford Crown Victoria** nice driver, engine rebuilt. Call Mike at 636-625-8480 or e-mail me at mhanley@centurytel.net	**Wanted:** Rear Quarter Trim Panel with Shoulder Harness Provision for 1971 Corvette Convertible. Prefer black panel but any color will work. **Wanted:** Cluster bezel for 1971 Corvette with air conditioning John Guilfoy #52258 (314) 703-8300.

(*Send me any items that you have for sale or are looking for and they will go in the next edition! Thanks - Joe j.r.raine@gmail.com*)

b. Club Shirts

Order your club shirt. They are available in three styles. Contact Cherie Garrette at (314 971-1373) or dc.garrette@gmail.com to order.

Style #1 - (55% Cotton / 45% Polyester) $40.00
- Men's - S through XXXL
- Women's - XS through XXL

Style #2 - (100% Cotton Pique Knit) $35.00
- Men's - S through XXXL

Style #3 - (100% Polyester - Moisture free knit golf) $30.00
- Men's - S through XXXL
- Women's - XS through XXL

Club Information

a. Meeting Minutes by Kay Augustus

Our March 8th get together of St Louis NCRS, was held at J J's in St Charles. Welcome to Mr. Avery who owns a 1968 and guest Mark Walker who owns a 1967. Let's go midyears.

Kelly Waite got everyone's attention and we proceeded with a few ideas that needed to be mentioned.

Jeff Peters and Greg Simon suggested that we make up membership packets that would include logos etc as well as brief profiles on members and a few business cards. Everyone agreed that this would be a great idea.

Dave Buescher has 7 yes for the Easter Show at Forest Park. There are still 3 openings for anyone interested. Call Dave.

Jim Augustus updated everyone on the upcoming Judging Meet as well as the training session that will be held at Bill Lacy's home on April 7th. The number of people will be limited, so get your name in early.

Bill Lacy brought up the feather flags that Tom Greene made for us in Joplin. We had discussed getting a pair for the club. A motion was made to go ahead and order the flags. The motion was seconded and passed. Bill will get Tom to get started on them and maybe have them in time for the Easter Show.

The members from Illinois still have no January Driveline. Kelly asked that those that did not receive theirs, please email either Kelly or Mike Hanley. National is still trying to understand the problem and fix it.

Don Pickles announced that he is doing another run to Bob's Gasoline Alley in Cuba. It will be on June 3rd. Check with Don for meeting time and place if you are interested in going.

50/50 drawing was $90.00. Congratulations Dennis Hardesty the winner of half.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kay

b. NCRS Board Meeting Minutes

Please click the link below to read the minutes.

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c. Editors Note by Joe Raine

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 June. Please send in your articles now.

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 for 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

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

d. 2012 Club Officers

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Answers to Trivia Questions by KayAugustus

1. 1977
2. 1963
3. True
4. True
5. False
6. Bright Red
7. 140
8. True
9. Drum
10. True
11. 1977
12. True

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