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Feature Items

View From the Chair — by John Foster

Winter is finally in the rear view mirror and another Corvette season is here. Our 2014 calendar is already filled with Corvette activities that offer something for everyone regardless of your interest.

Our ***monthly dinner meetings*** are a great way to catch up with friends and share Corvette stories, tech tips, or just a beer with friends. Join us at JJ's Restaurant in St. Charles at 6:30 pm on the second Thursday of each month.

We will host our ***spring judging meet and a judging school*** at Love Park in Manchester on April 19. There are five great cars registered for Flight Judging and hopefully we have a strong showing of Sportsman entries.

The ***Easter Concours d'Elegance***, presented by the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri, is Sunday April 20 on the Muny Opera parking lot in Forest Park. Always a great event, this is a perfect opportunity to drive Corvettes and represent the NCRS.

Most notably on our 2014 Calendar is the ***NCRS National Convention which we are co-sponsoring with the Kansas City Chapter in Overland Park, KS, July 13-17***. I've been to the venue. The judging floor is cavernous and the host Sheraton Hotel is beautiful. If you have not already registered, do so now. After June 1, registration can only be made at the convention and a $40 late fee will apply. No Corvettes can be registered after June 1. Registration information can be found on the NCRS web site.

We are also working to improve our chapter web site and newsletter. Your input for both is greatly appreciated. We will be publishing the newsletter quarterly on the first day of March, June, September, and December and we are looking for tech articles and stories about member's Corvettes for each issue. Submit your articles, photos, and information to our editor, Joe Raine by the first of the month prior to each newsletter.

Personally, I want to thank all of the members who have made this one of the best NCRS chapters. Attendance at our monthly dinner meetings usually exceeds two dozen and the participation in our judging meets and events is amazing. I would also like to recognize a few individuals: First, our immediate past chair, Denny Marshall, who will remain active on the board; secondly, Don and Anne Pickles who have tracked and reported our Chapter Top Flight program activities for several years; and most especially, Kay Augustus who has served as our secretary for many years. Thanks to each of you for all that you have done for our chapter!

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Articles

a. How to Tell Original C2 Bumpers from Reproductions by Mike Hanley

There a number of ways to tell the difference between original and reproduction bumpers. First there is the thickness; original bumpers were about .110-.118 in thickness. Most early reproduction bumpers were too thin .090-.100. The later reproductions were too thick .120-.130. The newer ones being reproduced by Paragon (they have the original tooling) are the correct thickness now.

The second way to tell an original bumper from a reproduction is the finish. The original bumpers were flash chrome plated with no copper plating over the nickel plating. The reproduction bumpers have copper plating over the nickel to help give it the smooth shiny finish.

The plating is so thin on original bumpers that some areas typically have little or no chrome plating as shown in the next two pictures. You'll find this on both front and rear bumpers.

You may also find other areas that have little or no chrome, on the end or the top as the next two pictures show.

Another area that will distinguish an original from reproduction are the weld seams, some of the weld seams will show evidence of cracking on the surface due to these bumpers being 45-50 years old. The reproduction bumpers will not show any cracking since they are newer.

These differences are also true for rear bumpers on C3's as well. The front bumpers on C3 are a little bit harder to tell the difference from original vs. reproduction but a sure give a way is the finish. If it looks perfect with no imperfections then more than likely it's a reproduction as they did not come that way from the factory looking like show quality chrome.

b. Florida Winter Regional by Joan Burnett

When I think of Florida in January, I think of warmer temperatures than we have in St. Louis. Surprise, surprise Thursday was cool with a high in the 50's but watch out Friday when they were prepared for frost. Temperatures remained cool and with the winds, I thought I was back in Missouri but that didn't stop our die-hard swappers from the Illinois side. Our Illinois members were both selling and buying throughout the event.

When Bill came back with a true find of an original part, and you would have thought it was Christmas all over again the way the guys hovered to see what was in the Original Chevrolet parts box.

Once it was all laid out and inspected, it was then time to bring out the newspaper and wrap up the treasures for the trip home to insure they were protected. So Dave stood by with the tape while Bill wrapped each of the pieces to insure nothing got damaged.

Now off to the Judging field where the talk of the show was an original 1965 with 206,000 miles being flight judged. The car was driven from California for the show.

Here are a couple members who were busy Friday as they were judging in the C3 area for National Team Leader Brian Pierce.

c. NCRS Classifieds

It was covered in the last newsletter, but we thought we would plug it again.

d. Watch the Assembly of the 1953 Corvette

Last time we had a video of the manufacturing of the 2014 Corvette Stingray. This time we have the other end of the spectrum! It's too bad that there is no sound.

1953 Corvette Assembly Video

e. Recent Corvette Auction Results By John Foster

Corvette remains one of the most sought after vehicles on the auction block in 2014. Among the hundreds of cars sold by the two major auction houses during January, Corvette dominated the market. The Red L88 pictured here was the number one seller of all the vehicles sold by Barrett Jackson at Scottsdale.

BARRETT JACKSON at SCOTTSDALE (www.barrett-jackson.com)

$3,850,000	Red	1967	L88	Coupe
2,860,000	Red	1969	L88	Coupe, Race Car
880,000	Blue	1968	L88	Coupe
660,000	White	1953		Convertible
495,000	Green	1971	ZR2	Coupe

MECUM at KISSIMMEE (www.mecum.com)

$530,000	Maroon	1968	L88	Convertible
510,000	Black	1969	L88	Convertible
475,000	Silver	1963	L84	Coupe, Z06, Tanker
350,000	Black	1964	L84	Coupe, Tanker
240,000	Red	1967	L71	Coupe

Events

a. Holiday Party

We celebrated the holidays on Friday, January 17th at Rizzo's in Florissant. Frank Bloemke celebrated his 80th birthday with us. A big thank you goes out to Kelly Waite for the birthday cake and for everyone singing happy birthday!

b. St. Louis NCRS 2014 Remaining Calendar

When	What	Where
March 13, 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Board Meeting St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
April 10, 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
April 19, 8 am	St. Louis Chapter Spring Judging Meet preceded by Judging School (paint judging process) Registration form - Fill out and email back to Kelly Waite.	Mary's Shelter, Love Park
April 20	HCCM Easter Concours d'Elegance	Forest Park
May 8, 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
May 15-17	North Central Regional	Rochester, MN
June 5-7	Rocky Mountain Regional	Loveland, CO
June 12, 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Board Meeting St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
June 15, 11 am to 3:30 pm	HCCM Father's Day "Cars With Class" Show	Museum of Transportation
June 27 – 29	Bloomington Gold	Champaign, IL
July 10, 6:30 pm	**No Meeting Due to National Convention**	
July 13 – 17	National Convention hosted by STL and KC	Overland Park, KS
August 14, 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Board Meeting St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
Aug 22 – 24	Corvette's at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
August 28 - 30	Northwest Regional	Tacoma, WA
Sep. 7, 11 am to 3:30 pm	All Chevy show	Museum of Transportation
Sep. 11, 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
Sep. 25 - 28	New England Regional	Marlborough, MA
October 9, 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
October 11, 8 am	St. Louis Chapter Fall Judging Meet	Mary's Shelter, Love Park
October 23 – 25	Lone Star Regional	Frisco, Texas
Nov. 13, 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
Dec. 11, 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	Board Meeting St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles

c. St. Louis Chapter Spring Judging Meet

It's never too early to start thinking about a spring judging meet! Here's the flyer:

St. Louis NCRS Chapter
Judging Meet and Picnic

Saturday, April 19, 2014
8:00 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: 8:00 A.M. Start / Registration; Flight Judging and Picnic
We are planning on a Judging School as well - details to follow. Awards presentations following completion of judging.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ NCRS Number: _____ Expires: _____

Spouse / Guest: _____ E-mail: _____

Attendance is FREE but we request you pre-register FREE

Flight® Judging Entry : Fee **$45.00** * $_____

Sportsman Entry: Chapter_____ Fee **$20.00** $_____

Special Display: Bowtie, Crossed Flags, Duntov, McLellan (Circle One) FREE

Make check payable to: NCRS St. Louis Chapter **Total:** $_____

Car Info: Year: _____ Coupe/Conv: _____ Engine: CI_____H.P. _____

Complete VIN: _____

Ext Color:_____ Int: Color:_____ Int Fabric: Standard/Leather: _____

Following Applies To 1963 - 1996 Only: Trim Tag or Service ID Label Info:

Paint Code____Trim Code:____Build Date: ___Body Number (63-67):_____

Do you want to tabulate, judge or observer judge? Tab: Y / N Judge: Y / N

OJ :Y/N ~ Class: ____ Int: ____ Ext: ____ Chassis: ____ Mech: ____ Tab:____

Judging Level: _____ (If known)

* Judging applications accepted on a first come first served basis. Fees are not refunded for cancellations after March 19th. Please enclose check with application and mail to Chapter Judging Chair - Kelly Waite. For questions email kelly.waite@att.com or call: 636-284-0500

Mail to:
Kelly Waite
2934 Woodlands Rd
Wildwood, Missouri
63038

I agree to insure my vehicle and property for 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 actions or acts of omission 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 event, wherever located.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Insured by: _____ Policy no.: _____Expires: _____

d. How to Have Fun Sledding On Your Unused Corvette Parts

e. NCRS Calendar

Click here to see the **NCRS Upcoming Events for the Next 90 Days** (scroll down to see the list).

f. Local Car Shows and Cruises

Here's a pretty comprehensive list of car shows and cruises in the St. Louis and Southern Illinois region:

St. Louis and Southern Illinois car shows and cruises

Check out the Museum of Transportation car shows:

http://transportmuseumassociation.org/car_shows.htm

Member Cars

Steve Gilboy's 1988 Corvette 35th anniversary edition took a concours Gold and the Corvette Triple Diamond Award in Chicago.

Buy, Sell, Trade

For sale, two (2) 67 SMALL BLOCK fan clutches. Both are in newly restored condition from a restoration business in Florida (paperwork with them). Asking $300.00 each. They are both perfect. Frank Savetz 314-307-4790

Note: At the last board meeting it was decided that we would automatically run ads for one quarter. It was also decided that we would publish newsletters on the first of March, June, September and December. If you would like your add to run again, please notify me at least one month prior to publication time.

Chapter Merchandise

Club shirts 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 John Foster

The St. Louis Chapter of NCRS held its first meeting of the New Year on February 13th, 2014. The meetings are open to all members and their guests which are held at J J's in St Charles. The regular meeting was preceded by a Board Meeting so that we could get the calendar of the year set-up. It is a National requirement that we hold four Board Meetings a year. John Foster called the meeting to order and immediately asked Joan Burnett for the latest update on the National Convention that we are co-hosting this coming July. She announced that there are already 115 registrations, 18 cars and 14 Duntov Award cars. At this time, she is gathering the volunteers that will be needed for a number of events. Everyone needs to give up a little time and help out. After the Convention, we will try to set up an appreciation event for all those that volunteered their time.

Joe Raine is working to improve the newsletter and web site. He will update the calendar regularly but would like to have a quarterly feature on a member's car and at least one technical article. There was concern with classified articles because there is no cut off on how long they run. We decided that they will run just one newsletter unless the sponsor requests that it be run again. This way we are not advertising something that is already sold. They are also going to look into the Golden Quill Award.
We need to set up the calendar to take in the requirements of the Club Top Flight Award. This would include a road trip, judging school, charity event, and tech session. One possibility for a road trip would another fall drive to Pere Marquette Park. We also discussed a return to Hunter Engineering in Bridgeton. They have expanded since we were last there.

We discussed the Horseless Carriage Show at Forest Park on Easter Sunday and decided that the club would pay for 10 spots once again. This is a good place to draw new members. Greg Simon has literature that can be handed out to prospects and Bill Lacy has one of our flags that he always displays.
Kelly Waite announced that the judging meet for April is all set for April 19th at Love Park. It has been approved for a judging school on paint prior to the event. Since we have 5 cars, Kelly has started assigning judges so as to get under way as soon as possible. Please be there before 8:00 AM ready to go to work.

John felt we had covered the necessary information and adjourned the Board Meeting.

The general membership meeting was convened at approximately 6:45. Since the attendance changed very little from the board meeting, John opted not to go over all that was covered at the Board Meeting. See below for the slate of new officers.

Denny Marshall was presented with an NCRS desk plaque with his name on it in appreciation of his job well done as the chapter chair during 2013.

Kay Augustus was also presented with a gift certificate for J J's in appreciation for volunteering to remain as secretary.

Joan Burnett announced that National is moving along in good shape. She will need lots of volunteers plus we need to plan on a possible meeting in Overland Park, KS sometime in April or May.
There was one guest in attendance by the name of Greg Kaprelian. Greg owns a 1957 and was a member once before. Welcome Greg.

We would like to keep the club up to date on the health of club members, thus we are going to try to send cards to members and spouses who are sick or injured as well as anyone having a death in the family. Jeff Peters made a motion to set aside $50 towards cards and postage to get this done. Greg Simon seconded the motion, motion passed. At this time we have cards for Carolyn Galinski, Greg Simon, Steve Gissy, Bill Lacy and Bob Salzman. If anyone is missing, please let Kay Augustus know either by phone call or email and it will be taken care of.

Last but not least, Congratulations to Bill Lacy for the Restorer article that he had printed. Good Job.

The 50/50 drawing was $64.00. Nurses for Newborns will receive $32.00 and the other winner was Kay Augustus.

Meeting adjourned.

b. Club Officers

2014 Officers

Chair	John Foster	JF244@aol.com	636-530-9812
Vice Chair / Top Flight Coordinator / Technical Events	Mike Hanley	mhanley@centurytel.net	636-625-8480
Secretary	Kay Augustus	63forme@centurytel.net	636-462-4231
Treasurer	Joan Burnett	joanieburnett@gmail.com	636-462-4401
Events	Dave Buescher	dbuescher@mktpileman.com	618-692-0679
Judging Chair	Kelly Waite	kswaite@sbcglobal.net	636-284-0500
Membership Co-Chair	Jeff Peters	jeff295@sbcglobal.net	314-809-8343
Membership Co-Chair	Greg Simon	dryblo@sbcglobal.net	636-262-9911
Newsletter Editor & Web	Joe Raine	j.r.raine@gmail.com	314-799-7513
Charity	Carol Kleinhenz	ackleinhenz@gmail.com	636-293-8367
1 year Board Member	Doug Johnson	barracing@charter.net	314-469-7223
2 year Board Member	Steve Gissy	stevengissy@yahoo.com	314-520-3013
3 year Board Member	Denny Marshall	dcorvettekid@charter.net	314-458-8019

c. Financial Report by Joan Burnett

2013 NCRS St. Louis Chapter Financial Report			
Opening Balance, January 1st of reporting year:			**$4,384.81**
INCOME:			
(Gross Income)			
	Membership Dues		**$2,635.93**
	Events(Meets, Schools, Swap Meets, etc.)		
	Spring Judging Meet	$ 30.00	
	Fall Judging Meet	$ 110.00	
	Easter Show Award	$ 75.00	
	Total Events Income		**$215.00**
	Other: Interest Income, sale of merchandise,etc.		
	Interest	$ 10.54	
	50/50 drawing for Charity	$ 602.00	
	Manual Sales	$ 100.00	
	Badges	$ 110.00	
	Total Other Income		**$822.54**
Total Income:			**$3,673.47**
EXPENSES:			
	Event Expenses		
	Easter Show	$ 150.00	
	Spring Chapter Show	$ 151.75	
	Fall Chapter Show	$ 161.87	
	Judging Supplies	$ 141.14	
	Park Rental -2014 Chapter Shows	$ 160.00	
	Judging Reference Manuals	$ 206.00	
	Total Event Expenses		**$ 970.76**
	Dues Related Expenses		
	Website/Newsletter Expense	$ 117.40	
	Badge Expense	$ 63.62	
	Contributions	$ 1,700.00	
	President's Gift	$ 75.00	
	Flowers	$ 58.25	
	Taxes	$ 10.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES:			**$2,995.03**
Closing Account Balance December 31 of Reporting Year:			**$5,063.25**
Respectively Submitted: Joan Burnett, Treasurer			

d. Free Stuff for Vietnam Veterans

Hello:

I am writing to ask for help from your chapter. I have a goal to locate as many Vietnam Veterans that own Corvettes. Although in the past year I have contacted over 650 Corvette Clubs plus Registries and Councils, in the 50 states and I know this can only be a small portion.

That said, this would be to the attention of any Vietnam Veterans that are members of your NCRS Chapter.

There is a Corvette owner / Vietnam Veteran in Lexington, N. C. that developed a Vietnam Veteran / Corvette sew on Patch.

He provides this patch to Vietnam Veterans FREE of charge and he does not ask for compensation.

After reviewing this patch, I thought how nice it would be if Vietnam Veterans could display this on their Corvettes showing their service to this country.

I discussed and received permission from him that I could have static clings made in honor and memory of our Vietnam Veterans.

These static clings are 3" round and go inside of your car window.

I have included a photo copy of the static cling.

Should any Vietnam Veterans of your chapter like any static clings, please have them send me a self addressed/postage paid envelope and I will be glad to provide them. Please provide a note letting me know how many static clings they would like.

Should they be interested in a sew on patch they would need to e-mail Charles at Charlie@carols62.com to inquire about receiving the patches.

Thank You,

Don Zullinger
2928 Adams Drive
Chambersburg, Pa. 17201
U.S.A.F '66 - '70
Member, NCCC, NCM, NCRS & MAC Chapter of NCRS

e. Editors Note by Joe Raine

The newsletter and web page are great ways to keep everyone in the club current on our latest activities. I am already working on the next edition of *The Legend*. Please send in your articles just as soon as you can. The newsletter will be published quarterly as close as possible to the first of March, June, September and December. I need articles that include pictures one month prior to publication time.

Our web page (http://stlouisncrs.org/) and newsletter are available for posting classified ads for cars and parts you would like to sell, or parts wanted. Member classified ads will automatically run for one quarter, unless I am notified to run it again.

Classified Ads:

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

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

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

Fine Print

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