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Feature Items

View From the Chair by John Foster

Spring is upon us and so is another year of Corvette adventures. First up, the Easter Concourse d 'Elegance hosted by the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri at the Muny Opera in St. Louis. Once again, the Chapter sponsored 10 registrations for our members to display our cars and share with others what the NCRS and St. Louis Chapters are all about.

Next up is our spring judging meet at Love Park on April 28. Judging chairman Mike Hanley has a full grid of beautiful Corvettes registered for judging and he has reached out to the membership to participate in judging. If you have not yet volunteered to judge, contact Mike and sign up. If you've never judged before but would like to learn more about the judging process you can sign up to be an observer judge (OJ). OJs have the opportunity to learn from some of our very experienced judges. It's a great way to get into judging or to prepare yourself for have a car judged.

Speaking of having cars judged, Mike already has one car registered for the fall judging in October so if you and your Corvette weren't quite ready for the spring meet, contact Mike now to register for the fall meet.

In addition to judging events, the Chapter is planning a host of other events throughout the year. Announcements will keep you posted about a road tour to D&A Corvette in Gillespie, Illinois; a garage tour being planned by Steve Gissy and Kelly Waite; chapter participation in the Route 66 Corvette Club "All Corvette Show" in St. Peters on May 19th to support the USO of Missouri; and, a road tour to participate again in the Mark Twain Corvette Club Corvette show in Hannibal on August 5th.

Have you been to a Chapter dinner meeting lately? Wow! We've been filling JJ's with Corvette enthusiasm. Maybe it's the food or the pitchers of beer. Maybe it's the fun presentations we've been enjoying at each dinner. Maybe it's just simply Corvette folks enjoying the camaraderie they share in this great hobby. If you've not been to a meeting lately, meet us at JJ's on the second Thursday of each month and find out for yourself.

And, if you have an interesting Corvette story, a project you would like to brag about, a Corvette service you offer, or some Corvette show and tell, let me know because we would love for you to share it with us at an upcoming meeting.

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Articles

a. The Start of the Road to Reassembly on my 67 Corvette by Tom Kreyling

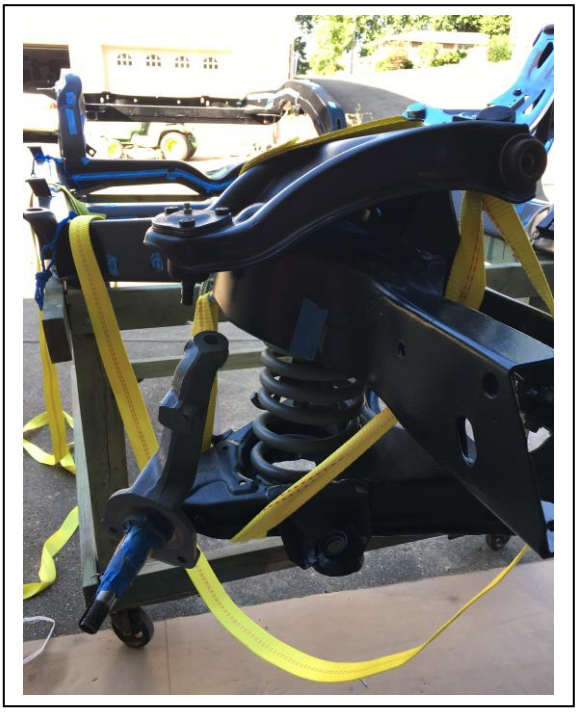
I have finally reached the point in the restoration of my Vette that I need to put together a rolling chassis. This is so that I can put the body back on to shim and fit the doors and then glue in the new taillight panel. This way everything will fit and align after final body work is completed.

Tom Hanks is helping me with the 2 person work and we have been able to figure out ways to install the front springs without having the engine weight to hold down the frame.

With the help of an internal spring compressor, some 1" ratchet straps and a 2" wide ratchet strap that is rated at 3333 pounds and a lot of thinking and retrying we did finally succeed.

We started on the left side. We used the spring compressor to compress the spring as much as possible. Then we tried to install the first spring. Good idea, but no success. No matter how we tried we couldn't get even close. That was the first morning. We quit to do some research on the NCRS forum. Tom looked since he had a little more time than I did, but didn't really come up with anything that was the answer.

Then I bought the 2" ratchet strap. The second day things seemed to be working better. After a little trial and error, we got the left spring in with the use of the spring compressor, the 2" strap, and some pry bars. Wow, we got it in! Then I started to take the spring compressor out. The upper hooks were stuck and didn't want to come out. After disassembling the compressor, I got the bottom hooks and the screw shaft out, but the top hooks were still wedged in the upper pocket. We finally got it out by loosening the spindle and letting the spring down enough to get the upper hooks out working at it with screwdrivers and pry bars. We were then able to retighten the 2" strap and reconnect the spindle.



Well that told us that we needed to do the right side without the spring compressor. Wrong, no matter how we tried the spring was just too long and would not stay in place. We finally used only the upper hooks on the spring, low enough on the spring to not get stuck. Then we put a piece of scrap steel over the screw shaft and pushed it up through the lower control arm. The only problem then was that the spring wanted to jump out of the upper pocket. We put a 1" ratchet strap around a coil of the spring and the left lower cross shaft. When we tightened the strap, it held the spring in the proper place. Then we used another 1" strap to hold the spring up into the upper pocket. We then tightened the 2" strap and pulled the lower arm up and was able to connect the spindle to hold it all together.

I hope this will help someone else in the future when reassembling the front suspension. All told we only took less than two mornings and now I can continue on the rest of the front suspension and steering parts. The included pictures show some of the steps that we tried and used. The blue and green tape on the frame is covering all of the holes in the frame so that I could spray the inside of the frame with Eastwood Internal frame coating.

b. Member Profile – Marc Portman by Mark Kessinger

Marc Portman is a long standing member of the NCRS both national and St Louis Chapter. Marc is member #18147 and lives in O'Fallon, MO.

He currently owns 3 Corvettes, not including his latest and most appropriate kiddie car. Marc has owned 6 Corvettes or 7 counting the electric Z06. The current 3 include a red 1971 Coupe, 1996 Grand Sport and a 2014 Laguna Blue C-7. The 1971 is Marc's favorite and is equipped with a 350/270 engine and is a 4-speed T-top car.

Marc's hobbies include cars, especially Corvettes of course, and motorcycles. Marc owns 7 motorcycles, many are vintage models.

He has judged at Corvette events quite often and knows the 'shark cars" especially so feel free to reach out to him with any questions.

c. NCRS Technical Discussion Board Thread – "Post Old Pictures of Corvettes Here – Nostalgia"

I really enjoy this thread, so I thought I would pass it on for those who haven't seen it yet. You probably need to be logged in to the NCRS Technical Discussion Board for proper viewing. Here it is:

Post Old Pictures of Corvettes Here - Nostalgia

d. Duntov Camshaft History by Greg Simon

Here is a history of the 3736098 Duntov cam.

e. Trick Flow Aluminum Double Hump Head by Greg Simon

The link below explains a correct appearing double jump aluminum head made by Trick Flow to replace 461 / 462 cast iron performance heads. The aluminum head is configured with modern technology to produce more power while appearing as the older head. Interesting idea if a person is building a 62-67 engine for a restoration.

Trick Flow Aluminum Double Hump Head

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Events

a. Easter Concourse d 'Elegance By John Foster

A chill and the threat of a little snow did not prevent the St. Louis Chapter from being represented at the Easter Concours d 'elegance at Forest Park, sponsored by the Horseless Carriage Club of Missouri. Overall attendance at this year's event was off substantially but there was still a number of great cars and car people. Mike Hanley, John Foster and Dan Lueker and Zach Lueker answered questions about the NCRS and distributed informational flyers. At least one car enthusiast from south St. Louis, who is shopping for a small block mid-year, said he would see us at JJ's for dinner soon.

b. Spring Judging Meet by Mike Hanley

Our Spring Judging event is coming up April 28th at Love Park. We have a number of people who have already signed up to judge but we sure could use some more. Please be there by 8:00 am, also bring a dish. We'll have our master chefs cooking up some brats & burgers.

We have 4 cars to be judged:

1957

1966

1967

1996

Hope to see you all there. We'll see how the weather goes this year, let's pray for sunshine.

c. St. Louis NCRS 2018 Remaining Calendar

Note: Chapter board meetings are at 5:00 pm, dinner meetings start at 6:30 pm.

WHEN		WHAT	WHERE
April	**28**	**St. Louis Chapter Judging Meet**	**St. Louis County Love Park**
May	**10**	**St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's Restaurant**
	16-19	Arizona Regional Meet	Scottsdale, AZ
June	7-9	Michigan Regional Meet	Dearborn, MI
	14	**St. Louis Chapter Board Meeting** **St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's Restaurant**
	21-23	Bloomington Gold	Indianapolis Motor Speedway
July	**12**	**St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's Restaurant**
	15-20	***NCRS National Convention***	***Las Vegas, NV***
August	**4**	**Mark Twain Corvette Club Car Show**	**Hannibal, MO**
	9	**St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's Restaurant**
	23-26	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
September	**6**	**St. Louis Chapter Board Meeting** **St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's Restaurant**
	20-22	Mid-Atlantic Regional Meet	Altoona, PA
	20-23	Mid America Motorworks Funfest	Effingham, IL
October	4-7	Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend	Eureka Springs, AR
	11	**St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's Restaurant**
	13	**St. Louis Chapter Judging Meet**	**Love Park**
	25-27	Texas Regional Meet	Frisco, TX
November	**8**	**St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's Restaurant**
December	**11**	**Nurses for Newborns Volunteer Gift Wrap**	**Plaza Frontenac**
	13	**St. Louis Chapter Board Meeting** **St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's Restaurant**

d. NCRS Calendar

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

e. Car Clubs, Shows and Cruises, etc.

National Corvette Museum, Bowling Green, KY

National Council of Corvette Clubs

Corvette Racing

St. Louis and Southern Illinois car shows and cruises

Museum of Transportation car shows

Local car clubs:

Horseless Carriage Club

Boone Trail Corvette Club

Lookingglass Corvette Club

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis

St. Louis Corvette Club

Buy, Sell, Trade

C5 97-04 Sport Seat Foam for one complete seat only.

$150.00

Call Mike Hanley at 636-578-8889.

Note: We run ads for one quarter. We 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.

a. New Chapter Shirts Available by John Foster

The new official Chapter short sleeved polo shirts are available! The shirts sport the new Chapter logo embroidered in full color on the light blue polyester polo shirt from our friends Tom and Alisa Green, owners of Key Sports in Rolla, MO. Contact Joan Burnett at 636-462-4401 for your shirt. Joan has a limited number in stock. Shirts are only $30 for all sizes (except 2xl for $32). Currently in inventory are sizes M through 2XL.

Club Information

a. 2017 Chapter Financial Report by Joan Burnett

Opening Balance, January 1st of reporting year:			**$8,966.91**
INCOME:	**(Gross Income)**		
	Membership Dues		**$2,388.97**
	Spring Judging Meet	$275.00	
	Fall Judging Meet	$275.00	
	Spring '18 Meet	$165.00	
	Holiday Party 2017	$60.00	
	Holiday Party 2018	$1,090.00	
	Total Events Income		**$1,865.00**
	50/50 drawing for Charity	$692.00	
	Manual Sales	$20.00	
	Shirt Sales	$125.00	
	Badges	$150.00	
	Total Other Income		**$987.00**
Total Income:			**$5,240.97**
EXPENSES:	**Event Expenses(List separately to match above event income)**		
	2017 Holiday Party	$1,698.29	
	2018 Holiday Party Deposit	$450.00	
	Spring Chapter Show	$267.21	
	Fall Chapter Show	$215.16	
	Easter Show	$150.00	
	Judging Supplies	$153.41	
	Judging School	$82.14	
	Park Rental -2018 Chapter Shows	$80.00	
	Total Event Expenses		**$3,096.21**
	Dues Related Expenses		
	Website/Newsletter Expense	$119.40	
	Badge Expense	$153.49	
	Contributions	$2,100.00	
	Chapter Shirts	$354.42	
	Postage/flowers/misc	$218.92	
	State Filing Fees	$10.50	
TOTAL EXPENSES:			**$6,052.94**
Closing Balance	**12/31/2017**		**$8,154.94**

b. 2018 Club Officers

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Charity Chair	Carol Kleinhenz	ackleinhenz@gmail.com	636-293-8367

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. I am likely 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://stlouisouisncrs.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).

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