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Feature Items

a. View From the Chair — by Denny Marshall

Summer is in full swing since our last news letter and we have had more great events.

In April we had a great judging event and tech session. I would like to thank Ernie and Brenda Durlas for another great BBQ. I also want to thank all of the of the judges and tabulators and everyone that helped. A special thanks to Greg Simon, Mike Hanley, Bill Braun North Central Chicago director and Judging chair Kelly Waite for a wonderful tech session and meet.

The Easter show at Forest Park was a great time and a good showing from our club.

On June 1st, myself and many club members met members of the KC NCRS chapter in Columbia, MO for a planning meeting for the upcoming 2014 convention in KC. We will keep you posted.

Bloomington Gold Corvette Show this year moved to a new venue in Champaign, IL. I thought there were a few bugs to be worked out, but a really nice show and great location. I cannot wait until next year.

Please note that our dinner meetings are on the second Thursday of each month.

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Articles

a. A Better Body Lift by John Foster

In 1969 Jim and Kay Augustus sold their 1963 Corvette to fund the down payment on a new home. Jim promised Kay that they would replace the car. In 1989 they did replace "Kay's car," with a Sebring silver, fuel-injected, '63 coupe. Over the past 40 years Jim has methodically collected parts that will be used to restore Kay's car.

Spring forward to 2013… the restoration of Kay's car is well underway. The body has been completely restored by Ron Bochantin who finished the car with beautiful Sebring silver lacquer. When complete, the car will sport a dark blue interior, a stunning color combination!

With the body finished and the car back in Jim and Kay's garage, Jim decided it is time to turn his attention to restoration of the chassis. In order to do so, the body needed to be safely removed from the chassis and tucked safely out of the way. A body lift, what a perfect excuse to gather NCRS friends from the St. Louis Chapter.

However, this would be no ordinary body lift. No hands all over that gorgeous new lacquer. No slings. No, Jim and his good friend Dave Buescher, are far too creative for that. Dave had seen on-line photos of a body shop using a hydraulic lift to remove a body. With a perfectly good Eagle two post lift standing in the middle of Jim and Kay's garage, Jim and Dave set out to design and fabricate an adapter for the lift to safely facilitate lifting the Corvette body from its' chassis. Using Dave's drawings, and the machinist talents of one of Jim's neighbors, the trio fabricated beams and adjustable hands that could be securely attached to Jim's 10,000 pound Eagle two-post lift.

The four lift pads were removed from the arms of the lift and the fabricated beams were bolted into place across the arms on each side of the lift. Aluminum hands are bolted to collars that slide over the beam, allowing the hands to be adjusted fore and aft, and secured under the corners of the birdcage of the body and between the rocker panel mounting brackets. Notches in the hands provide clearance for the edges of the fiberglass body panels.

The lift made quick work of raising the body from the chassis and placing it on the body dolly. The finishing touch to a job well done was the barbequed pulled pork and refreshments that Kay prepared for lunch. Hopefully it won't be long before Jim and Kay invite us over for lunch again, as the lift sets the body of Kay's '63 back on a completely restored chassis and drive train.

Kay's car was rolled into the lift bay on wheel dollies, allowing the car to be carefully centered in the lift.

With the pads removed from the arms of the lift, the fabricated beams were pinned and bolted into the arms of the lift. The adjustable aluminum hands are lined up with the birdcage. Notches cut into the hands clear the edges of the body.

Dave adjusts the hands under the lift points of the birdcage, ensuring that placement does not contact the fiberglass body

With all of the body bolts removed, the body is carefully lifted from the chassis. The wheel dollies allow the chassis to be adjusted as the body is lifted from it.

With the body safely in the air, the chassis is rolled out.

The body is carefully lowered onto the body dolly.

The placement of the aluminum hands under the birdcage as the body comes to rest on the dolly.

With the body securely on the dolly, Kay took charge and told us to put the toys away because it was lunch time.

Events

a. Spring Judging Event by Kelly Waite

Back in April we had a great Judging Event!!! We judged a 63, 57 and a 59. Thanks to all of those who judged!!! Also thanks to those who brought their cars to be judged!!! We had a great turn out and great Judging participation!!

Here's the 63.

1957 Corvette

1959

Special thanks to our Master Chefs...Ernie and Brenda Durlas....who did another exceptional BBQ!!! Ernie and Brenda have taken care of our BBQ for several years and do an outstanding job!!!

Here's a picture of member's Corvettes that weren't judged, with Ernie and Brenda cooking away in the background.

We also had a Judging School after lunch. Bill Braun, our NCRS Region V Director from Chicago did an awesome job showing the configuration of several different mid-year fiberglass parts. Very interesting!! Also Denny Marshall had three different parts to be judged and led a great discussion of the art of judging these parts on originality and condition. Greg Simon led a discussion on standard deductions and handed out nice laminated sheets for future reference. In addition, Mike Hanley did a demonstration on judging paint and using the NCRS paint decision tree. The Judging School session was very informative and helpful!! Thanks to Bill, Denny, Greg and Mike!!

Judging school

Our next Judging Event is scheduled for October 12th at Love Park. Right now we have 2 cars already registered....a 67 and a 77. I hear that others are going to register as well. Rumor has it a 65 coupe is going to register and ?? We will also have a special Fifth Star Bow Tie display for a totally original 60 (courtesy of Jerry Garrett from the Indy Chapter). In addition, we are planning on having a Technical Session after lunch. Details are forthcoming. Hope to see you at the October Event!!

b. STL NCRS 2013 Remaining Calendar

When	What	Where
August TBD	Swim Party	TBD
August 23 – 25	Corvette's at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
September 12, Thursday 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	 Board Meeting St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
September 19 - 22	Louisiana Regional	Kenner, LA
TBD	Judging School	TBD
October TBD	Driving Event	TBD
October 10, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
October 12, Saturday 8:30 am	St. Louis Chapter Fall Judging Meet Registration form - fill out and email back to Kelly Waite.	Mary's Shelter, Love Park
October 17 - 19	Lone Star Regional	Frisco, Texas
November 14, Thursday 6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
TBD	Charity Work Day	Nurses for Newborns, 7259 Lansdowne
December 12, Thursday 4:30 pm 6:30 pm	 Board Meeting St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
December 13, Thursday 6:30 pm	 St. Louis Chapter Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
December TBD	Charity Event	TBD

c. NCRS Calendar

Click here to see the NCRS scheduled events for the next 90 days!

d. Local Car Shows and Cruises

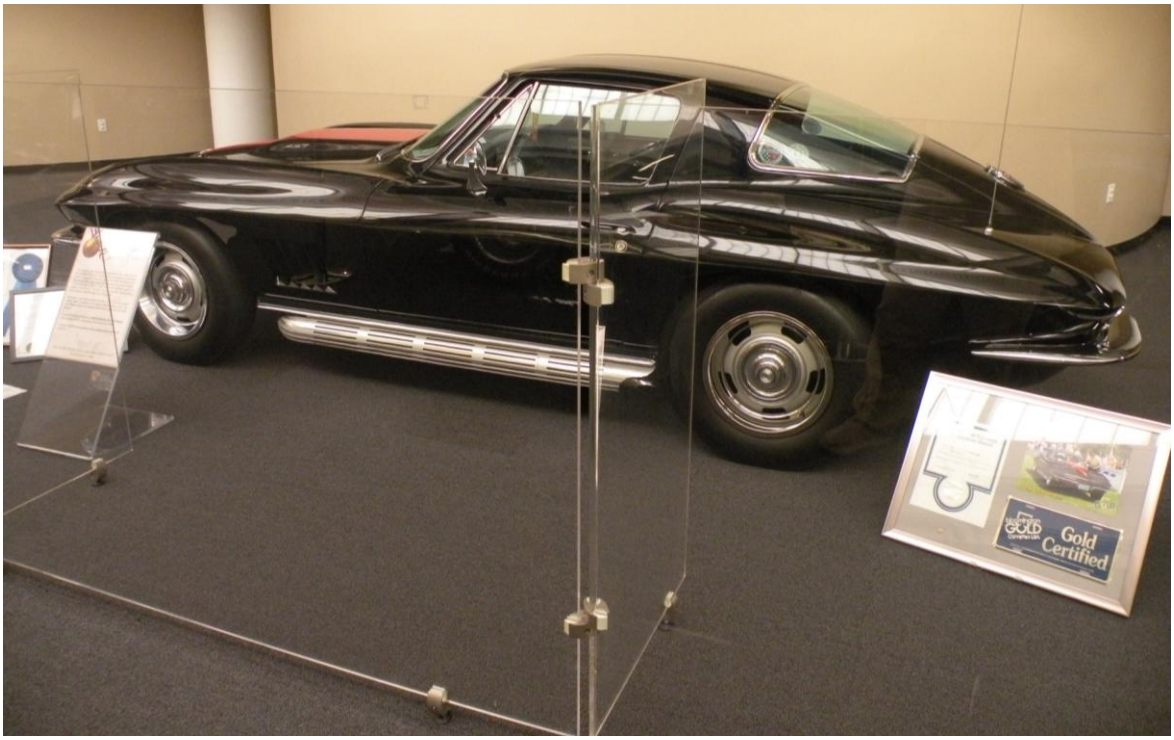
Here's a pretty comprehensive list of car shows and cruises in the St. Louis and Southern Illinois region:

St. Louis and Southern Illinois car shows and cruises

Member Cars

Bill and Dian Lacy's 67 on display at National Corvette Museum

Bill and Dian Lacy's 67 has the great honor of being displayed in the Marque of Excellence NCRS Display at the National Corvette Museum for a few weeks. Congratulations Bill and Dian!!! And thanks to Kelly Waite for the scoop!!


Gold Certified

THE MARQUE OF
Excellence
1967
This Corvette was ordered by a dealership in St. Louis, built at the Corvette Plant in St. Louis and all six of its owners were from the St. Louis area. It was built on June 23, 1967 and came from the factory with black paint, red hood strip and black interior, just as you see it here. It came with a 427/435hp engine, 4 speed transmission, transistor ignition, positract axle 4:11R, side exhaust, AM/FM radio and tinted glass.
Although it had been painted red back in the 70s, the current owner had it restored to its original Black Lacquer color. The car retains most of its original parts that it came with from the factory.
In July of 2008 it achieved an NCRS National Top Flight Award with a score of 97.5, only losing 105 points out of 4510.
In June of 2009 it was awarded a Bloomington Gold with a score of 96.7%.
On Loan from William and Dian Lacy
Florissant, MO

Don and Anne Pickles 57 Chevy

After a long and exhaustive search, Don and Anne found their new baby in Florida. Congratulations! Here it is in all its glory:

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Buy, Sell, Trade

Holley carburetor #3868864 LIST-3140-1 dated 573 **Alternator w/o pulley** #1100692-55A 4J10-12V NEG 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.
As an NCRS member since 1975, I have kept every Restorer and Driveline received, along with assorted other items sent me and some other old Corvette magazines. I am now hanging it up and will sell everything to whoever in the St. Louis area is interested. Contact me at gschwarting@fontbonne.edu. Gene Schwarting #647	**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.
1956 Corvette VIN#E56S003109 - Hardtop only - Older bodyoff by Ray's Corvettes(1983) - Red-Red-265 4 barrel – automatic - owned since 1970 - $39,500 Ernie Coe Member#1425 erniecoe@att.net 314-821-3639	Multi-car: 1999 Corvette Hardtop for sale, Pewter exterior Black interior. 6-speed with 18K original miles $22,000 2000 Corvette triple black roadster, 6-speed with 65K original miles with Corsa exhaust $24,000 Contact Allen Kleinhenz at 765-481-7347 or email ackleinhenz@gmail.com

a. 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

On April 11th, 2013, Dennis Marshall called the St Louis NCRS monthly meeting to order. It was held at J J's Restaurant in St Charles, MO.

In attendance was a guest, Brian Dzengolewski. Welcome Brian! We would love to have you join.

The Horseless Carriage Club of St Louis thanked us for attending their annual Easter Show at Forest Park. The Corvette was the star act this year and we were the recipient of a $75.00 check.

Denny announced that the Orphan Forum is now available to NCRS members. What it is, if you find an old part with a number on it, you can put it on the forum and possibly find the original owner.

It was announced that we received the bid for another Joplin Regional in 2015. It will be held May 14 – 17th. Details for organizing it will be announced in the future.

Kelly announced that we have 3 cars for the Judging Meet on April 20th. Everyone needs to show up early and be ready to work.

Bill and Dian Lacy will have their 1967 on display at the Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY from May – September. Congratulations.

There is $5772.65 in the treasury at this time. With National coming up next year, we will be putting some into a kitty for expenses.

Joe Raine needs articles for the newsletter. It is your news letter. Let's get some articles to him.

Joe Playford won the 50/50 drawing and gave his money back for Nurses for Newborns. Thanks Joe. That made the drawing $75.00.

John Foster made a motion to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Jerry Luck.

The May 9th meeting of the St Louis NCRS was called to order by Chairman Dennis Marshall.

Welcome to guests. Steve Wanger with a 1959, Keith Scobbie with a 65, 74, 79, 86 and 2007, Bill Otten with a 63 and a 07, Al Flath with a 96 and a 2010, and Ken Hermeyer with a 65. Once again, welcome.

Many thanks to all that attended the Judging Meet. It went very well and I believe everyone appreciated how smoothly it went. Thanks to Frank and Joan for filling in for the cancellations.

There will be a meeting in Columbia on June 1st. This will bring us and Kansas City together to make sure that all the events are in order so far for the 2014 National Convention. The time and location will be confirmed at a later date.

Bloomington will be held in Champaign, IL this year. There will be a caravan from the Cracker Barrel in Troy, IL. The departure time will be announced at the next membership meeting.

Greg Simon announced that we have two new members. Welcome to Bob and Sharon Jourdain and Dave and Yvonne Dawdy. It is great to have you back.

Joe Raine is asking for articles and pictures for the newsletter. Please make an effort to get something to him.

Congratulations to Kelly Waite and Greg Simon who received the Master Judge hats at the Bowling Green Regional. Good job to both of them.

There will not be any drive to Bob's Gasoline Alley this year.

Denny reminded us that June would be time for a Board Meeting. Please plan on being there by 4:30 pm.

Denny, Greg and Mike filled us in on the new things that came out of the Judging School that was held in Dallas. Anyone who wants to learn how to judge should plan to attend the next one.

Our 50/50 drawing was won by Joe Raine. $49 went to Joe and the other half went to Nurses for Newborns.

Joan made a motion to adjourn and Kelly seconded it. Meeting adjourned.

June 13th, 2013

Board Meeting

The Board Meeting for the St Louis Chapter of NCRS was called to order by Denny Marshall on June 13th, 2013. The treasurer's report was read by Denny and was $5820.88 as of June 3rd.

Kelly Waite brought it to Denny's attention that the Calendar needs to be updated on the website. Denny said he would talk to Joe and get this taken care of. It was also mentioned that we need to go ahead and book the October date for our Judging Meet next year. Jeff Peters made a motion to do so and it was seconded by Greg Simon.

On the Calendar of upcoming events, George Williams offered to do a 1960 FI session and Mike Hanley volunteered to talk to Sig's Automotive to see if we could do something there again.

Jeff Peters announced that we have 2 prospective new members. He will follow up on that and keep us posted so that they will feel welcome to the club.

It was brought to our attention that after the National Convention in 2013, we can start soliciting for our 2014 Convention. We are hoping for at least 150 cars. We are also working on the Regional in Joplin in 2015.

There will be a Bloomington caravan leaving from the Cracker Barrel in Troy, IL on June 27th, at 10 am. Anyone that would like to join is welcome.

Pam Lueker is working with Nurses for Newborns to acquire a work day in October or November as well as the Christmas Gift Wrap.

Mike Hanley inquired if there was any interest in sending a donation to Moore, OK, because of the devastating tornado. It was mentioned that we might want to consider helping the Hazelwood area instead. It was tabled for now.

Don Pickles mentioned that we still need a technical article, a technical seminar and a road tour to qualify for club Top Flight Award. Jeff Peters will take care of the technical article.

Kelly Waite made a motion to adjourn and Mike Hanley seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Regular Meeting

Denny called the general membership meeting to order at J J's in St Charles.

Welcome to Zach and Jake. Hopefully they will be as interested in Corvettes as Mom and Dad are.

Kelly mentioned that he only has 1 car for the October Judging Meet. Let's get some of those cars out of the moth balls and have them judged.

Joe Raine will take care of getting the calendar updated as soon as possible. (Editor's note: I caved to all the pressure and updated it online. Let me know if there are any other changes.)

The meeting between Kansas City and St Louis was held on June 1st in Columbia. Convention plans are coming along great. We are hoping for 150 cars and request that club members try to stay at the host hotel because it offsets some of the other costs. As soon as the 2013 National is over, we can start working on sponsors but make sure everyone keeps in touch so that we don't hit the same people more than once.

The caravan to Bloomington was reviewed as well as the work that Pam is doing on the charity events.

Joe Raine asked for articles for the Newsletter. He really needs 3 of them.
Mike is working on a technical session at Sig's Automotive again. More details later.
The 50/50 drawing was won by Doug Johnson. He split $62.00 with Nurses for Newborns.
Motion to adjourn by Jerry Luck and seconded by John Foster. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,
Kay

b. 2013 Club Officers

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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. I am already working on the next edition of *The Legend*. Please send in your articles now.

Our web page (http://stlouisncrs.org/) and newsletter are available for posting classified ads for parts you would like to sell. Ads for any model year Corvette to buy, sell, or trade are free for NCRS members. Classified ads can run until the part or car has sold. However, please notify me prior to each newsletter that you want me to continue to run the ad for you.

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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