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Feature Items

View From the Chair by John Foster

As I sit-down to write this, it is the eve of Memorial Day. And, although the actual holiday will be in the past by the time you read this, remembrance requires no holiday. My father is a WWII vet and although he did not speak much of the specifics of the war, he spoke of his duties during the two years following the war, escorting the remains of fallen American military personnel home from Europe.

I graduated high school in 1969 and started working at the St. Louis Chevrolet plant while going to college part-time. My draft lottery number was 151 so I was pretty sure at some point I would facing the possibility of seeing the world, or at least the jungles of Vietnam. I vividly recall taking a sick day the next spring in order to take my draft physical. Since I walked in breathing and chewing gum simultaneously, I assumed my draft card would be rubber tamped "1A" and I would soon be marching close order drill in boot camp. Surprisingly, I was classified "1Y"or "available for military service, but qualified for military only in the event of war or national emergency." I've never understood it, but strangely, hay fever kept me out of the military. I'd like to think there was a logical reason.

As many of you know, after Chevrolet I spent 36 years as a police officer. As a graduate of the FBI National Academy I still coordinate a youth leadership program at the FBI Academy on Marine Corps Base Quantico. This competitive program hosts 60 high school students from throughout the country, including Puerto Rico, and this year from Austria, Australia, and Canada. On June 16 we will take the students into Washington D.C. Among the sites I have scheduled for them to visit are the memorials to our fallen and veterans of WWII, Korea and Vietnam, Arlington Cemetery, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial and the U.S. Marine Corp Sunset Parade at the Iwo Jima Memorial. One of my fondest memories of these past visits was to see a group of my students interacting with a group of Honor Flight WWII veterans at the WWII Memorial. It was very moving as the students asked these vets legitimate questions about their service and the vets told stories and posed for pictures, even taking some of their own. It was very moving and made me as proud of my teenaged students as I am to be the son of a living WWII veteran.

We should all remember that Memorial Day is not just "picnic day" and every day is a good day to remember and honor those brave Americans who made that ultimate sacrifice.

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This past quarter has been a busy one for the St. Louis Chapter of the NCRS. In April we held a very successful Spring Judging Meet at Love Park in Manchester and then co-hosted the Heart of America Regional at Joplin in May. Our members stepped up and did a great job at both. I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time and expertise to these events. I wanted to also recognize our partners from the Kansas City and Oklahoma chapters who were heavily involved in at the Joplin regional.

Following the upcoming National Convention in Denver this July, the NCRS will initiate judging C5 Corvettes from 1997 to 1998. This should support the preservation of the C5 while encouraging new, and maybe even younger, members to participate in our hobby.

Also in April, Steve and Betsy Gissy graciously hosted a judging school at their home and gave us all an opportunity to look over their cars. Participation was great and very interactive. Everyone walked away with a better understanding of the CDCIF judging matrix.

Articles

a. C1 Corvette Plant Paint Process by Harry Jones, Michigan Chapter

Here is the plant paint process written by Harry Jones. Harry's title was General Motor Assembly Division (GMAD) Senior Process and Production Engineer and one of his responsibilities was coordinating Corvette Body, Paint and Trim adhesives, sealants, bonding and paint materials, processes and equipment with the GMAD Corvette Assembly Plant.

b. C1 / C2 Four Speeds by John Hinckley, Michigan Chapter

Here is an overview of four speed transmissions by John Hinckley.

c. A Tale of Two Camshafts by Duke Williams, Southern California Chapter

This article was originally published in the Fall 2010 "Corvette Restorer". This revised edition is presented with the permission of the authors and NCRS. Duke Williams is a retired automotive/aerospace engineer. He holds a Master of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Wisconsin Engine Research Center and is the original owner of a 1963 340-horsepower Coupe. He resides in Redondo Beach, California and is a member of the Southern California Chapter. He may be contacted via the "send email" function on his profile page at the NCRS Technical Discussion Board on the Web.

Here is a link to the article: A Tale of Two Camshafts

Thanks Duke!!!

Events

a. Spring Training Class on CDCIF by Kelly Waite

We had a great training session back in late March at Steve and BJ Gissy's house!! Thanks to Steve and BJ for having all of us!!!!

The topic was Judging Originality – CDCIF - - which stands for:

- Configuration
- Date
- Completeness
- Installation
- Finish

The CDCIF approach was designed to make it fair and consistent in judging originality.

Basically…..there are five components of Originality – CDCIF.

Each component or area is worth 20% of the originality points. We don't try to prorate the 20%.....if there is an issue…..it is a simple 20% deduction.

We talked about Configuration – where we are talking about the part being the exact same configuration as the original part that left the factory. If there is a difference in the part….i.e. if the part does not have the all of the original attributes like curve, dimple, design, etc……then we would have a configuration deduction.

Often reproduction parts have a minor difference from factory original parts. If we have any difference ….then there is a configuration deduction….and a 20% deduction of the Originality points.

We also talked about Date. If the date of the part does not line up with the assembly date of the car…..then we would have a Date Deduction of 20% of the Originality points.

If you have a Configuration deduction…..check close….as you may also have a Date deduction. If the part has Configuration deduction due to a small difference from original as it is a Reproduction or replacement part….then we are also going to have a Date deduction as well.

We went through the attached slides….and did practice judging on several parts. Here is a link to the slides.

Great participation and discussion by all!! Afterwards we went to the Innsbrook clubhouse for a nice lunch.

Our next Judging Event will be on Saturday, October 17rd, in Love Park.
Kelly

b. Spring Judging Meet

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c. Special Session on an Original 53 Corvette by Kelly Waite

We had a great session back in late April at our last Judging event…..to study and admire an original unrestored 53 Corvette!!!!!

When was the last time you saw a 53 corvette……let alone an original unrestored 53 corvette????!!!!!!!

Major kudos and special thanks to Reda and Tony Salter for bringing their incredible 53 vette!!!!!

Wow to say the least!!!

Tony and Reda gave us a great presentation on going through all of the unique qualities and features of an original 53 vette. They also shared the stories they went through in acquiring this car. Very very informative and special!!!!!

Thanks Reda and Tony!!!!

Kelly

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d. Joplin Regional Photos

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e. St. Louis NCRS 2015 Remaining Calendar

When		What	Where
July 9	6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
July 19 – 24		National Convention	Denver, CO
August 13	6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
August 28 – 30		Corvette's at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
September 10	5 pm 6:30 pm	Board Meeting St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
September 10 – 12		Wisconsin Regional	Oconomoc, WI
September 17 – 20		Corvette Funfest (Road tour travel date TBD)	Mid America Motorworks Effingham, IL
October 8	6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
October 17	8 am	St. Louis Chapter Fall Judging Meet	Mary's Shelter Love Park
October 22 – 24		Lone Star Regional	Frisco, Texas
October TBD	9 am	Pere Marquette State Park Road Tour	Grafton, IL
November 12	6:30 pm	St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
December 10	5 pm 6:30 pm	Board Meeting St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	JJ's, St Charles
January 9, 2016	6 pm	St. Louis Chapter Holiday Party	TBD

f. Fall Judging Meet

St. Louis NCRS Chapter Judging Meet and Picnic

Saturday, October 17, 2015
8:30 AM

Mary's Shelter, Love County Park
2239 Mason Lane
Manchester, MO 63021

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: 8:30 A.M. Registration; 9:00 Flight Judging and Picnic
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 Sept 17th. Please enclose check payable to St. Louis NCRS with application and mail to Judging Chair - Kelly Waite.
For questions email

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

kelly.waite@att.com or call: 636-284-0500

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.:_____ _____

g. NCRS Calendar

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

h. Local Car Clubs, 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:

Museum of Transportation car shows

Local car clubs:

Horseless Carriage Club
http://www.hccmo.com/id2.html

Boone Trail Corvette Club
http://www.boonetrailcc.com/Calendar_2011.htm

Lookingglass Corvette Club
http://www.angelfire.com/retro/lookingglass/

Original Corvette Club of St. Louis
http://www.occofstl.com/Events/2015/events_2015.htm

St. Louis Corvette Club
http://www.stlcorvettes.net/#ShowCalendar

Buy, Sell, Trade

There are no items for sale at this time.

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.

Club Information

a. Meeting Minutes by Kay Augustus

BOARD MEETING, MARCH 12, 2015

On March 12th, 2015, Mike Hanley called the Board Meeting of the St Louis NCRS to order. He was filling in for chairperson John Foster. The monthly meetings are held at J J's Restaurant in St Charles on the second Thursday of each month starting at 6:30PM.
Kelly Waite reminded everyone of the Saturday CDCIF at Steve Gissy's home at 9:30AM. Steve will have coffee and bagels. Directions to Steve's home are available. He also reminded everyone of the judging meet on April 11th at Love Park. He is asking everyone to be ready to go by 8:30AM. Also need to remember to bring a dish to pass.
Joan Burnett gave our treasury balance at $5837.96. That is after sending a check to Hendrick for $250.00, dues from our new member Bill Mulder, $119.40 for the cost of our web site and new badges. She also announced that if you order badges and do not pick them up from her, she will mail them after 3 months.
Joe Raine needs technical articles. They do not have to be long or complicated. Any article would be greatly appreciated.
Joan brought us up-to-date on our Joplin event. We are in need of door prizes, memorabilia, display cars and local sponsors. She is also open to suggestions on technical sessions. Let's help her out.
Dave Buescher announced that he had Easter Show tickets and will be dispersing them.
Joan made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Dave seconded it.
Board Meeting adjourned.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, MARCH 12, 2015

John Foster called the regular meeting to order. He welcomed our new member Bill Mulder. He owns a 1956 and a 1963 and would like to have a 53-55.
Mike Hanley mentioned that our Chapter Top Flight is in good shape for the year. We just have to keep on schedule.
The Easter Show is a little different this year due to construction. The club usually pays for 10 spots. Dave is going to get more info before making any commitment because of the location of parking the cars. Easter is April 5th.
Kelly Waite announced that at this time, we only have two cars for the April 11th judging meet. If you would like to enter a car, let Kelly know.
Greg Simon mentioned that there is nothing new on membership at this time. Working on ideas to attract more members.
John Foster congratulated Joe Raine on his great newsletter. If you are not able to get it on line, let someone know and I am sure someone would be glad to print a copy for you.
Carol Kleinhenz reported that she had nothing new to report from Nurses for Newborns.

Joan Burnett encouraged everyone that is going to Joplin to get registered. At this time, there are only 72 registrations, 19 cars.
Brenda Durlas has the meat ordered for April 11th.
Bill Lacy said that he made a trip to Thorpe's restoration shop and he feels that it has really changed for the better.
50/50 drawing was won by Denny Marshall. He split $88 with Nurses for Newborns.
Motion to adjourn by John Foster and seconded by Jerry Luck.
Meeting adjourned.
Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Augustus

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP DINNER MEETING, APRIL 9, 2015

On April 9th, the St Louis Chapter of NCRS called their meeting to order at J J's Restaurant in St Charles, MO.
John Foster called on each of the officers for their reports. Dave Buescher announced that we would not participate in the Easter Show at Forest Park this year.
Kelly Waite reported that we have 3 cars to judge at the next judging meet. They are a 1964, 1966 and a 1995. He also mentioned that Tony and Reda Salter are bringing their unrestored 1953 for a judging school. Everyone is reminded to bring a dish to pass. The club will supply the meat.
Joe Raine advised us that Vinnie Peters (editor of the Restorer) will be publishing Frank Bloemke's article on a 3-speed car.
Joan Burnett gave a report on the registrations for the Regional in Joplin next month. As of this date, we have 119 registrations, 16 flight cars, 8 PV's, 2 display cars and 6 Sportsman. Registration is open until April 16th at which time a late fee will be added to the cost. We are in need of sponsors and door prizes.
Bill Lacy announced the Museum is looking for people that would like to display their cars. He has the information for anyone interested.
Jerry and Marcia Luck introduced their daughter Stacy.
Joan Burnett is still working on club shirts. After the regional she will have more time to pursue this.
Everyone was reminded that there would be no May meeting because we should all be in Joplin working the Regional. The next meeting will be June 11th.
50/50 was won by Denny Marshall. $37 went to Denny and $37 for our charities.
Motion to adjourn by John Foster and seconded by Mike Hanley.
Meeting adjourned.

THERE WAS NO MAY MEETING due to the Joplin Regional.

b. March National Board Meeting Minutes

Here is a link to the minutes.

c. Club Officers

2015 Officers

Chair	John Foster	JF244@aol.com	636-530-9812
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2 year Board Member	Denny Marshall	dcorvettekid@charter.net	314-458-8019
3 year Board Member	Mark Kessinger	markek5@gmail.com	314-341-5664

d. 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).

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