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Feature Items

View From the Chair by John Foster

Another Corvette summer has come and gone. Although the weather ranged from unseasonably cool to unseasonably hot, and abnormally wet to near drought conditions toward the end, there were opportunities for all of us to tinker with, drive, and enjoy our Corvettes. Your St. Louis Chapter of the NCRS isn't done yet. We have more events planned.

As I write this, we are only days away from the second Chapter judging meet for 2017 and there are four beautiful Corvettes scheduled for judging. Mike Hanley has a report on the judging results elsewhere in this edition. If you did not make it to either of the judging events this year, you owe it to yourself to make one or both in 2018. While enjoying our Corvettes is the core of this hobby, flight judging is the foundation on which the NCRS is built.

We've all heard non-NCRS folks talk about the snobbery of the NCRS judging process. Well, if you've judged or had a car judged here in St. Louis you know that is far from true. Yes, our great chapter-member judges will hold the Corvette owner and their car to the standards of the NCRS Judging Manual, to the same degree as judges at regional and national judging events, but we do so in a nurturing fashion. At the chapter level, our judges are experienced and trained and we do judge by the book, but we emphasize what is correct about the car while providing guidance on those things we find to be incorrect. Regardless of how the car scores at the chapter level, our goal is to help the owner prepare the car for the next level of judging. To take a Second Flight car to Top Flight, or a 94-point Top Flight car higher, or even to guide them toward regional or national judging, a Performance Verification award.

Our chapter judging events, with our picnic format, are always two of the best NCRS social events of each year. Hey, how can you not enjoy great cars, great friends, and great food? I would like to thank our Chapter members who make this possible, and especially our Judging Chair, Mike Hanley, for coordinating the judging, and cooking co-chairs Ernie and Brenda Durlas for coordinating the BBQ and the grilling.

The Chapter continues its relationship with Nurses for Newborns. At the September dinner meeting the members present voted to make a $500 donation to NFN and to submit our request for NCRS matching funds. On Saturday, November 4th, we will once again gather at the NFN office in Shrewsbury to offer them a couple of hours of our services in sorting donated goods, preparing packages of baby needs for distribution by the nurses, and any light repairs or general assistance they may need that day. As usual, we will adjourn to a nearby eatery for lunch and maybe a beer if we work up a sweat. Okay, we'll have the beer anyway. Then, in December we will again do giftwrapping at Plaza Frontenac with donations going to NFN. Please consider joining in. As we approach Thanksgiving, we have much to be thankful for and much we can share with those not as fortunate as we are.

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Articles

a. Body Drop by Mark Markel

In 1990 I purchased a 63 Coupe that needed a total restoration. The next thing you do is join the NCRS and get a lot of advice from many good people. One of the first people I meet was Bill Williamson and his wife Connie. This turned into a 26 years of mentoring in the art of restoration by one of the best body men. Bill's passion and knowledge of Corvettes and especially 65 396 cars was incredible. Bill and Connie had purchased his 65 convertible 396 car in 1980 in the same condition as my 63. Bill was a friend to many in the club and painted and worked on many cars. Due to this he didn't start on his car until 2009.

In Oct of 2015 I was at Bill's house and he was helping me rivet ball joints on A Arm of my car. Bill had finished the frame and painted the body of his 65 and the next step was the engine. Sadly two months later Bill passed away and his life time dream was not completed.

Part of owning corvettes is having a very special wife (Lisa) who supports and understands the passion of the hobby. I told her I wanted to finish the car and have it judged, which was Bill's life long passion and she agreed.

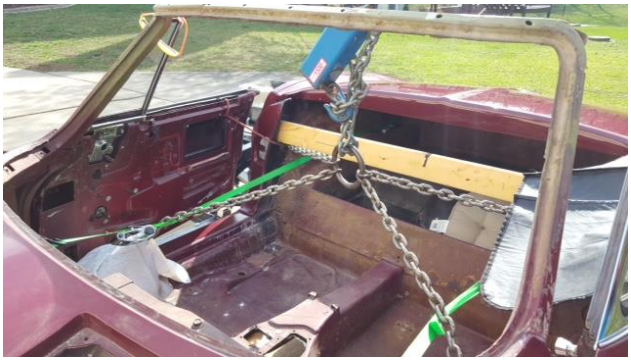
I spoke with Connie and told her if Bills brother Mark was not going to purchase the 65 I would like to. Connie was ok with that and in the spring of 2016 we purchased it.

This is where so many of Bill's friends and mine came into help. The body, engines, frame and basement full of parts were moved by: Frank Savitz, Kelly Waite, Bills brother Mark, Dave Dawdy and Bob Jourdain.

During the summer of 2016 I sent one the the correct engines to a shop Bill was going to use for the rebuild. In the fall we started the car in the frame, for the first time since it hit a deer in 1973 and landed in a tow yard.

As I went into 2017 I wanted to do something special for my 60th birthday in March, what better than drop the body back on the frame of the 65!! With the help of my Dad who be 89 this year, Kelly Waite, Joe Anelle and Mike Krebs we dropped the body on. My wife was there photographing and video at the same time. We had some same problems but I'm sure Bill was supervising and still mentoring me.

Special thanks to Steve Walker who gave me a lot of phone support and Dick at D/A who loaned me the chain for the body pick up.



Michael Krebs
March 18, 1957 – September 29, 2017

It is with great sadness that we must say goodbye to long time St. Louis Chapter member Michael Krebs. Although Mike had fought the fight against cancer for 15 years, he was always supportive of the Chapter and renewed his dues annually. Recently he and Mark Markel attended the Corvette Funfest in Effingham, see photo compliments of Mark. Please keep Mike's wife Clara and his two children in your thoughts and prayers.

Obituary

Edwin Michael Krebs, was welcomed into the Kingdom of Heaven on the 29th of September 2017.

Survived by his wife of 37 years Clara, children Alan (wife Alissa) and Sally, sister Kathy (Chuck Bell), nieces, nephews. Michael was dearly loved and will be missed greatly by family and friends. He will always be remembered for his wittiness, kindness, generosity, and work ethic.

A memorial service was held at St. Ferdinand Church in Florissant, on Saturday the 7th of October at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider donations to St. Ferdinand Catholic Church of Florissant, Missouri.

c. Split Window Coupe Arrival by Bob Jourdain

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Events

a. Fall Judging Event by Mike Hanley

Well we had a fantastic day and another successful Judging Event and Picnic this past Saturday October 14th. at Love Park. We had 4 cars signed up of which 2 of them were chapter members which helped us make our Top Flight requirements for the year. The results are as follows:

Cliff Kennedy from Springfield, MO. with a 1958	Top Flight
Andrew Staugaard from Kimberling City, MO. with a 1963.	Top Flight
John Murphy from Springfield, IL. with a 1966.	Top Flight
Jim Sahrmann from St. Charles, MO with a 1986.	Top Flight

I want to say a BIG THANK YOU to all the participants, Judges, Tabulators, and our Great Cooks as usual they did a great job. I forgot to mention that today was Tom Hanks last judging event as he is moving to Kansas City and will be joining their chapter, our loss there gain. Thank you, Tom, for all your help in the past.

We also had a great display of non- judged cars as well as visitors. We also gained a couple of new members as well.

Again, thanks for all of your help.

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b. Holiday Awards Dinner by Joan Burnett

Holiday Awards Dinner

Please join us as we celebrate another year of great cars and great friends.

Date: Saturday, January 6, 2018

Time: 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM - Dinner Buffet at 7:00 PM

Location: **Spazio Westport**
12031 Lackland Road - St. Louis, MO 63146

Cost: $35 per person (**Cash Bar**)
$10 Children Under 12

We will have a "white elephant gift exchange" and everyone should bring that little special something to make the game fun and exciting.

Bring a gift or donation for Nurses for Newborns

Please RSVP to Joan Burnett (joanieburnett@gmail.com)
no later than December 20

c. St. Louis NCRS 2017 Remaining Calendar

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

When	*What*	*Where*
November 4	**Nurses For Newborns Workday**	**Nurses For Newborns**
November 9	**St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's, St Charles**
December 14	**St. Louis Chapter Board Meeting** **St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting**	**JJ's, St Charles**

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

There are no buy, sell, trade items 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.

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 Club Officers

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b. 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://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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