THE LEGEND

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STL CONDUCTS INAUGURAL CONCOURS JUDGING

On Saturday, June 8, 2019, the St. Louis Chapter held its first ever judging event focusing on the new NCRS Concours Judging Program. The event was held at Vette's Restaurant in St. Peters, MO, and featured three beautiful vintage Corvettes for Concours Judging, a 1954 Corvette for Flight Judging and one Sportsman displayed Corvette. The threat of rain did not dampen the event which was attended by three dozen members and guests, with 20 judges painstakingly judging the four vehicles. Dave Buescher arranged a small swap meet adjacent to the judging field. Participants also enjoyed lunch at Vette's as well as our traditional cookies from Jeanene Kreevich.

All three Concours judged cars were entered in the Stock Division. The Concours cars included Randy Howard's red 1965 Coupe, Jeff Peters' White 1966 Coupe, and Larry Rowden's Cascade Green 1956. Each was awarded blue ribbons, the highest possible Concours award.

Bill Mulder presented his 1954 Corvette for Flight Judging and the car received a Top Flight blue ribbon.

Steve Gilboy once again traveled from Wisconsin with his 2003 50th anniversary Vette and in addition to judging, received a Sportsman green ribbon as well as a mileage award.

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Inaugural Concours Judging

June 8th at Vettes Restaurant, St. Peters, MO

Bill Mulder and his 1954 Corvette

Tim, Patricia and Larry Rowden with '56 Corvette

Randy Howard and his '65 Corvette Coupe

Jeff Peters and his '66 Corvette Coupe

FROM THE CHAIR *by Mark Kessinger*

It's been a great year so far for Corvette related events and as we head toward fall, there are several activities remaining that are going to be equally interesting.

Our most recent events included the NCRS National Convention and the road tour to the Mark Twain all Corvette show in Hannibal. Several members attended the National convention and received awards ranging from Top Flight to Bow-Tie to the McLellan Mark of Excellence Award. Our Chapter was awarded Top Flight status as well as the Foundation Diamond Award.

Carlisle will have come and gone by the time you read this, Funfest is in September and we have four cars signed up for judging in October. Not to mention that we have our monthly meetings full of fun, fellowship and interesting programs, not to mention cookies (thanks Jeanine) and cheap beer.

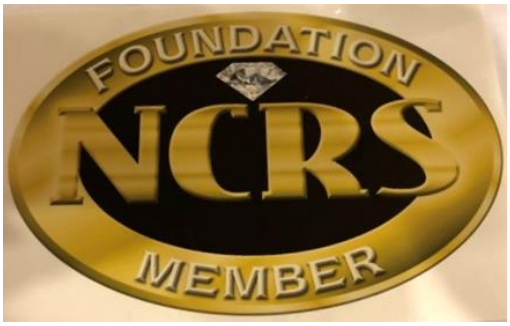
Membership remains strong with over 80 Chapter members. If you haven't been to a Chapter meeting lately, join us on September 12 at 6:30. We have a board meeting at 5:30 and you are welcome to attend this as well.

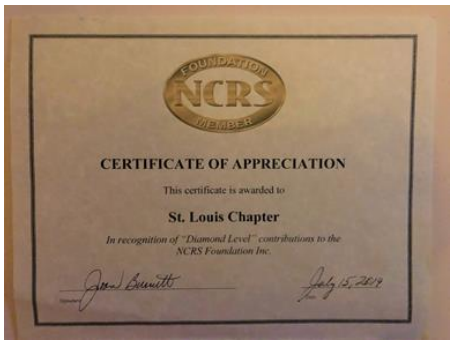
Let your board know what we can do to make your club more enjoyable.

Mark

TREASURERS REPORT *by Joan Burnett*

Congratulations to the Chapter for achieving Diamond Level in our contributions to the NCRS Charitable Foundation. During the Annual Membership Meeting held at the 2019 National Convention in Greenville, South Carolina, the St. Louis Chapter was publicly recognized by the NCRS Foundation for reaching the Diamond Level which represents cumulative contributions to the Foundation in the amount of $5,000.





This decal will be affixed to the St. Louis Chapter Top Flight banner along with our 2018 Top Flight decal.

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2019 NCRS St. Louis Chapter Financial Report

Opening Balance, January 1st of reporting year:			$8,675
INCOME:	(Gross Income)		
	Membership Dues		$313
	April Judging Meet	$395.00	
	Holiday Party 2019	$175.00	
	Total Events Income		$570
	50/50 drawing for Charity	$273.00	
	50/50 Winner Contributions to Charity	$94.00	
	Charity Auction	$1,500.00	
	Interest	$43.32	
	Shirt/Manual Sales	$117.00	
	Postage Reimbursement	$11.74	
	Badges	$40.00	
	Total Other Income		$2,079
Total Income:			$2,963
EXPENSES:			
	2019 Holiday Party	$1,197.49	
	Spring Chapter Show	$202.58	
	Fall Chapter Show	$80.00	
	Easter Show	$150.00	
	Judging Supplies	$267.72	
	Judging School	$45.00	
	Total Event Expenses		$1,942
	Dues Related Expenses		
	Website/Newsletter Expense	$143.40	
	Badge Expense	$30.95	
	Postage/flowers/misc	$53.56	
TOTAL EXPENSES:			$2,170
Account Balance	7/31/2019		$9,467

JUDGING REPORT *by Kelly Waite*

We held a Chapter Judging event at Vette's Restaurant in St. Peters on June 8th. It was a great day and basically dry until the end. You know I was worried about the rain once again but we wrapped up the judging just in the nick of time. I allowed the four car owners to make the call on *whether* or not to postpone this event. They made the right call, although I understand they caught a few rain drops while driving their beautiful cars home.

We had four awesome cars!!! Bill Mulder and his '54 which was judged a Top Flight, as well as Larry Rowden and his '56, Randy Howard and his '65, and Jeff Peters and his '66, all of whom were awarded Blue Ribbons in the Stock Division.

Thanks to all who participated!!! Thanks to all of our judges who found that while you are not judging the originality of the cars, it is still time consuming and daunting task to judge the condition.

Also, thanks to our tabulators, Jeanene Kreevich, Joan Burnett and Allen Kleinhenz. They make it happen!

Our fall Judging Event is scheduled for October 12th at St. Louis County's Love Park in Manchester, MO. We have 4 cars already registered for Flight Judging… Dave Dawdy's '60 Fuelie, Gary Bader's '62, Walter Kunz's '62 and Bob Dehn's '66 Coupe. An application for the judging event is included in this newsletter.

We will once again have our BBQ and picnic so plan to bring a dish to share. I hope to see you there!

CHAPTER CHARITIES *by Carrol Kleinhenz*

Our next charity event will be staffing the Nurses for Newborns gift wrap booth at Plaza Frontenac during this year's Holiday season. It has always been a fun event to wrap the presents but getting to know another chapter member has been an added pleasure. We get to help people choose their wrapping paper and the bows that can be added.

We have had lots of great volunteers in the past so sign up or commit to joining us this year. We will announce a date as soon as possible. We appreciate any time you can give – just an hour or two would be great. Thanks in advance.

Remember that the primary source of funding for our charitable activities is the 50/50 drawings at our monthly dinner meetings and this year's very successful silent auction at our Holiday Awards Dinner. Thanks to all of you who continue to support these fundraising activities.

ACTIVITIES REPORT *by Dave Buescher*

It has been a busy summer between chapter flight and concours judging events, car shows and the chapters holding its first Concours judging event.

Again, this year, the St Louis Chapter members participated in the Horseless Carriage Club Forest Park 2019 Easter Sunday Concours d 'Elegance car show. The weather cooperated with a prefect spring day and we had nine members attending the show with their Corvettes.

Several chapter members and their cars caravanned to Hannibal MO. and spent a Saturday afternoon attending the "AMERICA'S SPORTS CAR IN AMERICA'S HOME TOWN" car show on Saturday August 3, with several members bringing home trophies.

New for 2019, the chapter as has been trying out a new idea by having a "mini" swap meet at our judging events. Initially done at the spring chapter judging, members were encouraged to bring any Corvette related parts (items that they may have left over from past a restoration or surplus items) that they are now longer needed and could use a new home.

With moderate success at the spring judging event, the swap was held again at the chapter's concours judging event and will continue at fall chapter judging meet and hopefully at future gatherings if the interest continues.

If any member knows of a day trip or tour that would be of interest to the chapters membership please contact me at dbuescher1@gmail.com.

Join us at 6:30 PM on the second Thursday of each month, and share in the comaraderie of great friends and great cars!

Monthly meetings are held at JJ's Restaurant in St. Charles, 1215 S Duchesne Dr, St Charles, MO 63301.

Chapter Flight Award Program *by Allen Kleinhenz*

During the 2019 NCRS Convention in Greenville, South Carolina, Board Member Mike Hanley accepted on behalf of the St. Louis Chapter, the NCRS Chapter Top Flight Award for calendar year 2018. The new award will be added to our Chapter Flight Award banner.

The NCRS Chapter Award Program was established as a means of assisting NCRS Chapters in promoting member participation in the Chapter. All NCRS Chapters are eligible to annually participate in the program. Successful performance and completion of the prescribed requirements can result in the Chapter receiving one of three levels of Chapter Flight Awards:

Chapter Top Flight Award® *for successfully performing//completing all nine required activities and a minimum of six variable activities during the program year.*

Chapter Second Flight Award® for performing/completing *eight required activities and a minimum of five variable activities during the program year.*

Chapter Third Flight Award® for *Performing/completing seven required activities and a minimum of four variable activities during the program year.*

The required and variable activities include hosting Chapter judging events, judging seminars, technical sessions, road trips, and membership participation including driving Corvettes and writing technical articles for a quarterly newsletter. We use the Chapter Award Program as a tool to make the St. Louis Chapter an active chapter in which our members can learn from one another and enjoy the many aspects of the NCRS hobby.

Through the 3rd quarter of 2019 we are well on our way to again completing all of the required and most if not all of the variable activities this year. If you have not attended an event or chapter meeting this year please put one of our events or meeting in your schedule. We welcome participation plus you and the chapter can get to know each other.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER at the NCRS NATIONAL CONVENTION *by John Foster*

The St. Louis Chapter was well represented at the NCRS National Convention in Greenville, SC. Among Chapter members in attendance were: Bill Naeger and Jeanene Kreevich, Dennis and Karen Hardesty, Eugene Nyman, Bill Mulder, Jim Sahrmann, Bill West, Tony and Reda Salter, David and Mary Gulley, George and Diane Williams, Bob and Barb Eichhorn, Dave and Lynn Ewan, Mike Hanley and Joan Burnett.

In addition to the St. Louis being awarded a Chapter Top Flight Award for 2018 and a Dimond Level Award for ongoing support of the NCRS Foundation, Chapter members also brought home some swag:

Tony and Reda Salter received a *Cross Flags Award* for their 1984 Corvette;
Jim Sahrmann received a *Top Flight Award* for his 1996 Grand Sport;
Bill Mulder received a *Top Flight Award* for his 1954 Corvette;
George Williams received a *McClellan Mark of Excellence Award* for his 1991 ZR1;
Mike Hanley judged and was also awarded his *400 Club Award*; and,
Joan Burnett was recognized for a *Bow Tie* Display and "Year of the 69" Display.

Joan was also recognized by the Board of Directors and received the 2019 President's Award for her contributions to the NCRS Foundation.

Dave McClellan, Tony Salter and Dave Hill

Jim Sahrmann and Mike Ingham

John Tidwell with Bill Mulder

Doc Williams and Dave McClellan

Mike Ingham and Mike Hanley

Dave Hill, Joan Burnett and Dave McClellan

Photos, courtesy of Vinnie Peters, NCRS Editor

Chapter Road Tour to Hannibal by Kelly Waite

On Saturday, August 3rd members of the St. Louis Chapter once again participated in a road tour to Hannibal for the 13th Annual All Corvette Show sponsored by the Mark Twain Corvette Club. This is a great show that supports local charities. It was a fine opportunity to showcase the NCRS and the St. Louis Chapter as there were 140 corvettes along Main Street in Hannibal!!! It was a very nice drive up Highway 61 plus really nice restaurants and stores in old downtown Hannibal.

Members attending included: Greg Simon and Kenny Webb, Jim Larson plus special guest Sandy, Mark Portman, Tim Rowden, Larry and Pat Rowden, Doc and Cathy Zingrang (friends of Larry and Pat), Hal and Tillie Lutz, Stephen and Pat Wenger, Joe Annelle, John Murphy, Kelly Waite and Steve Gissy. Most everyone behaved, even Kenny - which as we all know can be very challenging.☺

Chapter members Larry and Pat Rowden scored three awards presented by the Mark Twain Corvette Club, including Second Place for their 1964 and both second place and the Mayor's Pick Award for their 1956. Steve Wenger grabbed a Third Place Award for his red/red 1959 as did John Murphy for his '66 Roadster. Although along with the Chapter as a guest (and hopefully a future member) Doc Zingrang won the First Place Award for his 1964.

Great trip!! The sun was out whole time!! ☺

CORVETTES AT CARLISLE *by John Foster Photos by Mark Markel and John Foster*

St. Louis Chapter members explored the Corvettes at Carlisle fairgrounds August 21-25. In addition to meeting old friends and swapping both Corvette parts and Corvette stories, they got a first-hand look at the 14 C8 Corvettes that Chevrolet had on site.

A treasure trove?

Dave Buescher and Jeanene Kreevich selling

John Foster, Dave Buescher, and Bill Naeger. Storytelling, or plotting??

Bill Mulder defending a bratwurst from a hungry mob.

The new C8 just looks fast

John, Dave, Greg, Mark and Kelly with the C8

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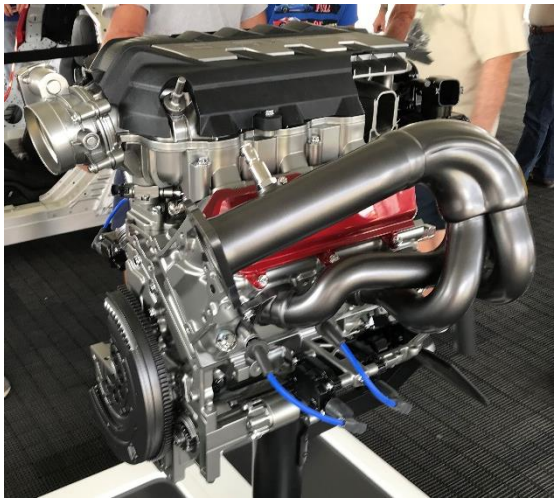
Mark Markel and Kelly Waite trying on the new C8 Corvette for proper fit.

Kelly really, really likes the new C8



The new 6.2-liter Small Block

The engine tucked between the cockpit and the trunk

When you're this close…you need to touch base with history and visit Gettysburg

Kelly and Greg taking it all in

Replacing the Rubber Cushions in Your C2 Leaf Spring *by Kelly Waite*

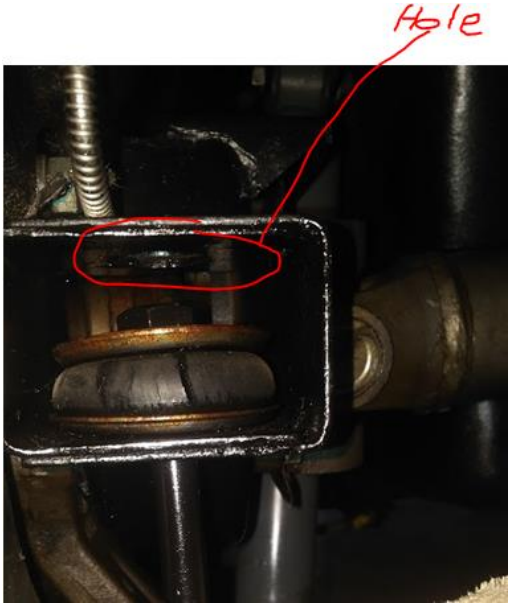
I was cleaning the bottom of my 65 the other day….and noticed that the rubber cushions in my rear leaf spring were flat and cracked (See Photo 1). Ugh. I just replaced them 12 years ago?!!

I remember being a bit puckered up when I replaced them 12 years ago but I was able to get them replaced without losing any fingers or other body parts. So, I figured if I did them then, I could do them now.

I used a scissor jack to provide support in front of the rear tire… just in case something bad were to happen when I was messing with the leaf spring. I then used my hydraulic jack to relieve the tension on the leaf spring. Fortunately, the groves of my jack fit very nice around the leaf spring. It seemed secure, so I removed the bolt through the hole on the top of the trailing arm and replaced the rubber cushions!! ☺ (Photo 2).

I did find that bit of WD-40 on the rubber cushions helped to get them on the bolts.

I am good for another 12 years now. (Photo 3).



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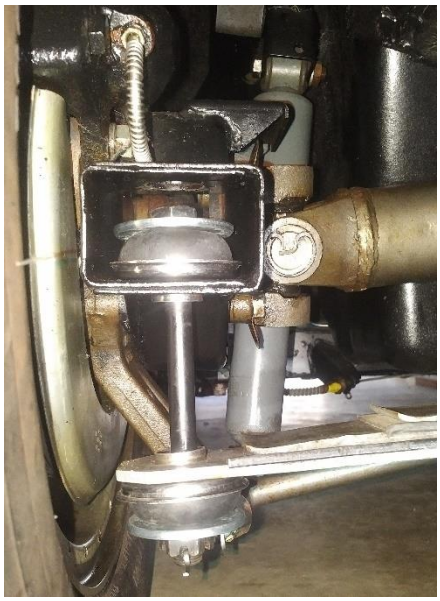

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Events in *Bold*

September	12	5:30 PM St. Louis ***Chapter Board Meeting***	JJ's Restaurant, St. Charles
		6:30 PM St. Louis ***Chapter Dinner Meeting***	
	19-21	NCRS Lake Tahoe Regional Meet	Lake Tahoe, CA
	20-23	Mid America Motorworks Funfest	Effingham, IL
October	4-7	Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend	Eureka Springs, AR
	10	6:30 PM St. Louis ***Chapter Dinner Meeting***	JJ's Restaurant, St. Charles
	12	8:00 AM St. Louis ***Chapter Judging Event***	Manchester, MO
	24-26	NCRS Texas Regional Meet	Frisco, TX
November	14	St. Louis ***Chapter Dinner Meeting***	JJs Restaurant, St. Charles
December	TBD	***Nurses for Newborns Gift Wrap Day***	Frontenac, MO
	12	5:30 PM St. Louis **Chapter Board Meeting**	JJ's Restaurant, St. Charles
		6:30 PM St. Louis Chapter Dinner Meeting	
January	4	St. Louis ***Chapter Holiday/Awards Dinner***	Maryland Heights, MO

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October Judging Event Registration Application
Contact Judging Chair Kelly Waite for additional information.

St. Louis NCRS Chapter
Judging Meet and Picnic
Saturday, October 12th, 2019
8:30 AM

Love County Park,
Mary's Shelter
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; 8:45 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 **$65.00*** $_____

Concours® Judging Entry: Fee **$40.00*** $_____

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)

Please make checks payable to St Louis NCRS

Mail to:

Kelly Waite
2083 Eisenbath Road
O'Fallon, Missouri 63366

* Fees are not refunded for cancellations after September 12th.
Please enclose check with application and mail to Judging Chair – Kelly Waite. For questions email kellywaite@att.net or call (636) 284-0500

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Insured by:_____Policy #_____Expires_____

Signature: _____Date: _____

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