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Feature Items

View From the Chair by John Foster

The holidays are upon us. This is a time when we celebrate with family and friends, and reflect on the close of another year. It has been a busy year for our NCRS family, especially this past quarter in which we were extremely active.

First and foremost, we held our fall judging meet in October and had another great turn out of cars and members. I am quite impressed with the advancement of our judging skills over the past few years. We have a cadre of master judges and members who are attending judging retreats, judging schools, and judging at local and regional events around the Midwest and other regions. I would like to thank Kelly Waite, our chapter judging chair, for coordinating the judging event and conducting a very informative technical session on trim tags that I think helped us to understand some of the issues that have arisen at both judging meets this year. I also want to especially thank Brenda and Ernie Durlas for once again handling the tedious task of coordinating lunch and manning the grill.

The fall road tour to Pere Marquette on November 2 was well attended. There were 15 Corvettes, including 10 members' cars. Kudos to Dave Buescher, our events chair, for arranging the drive up the Mississippi.

On Saturday, November 8, a dozen members visited the offices of Nurses for Newborns where we donated a couple of hours to sort donated goods, stock shelves, launder some used baby clothing, and do a little light cleaning (I can't tell Karen that I saw Denny Marshall operating a vacuum cleaner). We capped the morning with lunch at Llewellyn's in Webster Groves. We have also been fortunate enough, primarily through our fifty-fifty drawings, to make contributions of $500 to both of our charities in September, Nurses for Newborns and The Wounded Warrior Project. A donation of $500 was also made to the NCRS Foundation.

As we close the books on 2014, we are already planning for a great 2015. First it's time to elect a new board of officers. Nominations were accepted until the close of the November meeting and ballots went

out with the 2015 dues renewal notices. New officers will be announced in December and will assume their positions in January.

At our December board meeting we will begin to map out a calendar of events and activities for 2015 and the input of all Chapter members will be greatly appreciated. We already have plans to present a chapter judging school on the CDCIF scoring matrix prior to our spring judging event. This presentation will benefit both judges and car owners by explaining how the originality of a part or assembly is judged based on the proper Configuration, Date, Completeness, Installation and Finish. This CDCIF presentation will further strengthen the skills of our local judges.

Most prominently on our calendar of events for 2015 is the Joplin Regional, May 14-17. We are co-hosting the regional with our partners in the Kansas City and Oklahoma chapters. Joplin has always been a great venue with excellent attendance. Mark it on your 2015 calendars now!

Before closing, I want to take a moment to remember Robert Salzman who passed away November 12. Bob was a long time member of our chapter and will be missed by many.

Our next dinner meeting will be at JJ's Restaurant at 6:30 PM on Thursday, December 11. There will be a board meeting at 5:00 PM and all members are invited to attend both meetings. I hope to see you there.

I wish you Merry Christmas and happy holidays to you and your families.

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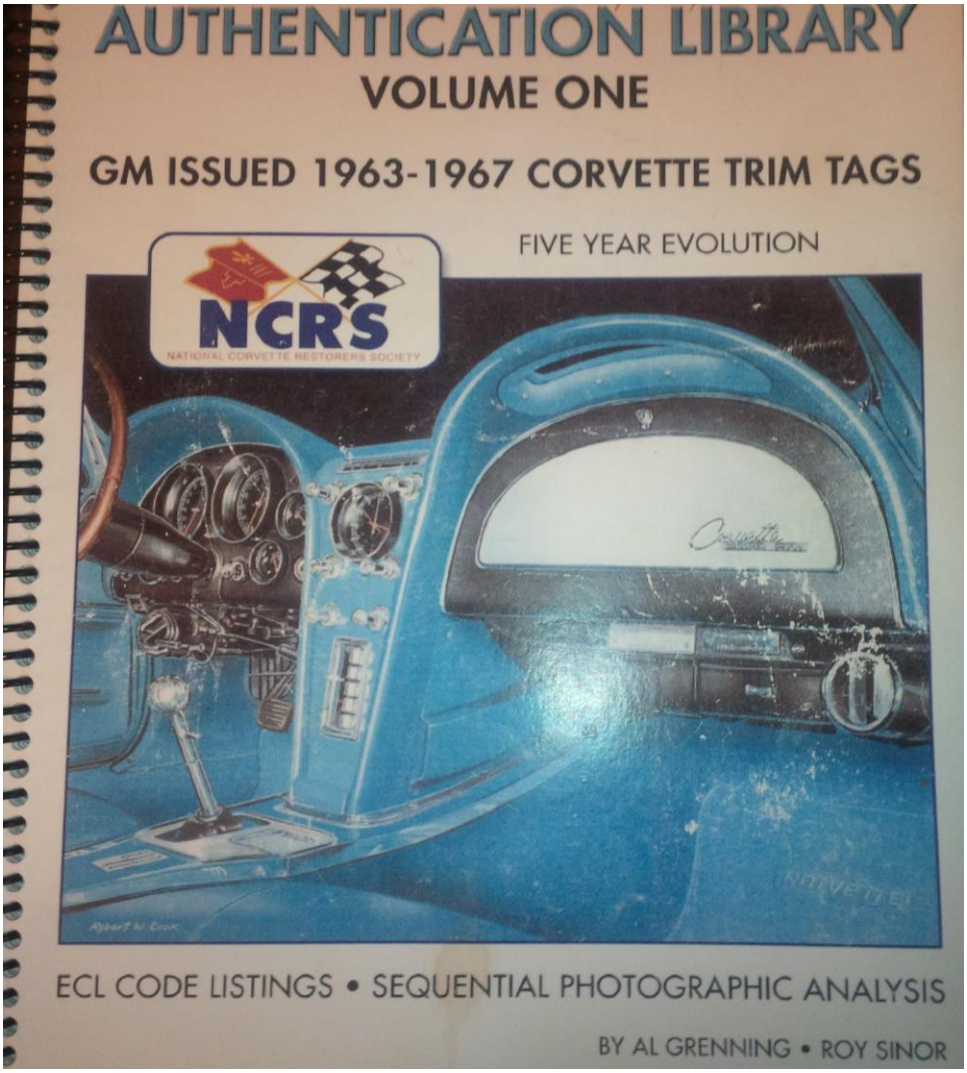
Articles

a. Trim Tags by Kelly Waite

So what is the deal with trim tags? Do we judge them? Why are they important?

Trim tags are really fascinating. I am still learning a lot about trim tags. Special thanks to Bill Braun, NCRS Region V Director, who has been helping teach me a few tips and pointers!!

NCRS has a great book written by Roy Sinor and Al Grenning. It is very interesting and informative! It tells you all about the codes for 63 through 67. It has lots of details on the characters / font of the individual letters.

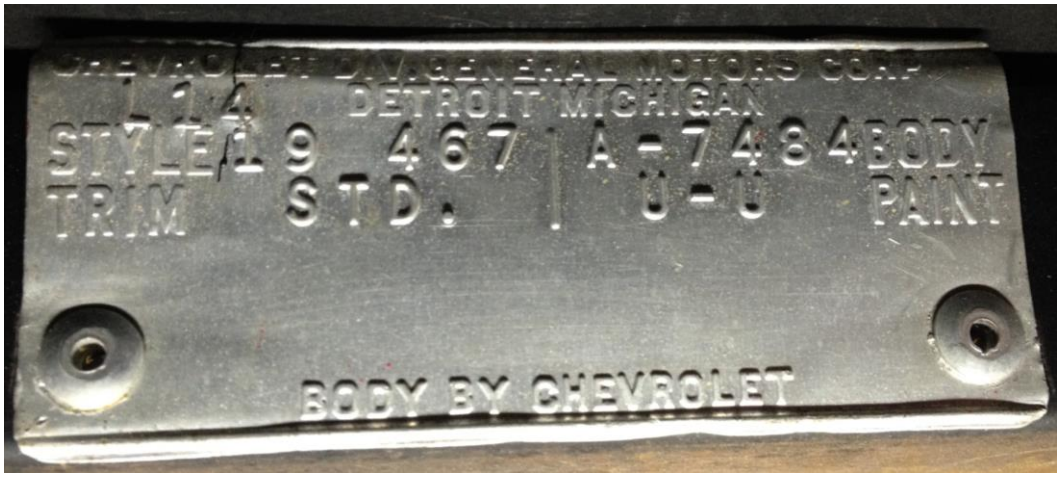


It is amazing to me that GM did such a great job in making these thin stamped metal tags. They are unique and have unique characteristics with their letters and the overall font. There are reproduction tags out there. But as far as I know they still do not have the same uniqueness as the real GM tags. The Trim Tab book has great pictures of the unique characteristics of the individual letters.
We really don't judge the condition of Trim tags. But we do judge the originality of the tags. So we really don't mind if the tag is scuffed up a bit. We just want to make sure it appears to be a real GM tag.

The tags are riveted to the bar underneath the glove box to the left of the VIN tag.
GM made bodies in their own plant and also contracted with A.O. Smith to make bodies. I think this was half way through 64 when A.O. Smith started making bodies.

It is interesting that the St. Louis plant always made the numbers on the trim tags nice and straight, kind of like columns of data.

A.O. Smith trim tags on the other hand, kind of had the digits spread all over and not lined up nice and pretty. I am not sure why.



The reason the tag is important is because it contains the following information:

- Year
- Month and date of the body
- Body type – Convertible or Coupe
- Trim – Interior trim – vinyl or leather and color
- Body #
- Indication of St. Louis Body or A.O. Smith Body
- Paint color

That is a lot of detail about the car!!! Accordingly, if we don't have a real tag, it is not possible to judge the car, as you don't know what the car is. Convertible? Coupe? Interior Trim? Color? Date? Etc. The body date will line up with the assembly date of the car. If the body date is dated after the assembly date of the car something is just not right!!

- What do you do if you have an A.O. Smith car with Side Pipes?
- What do you do if you have an A.O. Smith Body with a St. Louis tag?

The NCRS Team Lead judge will check out the trim tag to make sure it appears to be a real GM Tag. This should be done before the other Judges start judging.
A nice digital camera really helps to check out a trim tag to get a good view.
See below for some blown up images of a 65 A.O. Smith tag.

b. NCRS Classifieds

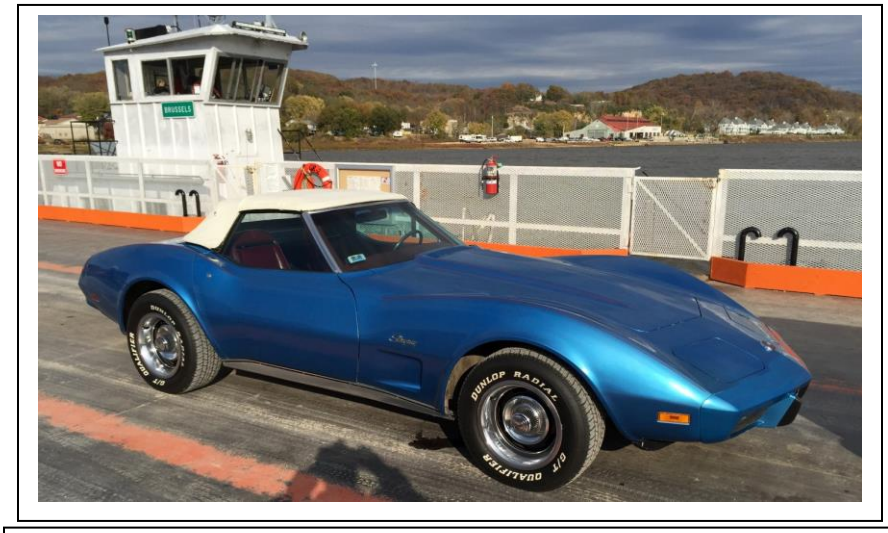
It was covered in the last few newsletters, but we thought we would plug it one last time.

a. Fall Judging Meet

We held a chapter judging meet on October 11 in beautiful West county at Mary's Shelter in Love Park. A great time was had by folks of all ages!!!

b. Pere Marquette Fall Color Road Tour

Some of our members had a beautiful drive along the Great River road to Pere Marquette state park in Grafton, Illinois recently. The drive was followed by a great lunch at the Pere Marquette lodge.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c. Denny Marshall's Birthday

We celebrated Denny's birthday in style at our September chapter meeting. What a cake!

d. Party! Party!

NCRS
St. Louis Chapter
HOLIDAY PARTY
Saturday, January 10, 2015

Social Hour 6:00-7:00 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM
(We will order off the menu with separate checks)

Little Hills Winery & Restaurant
710 S Main St
St. Charles, MO
www.littlehillswinery.com

RSVP to Joan Burnett by January 6th
636-462-4401 or email joanieburnett@gmail.com

We hope to have a representative from Nurses for Newborns Foundation (Chapter charity) joining us. Please bring your donation of baby items such as baby wipes, diapers, blankets, sleepers or $$$.

e. St. Louis NCRS Spring 2015 Meet

St. Louis NCRS Chapter Judging Meet and Picnic
Saturday, April 11, 2015
9:00 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: 8:00 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)

Mail to:

Kelly Waite
2934 Woodlands Rd
Wildwood, Missouri 63038

* Judging applications accepted on a first come first served basis. Fees are not refunded for cancellations after March 11th. Please enclose check with application and mail to Chapter Judging Chair - Kelly Waite. For questions email 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.: _____Expires: _____

f. NCRS Calendar

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

g. 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

Check out the Museum of Transportation car shows:

Museum of Transportation car shows

Buy, Sell, Trade

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

St Louis NCRS met on October 9, 2014 at J J 's in St Charles, Mo. The meeting was called to order by John Foster, chairperson. The minutes were approved as published.
Joan Burnett reported that the treasury has $3621.95. She also reported that the charity money has been sent to Wounded Warriors, Nurses for Newborns and the Foundation. It was determined to be $500.00 each. Joan also announced that the Pay Pal for the regional has been set up and ready to go.
Dave Buescher reminded everyone that the road tour to Pierre Marquette for November 2nd is ready to go. There are 22 signed up to attend so far.

Kelly Waite encouraged everyone attending the judging meet, please arrive before 9AM. We have four cars to judge and need all the time we can have before it gets too late.
Greg Simon and Joe Raine have nothing to report.
Carol Kleinlhenz has a work day set up at Nurses for Newborns. It is November 8th at 9AM. They are located at 7259 Landsdown in Shrewsbury. Please attend if you are able. They really appreciate our help. We will go someplace local afterward for some lunch.
It is still a little early for much on our Joplin Regional. Just keep in mind that everyone needs to volunteer to help with something. It is a club function and the entire club should help make the event a success.
Joan is working with Tom Greene to come up with a club shirt. The consensus seems to be polos with a limit of $20 to $30. More information will be available at the next meeting.
Nominations for all offices will close after the November meeting. The ballots will go out with the dues renewal notices. Once again, don't be afraid to volunteer for an office. If you have never done it before, there is always help available.
Mike Hanley reported that we are in good shape for the Club Top Flight Award.
50/50 drawing went to Bill Lacy. It was great to see him back in attendance. The pot was $100.00, to be split with Nurses for Newborns.
Kelly Waite made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Greg Simon. Meeting adjourned.

On November 13, 2014, the St Louis Chapter of NCRS held its meeting at J J's in St Charles. John Foster called our meeting to order. He also welcomed Eric Dawson, who is the owner of a 1965. John also accepted the minutes as presented to him. Joan Burnett gave the treasury balance as $3563.98.
Dave reported that the road run was a great success. There were 15 cars and 10 of them were our members.
Kelly congratulated Doug and Carol Johnson and Denny Marshall for their Top Flight award on their cars. Congratulations go to both couples. Also he thanked all the judges, cooks and tabulators. Our next Judging Event will be held on April 11th at Love Park. Kelly plans on covering CDCIF at that event. Kansas City is holding their event on March 28th.
Greg is working on membership expansion. John emailed him a list of new NCRS members and Greg was able to contact one new member that attended our meeting.
Carol Kleinhenz thanked everyone who helped with our work day at Nurses for Newborns. Clair appreciated it and lunch was good. Our next event is the Christmas wrap on December 16th. There will be three shifts. Please make sure that you advise Carol if you are not able to attend.
Joan mentioned that the three checks have been sent out. We give $500.00 to Nurses for Newborns, Wounded Warriors and the NCRS Foundation.
The registration for our Joplin event will be in the November / December Driveline. It is getting closer quickly. We have sent in our $500 seed money. Planning meetings will start soon.
Joan will have shirt samples soon.
It was discussed that we need to look at the By-Laws. Everything changes in time. We will get a committee together to discuss what changes are needed.
Our after Christmas party will be at Little Hills Winery in St Charles on January 10th. Please RSVP to Joan so that she has a count.
Mike Hanley reported that our Chapter Top Flight is in good shape.
Motion to adjourn was made by Jim Augustus and seconded by Denny Marshall.
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kay Augustus

b. Club Officers

2014 Officers

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3 year Board Member	Denny Marshall	dcorvettekid@charter.net	314-458-8019

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 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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