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Feature Items

a. VIEW FROM THE CHAIR — Kelly Waite

2010 was simply a great year….which included quite a bit….

- Outstanding Judging Events at Love Park and Randy & Fay Rapp's house – Thanks goes to Mark Markel our Judging Chair. Also thanks to Ernie and Brenda Durlas who did all of the cooking and Randy & Fay Rapp for hosting one of the events.
- Excellent participation with our monthly Dinner meetings at JJs.
- Fun Road trip – Route 66 Trip to Gasoline Alley in Cuba, Missouri – Thanks goes out to Don and Anne Pickles and Dave Buescher.
- Judging School session at Love Park – Thanks out to Joan Burnett.
- Very interesting and informative Tech Session – Courtesy of Bill Lacy.
- Great quarterly newsletters – Thanks goes out to our Editor Doug Garrett.
- Charity Event – Gift Wrapping for Nurses for Newborns – Thanks goes out to all who participated and Joan Burnett for coordinating.
- Tour of Hunter Engineering and Kemp Museum with the NCRS National Road Tour.
- Planning Session in Joplin for our upcoming Regional Event – Thanks to those who participated and Joan Burnett for coordinating.

Thanks to all our Officers and Board members for all of their contributions and thanks to everyone for their participation! Thanks also to all of our 2011 Officers and Board members! See listing of nominations in this newsletter. I am really looking forward to another great year.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for April 28th through 30th, 2011 for our upcoming Regional Event in Joplin. You can register now...see page 115 of the latest Driveline for the Registration form.

Also – please don't forget about our upcoming **Holiday Dinner** at JJs on Saturday night, **January 8th, 2011** at 6:30.

Hope you and your families have a fabulous Holiday season!

b. St Louis NCRS Charity Event By Joan Burnette & Cherie Garrette

If you were unable to participate in any of the wrapping days, you missed a great experience. The NCRS St. Louis Chapter Charity Event for 2010 was participation in the Nurses for Newborns Foundation (NFNF) Gift Wrap at Plaza Frontenac during the holidays. The event raises monies for NFNF by wrapping Christmas Gifts for holiday shoppers. Shoppers then make a contribution to NFNF as volunteers send them home with wrapped gifts complete with bows and gift tags. In talking with everyone who was able to participate, the feeling was mutual that you left with a holiday spirit and the knowledge that we were able to help assist our charity in raising monies. Some of us even got to be a little creative in trying to wrap a monkey. The challenge was how to take shirt boxes and create a box to house the cute little guy. See him peeking out the top box before the lid was closed.

Kay, Joan, and Cherie had to put their heads together to build a box for an adorable stuffed animal before the wrapping could begin.

Check out the grins on the faces of the members who took a shift and you can see that our members have the holiday spirit. A big thanks go out to everyone who helped this year.

Everyone in the club that had an opportunity to work a shift as a gift wrapper will attest to how much fun it was. Thanks to all for your participation and let's plan now to make this an annual event.

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Articles

a. What Does a Freshly Restored 65 Carburator look like? By Kelly Waite

For the last couple of years…my car was not running as well as it should. I was always having to tweak the idle screw to keep idle speed on track. . I have had the car for over 12 years….and who knows how long it has been since the carb was rebuilt. Well enough is enough….and it was time to get the carb rebuilt

I am very pleased and proud to show pictures of my just restored Carb…..courtesy of Jerry Luck. This is for my 65 L79 (350 hp).

Too say it looks like new is an understatement. Jerry not only re-builds it….but he also makes sure that it has all of the correct ink stampings. The carb finish is also redone….Marsha Luck does that part and looks incredible □.

Jerry asked me if I had brought this carb to him in the past…..and I assured him I had not. But he knew that he had done this carb before…..as Jerry always puts a secret mark on all of the carbs that he does. So at one time…perhaps a long long time ago….Jerry had redone this carb. Somewhere along the line (I think up in Wisconsin) someone did several non correct things to the carb …like wrong jets, and other mistakes. Fortunately …. Jerry got it all fixed and back to correct.

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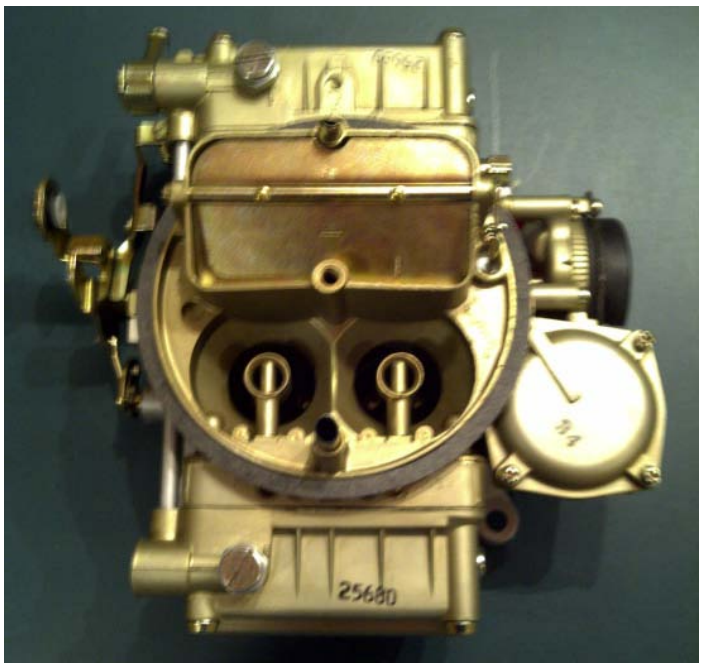
I don't understand all of the stamps…..but as I recall from Jerry….the "34" is an inspection stamp.

The "2818" is a bigger stamp to make the part number visable for the workers - - see real small "LIST - 2818 -1" stamped into the metal just right of the large ink stamp.

The "2568D" is the code for the assembly date. I think it was the 25th week…..Day shift. Jerry has a special table to make sure these codes are correct. I can't recall what the "25" is for…..

Now all I have to do it put it back on



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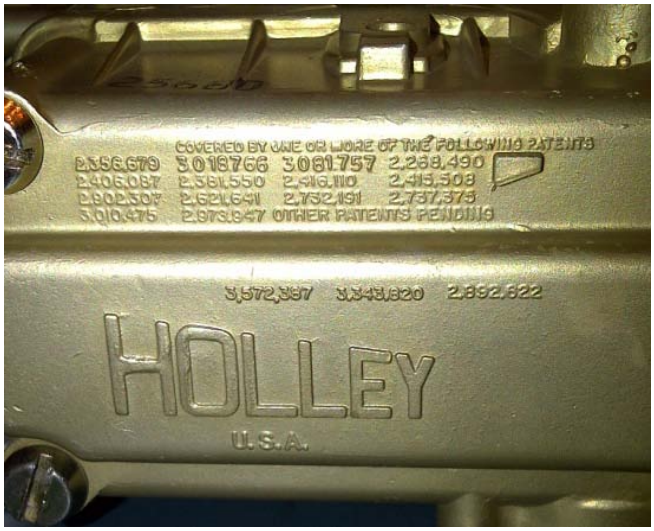

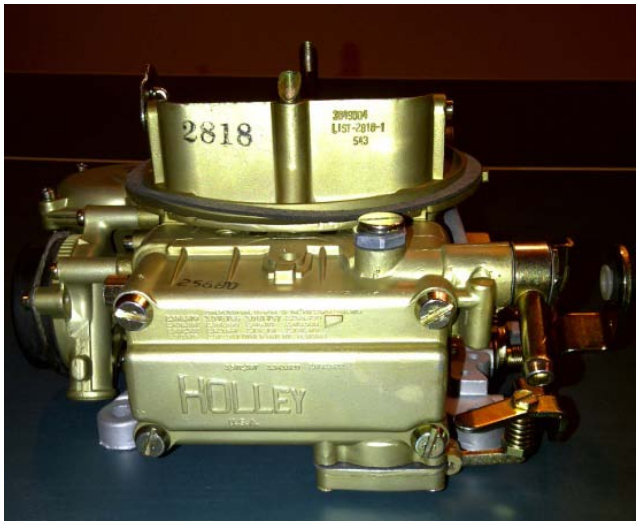

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b. What I learned about Knock-Off Wheels Kelly Waite

I always thought that Knock Off Wheels looked great….but I wondered if they were safe?? I had heard terrible war stories about wheels that would come off….and then …..you know the rest…..bad things happened….wheels came off and fiberglass pieces start flying. This article shares what I have learned about knock off wheels.

I was lucky enough to get a set a repo knock-offs that came with my newly acquired mid year a few years back. They were in like new condition….and looked great. See Photo 1. You can tell that they are repos….from the following:

- The fins are wider than the originals (Kelsey Hayes). See Photo 2.

- The outer lip is not as deep as the originals
- Repos have safety pins and originals do not. You have to have the center chrome cap off to see the safety pin. See Photo 3.

- The back sides of the knock off spinner have unique marks….see Photo 4.

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- Repos often say USA or something else on the back side of the spinners.

Even though the repos are not vintage….I think they are great wheels. The benefits of the repos….are that you don't have to worry as much about nicking them up (versus the expensive originals)…and there is a real piece of mind with the safety pin in the center spinner.

My first experience with knock off wheels was kind of embarrassing……I went to the tire store to get some much needed new tires for my newly acquired mid year…and I figured that the guys at Firestone would know how to get the spinners off. Bad assumption!!! We figured out that you had to take the safety pin out…which is underneath the cap….which was good…..but even after several hard whacks of a hammer…..no luck! The hammer just kept bouncing off. Ouch!!! The spinners where taking a beating as well!!! After about a half hour or so of beating the heck out of the spinners……with no success…..I went home…with no new tires….and some badly abused spinners.

I got my first lesson on how to *install* and *de-install* spinners from Dennis Portka. He has had ads in the Drive Line for years….and sells special wrenches to protect the spinners from getting beat up. I gave him and call…..and the first question he asked was…"did you use a lead hammer when you tried to get your spinners off?" Hmmmmm……the answer was no…..but I did not want to appear to be a total dummy…..so I kind of stuttered a bit. He explained that the lead hammer has the unique dead solid impact….that is extremely hard to duplicate….and is critical to get the power and force needed to unseat stubborn spinners. So…..I got a real lead hammer…..and made sure I was hitting on the correct side of the spinner……and gave it a smack! They all came right off!!! Wow! So easy when you do it with the right tools!

For **re-installing**…..Dennis Portka explained further that he had great luck with his approach…..as follows:

- **Step one**…..make sure that you have big bolts on the adaptor hub of the knock-off wheel. The big lugs were installed……so that you would put the knock off wheel on the hub correctly….and could not be misaligned. See Photo 5. The smaller pins go in the small holes…..and the big lug nuts go in the bigger holes.

  - Often…..mechanics did not have the big lug nuts…and said….what ever……we can get them mounted. But without using the bigger lug nuts…..they can be misaligned and not seated correctly...and then you end up trying to secure a spinner that is not

flush with the hub. The normal smaller lug nuts will seem to seat o.k. …..but if they are over the smaller holes….then you are in for potential trouble. See Photo 6 for a picture of a wheel that was installed with smaller lug nuts….in the wrong holes. This made terrible marks on the back side of the wheel….and of course was not safe at all to drive on as the wheel was not flush…and would have movement….which could end up with a loose spinner….and then major trouble.

- **Step two**……after you know how to align the big lug nuts with the big holes on the back of the knock off wheel…..proceed to mounting on the adaptor hub.
- **Step three**. Make sure the spinner and adaptor hub are clean. Some folks put grease or anti-seize lubricant on the threads. I think it is o.k. to do this on repo wheels….because you have the safety pin to keep your spinner in place. But for original wheels……it is important to not put any grease on the spinner or adapter.
- **Step four**…….make sure the wheel is flush with the adapter ….and hand tighten the spinner……just hand tight. The car must to jacked up….to insure no weight on the wheel when tightening by hand.
- **Step five**….mark with a piece of tape where the spinner is…..and cut it so you can measure how far the spinner will be moved. See Photo 7.

- **Step six**….lower the jack to have a little weight of the car on the wheel….and hammer the spinner…with a lead hammer of course …..about an inch to an inch and one fourth. You will need to line up the holes for the safety pin. This should take about seven to eight knocks of the hammer. See Photo 8.

- **Step seven**. Now install the safety pin. Dennis Portka told me to always used steel pressure pins. Some wheels came with aluminum safety pins that he did not recommend….as they can shear off.

- **Step eight**. Put small piece of tape on the wheels…..so that you can monitor any movement. See Photo 9.

- **Step nine**. Go for test drive and check for any movement of the spinners!
- **Step ten**. Thereafter…check for any movement of the spinners periodically.

It is that easy!!!

I broke down and bought a set of original knock off a while back…..See Photo 10….and have not had any issues at all. I concluded that Dennis knew what he was talking about.

So the end of this story….is that you can have knock off wheels….and drive with confidence….but please insure that they are mounted correctly.

P.S. The center chrome caps came with three colors…..see Photo 11. They were red, white and blue….and would be different for each side…..so that when the wheels where turning forward….the colors should rotate red, then white….then blue.

Events

a. STL NCRS 2011 Calendar

	Activity	Location	Time
January			
8, Saturday	**St Louis Chapter Holiday Dinner**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
26-29	**2011 Winter Regional**	Florida Chapter - Kissimmee, Fl	
February			
10, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
March			
10, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
April			
14, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
28-30 Thursday - Saturday	**Joplin MO Regional**	Sponsors- St Louis, Kansas City, & Oklahoma City	
May			
12, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
19-21	Wildwood NJ Regional		
June			
9, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
9-11	Ontario Fleetwood Farms Regional		
23-26,Thursday - Sunday	Bloomington Gold	**St Charles, IL**	
July			
14, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
18-23, Monday - Sunday	NCRS National Convention	Novi, Michigan	
TBD, Saturday	**St Louis Chapter Judging Event**	**TBD**	**9:00AM**
August			
11, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
26-28, Friday - Sunday	Corvette's at Carlisle	**Carlisle, PA**	
September			
13, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
17, Sunday	Queeny Park Swap Meet	http://www.hccmo.com/id15.html	
16-18, Friday - Sunday	Funfest - Mid America Motorworks	**Effingham, IL**	
October			
10, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
TBD, Saturday	St Louis Chapter Judging Meet	**Mary's Shelter, Love Park**	**9:00 AM**
November			
10, Thursday	**St Louis Chapter Meeting**	JJ's, St Charles	**6:30 PM**
December			
TBD, Saturday	**St Louis Chapter Holiday Meal**	**TBD**	

For Sale or Trade

a. Parts

(*Send me any items that you have for sale or are looking for and they will go in the next edition! Thanks - Doug dc.garrette@gmail.com*)

Club Information

a. Meeting Minutes — Kay Augustus

The St Louis Chapter of NCRS held a Board Meeting on **October 14, 2010**. In attendance were: Kelly Waite, Joe Raine, Jim and Kay Augustus, Doug and Cheri Garrette, Don and Anne Pickles, Steve Gissy and John Foster.

It was mentioned that we needed a Charity Event to earn our club Top Flight Award. This will be set up for December sometime. We will be doing gift wrapping at Plaza Frontenac for Nurses for Newborns.

Our Joplin Regional announcement is in the Driveline Nov/Dec issue. Dana Forrester did the art work like he always does and the seed money has been sent in. Bob Clark is in charge of registration. The shirts will be polos and button down shirts. The art work needs a few changes because of the type of shirts. The next deadline will be Dec for the Jan/Feb issue of Driveline. The registration form will have to be updated by then. As for Technical sessions, Tom Ames has agreed to come. Al Gruenning may want his travel paid. It was discussed about pay and decided that we would not pay. Bill Lacy may be able to get a non NCRS ex factory employee. Most regionals have judging schools that Roy Sinor will take care of.

Mark Markel is resigning as judging chair and needs to be replaced. Open for suggestions or volunteer.

Our Chapter Top Flight is in good shape.

Respectfully Submitted

The **November 11, 2010**, meeting of the St Louis NCRS was called to order by Chairperson Kelly Waite with a Thank You to all of our veterans.

New members present were John Guilport with a 1971 BB and Greg Horton with a combination of many early, midyear and more recent Corvettes.

Joan Burnett gave a treasurers report of $4294.41 currently in our account.

Don Pickles was not in attendance due to the illness of Anne but hopefully she is doing fine.

Doug Garrette reported that the Newsletter will be out this coming weekend. Thanked all who sent articles and pictures but is always in need of more.

Mark Markel thanked everyone that helped him with his job as events chairperson. He will be very willing to assist the new person in getting into the “how-to-do” the reports. He also mentioned that the ZR-1 that we judged was a good experience for all. He also gave cudos to Bill Lacy for his guidance on how to rebuild headlight motors.

Joan Burnett reported that the Joplin registration is in Nov/Dec Driveline and the account is set up. We are working on a conference call in December and then set up a meeting sometime in February.

Some discussion on the St Louis Classic Car Council that would help keep all local car clubs connected. There would be a $25.00

fee. This will be discussed further. A motion was suggested but never actually voted on.

A Happy Birthday to Greg Simon. I am sure that he turned 39.

It was discussed that we have a web master and someone to gather information for the newsletter. The web master could always help gather information. We also determined that two events chairpeople could be very helpful. Both are big jobs.

Jim Augustus volunteered to take Mark Markel's position as judging chair and Bill Lacy volunteered to be his co person. Greg Simon volunteered to be a Board Member because Joe Anelle's term expires and Jeff Peters volunteered to pick up the rest of Jim Augustus's term. We are still in need of a volunteer for the job of web master.

Dues notices and ballot's will be mailed.

Volunteers to gift wrap for Nurses for Newborns at Plaza Frontenac are needed. The donations will go to help Nurses for Newborns and will fulfill our charity requirement for our club Top Flight Award.

50/50 was won by Joan Burnett. $35.00 for her and $35.00 for Nurses for Newborns.

Frank Bloemke made a motion to have our Holiday Get Together on January 8th, 2011, at JJ's. Motion was seconded by John Foster.

John Foster made a motion to adjourn that was seconded by Kelly Waite. Meeting adjourned.

On **December 9th, 2010,** the St Louis Chapter of NCRS held its final meeting for the year at J J's Restaurant in St Charles, Missouri.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kelly Waite at which time he announced that there were a couple of members with some Show & Tell items, so we would make the meeting a short one.

Our sincere sympathy goes out to Karen and Dennis Hardesty at the loss of her dad as well as Edna Sussen at the loss of her husband Walter.

Minutes from last month were read and approved by Dave Buescher, seconded by Greg Simon.

Joan Burnett announced the club balance of $4271.17.

Don Pickles brought to our attention that with the gift wrapping for Nurses for Newborns, our Top Flight requirements are up to date.

We will be doing a end-of-year newsletter so as to fulfill our requirements.

Steve Gissy had nothing new to report on membership.

Doug Garrette announced that he is making a new approach to the newsletter. He wants everyone to sign up for an issue of the newsletter and make sure that they have an article or pictures ready in time for publication.

Dave Buescher reminded everyone that the Florida Regional in Kissimmee is January 24 – 28th. Usually a good event with a good turnout.

Next month's meeting will be canceled in order to have a Holiday Get Together at J J's. It will be at 6:30PM on Saturday, January 8th, 2011. Please remember to bring diapers or wet wipes for Nurses for Newborns. Claire and her husband Jon will be in attendance along with another couple from Nurses for Newborns. Bill Lacy made a motion that we cover their meals for that night. Motion seconded by Jeff Peters. We also voted to give them $1000.00. We had not given them anything so far this year. Motion by Tom Kreyling and seconded by Gen.

Joan Burnett announced that we have put $500.00 seed money in with Tulsa and Kansas City to cover up front expenses for the Regional at Joplin.

Greg Simon redid his motion to give St Louis Classic Car Clubs a $25.00 donation to help with their website. Motion seconded by Dave Buescher.

National is questioning if it would be helpful to have a Pay Pal account to use for payments for various events. Mike Hanley made a motion that we leave payment as it is. Seconded by Kay Augustus. Motion passed.

Joan Burnett mentioned that she had ballots and forms for dues. Please get with her after the meeting.

Kelly gave thanks to all officers and board members for the good job in the past year.

Joan Burnett gave an update on the bid for a National Convention in 2014. Branson will not be a good location because of limited access. Therefore, Kansas City is looking into a couple of sites. One of these sites is owned by the same company that has the St Charles Convention Center. They have hinted that they might send Jason out to help with it. He is the young man that was so helpful when we did our convention at the Embassy Suites.

50/50 had a total of $74.00. Half goes to Nurses for Newborns and the other half was won by Jeff Peters.

Doug Garrette made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Dave Buescher. Meeting adjourned.

b. Editors Note — Doug Garrette

The newsletter and web page are great ways to keep everyone in the club current on our latest activities. We are working hard to keep them up to date. The next edition of *The Legend* is planned for February 2011. Please send in your articles by 15 January.

Our web page (http://stlouisncrs.org/) and newsletter are available for posting classified ads for those parts that you no longer need. Ads for any model year Corvette to buy, sell, or trade are free NCRS members.

Commercial advertising is also available for the newsletter (includes a link on our web page). All ads will be included in four consecutive newsletters.

Classified Ads:

- Free for members – 50 words or less
- $10 for non-members

Order your club shirt. They are available in Small, Medium, Large, X-Large, XX-Large and XXX-Large. Contact Cherie Garrette at (314 971-1373) or dgarrette@charter.net for your order ($25 per shirt)

Feel free to drop me a note if you have any suggestions for improving our newsletter or webpage (dc.garrette@gmail.com) I want to hear from you!

c. Club Election Ballot

Club Membere - take a moment and fill out the 2011 Election Ballot. (Feel free to use the 'Write-in' – we are always looking for new blood.)

2011 St. Louis NCRS Chapter
Election Ballot

Position	Nominee	Check here to vote for	Other "Write-in" Candidate
Chairman	Kelly Waite		
Vice-Chairman	Don Pickles		
Secretary	Kay Augustus		
Treasurer	Joan Burnett		
Events Co-Chairman	Dave Buescher		
Events Co-Chairman	Mike Hanley		
Judging Chairman	Jim Augustus		
Membership Chairman	Steve Gissy		
Newsletter Editor	Doug Garrette		
Board Member	Greg Simon		
Board Member	Jeff Peters		

NCRS Voting Member

Note: The above Election Ballot was mailed out with the 2011 dues statement.

d. Our Sponsors

Bloomington Gold	Cingular	Mid America Motorworks
California Car Cover	Hagerty Insurance	Mid America Designs
Corvette America	Mequiars Wax	Vette Brakes & Products
Elco Chevrolet	Weber Chevrolet	Feld Chevrolet
Dobbs Tire and Auto	Just Corvettes	Londoff Chevrolet
Gateway Classic Cars	Classic Car Studio	Corvette Clocks by Roger

e. Club Officers

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3 yr	Jim Augustus jkclassics@centurytel.net	636-462-4231

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