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News & Updates from the NCRS

2022 NCRS Events

2022 Florida Regional
Lakeland, FL
February 23-26

2022 Louisiana Regional
Kenner, Louisiana
April 7-10

2022 Indiana Regional
Auburn, Indiana
April 28-30

2022 Carolina Regional
Greenville, South Carolina
May 19-21

NCRS National Convention

It is not too early to start making plans to attend the 2022 Convention to be held in Mobile, Alabama on July 24-28, 2022.

Detailed information about the Convention will be published in the January/February issue the NCRS Driveline magazine

New NCRS Judging Manuals Available

The NCRS Store has the following NEW judging manuals available for purchase:

- 1963-64 7th Edition TIM&JG
- 1967 7th Edition, 3rd printing TIM&JG
- 1975-77 3rd Edition TIM&JG
- 1990-91 3rd Edition TIM&JG
- 1997-04 Operations & PV Guide

As well as the 9th Edition of the Judging Reference Manual.

Order online or contact Dave King to order any of these manuals. (513) 760-6277 Option 2, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST, Monday through Friday.

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FROM THE CHAIR *by Joan Burnett*

Since the last newsletter, the National Convention in Palm Springs, CA has come and gone. Bill Mulder received a Top Flight for his beautiful 1953 Corvette. A special thank you to Bill for assisting me by transporting NCRS Foundation Silent Auction items to Palm Springs to ensure the Foundation could have a successful fund raiser. Bill also was kind enough to transport and deliver remaining items back home.

Since the National we have held begun holding monthly meetings at JJ's. On Saturday, October 2nd, we held our fall chapter meet at Love Park judging 3 cars. Thanks for all who assisted to make this meet a success. I would also like to congratulate Dianne & Walter Kunz who receive a Top Flight for their 1965 Corvette at the Regional in Frisco, TX. Dianne did a fabulous job representing the car.

A specially thank you to all those who took the time to vote for the motion to approve our chapter 2021 Charitable contributions of $500 each to Nurses For Newborn Foundation and the NCRS Foundation.

As the year winds down, it is now time to think about volunteering to serve the chapter as an officer for 2022. Please let me know where you would like to serve.

Stay Safe and hope to see everyone soon.

JUDGING REPORT *by Kelly Waite*

Our Fall Judging Event was held on October 2nd at Love Park. The weather was not looking good…but we got through without getting too wet. We put the cars under the pavilion just to make sure we would stay dry. We had the following cars: Steve Gorman's 61, Bob Dehn's 64 and Darrell Jannin's 65

One of our Owner cars did not show up…as he was going to drive his 71from Jackson, Missouri, but cancelled as he did not want to get totally soaked. It happens.

Special thanks to our Tabulators – Joan Burnett and Kay Augustus!! Also shout out to Joan and Kay for taking care of our lunch sandwiches!! They also took care of re-assembling all of our Judging Manuals by section….so that our Judges can refer to the manuals as they judge! Much appreciated!!!!

Joan and Kay

Also thanks to all of our Judges. They did another great job!! Like last time …. everyone showed up!! Thank you!!!!

Speaking of Judges …. One of our most distinguished judges just achieved 100 points!!!! Which means that he will be getting a very cool Master Judge hat!!! Congrats Mr. John Foster!!!

Congrats to our Owners… and they all scored a Top Flight Award. See pics.

Steve Gorman and his 61

JUDGING REPORT, continued…

Kelly presenting Bob Dehn with his Top Flight ribbon

Kelly presenting Darrell Jannin with his Top Flight ribbon

Also – Because Walt was busy on the farm, Dianne Kunz presented their 1965 fuelie at the Frisco Regional where they earned a very high scoring Top Flight award. Congrats to Walt and Diane!!!

We are planning on having our Spring judging event indoors at the new Johnny Londoff Autoplex, 7952 Veterans Memorial Parkway in O'Fallon, MO, just off of Highway 70 between Highway K and Highway 79. We will do in late April / Early May. Details to follow.

Right now, we have four cars registered to be Judged in the Spring: a 65 big block, 03 convertible, 67 roadster and a 56.

JUDGING REPORT, continued…

CHAPTER ACTIVITES REPORT *by Dave Buescher*

As we all know, due to the Covid pandemic, events for the St Louis chapter have been limited for 2021. The chapter had another successful judging event and mini swap meet in October at Love Park with a large member turn out despite some questionable weather.

The St Louis Chapter board discussed having a spring get-together which I am looking into for possible locations for our members to bring their cars and have a social event. Again, if anyone has an event or destination that our group could participate in and will comply with the social distancing guidelines in affect, please call or text me at 618 772 8641, or email me at dbuescher1@gmail.com

CHAPTER CHARITIES REPORT *by Carol Kleinhenz*

Although we have only held a few Chapter events this year and our fundraising for charitable activities has been minimal, Chapter members voted this month to go ahead and make charitable contributions of $500 to both the NCRS Charitable Foundation and to Nurses for Newborns.

I spoke to Kate Steele at Nurses for Newborns this week about the possibility of volunteering our services at their headquarters as we usually do. She informed me that they are still doing telephone health visits because of Covid and the nurses are just starting to do more in home visits. In the past month, they have also had a vaccine event for both Covid and flu shots. They also had a mobile food market for their clients and families. They hope to do gift wrapping this year at Plaza Frontenac but plans are still in flux and they are not sure. I will check back to see when we might be able to lend a helping hand.

MY 1956 CORVETTE *by George Williams*

I recently traded my 1961 Fawn/Fawn 283 315 hp fuelie for a 1956 Cascade Green with the L-79 engine and a total body off restoration of the corvette. This is the story, history and pictures of the 1956.

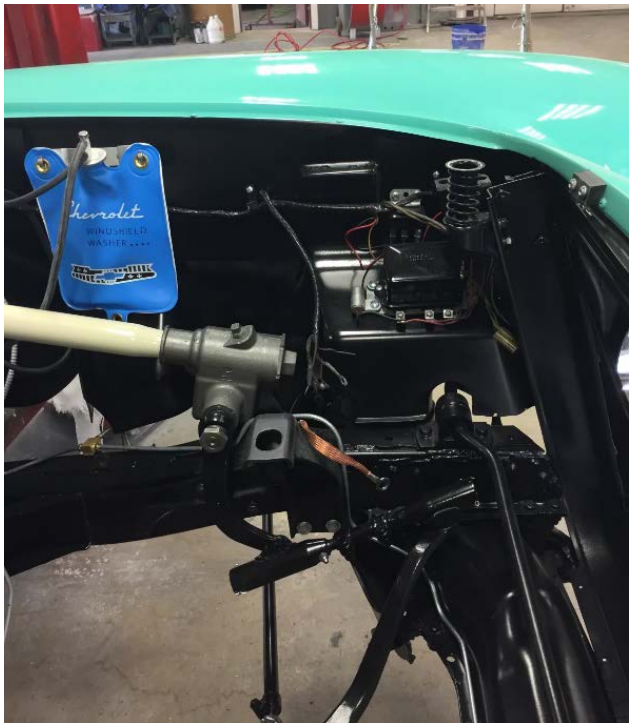
The car was born in February 1956, ordered and purchased by a woman named Gladys. The Vette was built to drag race as it came with the radio and heater delete which was common on drag raced corvettes. The car came with the very rare power top and Gladys immediately removed the power top apparatus to save weight for drag racing. The fiber glass car weighed in at 2,815 pounds with the new GM 265 cubic inch v-8 engine and two four barrels which made an awesome 225hp in 1956. This was a beautiful and successful drag race car in 1956. Gladys raced it in southern California in 1956 and into '57 and then sold it to a man named Douglas who took the car to French Creek, West Virginia.

Douglas owned the car for over 50 years and drove it regularly. On a return trip from Phoenix, AZ in 1968 the 265 mill gave up the ghost and Douglas took it to a local chevy dealer who put in the new 327 short-block matched to the original intake with two fours. Doug continued to drive the car until his death. A corvette lover named Larry Rowden bought the car from a dealer in Ohio who had bought the car from the Douglas estate. Larry lives in Pacific, Missouri. I traded my 1961 Vette to Larry for this 1956 earlier this year.

MY 1956 CORVETTE Continued…

Body preparation for paint

The car underwent a total body off restoration which was completed in March,2017. The car was restored by a retired fiber glass guy named Bill Ford and the new paint is by Dave Clapper at Show Me Auto Body in Pacific Missouri.



Restoration detail in engine bay

The 327 engine was refreshed and bored out to accept new 10 to 1 flat-top pistons and has the Duntov 30/30 cam and lifters which pour out about 400 hp with the two Carter four-barrel carbs.

L79 rebuild with Duntov 30-30 cam

The dual Carters ready to install

MY 1956 CORVETTE Continued…

The car has won four best of show awards. At the annual corvette Fun Fest at Mid-America in Effingham, Illinois on September 16, 2017 it won best of show of all corvettes there. Dave Burroughs who developed Bloomington Gold judging was the judge that picked the car as show winner. In 2018 it was Best of the Best winner at a show at Schneider Park in Brighton IL.

On June 8, 2019 it was entered for Concours Judging in an NCRS (National Corvette Restorers Society) judged meet in St. Louis, MO. The NCRS Concours judging is based on a standard that starts with 2560 points. Judges deduct one point or more for any condition not standard with the car. The 1956 scored 100 percent of the possible 2560 points. I'm a 400 level NCRS Master Judge (400 level is as high as a NCRS judge can go) and I have never scored a corvette 100 percent in 31 years of corvette judging. So, this score is quite unusual one could say.

I traded my 1961 Vette to Larry for this 1956 earlier this year. While the car is beautiful, a show stopper and a head turner it is not a trailer queen. I love to drive it regularly even though it has over $100,000.00 invested in the restoration. I will be 80 years old next year and it is my money so I drive it. Corvettes were made to drive and this one runs like a scalded dog. I have owned 21 different corvettes in my career and I believe if you own them, drive 'em. I reckon no corvette owner will fault me for that philosophy. See you on the road. So, if you see me on the road in this Cascade Green 1956 corvette somewhere, I'll be the old guy with the white hair and a big smile.

FRISCO and FARMING *with Walter and Dianne Kunz*

Chapter members Walt and Dianne Kunz**,** long time Corvette enthusiasts and operators of a family farm, found time in 2021 to campaign their triple black ’65 fuelie. Finding time to attend Corvette events is always dependent upon mother nature and the growing season in Southern Illinois.

With the planting complete there was time this year to take the fuelie to Indianapolis in June where they received a Bloomington Gold Certificate. They also registered the car for the NCRS Regional in Frisco, Texas, but October was harvest time and Walt needed to bring in the beans. No problem… while Walt took the wheel of the combine, Dianne presented the car at Frisco where they received a Top Flight blue Ribbon.

Top – The Kunz’s Triple Black 65 Fulie staged for Operations Check at the Texas Regional.

Above - Dianne Kunz with their Fulie on the judging floor of the Texas Regional.

Right – Dianne receiving the Top Flight ribbon from NCRS National Judging Chair Dave Brigham.

FRISCO and FARMING, Continued…

Meanwhile… Walt and their son Nik held down the farm.

For scale... Walt and Dianne's granddaughters in front of the bean head

Dianne expressed how wonderful the venue and folks were at Frisco, and highly recommended that anyone who has not experienced the Texas Regional should plan to do so.

Next on the agenda… Performance Verification judging of the Fuelie at the Florida Regional in February 2022, and spring planting on the farm.

WHAT I LEARED ABOUT '57 WIPER MOTORS *by Kelly Waite*

A while back I was comparing my 57-windshield wiper motor to a friend's car… and mine was different? The number on the plate was the same… and the configuration of the base motor was the same… but the angle on the firewall was different. Ugh. I was hoping that my wiper motor was correct…but no such luck. Upon further review…I found that the 1957 Belair Wiper Motors are very, very, similar to 1957 Corvette wiper motors… with the following exceptions:

- The bracket is different. It has a hole in the base of the bracket to allow assess to one of the attaching bolts. It is also a slightly different angle.
- The number on the plate is different.
- The price tag. They made a million Belair's… and only 6,500 Corvettes.

Here is a pic of a 57 Belair and Corvette wiper motor. The Corvette Wiper motor is on the left.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT '57 WIPER MOTORS, Continued…

The Corvette Motor is on the left. Notice the hole on the Corvette bracket. Also notice that the Belair bracket has a ground strap riveted to it.

Following is a pic from the back side. You can see that the angle of the bracket is also different.

WHAT I LEARED ABOUT '57 WIPER MOTORS, Continued…

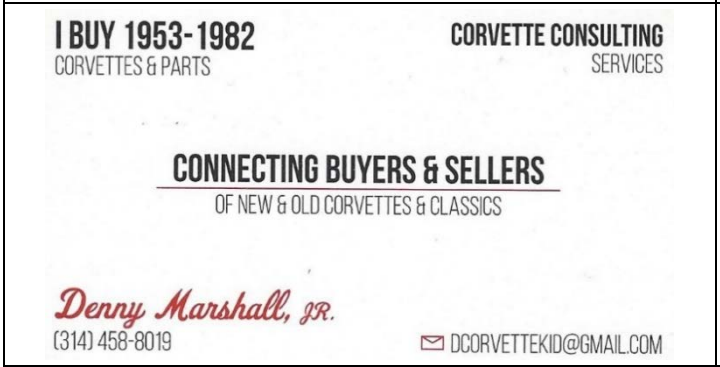
Side pic.

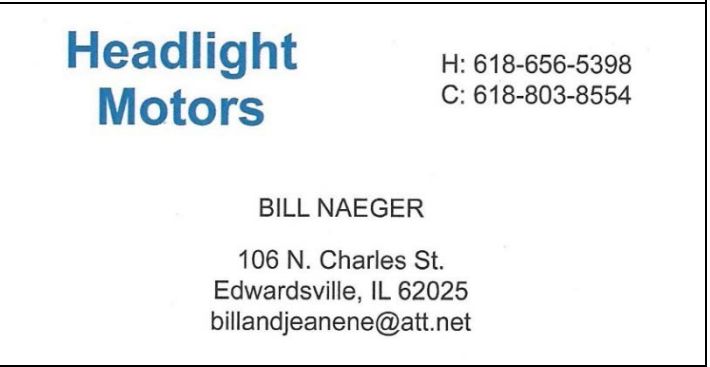
Here is a pic of the plate that you can buy from Corvette Central. I thought I could get by with just replacing this plate… but oh well.

It is correct now. ☺

CLASSIFIEDS from Our Members

Chapter members are invited to place classified ads at no cost. Advertisements may be a description of vehicles or parts wanted or for sale, information wanted, services offered, or a business card. The NCRS St. Louis Chapter reserves the right to refuse advertisements deemed to be inappropriate, offensive, or inflammatory.





Wanted

1963 to 1967 convertible folding top frame. Any condition considered.
Call or text Dave Buescher 618-772-8641

CLASSIFIEDS, Continued…

Services
Convertible top installation on 1963 to 1975 corvettes
Convertible top frame restoration also available.
Restored top frames available for exchange or sale.
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Services
Water pump rebuild service.
Rebuild your pump with new seals, bearings / shaft and impeller.
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Quick 1 day turn around.
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For Sale
NOS Transistor Ignition parts
T I magnet p/n 1960779 NOS new in unopened GM box $325 each, 2 available
TI Pole Piece p/n 1967928 NOS new in unopened box $150 each, 2 available
TI amplifier box, USED, tested good $225 each 3 available
63 to 67 Exhaust tips NOS in the GM box $175 for the pair
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For Sale
Restored 1965 1966 Corvette Telescopic steering column.
Includes new turn signal switch and lever, new chrome lock ring and horn button.
Also includes steering wheel hub. $1650 outright, may consider other columns on trade-in.
Call or text Dave Buescher 618-772-8641

For Sale
2019 Chevrolet Corvette Grand Sport, 2LT Coupe. Automatic… Torch Red Paint over Jet Black Interior… 2,400 Miles Performance Data and Video Recorder, Bose Advanced Speakers System Bass Box. $75,995
Call or Text JOHN Dougherty 314-566-7989

For Sale
New in the unopened tube, group 0.519 camshaft,
3904362 big block camshaft dated 10 21-93. $125.
Text David Dawdy 618-604-9611

CLASSIFIDES, continued…

For Sale
1962 rebuilt transmission, very solid with complete rebuilding history. $900
Text requests for info to David Dawdy 618-604-9611

For Sale
Corvette Emblem hanging lamp. Glass with leaded panels. $300 OBO
Text Dave Dawdy 618-604-9611

EDITOR'S NOTE ABOUT ARTICLES

The St. Louis Chapter is always seeking articles for *The Legend*. As you can see from the articles above, we welcome all types of articles, from great stories about Corvettes and their owners to technical articles that share your experience and insight.

Articles need not be long and photographs definitely are worth a thousand words. I am always willing to assist you in assembling the material or editing your draft.

Have you ever wondered where the articles in *The Restorer* Magazine come from? Every issue of The Legend is shared with the newsletter editors of every NCRS Chapter, as well as the Executive Board of the NCRS. Vinnie Peters, Editor of *The Restorer* reads every Chapter newsletter and when he sees and article that he believes must be shared with the entire NCRS membership, he seeks permission to reprint the article in a future issue of *The Restorer*.

So… if you have a great Corvette story to share, or you are laboring over a restoration project, large or small, make some notes and snap some photographs. Your story is probably interesting to others and that project you are working on might just be one that members need help with.

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