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ST. LOUIS CHAPTER ANNOUNCES NEW MEETING LOCATION and DAY

After meeting at Syberg's in March, it became apparent that neither the available meeting room nor the parking situation were adequate to accommodate the pent-up desire for socializing now that we have entered the endemic phase of dealing with COVID. Although the food at Syberg's was good, the Board set out to find another new location with adequate space and parking, located centrally to our membership.

A decision was made to try the Sports Café 3579 Pennridge Road, located in the southwest quadrant of I-270 and St. Charles Rock Rd. in Bridgeton, adjacent to the Red Roof Inn and the Bob Evans and Olive Garden Restaurants. After sampling the menu and exploring a private meeting room just inside the front door the Board voted to move the meetings to the Sports Cafe. The catch… the only availability of the room is the third Tuesday of the month. We held our April meeting at the Sports Café and nearly 30 members attended. Asked if they were pleased with the new location the members responded positively. So…

Join us at 6:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month at the Sports Café in Bridgeton for the return of our in-person Chapter meetings.

Plan now to attend the NCRS National Convention in Mobile, Alabama, Saturday July 23rd through Thursday July 28th, 2022

Register on-line now at

https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/event-subscription.php

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FROM THE CHAIR *by Joan Burnett*

Wow, this year is flying by quickly! Spring has sprung and it sounds like we are going to have a brief encounter of summer in early May.

Although we resumed our monthly face to face meetings in March at a new location of Syberg's on Dorsett, based on the attendance and parking issues they were unable to accommodate our group. Therefore, a small group of us went to lunch at the Sports Café located off I-270 and St. Charles Rock Road in Bridgeton, MO and found that they have a private room and ample parking that should be able to accommodate us at this time if we moved to the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6PM. The April meeting there on the 19th was attended by 20 plus members, and I did not receive any negative feedback, so we will plan to continue meeting their monthly. I hope you will plan to attend the May dinner meeting on the 17th at 6PM.

We held a successful Chapter judged meet at the Johnny Londoff Autoplex in April with 4 cars being judged, 2 Flight and 2 Concourse. Congratulations to all the owners and a special thank you to Kelly Waite for all his efforts on another successful meet. And, a thank you to Bill Mulder for conducting a 53, 54 & 55 Tech session for not only our Chapter but for other interested clubs.

Our Chapter calendar is filling up nicely with activities so mark your calendars and participate as often as your schedule allows:

- On May 14th, (see noticed elsewhere in this newsletter) the Chapter will hold a road tour & Garage tour to visit Ron Blaine's Corvette and Car Collection in Bethalto, IL.
- On May 17th our next Dinner Meeting at the Sports Café at 6PM

FROM THE CHAIR, Continued…

- On June 18th will have a picnic & mini swap meet at Tillis Park
- On June 21st will be the June Dinner Meeting at Sports Café at 6PM

I hope many of you will be planning to attend the NCRS National Convention in Mobile AL, July 24th-28th. Please note the registration deadline of June 1st is quickly approaching.

If you have an event or presentation you would like to see, please contact me with your ideas as this is your chapter. Stay Safe and hope to see everyone soon.

CHAPTER ACTIVITES REPORT *by Activities Chair Dave Buescher*

St Louis Chapter member Dave Dawdy has arranged for the St. Louis Chapter members to tour Ron Blaine's garage and his Corvette collection in Bethalto, Illinois. Ron has a collection of nearly 30 Corvettes ranging from 1954 to 2002, along with an extensive collection of automotive, gasoline and service station signage and memorabilia. We have arranged the garage tour on **Saturday May 14** to visit Ron's collection. ***The only thing Ron asks is that we do not take photographs of his collection.***

Ron lives approximately 7 miles north of Godfrey IL off of Illinois route 67. The plan is to meet at the Bakers and Hale restaurant at 10:30 Saturday morning, May 14th and caravan to Ron's home. After the visit Ron's garage those wanting to have lunch can meet back at Bakers and Hale Restaurant for lunch. The restaurant address is... Bakers and Hale 7120 Montclaire Ave., Godfrey IL, 62035 For more info about the Bakers and Hale, here is their website. https://bakershale.com/

If you would like to attend, please contact Dave Buescher so he can prepare a head count of attendees.

In an effort to get people to drive their cars we have set up a rainy day if the weather does not cooperate. **If it rains on May 14th we will reschedule to June 4th, same meeting time and location.**

Also, plan now to attend a Chapter BBQ and mini–Swap Meet at St. Louis County Tilles Park, 9551 Litzsinger Rd, St. Louis, MO 63124, on **Saturday June 18**. We have reserved a large pavilion in the park and this will be an opportunity to drive your Corvette and share a relaxing lunch with great friends.

Any questions or comments, please contact me at 618 772 8641
Dave Buescher, St. Louis NCRS events chair

At our April dinner meeting, Frank "Rock Star" Bloemke demonstrated his personal tools (a slat from a wooden chair and length of rope) for single handedly installing a C1 wiper transmission and holding it in place to screw it down.

2022 CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Chapter Dinner Meeting Doors Open at 6:00 PM			
Date		**Activity**	**Location**
May	14	Garage Tour	Godfrey, IL
	17	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	19-21	Carolinas Regional	Greenville, SC
June	*10-11*	Bloomington Gold	Bloomington, IL
	18	Chapter BBQ	Tilles Park, Ladue
	21	StL Chapter Board Meeting	
	21	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
July	19	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	24-28	NCRS National Convention	Mobile, AL
August	16	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	18-20	Oregon Regional	Redmond, OR
	25-27	Corvettes at Carlisle	
September	20	StL Chapter Board Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	20	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
October	8	StL Chapter Judging Meet	Love Park, Manchester, MO
	18	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	19-21	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
November	TBD	StL Chapter Holiday and Awards Dinner	TBD
December	15	StL Chapter Board Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	15	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	TBD	Charity Gift Wrap	Plaza Frontenac

CHAPTER JUDGING REPORT *by Judging Chair Kelly Waite*

We had a great Judging Event at the ***Johnny Londoff Autoplex*** on April 2nd. This was our first time at the Johnny Londoff Autoplex located off of Highway 70 and Highway 79, in O'Fallon, and the folks there were very welcoming and it was great to have the event inside.

Congratulations to the owners of the four judged cars!!!
Bill Mulder – 1955 Corvette – Awarded a Top Flight
Dr. George Williams – 1956 Corvette – 427 Concours Award
Larry Rowden – 1965 Corvette – Awarded a Top Flight
Hal Lutz – 1967 Corvette – Blue Ribbon Concours Award

JUDGING REPORT Continued…

Thanks to the owners for bring their cars!! They drove their cars to the event in spite of the threat of rain. Dr. George drove his incredible 1956 corvette 160 miles (one way) all the way from Marion, Illinois!! That is 320 miles round trip!! Way to go Dr. George!!

Thanks also to Joan and Kay for getting all of the food and Tabulating. This time we have a new Tabulator – Jim Larson! Thanks Jim!!

And of course, thanks to all of our Judges!!! Everyone showed up and on time!!! Great team!!!!

We are planning for ***our next Judging Event which will be held at Love Park on October 8***. While we anticipate judging four cars, we encourage all of our members to bring their Corvettes just to display them and share these pieces of Corvette history.

Are you familiar with the NCRS Sportsman Award? It is intended to encourage member participation in NCRS events and demonstrate NCRS's commitment to recognize the member who actively attends and drives a Corvette to Chapter, Regional and National meets, even though they are not having their Corvette judged.

Sportsman Award Requirements
To achieve the award withing the award year or three preceding calendar years:

1. Be a member of any NCRS Chapter. Membership must be carried during all points accumulation. (Chapter, at their discretion may wave NCRS membership for first time participant at a Chapter meet).
2. Member must own and drive any 1953 through current production Corvette and park in the designated" Sportsman" parking area...**or**... Member must own and drive a "Stock appearing" 1953-1982 Corvette and be willing to leave their car on the judging field with the judged cars during the event as space permits. "Stock appearing" is defined as no body, bumper or driving light modifications.
3. Must register and pay for Sportsman participation at the event ($20 at STL Chapter events). Must remain at the event until all NCRS Flight Judging is complete.
4. Must provide proof of liability insurance.
5. Owner may accumulate points with the same Corvette or with different Corvettes.
6. ***There will be no judging of any kind.*** Participant (at Chapter discretion) receive a Sportsman ribbon and earns points as follows: Chapter meet- 2 points; Regional meet- 3 points; National meet- 5 points.
7. Participant will not be able to register for Sportsman and attempt any other award at the same meet. For example, no Founders operations check and Sportsman, or no NCRS Flight Judging and Sportsman, or no Duntov Display and Sportsman, etc.
8. Member may not gain multiple points by entering more than 1 car per event. When a member achieves 20 Sportsman points within a three-year period, including Sportsman participation in at least two Regional's, a plaque will be provided by National to their Chapter officers for presentation at the Chapter level. This plaque will have space to add on plates that can only be earned by re-presentation at a National Convention in any single year that the member accumulates 10 additional points (including Sportsman participation at the National Convention). Currently 161 National NCRS members have earned this award.

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Larry and Patricia Rowden receiving their Top Flight Award

George "Doc" Williams receiving his 427 Concours Award

Hal Lutz receiving his blue-ribbon Concours Award

Bill Mulder receiving his Top Flight Award

St. Louis NCRS Chapter Judging Meet & Picnic
Saturday, October 8th, 2022 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: _____

E-mail: _____ Spouse / Guest: _____

Attendance is FREE but we request you pre-register		FREE	$ 0
Flight® Judging Entry:	Fee	$75.00 *	$_____
Concours® Judging Entry:	Fee	$50.00 *	$_____
Sportsman Entry: Chapter _____	Fee	$20.00	$_____
Special Display: Bowtie, Crossed Flags, Duntov, McLellan (Circle One)		FREE	$ 0
Make check payable to: St. Louis NCRS		**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? Tabulate: 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 *Fees are not refunded for cancellations after September 8th.

Mail Registration & Check to: Kelly Waite
2083 Eisenbath Road, O'Fallon, Missouri 63366

For questions email *kellywaite@att.net* 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 at time of registration. 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.

Insured by: _____ Policy # _____ Expires: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

CHAPTER CHARITIES

As you know, the STL Chapter has always prided itself on supporting a local charity as well as the NCRS Charitable Foundation. In addition to offering our services to assist our adopted local charity, which is currently Nurses for Newborns, we annually contribute financially to the NCRS Foundation, and once in a while to other worthy causes as may be approved by the membership.

Some of our members ask why we do this and where the funding comes from. The why is simple… it's the right thing to do. Our financial contributions to our adopted charity or other causes are matched by the NCRS National Board up to $500 can make our contribution that much more significant. Also, the Chapter for many years now has also participated in the NCRS Chapter Awards Program, earning a Chapter Top Flight Award year after year. To earn the award, Chapters must complete all nine "required activities"," including "*Conduct one Chapter Charitable Event during the program year;"* and "*a minimum of six*" of the nine "*variable activities,*" one of which is donating "more than $100" to a non-political (501-3C) charity.

The funding of our charity donations is also quite simple… it comes from the support of our members and has often been supplemented through our dues to round up our donations so that they receive the matching funds from the NCRS. When you buy 50/50 raffle tickets at our events, half of the money collected goes to the person holding the winning ticket and half of the funds collected are, as mandated in our By-Laws, earmarked for charitable giving. When we host events where there may be charity auctions or raffles, 100% of the proceeds of those activities are earmarked for our charitable activities.

As far supporting charities from our annual dues… Yes, in most years we do, with the approval of the membership, supplement our charitable giving from our general fund. The less we have received in donations throughout the years, the more we donated from our general fund which is primarily revenue received from your dues and judging fees.

So… ***When it comes time to buy those 50/50 tickets, support the effort. It could be a win/win for you and our charities.*** It would definitely pay for the Chapter dinner you are attending, and maybe a beer for your buddies. ***When it comes time to donate goods or services to an event auction, or to bid or buy raffle tickets for items, again it could be a win/win for both you and our charities***. And… *dedicated charitable fund-raising efforts can increase our support of local charities.*

53/54/55 Technical Session

Chapter members Bill Mulder and his wife Amy Adams held a technical seminar on the difference between the 1954, '54, and '55 Corvettes. The session was hosted by Bob Barks, the owner of Complete Car and RV Repair Center in St. Charles County, and featured renowned C1 restorer Chris Sherman, owner of TIN Restorations in Plano, Illinois. The session was attended by over fifty enthusiasts from our Chapter as well as members of the Route 66 Corvette Club, Boone's Trail Corvettes Club and the Looking Glass Corvette Club. Amy also facilitated the session ZOOM and even more enthusiasts, from as far away as Florida, were able to inter-actively participate.

Not only did Bill and Amy provide a great BBQ lunch for those present but also on display were their 1953 and 1955 Corvettes as well as a '54 owned by Steve Gorman. Chris Sherman brought a number of parts to demonstrate the difference between the three model years as the new Corvette evolved. The session was very informative. Thanks to Bill and Amy for arranging this.

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.

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A 1967 small block hood, Rally Red, perfect condition.
Asking $500. Or best offer.
Please call 314-422-6369 ask for Larry.

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C7 car cover. Like new $125.
Call or text. John Dougherty. 314-566-7989

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1960-1962 Corvette Master Cylinder 5454480 Casting # 5456022 $225
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1957 Distributor 1110891 Date Code 7F27 $250
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1956-1959 Corvette Chromed Valve Covers – Staggered Bolt design $150
1956 Rebuilt 911 Water Pump with Boss $125
1953-62 Anti Rattle Spring $45
1958-61 Original Passenger Side Shielding $35
1958-62 Original side shielding $85
1958-62 Repo side shielding $35
1959 Original horns (non-working) $200
1958-1962 Clock & Heater Plate $100
I have other C1 parts if interested
Contact Joan Burnett at joanieburnett@gmail.com

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

CLASSIFIEDS Continued…

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
Call or text Dave Buescher 618-772-8641

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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