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Merry Christmas
and
Happy New Year

From the
NCRS
St. Louis Chapter

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NEW NCRS ST. LOUIS CHAPTER APPAREL STORE

St. Louis Chapter Store now has apparel and gift store within the NCRS website. If you are on the NCRS.org homepage, simply click on the NCRS Apparel Store, scroll down to the eight NCRS Chapter Store at the bottom of the page and click on the St. Louis Chapter logo. Or, you can go directly to the Chapter store at https://www.ncrsapparel.com/collections/st-louis-chapter where you will find shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, caps, coffee mugs, executive bags, garage banners, and more…

NCRS ST. LOUIS CHAPTER HOLIDAY AWARDS LUNCHEON

Holiday Awards Banquet

Please join us as we celebrate the end of our chapters 35th year of great cars and great friends.

Date: Sunday, January 7, 2024
Time: 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM - Buffet at 2:00 PM
Location: Old Hickory Golf Club
1 Dye Club Drive, St Peters, MO 63304
Cost: $30 per person (Cash Bar)

We will once again have a White Elephant Gift Exchange, so start planning now on what gift you will bring for the exchange.

We will also hold a Silent Auction with proceeds going to our chapter charities so be sure to bring your checkbooks. If you would like to donate an item for the auction, please contact Joan Burnett or John Foster.

Bring a gift or donation to help Nurses for Newborns

RSVP to Joan Burnet, with check *payable to NCRS St. Louis Chapter no later than December 26th*

CHAPTER CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Join us at 6:00 PM on the third Tuesday of each month for our dinner meetings
The Sports Café, 3579 Pennridge Dr., Bridgeton, MO

Chapter Events in Blue ***Regional/National NCRS Events in Red***

Date		Activity	Location
January	7	StL Chapter Holiday Luncheon	Old Hickory, St. Peters, MO
	16	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	18-20	Florida Regional	Melbourne, FL
February	10	Judging School on Stamp Pads, 10A-Noon	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	20	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
March	9	Garage Tour with Larry Lipsitz 9:30 AM	St. Louis, MO
	19	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
April	11-13	Southern California Regional	Las Vegas, NV
	16	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	27	*StL Chapter Judging Meet*	Love Park, Manchester, MO
May	2-4	Heartland Regional	Cedar Rapids, IA
	21	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	25	Caffeine & Chrome Gateway Classic Cars	Collinsville, IL
	29-1	New England Regional	Marlborough, MA
June	8	StL Chapter Picnic	Tilles Park, Ladue, MO
	18	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	21-22	Bloomington Gold	Bloomington, IL
July	16	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
August	***4-8***	***NCRS National Convention***	***Hampton Roads, VA***
	18	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	22-24	Corvettes At Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
September	TBD	Road/Garage Tour with Randy Potter	Booneville, MO
	17	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	28	*StL Chapter Judging Meet*	Love Park, Manchester, MO
October	22	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	24-26	Lone Star Regional	Frisco, TX
November	9	Road Tour to MO Veterans Memorial	Perryville, MO
	19	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	TBD	Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals	Rosemont, IL
December	17	StL Chapter Dinner Meeting	Sports Café, Bridgeton
	TBD	Charity Event	

NCRS CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM

The St. Louis Chapter is a perennial recipient of the NCRS Chapter Top Flight Award. We utilize this awards program to ensure we have an active chapter that has something to offer for all out our Chapter members. We report our progress quarterly to the NCRS and the annual awards are presented to Chapters at the following National Convention. ***In 2023 we completed all of the required AND variable activities (pending submission of the IRS reporting in January).***

NCRS CHAPTER AWARDS PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Chapter Top Flight Award®: Must perform/complete all nine required activities and a minimum of six variable activities during the program year.

Chapter Second Flight Award®: Must perform/complete eight required activities and a minimum of five variable activities during the program year.

Chapter Third Flight Award®: Must perform/complete seven required activities and a minimum of four variable activities during the program year.

ST. LOUIS CHAPTER 2023 COMPLETED ACTIVITIES

REQUIRED ACTIVITIES			
X	Host Chapter Judging Meet	**1**	4/29, 5/27, 9/30
X	Conduct Technical Seminar	**1**	1/17, 2/21, 2/25, 3/21, 5/16, 7/18, 10/14
X	Conduct One Judging School	**1**	2/ 25, 8/12
X	Conduct One Membership Meeting	**1**	1/17, 2/21, 3/25, 4/18, 5/16, 6/20, 7/18, 8/15, 9/19,10/17, 11/21
X	Conduct Stand Alone Charitable Event	**1**	12/11
X	Conduct Chapter Road Tour	**1**	10/14
X	Conduct Chapter Social Event	**1**	1/8 Holiday Luncheon, 6/25 Picnic, etc.
X	Maintain Chapter Website		Constant
	Submit IRS form 990 for 2023		*Due Jan 2024*
VARIABLE ACTIVITIES			
X	Chapter Member Cars Judged at a Chapter or Regional Event	**5%** (4)	8
X	Technical Articles published in the Chapter Newsletter, *The Legend*	**6**	7
X	Members that judged/tabulated at a Chapter or Regional Event	**15%** (12)	37
X	Chapter members that drove a Corvette to a Chapter meeting/event	**15%** (12)	25
X	Chapter Members that drove a Corvette on a Chapter Road Tour	**5%** (4)	5
X	Chapter members who attended at least one Chapter event	**20%** (15)	65
X	Facebook Page with at least one video of an NCRS event		November 2023
X	Setup an NCRS display at a non-NCRS event to promote the NCRS	**1**	5/27 at Caffeine and Chrome
X	Donate to a 501(c)(3) Charity	**$100**	$1,500 to three charities approved on 10/17

FROM THE CHAIR *by John Foster NCRS#30976*

First off, I would like to thank everyone who made 2023 a great year for this Chapter. Special thanks go to Steve and BJ Gissy, and Bill and Nan West, for hosting fabulous events at their garages; to Bill Mulder, Jim Sahrmann, and Dennis Hardesty, for coordinating and conducting events; and of course, to Kelly Waite for managing our judging events and Joan Burnett for coordinating the charity giftwrap.

The Chapter was well represented at NCRS events across the country from the Florida Regional in January to the Frisco Regional in October. Members also assisted with judging or displaying cars at chapter events throughout the Midwest. Most especially Chapter members turned out in mass at the National Convention in French Lick and I received many compliments from the Convention committee as well President Mark Tulley and other Board Members for this Chapter's level of enthusiasm.

Chapter membership hit a high of 91 family memberships in 2023 and many of the new members have been actively involved. Hopefully the membership renewals reflect a continued level of fun and friendship in 2024. Unfortunately, we lost a couple long time members, Ernie Durlas and Larry Rowden, who passed away this year. Members Tony and Reda Salter also lost their son Sam. Please keep their families in our thoughts and prayers.

In addition to the great events, we achieved a few other notable things this year. The most notable of course is the St. Louis and Kansas City Chapters being awarded a 2025 joint regional judging meet in Springfield, MO. A lot of thought has gone into this and the planning will really take off in January of 2025. Stay tuned for details of the SHOW ME Regional! We also now have a new Facebook group so if you are a Facebook user, check out the NCRS St. Louis Chapter group. Additionally, there is now a St. Louis Chapter Store within the Apparel Store on the NCRS national website, www.NCRS.org There you will find a selection of apparel and gift items bearing the St. Louis logo.

As we close out the year, a lot is already planned for 2024 including judging events in April and September, a judging school on engine stamp pads in February, a garage tour in March, our summer picnic in June, a road and garage tour in September, and a road tour to the Missouri Veterans Memorial in November. Additional Chapter activities will be announced as they are planned.

Also, in 2024 there are regional events in Florida, Nevada, Iowa, New England and Texas. The National Convention in August will be a celebration of the 50th anniversary of the NCRS and this convention in Hampton Roads, VA, promises to be outstanding. Plan now to attend!!!

Thanks again to each of you for making 2023 a great year for the Chapter. We have a new Chair in January and I know Bill will work tirelessly with the board to make 2024 an even better year.

I wish each of you and your families a Merry Christmas and healthy and happy 2024.

John

CHAPTER JUDGING REPORT *by Judging Chair Kelly Waite NCRS#27432*

Mark your calendars for Spring and Fall Judging Events as follows:

- April 27, 2024
- September 28, 2024

Both events are scheduled at Love Park. Love Park works great as they have BBQ pits, "Corvette Row", plenty of space for Judged cars, room for Swap meet and a really nice pavilion. Plus it only costs $108. The only bad thing about Love Park ... is if it rains. We have had pretty good luck with the rain over the years. We can move the Judged cars under the pavilion if we have to. We would love to have a venue to hold Judging events either indoors or outdoors… depending on the weather… and reasonably close. Please help me find venue for future events that could accommodate our needs.

I have four cars registered for Flight Judging at our April event. If you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

I am really looking forward to a great Judging School on February 11, 2024, Saturday morning at 10:00 at the Sports Café. The Judging School will be about Stamp Pads and will be presented by Gary Bosselman from the Chicago area. I have heard that this is a fabulous Judging School and extremely informative!!! Very nice of Gary to come to our Chapter to do this Judging School!!!

Hope to see you all at the upcoming Holiday Party at Old Hickory Country Club on Sunday, January 7, 2024.

NCRS ST. LOUIS CHAPTER FACEBOOK GROUP

Are you a Facebook user? If so, check out the Chapter's new Facebook Group. There are over 40 members on board already. Catch up with the latest Chapter news, events, and judging accomplishments. Share your Corvette news, photos, and even your need for parts or even just one more Corvette. When you log in to Facebook, search for the **NCRS St. Louis Chapter**. Join today!!

St. Louis NCRS Chapter
Judging Meet and Picnic
Saturday, April27, 2024 8:30 AM
Love County Park, Mary's Shelter
239 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.

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 $90.00** **$**_____

Concours® Judging Entry: **Fee $50.00** **$**_____

Sportsman Entry: Chapter___ _____ **Fee $20.00** **$**_____

Special Display: (Circle One) Bowtie, Crossed Flags, Duntov, McLellan FREE

Make check payable to: NCRS St. Louis Chapter TOTAL FEES: $_____

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:** _____ **Body Number (63-67):** _____

Do you want to tabulate, judge or observer judge? Tab: Yes / No Judge: Yes / No

OJ: Yes / No; Class: _____ **Int:** ____ **Ext:** ____ **Chassis:** ____ **Mech:** ____ **Tab:**____

Your Judging Level (If known): _____

Please make checks payable to: St. Louis NCRS Chapter

Fees are not refunded for cancellations after March 30 th

Please enclose check with application and MAIL TO:

Judging Chair Kelly Waite, 2083 Eisenbath Road, O'Fallon, Missouri 63366

QUESTIONS? Call or email Kelly* (636) 284-0500 *kellywaite@att.net

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Insured by: _____ **Policy #**_____**Expires**_____

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

45th Florida Winter Regional Event

Melbourne, Florida

NCRS FLORIDA CHAPTER

fl.ncrs.org

Host Facility:

AmericanMuscleCarMuseum.com

January 18-20, 2024

Major Judging Event - Vendors - Food Trucks - Covered Dining tables - Indoor Bathrooms
Includes one evening access to museum with 300+ amazing muscle cars

2024 NCRS REGIONAL and NATIONAL EVENTS

Plan now to attend any or all of the great 2024 NCRS judging events, especially the National Convention in Hampton Roads, VA. Information and Registration are available on the NCRS website, **www.NCRS.org**

Florida Winter Regional, January 18-20 at the American Muscle Car Museum, Melbourne, FL.

Southern California Regional, April 11-13 at The Gold Coast Hotel, Las Vegas, NC.

Heartland Regional, May 2-4 at the Hawkeye Downs Speedway & Expo Center, Cedar Rapids, IA.

New England Regional, May 29-1, Best Western Royal Plaza Hotel & Trade Center, Marlborough, MA.

Lone Star Regional**,** October 24-26, Embassy Suites & Frisco Conference Center, Frisco, TX.

NCRS NATIONAL CONVENTION August 4-8, Hampton Roads, VA.

The NCRS will celebrate its fiftieth annuversary in 2024 and the National Convention In Haptom Road will pay homage to the past fifty years and celebrate the future. The convention will include special events, reflections from the surviving founding memebrs, a special welcome reception, displays of both candidate and past American Heritage Award Corvettes, as well as other notable cars and special guests. And of course, the highest level of juding by the most knowledgeable judges in the Corvette realm.

Registration opens February 1. See the www.NCRS.org for more details and a link to the online registration.

CHAPTER CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, December 2, a contingent of StL Chapter members once again attended the Gateway Classic Cars Christmas Party to benefit Toys for Tots. The Chapter will also serve again, in May, 2024, as a host club for Gateway's Caffiene and Chrome, which affords us an opportunity to both show off the NCRS to other car enthusiasts, and raise a few bucks for our Chapter charitable activities.

On Monday, December 11, StL Chapter members once again assisted our Chapter charity, Nurses for Newborns, by staffing their gift wrapping kiosk at Plaza Frontenac. All donations raised directly benefit newborns babys in need throughout the Greater St. Louis area.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT REPO HUBCAPS *by Kelly Waite NCRS#27432*

You know…. I have always known that repo parts most of the time, have at least one configuration difference from original parts... But I did not think it applied to 56/57 hubcaps??

I have a set of repo hubcaps on my 56. I have had my 56 judged a dozen times…. 2 Nationals, 2 Regionals, 4 Chapter events, Bloomington Gold, Gold Spinner, Triple Crown, et al…. and never had a deduction for the repo hub caps.

I had borrowed the hubcaps off my 56 Vette to put on my 57 as the original hubcaps on my 57 did not score very well due to lots of dings.

I took my 57 to the recent National event in French Lick… and they took off for my repo hubcaps. The Judge was very knowledgeable and very professional and very nice (Gary Eastwood) … and pointed out that the repo spinners do not fit the same as originals. See first two pics.

Upon further review… there are two differences… The spinner fits very flush to the cap on repos….and the straight veins that extend from the center are more rounded on the repos. The original veins on the originals are more squared on the edges. In addition…at the top of the vein has a small space that the repos do not have. See 3rd and 4th pics.

Hmm… now a judging question… If you have a configuration difference… even if the differences are very small …. Do you have deduction?

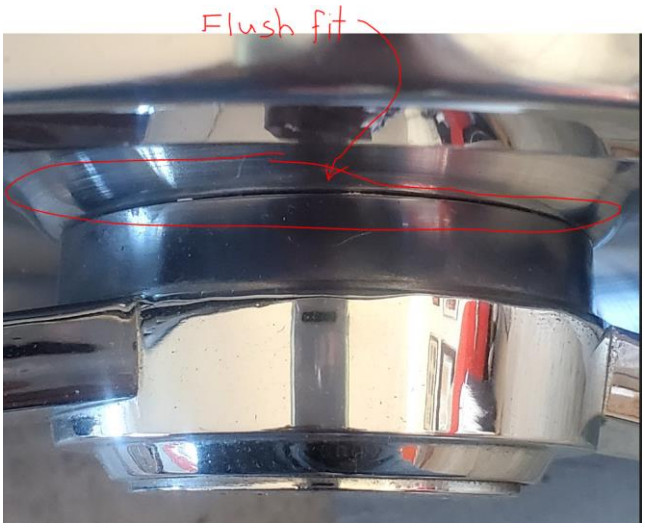
Using CDCIF (Configuration, Date, Completeness, Installation, and Finish) … the answer is yes. Each area of CDCIF originality is worth 20%. So given that there is a configuration difference… Should be a 20% deduction on Originality.

Now the next question… Do you believe that the hubcap was made in 1956 or 1957? It is not dated… but I have seen judges take off for date as well… so that would be another 20%. Yikes!!

So I looked at my original hubcaps and they were pretty dinged up. Not to worry. Bill West's really good friend Jake Newkirk at Jefferson County Metal Polishing can take care of that. Jake did an awesome job. All of the dings are gone…and he polished the caps and they look like new. The spinners were weak… and he had those re-chromed. Jake's number is (314) 221- 1532.

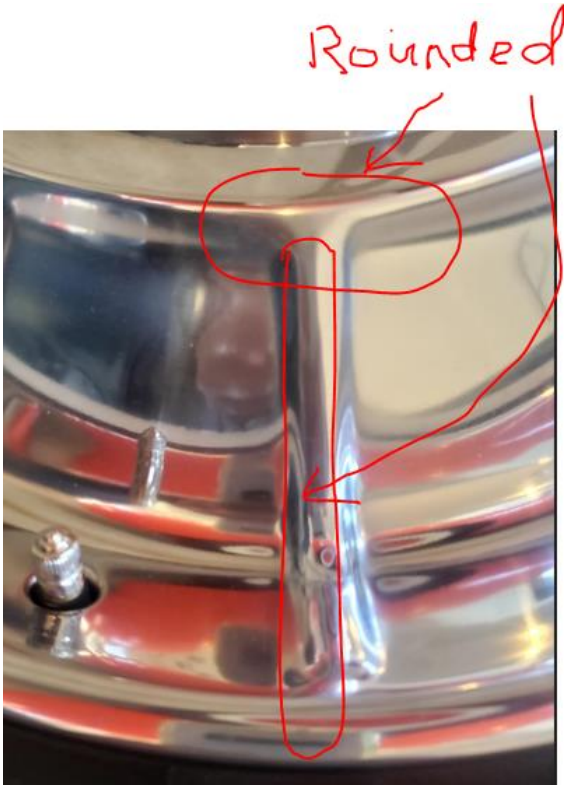
Because the spinners were re-chromed… the black lettering was gone. Bill West is an expert with that. He told me to simply clean the area… and use Gloss Black Lacquer and spray the surface. Then wipe off the lacquer with a cloth wrapped tightly around a paint stick with a bit of lacquer thinner on it. Worked great!! See pics below.

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT REPO HUBCAPS, *Continued*…

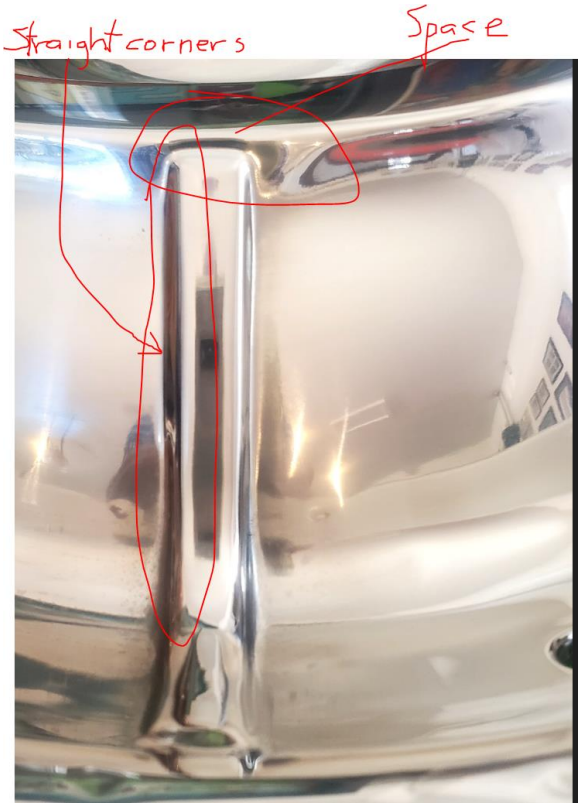


Repo – straight flush fit

Original – curved valley fit



Repo – rounded



Original – Straight corners and space

WHAT I LEARNED ABOUT REPO HUBCAPS, *Continued*…

Ready to spray the Gloss Black Lacquer.

Have paint stick with cloth wrapped around tight. Will put lacquer thinner on it to wipe after the spray.

Just wiped the gloss black lacquer off.

Finished product. Hopefully minimal deductions. ☺

By the way…. The original hubcaps were “Flash Chromed”. I have heard that flash chroming was easier to do than polishing. Jake said he would flash chrome my caps…but most of the time it is not necessary. Also notice the position of the spinner relative to the valve stem hole. The original location was perpendicular to the valve stem hole, and the area around the spinner is not polished…but rather kind of a brushed finish.

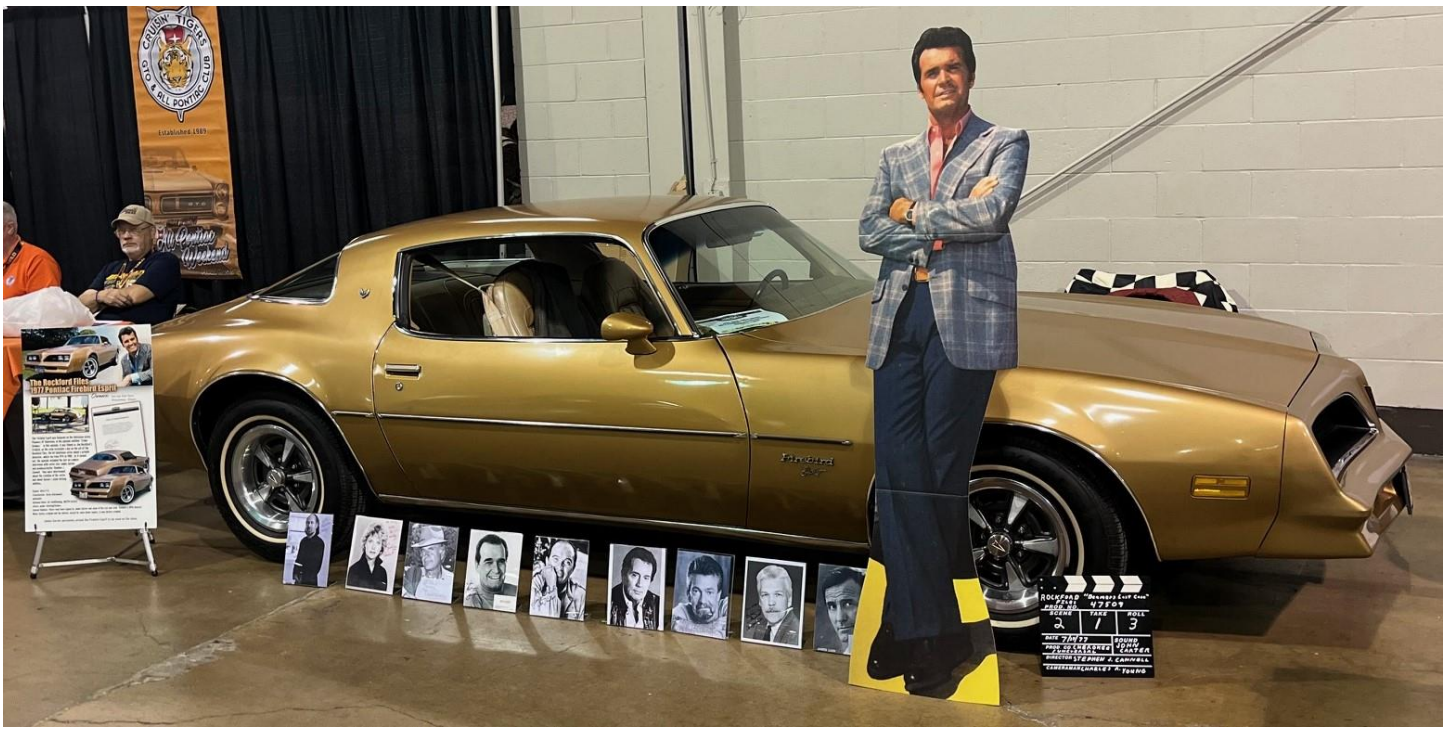
Thanks to Jake and Bill for getting my old original hubcaps to look like new again!!

MUSCLE CAR AND CORVETTE NATIONALS *by Bill Mulder NCRS#60998*

The Muscle Car and Corvette Nationals were held November 17th -19th at the Donald Stephens Convention Center in Chicago Illinois. A number of St. Louis Chapter members attended. If you have not attended, Randy Rapp, Randy Howard, Bill West, Walter and Diane Kunz, as well as Bill Mulder and Amy Adams among them.

It is one of the best car shows in the country with 700 cars held indoors. The array of cars run from more modern classics to those from the 50s and 60s with some being original and others are restomods.

When you first entered the building, you were met with a one-of-a-kind custom-built car that has a grille from a Cadillac and a steering wheel from a Thunderbird. It is just the beginning of the show.



Even the Pontiac Firebird driven by James Garner in the TV series The Rockford Files was in the house.

MUSCLE CAR AND CORVETTE NATIONALS, *Continued…*

Just inside the main hall, there were a pair of the historical GM factory produced Sebring race cars. Note the special large fuel filler molded into the back window to fill the oversized fuel tanks.

Just further down the aisle were several incredible newer Ford GT's, all of them in museum quality condition with essentially no miles on them and every option available.

There were so many different cars, such as the Studebaker racing display with the supercharged 289 V-8 cars. And the barn finds with the great stories and how they were found.

Photo credit to MCACN

Probably the largest contingent of cars were the Corvettes seeking Triple Diamond status which is given only to those Corvettes that obtain an NCRS Top Flight award, a Bloomington Gold certification, and pass a rigorous review again at MCACN under the review of master judge Bill Braun and his team. Only those cars that are original or have been restored to a high standard originality can obtain the award. A representative of Classic Car Affirmation Service inspected engine my pads and VIN tags for originality.

MUSCLE CAR AND CORVETTE NATIONALS, *Continued…*

Randy Potter presented not one, but two, 1967 435HP Corvettes, a coupe and a roadster. Both are original black cars that have been flawlessly restored and some would say over-restored to better than they came from the factory. Both achieved Triple Diamond status.

Also continuing on a successful year of campaigning their 1965 Big Block Roadster, Chapter members Diane and Kunz Walt (left) grabbed a Triple Diamond award.

This was the first year of a new award, the Jerry Kohn Memorial Award. Some of you may know Jerry and his son Scott. Jerry owned his own machine tool and casting business and he bought a 1958 Corvette and needed grille teeth but could not find any good ones. So, he made them. Jerry and his son, Scott, traveled from swap meet to swap meet selling parts out of the trunk of their car. That was the start of Corvette Central which is likely the largest manufacturer and distributor of reproduction parts. Jerry lived the American dream of taking the risk to create his own business and see if flourish.

Sadly, Jerry passed away on September 8th, 2023 as a partial tribute to his legacy Corvette Central created the Jeffy Kohn Memorial Award for MCACN. It is presented to An Outstanding Participant That Shows Passion and Enthusiasm for our Hobby. This year, the award was given to Bill Mulder who brought not one Corvette but two: a 1954 Pennant Blue, and a 1955 Sportsman Red, both of which also received the Triple Diamond award.

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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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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