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CHAIRMANS COMMENTS

By Dennis Kazmierzak

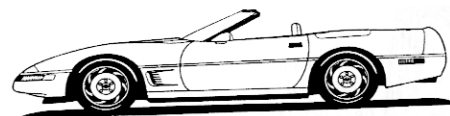
1999 has passed. By the time you read this, we will have entered the New Millenium and the Y2K bug will be dead. I think I've heard enough about the Y2K bug to fill a book or two. Every company in the country if not the world is preparing special contingency plans for failure of systems and massive shutdowns. My company is restricting vacations for the first three weeks in case of any problems. So I'll be gone the preceding seven days to prepare for the massive shut down.

In our world of NCRS, 1953-1982 Corvette owners, all systems are analog. That means your car will drive right on through the New Year. The only bug you have to worry about is the one on the windshield if you're in a warm climate and able to drive without weather problems. In Colorado, that could be possible but I think I'll

keep the Corvette in the garage for other reasons. Amateur night, if you know what I mean. Also it is forecasted to be a bit cold so I think the bugs will be as dead as the Y2K bug will be in my thoughts.

The Christmas party turned out to be another one of our well-attended events for 1999. Bill and Jan did a great job of hosting the party with help from several members. I understand Sharon and Ralph Ridge came in and saved Jan from a minor break down. Jan's a recent California transplant, therefore; not accustomed to the snowfall we had the day before. Thanks Sharon, we did not know that Durango would serve you and all of us so well.

Thirty-four members and guests attended the party. Our friends from New Mexico, Dan and Billie Pyzel could not make it through the snow and were turned around at Colorado City. I saw them this past week and they sure wished they could have made it but safety must come first for another party in the future. The prime rib was reported great and I ate the salad. Our effort to unload the Steamboat glasses worked. Jack Humphrey now has glasses for his home and Bill and Jan will have enough for future guests. Oh, I believe Dirk ended up with a few also. In all I think the last six cases found homes. I suspect a future-shooting event will be in the planning stages as targets are now in the hands of some of our better known shooters. The gift exchange took an hour and a half. That's a long time but less than last years party. Gary Steffens gift was taken home by Julie Orecchio after a show down between Julie and Dee Barcus. Joe always wanted a 57 Corvette. Now he's got a wife that has a 57 Corvette cookie jar. Dee chose to close the evening with her choice of the last gift. In all I think the evening went well



considering a few bent rules. We will try to do better next December with a posting of the rules and a better numbering job by Fred and me.

POLAR BEAR SWAP MEET 2000

The Polar Bear Swap Meet will be held at the Adams County Fairgrounds January 29th 8:00am –3:00pm. We have registered again this year for this annual event. Our turnout has been good in the past, let's see if we can make it better this year.

Here are some guidelines for your participation:

- Mark your items with the price & your name or identifying code.
- Keep a list of the items you bring as it's your responsibility for your items.
- Deposit them at Corvette City by Thursday January 27th.
- The club will get 10% of the selling price for the items sold. Unsold items will be returned to the owner.
- Unidentified items become the property of the club and sold with the proceeds going to the club.
- Large ticket items can be negotiated for a selling commission to the club.
- Anything automotive related in your garage is acceptable. We'll even accept non-automotive related items if you think they will sell.
- This is an official club activity. Your attendance is appreciated.

What we will do is place all the items in a trailer (usually Ralph Ridges enclosed trailer). We will set up Friday night between 7:30-9:00pm at the Fairgrounds. Doors open at 8:00 for buyers and 6:00am for sellers on Saturday. If you want to help, please call me or be at Corvette City Friday the 28th between 5:00-6:00pm. Coffee and muffins will be available at the selling space. If you have any questions please call Dennis Kazmierzak at (303) 697-8428.

FROM THE JUDGING CHAIRMAN

By Jack Humphrey

Happy New Year to all! By this time we know the extent of the potentially dire millenium predictions that abound as I write. Hopefully, the 21st Century arrives with a whimper rather than the bang that's touted.

Speaking of 'bangs' I sure hope we'll get an attendance to rival last year's Judging School. Further, I hope like

heck you enjoy, learn and have an equal share of fun as was reported last year. Here's a preview....

Jim Lennartz and I met to ponder the various inputs you gave us at the November chapter meeting with respect to form and content. In the past, we've studied various aspects of side by side Corvettes (mid-year and straight axle cars), boned up on our Bowtie recognition skills, and taken a few Shark Operations tours. Each school preparation required the presence of 'whole blood' Corvettes. Each time the Colorado weather cooperated in letting us get them to/from the site without mishap.

Don't ask me why, but I have the uneasy feeling this school in January may not be so kind from a weather perspective. Maybe I'm just nervous that old man winter has time and probability on his side.... Anyway, we decided to 'chicken out' and leave the Corvettes at home. This format was suggested by one of our newer members, Bill Lucia, the former Judging Chairman from the Southwest Chapter.

Essentially, Bill's suggestion was to work with selected parts samples that are relatively small and can be transported easily. Jimmy and I first thought to query as many members as possible for candidate inputs, then backed off. Heck, if we passed the hat around we'd be giving some participants the unfair advantage of having prior knowledge.

So, convened a two-man team session at Jimmy's garage to brainstorm and shoulder the responsibility for selecting the items. Now, when all is done, you know where to direct your potential disfavor — your Judging Chairman and Assistant Judging Chairman should be the targets of retribution!

This will again be a competitive affair with appropriate prizes for the winners. It's open to any/all RMC members who want to 'play' the game. We'll pick two men judging teams at random, so come prepared with a form of name identification to drop into the hat for partnership drawing!

Bill Bell has arranged for space and plinths at Jerry Roth Chevrolet so individual part sets can be arranged with physical separation. This will allow multiple teams to work simultaneously with reasonable separation/privacy.

The part sets we've selected cross all divisions of Flight (straight axle, mid-year, and shark). A quiz pamphlet will blend multiple choice and essay questions regarding the parts. Each team will be free to handle and inspect

the parts as well as consult the RMC master library of Judging Guides.

As each team turns in their quiz, a set of 'correct' answers will be distributed. You'll be able to return to the tables and review the parts again with the answer sheet to complete the learning cycle. We plan on having approximately ten sets of parts to work with. Therefore, we should be able to have that many judging teams active at the same time. I suggest you plan on the school taking a few hours – it shouldn't be an all-afternoon affair!

The results will be published in our next newsletter. Awards will be presented at our Chapter Judging Meet in March. So, come on down and have some fun!

FROM THE MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN

By Jon Whiteley

RMC membership for 1999 came close to 100 members. We've already got 4 new members for 2000.

Please welcome our newest RMC members:

- **Terry & Jeri Magill** White/Red '62
from Parker, CO
- **Paul & Suzi Young** Saddle/Saddle '63 fuelie
from Lakewood, CO and White/Blue '71
- **John & Ida Martin** Black-Silver/Red '61 fuelie
from Arvada, CO
- Curtis Jatkauskas Gold/Saddle '72 Coupe
From Denver, CO

Renewal applications for year 2000 dues are enclosed with this newsletter. Please be sure that **1.** Your NATIONAL membership is current AND **2.** That you include your membership number on the renewal application. Both pieces of information can be found on the mailing label of your *Driveline*.

Additionally, please let me know if your e-mail address has changed since your last renewal application submission. I would like to keep our database current – occasionally the club needs to contact members about a last minute change in plans (meeting place or time). If you're not sure whether I have your current e-mail address or not, just send me an e with that address and I will confirm/correct it if necessary. Contact me at jonwhiteley@msn.com

A few additional comments – I would like to thank Joe Orecchio for the fine job he's done as Treasurer over the past 5 years. Thanks Joe! Working with me effec-

tive January 1st will be Richard Sullivan, our new Treasurer – welcome Richard!

On a personal note, I'd also like to thank Gary Steffens and the guys at Corvette City. Gary has done quite a bit of work on my '70 over the past few years and I've been quite pleased. I truly appreciate the time Gary has taken, and the patience he has shown in answering my many questions and in providing guidance on repair/restoration projects I have chosen to tackle myself. Thank you Gary!

Attention: We need to start a Steering Committee for setting up the Regional Convention – Durango 2002. We need to present a proposal to National by February 2001. If you are interested in getting this going, call Dennis Kazmierzak.

MERCHANDISE

By Fred Koenig

MERCHANDISE – IN STOCK

ITEM	PRICE
Golf Caps...Red, White, Gray, & Maroon	\$10.00
T- Shirts Silk screened Front & Back (Gray)	\$10.00
Sweatshirts Silk screened Front & Back (Gray)	\$22.00
Short Sleeved Polo...White, Red, Blue & Gray (RMC Embroidered)	\$30.00
Long Sleeved Polo...Dark Gray & Blue (RMC Embroidered)	\$35.00
Light Weight Polo Short Sleeved (Teal)	\$20.00
Chambray (RMC Embroidered)	\$30.00
Jackets (RMC Embroidered) Satin	\$70.00
Corduroy	\$75.00
Wool	\$110.00
Steamboat Regional T-Shirts (White)	\$12.00
Steamboat Hat Pins	\$2.00
RMC Hat Pins	\$3.00
Name Tags	\$5.00

On all Clothing items in XXL, please add \$2.00 to the above quoted prices.

ACTIVITIES

By Bill Bell

Did you get a chance to come to the Christmas Party and enjoy some of the warmth and friendship RMC Members share when we get together? The gifts were great, the weather kind of held up for us (Joe still drove the Corvette—good for you), and the food was marvelous. I would like to thank all those who attended; it was fun to have all of you here at my home. Special thanks go to Sharon and Ralph Ridge, who were so helpful in getting the prime rib “prime” for us to eat, and a special “Thank You” to Jan Barnhart, my girlfriend, who did such a GREAT job getting the bachelor pad ready for your entertainment. Thanks you guys, you did one heck of a job. Jan and I hope all had a good time while you were here in Saudi Aurora (notice the lack of trees?)

As I write this posting, 1999 comes to a close and the new millenium is about to unfold before us. Over these past years, we have had the pleasure of many Club Members stepping forward to share their experiences and tales (some pretty fishy ones for sure) to make your Club as best as it can be. I continue to encourage those of you who have not volunteered to spearhead one of our tech sessions or coordinate a jaunt through the wonderful scenic areas we have here in Colorado. We have noticed new faces this past year helping out in Club activities, and all of your efforts are certainly noticed and welcomed by your Board. Keep the following **ACTIVITIES** as your resource for the next 12 months. Here is what we have planned:

- JANUARY** 15th: Board and General Meeting and Judging School at Roth Chevrolet (8am) **(THE CLUB)**
- 29th: Polar Bear Swap Meet at the Adams County Fairgrounds **(Dennis Kazmierzak)**
- FEBRUARY** 19th: General Meeting at Corvette City (11am) and Technical Session on Powerglide Rebuild **(Ralph Ridge)**
- 26th: Trip to Heritage Square for a dinner and Play **(Jim Lennartz)**
- MARCH** 18th: Chapter Judging Event at Roth Chevrolet (7am) **(THE CLUB)**
- APRIL** 15th: **TAXES ARE DUE** – General Meeting at Corvette City (11am) and Technical Session on Distributor Rebuild **(Jon Hilborn)**. Bring your Distributor and follow along as Jon shows us how to do it (order your parts NOW!)

- MAY** 18th – 20th: **Western Regional in Lake Tahoe, Nevada**
- 21st: General Meeting followed by a Show and Potluck (Founders Operations Checks) at Chris Watson's home **(Chris Watson)**
- JUNE** 10th: Blood Drive at the old Lowry Air Force Base **(Bill Bell)**
- 17th: General Meeting at Corvette City (11am) and Technical Session **(OPEN)**
- JULY** 2nd: Independence Day excursion to the Pobudas and a Pot luck **(Eckhard Pobuda)**
- 15th: General Meeting at Corvette City (11am) and a Technical Session on using a Manometer **(Jon Hilborn)**
- 23rd – 27th: **NCRS National Convention in Bowling Green, Kentucky** **(Howard Loomis/Dennis Kazmierzak)**
- AUGUST** 4th: Rocky Mountain Vintage Racing at Pikes Peak International Raceway **(Gary Steffens)**
- 9th – 10th: UK Chapter Judging Event “Flight 2000” **(Jack Humphrey)**
- AUGUST** 19th: General Meeting at Corvette City (11am) and a Technical Session **(OPEN)**
- SEPTEMBER** 16th: General Meeting at Corvette City (11am) and a Technical Session **(OPEN)**
- 24th: Road Trip to Mount Evans **(Bill Bell)**
- OCTOBER** 21st: General Meeting at Corvette City (11am) and a Technical Session **(OPEN)**
- NOVEMBER** 18th: General Meeting at Corvette City (11am) and a Technical Session **(OPEN)**
- DECEMBER** 2nd: Christmas Party **(ANY VOLUNTEERS?)**

Interested in WHEEL TO WHEEL forum of Racing. Does that get your blood pumping a bit more? Well, member Pete Lotinsky is the man of the hour. To find out more about these events call him or log onto the Internet at;

openroadracing.com or silverstateclassic.com. In the past I've driven my 93' coupe. This year I'll be taking the 65' roadster, trying to get a feel how it must have been driving the first Grand Sports in auto racing.

2000 Schedule;

April 13th-15th, Big Bend, Ft. Stockton Texas

May 18th-21st, Nevada Open Road

June 21st & 22nd, La Carrera Classica

June? Pony Express, Battle Mountain, Nevada

August? Pony Express II, Austin, Nevada

September 14th-17th, Silver State, Ely, Nevada

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Our next General Meeting will be January 15th, 1999, at **Roth Chevrolet**, starting at 11am. A Board of Directors meeting is scheduled at 8am at **Roth** the same day. Jack Humphrey has put together a judging seminar involving parts from all years of Corvettes, and prizes may be awarded to those team members who "score the best" (similar to what we had done last year).

As I have said in the past, the Club is only as good as its' members, so if you don't get involved, someday it might just not be there in the way you have come to expect it to be. So please, sign up to coordinate one or more of the "open" slots available to members to host/lead/sponsor in the year 2000.

So, let the Rumble Begin.....

MISCELLANEOUS

DIFFERENTIAL ASSEMBLY

By Dennis Kazmierzak

In our last general meeting and tech session, I showed the members what to look for in the disassembling of my 1969 differential. The problems with that differential were several. The gears were not set correctly. There was dirt behind the front pinion bearing affecting the seating of the cup (outer race). The side gears in the carrier were not shimmed correctly and the one stub axle was worn because of the set-up. This also caused the snap ring to come off and lodge itself in the pinion bearing spacer. After measuring everything, I started the assembly of the carrier. This ends up being

a trial and error practice because hyoid gear sets are just difficult to set. It ended up with the pinion being shimmed too far in by .003". After the pinion was re-set, I got the gear contact pattern I wanted. Upon installing the reworked stub axles, I noticed I had more play on the gear side than the opposite. This indicated the side gears could be off. I ended up adding .020 to the one side to even out the axle play and set the side gear to spider lash. This could have been the reason the one stub axle was heavily worn and the other not worn at all. Its back together waiting for the installation into the car. This will happen sometime in January pending the other projects planned. You'll hear more of this project as I complete the installation.



Many thanks go out to our members who have contributed to this Newsletter. I ALWAYS appreciate your articles...please keep them coming. Is there anyone else out there who would like to get "published"? Your articles not only help me out (the editor), but will also add points to our Chapter of the Year accumulation, should any other Newsletter use your article.

Please remember that if you are going for a Founders Award, your article must NOT appear in a Newsletter before it goes to the *Restorer*.



CLASSIFIED ADS

Our Classified Ads can be found on the Web Page – If you'd like to include a picture, contact Bob Davis for the "how to" instructions.

For Sale: 1970 LT-1 very early roadster 194670S400781. Frame off, Rebuilt engine (to factory specs), transmission and rear end (3:70). All #'s match. Complete history and unique and complete documentation. 70K miles. NCRS Top Flight. I would like to keep the car in the club and in Colorado.

\$34,600 or trade for 65-67 BB Factory Side Pipe Coupe (prefer blue).
Darwin Kuhlmann (303) 762-9868
e-mail Montara2@AOL.com
<http://38.150.95.153/darwin.htm>

For Sale: Big block, forged steel crank, oval port (049) heads (\$500.00). Heavy duty engine stand (\$75.00).
Rick Landeira (303) 530-2455
e-mail landeira@earthlink.net

Wanted: C4 Corvette, Silver, Automatic, in good working condition.

For Sale: Industrial Pallet Shelving 6' and 12' high (3' wide), by 10' long.

Available: Secure, Alarmed, K-9 Protected, Climatically Controlled, storage space for your Corvette. Patrolled daily.

Dirk Gaddis (303) 771-8239
e-mail Racz-Gaddis@worldnet.att.net

For Sale: 1966 Corvette Coupe. Fairly new paint and interior, Red/Black, engine rebuilt, side exhaust, knock off wheels. \$19,500. Original 65-66 Teak Wheel. \$1,000.

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OPEN LETTER

By Dennis Kazmierzak

This past month I submitted my name for Regional Director of Region VI. Howard Loomis is also running again and I'm not aware of any other candidates for this regional office. Over the next few months the NCRS will possibly be making a decision to re-district the region. Currently Region VI covers Montana, Wyoming, Colorado, North & South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri plus the Canadian Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan & Alberta. Needless to say, this is a big area. In my job, I cover eight states from Canada to Mexico along the Rocky Mountains. So I know how much travel it would take to cover the area properly.

In running for this office, one of the points I would like to address is the message from the Chapter members for a balance of Regional Meets within the area. An example is this coming year. I am considering the Founders Award with my '69. The choice I have for a Regional is Lake Tahoe, NV or Monticello, MN or one of the locations back east. We do not have a Regional in the Rocky Mountain States. This makes a long drive in May and a follow-up long drive in July for the Convention. It is up to the Chapters to submit for the Regional within an area. The Director should plan and communicate this message within his region. I also feel that the Chapters within the region are too spread out. A better balance could be within the Rocky Mountain States to coordinate a Regional. The question is, is it up to the Chapters to coordinate this or the Regional Director? Obviously, I feel it's the Regional Directors responsibility.

One of the major achievements we have made in the Rocky Mountain Chapter is the owner/judge relationship. We started to train our members to recognize this relationship as a friendly teaching environment rather than an adversarial relationship. I would like to continue to expand this type of training and draw on other experiences of other Chapters to improve on what is being done. Not one of us knows everything about all Corvettes, but together we know quite a bit. If we share this with the group, we will learn more, both owner and judge.

Until I read the 25th Anniversary edition of the Restorer, I did not realize how close I was to the beginning of the NCRS. I went to college in Angola, Indiana. I drove a 68 Corvette out of Angola a few months before the NCRS officially started. So close yet so far as they say, but I missed the first meeting. I would like to have the opportunity to see that other Corvette owners get a chance

to see what the organization is about and get to that meeting. I would appreciate your vote this Spring.

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