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## Chairman's Message

By Rick Reiff

Happy New Year Rocky Mountain Chapter!

I hope everyone made it through the holiday season okay and are ready for an exciting 2008. The last two months of '07 went quickly. For November we toured the Tebo Auto Collection in Longmont. If you missed it, check out the Chapter web-site where there are a few pictures posted of some of the cars that were on display. For our December meeting Wayne Pendley gave a very interesting tech session on ignition systems, complete with a Sun Engine Analyzer and a distributor machine. I would like to thank Wayne again for such a great session on the evolution of ignition systems from the breaker points days up to the current systems that have individual coils and use electronics instead of mechanical triggering devices. I think most everyone learns something new at tech sessions and I know Wayne's session was no different.

For 2008 we have a lot of activities planned. Our 2008 calendar shows what is currently scheduled and I encourage you to pick one up if you haven't already. Dennis Kazmierzak's article discusses the different cars and donors for this year's publication and I'd like to thank all those that have participated in this Chapter fund raiser, especially those of you that have sponsored multiple years (Jerry Gollnick, Dennis Kazmierzak, Bob O'Brien, Ralph Ridge, Ted Smathers and Gary Steffens). If you haven't participated in the past are interested in do so, you will have an opportunity when we start looking for cars to populate the 2009 calendar.

Next up for the Chapter is our annual holiday party on January 12<sup>th</sup> at Fox Hollow Golf Course Club House. Check the Chapter web-site for details regarding this fun get together. Also quickly approaching is the spring Chapter Meet on March 30<sup>th</sup> at Bozarth Chevrolet and the Regional Meet in May. Stay tuned for further details as we get closer to these events.

As you probably know, Dennis Kazmierzak will be our Regional Director starting in 2008 and as such will no longer be the Chapter's Vice Chairman. I'd like to thank Dennis for all he has done for the Chapter in his role as Vice Chairman and know he will represent the Chapter and Region well at the National NCRS level. Thanks also to our outgoing Regional Director

Howard Loomis who has kept us apprised of NCRS developments and programs.

I hope you all have a wonderful, healthy, and prosperous new year!

Rick Reiff  
Chairman

### Vice Chairman's Comments

By Dennis Kazmierzak

First of all I'd like to acknowledge and thank all the members that volunteered to assist the RM Chapter with the 2008 Calendar. **Ned Sutton's '87 Callaway, Bob Montgomery's '96, Bryan Cormack '59, R. Anderson '63, Ted & Shaunie Smathers '06, Chris Sale at LeMans, Dick Mooney '69 ZL1 & Jerry Golnick '64 Race Corvette, Ron & Linda Berggren's '63, '95 & '06 Vettes, Rudy Kiffor's '62, Tom Neel's '57 FI Jerry Mulick & Terry Myers '63 Z06, Don Nilson & Ralph Ridge Two Old Vettes.** Their names appear in order of their appearance in the calendar. Each month was subscribed to with a \$100.00 contribution to 9Health Fair. The money is a charitable donation therefore tax deductible. The chapter also gets recognition for the donation in our effort to participate in the Chapter of the Year Award from NCRS. Additionally Gary Steffens & I donated the cost of printing the calendars. This saved the chapter money which it will need for the coming '08 regional. You can purchase a calendar for \$15.00 at the meetings and Winter Party January 12<sup>th</sup>. Or call me and I'll mail your order.

This past fall I ran for the Regional Director position on the board of NCRS. I was successful in winning this election and assume the position effective January 1<sup>st</sup>. Howard Loomis has been our RD for the past 3 years. I look forward to this new post with NCRS and how I can continue to serve the Region VI and the Chapters within it. I am stepping down as Vice Chairman of the Rocky Mountain Chapter although will remain Assistant Judging Chairman and Assistant Treasurer. Rick will appoint a new Vice Chairman this month at the board meeting. Part of my job was the Chapter Charity Program. This is the area of business which will pass to the new guy. You'll still see me wrapped up in the judging area of the chapter plus assisting Steve Beatty.

I can not say drive'em now because of the snow and ice on the roads but think about it and plan on it in the spring.

### Polar Bear Swap Meet January 26th

By Dennis Kazmierzak

The Polar Bear Swap Meet is again planned this year. Last year I registered for two tables in the same

location. This event has always been a successful event for the chapter. Get your stuff out and plan on participating. As in the past the chapter will get 10% of your selling price for selling your items. We'll set up on the Friday night before with a drop off point at Corvette City. Get your items there (marked with price & ownership) by 5:00PM. I'll need some volunteers to help me so call and let me know you'll be helping. (303) 748-8235

Dennis

**Wolf in wolf's clothing.**

Some cars tell you all about themselves at first glance. A big soft family sedan. (Ho-hum) An utterly practical station wagon. (Ehhh) A plodding sort of economy car. (Whee) Or a Corvette. A tough, wide-tired, badge-hooded "let's go driving" Corvette.

A Sting Ray with the 427-cubic-inch 435-horsepower three-deuces V8 you can specify. It is what it looks like.

**'67 Corvette**

Corvette Sting Ray Sport Coupe with Restored and Four-way heated warning flasher equipped by your dealer's option.

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### Membership Report

By Bob Montgomery

Membership at the end of 2007 stands at 139 members with the newest members to join:

- Loren and Denice Helfenbein, Arvada Colorado - 1957 FI Roadster
- Bill Bowers, Elbert Colorado - 1965 Coupe

Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Chapter!

Our 2008 membership drive is going strong! As of December 20<sup>th</sup>, 98 members have responded with a 2008 renewal. If you haven't responded to the mailing for the renewal you received in November please do so by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Renewals remain at \$20 per year. Checks should be made out to: NCRS

RMC. Send your renewal check and information to the following address:

Bob Montgomery  
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16185 Sandstone Drive  
Morrison, CO 80465

As part of the 2008 renewals we are re-validating everyone's email addresses and asking that everyone use the option of downloading this newsletter from the [www.ncrsrmc.org](http://www.ncrsrmc.org) website rather than having a hard copy mailed to you via the USPS. I have had several members confirm or change their email addresses and the number of members that really do need a hard copy news letter has reduced substantially. Remember, the new default is that you will download the newsletter from the web site unless you specifically ask for a hard copy with your 2008 renewal. Thanks for your help!

Thanks!

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### Activities For January and February

By Mike Bird

We start January with our Winter Party on the 12th. This party is from 5PM til 9PM at the Fox Hollow Golf Course Club House off Morrison Road. It includes the White Elephant gift exchange for those who wish to participate. The cost is \$25.00 a person and we hope you have made your reservations by now.

Also in January there will be a Board Meeting at Corvette City at 9:00 AM on the Saturday the 5th.

On the 19th of January, there will be a General Meeting for all members. As we no longer have monthly meetings, it is important that members attend this meeting so they can keep current on changes in the club including activities, rules and membership.

January is also when one of our clubs money making activities takes place. We participate in the Polar Bear Swap Meet. This meet takes place on the 26th from 8AM til 2PM at the Adams County Fair Grounds. For those wishing to sell parts or other auto related items, these items should be dropped off at Corvette City on the week of the 21st but no later than 5PM of the 25th. If you have questions regarding this swap meet, call or email Dennis Kazmierzak for more information. (Remember, this is a great chance to clean out your basement and

garage, while making both you and the club extra money.)

On the 9th and 10th of February, there is another great swap meet. This is the Tri-State Swap Meet at the National Western Complex. Again, there is something you have always not needed there (and maybe something you do).

On the 16th, there will be a Tech Session at 11 AM at Corvette City. The subject is a surprise and we hope to see you there.

Mike

### Editors Corner

By Dennis Dalton



After opening the presents with the new under ware and the tie there was one hard, flat present ...it must be a book. It was...it was *Von Dutch: The Art, the Myth, the Legend*. Being a trained artist and having done my share of lettering and striping at car shows in the early 70's I had heard a lot but knew little of Von Dutch. This book is informative and an easy read for anyone interested in early customizing in California in the 50's. Mythological references abound in author Pat Ganahl's account of George Barris, Jimmy the Greek, "Big Daddy" Roth and Kenneth Howard (aka: Von Dutch) who was more of a recluse, eccentric.

The fascinating part of this book to me was not the pictures of the early 50's cars or the timeline that the author painstakingly tried to create, but the fascinating pinstriping designs that were done without planning and in most cases, not even symmetrical. As one reviewer on Amazon put it: "Well done history on a true artisan".

Dennis Dalton, Editor

## Merchandise

By Bill Pearson

### MERCHANDISE – IN STOCK

ITEM	PRICE
Golf Caps...Red, White, Gray, Maroon, Natural/Green, and Natural/Blue	\$11.00
T- Shirts...Silk screen Front & Back	\$10.00
Sweatshirts...Silk screen Front & Back	\$20.00
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
Shop Coats...Gray (RMC Embroidered)	\$35.00
Chambray Shirt (RMC Embroidered)	\$30.00
RMC Embroidered Jacket (special order)	\$50.00
Steamboat Hat Pins	\$1.00
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## For Sale

Ad 01/01/08

1993 ZR-1 VIN 1G1YZ23J0P5800330 NOT the "PURPLE " version of the 40th anniversary car (of which many were sold), but this Arctic White /Torch Red combination better reflects the original 300 '53's, ALL of which were white with red interiors! Only 22 1993 ZR-1's were Arctic White, and fewer than that were combined with Torch Red. Optioned with 2 tops, tank sticker is still ON the tank, original

tires, complete owner's kit, key knock-outs. Extremely clean, unmodified except battery replacement. Factory markings still in place. Ready now for Top Flight, McLellan, PV and Gold. In 5 years, Bowtie, Survivor and Benchmark. 12,000 of the miles on this car were done in the first year and a half, so the last 2,000 miles were spread over 13 years. Always stored indoors. \$44,900 Contact John Fuller, toll-free (800) 567-6687 eastern time or email [jefuller@msn.com](mailto:jefuller@msn.com)

Ad 09/01/07

1960 roadster. Red/red, 283/290hp FI. Top flight condition. \$89,500.  
2001 roadster. Red/black. 6spd. HUD. Sport seats. Dual air. 36k miles. Immaculate. \$29,900.  
Dave Talley, 303-726-9640

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Membership in the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the NCRS is open to all members of the NCRS National organization. Dues are \$30.00 for the first year, and are \$20.00 per year for renewal. First year dues entitle the new member to a Chapter ball cap and membership nametag.

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items or Corvettes for sale. Commercial advertising rates for the Newsletter are \$15.00 for a business card, \$25.00 for a ¼ page, \$40.00 for a ½ page and \$60.00 for a full page. All rates are quoted for 6 issues or one-year printing. Contact the editor for further information. All editorial material can be sent to the editor.

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