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Chairman's Message

By Rick Reiff

March is here and our next scheduled event is the Chapter Judging Meet, which takes place on Sunday, March 30th at Corvette City. We have ten cars to judge and we will need help from all of you to get the cars judged. This is only a few weeks away so let Bob Davis or Jim Hilton (who are filling in for Jim Lennartz and Dennis Kazmierzak while they are in Australia) know if you can help out.

Our annual meeting takes place on April 19th at Corvette City. However, as a result of not having a membership meeting scheduled in March and several of our members being out of the country helping the Australia Chapter, the annual meeting will serve as the meeting to nominate members for those Board positions which terms are completed at the end of this year. Those positions are: Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Secretary, and Membership. The term is for two years. So, if you are interested in running for one of these positions or want to nominate someone for one of the positions please plan on attending the April 19th meeting. Once the nominations are made we'll put the ballot together and send it out and count the votes at the May 19th meeting.

There have been a few changes to the RMC Board that you should be aware of. First with Dennis Kazmierzak taking over as NCRS Region VI Director, he vacated his RMC Board position of Vice Chairman. I've asked Bob Montgomery to assume this position. Dennis is still involved with the Chapter as the Assistant Judging Chairman and Assistant Treasurer. As you can imagine Bob's plate is pretty full as he is still the Membership Chair and Chapter Liaison (for Chapter Top Flight record keeping) – so if any of you are interested in helping Bob out with Membership or Liaison positions for the remainder of this year, please let him or me know.

Wayne Pendley has assumed the Merchandise position as a result of Bill Pearson's resignation from that position at the end of last year. I'm sure Wayne will do a good job and we welcome him to the Board.

As you know the Regional Meet is just a few months away. If you plan on attending and have not yet registered, please do so as soon as possible so we have a good count regarding the cars to be judged. If

you wait until the last minute, it puts additional pressure on your fellow Chapter volunteers that are helping to make this happen. Your consideration in this regard is appreciated.

That's it for now. I look forward to seeing you at the Chapter Meet in March and look forward to hearing from the large RMC group that went to Australia for the meet down there.

Rick Reiff
Chairman

Vice Chairman's Message

By Bob Montgomery

Congratulations to Dennis Kazmierzak on his election to the NCRS board as our Regional Director! As Rick Reiff mentions in his report, he has appointed me to fill the vacancy that Dennis left as part of his new position in NCRS. Thank you Dennis, for all that you have done for the chapter and will do for us in your new capacity.

My primary role is to continue managing the chapter's charity. The 9News Health Fair is coming up quickly and again this year we will be manning the phone bank at 9News for a shift answering questions and providing information. I will be putting out a call for volunteers at some point closer to the time. Feedback I have received from members that have done this in previous years is very positive.

Fundraising is also a focus for this position. One of the fundraiser's we currently have going is the 2008 Chapter Calendar. It is filled with RMC Corvettes in settings all over Colorado. Originally selling at \$15 we have reduced the price to \$10 as we are already knocking on the door to March. I will have them available at the March 30th chapter meet or you can contact me sooner than that by email or phone. All proceeds go directly into the Chapter account to supplement payment for activities.

Rick also mentioned my other roles in the chapter right now as Membership Chairman and Chapter Liaison. If you are interested in taking on one or both of these roles I would be happy to talk to you.

And finally, we have 2 big events coming up very soon; the March 30th Chapter meet and the 2008 Regional May 1-3. Your support of these events is critical to their success.

Thanks for you support!

March 30th Judging Meet

This meet will be held at Corvette City 6863 E.48th Ave., Commerce City, CO 80022. We changed it to

this location because of a smaller number of cars to judge (not true now with 11) but easier for us to manage.

The tentative agenda is as follows.

8:00AM Judges meeting on Judging Field
8:15AM Owners meeting on Judging Field
8:20AM-4:00PM Judging of Flight Corvettes 12:00
Noon...Judges lunch 4:00PM Awards presentation

Jim Lennartz will be the Chief Judge. Bob Davis is assisting in Jim's absence. Jim Hilton is handling the registration and awards. Any questions should be directed to Bob Davis as the rest of us are in Australia through the 18th of March.

We'll plan on having coffee and pastry in the morning. Lunches are provided for the judges. If you are not judging please register and let me know so lunches can be ordered. Please bring money to offset this cost. Owners would be required to pay for their lunch also. Everyone pays the \$2.00 registration fee. That's an NCRS requirement to help the club with costs for a meet.

If you have not registered yet, the form is available on our web site at:

<http://www.ncsrmmc.org/Downloads/2008ChapterMeetReg.doc>

Bob Montgomery
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Assistant Judging Chair

By Dennis Kazmierzak

The March Chapter Judging Meet will be here before you know it. We are booked on cars to judge. There are 4 C2's, 4 C3's and 3 C4's. We have 6 people registered to judge so they are going to be working their butts off. If you'd like to help them please register and pay your \$2.00 to help out the club and your fellow members. I don't mean to say this to harshly but why can't we get the registrations in. What do we do with this info? We use it to create the judging teams, know how much food to order and generally plan the meeting. It's hard to do if we don't know who's coming and what your interest is.

The Meet location is changed to Corvette City. This is being noted on the web page and in e-mail broadcast to all members. We can manage this location with Gary Steffens help a lot easier. It maybe crowded at points but friendly and for car guys for sure. Enjoy it like we all do.

In my absence and several other members that are in Australia i.e. for their Chapter Meet in Hobart,

Tasmania, Bob Davis will be handling the registrations. Please get your data to him. When Jim Lennartz gets back he will be very short on time to lay out the final parts of this meet.

I will be at the NCRS Board meeting in St. Charles, MO. that weekend and will miss this meet. This is the first meet I'll miss in a lot of years. I hope you all have a good time there and learn about the Vette's that are in our club.

Dennis

Membership Report

By Bob Montgomery

Membership as of February 23rd stands at 122 members with the newest members to join:

- Bob and Dona Murphy, Larkspur Colorado – 1965 396 Roadster
- Robert and Lin Gercken, Longmont Colorado – 1966 427 Roadster

Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Chapter!

Our 2008 membership drive has been completed with most of the 2007 members renewing. If you had intended on renewing but haven't for whatever reason, no problem! The application form can be downloaded from our web site. Renewals remain at \$20 per year. Send your renewal check and information to the following address:

NCRS RMC
Membership
PO Box 204
Morrison, CO 80465

Checks should be made out to: NCRS RMC Inc.

Bob Montgomery
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Activities For March and April

By Mike Bird

Our big activity for March is the Judging Meet scheduled for March 30th at Corvette City. The judging starts at 8:00 am so be there early. This meet is a good chance to add points and knowledge to your Judging Level and this year we really need your help as we are short of judges.

We start April with a Board Meeting at 9:00 AM on the 5th at Corvette City.

On April 19th our Annual Meeting is held at Corvette City. This 11:00 AM meeting is important to you as a member because it covers the annual election of officers and any changes to club rules etc.

Also remember that May 1st thru the 4th is our Regional Meet at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. If you aren't registered, now is the time to get involved in this important event

Mike



Editors Corner

By Dennis Dalton

I attended the judging retreat in Dallas this past February. I attended the first one in February of 2005. I believe they announced that the next retreat will be in February of 2009. I wasn't sure if I would benefit from another retreat but I did get quite a bit out of this one especially in the hands on judging process. The format and information was fairly identical from the last time I attended, but I didn't feel like I was drinking from a fire hose this time. Fellow RMC members that attended were John Hilborn, Rick Nelson, Mike Bird and myself. Pete Gregory was scheduled to go but unfortunately got ill right before the event.

One of the comments they make in the classroom is that you should keep a record of your judging points. This retreat put me over the level 10 mark so I thought it would be of interest to share my experience with the process going over my record. I know there was a story done some time ago on the cost of the "Black Hat" which is referred to often. The

retreat system has helped that cost quite a bit. I attended two retreats, as I said earlier, which saved me the cost of attending two more regional events (saving about \$1500.00). Anyway, these are the statistics:

I started in May 2000, so it took me almost eight years to pass level 10.

I attended seven regional meets in eight years and I OJ'd at the first three of those.

I did not get a regional judging assignment until level 5. At that point, I was paired with an experienced judge (Pete Lindahl) doing interiors. I have never called a team leader on the phone. My method was to wait and see what happened when I got there. It didn't matter from a points standpoint. At one regional, I OJ'd 2 days and attended a master judging school and maxed out my points allotment (7).

At the regionals I am always open to any C2 judging assignment on my application, but I was never put on a 63-64. I have only done 65-66- 67 interiors and 67 ops as a judge. Oh yea, also one 1955 ops... where is that @\$%^ windshield washer switch. My total points at regionals in the last eight years: 42. Comparatively, I asked for 1966 at the retreat both times and I got 63-64 both times. They must do that by grand design!

At the chapter level, I judged at eleven chapter meets in eight years having done everything on C2s and even tried my hand at C3s and C4s for a total of 22 points.

At the chapter level I attended eight judging schools in eight years for a total of 8 points.

FYI: Roy Sinor has been doing "Town Meetings" on Thursday evening of the regionals and everyone attending signs in and gets 1 point.

The seven regionals and the two retreats account for almost 80% of the points to get to level 10 (I am currently 11.2). If I never left home I would still be at a level 3! That's what it took and I enjoyed every minute of it. You probably want to know how much my hat cost. I didn't really keep close track of it, sorry.

Dennis Dalton, Editor

National Corvette Museum

By Ron Berggren

As newly appointed ambassador to the National Corvette Museum, it is my privilege to invite you to join the NCM. Becoming a member entitles you to

receive free admission to the museum, an annual subscription to America's Sports Car magazine, and a 10% discount on merchandise purchased from the Corvette Store and catalog. Annual membership for an individual is \$50.00, a family is \$100.00, and for a lifetime membership for those over 65 years of age, a one time donation of \$500.00. More importantly, you will be supporting the only museum dedicated to the preservation of the past, present and future Corvette.

For those of you who have been to the museum, I think you would agree it's spectacular. To get more information about the NCM, and to get a membership application go to www.nationalcorvettemuseum.com. It is my goal to get all of our chapter members to join the NCM. If you have any questions or concerns please email me at RLBergg@aol.com or phone 303-979-3475. I will keep you informed of current museum activities and opportunities.

Ron Berggren
NCM Ambassador

Merchandise

By Wayne Pendley

MERCHANDISE – IN STOCK

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