

# High Plains Shifter

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## Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

Hello fellow Corvette enthusiast! Well the summer is just about over and football season is knocking at the door, however the daily grind continues. I wonder what it is like to be retired? Some of the "retired" guys in our Chapter are busier than when they had fulltime jobs, so I'm not sure, but would like to give it a try. At any rate, hopefully everyone has had a good summer and got a chance to get their cars out and participate in a fun event or make some progress on your project in the garage.

For those of you who missed it Daphyne and I hosted the annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic at our house this year. We had about 50 members attend (even folks from our down under Chapters) with 16 Corvettes parked anywhere there was room. The weather held out and we managed to get the event completed before a micro-hail storm hit at about 6:00 pm later than day. The RMC event made the local neighborhood newsletter as it coincided with our annual parade and cookout. I know several neighbors enjoyed looking at all the cars and talking to RMC members about their specific ride(s). We had fun seeing everyone and look forward to hosting next year's picnic.

I wasn't able to make the road trip to Gunnison in August, but heard we had a good turnout. We also had a planning meeting in August to get the activities for 2011 lined up. Stay tuned for more details as Eckhard Pobuda, our activities chair, works out the details.

On a sad note, Charlie Cadenhead, an RMC member and Texas Chapter member passed away in August. Even though Charlie lived in Houston, Texas, he participated in a lot of RMC events and drove his red '64 convertible all over the country. Every time I saw Charlie he seemed to be enjoying himself and the people around him were typically laughing and having a good time as well. We will miss him and his contribution to the hobby.

Hope to see you at the judging school on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

Best Regards,

Rick Reiff  
Chairman

## Vice Chair Report

By John Marsico

As I am writing this article, the weather outside is Chamber of Commerce Denver perfect – temperature in the mid 80's with a bright blue sky. Looking at the calendar, however, I know this is not going to last much longer. I hope you all have had the opportunity to get those Corvettes out this summer. Before long our cars will once again experience a lot of garage time.

I know many Rocky Mountain Chapter members had the opportunity to attend the various Regional Meets as well as the National Convention. The chapter was recognized at the National once again as a Top Flight Chapter. This award is not because of one individual but is a result of many of our members contributing time and energy completing the required tasks. Great job Rocky Mountain Chapter!

I had the pleasure of attending the National in July at Charlotte. The event was very well attended and you will see great coverage of the event in *The Restorer*. I must admit this born and bred Colorado guy had a little difficulty with the humidity and heat index. I learned to drink a lot of water during the 3 days I spent on the judging field. In addition, I had the opportunity to visit for the last time with one of our members and the chairman of the Texas Chapter, Charlie Cadenhead. NCRS lost a great friend when Charlie unexpectedly passed away on August 5. I know he will be missed by a very large number of people.

Please review the schedule of activities found in this newsletter since our activities chair, Eckhard Pobuda, has been busy arranging and creating events for our enjoyment.

Until the next issue,  
John Marsico  
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## Editor's Corner

By Dennis Dalton

As of this issue, we have four tech articles published for the year 2010. We need two more technical articles to publish in our last issue (Nov/Dec) to receive the chapter award. Please consider contributing something from one of your projects!

**Corvette.**  
**Everything you need is standard except the gas.**

In 1953, we set out to build an American sports car because there wasn't one. Little did we know that 19 years later it would still be the only production sports car made in this country.

That's our Corvette. A classic. A legend. A car with as good a reputation as any car in the world.

Like all great cars, Corvette's price might make you stretch your budget a little. But like all great cars, you get a lot for your money. We think you get the most for your money in Corvette.

The list of standard equipment is impressive and extensive: A 4-Speed fully synchronized transmission. A 250-cubic-inch V8 with a 4-barrel carb. Disc brakes at all four wheels. Fully independent suspension all the way around. Powertraxion rear axle.

Full instrumentation including tach, ammeter, oil pressure gauge and temperature gauge.

The list goes on through carpeting, hidden windshield wipers, pop-up headlights and Astro Ventilation.

The point is that Corvette's standards aren't bare necessities. Along with all the excitement, they're the things most people want in a sports car. You might like to order air conditioning, an AM/FM Stereo radio, leather seats, and a few other extras, but there just aren't too many things you can add to Corvette. When you buy a Corvette, about everything you need is standard . . . except the gas. And even that is no-lead, low lead or regular.

**Chevrolet**

Corvette Convertible with wire and handle at Front Range, Morrison, Archaic Park.

There's so much to see, you'll want to see it all.



**Chevrolet. Building a better way to see the U.S.A.**

## Membership/Top Flight Chapter Award Report

By Bob Montgomery

Where has the summer gone? I know I put some fun miles on my '96 but I missed virtually every RMC event, car show and roar tour this year. This working for a living is getting in the way of my Vette time!

Chapter membership stands at 126 as of 9/1/2010. The newest members to join the chapter are:

Rob Musquetier, the Netherlands! Rob is the chairman of the Dutch chapter of the NCRS!

Dave and Candi McReynolds, Berthoud CO, 1966 427/390 coupe

Jeff Eggemeyer, Denver CO, 1966 327/350 Coupe

Welcome to the chapter!

If you would like a copy of the chapter 2010 membership roster, just drop me an email and I can send you an Acrobat PDF file to you or we will have hard copies at future chapter events.

On the Top Flight Chapter Award front, a reminder that every time you attend a chapter event, drive your Corvette to an event, participate in a judging school or meet, write a technical article for this newsletter we can apply your activity to the award. Thanks for your outstanding support of the chapter!

Thanks!

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## **RMC Judging Chairman Report**

By Jack Humphrey

Ok, the summer is winding down and it's time to get back to chapter level judging thoughts. September and October will be eventful periods that include a chapter judging school, a Regional judging meet and a Chapter judging meet.

### **Breaking News**

Before I outline the upcoming events, there was a bulletin this week on the NCRS National Discussion Board regarding two new club services that will debut in October.

We've long assumed that factory original production records for C1-C3 early cars were fully destroyed/lost. It appears that is NOT the case...

The first service announced is the Corvette Shipping Data Report. This is a \$40 fee item available to NCRS members exclusively. The data base consists of 1962-72 Corvettes (with limited information on 1973-74 cars). You supply the VIN number and the service will report the date the car was produced, the dealer code and dealer name the car was shipped to.

The data base does NOT provide the car's option configuration. But, if you're doing a prior owner history search, the report gives you one vital piece of information; the starting point for your search.

The second service announced is the Corvette Document Validation. This service seeks to validate those factory papers you might have uncovered in your restoration (warranty booklet, tank sticker, Etc.). The service is based on the information in the Shipping Report data base and yields an NCRS opinion letter as to the authenticity of supporting documents you have.

Both services are expected to be available at [www.NCRS.org/services.html](http://www.NCRS.org/services.html) after October 1st.

## **September Chapter Judging School**

This event is scheduled for Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Corvette City. We have a newly released NCRS Corvette Judging Reference Manual in print. There are MANY changes from past revisions of this book including new policies on restoration ethics.

### **Going On-Line**

With each passing day, more club services are being supplied via the internet. Next summer, the intention is for National Convention registration to be almost exclusively on-line.

The NCRS IT staff has selected a few chapters to work with to beta test the new on-line system. Both the New England and Rocky Mountain Chapters are participating in the system for their Fall Chapter judging meets.

This is potentially a 'paperless' system that allows you to register yourself, your car, and companion family members for a meet from the convenience of your home. The system even lets you make electronic payment providing you have a PayPal account!

PayPal accounts are free to all by simply visiting their website and filling out a registration form. Once you have a PayPal account you can remit funds world-wide using electronic check, direct checking/saving account transfer and almost every every major credit card.

This is the system that's almost exclusive to executing an eBay purchase. So, if you don't have a PayPal account, I suggest you look into establishing one at [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com).

To use the on-line registration system, you need to be registered with NCRS as a Discussion Board member. That's the SAME criteria for checking your point status in the NCRS Judging and Tabulation Recognition Programs.

Separate accounts need to be setup for the primary NCRS member, spouse and any children. If you haven't registered at the NCRS National website, visit [www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org), click on the Technical Discussion Board button about halfway down the main web page and then click the Account Initiation button at the top of that page.

You do NOT have to register for this meet electronically, but I suggest you take the opportunity to get tooled up

and give it an experimental try now. It's obvious that the future of NCRS lies in going on-line via the internet.

The URL to get to the RMC on-line registration system is rather lengthy. So, instead of printing it out here, we'll provide a link on the Chapter website. Plus, I'll arrange for an email 'blast' message to the membership.

It doesn't take much time to register on-line and I encourage you to give it a try. Here are a few tips.

- (1) Navigate to the registration site.
- (2) Once you've entered your NCRS DB account/password, you're in!
- (3) Expect a series of individual web pages.
- (4) When you've completed a given page, SAVE it and then click on NEXT.
- (5) At the payment screen you'll see a zero dollar check OR a choice of check/PayPal remittance for non-zero dollar registrations.
- (6) If you have a zero dollar registration (most will) elect the check, SAVE + NEXT.

We kind of threw the NCRS IT folks a curve ball with our RMC unique registration fee (free to those who pre-register; only charging for judged cars and late entries). Even though the system accurately computes a zero-dollar registration fee, it needs to be told how to process the zero-dollar payment!

### October RMC Chapter Judging Meet

We're scheduled to conduct our second judging meet at Bozarth Chevrolet on Sunday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. For years we've held a single annual meet in the late Winter/early Spring to get our judging requirement behind us and clear the board for the busy Summer months. This is a shift of our policy moving that event from the Winter/Spring to Summer/Fall.

I know of several owners and their cars who ARE planning to attend despite this meet falling on the heels of the Western Regional meet in Albuquerque. The more the merrier! So, if you know of a candidate owner/car for Chapter level Flight Judging, encourage them to register!

To register manually, our ad runs NOW in Driveline and the meet registration form can be downloaded from the chapter website.



### Activities

By Eckhard Pobuda

August 20th fourteen Rocky Mt Chapter Corvettes headed for Gunnison to attend the 23rd Annual Gunnison Hot Rod and Car Club Show. It began with a street party downtown with time for strolling, admiring the cars shopping, followed by groups gathering at different restaurants for dinner. This year's event celebrated Will Cooksey, GM Plant Manager for C-4 and C-5's, with presentation of the Lee Iacoca Award during the show on Saturday. The field was filled with hundreds of cars of all vintages and classes. It was also adjacent to the Gunnison Historical Museum with vast and fascinating collections through the years including cars, trucks and wondrous things. RMC hosted a dinner for Mr and Mrs Cooksey Saturday night at an Italian restaurant on the outskirts of town. We dined outdoors and had a wonderful time. On Sunday morning we headed to Crested Butte for a delicious breakfast buffet. Thank you Ron Berggren for superb organization of this event.

September 18 our chapter will have a judging school at Corvette City, 11 AM. The presentation will be by Jack Humphrey on the upcoming major changes of NCRS rules and regulations in the new Judging Reference Manual. This is an important meeting.

Last weekend in September is the road trip to Albuquerque for the NM Regional and Annual Balloon Festival. Quite a number of members are planning to attend. Contact Dennis Kazmierzak.

October 24th will be our Fall Chapter Judging Event at Ed Bozarth Chevrolet on Havana Street, Aurora. Be there at 8:00 AM with your cars for judging, and by 8:30 AM for coffee and judging. Please, please pre-register. The registration form is on our web site and can be filled out electronically or downloaded and mailed.

## Merchandise

By Wayne Pendley

### REGIONAL

Hats	\$16.00
Shirt	\$20.00
Polo Shirt	\$40.00
Hat Pin	\$3.00

### CHAPTER

Grey T Shirt Short Sleeve	\$15.00
Grey T Shirt Long Sleeve	\$18.00
Denim Shirt Short Sleeve	\$31.00
Denim Shirt Long Sleeve	\$35.00
T Shirt with Pocket - Black	\$15.00
Polo Shirt Short Sleeve	
White & Blue	\$30.00
Polo Shirt Long Sleeve	\$35.00
Grey Sweat Shirt	\$20.00
Chambrey Shirt	\$30.00 XL \$32.00
Shopcoat	\$35.00
Black Apron	\$16.00
Hat Black / Stone	\$15.00
Hat Charcoal / Blue	\$15.00
Hat Blue / White	\$15.00
Hat 2-tone brushed twill	\$13.00
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Hat Pin Chapter	\$3.00
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## Membership Items for Sale

### May 2010

1970 Corvette parts...engine block 3963512 (casting date J289, heads 3964290 casting date K269 & L49, intake manifold 3955287 casting date B970, seat frames, front suspension & rear suspension and differential, frame, rear body panels...R & L fenders, deck, T tops, R & L doors, R & L side glass, rear glass & frame, wheels (4), brake calipers, rotors, power steering valve, cylinder, relay rod & pitman arm. Call or e-mail Dennis (303) 748-8235, [Dennis@rockymountaincorvette.com](mailto:Dennis@rockymountaincorvette.com)

Chevy 454 engine...complete rebuilt with CompCams p/n 11-208-3 grind no. 280H-10 cam (.520 lift 280 duration) w/new lifters. Isky valve springs and heavy duty pushrods. Block is Gen IV 14015445 dated I-1-4. Heads are close chamber 1969 Corvette 3964290 dated J-9-9. New 6 quart Corvette oil pan w/windage tray & trap door. Engine rated comparable to GM LS5 at 400HP plus w/500ft.lbs torque. Engine has not been run-in. Intake is Corvette 3866948 dated K 20-5 (1966 Corvette 390 HP). GM oval port aluminum manifold available. Built to fit into a C2 or C3 Corvette. Standard 454 flywheel or flex plate available. Call or e-mail Dennis (303) 748-8235, [Dennis@rockymountaincorvette.com](mailto:Dennis@rockymountaincorvette.com)



### July 2010

Midyear/specifically 1966 big block suspension parts never used. Set of 4 current GM replacement AC Delco shocks w/correct paint and stickers \$110. Restored 7/8 OEM front sway bar with new GM rubber bushings\$125. Restored 9/16 OEM rear sway bar\$125. Restored( see spring 2005 Driveline article on this spring restoration) 9 leaf standard rear spring\$350.

One NOS GM service replacement HD rear 7 leaf spring with original stenciled part # in tact , \$300.

Dennis Dalton 719-583-2565 home, 719-251-2033 cell

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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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