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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

By Ralph Ridge

Hard to believe that another year has flown by, another successful year for the Rocky Mountain Chapter: our membership and member participation is up, we hosted not one but two very well attended Chapter Judging meets, we had several informative tech sessions, our road tours were well organized and safe, we were well attended and members were successful at the Park City National Convention, and (best of all) we achieved another Chapter Top Flight award at that convention. All of this was due to the outstanding efforts of many, many people. My hat is off to all of you who made all of these many activities successful.

Now it's time to gear up for 2006 and begin looking forward to another eventful and fun year. This week Dennis Kazmierzak and I firmed up the commitment from Ed Bozarth Chevrolet to continue their sponsorship of the RMC for the foreseeable future. In addition to

providing us with their facility for our spring judging meet, they have taken on the task (and expense) of printing our 2006 chapter calendars and will help us meet our donation goal to our chapter charity (9 News Health Fair). You will see more information about their dealership on the calendars and in our upcoming newsletters. Again I want to encourage everyone to talk to these folks first if you're anticipating the purchase of any new GM product or used vehicle.

Due to the fact that we would like to advertise our spring meet in the Driveline, we have moved the date to April 2, 2006 at Ed Bozarth Chevrolet. Hopefully, this will also give us a shot at better weather. To fill the void in March created by this switch, we will move our annual (officer elections) meeting to March 18, 2006 at Corvette City at 11 AM. Those officers whose terms expire this year are the Chairman, Newsletter Editor, Activities Chairman and the Technical Advisor. Your board will be forming a nominating committee soon and we are hoping for volunteers to help fill these positions. At the end of this year, I will have served as your chairman for five years and I feel it's time for new blood. Therefore, I will not be running for any office.

On January 1, 2006, Jim Lennartz became our new judging Chairman, relinquishing his former position as Technical Session Coordinator. To replace him, I have appointed Dan Tillapaugh to that position. To assist Dan, Mike Bogan has offered his expertise. Look for some great tech sessions from these two individuals this year.

Finally, let me remind everyone that the NCRS National Convention is in San Antonio this year

from August 1st through August 5th. The convention committee has established a web site at ncrssanantonio2006.org. This will be the closest national convention for several years to come, so make your plans now.

SAVE THE WAVE,
Ralph

MEMBERSHIP

By Bob Montgomery

The holidays have past, our time belongs to us again . . . to work on those winter Corvette projects! I hope your projects are going well!

The 2006 membership drive is underway and I have processed 90 renewals as of January 4th, 2006. That leaves only a few 2005 members that haven't renewed for 2006. Please take a few moments to fill out the membership form you received in the mail and send it to the address provided.

We have gained 2 new members for 2006 as well! Welcome to our newest members:

Mike and Jackie Malouf – 1967 427/435HP, 1994 ZR1, 1998 350/350, 2003 Anniversary Edition

Louis and Vanessa Rokas – 1954 Roadster, 1966 427/390HP Roadster – Melbourne Australia!

I need to get all RMC member's national NCRS expiration date into our database for reports we are required to provide to NCRS. If you haven't given me that information yet, drop me an email with your NCRS and expiration date or find me at one of the chapter functions. The expiration date is on the mailing label of the Driveline magazine you receive.

I will be publishing the 2006 NCRS RMC Membership directory in February. All members that have paid 2006 dues by January 31, 2006 will be included. Please send your application and check by this date if you want to be

included. The directory will be available at chapter functions beginning in February.

Thanks in advance for helping me get the chapter membership records as accurate as possible.

Throttle up!

Bob Montgomery
milehiview@yahoo.com

VICE CHAIRMAN

By Dennis Kazmierzak

This year has started with a bang for our Chapter Board at least my portion of it. Ralph & I have been working to secure or sponsorship for the coming year so we'll have an indoor location for our Judging event in the spring. We were successful in having Ed Bozarth Chevrolet sponsor the Chapter through 2006 and also supporting our charity 9HealthFair with a \$500.00 donation. Because of this sponsorship I urge you to contact Mike Rowland (303) 775-2448 if you have any interest in a Chevrolet this year. There were several C6's on the show room floor just waiting for you to come a get one. Make sure you mention the Chapter name or Ralph or me to Mike. And take a look at Ralph's new 2500 Duramax at the next meeting if he's not driving his C5.

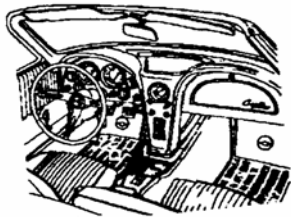
Our 2006 Year with 9HealthFair started in October 2005, while I was at the Texas Regional, with a call from Susan Evans Director of Development. From that call we initiated our 2006 calendar. Donations were accepted from 12 members to have their Corvettes pictured on the calendar. The money went directly to the Chapter for the charity. The chapter made up the balance along with Bozarth Chevrolet. Last years contributions to 9HealthFair were matched with \$500.00 from NCRS. This year we are hoping to get that figure maximized to \$1000.00 because of the calendar and other money marked for the charity. I'll be reporting more on this in the coming months. Plan ahead

for the Health Fair and make sure you attend. It can make a difference in your life.

Our 2006 calendar will be on sale at the January 7th Winter Party and also at the Chapter meeting on the 21st. The price will be \$15.00 each or 2 for \$28.00.

I look forward to see you all this year at various events and meetings. Plan on setting aside the third Saturday of each month for the tech sessions and road trips. We are going to do some different things this year and I hope you can take advantage of the effort the board is putting forward to make the Corvette in your garage come to life.

Drive'em, DJ



ACTIVITIES

By Peter M. Gregory

The Judging School on November 19th had a good turnout. We met at Corvette City for a informal classroom setting with instructor being our Vice Chairman and Judging Chairman Dennis Kazmierzak. The class was very informative with many members and guest asking questions about judging Corvettes of course. Answers were provided by Dennis. Along with many other knowledgeable members and some NCRS Master Judges in attendance. If you were not there you missed a good one!

Our next event is a Tech Session in December. Please remember many of our members spend much time in preparation for these events and They are put on for YOUR benefit as well as all of us. Your support

In attendance is greatly invited as we learn much from each other whether it be a classroom setting such as a Judging School or a Tech Session or just by conversing among ourselves, we learn a lot about our cars.

If you would like information on Corvette events, feel free to call me as I have many events on my calendar.
303-805-2936 or PMGregory1@aol.com

The following is the next couple of month's events. Please join us!

January

- 7 – 4PM to ? Holiday party hosted by Jan and Mike Bogan
- 21 – 11AM RMC General Meeting @ Corvette City
- 26 – 29 NCRS FLORIDA REGIONAL @ Kissimmee, FL
- 27 – 4PM-6PM Polar Bear Swap Meet Collection @ Corvette City
- 28- 8AM Polar Bear Swap Meet 2 Adams County Fairgrounds

February

- 10-13 NCRS JUDGES TRAINING RETREAT @ Dallas, TX
- 18-11AM RMC Judging School @ Corvette City

You can't say we have no car stuff to do in the wintertime.

Pete



Editors Notes

By Dennis Dalton

Saturday November 19 was our chapter judging school at Corvette City. Dennis Kasmierzak conducted an excellent lecture on what is involved in becoming a team leader. It was an informative presentation by someone who has the experience. I reviewed the CORVETTE JUDGING REFERENCE MANUAL when I returned home and found very little information on the subject other than the responsibilities of the title. This club is fortunate to have so many experienced people willing to donate their time and expertise to the club. Thanks Dennis!



Be Careful When You Clean!

The end of autumn brought a bout of extremely cold temperatures in the first two weeks of December. I usually keep the engine fairly clean and wash it regularly at the car wash and I'm careful to mop up any puddles of water on the intake manifold. During that two-week period the engine was running very rich and consequently ran terrible. It has the 4160 Holly (R3367A) with the coil choke. Removing the choke cover revealed a solid block of ice from water at the car wash that settled in the depression where the choke coil is. When it is warmer, the water evaporates. When it is freezing, it just defrosts (maybe) and the coil never expands and the choke never opens. Take out the water, problem fixed!



Ed note:

This qualifies as a Corvette story as sharp readers would know that carburetor as a correct number for the 300 hp 1966 Corvette and also that I have an L72 which has a 4150. This carburetor is currently on my 1969 truck.

Mark your calendar for **February 22** deadline for March/April Newsletter articles and ads. We also need 3 more tech articles by July 2006. Start Writing! Thanks

newsletterRMC@earthlink.net

Dennis

Judging Chairman

By Jim Lennartz

Well here it is the start of a new year and I would like to thank you for your voting support in electing me, Jim Lennartz to this very important position as your Judging Chairman for the next two years. Along with that said, I have asked Dennis Kazmierzak to be my assistant Judging Chairman. I am looking forward to all the exciting events coming up, like the judging meet on April the 2nd at Ed Bozarth Chevrolet. See you-all at the club party at Mike Brogan's house on Saturday the 7th.

Jim

The Village Idiot Is Alive and Well

By Bill Lucia

Hi there:

It's been a while since I wrote an article so I figured it was about time. Actually, I got prompted to write this as a result of my own stupidity. Any way here is my story:

The Village Idiot Is Alive And Well

Many of you know that I have a 2000 fixed roof coupe...the newer of my two Corvette's. Since we moved to Florida the 2000 gets plenty of road time. On one particularly hot day I got in the car to drive out to our house in Sorrento. I pegged the dual A/C dials as far over as I could, set both fans on auto and drove off. The A/C on the FRC works really well. It's a small cockpit and it cools off quickly even on a black on black car in Florida. When I reached over to turn the A/C down the digital display would not budge. No matter what I did it stayed pegged at 60 degrees....and blowing snow flakes!!!!!!!!!!!! This is the lowest setting on the

C5 of that year. Simple problem I reasoned.....the A/C control module is TOAST. A simple but EXPENSIVE repair at the Chevy dealer.....no problem.....JUST STEP UP AND PAY!!!!!!!!!! I drove the car off an on for a few days before making an appointment to take it in to the dealer.

Two days prior to taking the car in I drove it to work. When I tried to turn on the head lights they would not rotate into position.....nothing would get them to work.....finally they moved slowly into position.....I figured that I had additional electrical problems.....this was getting serious and I was getting VERY worried to say the least.

A few days later (the day I was scheduled to take the car to the dealer) I jumped in and turned the key.....POP!.....SNAP!.....NOTHING!... ..dead....no noise, no lights, no dash, no gauges.....NOTHING, ZIP,ZILCH.....DEAD as a door nail!!!!!!

I drove the truck to work and that night spent the better part of an hour checking every ground, fuse, connection etc, etc that I could think of...followed the manual....EVERYTHING!!!!!!!!!!!!all to NO AVAIL. This was going to be expensive.....I was convinced the electrical systems was pretty much toast.....everything I read on the various info boards pointed to that fact.

The next day, Sanford towing placed the dead 2000 on a flat-bed and hauled it into Lake Mary, FL to Bill Heard Chevrolet. I explained the problem to Andy, the service manager, left the car and went back to work.

Later that day I got a call from the front desk telling me the car was ready and that I needed to come and pick it up that afternoon. NO EXPLANATION.....NO PRICE QUOTE.....NO INFORMATION. When I arrived at the dealership and asked for the car the front desk folks asked me to wait for Andy....he wanted to talk to me personally!!!!!!!!!!!! Geeeee, I just know this is gonna be really bad.....SOhere comes Andy.....looking at his

shoes.....what's up I ask?????????.....he says well.....the car is fixed and it's NO CHARGE.....WHAT.....yep he says.....NO CHARGE.....then he explains that almost every technician in the place looked at the car and could not figure out the problem.....every connection was checked, every service bulletin reviewed.....hours had passed and several people were hovered over the dead black Corvette. NO ONE could figure out what was going on. Then, after about four hours, a lot boy came over and pointed out that fact that maybe they should try hooking up the POSITIVE BATTERY CABLE!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Sure enough, I "TOTALLY MISSED IT".....so too did the "GM TRAINED TECHS".....Andy missed it.....EVERYONE MISSED IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Andy explained that the connection was making intermittent contact and the computer controlled 2000 was having serious "identity problems" keeping its various systems powered up.....sooner or later the connection worked itself totally loose and the car went "LIGHTS OUT" so to speak.....

Fast forward to this week.....the 2000 is running as strong as ever with no signs of any problems!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The moral of the story?????????

CHECK THE BASICS FIRST!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Boy do I feel like the village idiot!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Best Regards

Bill Lucia

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
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Regional Director

Regional Director Report
By Howard Loomis

THE BEST THING ABOUT NCRS is GREAT FRIENDS AND GREAT CARS AND I MEAN GREAT FRIENDS.

Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Years, and I know all of the Region chapters have held their year end get-togethers and I hope everyone had a great time. Has everyone has been working on their Corvettes, (toy)

or whatever is in the garage? The season is about to start. If you have talked to me, you know I have been under the weather since the first of December with rotor cup surgery on the right shoulder and it has NOT been fun! I have talked to several others who have gone through this, some did ok and some took a long time to heal,.I think I'm taking a long time!.

The Car season is about to start for a lot of us. I know many are going to Orlando, FL for the Regional; lets hope it's going to be warm. Barb and I will be down there for a week, doing some sight seeing and maybe going to the Keys for warmer weather. February 10-12 is the NCRS Judging Training in Dallas, I do know that it's booked full. In March the National Board of Directors will hold the their meeting in San Antonio, Texas. We will be looking over the Convention site for this summer's convention. Remember NCRS members if you have anything to take to the Board please let me know. I am your voice on the Board.

There is going to be a lot to do as an NCRS member this year and I hope you can join in with this great group of people and meet new friends. If you are looking for help with your car or you don't understand some of the judging there are many people to HELP. So don't feel bad about asking any sort of question; if the person you ask doesn't know I am sure they will find some one to answer that question.. Stay tuned because this is a NEW YEAR and there is a lot going on, please don't be left out.

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1965 Corvette Coupe, 327-365 HP, Nassau Blue, White/Blue Interior, Teak Wheel, Power Brakes, AM-FM Radio, 2 sets of knock-offs, numerous NCRS Top Flight Awards, \$48,000.00, Call 303-660-0828, Email Address: lothar.kremer@wsfp.us

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69 Corvette, T tops, 61k miles on chassis, 11 miles on rebuilt orig. motor 350/350 4 spd. The front suspension and brakes have also been rebuilt. Also included is a set of orig. tires with lots of tread left. Body appears to have never been hit. Car would make a good driver. 15K for the car, Rick Nelson at (303) 423-3147

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