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Chairman's Message

By Rick Reiff

The 2008 Regional is now behind us and I think it was a big success, which was the result of detailed planning and hard work carried out by the RMC membership. Kudos to Ralph Ridge and the various committee members who did a great job of leading and coordinating the event. Unfortunately, as most of you know, I was not able to participate in the final day of activities, including the banquet, as a result of a fire that ended up consuming my entire home - the result of a perfect storm (fuel, combustible matter, wind, and more wind). Although most of our personal effects were consumed or damaged nobody got hurt, which in the final analysis was the most important thing. What has been truly humbling and heartwarming is the outpouring of support and goodwill that we have received from our neighborhood, friends, and family - including my RMC family. I truly thank you all for being so supportive and caring. The cars are great, but the people are even greater.

In May we had our annual meeting and election. The results are as follows (2-year terms that start on January 1, 2009).

Chairman - Rick Reiff

Secretary - Jim Hilton

Membership - Ron Berggren

Newsletter - Dennis Dalton

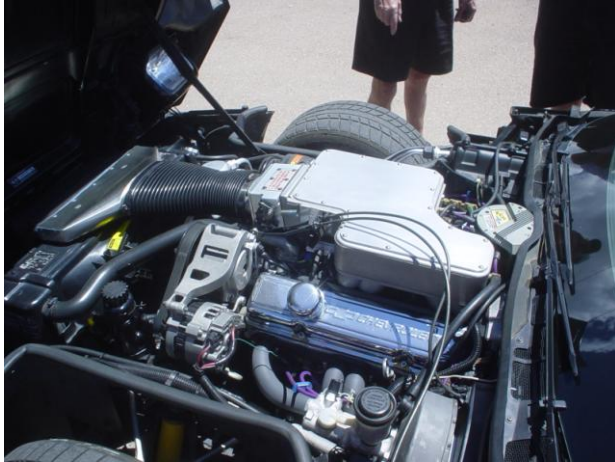
On June 21st we had our annual spring/summer road tour. Mike Bird set up a wonderful tour that had us eating lunch in Cripple Creek after a scenic drive on Highway 67. Thanks to Ralph Ridge I was lucky enough to participate in the road tour and got to drive both his '61 and '06. Both cars are a kick to drive and provide a great lesson regarding the advancement in technology that took place during the 45 years that had elapsed between them. There is something to be said about technology.....but not here. I've included some pictures from the trip for your reference.

For July we have the 4th of July picnic which for this year is at Dirk and Lisa's wonderful home up in the mountains followed by the 2008 National in St. Charles, MO. We have several members gunning for Top Flight, PVs, and Founder's awards and wish them

the best of luck. Hopefully the rains in the Midwest will have subsided by then and that they will have a great National.

I look forward to serving as your Chairman again and thank you all for your support.

Rick Reiff
Chairman



"Oh yes, it's a stock motor, ahhh just a rare dealer install option"

Vice Chairman's Report

By Bob Montgomery

Wow, it seems like we had a long winter this year and all of the sudden we are starting summer! Remember the snow and cold weather we had at the 2008 Regional? That wasn't that long ago! Now is the time to enjoy the nice weather and as many of the upcoming events as you can

When I became an NCRS and NCRS RMC member early in 2004 I had no idea how much I would enjoy this group and the knowledge I would gain. This chapter is very active and has earned the NCRS Top Flight Chapter award for multiple years. This award is earned by attending meetings, judging at chapter and regional meets, presenting your cars for flight judging, participating in road tours and publishing technical articles in this newsletter. We are on track to earn the award again for the 2008 year but we need your help to do so. We are required to publish 6 tech articles and so far we are way behind our goal. If you are working on a project, chances are that others in the chapter could learn from your experience. A few pictures, some words about the project is all we need. We can even help write the article with you if you would like. Just contact any board member and we will help.

Thanks for you support!

Membership Report

By Bob Montgomery

Membership as of June 30th stands at 132 members with the newest members to join:

- Ken and Barb Bay, Syracuse, Kansas – 1957 Roadster
- Frank Marasa, Centennial, Colorado – 1971 LT1 Coupe
- Michael and Marylou Evans, Cornville, Arizona

Welcome to the Rocky Mountain Chapter!

As many of you may have heard, Ron Berggren has stepped up to offer to help the chapter with the membership position. This time of year is pretty quiet but his help will be greatly appreciated when we kick off our 2009 membership drive!

If you would like a copy of the chapter 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.

Thanks!

Bob Montgomery
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Activities For March and April

By Mike Bird

What a pleasant Spring Road Tour we had. There were 11 cars and 20 members for this 150 mile tour. We started out at Ken Caryl and Kipling and went up 285 to Pine Junction rd. We then went thru Pine Junction, Deckers, Woodland Park, Divide and had lunch in Cripple Creek at Maggies. From there we retraced our drive to Woodland Park and on into Colorado Springs and home. The weather was perfect and the roads not to congested. The scenery was great and the cars all made the trip without mishap.

Now on to activities for July and August.

On July the 4th is our annual "Independence Day" Party and Board Meeting. This year it will be at Dirk and Lisa's in Evergreen. The party will be from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Also in July is the National Convention in St. Charles, MO from July 20th til the 24th. Vette's on the Rockies will be starting on July 31st and ending on August 3rd.

Also in August we have a Tech Session on the 16th at Corvette City which starts at 11:00 am. On the

23rd is the OCC Swap Meet at the Adams County Fair Grounds.

If any new events or activities arise, I will email you.

Mike Bird
Activities Coordinator



"Dream on buddy"

Editors Corner

By Dennis Dalton

MY TWO CENTS WORTH

In 1971 there was a James Bond movie titled "Diamonds are Forever" written around the character of Howard Hughes [played by Jimmy Dean] as a recluse living in a Las Vegas hotel. James Bond breaks in through the roof and falls down a chute to land on an unoccupied toilet surrounded by video monitors set up to watch the gambling in the lobby. I had read that Howard Hughes liked to do many things while occupied in that manner "TO SAVE TIME" as he put it. What does this have to do with Corvettes? Well, the Restorer magazine is now in color on the inside, which I feel is a great move and well overdue. I store it right where I can reach it in the bathroom. The Driveline, on the other hand, is *MAYBE* going to be put on line soon after a test run. Am I going to have to get a computer hook up in my bathroom? I am also going to have to figure out how to circle the parts listings so that I can keep track of the ones that I want to call up as I sift through over 100 pages on the computer screen. I am just thinking how to save time.

Dennis Dalton, Editor

My '66 Start-up

By Dennis Kazmierzak

Over the past few months I had been deeply involved in the RMC Regional which consumed much of my time as judging chairman for the event. That now over I am getting back into my garage where I enjoy life at my adjusted pace. This past weekend I passed up driving on the RMC Spring road tour set up by Mike Bird. I did this so I could work on my '66 Conv. that has been in a state of "getting ready to run" for 5 plus years. Well at 4:20PM Saturday afternoon the white Corvette fired up. The 427CI, 390+HP came back to life after many years on the shelf. I had the usual little concerns with a start-up i.e. fuel leaks from the Holley setting on the shelf now on the manifold, water leaking (did not happen), wires hooked up correctly (did that right), ignition parts that were faulty (resistor failed) and so on.

After the start-up I did the checks on the timing, carb set, gauge check etc. Everything adjusted and noted I did a short run-in to check for any possible leaks and other concerns. All's now ready for the run-in which will happen later this week. The next steps are completing the brakes with adding the fluid, setting the alignment and attaching the hood. This Corvette is a K66 (TI) but I started it up with a standard (digital ignition) distributor as I had more confidence in it that the factory TI unit. I now will build the TI distributor and install it into the engine for another start-up since I now know the engine will run. This isolates the potential problems for me and keeps from possibly getting fuel in the crankcase because of a faulty ignition. I've also acquired a 404 Sun Distributor machine so I'll make sure the TI distributor works before it goes into the block.

Friends have been asking me for years when I am going to get the '66 running. Well it's now running and soon to be on the road. Remember this is a hobby so enjoy it.

September 5, 6 & 7th Fall Road Trip to Ouray, Colorado

By Dennis Kasmierzak

Last year we made the trip to Gateway Colorado for the fall Judging and Show-n-shine. This year we are planning a weekend in Ouray without judging or a show. It's going to be a laid back tire kicking bed and breakfast weekend. This will be set up in two stages as follows:

Friday Group: Leave the home base Friday morning and drive the route to arrive in to Ouray by late afternoon. Suggested stop for breakfast at Johnson Village Coyote Café with additional stops at the top of Monarch Pass, Gunnison, Crested Butte, Montrose and Ridgeway on the way.

Saturday Group: do the same as the Friday group but a day later.

There are several bed and breakfast inns in Ouray. The China Clipper Inn, St Elmo Hotel, Wiesbaden Hot Springs Spa & Lodgings are the noted B&B's on <http://www.lanierbb.com/ouray-colorado-bed-breakfast.html>. There are also hotels listed on <http://www.ouraycolorado.com/Hotels+&+Motels>. We'll set up the **China Clipper Inn** as the focus spot since they are friends of Frank & Pam Gibbons from Durango. You can make your own reservations at any location in Ouray. We have a suggested daily routine with the object to lay back and enjoy the area. There's a lot to do there and you don't have to do any of it to have a good time. Let me know if you want to make the trip so we have an idea of the road tour grouping. More to follow for sure. Contact me if you are interested in making this weekend trip. (DJKazmierzak@NCRSRMC.org)

Dennis

March BOD Meeting Institutes Many Changes for NCRS

NCRS Board of Directors Meeting
March 28, 2008

Edited from the minutes of the BOD meeting

Jeff Cook was re-elected financial officer. President Vito Cimilluca reappointed Mark Lincoln as vice president and national activities chairman, Cece Nelson as secretary, Jeff Cook as business manager, Roy Sinor as national judging chairman, Gary Mortimer as merchandising and membership manager, John Pirkle as National Corvette Museum representative and Carlton Colclough as public relations coordinator.

Reconfirmed by the Board were Vinnie Peters as *Restorer* editor and Eric Mortimer as *Driveline* editor. Re-appointments to the Publications Committee were Dick Whittington, chairman, Vito Cimilluca, Mark Lincoln, and Jeff Cook.

Vito announced that the board was very excited about launching the new Technical Discussion Board on March 1, 2008. We presently have 1500+ members signed on to the TDB.

Howard Hoover and Mike Bailey from the Michigan Chapter presented a proposal for the 2011 National Convention. The board voted for the 2011 convention to be held at the Rock Financial Showplace in Novi, Michigan. The board selected Howard Hoover as the convention chairman for 2011.

Wendell Strode, Executive Director of the National Corvette Museum addressed the board with details of the museum's expansion. Wendell stated the NCM was "committed to retain an NCRS presence" at the museum; however, he was unable to commit to any details. He also stated the principle reason for the new addition is to allow for the library and archives to be situated in the expansion project of the museum. It was noted that only 10% of the new space will be utilized as the library and archive section of the expansion.

- The board approved the purchase of new computer equipment for the Cincinnati membership and merchandise office.
- The board voted to support six regionals for 2010 to be held in the following sites: Kissimmee, FL January 20-23; Gettysburg, PA April 29-May 1; Des Moines, Iowa May 20-22; Bend, Oregon Aug 19-21; Canal Winchester, OH Sept 9-11; Albuquerque, NM Sept 30-Oct 2.
- The board agreed to a proposal for a new printing process of *The Restorer* and to change the publication date of the second issue of the year from May to March.
- Information Technology Policy
- The board agreed to the following proposals and policies:
 - the Technical Discussion abuse policy (this is the agreement that you check off when you sign on to the TDB to receive your password) a 31-day read-only trial period for non-members on the TDB. add a page on the web-site to allow links for *Driveline* advertisers, this will not be an endorsement of an advertiser but an added feature for buying advertisement in *The Driveline*. updating the on-line store to make it easier to purchase NCRS merchandise. Run a test trial of *The Driveline* on-line. This trial period will allow us to work out the bugs and determine the feasibility for the on-line *Driveline*.
- The board revised bylaw 15.1
ARTICLE XV – CHAPTERS 15.1 A group of 25 or more NCRS Members can apply for recognition and charter as a Chapter of NCRS. At least 25 of these members must reside in the same general geographic area as the proposed new Chapter.* Chapter requests shall be made on the Chapter Application Form obtainable from the Regional Representative. A Chapter will be granted a Chapter Charter only after a one year probationary period and after meeting and demonstrating observance of the Chapter Manual. Chapter Charters are for

one year periods and will be renewed on an annual basis providing the Chapter has observed the provisions of the Chapter Manual. *The chapter manual will be changed accordingly.

- The board voted to grant full chapter status to the Dutch Chapter.
- The board agreed to develop a web page for the Foundation at www.ncrs.org The web page will include the mission statement, scholarship fund information and will also have information on opportunities to donate.

The next board meeting will be held on July 25 in St. Charles, MO.

If you read the minutes you noticed several important items. The possibility of an online *Driveline* is one of them. It is in testing stages now and hopefully within the next couple of issues will become a reality. The new Discussion Board format is gaining popularity with about 10 members joining every day. We anticipate that when we announce the online *Driveline* the numbers will grow tremendously.

Everyone has seen the new revised *Corvette Restorer* by now. If you like it, drop Vinnie an email telling him so and send him your tech articles for publication. If you have problems with it, please let Dick Whittington know as he is the chairperson of the Publications Committee. Our aim is to make it the best publication available.

You will notice that the next NCRS BOD will be on Friday after the National Convention in St. Charles. If you wish to attend, it is open to all members.



At 10:45am, waiting for the liquor store to open

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
Challenger Jacket	\$50.00
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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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