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By Rick Reiff

Hello Rocky Mountain Chapter! Summer is here and in addition to Chapter events there are a lot of other car-related activities going on. So hopefully you have had an opportunity to get your car out and participate in an event or two. In May we had a great turnout for the slide show at The Ridge at Castle Pines Golf Course and saw great pictures of Europe, Australia, and New Zealand from Chapter members who participated in the respective NCRS Chapter Meets. Thanks go out to the Hiltons, Pobudas, Lennartzs, and Bogans for putting together a great presentation and virtual tour of three wonderful places. I've been lucky enough to have visited all three and can tell you if you haven't been to Europe, New Zealand, or Australia that you need to put them on your "to do" list. Given the great feedback we get regarding the hospitality of the respective hosts, combining a visit with one of the NCRS related events is a great way to go. Not only are you enjoying the scenic beauty of the host country, you are getting to experience the local culture first hand. So, in the future if there is an opportunity to participate in one of our "sister Chapter" events I would encourage you to give it serious consideration.

In May we had the "Dealer Appreciation" event at one of our sponsors, Bozarth Chevrolet. We had 13 Corvettes there and coupled the event with a Tech Session led by Wayne Pendley. Wayne gave us insight on how new computer-based cars work and how the associated instrumentation works. Among other things, we learned about exhaust gas analysis and how the rich/lean fuel mixtures affect the concentration of different exhaust compounds (CO, NO_x, and O₂). Thanks again go out to Wayne who put together an informative session on short notice.

For July we have the 4th of July event, which this year is at my home. Following the 4th event is the National Convention, which is being held in North Carolina this year. In August we will have a judging school. Specific details can be found elsewhere in this newsletter and on the Chapter's web-site.

If I don't see you on the 4th, have a great holiday weekend!

Best Regards,
Rick Reiff
Chairman

Vice Chairman's Report

By John Marsico

The summer Corvette months have arrived and are asking us to bring our Corvettes out to enjoy before Mother Nature turns her back on us once again.

I understand it was a great turn out at The Ridge Golf Club in May. By all reports, the food was good and the camaraderie excellent. The May event was just a teaser for what is planned for the next couple of months. Be sure to read Eck's Activities Report and mark your calendars.

I am also happy to report that Rollie Purifoy, owner of Purifoy Chevrolet in Fort Lupton, will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of his dealership. Rollie will be hosting a party on July 10 from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at the dealership. Registration fee is only \$5.00 per car which includes food, door prizes, and a great car show. Check the RMC website for more information.

August is not that far away and I know Jack Humphrey, our Judging Chairman, is planning to present a judging school. Jack always is a wealth of knowledge and I know this upcoming school will be very helpful to all.

So.....the underlying message for this report is that we have a lot of activities we can involve ourselves in this summer. Mark your calendars and get those cars out.

I am attaching a flyer for the 2nd Annual memories Car Show that Carl Scaglione and I organized last year. We received such great feedback, we will once again produce this event. Last year several of our RMC-NCRS members attended.

Until the next issue,
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Editor's Corner

By Dennis Dalton

I have been consolidating our old archives of newsletters. I have the past four years neatly stored in labeled folders on the thumb drive. Prior to that, they only exist as a hard copy. I inherited the binders with hard copies back to 1996. Having said that, there are some great articles which will never see the light of day and so I have included in this issue, a reprint of an article by Bill Lucia titled "Rattle Can Tips".



Dennis Kasmierzak's 06 at the NE Chapter meet held at the SAC Museum.

RMC Judging Chairman Report

By Jack Humphrey

It's the slow season for judging at the Rocky Mountain Chapter... Our Spring meet is behind us and the summer is wide open for driving/using our cars! The next get together is our annual July 4th party which will be over by the time this newsletter goes to press.

Looking Ahead

The NCRS National Convention is scheduled for July 13-18 at the Charlotte Motor Speedway in Concord, North Carolina. A number of RMC folks are planning to attend and our Australian friends, Murray/Wendy Forman are set to visit and make the journey out...

After that, we have a judging school on the docket for August. In late September/early October (9/30-10/2), the New Mexico Chapter hosts their Western Regional meet. Dennis Kazmierzak is planning a road caravan from Denver to this meet which coincides with the annual balloon festival. It should be a GREAT trip.

If you've been thinking about going to this Regional (it's the closest 'action' to us for some time), you should register now rather than wait. The balloon festival

brings a LOT of visitors to Albuquerque and hotel/motel accommodations will be scarce!

Next year's NCRS National Convention is set for the greater Detroit area (Novi, Michigan—a suburb). So, if you're thinking about a run at the Mark of Excellence OR a Star/Bowtie awards, getting your prerequisite judging done in Albuquerque prior to a final judging in Detroit makes sense from a mileage driven basis.

2011 RMC Meet

I made mention in the last newsletter about our change in annual Chapter Meet schedule. To avoid conflicts with the world 'down under' and avoiding foul weather, we'll push our Chapter Meet from the Spring to the Fall.

We start the rotation this year (2010) with a Chapter Meet at Bozarth, Chevrolet on Sunday, October 16th. Since, we've just conducted our Spring meet and the Western Regional is a few weeks before, we might be hard pressed for cars to judge. But, we'll see how many will come...

Personally, I enjoy judging outdoors where the light works to our benefit. Plus, being on grass versus pavement is a windfall to those who judge chassis and interior. But, there's still NO GUARANTEE the weatherman won't work against us in late October, so we opted to ask our sponsor, Bozarth Chevrolet, to donate their facility and they agreed to help out! So, October should be a busy time for judging activities with both nearby Regional and local Chapter meets happening.

Tidbits

The 5th edition of the 1966 Corvette Technical Information Manual and Judging Guide has been released. The book is of the 'new' format; longer in page count with more pictures, revised text, and a compendium of Service Bulletins applicable to this model year.

They have a saying in the east: "Only Allah is perfect" and that fits here. There have been a few posts on the NCRS National Discussion Board about this/that issue relating to '66 cars and it seems that there ARE errors of commission/errors of omission in the new book...

But, I don't know of ANY publication in the NCRS stable that's without a 'hiccup' here/there and they're usually minor in scope which is the case with those issues that have been cited. So, don't hesitate to place your order for a copy of the judging guide to keep your reference library up to date. Overall, I'm SURE you'll be pleased with the efforts that went into the release of this book!

Rattle Can Tips

By Bill Lucia

(reprinted from July/August 2000)

“Rattle Can” tips are intended to be quick, easy and inexpensive tips that can solve a minor operational or aesthetic problem on your Corvette. By quick, I mean one hour or less to complete. By easy, I mean ANYONE can do them. By inexpensive, I mean \$5 to \$7 max! Additionally, these tips usually involve a product (spray paint, polish, preservative, etc) that is available at most automotive or hardware stores. In many cases these tips will not pass judging standards, nor are they intended to do so. For the most part, the tips work well for the “driver” in your collection. Once in a while, they will solve a problem on a Duntov car or other concourse class Corvette. Perhaps you have a tip or two of your own that you can share. Here are four of mine. I have used them all on one car or another over the years and they work!!!

Rattle Can Tip #1

OK this is cheating, but only a little. If you own a '68 to '73 Corvette you can increase the brightness of the taillights by using this tip. Remove all four of the taillight housings and clean them thoroughly. While you are at it, clean the lenses using Simi-Chrome. It will shine and plastic and remove all but the most severe scratches. Be sure that any corrosion or oxidation has been removed from the housing. You can also clean the bulb sockets with a small piece of crocus cloth wrapped on the end of a pencil. Use a little masking tape to seal off the socket. Now use a good grade of bright silver spray paint and spray the inside of the housing (this surface is hidden and is not judged). Use several light coats. Once the housing is dry you can reassemble the taillights into the car. The silver paint acts as a reflector giving a little more brightness to your taillights.

Rattle Can Tip #2

Another tip for the '68-'82 Corvette. The cowl area of these cars was sealed at the factory using a black tar-like substance. Over time, this material dries out, cracks, and turns brown. You can dress up this area using this tip. First remove all of the twigs, leaves and other junk that may have accumulated in this area. (This car is a driver, right?) Use a rag dampened with lacquer thinner to lightly wipe the entire area. Stay away from the painted surfaces! Once the area is clean and free of debris you can freshen the area with a can of spray on undercoat. Several manufacturers offer this product under various names. Mask off the nearby paint and mechanical components and spray on several light coats. You should use just enough to fill

the cracks and cover the brown color of the original material.

Rattle Can Tip #3

Here is one for the mid-year crowd. The 63-67 cars have a rocker panel that is held in place by a series of screws that pass through the bottom of the panel and up into a bracket and nylon bushing. The ends of the rocker panels are held in place by two black phosphate Phillips head screws. These screws will sometimes fall out or deteriorate with age. An easy fix is to visit the local hardware store. Exact replacements for the black phosphate screws are available for about ten cents each. You can also get four metal speed nuts to fit for about the same price. My math tells me that's about \$.80 for a fix that just might save you a point in exterior judging.

Rattle Can Tip #4

This is a real cheat but it works. (Most of the time!) A lot of us have used the old trick of removing the acorn nuts that hold emblems on our cars. Just remove the emblem, wax the area underneath, replace the emblem (loose) and hope the judges don't check to see if the emblem is tight. Sounds familiar doesn't it !?!?!?) Try this instead. Pick up a couple dozen nylon wing nuts at the local hardware store. These cost about fifteen to twenty cents a pop. Remove the metal acorn or speed nut so the emblem is loose. Clean the area as before, only instead of leaving the emblems loose for the judges to find, secure them with the wing nuts. If you can reach the emblem studs, you can put on the wing nuts. Usually two per emblem does the trick. Just don't use one on the inner fender of a mid-year. At least one of those nuts is visible!! The others can easily be reached and secured with a wing nut and you can't see them!!

Merchandise

By Wayne Pendley

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