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From The Chairman's Desk

Terry McCale
Chairman

I am sorry to say but I missed the cruise to Weston, Missouri that was held on June 2. According to everyone I have talked with, there was a great turnout and they had an excellent time. I made a fast trip to Phoenix, Arizona to look at a 1965 Corvette Roadster for a friend. He bought the car, it is safely home in Dallas, Texas and he and his wife are enjoying the fun of owning an open top car from the 1960's.

This has been a very full summer so far. Last weekend was the first one that Rose and I have been home all month. From attending the Chevelle Nationals in Nashville, Tennessee to Bloomington Gold in Chicago we have been busy going up and down the nation's highways. We wait all year for summer to arrive and then the time passes by so quickly we wonder where the time goes. I hope all of you are having a great summer and are getting to enjoy fun car adventures.

I saw a few familiar faces at Bloomington Gold. Steve Sales was attending the auction looking for the next great buy, Dana and Judy were busy selling beautiful artwork, Carl French was reviewing parts that he needed for his next project and David & Carol Sindelar were busy giving me a hard time for taking a nap on the Hotel couch. I failed to mention that it was "hot & humid" at Bloomington this year. Rose and I set down on a couch in the hotel to rest from the heat and I fell asleep. It's no fun getting old but it sure beats the alternatives. I bought several neat parts for the 1971 and took a lot of

pictures. The parts that I bought included a used set of rocker mouldings, complete with tabs and an all original spare tire tub with no holes. It has been awhile since I have needed Corvette parts so going back to Bloomington was great. I do think that the number of vendors is down and the prices are closer to ebay numbers. Everyone is getting smart to the way to sell parts. To all of you who have never attended this event it is very worthwhile. The special collection had a salute to the 1957 Corvette's 50th anniversary and a very low mileage 1971 roadster. I have always wanted to take my car to this event. I know several in our Chapter have already done this.

I just received a phone call and my car lift is at the truck dock waiting to be picked up. I am going to pick it up and try to assemble it in the next few days. It will be nice to have an extra car parking space. It will also be nice to be able to get under the cars without having to crawl around on the floor. Someday I hope to build a garage dedicated to the car lift only.

We are having an actual Chapter meeting this month at City Chevrolet off I-435 and Wornall. This will be our first meeting at the new City Chevrolet dealership. They plan on having food so be sure to show up. Get the word out to fellow Chapter members letting them know of the change. The plan is to have Brian Schoenfish's 1969 coupe for show-n-tell. I hope you all get to come out and see Brian's beautiful car.

Next year's National NCRS Convention will be held in St. Louis Missouri from July 20 to 25, 2008. A contingent of

Kansas City NCRS 2007 Calendar

- July 10: Chapter Meeting at City Chevrolet in Kansas City, MO (The old Broome location)
Brian Schoenfish's 1969 Vette
- July 22-26: National Convention
Boston, MA
www.ncrsboston2007.com
- July 23-30: Vettes on the Rockies
- Aug. 14: Chapter Meeting guest speaker at Tim's Pizza
- Sept. 11: Garage Tour To Carl French's Shop in Kearney, MO
- Sept. 13-15: NW Regional
Leavenworth, WA
- Oct. 4-7: Eureka Springs Corvette Weekend in Eureka Springs, AR
- Oct. 12-14: Branson's 6th Annual Fall Fest in Branson, MO
- Oct. 25-27: Texas Regional Waco, TX
- Nov. 10: Chapter Dinner At Garozzo's in Lee's Summit, MO
- Dec. 8: Chapter Christmas Party at the McCale's in Olathe, KS

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- Jan. 9-12: Florida Regional
Kissimmee, FL
- April 17-19: Southwestern Regional
Chattanooga, TN
- May 15-18: Michigan Regional
Novi, MI
- June 5-8: Pennsylvania Regional
Seven Springs, PA
- July 13-17: National Convention
Saint Charles, MO
- Sept. 11-13: Northwestern Regional
Bend, OR
- Oct. 23-25: Texas Regional
Waco, TX

All dates and topics are subject to change.



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**If you have anything to buy, sell,
or trade contact Jennifer Neher at
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Editor's Note

I want to thank Terry McCale and Brian Schoenfish for getting me information for this months newsletter. We are running a week behind schedule since we were waiting for the July meeting location to be confirmed.

If anyone is going to go to the NCRS Nationals in Boston this year please take some good pictures for our chapter newsletter. I will be joining Dana and the rest of the gang on the road trip out to Vettes on the Rockies this month, so I want to have photos from both events for the August newsletter.

On a much sadder note I have learned that a long time NCRS friend is very ill. Walt and Lisa Kopala lived in the Overland Park area and were very active in our local chapter ten years ago. When Brian and I started dating I used to bring dinner out to the shop and eat with him at the shop work bench while he worked on Walt's 1962 Fuelie. The first time I was introduced to Lisa she was crawling out from under the car covered in grime from scraping the frame. Walt was also responsible for talking me into taking over as newsletter editor 11 years ago.

The Kopalas eventually moved out to California and continued to support the NCRS at all levels. Over the last five years Walt has been fighting an on going battle with cancer. Brian and I wish them all the best and pray Walt is able to win this latest battle.

Last month Walt was presented with The President's Ward from the National Board of Directors. I have included the article from the Southern California Chapter newsletter on page three.

Our next event will be at City Chevrolet on July 10th. This is the old meeting location at what was Broome Chevrolet. I will include a map on page three. Hope you will be there!

Jennifer Neher
Newsletter Editor

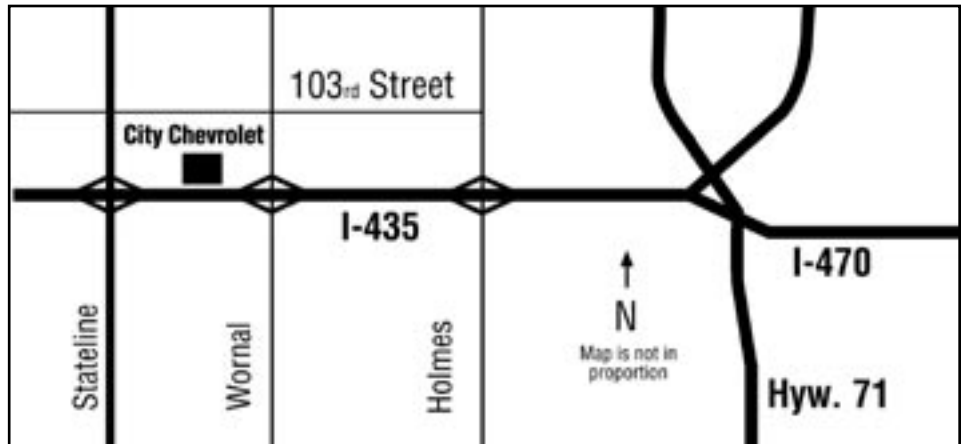
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Kansas City Chapter members are going to St. Louis on June 30 to go over the site and start the year long planning process with the St. Louis Chapter. This next year will go by fast and it is important to have a great event to showcase both the KC and St. Louis Chapter. Anyone wanting to help needs to contact Dana and let him know what interest they might have. It takes a lot of volunteers to make this kind of event successful. I am personally looking forward to having the national event so close to home. The Convention site is fabulous and the Convention center is a perfect place for a great car event. Have a great spring and hope to see you at one of our KC Chapter events!!!!

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PRESIDENTS AWARD PRESENTED TO WALT KOPALA

Region IX Director's Report

By Beverly LeGate

I am so proud to have been a part of the Presidents Award presentation to Walt Kopala Saturday, the 26th of May. As I said in my presentation at Walt's home, in Corona, California, where he was surrounded by his California NCRS family, Walt has an NCRS family that really spans across this country. A word I kept hearing was awesome. It was awesome to come together to pay a tribute to Walt and to make a presentation with Walt's family and friends around him. It was awesome to thank Walt for all of his contributions to NCRS at the Chapter, Regional and National levels. God Bless Walt and his family at this time.

The Presidents Award plaque to Walt was made within 24 hours and delivered within 24 hours. Vito Cimilluca, our President, helped me tremendously with the ordering of the plaque and Eric & Gary Mortimer are to be commended for making it happen. Without their support, we could not have had such a wonderful presentation in our Region. Thank you to Jerry Louer who spearheaded the gathering at Walt's home. Pat Collins also was ready with a stand in second plaque plan, if it became necessary. Thank you Pat. Thank you Southern California Board and a special thank you to Walt & Lisa Kopala for opening their home and for making the presentation so very special for our Region.

From Left to right: Ed Vignone, Patrick Collins, Barbara Vignone, Kay Collins, Darold Shirwo, Don Troyer, Carol Troyer, Allen Morris, Pat Louer, Jerry Louer, Beverly LeGate, John LeGate, Walt Kopala, Lisa Kopala and Jim Gessner.



Walt has fought many battles with cancer always winning, until now. Due to the circumstances, the presentation took place at Walt and Lisa's home in Corona. Walt has been a long time member of NCRS, giving much of his time and support. Those of us who know Walt and Lisa have nothing but admiration for their strength, courage and spirit during these difficult years. At this writing, he was still fighting to regain his strength and mobility. We wish them nothing but the best in the days ahead.

Don Troyer
Southern California Chapter Chairman

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NATIONAL NCRS JUDGING INFORMATION NEWS

Attention: NCRS Judging Information

Roy Sinor, the NCRS Judging Chairman announced a Judging Retreat for January 31 though February 3, 2008 in Dallas, TX. Also training DVD's will be available for sale through Cincinnati soon. There will be five DVD's in all: operations, judging reference manual, judging 101, paint and fiberglass, and the judging matrix. Judging Score Sheets are now available for download at the NCRS National Web Site <http://www.ncrs.org/>. Click on the button The sample summary sheets include Chassis, Exterior, Interior, Mechanical, Operational, and Summary for the following years 1953-55, 1956-57, 1958-62, 1963-67, 1968-72, 1973-77, 1978-82, 1984-86, 1987-89, 1990-91.

These sample sheets are made available so you can better understand the judging and scoring process. They are valuable for those prepares a car, and those preparing to judge or just refreshing your knowledge. These are PDF files for ease of viewing or printing your own copies. We will try to keep these up to date as future updates are made to the sheets. You will need the NCRS Technical Information Manual & Judging Guide for your car in order to utilize these sheets as they contain only point assignments and no component descriptions. You also should purchase the Judging Reference Manual as it contains all of the Standard Deductions that are used for certain items on the cars. You can find these manuals for sale at the NCRS Online Store.



ROAD TOUR RULES AND MUST HAVES FOR GROUP TRAVEL

Greetings Road Tour Folks!

The summer is going quickly, and in less than three weeks we'll be on the road to Colorado! As you prepare for our travels, please review the following information. An Official Road Tour Itinerary, driving directions, and a list of cell phone numbers will be provided later.

VETTES ON THE ROCKIES TOUR INFO

ITEMS TO TAKE:

- **EXTRA CAR KEYS!!!!**
- Proof of insurance
- Pair of Motorola Talkabout radios (other brands not recommended as compatible)
- Large pack of batteries (Sam's or Costco) for radios
- CB radio for contact outside our group (optional)
- Rand McNally Atlas (or other maps specific to our itinerary)
- Official Road Tour Itinerary (including hotel phone numbers & confirmations)
- Cell Phone
- Listing of Cell Phone numbers of others in our group (Dana will provide)
- AAA Gold Membership (for unlimited towing)
- Mastercard or Visa card for paying at the pump
- Snack bag
- Small Cooler and bottled water
- Sunglasses and Sunscreen
- Caps or hats for sun protection (optional tether strap for drivers in convertibles)
- Extra motor oil
- Cleanup bag including hand towels
- Small tool set or bag
- Fire extinguisher
- Flashlight with batteries
- Convention / Show registration

DO A MAJOR CHECK ON YOUR CAR TO ENSURE RELIABILITY!

EARLY CARS MAY WANT TO ADD UNDER-CARPET INSULATION TO RESIST HEAT FROM UNDER THE CAR.

ROAD TOUR ETIQUETTE

- Use the rest room every time the group stops. Except for an emergency, the group should not be inconvenienced for individual stops. Please consider the group first!
- Always fuel your car at the end of the day so you'll be ready for early departure. Don't keep others waiting while you alone have to fuel.
- Leaving at 8:00 a.m. means turning the key and driving away from the hotel at 8:00. Loading luggage, cleaning the car, fueling, and eating breakfast should all be done prior to departure time.
- Gas up when the group stops even if you don't need a full tank. Please pay at the pump with a credit card to avoid long lines. Some older cars require more frequent stops, but we will stop no more than necessary.
- Keep your hand radio on all the time to help with communication, even in hotels. You should turn them off at night, of course.
- For maximum safety while driving, it's a good idea for the navigator, not the driver, to use cell phones!
- Drinking and driving will not be tolerated; however drinking is encouraged in the evenings!

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The Weston Winery Tour



On Saturday June 2nd we had our road tour to Weston and Winery tour. The weather was pretty grey at the start, but it turned out to be a beautiful day. There were 8 Corvettes and 15 chapter members in attendance. We gathered at Poco's on Southwest Boulevard for a hearty breakfast at 8:30. After we all

had finished breakfast we went outside to gather in the parking lot and there was a black 2007 Aston Martin V8 Vantage parked in the parking lot. This is the least expensive car that Aston Martin builds, but still pricy to say the least...MSRP is \$110,000 but I doubt that you could buy one for that.

We then hit the road at 10:30 and shortly after getting onto I-35 we were met by a Ferrari. It must have been the morning to exercise expensive imported iron. Carolyn McDill picked out a great route that wound us through many twisty back roads of Wyandotte County, around Wyandotte County Lake, onto Highway 5 into Leavenworth, onto highway 92 to Beverly, and highway 45 into Weston.

As a native KCK person I take WYCO park and lake for granted but there are many folks in the city that do not even know it is here. The dam for the lake was begun in 1936 as a WPA project to create jobs and a water conservation effort. The dam was completed in 1944 and water impoundment began. The lake is approximately 400 acres, and the park encompasses over 1500 acres.

Once we arrived in Weston we stopped at the Pirtle Winery for a little wine tasting and then on to Main street in downtown Weston. Everyone enjoyed the charm of the old architecture and shops. It was a great event. Thanks for organizing it Carolyn!

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