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From the Editor

I am writing this from the NCRS Regional meet in Gettysburg, PA. My 67 underwent the infamous Performance Verification Certification process this morning. More on that in a moment.

Getting to this point was a challenge in itself. After finishing redoing the complete front suspension, motor mounts, Oil Pan restoration and various other issues, I decided to change the water pump. I had brought a correct dated pump several years ago and with everything out of the way, what a perfect time to put in a fresh rebuild! I also bought a correct dated radiator, just so I would be ready for the next Flight judged event.

Putting it all back together and filling the water system found that my 'new' water pump leaked! I sent my original for a rebuild and put that in when it came back a week later. Filled the system pressure tested and drove over to get the wheels aligned. When I return, water leak! This time from my brand new radiator! They sent a new one but for those who know, it is not a fun job. New radiator in, pressure test, 50 mile test ride, everything lookin good!

Off to Gettysburg and just crossing the PA board I heard strange noises. A high pitched noise was coming from the engine bay. Upon inspection I determined it was from my restored original alternator. (John Pirkle believes it is a bad diode!). I continued on to Gettysburg figuring I would deal with it there. I called Elio Martin as he was coming the next day, and bringing a rebuilt alternator with him, a compromised solution. On Wednesday I put on the alternator, test drove it and everything seemed ready, so I thought!

On Thursday morning I was number 2 to be tested. The first part is a mechanical check and engine start, everything was moving along well. Until a small 'knock' started. It appears to be coming from the water pump! Also, a check on the heat riser indicated that it was not operating properly either, these two issues were enough to stop further testing. The judge stayed to check other most frequent items, and found a few other minor issues like a 'pop' from the radio when the ignition is turned on. Well, that's my story.

The rest of the event was terrific. On Sunday morning I headed for home and upon crossing the Ohio line – The speedometer gave up, probably a cable! Oh well! It is 43 years old!

Tom Fetchik, Editor

Chairman's Corner

The good weather has opened up the meets and activities and things are getting busy. Due to a conflict with the Pittsburgh Chapter meet, Lake Erie Chapter will cancel our technical session for June 2010.

Elio Martin, LEC Chairman

Membership News

Welcome again to all New Members

Please direct any Membership Questions or information:

Mike Cioffi, Membership

Around NCRS

Marilyn Heitzman attended the March NCRS Board of Directors Meeting. The following are the major points raised during the meeting

Election/Appointment of Officers, Managers and Editors

The following people were unanimously elected by the Board:

Marilyn Heitzman as Vice President

Larry Colvin as Secretary

Jeff Cook as Finance Director

Gary Mortimer as Membership Chairman

Eric Mortimer as Editor of the Driveline

Vinnie Peters as Editor of The Restorer

Roy Sinor as National Judging Chairman

Mark Lincoln as Business Manager

Joan Burnett as Chairman of the NCRS Foundation

Dana Forrester as National Corvette Museum Representative.

2010 National Convention in Charlotte, NC: John Pirkle reported that the site for the Convention will be at the zMAX Dragway (see National Convention information on the NCRS web site) and all other arrangements are on schedule. The Board members toured the facility and the show field. All show cars will be on concrete and in the shade most of the day. A couple luxury suites will be used for judges' meals and the tab room. All agreed that the change will not make a difference in the National – it will be a fantastic show. Road Tour registrations are coming in – currently over 60 cars will be participating.

2013 National Convention: The Mid-Atlantic Chapter will host the 2013 National Convention in Hampton, Virginia at the Hampton Roads Convention Center. John Yglesias was named Chairman.

Membership/Sales – Eric Mortimer reports there are 100-150 new members per month, and about the same number of non-renewals per month, leaving total membership steady. Driveline advertising is steady while sales are down from the previous year.

Business Report – Mark Lincoln reports that the NCRS relationship with Barrett- Jackson has been good for NCRS - not only with income revenue but also the positive exposure on Speed Channel. Mark also reported that the new On-Line Merchandise Store is up and running through our association with Charleton Commerce. Charleton Commerce does the work and NCRS receives a percentage of the sales revenue at no cost to the organization.

National Judging Chairman Report – Roy Sinor reports he is working on an Owners Manual which will explain the judging process and updating the Judges Reference Manual. He is also working with the Manual Coordinators to update several of the Judging Manuals this year.

National Corvette Museum - John Pirkle gave his last report before handing the responsibility of NCM Representative over to Dana Forrester. John reported that the NCM membership is increasing and they are optimistic about their growth potential. NCM purchased 70 acres close to the Museum for the development of a motor sports park.

Restorer Editor – Vinnie Peters said technical article contributions are increasing and he appreciates the member participation. Vito commented that he has not heard one negative comment about the Restorer since Vinnie assumed responsibility for it. Good work Vinnie!!!

Committee Reports

Chapter Top Flight Program – A multi-year Chapter Top Flight Award Banner was introduced by Marilyn Heitzman. The new banner will include multiple-year awards on a single banner. Beginning January 1, 2010, the Chapter Top Flight Program will be administered by Arland Dower.

International Mark of Excellence Award – Roy Sinor reported that the team has completed the requirements to earn an International Mark of Excellence Award. Roy thanked the team for their hard work and dedication to the project.

2012 Regional Meet Proposals – Marilyn Heitzman presented the list of proposals and the following chapters and locations were approved:

Jan. 25 – 28 March 8 – 10 May 3 -5 June 7 – 9 Sept. 6 – 9 Oct. 18 -20

NCRS Archives - Vito is working with Michael Pierce to get NCRS archives to the National Corvette Museum. An updated report will be provided at the July, 2010, Board meeting.

Date of the next Board meeting – July 18, 2010

Chapter News

Lake Erie Chapter was well represented at the Gettysburg Regional.

In attendance were:

Marilyn and Dave Heitzman

Jeff Cook

Elio Martin

Mike Cioffi

Howard Baker

David Borrer

Tom Fetchik (May have been other members present that I did not see)

Also, Congratulations to Elio Martin and Mike Cioffi, both achieved 100 Level Master Judge Hats and received their gold leafed hats at the awards ceremony. Here they are in a ‘happy’ time



Mike Cioffi



Elio Martin

Lake Erie Elections

Believe it or not, it was almost two years ago that the current Lake Erie Board was elected and we would appreciate your involvement. Whether it is to serve as a Board member or simply to put on a tech session (all our tech/judging sessions will be held at the Tim Lally's) or give the Board ideas on what topics you would like to have more information on so you can finish your Corvette or improve your judging skills.

With some of the Board positions currently vacant, and the membership growing, we need more of you to help the Chapter out by volunteering to sit on the Board. The commitment is only for one year. If you would be willing to help out, please let Mike Cioffi know which position you would like to be a candidate for – Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Chairman, Events coordinator, Judging Chairman, Newsletter Editor. We will have the election in November, 2010.

Please step up and help your Chapter improve!!!

LE Chapter 2010 Meet

The annual LEC meet will be on August 8, 2010. The registration form is attached and is also in the DriveLine.

PLEASE, send in your registration right away so we can get a good count on cars and how many judges we will need. Last year we filled up early and had to hold cars out.

Also, we are thinking of hosting a technical session or group meeting for those coming in the night before. It is very important to let us know that you will be coming in and we will set something up for the group to enjoy. Contact Elio Martin and let him know your plans

The event will be held and the Tim Lally Chevrolet Dealership

Tim Lally Chevrolet
19000 Rockside Road
Bedford, OH 44146

LE Summer Event

The Lake Erie Chapter will again attend the North East Ohio Vette Club Car show at the Aurora Premium Outlets on July 4, 2010. This will be a great way for ALL of our chapter cars to gather, attend the show, enjoy the shops and meet all of the other members. The event will cost \$20.00 but the show has a lot to offer. It is all participant ballots and no 'judging' involved, a very relaxing day. The event will end early enough for you to get back to July 4th activities later in the afternoon and evening! See the attached flier for information. Contact Tom Fetchik (330-524-5009) should you have questions.

Gettysburg Regional

I thought I would include an overview of my attendance to the NCRS Regional meet at Gettysburg.

The meet was hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Chapter, NCRS. Being a Regional meet Corvettes that need to have that level of certification come in groves, and they did! Trailers and cars filled the area. The longest trailered was over 1200 miles and the longest driven was over 400 Miles!

The weather was (almost) perfect. Thursday and Friday was sunny and in the high 70's. Friday night the weather turned dark and rain came over night and into Saturday for about an hour, then the wind came, However, everything went off well.

At a Regional you really see everything, makes attending a National a must!

There were over 170 cars registered; you saw just about every year and color!

The 67 Big blocks dominated the C2 field including the PV group.

Straight axle cars were represented by the fuel injected and big brake units, The C3 had their Big Blocks and LT1's. The C4's were well represented as well with 93's being popular

The judges had their hands full with so many cars as well as the high winds on Saturday. These volunteers really give it up on days like these.

The weekend wrapped up at the Gettysburg Museum. A really nice dinner, cash bar and a review of the Gettysburg History film and a private viewing of the Cyclorama and battlefield painting was inspiring. Everyone receiving awards was especially impressed when President Lincoln came in to provide the NCRS address. Two of our own Lake Erie Chapter members received their coveted "Master Judge" level at the awards presentation.

Roy Sinor the National Judging Chairman was on hand to cover the judging standards as well as present all of the awards at the dinner.

Here are some pictures from the event!



The judging Field



Not all cars are 'perfect – a Bowtie candidate

Including the Bullet hole!



How about a 3500 mile 67!

Or a 3600 Mile 71!



Maybe a one of 40 rare race car with history

Or an equally rare Challenge car

Upcoming Events

Pittsburgh Chapter Meet	June 5, 2010
LE Chapter Summer Event	July 4, 2010
National Convention	July 13-18, 2010
Lake Erie Chapter Meet	August 8, 2010
Midwest Queen City Regional	September 9-11, 2010
Lake Erie Chapter Judging School	November 6, 2010

For Sale

Do you have something to sell? Send Tom Fetchik your item advertisement and he will get it up on the web site and in the next news letter! Contact Tom at tfetchik@aol.com

2010 Club Officers

Office	Name	eMail	Phone
Chairman	Elio Martin	emartincpr@yahoo.com	330-635-9900
Membership	Mike Cioffi	mc250228@sbcglobal.net	440-354-9000
Treasurer	Marilyn Heitzman	marilynheitzman@msn.com	419-862-3348
Judging	Jeff Cook		419-483-3530
News Letter Editor	Tom Fetchik	tfetchik@aol.com	330-524-5009



LAKE ERIE CHAPTER
2010 MEMBERSHIP Form

New Membership _____ Renewal _____

NAME: _____ Birthday (Mo/day only) _____

SPOUSE NAME: _____ Birthday (Mo/day only) _____

NCRS# _____ Phone # _____ Cell# _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CORVETTES OWNED (OPTIONAL)

JUDGING LEVEL (OPTIONAL) _____

Please mail a \$15.00 check payable to: LEC NCRS

SEND TO:

Marilyn Heitzman

LE Chapter, Treasurer

15769 W Portage River S Rd

Elmore, OH 43416

tell us what topics you would like our tech sessions to cover!

TECHNCIAL/JUDGING Topic _____

WILL YOU HELP AND AN EVENT? YES _____ MAYBE _____



Lake Erie Chapter 2010 Meet August 8, 2010

**Event Schedule:**

On Site Registration:	Opens at 7:30 AM	Location:	Tim Lally Chevrolet
Owners Meeting	8:00 AM	Address:	19000 Rockside Rd
Judges Meeting	8:15 AM		Bedford, OH 44146
Judging starts	8:45 AM		(440-232-2000)
Lunch:	12 Noon – 1:00 PM		
Awards	Approximately 4:00 PM		

Event Contacts:	Chapter Chairman: Elio Martin (330-635-9900) email: emartincpr@yahoo.com
	General Meet Info: Tom Fetchik (330-524-5009) email: tfetchik@aol.com
	Registration: Marilyn Heitzman (419-862-3348) email: marilynheitzman@msn.com
	Judging Chairman: Jeff Cook (419-483-3530) email: jeffcookcpa@cros.net

Registration Information – Please Print

Name: _____ Spouse/Guest: _____ NCRS# _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

E-Mail Address: _____ Entrant Phone Number: _____

Children: Name: _____ Name: _____ Name: _____

Non-NCRS Member Guest Name: _____ Entrant Cell Phone Number: _____

Corvette Registration:

Year: _____ CID/HP: _____ Cpe/Conv/HT: _____ Ext Color: _____ Int Color: _____

Complete VIN: _____ Circle One: Driven Trailed

Circle One: Flight Sportsman Special Display

Insurance Company/Carrier: _____ Policy Number: _____ Expires: _____

Registration (All entrants)	Fee:	\$25.00	<u>\$25.00</u>
Guest (Non-NCRS Members Only)	Fee:	\$15.00 Per Person	_____
Judged Car Entry	Fee:	\$30.00	_____
Sportsman Display (Includes one Lunch)	Fee:	\$10.00 per car:	_____
Special Display		N/C	_____
LE Chapter Membership	Fee:	\$15.00	_____
Extra Lunch	Fee:	\$10.00 each	_____
		Total:	_____

Mail This Form, Proof of Insurance and Check Made out to LE Chapter, NCRS

To: Marilyn Heitzman, 15769 W Portage River S Rd, Elmore, OH 43416

Deadline for Mail Registration July 8, 2010, Fees are not refundable after July 8, 2010

Judging Participation: (Note: All entrants are encouraged to help judge)

I want to help judge! My Judging Level [_____] My Tabulation Level [_____]
 List Preference: 53-62 _____ 63-67 _____ 68-84 _____ 84-89 _____ 90-96 _____
 Operations _____ Interior _____ Exterior _____ Mechanical _____ Chassis _____ Tab _____

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT:

I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage, and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and chapter for any acts or omissions that may result in the theft, damage, or destruction of my property or injury to me or to others, occurring during, or as a consequence of this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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