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Chairman's Corner with Larry Linder

Dear friends - It has been an interesting 6 years as chairman of the Miami Valley Chapter of the NCRS. There has been a lot accomplished and we have built a reputation among the NCRS members who attended our June Meet as on one of the best. It is better than most regional meets.

Unlike some chapters who treat members differently if they are a judge or an attendee, there is no difference here. Everyone is treated the same. Remember the most import word

in the English language is Civility its located under C in your dictionary.

Congratulation you all !!!!

In 2010 you will have in place a new Board of Directors to steer the chapter and represent the wishes of the members. There will be cruise-ins at the K-Mart this year and a fun Judging meet in June, followed by the 4th of July car show at the Green County Fair Grounds, and maybe the Kettering Holiday at Home and many other activities.

It's now time to get our "Old Wheels" polished up, the necessary maintenance done,

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Feature Article

our club as written in the Nationals Constitution shall be "the preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of our Corvettes".

As Chairman I feel my main duty is to see that we

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Incoming Chairman's Corner with Greg

Well this is the first Vette Gazette of 2010, and my very first Chairman's Corner as chairman of our chapter.

The first Item I would like to address is thanking Larry Linder for his service to our chapter.

We have come a long way under his Chairmanship and have a great and active chapter that we can all be proud of.

Now looking to the future.

The purpose of the NCRS and

It's a Studebaker; No It's a Corvette by Terry Brim

Dave Pritchard like many of us grew up in a family of car nuts. Dave's father was a car nut....a Studebaker nut to be specific! According to Dave, his father had a 53' Studebaker that spent most of the time in the garage in Marquette Michigan. The car would come out occasionally however to go to car shows and parades.



Dave was a late blessing to his parents coming along when his mother was 40 and his older brother was 17. That young age however didn't deter Dave from inheriting his father's love for the American automobile.

Dave's uncle is also a car nut... yep, you guessed it, he's

Studebaker guy as well. Dave says that his uncle has owned many Studebakers through out the years. He currently owns a 58' Hawk and a 64 Studebaker Avanti

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experience with a Corvette. At the impressionable age of 11 or 12, Dave experienced his first Corvette ride when his Boy

Scout troop leader took him for a ride in his 71' War Bonnet yellow chrome bumper coupe. Dave says to this day, he remembers thinking how "cool" it was. Especially the "high tech" push down door handles! Although Dave remembers that experience very clearly, it wasn't until he was in his late 20's that Dave had an experience where he really fell in love with Corvette's.

That revelation came when Dave and his wife Heidi were on a family vacation in Colorado. While out dinner one evening at one of Colorado's more fancy restaurants that had valet parking according to Dave, as they pulled up in their 96' Grand Am (feeling very under represented according to Dave), they spotted a Corvette being valet parked.



Dave remembers thinking "I
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want to take my wife to dinner in one of those". That was the moment according to Dave that he decided he had to have a Corvette some day.

I'm getting ahead of myself however, so let's go back to Dave's high school years. While in High School,

Dave drove a 83' Renault Alliance that he acquired from his step dad. That was followed by a Mazda GLC 5 speed, which according to Dave was a little better, but it had rust some issues. Now I know what you're thinking...man how cool was that? The rest of the story, one which many of his current Corvette friends probably don't know, is that there was another side of Dave when he was in High School. You see, Dave also drove motorcycles, how cool was that! Turns out Dave had a number of cycles during his formative years mostly 2 stroke dirt bikes but eventually migrated to a Honda 500 Interceptor and later a Suzuki GSX-R750 Aluminum-framed 130 hp beast that wheeled extraordinarily

well, according to Dave.

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earning his Mechanical Engineering degree, he enrolled in their ROTC program and entered the Air Force after

graduation in 1995.

Dave's tours included Albuquerque, NM where he met his wife Heidi and was married. Next came a year and half at WPAFB where he attended the Air Force Institute of Technology and received his Master Degree in Aeronautical Engineering. That was followed by a tour at Offutt Air Force Base in Omaha the old Strategic Air Command Headquarters. Next came time at Las Vegas serving as a flight test engineer on F-22's, F-16's and HH60G PAVE HAWK helicopters. Dave's Flight Test Engineering assignment was not really a desk job. Occasionally, he was able to jump in the back seat of a F-16 (to the tune of about 130 flight

hours-worth) and pull some serious g's. Dave says par-



tially in jest, that it cost him an inch of his seating height....lucky guy! Dave's latest assignment was back to WPAFB in Dayton where he hopes to retire and stay in the Dayton area in 2015.

For a while the idea of owning a Corvette was a retirement dream for Dave. Living on a Captain's salary didn't leave a lot of dollars left over for toys. As luck would have it however, Dave was at the right place at the right time....When he left Las Vegas, the housing market in that area was in a boom and Dave made out

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quite well in selling his house at the time. That deal left Dave with the cash

he needed to move up his dream of owning a Corvette! When I asked Dave what made him decide to buy a

new Vette as opposed to an older one, his answer was two fold. 1)he loved the Museum delivery idea; and 2)he liked the safety fea-

tures of a newer Vette (must be from his motorcycle days). Although, he admitted that he really was tempted by the idea of mid-year collector. In fact, he spent a couple of months test-driving a 65' Blue 350/365hp convertible at a local dealer here in Ohio. It was the fact that Dave wanted to drive his Corvette a lot that finally made the decision for him.

Dave ordered his 07' in June of 2006 and he and his wife Heidi picked it up at the Corvette Museum on 10

Sept 2006 which was just a couple of weeks after their 10 year wedding anniversary. First thing Dave did to the car was to make it louder (must be from all those test rides in

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high performance aircraft).

According to Dave, C6's are ridiculously quiet! To make this happen, Dave says the car now has 1 and 7/8" long-tube headers non-stepped, Kooks stainless high flow catalytic converter cross over pipe with 3" exhaust all the way back to the Corsa Sport muffler system. Dave has also put a ported throttle body and intake manifold

system plus a Vararam cold ram air kit. According to



Dave, One of biggest improvements he made was when he had a guy out of Florida tune the engine with all the after market improvements Dave had put on car. Throughout the entire process, Dave says that he has kept all the original parts, documentation, tags and etc. In fact, he has a 10" thick file of original pictures and documentation just in case he or a future owner wants to put the car back to the "quite/original" state.

Increased noise is not the only benefit from the

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Out With a 54', In With a 66' By Terry Brim

Mike Glaunsinger is a busy guy these days, or so it seems. One Saturday not long ago, I helped Greg Gorniak, Tony Ninotti and Jerry Michales load up the body off of Jerry's 66' vette and trailer it out to Mike's place where Mike is going to do one of his beautiful paint jobs on the 66'.

Jerry is in the process of do-



ing a body off restoration on the 66' and had already removed the body from the frame.



Prior to mounting Jerry's 66' body onto the dolly which Greg had made, a few adjustment were in order.

Once all the special cut outs were made on the dolly to support the front of the body and a few bolts were in place to hold the Body down during transit, we were ready to make the trip out to Mike's place.



The body of the 66' arrived at Mike's still securely fastened to the dolly and no worse for wear.



Now for the return trip. Turns out Greg had



started doing a body off restoration on Tony's 54' in the summer of 2008 and previously taken the 54' body out to Mike's place again for one of Mike's beautiful paint jobs. Upon seeing the 54', it was easy to see why Tony had asked Mike to paint his 54', it was beautiful!



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After spending some time admiring the paint job on Tony's 54. we unloaded the 66' and pushed the 54' out into the sunlight. That's when we really began to appreciate Mike and his buddy Karl Clauss' work.

If the paint job on Tony's 54' is any indication, I can't wait to see the final paint job on Jerry's 66' (I'll try and write something up on that in a feature issue of our Vette Gazette).

Corvette hobby.....HAVING FUN!!

To view pictures and movies of the original body removal of Tony's 54' click on the link below

After loading the 54' on Greg's trailer and securing it down, we were off again feeling that it was a fun filled and productive Saturday doing what we love in the

<http://www.ncrs.org/mvc/Pictures2008/TONY%20BODY%20OFF/index.htm>



A Time Gone Bye

If you have pictures of a time gone bye and would like to share them with Chapter members, simply email them to me or give me a photo which I will scan in and return original to you...simple as that! Help make you newsletter more interesting and fun for your fellow chapter members

Thanks Terry



Anyone want to hazard a guess as to who this famous chapter member might be? See answer on next page

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pre-flight safety check list completed and prepare for another season of fun. The first thing to do is join us at Kissimmee for the Regional Judging meet 23 Jan 2010.

It is always a treat to step off the plane and smell the

flowers, feel the warm breeze and the Sun Shine.

Regards,

Larry Linder

Chairman 2003 to 2009

A Time Gone Bye

Jerry Michaels
and his daughter
circa 1975

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remain focused and working as a team so we can all support the above statement

I would like to set some goals for the chapter:

1. Have more input and participation from the membership.

Would you like more driving activities, tech sessions, social functions? If so bring up your ideas, and help the board with the plans.

2. Increase member participation at club events.

We average about 80 club members per year in the chapter but 25-30 at any one event. Many of you are

there 100% of the time and that's great . I know how hard it is to find time from work or other commitments , check out the club calendar and plan a head. Try to attend at least one or more event per year. This is a family club so bring your spouse, son /daughter, grand kids or friends.

3. Have more club member cars" Flight Judged" at our judging meet.

This takes some prep and hard work. Don't be afraid to have your car Flight Judged. Ask for help if you need it. It would be a great project to have the members help with putting a car through the judging process. We have six months for our Judging Meet so give it some thought.

4. Visit and/or plan an event with one or more of the other chapters in the area.

Any other goals you would like to see?

Don't forget that we have our Membership Appreciation dinner on February 20th at the Country Club of the North. Hope to see you there and bring your spouse or friend. I promise you a good time.

Regards

Greg



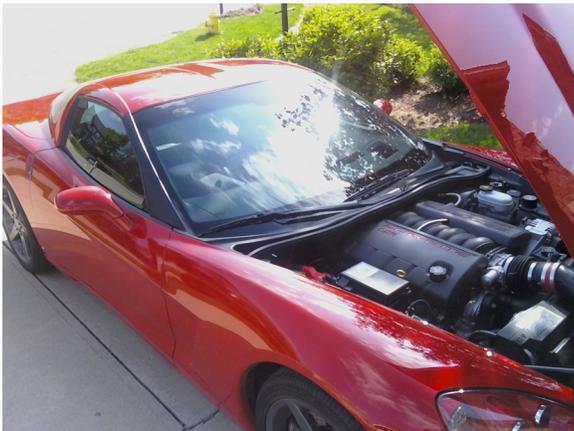
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changes that Dave had made to his Vette. It now generates about 460HP at the crank vs the factory 400HP. Dave says it puts out a



“solid” 390 HP at the rear wheels.

So why did Dave join NCRS? His heart is still with the “older” collectible Corvettes.

He would love to have a chrome bumper C3 Vette ala maybe a 70” (now you C1 and mid-year guys pay attention here). If anyone knows of a nice collectable fully documented numbers matching chrome bumper C3 Corvette for sale, Dave would love to hear from you. He is flexible on the color, but it has to be a Big Block or LT1 convertible.

On a sad note, Dave lost his wife Heidi suddenly last August. Dave says Heidi loved the 07’ Vette and in fact was a big Corvette fan. He has pictures of her in a Corvette when she was a teenager!

The passing of Heidi left a big hole in Dave and Shane’s (his 8 year old son) life but the fellowship and friends he has made in our NCRS chapter, according to Dave, is special and he deeply appreciates all of the support and friendship from our fellow NCRS members.

Members Corner By Nick Kammer

In an effort for us to get to know each other a little better we will feature brief bio's of our fellow members. If you haven't submitted your member profile I would encourage you to do so. You can give as much or as little info as you want. You will find the 'Members Profile' form in our quarterly newsletter accessible at our website.

See page 12 for Members profile form. Fill out and return to Nick Kammer to get your profile published in the next issue of our Vette Gazette

For calendar/upcoming events and for sale items/parts wanted items see the chapter web site:

www.ncrs.org/mvc

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Miami Valley Chapter

Are you having fun yet?

Join us. We ARE having fun and work hard to make it a TOP priority. We are the Miami Valley Chapter of the NCRS. We are NCRS members who in February of 2003 started a local chapter for Dayton area NCRS members and Corvette enthusiasts currently 76 members strong and growing. Most of our members live in Greene, Montgomery, and Warren counties.

To check us out go to our web site www.ncrs.org/mvc and cruise through our event's calendar. Come to one of our meetings to see if it's for you. We are a varied group owning everything from modified Corvette's to Top Flight award winning Corvette's. From C-1's to C-6's we all have one thing in common and that is a passion for the Corvette.

We hope to see you at one of our next meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday evening of every month. We also get together on weekends for cruise-in's and car show caravans throughout the spring, summer, and fall. You are already an NCRS member. Why not join **your** local chapter and get the most out of your membership. Feel free to call me with any questions.

Regards,

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National Corvette Restorers Society

Member Profile

In an effort for us to get to know each other better we will include in our quarterly newsletter 'Vette Gazette' our members profiles. Whatever facts you wish to share with the rest of us are welcome. If you wish to submit a member profile just complete the profile below and send it to the web address listed below. Input on how we can improve our Chapter is also encouraged. If you would like for me to take your information over the phone just call me at 937-297-3611. Otherwise send the profile as an attachment to your return e-mail back to me (see bottom of page).

Name:

Significant others name: _____

Date/place of birth: _____

NCRS # _____ (we have this on file but other members may find this an interesting tidbit of information.)

Place of employment or occupation and brief description of what you do

What other interests/hobbies do you have? _____

Under the heading 'Complaints take a number, solutions come on in', what do you like about our Chapter and what could be done to improve what we do? _____

First car ever owned _____.

First Corvette owned _____.

Present Corvette's), classic cars owned _____

Thanks for your input and information.

Forward this profile to Nick Kammer, Membership Chairman

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