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National Corvette Restorers Society
Miami Valley Chapter

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Date: June 23, 2015

Attendees: Nick Kammer (**Chairman**); Terry Brim (**Treasurer**); Dave Pritchard (**Membership**); John Engle (**Events**); Jeff Bernhardt (**Newsletter**); Mike Wellman (**Parliamentarian/Historian**); John Tuss (**Secretary**)

Absent: Mike Mills (**Vice Chairman**); Mike Ammer (**Judging**)

Agenda

Chairman: Called meeting to order at 7:20 pm.

Vice Chairman: Via email:
 1. Looking for club interest, participation for caravan to Woodward in August. Have a couple rooms reserved but looking for a head count.
 2. Looking for interest in road trip to Cumberland Falls and Tail of the Dragon in Knoxville so planning can begin.
 3. Have 2 cases of pop, 30 bottled waters and both coolers from the judging meet.

Treasurer: Chapter balance is \$4154.26 as of June 23, 2015. Includes judging meet income and expenses

Membership: 53 paid members as of June 23, 2015..

Judging: Nothing to report.

Events: Upcoming Chapter meeting: July 14 at Metal Brite, Neff Rd.

Newsletter: Nothing to report.

Parliamentarian/Historian: Nothing to report.

Secretary: Nothing to report.

Action Items: None. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm

Next Meeting: July 28, 2015; 7:00 pm; Sugarcreek Twp Fire Station 72.

ON THE COVER: A 1955 Harvest Gold owned by Kecia Sleezer with an impressive track record:

Top Flight – Louisiana Regional – Sept 2013

PV – Rochester Regional May 2015

Duntov – NCRS National Convention Kansas City July 2014

Bloomington Gold – June 2014

My First Car

Ok, so it went something like this: The board was in the midst of their after board meeting meeting with libations in hand and a song in their heart, and the talk of the table was, of course, Corvettes, then classic Corvettes, then classic cars, then on to classic cars we've owned when the question was posed by Jeff Bernhardt to each member of the group; "so, what was your **first** car?". The following is the response to that question from our membership that responded. Enjoy.

Greg Gorniak



Bought my 1st car when I was a senior in HS. worked 3 jobs to get the \$\$\$ I needed. 1970 Plymouth GTX....440 6 pack 390hp A/T...sold the car in 1983. It would turn low 12sec 1/4 mile ET's

Picture taken in 1982....I owned the GTX, Dodge Super Bee, and Cuda....all with 440 6 pack motors..... My call sign in the Air Force was "MOPAR"....wonder why....was hoping for "six pack instead.



Dave Pritchard

1983 Renault Alliance (in an average Marquette, MI winter) circa 1988; Dave (age 16), mom and "Critic" the dog.

First Cars



Terry Brim 52 Ford

Mike Ammer
54 Chevy BelAir 4-door



Jack Kerr 1970 Olds 442

Pictured today after full restoration

First Cars



Mike Mills 82 Cutlass Supreme

First Car (gift from parents so they didn't have to run me everywhere)- 82 Cutlass Supreme Brougham Silver/Red. Loved the cushy seats. Hated the P02 style. The start of my love for red interiors.

John Engle 65 Pontiac GTO

For my very first car I bought a 1965 Pontiac GTO in the summer of 1971 after completing my Junior year at, what was then, still an all-boys Chamindae HS. It was a fairly well equipped convertible with a Tri-Power 389, 4-speed and 4:10 rearend. I paid \$725.00 CASH money for it as a result of years of saving up paper route and lawn mowing money.



Thus, as a Senior at Chaminade I was driving a '65 Goat so it doesn't get much better than that. I graduated in 1972 and that summer a car thief decided that he needed my Goat more than I did so he stole, stripped it and left the carcass abandoned in West Dayton. Thus, an ignoble end to my Goat.

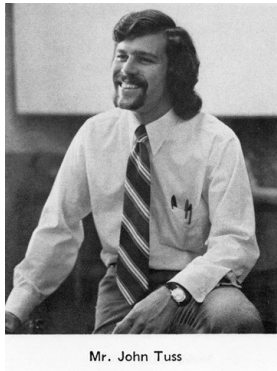
I replaced it with a '65 Chevelle Malibu that my first cousin bought new that had a 327-300 hp 4-speed with the split bench seats instead of buckets. It was a bit tired by 1972 but I was working in a machine shop while going to college and befriended another older car-guy. He built the 327 into a 365 horse solid-lifter "animal" with headers, Offenhauser 360 aluminum hi-rise intake and Holley carb. I could actually smoke big-blocks with this as it ran far better than expected. It's any wonder that I am still alive as I would street race anybody that was looking for it!! Anyway, another whole story.



First Cars

John Tuss 68 Camaro

First car (inherited from my father when I started at UD). 1968 Camaro, Lemans blue, blue interior, 6 cyl, 3 spd on the floor. Dad was NOT a car guy, bought it only because he got it cheap at the end of the '68 model year as his drive-to-work car. I was way cool driving that car!



John living the Disco Era!



Nick Kammer 66 VW



First Cars



Jeff Bernhardt 1960 Chrysler Saratoga

A hand-me-down that passed through my older brother before making its way to me after he purchased his first car; a 1968 bright red GTO.

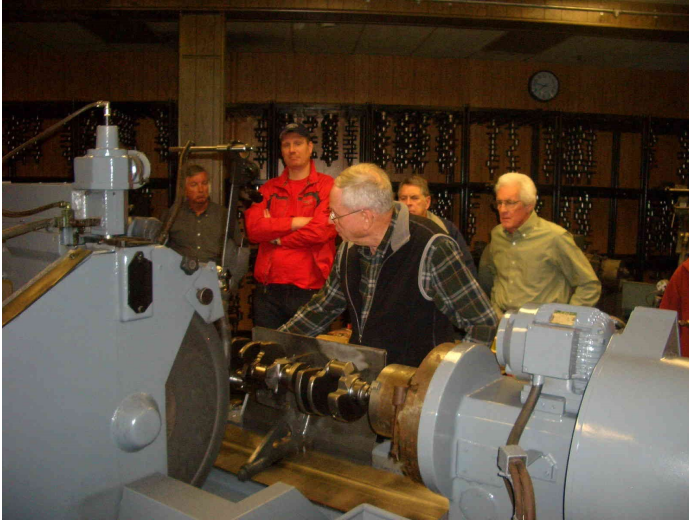
I learned how to do bodywork and paint on this car as they all rusted out on top of the headlights. Karren and I dated in this car before I bought my '68 Cutlass "S" convertible. It was known as the Batmobile to anyone in high school that knew us.

As 17-year-olds (below) around Christmas time at her house, we were ready to jump in this car and go out somewhere.



At the December 2014 Chapter meeting at The Restoration Station, someone left this red bag chair. It is pictured here and described as a chair, red, and it folds into a bag. If you can describe it properly, i.e. a chair, red, and folds into a bag, it must be yours. Please come and claim it before we cut off the legs and use them for crossbracing in a radiator core support.





We don't always have cameras handy to get pictures from our chapter meetings to post in our newsletter, but we did for our March meeting at Ault & James engine rebuilders. That's Jerry Ault turning a crankshaft (on one of his crankshaft lathes) for our viewing pleasure. Thanks to Jerry and Gail for hosting us and for the demonstration on what it takes to make a crankshaft smooth and straight.

Next meeting

Miami Valley Chapter July Meeting

WHEN: 14 July 2015

Starting at 6:00 pm

PLACE: Metal Brite Polishing at <http://www.metal-britepolishing.com>

2445 Neff Rd; Dayton OH

Food and Beverages will be provided



**The Miami Valley Chapter NCRS
Board of Directors wishes you a
very safe and happy cruising season
for the rest of the 2015 year.**