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March 19

Tech Session: V belts



Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

Happy New Year Rocky Mountain Chapter

In looking back at 2021, when compared to 2020, we were able to get together and meet in person (i.e., 4th of July picnic), have a Chapter Meet, and recently had two informative technical sessions (thanks Dirk Gaddis, Jack Humphrey, and Jim Lennartz). Up next is the annual holiday party on January 8th. So, for now, we are somewhat getting back to normal. Hopefully, the trend will continue through the year.

With the new year comes new RMC Board of Director terms. Special thanks to Jim Lennartz, John Marsico, and Jeff Roth whose terms as Vice Chairman, Judging Chairman, and Activities Chairman, respectively, expired at the end of 2021. Gentlemen, your significant contributions to the success of the Rocky Mountain Chapter are appreciated. Going forward, I'd like to thank Jack Humphrey and Eckhard Pobuda for continuing in their roles as Treasure and Merchandise Manager, respectively. Also, kudos to Martin Eagan and Jeff Roth for assuming the Judging Chairman and Vice Chairman positions, respectively for a two-year term. However we still have one position to fill and that is the role of Activities Chairman. We have been asking for a volunteer for this position, one that you would get help with, since last April without anyone offering to step up. So, if you are interested in giving a little something back to the Chapter, please reach out to me or one of the RMC Board of Directors.

As of this writing, we heard back from National and our proposed date in June 2024 to host a Regional is too close to when the National Convention is to be held and we will discuss next steps during the next BoD meeting in January. That's if for now. Have a great and healthy 2022!

Rick Reiff
Chairman





Unique and hard to find

I enjoy being part of the Rocky Mountain Chapter. There are many knowledgeable people that freely share information about the cars we enjoy. There are other chapters out there that also have knowledge to share but you have to look for it. I ran across one chapter that I want to share with you.

As the editor of our chapter newsletter, I receive chapter newsletters from other chapters around the country. Even though these are available to everyone who would take the time to go to any chapter web site, I routinely get them in my inbox. I was reading the Vettecetera Newsletter of the Northern California chapter recently and ran across an ad for cutting original key blanks from one of the many friends I have made in NCRS. I met him at a California Regional some years ago. He owns a 1966 and has been restoring his for as long as I have (quite a while).

Editor's Corner
By Dennis Dalton

Author's frame stencil

His name is Gary Beaupre. His research on C2 chassis stencils earned him a spot as a contributor on the newest version of the 1966 judging guide. Fortunately for me, his research examples were in exactly the same time frame as my car and I was able to benefit from that extensive research effort. The current stencils supplied by suppliers and current known publication reference books do not accurately reflect variations known to exist on original examples of some 66 cars. Gary's original article on those variations was published in the Restorer in Spring 2013.



Gary's ad in the Vettecetera lists his website which is what I wanted to point out to fellow chapter members with a vested interest in C2 and C3 cars. His web site garybeaupre.com lists some items he has collected that he has for sale along with his extensive research explanation of why he feels these obscure items are correct. He writes in a very clear and precise manner and very giving of his time and expertise. Below I have copied the page from his web site. I feel you will find any of these links interesting as he has very detailed pictures along with his explanations.

The items listed below are intended to be of interest to those of you who are looking for parts that will benefit you when having your car judged at an NCRS or Bloomington event. In virtually all cases, the parts you find here are not available from any of Corvette catalog companies. Some of the items you will see are based on years of hunting, as well as years of observation and research of parts found on original, unrestored Corvettes. I stand behind everything I sell and I have never had an unsatisfied customer. Click on any link to navigate to each page.

NEW* 1963 - 1975 Transmission & Shifter Mount Fastener Kits ***NEW**
NEW* 1963 - 1982 Idler Arm Fastener Kits ***NEW**
1963 - 1979 Spare Tire Locks
1953 - 1982 NOS Key Blanks
1953 - 1982 NOS key rings



Membership Report
by Steve Beatty

Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future event/meeting.

At the time this report was issued (Dec 28th), our Chapter membership roster stood at 138 members, which includes 36 members who have not renewed for 2022
The names of new members that have recently joined and their Corvette ownership include:

Doug Hill (1971)
Perry Kinoshita (1969)
Rob Blake (1966)

Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future event/meeting.

The 2022 RMC membership dues notices were sent out in November. Many thanks to all who have already paid their dues, if you haven't, please pay them immediately to avoid being dropped from the membership roles. Renewal online via the National NCRS website is encouraged using this link: <https://www.forums.ncrs.org/register/chapter-membership.php>

Chapter notices are generally sent out via email using the addresses contained on the National NCRS' member email database. Accordingly, please make sure your National NCRS profile email address is always up to date to avoid missing Chapter news.

REMINDER, you must be a current member of National NCRS to be a member of RMC, so please check your national dues expiration date.

Updated RMC Chapter membership directories will be available on 2/1/2022 upon request by emailing me at stingraycpa@hotmail.com. Please keep in mind that the list is confidential and is NOT to be shared with non-members.

Finally, I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to meeting new members while participating in the upcoming 2022 events.

Steve Beatty
Membership Chairman
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Judging Chair
by John Marsico

Martin Egan was elected to serve as Chapter Judging Chairman beginning January 1, 2022

Because our fall chapter judging meet was held after the fourth quarter High Plains Shifter's publication deadline, I was not able to provide the chapter with the results of the meet. The following is a brief description of what I considered a very successful judging meet,

Thirty one RMC members attended the event which was held at Foundation Automotive, formerly known as Medved Autoplex, in Wheat Ridge, CO. Member attendees included four member cars registered for Flight judging and 4 member cars registered for Sportsman display. Nineteen members served as judges in two divisions, 1965/1967 and 1969/2003. Four members registered and did a fantastic job tabulating the judging sheets. As chapter judging chairman I functioned as the event's judging chairman with John Hilborn serving as the event's team leader. Phil Morgan served as assistant judging chairman. Jeff Roth organized great breakfast rolls and tasty lunch sandwiches for all to enjoy. I am happy to report all eight car owners took home NCRS ribbons, 3 Blue, 1 red and 4 green. The most important aspect for me was that at the end of the day everyone left with smiles on their faces.



As you know, Martin Egan was elected to serve as Chapter Judging Chairman beginning January 1, 2022. I want to wish Martin great success and know the chapter will be in good hands. Finally, I want to thank all of you for supporting me these past 2 years as your judging chairman.

John Marsico
RMC Judging Chairman 2019 - 2021



Photos of fall chapter judging meet by Flora Marsico





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Museum Spared - Motorsports Park and Assembly Plant NOT!

You are aware of the early Saturday morning Enhanced Fugita - 2 (EF-2) Scale tornado striking the Bowling Green, KY area which caused massive damage throughout south-central Kentucky and other states. Reports of the damage to the National Corvette Museum (NCM) Buildings, Motorsports Park (MSP) and the Corvette Bowling Green Assembly Plant (BGAP) have now given way to clean-up and damage assessment . I've summarized the damage reported by the NCM and BGAP and include photos of the damage taken from the internet reports and photos and communications with the NCM.

NCM

During the historic storms on December 11, 2021, the National Corvette Museum was spared any significant damage. All staff - National Corvette Museum, NCM Motorsports Park, and NCM Insurance - are safe. Much of the storm damage was isolated to the Museum's Amphitheater, but the Museum was closed over the weekend while crews restored power, cleared roadways of debris, and ensured that the NCM areas were safe.

Fifteen hours after the events, the curatorial team verified that all the artifacts and vehicles in the collection were secure. Thirty-six hours after the storm, all individuals with artifacts on loan to the Museum were notified that their items were not in harm's way. Those scheduled to pick-up their C8's under the NCM's R8C Delivery Program were notified of the damage to their Corvettes.

The Museum is open!



NCM - National Corvette Museum

MOTORSPORTS PARK

NCM's MSP facilities were not spared as were the NCM buildings. Photos of the MSP show significant damage to the Holley Motorsports Control Tower and garages and C8s stored in the MSP garages and outside areas prior to the R8C Museum Delivery; some of the Corvettes were damage. Finally, the building that serves the Karting facility is gone.

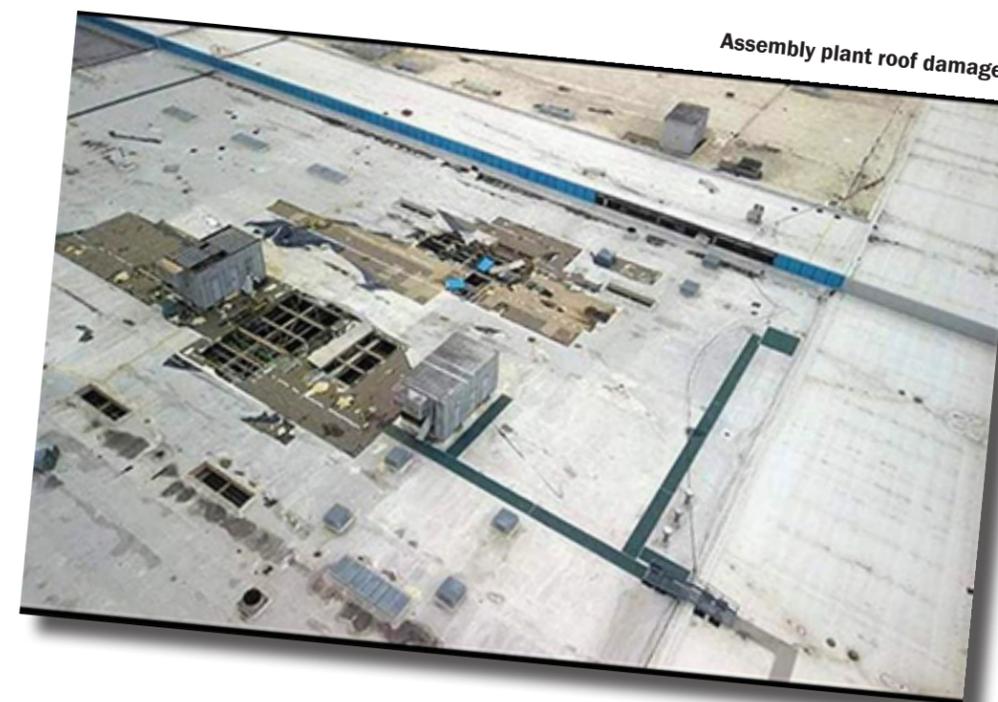
The MSP is temporarily unsafe for visitors and all activities are suspended until further notice. Insurance adjusters and crews have begun the assessment and clean-up efforts to help determine rebuilding plan(s) of the affected areas.

ASSEMBLY PLANT

A fire occurred early Saturday morning due to a ruptured fuel line, causing damage to the facility including the roof, interior, and an employee entrance. The BGAP cancelled production the week of December 13 as the plant's trained teams worked to get tooling, equipment, and the facility space up to standard. GM said a small number of workers were inside the factory when the storm hit. No one was injured. Operations at the BGAP resumed the week of December 20, nine days after the tornado.



MSP's Holly control tower and building



Assembly plant roof damage





MSP's garages and C8 storage area prior to R8C delivery

Damaged C8 Corvettes at MSP



Assembly plant 115 damaged C8s moved from assembly line to outside area

It was initially reported that approximately 120 brand new Stingrays inside the factory were damaged beyond repair. GM reports that 115 C8s were driven from the plant assembly line and parked outside. GM, not taking any chances, will destroy any Corvette showing damage

- it cannot determine if the Corvettes had water damage, especially to electrical components. Replacement Corvettes will be moved to the head of the assembly line. GM also confirmed that completed C8s awaiting quality control and shipment, staged outside the factory, are still being examined for damage and will not be shipped until a full damage assessment is completed. The owners

of vehicles destroyed by the tornado will be contacted by their dealerships and will need to resubmit their orders.

Tech Session December 2021: Fuel Pumps

Jim Lenartz and Dirk Gaddis

Activities 2022

- February
Tech session
- March
Tech Session
- April
General Membership Meeting,
Elections, Tech Session
- May
Judging school
- June
Spring Road Trip
- July
Summer BBQ
- August
Judging Meet
- September
Fall Road Trip
- October
Tech Session
- November
Judging School
- December
Tech Session





Activities
by Jeff Roth

As I mentioned, I am stepping down as Activities Chair.

I hope your Holidays were great and that you are enjoying the mild winter, at least it is mild as I write this! Turning to updates, last November we had a tech session on spark plugs. It was informative and very entertaining. Jack, Jim, and Dirk put on a great show packed with information and some entertainment. It was so good that we didn't have time for the second part of the session on fuel filters.

Guess what? December's tech session will be on fuel filters.

Maggiano's in the Tech Center has been a terrific venue for our annual holiday party, so we're going there again. January 8th is the date for the party and based on members' feedback, this year we are trying an afternoon time frame. I can't wait to hear if this time frame works better for most members. And believe me, I will get feedback that I will pass along to whoever steps up to fill the chapter's activities chair position as I retire from this job. It sure will be easier to drive in the daytime rather than at night, especially for the members coming from outside Denver metro or the far reaches of the metro.

Next February and March we will have tech sessions on ignition coils and V-belts. I appreciate the work that Jack Humphrey, Jim Lennartz and Dirk Gaddis put into these presentations. Their knowledge and willingness to do this makes our chapter special. Thank you to these guys!

As I mentioned, I am stepping down as Activities Chair. No one has stepped up yet and I encourage a member to bite the bullet and just do it. I'll be happy to advise and share what I learned over the years.

Jeff Roth



Merchandise
By Eckhard Pobuda

Winter is on its way. Lots of nice warm RMC jackets available.

We now have most sizes of the heather gray ring spun t-shirts, blue silk touch polo shirts, royal blue sweatshirts, gray sweatshirts with embroidered logos. This includes: Heather Charcoal Ring Spun Short Sleeve T-Shirts (Pic 1); Black Heather Silk Touch Long Sleeve T-Shirts (Pic 2); Blue Silk Touch Short Sleeve Polo Shirts (Pic 3); Royal Blue Long Sleeve Sweatshirts (Pic 4). All of this merchandise is available in all sizes. Also, we have replenished the inventory of several of our popular items such as the Chambray Shirts with embroidered pockets and Black Short Sleeve T-Shirts with embroidered pockets. Prices are shown in the attached Merchandise Inventory.

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Item	Value	Color
2015 National Cooler	\$10.00	Blue
Aprons	\$15.00	
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Red/Navy
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Black/Black
Challenger Jacket (SM - XL)	\$82.50	Blue/Navy
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Red/Navy
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Black/Black
Challenger Jacket (XXL - XXXL)	\$85.00	Blue/Navy
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Red
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Blue
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Black
Hats	\$15.00	Black
Hats	\$15.00	Black/Red
Hats	\$15.00	Brown
Hats	\$15.00	Beige
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Green
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Black
Hat Pins	\$3.00	
Pocket Knife	\$5.00	
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Red
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Blue
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve	\$30.00	White
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve - Silk Touch (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Blue
Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve - Silk touch (XXL - XXXL)	\$30.00	Blue
Subtotal Polo Shirts		
RMC Window Sticker	\$2.00	

Chambray Shirt (SM - XL)	\$35.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$40.00	Denim
Chambray Shirt -Short Sleeve	\$30.00	Denim
Shopcoats - 38R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 40R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 42R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 52R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 54R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 56R	\$35.00	
Shopcoats - 58R	\$35.00	
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$25.00	Gray
Sweatshirt (SM - XL)	\$25.00	Royal Blue
Sweatshirt (XXL - XXXL)	\$25.00	Royal Blue
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (SM - XL)	\$15.00	Black
T-Shirts - SS - Embroidered w/Pocket (XXL - XXXL)	\$20.00	Black
T-Shirts - Short Sleeve -Stenciled	\$10.00	Gray
T-Shirts -Ring Spun SS -Stenciled (SM - XL)	\$10.00	Heather Charcoal
T-Shirts - Ring Spun SS -Stenciled (XXL - XXXL)	\$15.00	Heather Charcoal
T-Shirts - Silk Touch LS -Stenciled (SM - XL)	\$15.00	Black Heather
T-Shirts - Silk Touch LS -Stenciled (XXL - XXXL)	\$18.00	Black Heather



Pic. 3



Pic. 1



Pic. 4



Pic. 2

Membership in the NCRS is open to persons interested in the restoration, preservation and history of the Corvette produced by the Chevrolet Motor Division of General Motors Corporation from 1953 through 1996. NCRS is not affiliated with Chevrolet or General Motors.

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