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Annual Picnic
August 24th
Tennyson House



Ed and Judy Martin with the NCRS National Road Tour Flat Tire Award for 2019, see page 8. ED



Chairman's Report
By Rick Reiff

I encourage you to participate and enjoy your Corvette and fellow NCRS members.

In my last article I stated, "spring is here and before long we'll be driving our Corvettes more and enjoying the great weather the state of Colorado has to offer." Little did I know that the forecast would include snow on the day

we were to have our spring road trip, which had to be canceled. Recently I drove through Kearney, Nebraska on a family road trip to Chicago. That combined with recently having two big hailstorms at my house made me think back to 2002 when a group of us were in transit to Des Moines, Iowa for a Regional Judging Meet. We stopped in Kearney for the night. My son Jared was taking a swim when the tornado sirens sounded. I told Jared to get out of the pool and a bunch of us rushed to get our cars under the hotel's covered entry. We all watched from the hotel restaurant as the storm blew in - there was no basement in which to seek shelter. Then the hail came. It was the size of baseballs and blew through car windows and RMC Membership Chair Steve Beatty's convertible top and splintered the hood on his '66. The storm blew in so quickly he didn't have time to get it parked with the other Corvettes under the shelter of the hotel entrance. Although there was no tornado, the next day the lady cashier at the quick stop stated it was the worst storm she had witnessed in Kearney for over 20 years. The rest of the trip was uneventful, but the memory of that storm and how quickly things can change is still intact.

Sharing this memory isn't to deter people from going on road trips. I've been on several and especially enjoy the road trips to Nationals with overnight stays, tours of interesting local landmarks (ex. a museum dedicated to corn in South Dakota), and experiencing this



with RMC and other NCRS members (ex. a group of Australia and New Zealand NCRS members joined us for the road trip to the Novi, Michigan National in 2011). So, next time there is an opportunity to go on an RMC or National road tour, I encourage you to participate and enjoy your Corvette and fellow NCRS members. Hopefully, the rest of the summer's weather will settle down and by the time of the fall road trip we will have decent weather and won't have to cancel that tour. To those of you going on the National road trip this year have a safe trip and I encourage you to put together an article for the Q4 High Plains Shifter and share your experience with the Chapter.

2020 Regional Update – We had a coordinating meeting on May 11 and we'll be getting together in the next couple of weeks to visit the host venue again and nail down the schedule of events and focus on sponsorship and filling any open committee slots.

Hope you are having a great (hail-free) summer and look forward to seeing you at Glenn and Lynn Reiff's for the annual summer picnic.

We have added the following new members since my last report: Louis (Skip) Nichamin (1967) and Ed Capalby (looking for a 1964). Please extend a welcome to these new members at a future meeting.

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<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>

RMC once again achieved NCRS Top Flight status for 2018. A special thanks

to all of the members whose contributions and efforts made it possible for the Chapter to continue its tradition of earning this award.

We had 7 cars judged, 3 Sportsman entries, and 35 judges/tabulators in attendance at our Chapter Judging Meet in May. The Spring Road Tour was canceled due to weather, but hopefully we will get a chance to do one later. With this member participation, along with attendance at our meetings, tech sessions, and holiday party, we are off to a good start to earn a Top Flight Award in 2019.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at the remaining scheduled events this year.

Steve Beatty
Membership Manager
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Here is the activities rundown through August...

Summer is here and the heat is on. The June rain was great for Colorado but made it tough to keep Corvettes clean, especially mine since I have to drive a dirt road to get from their storage area to the main driveway at my house. Here is the activities rundown.

We had our annual members meeting at Corvette City in April followed by the swap meet. Seems like one guy's trash became another guy's treasure. Then we had the first ever Club auction. It was a blast watching the enthusiasm and competitions for coveted tools. The good news is that we raised lots of money for the chapter, so I can keep feeding you guys at our gatherings. Thanks to Dirk for his great skills as the auctioneer.

Activities
by Jeff Roth

The June road trip to Mt. Evans or Bust, turn out to be a bust. I had to cancel it due to the weather forecast of snow at high elevations and rain everywhere else. As it turned out, it snowed so much on Mt. Evans that the road was closed for the weekend and snowplows had to get back up there to clear it. It would have been a fun drive in good weather and I hope to schedule the Mt. Evans drive for a road trip in the future.

In July we head north to our summer BBQ at Glenn and Lynn Reiff's house outside of Fort Collins. They have a lovely home with a lake view. We enjoyed their hospitality last year and look forward to this year's event.

We always have plenty of delicious food and good company. If you have not seen Glenn's shop you are missing a real treat. Last summer, everyone in attendance marveled at the size and unique design. I think Glenn could almost live in this shop without having to venture upstairs.

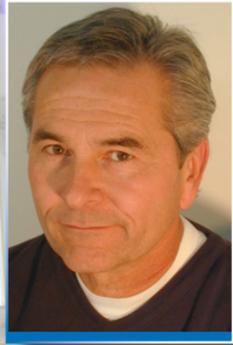
In August plan to participate in the charity event at Tennyson House on August 24th. Please take note that this is the 4th Saturday in August. They do terrific work at Tennyson with children who have been abused and removed from their homes to live at Tennyson. It is fun to see the kids check out our Corvettes. They like to sit in our cars, pretend they are driving and honk horns. The club buys pizza for the kids (eaten indoors either before or after visiting the Corvettes which provides for clean hands).

We also order pizza for the club members in attendance. Enjoy your summer and I hope to see you at the club's activities.

Jeff Roth
Activities

*National Road Tour stop off.
Photo by Jeff Roth*





Editor's Corner
by Dennis Dalton

Our annual judging meet was held at Medved Chevrolet in Weatridge May 19th. Clockwise pictures are Rick Reif, John Hilborn, Jack Humphrey, Steve Beatty and Barret Benson, Tom DiRito and ending up with Eckhard and Jerry Mulnick discussing the finer points of judging.

We had a grseat time and thanks to Sharron Ridge and Janice Bogan for tabulating.

I took the pictures.

Dennis Dalton, Editor





I was pleased the board asked me to be the National Corvette Museum's Ambassador for our chapter at the April 2019 meeting.

I gladly accepted and hope I can provide the two way communication between our chapter and the NCM. If you want or need information about or from the Museum, ask me and I will try to give you the answers or will try to get it from the Museum's staff. Likewise, I will keep you informed about NCM events and news through the quarterly newsletter and at the chapter meetings.

In addition to serving the Rocky Mountain Chapter, I am the Ambassador for the Colorado Springs Corvette Club and Down the Road Corvettes. I have achieved Master Ambassador status since 2011, my first full year as an Ambassador. I am a Lifetime Member of the Museum, and usually serve as a volunteer at the events I attend. I try to attend at least two events each year in Bowling Green, KY.

For my lead-off article in the newsletter, I thought it apropos to inform you of the Museum's insurance coverage for your Corvette(s). I have yet to meet someone who has the insurance and did not save significant dollars on the premiums. I have personally urged 4 people to get quotes from the NCM insurance agency this past year, and they all purchased the insurance, telling me they saved many hundreds of dollars!

The insurance agency provides coverage for any collector car with an agreed value. The NCM agency partners with Van Meter Insurance to give you the best in personal insurance coverage and service. The partnership goes back decades, and if you purchase a policy, you will become an elite Customer and will have a dedicated staff for claims and service questions. You will make a direct impact to the National Corvette Museum as it receives benefit from every policy.

I thought I'd tell you more about the NCM Insurance Agency as it might just be what you're looking for.

CORVETTE INSURANCE The NCM offers insurance for collectible vehicles, which includes classic autos as well as brand new models, and therefore covers our Corvettes.

I've talked with NCM's insurance rep, Adam Boca over the years, and he tells me NCM can insure for less than other companies because they focus more on customer service over advertising and the museum offers a single-liability premium. The NCM insurance may not be for everyone, as there are some restrictions, but the NCM Insurance Agency wants us to enjoy and drive our Corvettes, and therefore offers several options. Here are some highlights to help you evaluate NCM insurance.

OPTIONS The mileage option includes plans at 1,000, 3,000, and 6,000 miles per year. If additional miles are needed to cover the Corvette, such as a trip back to the Museum, extra miles can be added to the policy. When fewer miles are used than those selected in the mileage option, the unused miles are added to the next year's mileage. ... Various discounts apply. There is a multi collector-car discount, and up to 10% (State dependent) for being a member of a national car club (NCRS) or NCM, so you don't have to be a member of the museum to get the discount. Others include On-Star, theft deterrents, an accident prevention course, large collections, etc. ... There is one single-liability charge, no matter how many collectible cars you insure. Most insurance agencies charge liability coverage for each vehicle. Also, the single-liability premium covers all approved drivers, even if two or more are driving at the same time in different collector cars. ... The agent and you determine the agreed value of the Corvette, verifiable by publications such as NADA, or appraised prices used at events such as Barrett-Jackson, Bloomington Gold, or Corvettes at Carlisle. ... The deductible ranges from \$0 to \$10,000, with increments of \$250, \$500, \$1000, \$2500 and \$5000. With the optional full safety glass coverage, the deductible is waived if the windshield requires replacement and there is no other vehicle damage. ... If you have spare parts (OEM or after market) such as an engine, transmission, or wheels that are stored in your garage, these can be covered.

RESTRICTIONS The car is not covered for track events (races, autocross, drags). Rallies and cruises, car shows, etc. are not restricted. ... If the Corvette is used as a daily driver, it does not qualify for insurance. But there is an option that allows you to drive the Corvette to work twice a week. Your daily driver must be another vehicle less than 15 years old because a much older vehicle is considered a backup rather than a daily driver. ... The Corvette is not covered when it is used to run errands. A trip to a Corvette event, chapter meetings, a cruise, etc. is not considered an errand. ... Some models (Z06, ZR1) have special premiums as they are considered exotic Corvettes because of limited production and limited/costly replacement parts.

OTHER BENEFITS If another collector car is added, it is covered up to \$50,000 for 30 days. ... Roadside assistance is covered, and if there's a breakdown more than 50 miles from home (trip interruption) the policy pays for transportation, lodging, and other expenses up to \$600. ... Coverage includes pets injured during an accident.

CLAIMS Claims are handled by dedicated car experts who know collector cars.

You can visit info@ncminsurance.com and learn a bit more to determine if your Corvette and your driving habits qualify for NCM insurance, and/or call 1-877-678-7626 to get answers to any questions or a free quote from Adam, Bobby Jo or Sam. You just might save a bundle ... and tell them Barrett sent you!

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2019 Rocky Mountain Road Tour Summary

By TomDiRito

Bound for our Last Night Out at Asheville, NC and eventually our National Convention in Greenville, SC, our Road Tour departed Denver on July 5, 2019. Though only 3 Corvettes, plus one VERY important pickup (our beer wagon), left Denver, ultimately the Tour had 18 vehicles as folks from around the country (and Canada) joined us at various stops. Round trip we drove approximately 3,250 miles.



At our first major stop in Bowling Green, Kentucky we toured the National Corvette Museum. Several people in our group also took to the new Motorsport Track for a few hot laps. Unfortunately we were unable to have a tour of the Bowling Green Assembly Plant as it was still shut down as the new C8 (at that time) had not yet been released. At dinner that night many of our group went out to a great restaurant in the area, and what should we find in the restaurant's parking lot but two Corvette C8 Test Mules under cover? As we ordered our dinner in the restaurant we kept a watchful eye on the cars in the parking lot and were able to snap a few photos of the cars as they left the restaurant. It was a kick to see them! On to our next stop in Nashville, TN many folks experienced a honkey tonk for the first time at the Nashville Palace which was right across the street from our hotel while other folks went downtown to explore the many sights there. Many went to the Grand Ole Opry to see the Gatlin Brothers, Connie Smith and Sawyer Brown in addition to several other artists. The Grand Ole Opry is the nation's longest continuously running live radio show and it was a ton of fun to be a part of. If you like country music and are ever in Nashville, give it a try! Next stop was Pigeon Forge, TN. Several folks went to Dollywood, a theme park owned by Dolly Parton while others went to Gatlinburg to attend a crafts fair while still others explored the town of Pigeon Forge touring such places as the Old Mill area to watch blacksmiths, potters and watching a working grain mill in operation.

Enroute to our last night out in Asheville, NC we drove through the Smokey Mountains, a beautiful area with lots of trees, lush greenery and roads that were designed with Corvettes in mind. A beautiful ride indeed! Our only setback on the Road Tour occurred as we overnighed in Fairview Heights, Illinois. In the wee hours of the morning 5 cars on the tour were attempted to be broken into with 2 cars successfully broken into. One car was a C6 the other a C7. The C7s have a unique feature on the car alarms. If the alarm is set there is an interior motion detector so the minute the window was broken, the alarm sounded, scaring off these thieves (wanted to call them "scum sucking pigs" but thought that might be too much!). After similarly breaking into cars at two other hotels in the area the thieves were apprehended and arrested by the police. The thieves stole some loose change, some hats and the 2 way radios that we were using on the trip. Both cars suffered some body damage and 2 broken side glass windows. Both owners, while very upset, choose to take the high road by getting the glass fixed in town and rejoining the Road Tour in Bowling Green, KY later that evening. Kudos to Ken and Sandra Traverse and Ed and Judy Martin for not letting the thieves steal their vacation in addition to the items stolen from their cars.

As a result of this unfortunate incident, Ed & Judy Martin of Overland Park, Kansas became the 2019 recipients of the "coveted" "NCRS Busted Tire Award". This award is a traveling award which John and Dale Hilborn were very happy to give up from their 2018 receipt of the award for a rearview mirror that fell off their 1963 coupe in Mesquite, Nevada last year.

At the Convention General Membership Meeting, Steve Beatty was recognized for the Chapter's 2018 Top Flight award. Also noted, 70 % of all NCRS Chapters participate in the Chapter Top Flight Program. Planning is already underway for the 2020 Rocky Mountain Road Tour with our Convention to be at the French Lick Resort in French Lick, Indiana. Tentative itinerary for the 2020 Rocky Mountain Road tour includes a Denver departure on Saturday July 11 with stops at the Eisenhower Presidential Library in Abilene, KS; Branson, MO; Mid America Motor Works and the Indianapolis Speedway.

If you've never been on a Road Tour, why not give it a try? It's a great way to meet new people, enjoy these fabulous cars that we're lucky enough to drive and to see this fantastic country of ours. Interested? Send me an email at Totirid@aol.com or a call at 303-791-0351.



For Sale 4/19

For Sale - 1972 Corvette coupe - Original 350 CID, Automatic, PS, AC, Excellent chrome, New tires, exhaust, suspension, Frame restored, otherwise original, Elkhart Green, Black leather interior, Owned since 1979, \$18,000, Call Joe - 303-791-2961 (home), 303-483-5167 (cell), maryandjoe@mac.com

Project Car for Sale 4/19

1960 Corvette project. No engine or transmission. Car is screaming to be a Resto-Rod or can be restored. Nice Hardtop, Ragtop frame, Windshield Assy., Instruments. Body is quite nice and stripped. Some parts missing. \$18,000. Car is located in Ft. Collins. Clean Colorado title. Please contact Glenn (970) 846-6801 for photos. or any questions.
Thanks,
Glenn Reiff #7704
(970) 846-6801

Looking for a Car 4/19

this is Peter Guntermann, NCRS member #63597. I'm writing to you as I hope you can help me with my search for my next Corvette. I want to add a 1970 BB convertible to my collection.
Presently I own
- 67 L79 Coupe 2 Top Flights 1 of 34 built with L79, K19, C60, M20 and N40
- 71 454 convertible only ever in Germany by NCRS judged Corvette, done by the dutch chapter in 2018 (2nd Flight)
- 72 SB Coupe with DUNTOV award and less than 33k miles (page 205 "Corvette Sports Car Superstar")
- 82 Coupe with Bloomington Gold (less than 19k miles) my "daily driver"
Now I am looking for a
1970 454 Convertible (might consider LT-1) in mint to excellent condition must have are
- 4speed
- power steering
- power brakes
TOP Flight and known history would be phantastic
peter_guntermann@web.de



Merchandise
By Eckhard Pobuda

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. Merchandise may be purchased at NCRS RMC events.

Eck Merchandise

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



Ralph Ridge
Judging Chair

We are considering a fall judging meet on November 17th

First, let me congratulate John Marsico for being elected as our next RMC Judging Chairman. John's transition to chairman will be a little different than usual due to the Regional that the RMC is hosting next May. I am the Judging Chairman for that event, and since NCRS only allows a certain number of people in each chapter to have input access to their data base, I will continue as Chapter Judging Chairman until after the Regional when John will take over.

Speaking of our 2020 Regional, since that is in May, we will not be holding a Spring chapter meet in May of next year. Therefore, it has been suggested that we hold a Fall meet this November. To do so, I would like to have at least four cars sign up for judging. If we get enough interest, the meet would probably be held at Medved on a Sunday, probably the 17th. For those considering having their car judged at our Regional, this would be a good "tune-up". If you think you might be interested in having your car judged at this meet in November, please contact me ASAP so the Board can plan our dates accordingly.

On a personal note, I have decided to throw my name into the nomination hat for the NCRS Regional Director for Region IV. The next issue of the Restorer and Driveline should have more information and a ballot. It appears that I will be running unopposed, but I still hope that you will take the time to vote.

Save the Wave, Ralph

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