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Chairman's Report
By Rick Reiff

The recent June road trip and 4th of July Picnic were well attended.

Greetings fellow RMC members:

As we gradually get back to a pre-pandemic lifestyle, we are able to participate in Rocky Mountain Chapter activities that don't necessitate the use your computer and actually require you to get out of the house and turning the starter key (or pushing a button for those with newer Corvettes) on your car. Two such events were the recent June road trip and the 4th of July picnic. Both of which were well attended.

The internet and associated applications allowed us to stay in touch via Zoom meetings and we had some very good technical sessions and a judging school to help keep us involved with the hobby. However, for me, there is no substitute for meeting with my fellow Corvette colleagues in person, seeing the cars, and engaging in face-to-face conversation. So, hopefully the trend continues.

As I've done in past newsletters, I thought it would be good to provide a little information regarding the "Year Of" that will be recognized this year at the National in Palm Springs. Although due to cancellation of last year's National Convention the 1970 cars will be included in this year's Year Of along with the 1971 cars. However, I am focusing on the '71s here.

So, I have a touch of the hoarding bug, not too severe (my wife may disagree) but I do hang on to some things I think I may need to look at or use again. I'm not talking heaps of things, but to some there are likely things I have that may cause others to wonder "hey dude, why are you keeping that?" However, there may be others that say, "hey that's cool." Such may be the case with the June 1971 copy of Car and Driver that I still have, fifty years and one month later. I was in High School in 1971 and already had the Corvette bug, so to me it



August:
Road trip over Berthoud pass.

Tennyson House visit suspended this year.

makes sense to keep an article written about every engine option Chevrolet offered for the Corvette in '71. The test didn't only include the four engines offered (270 hp L48, 330 hp LT1, 365 hp LS5, and 425 hp LS6) but C&D had Zora along for the series of testing and provided his insight to why different options were what they were. Zora's goal was to provide Corvette drivers with the equipment they need – as opposed to what they think they need – in a high-performance road car. For example, to discourage ordering extremely high-performance Corvettes (i.e., heavy duty brakes, clutch, rear end, etc.) there were no convenience options available, including a radio. Zora knew what was best for the Corvette buyer.

A couple of notable Zora quotes from the article, regarding the body shape of the '63-'67 cars that they have “just enough lift to be a bad airplane,” and on the LS6 engine option “Maybe for street engine I make mistake – aluminum heads are expensive, and that weight doesn't matter on the street.”

The article states that the Corvette is the only American made car that comes equipped with specifically designed N44 nylon cord tires that are good for sustained 140 mph driving. There are other interesting things included in the article, which by the way you can find via the following link: <https://www.caranddriver.com/reviews/a15141356/1971-chevrolet-corvette-road-test/> Not sure I needed to keep my copy of that edition of C&D given you can find just about anything on the internet. Even if you don't have a Shark, I encourage you to take a look at the article, even if it is 50 years old there may be some information there you didn't know about, whether it's related to Zora or the '71s. Also, of note in the issue I have, is the offering of a 1965 Cobra in the classifieds for sale at a whopping \$6,000. Wonder if it ever sold?

Some stats for '71: 20,801 cars sold (14,680 coupes and 7,121 convertibles), 11,481 with A/C, 188 LS6 equipped cars, 1,949 LT1s, and only 8 ZR1 (special purpose LT1) and 12 ZR2 (special purpose LS6) cars. The base price of the coupe was \$5,496 and the convertible was \$5,259.

Have a great summer,

Rick Reiff
Chairman

FOR SALE: 10/20

All items from a 1969 Corvette:

1. Black leather set covers (slightly used pair; set for back and bottom; covers only); decent shape - \$450.00; pickup only.
2. Black sun visors (pair) - \$50.00.
3. Coupe rear glass (no frame), decent shape, original LOF etching, date code LX (January 1968 or March 1968) \$150.00; pickup only.
4. Quadrajet 14" chrome air cleaner cover; decent shape, has a Turbojet 390 hp sticker on it (which can be removed)- \$35.00

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

Membership Report by Steve Beatty

We have added the following new members since my last report:

Sean Adams – 1953

Brodie Garnett – 1990 ZR-1

Mark Pleasant – 1963W

Keith Reichman – 1966

Glenn Schlotter – 1967

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

With these new members, our current membership is at 136 members.

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. Here is a link to your member profile:

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

REMINDER, you must be a current member of National NCRS to be a member of RMC.

A member's NCRS membership expiration date can be found on the mailing label of the Driveline/Restorer. The NCRS has the capability to track RMC current year memberships +2 years, which currently is through the year 2023.

Due to the pandemic and mandates by the CDC and State of Colorado that require social distancing, many of our 2021 meetings and activities were postponed and/or cancelled. For this reason, the NCRS has cancelled the Chapter Top Flight Program for 2021.

I hope to see you at a meeting or event as we are able to meet in person during the remainder of the year.

Steve Beatty
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Activities
by Jeff Roth

Boy, summer has come on with a vengeance after a cold wet May and then we jump into the 90's and 100's. I was not prepared for the heat wave. Despite the weather, Corvette activities continue to happen.

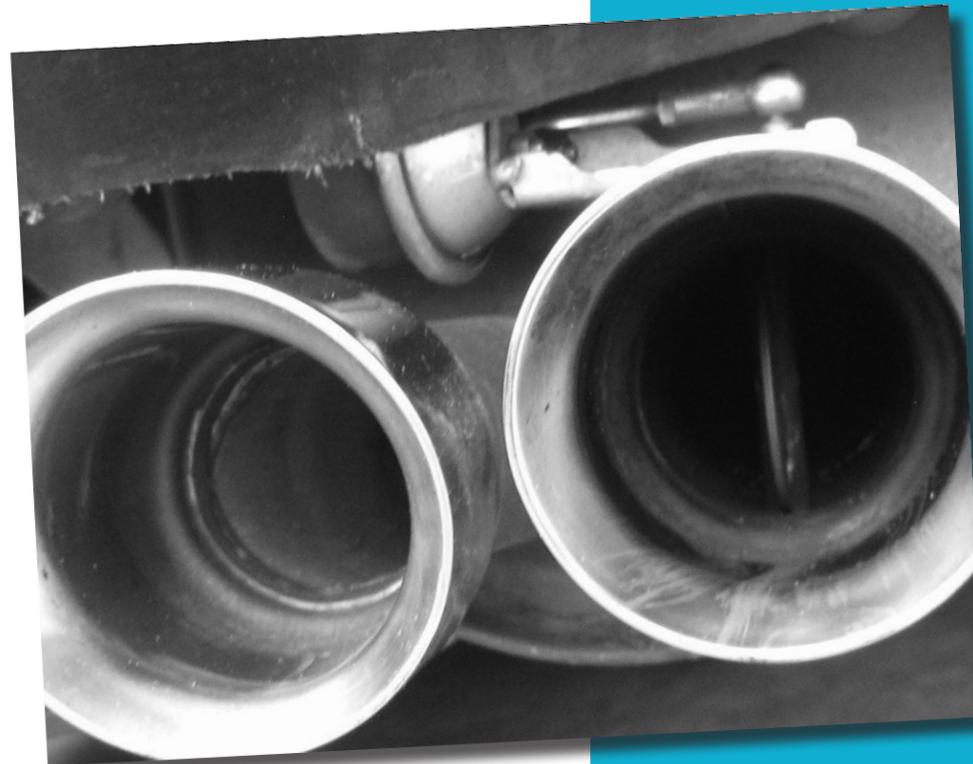
In June we headed to Limon, CO on the back roads through Elizabeth and Kiowa. It was a scenic drive across the plains with some rolling

hills. Twelve Corvettes were quite the sight in Limon. Lots of residents came by to look at them. We all brought picnic lunches and enjoyed them in Railroad Park and then went to see their two museums. One was the Railroad Museum since Limon was founded as a rail stop. The other was their Pioneer Museum which is truly one of the little gems in eastern Colorado.

In July, we will enjoy the hospitality of Lynn and Glenn Reiff for the summer party. I appreciate their willingness to host again this year. They always make us feel welcome as we invade Glenn's cavernous garage space. It will be nice to see people, in person, without masks. The no-mask part sure makes it easier for those of us that are hard of hearing and tend to read lips when the hearing aids fail to do their job.

In August we will try to complete the road trip over Berthoud Pass and in to Winter Park for lunch. This trip was scheduled for last year, but we had to stop in Empire because of the ash from the wildfires. In the past we have had an August event at Tennyson House for Children letting the kids sit in our cars and pretend to drive, plus play with some remote-controlled toy cars. Tennyson House has had to suspend its residential treatment program for the time being.

Retirement from chairing Activities for the Rocky Mountain Chapter is in my near future. My wife Diane and I have enjoyed planning the road trips and events for six years, but it is time for us to take a break. It is vital for someone to step up, be a contributor, and give back to our chapter and the membership. I will be happy to be a sounding board and coach for anyone who volunteers to take this position.



Winter Muffler Project

After owning a 62 Corvette for 33 years I sold it. It took awhile to get my head into letting it go, but my Co Pilot "said we need AC". I thought a few creature comforts were also needed in our senior touring days so the 62 left. The replacement Corvette was a 2006, C6 with the base engine automatic 6 speed transmission and LS3 package. Oh my what a difference 44 years in technology makes in a Corvette.

The only complaint I had was it was too quiet. I had all 3 types of mufflers on the 62 in the years I had it and the Magna Flow I liked the best. Started looking in vendor catalogs everything they had was in stainless steel and from \$1200 to \$2000. Reading up on the C6 I found Chevrolet had an NPP / Bi Mode exhaust system for C6's. It had baffles in the 2 mufflers that would vacuum open at about 3400 rpm for more throat. Of course C6 parts are not carried anymore from Chevy.

Went to E Bay and found used ones there. Price ran from \$500 \$1200 plus shipping which usually ran another \$150. Got lucky with a \$400 pair and free shipping and I bought them. These were off a Z06 3" pipes and my LS2 has 2 1/2 " pipes. I had the muffler shop put my 2 1/2 pipes welded to the 3" mufflers. Another thing I purchased from a vendor was a "Mild to Wild" electric system where you could change the mufflers from idle being open on a key bob that would close them through the entire RPM range to stock quiet. It always starts in the closed quiet mode but hitting the key bob at idle or on the interstate you can have either and go back and forth. I had spoke to other C6 owners about after market mufflers noise and drone all said they made stock engines throatier but had different drone on the road, some had to run their 6 speed sticks in fifth gear to live with the drone. I am happy with the system I have now and my Co pilot is OK with the sound. Life is Good. Hope this helps anyone thinking about exhaust changes. If you have any questions please e mail me at frkoenigjr@live.com

Thanks,
Fred Koenig NCRS 7496



Judging Chair
by John Marsico

I am asking you to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16, 2021, for our next chapter judging meet.

A number of interesting changes have taken place since we held our last chapter judging meet in 2019. Previously we held our judging meets at Medved Chevrolet located in the Medved Autoplex in Wheat Ridge. During the infamous pandemic, Medved Autoplex was sold to Foundation Automotive Corporation. Foundation Automotive is continuing to do business as Medved Autoplex; however, our Chevrolet contact, Sam Mittan, has been promoted to manager of Foundation Hyundai in Westminster. Sam was very helpful arranging access for me to discuss

our chapter options with the Autoplex's general manager. I am pleased to announce Medved Chevrolet will continue to be our chapter sponsor. However, the location for our chapter judging meets will move one building to the west to the Cadillac service area. This change also brings with it a different day. We now will be conducting our judging meets on Saturday as opposed to Sunday.

I am asking you to mark your calendars for Saturday, October 16, 2021, for our next chapter judging meet. As we get closer to the date, you will receive a blast email with registration details for having a car judged, working as a judge or simply attending the event. Registration will only be available using the NCRS on-line registration process. Due to the size of the Cadillac service area, we can only accommodate 4 cars. If you want to have your car judged, do not hesitate when you receive the email registration announcement. Once I know the cars, I will appoint team leaders as well as team judges. Members not wishing to have a car judged but planning to attend, please register when you receive the email announcement. If you wish to judge, sign up as soon as possible indicating your judging interests. The task of assigning judges becomes a lot easier when intentions are made known early. The challenge is always attempting to match individual interests with the needs of the day. No matter the effort, it is likely someone will be assigned an area he/she did not request. If that happens, please treat it as an opportunity to broaden your knowledge of Corvettes. Stay close to your email in late August or early September for registration details. Remember every attendee must register.

John talks about the Schotchman Tribute Car show on the following pages 8-9. This is the registration form on the facing page.
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Is Proud to Present

The Scotchman Tribute

Corvette Only Car Show

Sunday, August 8, 2021
Anderson Park
4355 Field St, Wheat Ridge, CO
From 10am – 2pm
(Parking from 9am – 10am)



People's Choice Show-Entrants evaluated by independent judges.



Registration Opens: May 22, 2021 Registration Fee: \$20.00/Car
Registration Deadline: July 31, 2021 Space limited to the first 110 Cars
Online Registration Only Music and Food Trucks OnSite

Register : <https://www.coloradocorvettes.club/event-registration>

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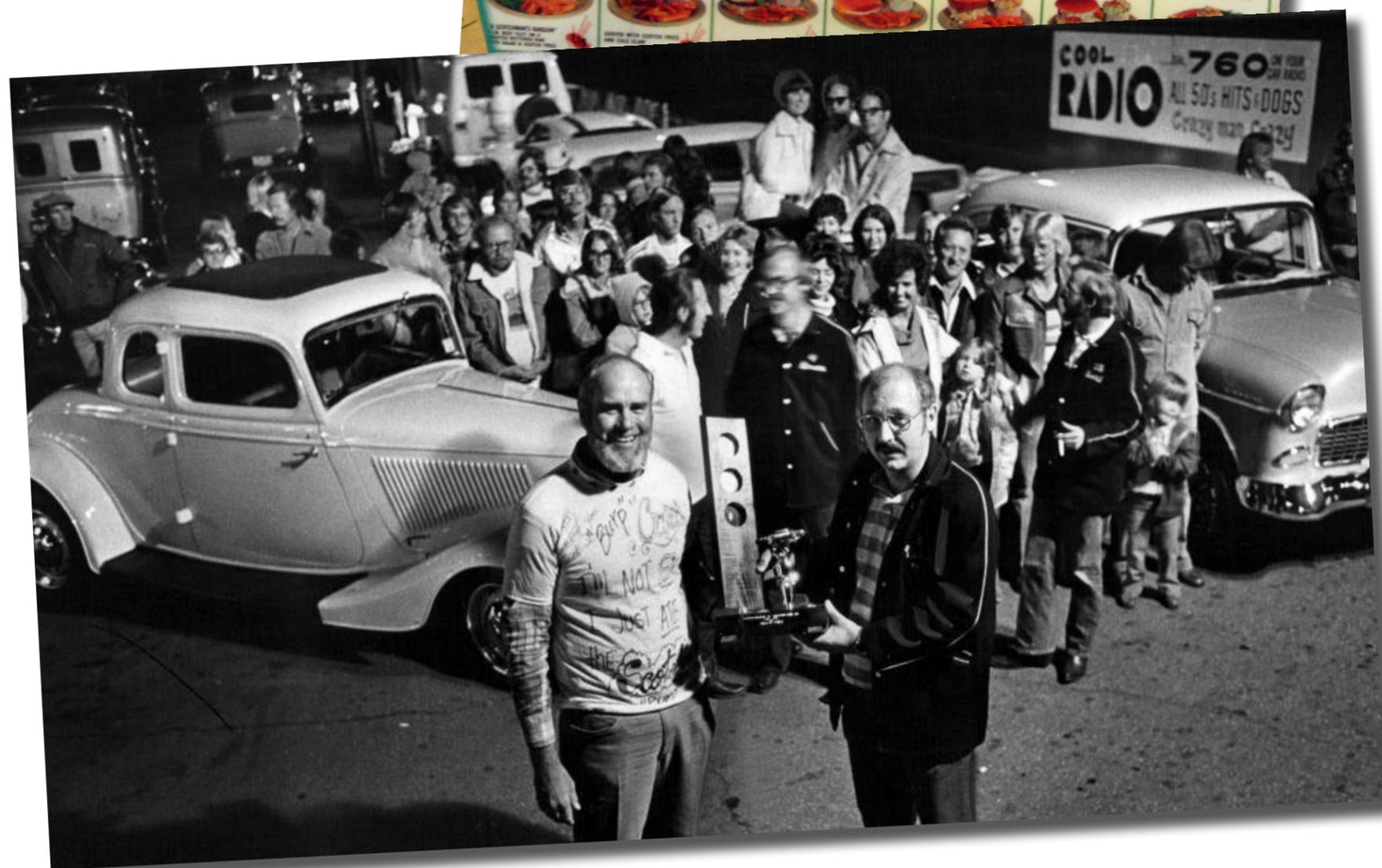


The Scotchman Motor Restaurant was the place to see and be seen from the mid 50's to 1975.

The annual Scotchman Tribute all Corvette Show is returning for 2021. Mark your calendars for August 8, 2021. At the last event the RMC had over 20 gorgeous Corvettes with participants mentioning to John Marsico at his D.J. table that the RMC cars were the hit of the show. The event is open to all Corvette owners and is a mere \$20.00 registration fee. For those people who are not from the Denver area, The Scotchman Motor Restaurant was the place to see and be seen from the mid-1950s until the Scotchman's closure in 1975. This really was the teenage hangout back in the day. To help with a mental image, think Mel's Diner in California, or the hangout in American Graffiti. The restaurant was located on North Federal Blvd between 47th and 48th Avenues on the East side of the street. Today, a Wendy's burger restaurant occupies the space. The Scotchman building was torn down after it closed to make way for the Wendy's. The show will be held on Sunday, August 8, 2021 beginning at 10:00 am and ending at 2:00 pm. The location is in Wheat Ridge at Anderson Park, just a half block South of 44th Ave. on Field Street. The show is basically an event with the goal of encouraging Corvette owners to gather, admire the cars and get to know each other. Each participant will receive a dash plaque and goody bag. In addition, trophies will be awarded based on street appeal, quality of workmanship and attention to detail. Our own John Marsico will be the D.J. playing top forty oldies rock n' roll. For those not interested in bringing a picnic lunch, a food truck will be on site for a breakfast snack or sandwich. Registration is easy, just click on www.coloradocorvettes.club, open the events tab and follow the instructions for on-line registration and payment. If you have additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact, John Marsico, 303-421-6973, or email him at jmarsico@centurylink.net.

Best Regards,

John





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MUSEUM EXPANSION

The National Corvette Museum opened its doors in 1994, and expanded in 2009, almost doubling its size. During the Michelin Bash in April, NCM announced it is progressing toward a 2-story, 30,000 square-foot addition, needed for displays as the Museum continues to grow. At this time there is no date for completion, but state-of-the-art plans include: Specialty Exhibit Spaces and Rotating Displays, Lifetime Members Lounge, Open Theater Space, Sensory Calming Room for Guests with Unique Needs, Kids Zone Education Center, and a Rooftop Members Lounge.

STINGRAY GRILL

Opened during the Michelin Bash and replacing the Corvette Café, the Stingray Grill offers a unique dining experience. Just like the Corvette, the Grill will attract people from around the world to share in something both classic and contemporary.

27TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION REGISTRATION OPEN

The 27th Anniversary Celebration will be held Thursday, September 2nd through Saturday, September 4th. Online registration is now live! Registration is \$20 for Lifetime members, \$25 for members, and \$35 for non-members. The deadline for online registration is Friday, August 14th. Early registration includes a hard card badge, lanyard, event pin and dash plaque. Registered attendees can look forward to enjoying three fun days of activities in and around the Museum, including interesting road tours, video presentations, raffles, and more! There is also an option to attend the Anniversary Celebration virtually where registrants will have access to a virtual feed of the seminars and presentations.

The traditional Hall Of Fame induction ceremony held during the Anniversary Celebrations was held during the April 2021 Michelin Bash.

NEW CORVETTE POWERED EXHIBIT

The new Corvette Powered exhibit is now open. One vehicle featured is a 1965 Impala 2015 Ridler-award winner. At first glance, it still



looks much like its stock version, but it's been chopped, lowered, shortened, narrowed, and has an altered wheelbase. Built for Canadian construction magnate Don Voth, it's nicknamed Impostor (see photo) for the way its subtly modified body hides the Corvette C6 drive-train and suspension!

CLUB ROOM RENAMED

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, during the Michelin NCM BASH week, the NCM renamed the Club Room as the Wendell Strode Club Room. The Club Room is a small, intimate space used for events, meeting, and a gathering place.

The Museum is honoring the contributions Wendell Strode (see photo) made to the National Corvette Museum for nearly three decades. Glenn Johnson, NCM Board Chair said, "Wendell not only cared about the Museum but the Corvette community that surrounds it and for these reasons and more he is also being inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame." Strode is the retired Executive Director of the National Corvette Museum and first inductee into the new category of Corvette Community Contributor in the Corvette Hall of Fame. Johnson further stated that "none of the Museum's success would be possible without the Museum members, Museum Leadership, and Museum staff."



On a personal note, I have used the Club Room in the past for use for my Corvette Club visits, Ambassador and Caravan Captains' meetings, and other purposes. I am pleased the NCM renamed the club for Wendell, a good friend.

RAFFLES

July 22: Silver Flare 2021 Coupe: Tickets are \$100 each, limited to 2,000 tickets.

August 19: Build Your Own Corvette or \$65,000 in cash: Tickets are \$250, limited to 1,500 tickets.

September 4: Torch Red 2021 Coupe: Tickets are \$20 each and are unlimited.

Note: I have the Corvette Raffle forms that I can send to you or you can download them on-line. If you complete an order request form, or purchase a ticket while at the NCM, please notify me via e-mail.



June Road Trip

Stop for lunch at the Railroad Park
Limon, Colorado



Photos by Rick Reiff



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.

Contact
Eckhard @ epobuda@aol.com.

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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