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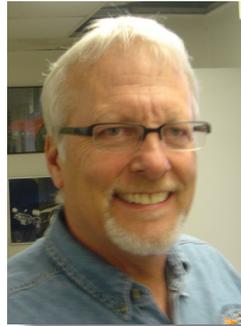
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**Oct 20**  
**Board Meeting and**  
**tech session at**  
**Corvette City**

**Nov 17**  
**Chapter judging meet**  
**at Corvette City**

**Holiday Party**  
**Look for an eblast**  
**from Jeff Roth**



## Chairman's Report

By Rick Reiff

RMC had approximately 10 members in attendance with 4 cars entered in Flight judging. The Arizona Chapter did an exceptional job hosting a great Regional. RMC 2020 Regional co-chair Pete LeClair attended as well, and he reached out to the Arizona Chapter to get their lessons-learned feedback which we will use to help us continue with the planning process for our event in 2020. Look for further developments on that front in the future.

Home of Glen and Lynn Reiff



garage) they had set up for us. All that attended I'm sure enjoyed the Reiff's hospitality and all the neat Corvette memorabilia and cars on display. Thanks again Glen and Lynn for a great event!

## The summer is behind us...

Hello Rocky Mountain Chapter.

The summer is behind us and as we head into the cooler months of the year I thought I'd reflect on a couple of Corvette related events I attended this past summer. I started off the summer in May by attending

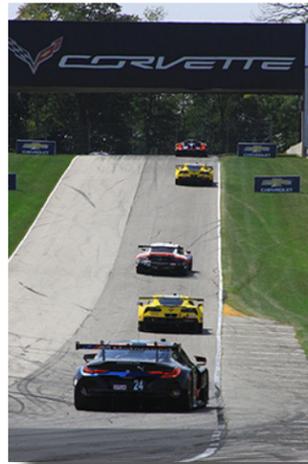
the Arizona Regional held in Scottsdale.



Chuck Bank's 56 at the Arizona Regional



C7 in ISMA practice run



GTLM Class in the straight (above) and the C7 in the winner's circle (below)



In August I went to Road America for the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship series races. Several of us (back in 2011 on our way to the Novi National) have been to what I think is one of the best race tracks for spectators (as well as drivers) in the U.S. IMSA is the sanctioning body for the current factory Corvette team run by Pratt & Miller. The C7R Corvettes run in the GTLM (short for GT Le Mans) class. The IMSA series also includes the Prototype class and the GTD class (pro-am), all race at Le Mans. The GTLM class is small with two cars from each; Chevrolet, Ford, Porsche, and BMW. The two Corvettes reached the podium at Road America with a second and third finish behind one of the two Ford GTs. Chevrolet is currently in second place behind Ford in total points for the manufacturer's title, however Jan Magnussen and Antonio Garcia who share driving responsibilities for the No. 3 C7R are in the lead for the driver's title, which they won last year. With one race to go, a 10-hour race at Road Atlanta in mid-October, it should be an interesting finish to this year's competition.

Also in August, we had the car display at the Tennyson Center and had the opportunity to entertain some of the kids there with letting them sit in the Corvettes on display and having some pizza and cookies on top of that. Honking the horns continues to be a favorite thing for the kids. Some of us waited to see the bike racers in the Colorado Classic go by at 30+ mph after a ninety plus-mile jaunt up to Lookout Mountain and beyond and back to Denver. I was impressed at the speed they maintain for such a long distance.

On August 26<sup>th</sup> some of the Chapter members participated in the United Family Sun & Funds Fly-In & Car Rally held at Rocky Mountain Airport where there were vintage aircraft (ex. P51 Mustang) and vintage cars (ex. '61 Corvette) on display. The highlight was the F-16 fighters arriving and doing fly-bys (ex. Barrel-rolls) complete with afterburners on. Not only could you hear the fighters go by but could feel them go by as well – no noise abatement applied here. If you haven't been to something like this before, if given the chance next year to attend I encourage you to do so. For a look at some great pictures of the event check out: <https://www.unitingmilehighpilots.com/>. [see some of Rick's pictures of the event on page 9 ED.]

So, I had a good fill of Corvette related events this summer. Hope you had a great summer as well and I'll see you at one of the Chapter events.

Rick Reiff  
Chairman

## What a great summer for activities.

The weather cooperated with us and everything we did. Here is the rundown. At the end of July, we had our annual summer party at the home of Glenn and Lynn Reiff outside of Fort Collins. They were terrific hosts and their new home is beautiful. We enjoyed good food and good company. Glenn's shop is enormous and the envy of all the guys.

The August activity was at Tennyson Center for Children, our Chapter charity. We had ten Corvettes that the kids enjoyed sitting in, pretending to drive, along with some horn honking. What really had their attention was the radio-controlled cars that Rick Nelson brought and the Hot Wheel Corvettes that were given to each kid. They do tremendous work there with severely abused children and I'm glad we can support them in a small way. The kids enjoy the pizza we purchase for them as well as their outing to the parking lot with the cars.

Our fall road tour, Three and a Half Passes was spectacular. We hit the peak September weekend for colors over Kenosha pass, Hoosier pass, Swan Mountain and Loveland pass. I had great fun driving my Corvette over the passes. Traffic wasn't too bad, but the parking areas at each summit were packed with cars especially Kenosha. All eleven Corvettes stopped in Breckenridge for lunch at the Cantina. Some of the group headed out to different destinations, but six of us went over Swan mountain road through Keystone, over Loveland pass and home. The scenery was awesome! Don't know how I will top this one next fall. In October Jack will entertain us with a tech session on late model tune-ups. There will be a Board meeting before the session that starts at 9:00 am if any of you would like to attend.

Jeff Roth  
Activities



Activities  
by Jeff Roth





**Notes from the Judging Office**  
by John Marsico

I am continually amazed at how quickly time flies. It seems like yesterday that Ralph Ridge, our chapter Judging Chairman, introduced me as the chapter's assistant judging chairman at the May judging meet. As Ralph previously reported, we had a fine group of cars and a good turnout of members working as judges. Because not everyone was able to attend, Ralph asked me to write an article for this quarter's newsletter as a form of introduction for those members who don't know me.

My name is John Marsico. I have been a member of the RMC for many years. Previously I served as the chapter's Assistant Chairman and after that I co-chaired the 2014 Rocky Mountain Regional with Ralph Ridge. When Ralph asked if I would serve as his assistant judging chair, I agreed knowing from past experience that we can be an effective team. I have been involved in the judging process for many years and have a good deal of judging experience, not only at chapter meets, but at regionals as well as national conventions. I am one of those members with a red Master Judge hat as well as 400 club Master Judge hat. Sometimes you will see me driving a 1962 red/red 340 hp. Corvette. Other times I may have a 1992 red/red LT1 coupe, or perhaps a white with red stripe 2015 Stingray. When it comes to Corvettes, I have a hard time saying "no" and I have never met a Corvette I didn't like.

I know you have received Ralph's blast email regarding our upcoming chapter judging meet which will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at Corvette City. I would like to encourage you to register for the event and indicate on your registration that you would like to be a judge. We can use all of the help we can get. If you register to judge before the deadline, November 10, 2018, the event is free. Judges also will have lunch provided. Members can register using the NCRS website by logging in and clicking on the "events" link. I hope to see many of you there.

Finally, I want to put a plug in for the upcoming National Judges Training Retreat that will be held in Dallas, Texas March 14-17, 2019. This retreat is offered through the National Judging Office under the leadership of our National Head Judge, Dave Brigham. This retreat is an outstanding opportunity for NCRS members interested in gaining proficiency in the NCRS judging process to hone their skills. The program typically consists of classroom instruction followed by hands on judging. Participants work in teams judging Corvettes under the guidance of experienced NCRS judging instructors. In addition to the vast amount of information and knowledge with which participants come away, each participant is awarded 20 judging points in the NCRS Judging program. 20 points is more than a person can earn judging and attending schools at a national convention. Having attended two of these retreats in the past, I can attest to their value and assure it will be well worth the cost of admission.

Ralph and I look forward to seeing you at our November judging meet, meetings, seminars, schools and social activities throughout the coming year.

John Marsico  
Assistant Judging Chairman



**Membership Report**  
by Steve Beatty

## It is almost that time of the year...

We have not added any new members since my last report. Our current membership remains at 117 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>)

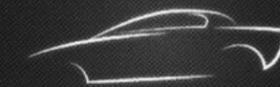
It's almost that time of the year to think about renewing your RMC membership. Watch for the 2019 RMC membership dues notices to be sent out in mid-November to those members whose memberships are expiring at the end of this year. Renewal online via the National NCRS website is encouraged using this link (<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/chapter-membership.php>).

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

Steve Beatty  
Membership Manager  
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I am Phil Morgan NCRS #1340 and can offer great pricing on BULLET POLISH products and I am a dealer for CORVETTE AMERICA. I will offer 1/2 of whatever discount I get to NCRS members on the VINTAGE CATALOG, the 1953-1982 and 1984-2012 catalog. Please advise if I can send you a catalog.

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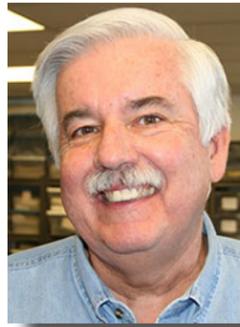
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# 2018 NCRS Road Tour & National Convention Summary

A total of 15 cars plus 1 truck and 1 SUV left Highlands Ranch, Colorado on Monday July 9 after a fun barbeque at our home on Sunday July 8. The Rocky Mountain Road Tour was the largest road tour this year!

We stopped in Palisade, Colorado for an afternoon get together at the home of chapter member Denny Eschilman and his wife. Then we were off to see the sights in Utah.

We spent time touring beautiful southern Utah including stops at Bryce Canyon National Park and Zion National Park. Most days were warm and sunny however a bit of re-routing was necessary when heavy rain caused a mud/rock slide which closed the eastern entrance into Zion National Park. Fortunately we were aware of this issue and were able to re-route around this closure prior to setting off for Zion that morning.

It is with "great pride" that I announce that our very own John Hilborn was the recipient of the "coveted" "Busted Tire Award" at this year's Last Night Out Road Tour celebration. It seems that upon leaving our morning rest stop in Mesquite, Nevada on our last morning out John reached out to adjust the driver's side rear view mirror on his 1963 split window coupe.

Unfortunately while John choose to depart Mesquite, Nevada, his mirror had other ideas and wanted to stay in Mesquite and decided to leave the driver's side door at about 65 mph. There was no salvaging this mirror as John said "...it bounced twice before shattering into a million pieces..." Fortunately, that was the limit of damage to John's car.

At the General Membership Meeting at the National Convention on Monday July 16 our Rocky Mountain Chapter received the Chapter Top Flight Award for 2017. Congratulations to us! Congratulations also goes out to the following Chapter Members for the awards they received at the National Convention:

- Steve Beatty: 100 Level Master Judge
- Martin Egan: 200 Level Master Judge
- Jack Humphrey: 100 Level Master Tabulator
- John Hilborn: Refounders Award
- Steve Beatty: Refounders Award

Planning is already underway for the 2019 Rocky Mountain Road Tour with 10 members already expressing serious interest in going on our Road Tour to our National Convention in Greenville, South Carolina. If you're interested, see the flyer in this newsletter for more information.

Don't be left out!

Tom & Diane Di Rito  
Rocky Mountain Road Tour Leaders



# Announcing: 2019 NCRS Rocky Mountain Road Tour

## United Family Sun & Funds Fly-In & Car Rally held at Rocky Mountain Airport photos by Rick Reiff

2019 Convention: To be held in Greenville, South Carolina, July 14-19, 2019

Road Tour: Departs Denver, Colorado after lunch on Friday July 5, 2019 and ends with the Last Night Out party on Saturday July 13, 2019. Total mileage to the Convention approximately 1,600 miles.

Overnight Stops: tentatively to include Burlington, Colorado, Junction City, Kansas; Fairview Heights, Illinois; Bowling Green, Kentucky; Nashville, Tennessee and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.

Things We'll be Doing Along the Way: Tentative stops include the National Corvette Museum, possible tour of the Corvette Production Line in Bowling Green, Kentucky (subject to availability), Full day in Nashville, Tennessee (Country Music Hall of Fame, Ryman Auditorium, attend a Grand Ole Opry Show), full day at Dollywood, Tennessee (beautiful theme park in the rolling hills of the Great Smoky Mountains) to name a few things.

Are you interested in going?

Some Frequently Asked Questions:

1. Why are you asking about our attendance now? I've learned that the toughest room block to secure is the room block that someone else has already acquired, thus I need to begin to secure room blocks in August, 2018 (next month).
2. What if I'd prefer to join you somewhere along the way vs. starting out in Denver, Colorado? Not a problem; it happens often that we have people that do just that. Just let me know what you are thinking.
3. What if I'm not sure if I can go or not? I'm just trying to get an idea of how many rooms that I need to secure so if you change your mind, not a big problem at all! This just helps me to better plan my room block needs.

If you think that you might be interested in going, or if you have any questions, please contact me by email: [Totirid@aol.com](mailto:Totirid@aol.com) as soon as possible.

Pictures taken from the internet are from the Smokey Mountains.  
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# New RMC Merchandise Available

I resupplied many popular merchandise in the last quarter. Specifically, we now have all sizes of the heather gray ringspun 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 or by contacting the Merchandise Chairman, Pete LeClair at 970.396.6000 or by email at [prlnascar@comcast.net](mailto:prlnascar@comcast.net). Stock up on our great chapter merchandise before the 2018 Road Tour or National Convention and proudly promote our chapter."

Pete LeClair  
Merchandise

Item	Value	Color
2015 National Cooler	\$10.00	Blue
<b>Aprons</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	
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
<b>Fleece Vests</b>	<b>\$35.00</b>	<b>Red</b>
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Blue
Fleece Vests	\$35.00	Black
<b>Hats</b>	<b>\$15.00</b>	<b>Black</b>
Hats	\$15.00	Black/Red
Hats	\$15.00	Brown
Hats	\$15.00	Beige
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Green
Hats	\$15.00	Beige/Black
<b>Hat Pins</b>	<b>\$3.00</b>	
<b>Pocket Knife</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>	
<b>Polo Shirt - Short Sleeve</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>	<b>Red</b>
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
<b>Subtotal Polo Shirts</b>		
<b>RMC Window Sticker</b>	<b>\$2.00</b>	

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



Pic. 3



Pic. 1



Pic. 4



Pic. 2

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