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Heart of Ohio Chapter Judging Meet

What a beautiful day this turned out to be. The day started out a bit on the cool side, cool enough for that sweatshirt or a light jacket. The timing could not have turned out better. Setting a day in between hurricane remnants. Bob McDorman had erected a large tent for our Chapter to work under.



Judges, car owners, and assistants were all treated to coffee, donuts, or bagels. As the teams were assembled and people began arriving to see what was happening under that big tent at the end of the parking lot, things got to be crowded.



The day warmed up considerably and the time passed by so quickly for those that were judging. On the other

side, the owners that had come to have their cars judged told me that time was crawling and could wait to hear the final results. The morning soon past, turning into a grateful break for lunch and a welcome delectable meal it was. After lunch the judging continued followed with a technical seminar after completion of most cars 's judging. In all a beautiful day, beautiful cars, and a smooth judging meet. I say our Chapter had a great day.

MEET RESULTS **By** **Steve Steffensen**

"First I would like to thank everyone for participating in the meet. Whether you were a judge, a tabulator, or helping with food and parking, we needed you to be successful and we were! 21 of our members helped at the meet. We also had 4 of our members' wives doing the tabulating. We had 2 cars judged from the chapter and 4 cars as Sportsman display and 2 as Bowtie display and judging school examples.



I hope everyone had a good time. Any suggestions for next year would be appreciated. We will be back in the same place, same time next year."

Steve Steffensen
Judging Chairman



Thank You

Our Chapter would like to extend a Special thanks to Bob McDorman who provided the Heart of Ohio Chapter the covered spaces for car owners' judges, judging area, and the picnic area for our tabulation personnel. We would also like to extend Special thanks to Jan Steffensen, Cheryl Hawk, Sue Yasher, and Priscilla Rink, our Judging meet tabulators. Thank you to Perry and Sue Yasher for supplying beverages, Steve Steffensen for the tasty lunches, and Lou Zuniga for coffee, bagels, and donuts. Our Chapter would also like to extend thank you to those individuals that assisted in Judging, as we could not have done this without their help.



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Chairman's Message:

Board member Elections

As we head into fall and look toward November, it is time to think about elections, for example the presidential elections, that so often consume our country's airways.

But, not only is it time for our county's national elections, we must also think about our own Chapter and the elections for newly or reelected board members. This October we are looking for nominations to the board offices.

Unlike years past the board is looking to all members to be active participants as much as possible. The idea is that if you are in anyway interested, by all means step up. The current officers will assist the newly elected board officers and lend them a hand to accomplish the tasks required for their offices. The main intent is to involve more members and interject new ideas into the chapter by sparking innovative chapter activities that will involve more member participation and give rise to membership and chapter growth.

All board offices are open to all members to nominate other chapter members, or himself, or

herself, to anyone office. Nominations need to be submitted by the 30th of October. From the submitted nominees a general election will be conducted in a November general meeting.

Board Positions

All Board Offices are Open, they are:

Chairman;

Currently held by Randy Mullins

Vice Chairman;

Currently held by Dave Borrer

Secretary;

Currently held by James Salvino

Treasure;

Currently held by Bob Patrella

Judging Chairman;

Currently held by Steve Steffesen

Membership Chairman;

Currently held by Pam Matejovic

Editor/Webmaster Chairman;

Currently held by Lou Zuniga

How do you nominate an individual?

Simple just direct your intentions to the editor. You can contact

Lou Zuniga by phone (614) 825-0478, by e-mail gzuniga.rr.com

or by writing a nominee on a postcard or letter and mailing to:

Lou Zuniga

Attn: Officer nominations

427 Delegate Drive

W. Worthington, OH.

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I will be posting a description of duties assigned to each office on the Heart of Ohio Chapter – NCRS Web site with in the next week. Or, you can write, email, or phone any questions about duties and direct them to the editor or board member officers themselves for a faster response.



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Fall Road Tour:

Autumn Colors by the Lake

The details are in for the Fall Tour with a beautiful setting arranged by Classic Glass Corvettes of New Philadelphia.



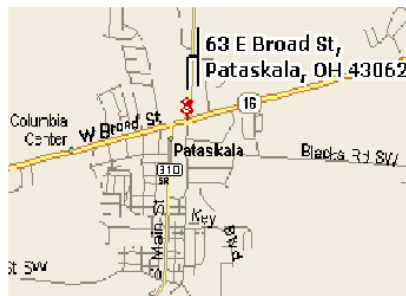
Atwood Lake

From the Heart of Ohio Chapter our own co-day chairman, Perry and Sue Yasher, assisted by Priscilla and Randy Rink reviewed the route layout this past weekend.

You can rest assured that the road will be paved all the way and even the park roads are paved. The team of four has selected a quaint breakfast spot in Pataskala right on route 16 or better known as West Broad Street.

Expect a twenty-minute ride from downtown Columbus to the Nutcracker Sweets, the breakfast meeting place, selected as the initial starting point. Those of you that opt not to eat before any road excursions can meet at the same

place but an hour later for the official start.



The team has selected a nice pit stop at a winery or across the road is an interesting spot. The pit stop should be a 15 minute break and about an hour into the tour.

Along the way, the tour passes Coshocton, Ohio a scenic town with history of the great canals that were the once common paths ways of modern transportation. The tour will pass through New Philadelphia on its winding way to our final destination of Atwood Lake Park.

Now Classic Glass Corvettes of New Philadelphia will be hosting a judging event. The registration for judging will run from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Those individuals participating in the Chapter tour should expect to arrive around 10:30 AM.

The park will be filled with Corvettes and other cars alike. With a craft show and great food as I am told so, expect lunch to be in the park.

You can elect to bring a picnic lunch if you desire. But, remember that alcoholic drinks will not be allowed in the park.

The home route is open for those wishing to leave at their leisure. The countryside is most picturesque surrounding the lake you may wish to explore the area for a bed and breakfast inn close by. The lake has many sail boats about on most weekends and give the lake a white dotted picture of serenity in leisure.

Perry Yasher states:

7am for breakfast – 8am we will roll

Plenty of parking – 50s style diner

Exit I-70 at SR 310 (Exit 118) go north to Broad Street (Route 16)

East 1 block – the restaurant is on the right.

**Nutcracker Sweets
63 E. Broad St.
Pataskala, OH. 43062**

Cell Phone if you get lost

856-296 0783

Oh! If you have a chance ask Sue Yasher about Newark, an amusing story.



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Member Spotlight

I stated in previous newsletter, I would like to begin a periodic featured article on a member of our Chapter. These articles will share member stories to other members and their plights.

There is usually a good story to provide on how others came to love a car that inspired them to follow a passion for a mechanical device that has made such an impact on their lives and others around them.

The Blue Tale:

This article features Randy and Priscilla Rink who have a 1963 Dark Blue Fuel Injected Corvette Roadster. Randy and Priscilla along with there sixteen year son, Alex, live in the Thornville Township, about 25 to 30 miles east of Columbus.



Both Randy and Priscilla hale from a western suburb of Chicago known as Hinsdale. Randy graduated from Illinois with a degree in Chemistry. He joined Western Electric during his college days where he met Priscilla. The Rinks were transferred here in 1990s to the Columbus suburb of Westerville.



As you can see from the picture, Randy's first car was a fine peddle car, which grew into one of those exotic GM Opel sports cars, purchase new with a little help from his parents.



Years later Randy sold the Opel and purchased his first Corvette, a basket case, mist green, 1966 Corvette coupe. Randy put this Corvette back together only to sell it in order to fund half of his college education with the other half coming from mom and dad.



As with most parents, Randy's mom and dad were none to happy about his decision to sell a new yellow car and purchase a junkyard special. I am sure there was bit of encouragement by mom and dad to pursue the college education over the wild car.

At this point in Randy's life, he had been bitten, like the rest of us, infected with the Corvette bug.

While in Illinois he purchase his second Corvette, the 1963 Fuel Injected Roadster, Tale of the Blue.



The 63' was found under consignment at D & M Corvettes in Donner's Grove.

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The Blue Tale:

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Randy had discovered that the 63' chassis had been restored and looked as though it body had a body off restoration.

As with so many sales pitches Randy was told that there was good paper work on this Corvette. However, after the sale it somehow was forgotten.



Well, time has past since those days and Randy has since retired from Bell Labs once know as Lucient. Randy now has time for the hobbies some of us wish we had. Randy spends time in his nicely appointed garage and also spends time with woodworking. The garage has a mother in-law suite over it. He has furbished the suite himself.



Randy has spent a good deal of time on the 63' Roadster as shown by his Second Flight award presented at the Chapter's past Judging meet at Bob McDorman's Chevrolet.

Randy and Priscilla also have another toy that in the coming Fall Tour they will be using. The 2001 Z06 was purchased from Bob McDorman's Chevrolet. And, there is a story behind this Corvette too. But, that we will save for another time to come.



I was given a mini tour while visiting and I hope to be invited back to try my hand at fly fishing in the pond out back of Randy and Priscilla's yard.

In summary I must say it was a pleasure visiting with

Randy and Priscilla, finding out the story behind the Man, the Woman behind the man, the Corvette, and the story that went along with the car.



Randy and Priscilla told me that when they move here they were impressed by the how nice the people were and how nice area was to live in.



I found that these two people extremely nice and cordial and I must say thank you for allowing me to spend time with you and getting to know a little about you and the Corvettes. You make the story all that more enjoyable.

Lou Zuniga



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Buying Parts on Ebay By Jim Salvino

Some of you know that I play around with mostly 1967 Corvette parts. I mean buying and selling parts on Ebay. Although not as financially rewarding as one might suspect, it has been a great learning experience on how to buy and sell online. It has also been educational in attempting to buy "original" parts. There are many facets of Ebay buying and selling. Just on the buying side, one must learn how to search for items of interest; how to evaluate sellers from the Ebay "Feedback" system; how to evaluate descriptions and S&H charges; how to bid and "snipe"; how to ask questions; how to negotiate a purchase off Ebay; and many more buying subjects.

For now, let us assume that you are able to find some items of interest on Ebay and know how to place a bid. This article will be devoted to the importance of and the art of asking questions in attempting to buy "correct and original" parts.

Let's start by defining some terms. An "original GM part" is one that came on a car – period. An "NOS GM part" is one that was purchased from GM and is still in the GM box/package and may or may

not be identical to an original part. An "NOS part" (New Original Stock or New Old Stock) may or may not be from GM; or in the original packaging and most importantly, may or may not be exactly like an original. It could even be a reproduction part depending on how the seller interprets "NOS". The point of the above is do not assume anything. You must ask questions.

Asking questions is an interesting process. If you ask questions via email, you must be very specific, but not so much so that you give the seller information that he may not know. Such a question might inform the seller of important information that he can use to add to his Ebay listing and thereby inform all potential Ebay buyers.

Here is an example. Hopefully, you are familiar with the headlight pull switch on mid-years. The knob is chromed plastic (not metal – sometimes hard to tell the difference) with a black center, and has a metal shaft. To verify that such a knob is an original, one should determine if the back of the knob has a black plastic ring with a small spade embossed into the ring (NCRS judges look for the black ring and the spade). You could ask the seller if the spade is there, and if it is, you have given the seller information he probably did not know. An experienced seller will add that

information to his listing, which will increase the value to all informed buyers. Asking the seller if there are any markings, numbers or symbols on the backside of the knob on the black plastic ring might be less informative to the seller and still obtain the information needed to authenticate originality.

Quite often, you will ask a seller a question and not get a response. Unless you can otherwise verify that the part is what you think it is, it is wise not to proceed. If your question goes unanswered, chances are the seller does not want to reveal additional information and rely on uneducated buyers. Again your questions must be specific otherwise the seller might give you a vague answer. Also, do not ask more than one, possibly two, questions in the same email. Many sellers will conveniently leave unanswered the most important question. Two separate emails with questions will serve you better than one email with multiple questions. Send the second email question after you have received an answer to the first question.

The old adage "Buyer Beware" was never more applicable then buying on Ebay.



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Editor's Note:

Parts Swap Corner:

At this time I would like to expand on members' privileges with the use of the newsletter and web site but first I will incorporate a parts swap featured page in the newsletter. Later I will add this feature into the web site as well. But for now members can use this medium to buy and sell those needed or extra parts that can be profited from.

So those wishing to use this service can send in a 50 word limited description of your item need to buy or sell; Along with your name, phone number, times you can be reached or you e-mail. I will post it in next newsletter as long it is in the 15th of the month. Those Classifieds that I receive after the 15th of the month will be posted on the following month.

That is if the ad is received on the 16th of October, the ad will not be posted until December's newsletter.



Speaker's Grill:

Added member's featured articles is also a privileged for members to share experiences or sound off about an issue you have.

This Month's featured article is submitted by Jim Salvino and it is about Jim's experiences with Ebay purchases. Your experiences could help other members in our Chapter. So, submit an article.

Advertising Avenue:

In an effort to give members more of an opportunity to share advertisements of their business or specialty, you can write to or e-mail me with your art work or article and I will post it among the pages of the newsletter for you to notify members of your business or specialty. This is a good place to focus you're your advertisement to a captive audience. The length of time an ad can run can be negotiated.

As with Parts swapping you must submit your posting by the 15th of the month to be included in the upcoming month.

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Clothing Update:

Currently this is in review of vendors and products and will have further updates as soon as they become available.

Moving?

Let us know if your address changes or your e-mail has changed so, we can update our records and keep you up to date.





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Calendar Of Events

Dates in Bold are Heart of Ohio Chapter events

Dates underline are NCRS chapter events

Dates in italic are other informational events

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Oct. 1 & 2 Corvette Weekend Ocean City, MD - Free State Corvette Club

Oct 3rd Sunday, Atwood Lake Corvette Show and Fall Road Tour (Details see Newsletter)

Oct. 3rd NCRS Pittsburgh, Fall Road Tour

Oct 9 Delaware Valley Chapter Technical Seminar -- AL GRENNING

Oct 10 Delaware Valley Chapter 24th Run for the Ribb

Oct 10 'The Ohio Corvette Club Alliance, "Corvette Gathering" October 10, 2004 at Quaker Steak & Lube Restaurant - 8500 LYRA DRIVE, JUST OFF POLARIS PARKWAY.

Oct 14-16 NCM C3 Extravaganza

Oct 15-17 Fall Corvette Expo / Southeast NCRS Chapter Judging meet – Knoxville, TN.

Oct. 17 NCRS Judge School – Pittsburgh – Barry Holmes Garage Saltsburg

Oct 22–23 SCC Fall Meet Cardiff by the Sea, CA

Oct 30th Deadline for Board Officer nominations Tentative date

Oct 31st Halloween



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Nov 4-6 Texas Regional Meet, Waco TX.

Nov 6 **Technical Seminar Winterizing your car** **Rick Fox, Bob's Garage**

Nov 11th Veteran's day

Nov 13th **Elections for Board offices** **Tentative date**

Nov 25th Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

Dec 4 **Christmas Party**

Dec. 5 NCRS Banquet & Annual Meeting – Greensburg Country Club

Dec 12 Southern California Chapter Annual Brunch and Membership Meeting at Cannons Restaurant Dana Point, CA.

Dec 25th Christmas



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