



Heart of Ohio Chapter

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Chairman's Message:



Board member Elections

With less that a few days away, before the November presidential elections, I can understand the frustration the campaign committees feel when rousing up their membership to perform our civic freedom each of us has as a citizen of a free nation. Our chapter membership has also been hard to stir and get members to step forward and nominate or volunteer for Board positions.

I have had little activity in answer to the call for Chapter elections for new board members. This November we were looking for nominations to the board offices.

But if Chapter members are not active in a freedom allowing them to change the way the Chapter addresses its member's activities then those that do not concur with they

way the Chapter works, have no right to criticize.

For those that want new ideas acted upon, step forward and become a Board member you still have a chance to alter directions of the Chapter. 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 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 still can be submitted for consideration. 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 Steffensen

Membership Chairman;

Currently held by Pam Matejovic

Editor/Webmaster Chairman;

Currently held by Lou Zuniga

How do you nominate an

individual? Simple, 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

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For a list of duties assign to each office please see the Heart of Ohio Web site at

<http://www.heartofohio-ncrs.com/index2.htm>

You will find a detail description of Chapter bylaws and Board member duties.





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Fall Road Tour

This piece has been colorfully titled "The Autumn Assault on Atwood Lake." Don't get me wrong; the car show was anything but a battlefield. It was the adventure to our destination that earned this title.



The morning of Sunday, October 3rd began in the wee hours of the morning with the sun below the horizon and just the glimmer of daylight cresting the trees. Setting out before 6:30 in the morning, I was joined by my spouse, Marie, and our foreign exchange student, Andres. The drive from Worthington through Columbus was uneventful, but as we headed east on I-70, the congested city air tapered into intermittent heavy countryside fog. Nearing the arranged rendezvous point, my stomach growled for an anticipated ultimate breakfast at a quaint 50's style diner. As we drew closer to the Nutcracker Sweets' diner, unexpectedly we found the chapter members heading out of the parking lot.



The day chairpersons and leaders of the pack, Perry and Sue, pulled up beside my vehicle. Perry rolled down

his window to deliver the bad news. To my surprise, the restaurant had not opened because the cook had overslept and not even a cup of coffee was readily available. Perry reassured us he knew of an alternative place that could provide us with at least a reasonable cup of joe.

Following the pack, we proceeded to our new destination point. Instead of a steamy cup of coffee, piping hot flapjacks, eggs, and bacon in a retro atmosphere, ideal for such an occasion, we dined only a couple blocks west at a local McDonald's. Making the best of it, we leisurely enjoyed our breakfast. By 8:00, our convoy was fed, full, and was headed east.

Now let me describe our caravan of vehicles. Leading the flock was the day chairman's vehicle; a stunning, gray, low profile Alpha Romeo. The inner three cars were pieces of the passion we all share: Corvettes. The hub of the motorcade was an exceptional, gray 2001 Z06, followed by a 1993 40th anniversary maroon Corvette and lastly a blue C5 Corvette with special racing stripes. Acting as the caboose was my 2004 Toyota Corvette, special 4-runner addition.

Normally a fleet of an NCRS chapter, dedicated to the restoration of the 1953 to 1989 Corvettes, would have at least one Corvette from the NCRS mission ideals. So, let me give you a little background of under-lying reasons for such a mismatch of non-NCRS era Corvettes.

Instead of Perry and Sue's 1967 Corvette roadster, which is currently in a full body off restoration, the fallback choice was their Alpha Romeo roadster.



Behind Perry and Sue rode Randy and Priscilla in their Z06. Although their 1963 fuel injected roadster was in pristine state, recently shown at our chapter's judge meet at Bob McDorman's show, the Z06 was far more comfortable for the early morning fall road trip.



Following in the middle of our road crew were Steve and Jen, sans their 1963 Split-window Corvette coupe, presently in restoration with front-end replacement and awaiting a new coat of lacquer paint.





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Randy and Judy Mullins, second to last in our caravan, the owners of a 1963 Split Window Corvette coupe, opted for a more relaxing ride in their 2003



Corvette. Finally was me without my 1960 Corvette, still awaiting funding for a full restoration, as well as my 1965 big block roadster, currently in the process of achieving (at least) driving condition.

Once we left the restaurant, we progressed eastbound on highway 16 through Newark. Shortly outside of Newark we were encapsulated by the "Dragon's Breath."



The fog had displaced much of the clear skies that had graced the area the day before. Venturing through clouded scenery toward Atwood Lake resulted in very a limited view of the countryside. At times the preceding car was not visible, even though it remained less than 100 ft ahead of me. I kept thinking that only a week ago this was such a picturesque drive, with the rich fall reds, oranges, and yellows adorning the highway. The rolling farms lands in full autumn bloom and passing through of quaint provincial towns were engulfed in fog. So much for a scenic drive!



An hour had passed before we reached the halfway point and we decided to interrupt our trip for a much-needed pit stop. The group pulled into at a gas station complete with a souvenir shop. The break was a welcome relief, since the morning's coffee had long since done its job. It was a long-awaited liberation from the first leg of the trip, causing an uneasy drive for the last hour or so. Gathering the troops and heading off once again, the mid-morning sun began to heat up and lifted the dragon's breath away.

With every mile that passed, nearing our destination, the scenery progressively grew more visible and revealing the drive I had envisioned.

By the time we reached Atwood Lake the sun had well materialized. The skies were crisp and clear. Our drive turned into an idealistic excursion, complete with a striking vision of the lake. On entering the park, I imagined a small group of cars for beautiful, quiet, lazy day. The road back into the park stretched about a mile or more and at first the park seemed quite deserted. Winding around a handful turns, passing the park's marina, and continuing passed the campground entrance, our small entourage slowed our pace about half way back. We continued at a crawls pace on the same road only to discover a sea of hot rods and corvettes converging with another roadway to Main Park. When we finally arrived at the ticket concessions, I gazed in amazement at the multitude of hot rods, special cars, antique cars and several hundred Corvettes.



This was going to be some show; I could not believe the number of cars gathered in such beautiful park setting.

To my amazement it didn't stop with just a car show. Sprawling south of the car field and closer to the lake was one of the largest craft shows I



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have witnessed in Ohio. There were rows upon rows of craft stands, sprinkled with several food stands. To the east were patrons adorned in Civil War who camped in period tents. Along with the crafts were antique tractors, old-style engines displayed, and even a small petting zoo with bears, camel and a host of other wild animals.



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The sights and huge crowds, convening for the plethora of activities, took me aback. The highlight, for me, was the fabulous car show, complete with a great variety of hot rods and special cars.



However, the Corvettes showing off their colors in the warm autumn sun were the most memorable. The Corvettes ranged from C1 to C5 in a variety of classes from stock to drag strip modified. There were several hundred Corvettes in the show field; each one with its own unique attractive features.

The hot rod, stock, modified and antique car fields numbered close to a thousand vehicles. What a fabulous car show this had turned out to be. My only wish was that I had my driver on the road, so I could have felt more immersed in the festivities. But even as a spectator, my eyes feasted on a multiplicity of magnificent specimens.



Although I was on cloud nine, the day had a different meaning to my wife. She does not share my passion for Corvettes or cars, for that matter. So, instead of hanging about for the show and through the awards, I kept the peace by leaving in the early afternoon.

On our way out, we continually passed car upon car going the direction of the hobby paradise. The roadway to the park was congested with cars entering the park; bumper-to-bumper beyond the park entrance for at least thousand feet in both directions. The latecomers appeared unaware that it would be a fair distance before they could even make out the ticket concessions.

In closing I must say to those who didn't make the tour (and you know who you are), you missed out an extraordinary car show, missing out on a striking day with car crazy friends.



To **Chuck Murphy and the Classic Glass Corvettes of New Philadelphia, Perry and Sue Yasher**, I would like to extend a proper **thank you** for a great car show and a pleasant

surprise to a memorable Fall Road Tour to Atwood Lake Park.

I hope to make the trip next year, even if our chapter does not schedule this as one of our events.

Thanks again, Murph,
for the invitation to our chapter!





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Editor's Note:

Parts Swap Corner:

Members wishing to post their parts in the newsletter can do so for free. This service is available to Heart of Ohio members only. 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. Items will be 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 he following month.

That is if the ad is receive 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.

Your experiences can help other members in the 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:

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.

Correction:

In last month's Calendar the Heart of Ohio Chapter's Christmas party was set for the wrong date. The correct date is **Saturday, December 11th, 2004.**





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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

OCTOBER

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 11th **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

JANUARY 2005

Jan. 19–22 NCRS Regional Meet – Kissimmee Florida



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