



Heart of Ohio Chapter Newsletter

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Chairman's Message:

Well, it's the start of the New Year and looking forward, the Heart of Ohio Chapter Board members are lining up some interesting activities for the months ahead. Our first general meeting is to obtain information from the membership of interest the general membership would like to see and participate. Included in the initial meeting is a talk from a well know authoritative source Mike Antonick known most for his famous "Corvette Black Book".

Next on the list of activities is a trip to Lebanon, Ohio to visit with Darryl Bosman, Vice President of Trim Parts Inc. He has schedule with the Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS a factory tour and with hopes that we can arrange other gratuities from this tour. On the forefront of other activities will be a few technical seminars with Corvette alignment, Show detailing, Body and Paint show and tells. Coupled a Charitable association and working with the Central Ohio Corvette Alliance, the Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS is gearing to

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full and busy schedule for the coming year.

The reason for the association with the Corvette Alliance is to boost Chapter membership and to partner with the Alliance, in working towards a common charitable cause. As you may or may not know that a non-profit organization and as mandated by NCRS national chapter must support a charity in order to provide as proof of a non-profit organization. The other advantage in our association with the Corvette Alliance is to gain membership by making our presence know to those potential colleagues who and what the Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS really stands for.

So, as time passes be on the lookout as I as well as others in the Heart of Ohio Chapter board members will be calling on your to step with us and get involved with activities that arise. I will be calling you for your participation, as I would like to make this Chapter more active and more recognized to other Corvette lovers and organizations in order to make us grow.

Upcoming Events: (See calendar for details)

**Feb. 5 – Trim Parts Inc. –
Heart of Ohio Chapter
NCRS Factory Tour**
<http://www.trimparts.com>.

**Feb. 11 & 12 – NCRS Judges
Training Retreat, Dallas,
Texas**

**Feb. 13 – Queen City NCRS
Chapter Annual Winter
Corvette and Chevy Swap
Meet.**

**Feb. 19 – Heart of Ohio
Chapter NCRS – Board
Meeting**



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Upcoming Events

(Cont):

(See calendar for details)

**Feb. 20 – NCRS Pittsburgh.
– Restoration Seminar –
Kenny Ross Chevy – Irwin,
PA**

Chapter Meeting Notes:

We had our first Chapter Meeting of the year at Bob's Garage on Saturday January 29th. Over 20 members were in attendance.



The new Board members were introduced and Lou Zuniga talked about upcoming Chapter events. Also, a questionnaire was passed around regarding why members joined the Heart Of Ohio Chapter and what they wanted the Chapter to do. The Board will be using this information to plan the year's activities.



Our featured speaker was Mike Antonick, the author of "**The Corvette Black Book**" and many other Corvette publications. He is also a member of our NCRS Chapter.

Mike spoke about his experience selling a 1967 Coupe and the research he did to document why there would legitimately be grinding marks on the engine block's serial number pad. It was a fascinating and enlightening presentation into what goes on in an automotive assembly plant.



Following this presentation Mike fielded questions from the group. As a bonus Mike graciously gave everyone in attendance a copy of his latest **Black Book**.

At the conclusion of Mike's talk lunch arrived and we all indulged on pizza and sodas.





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Editor's Notes:

I will be using this page to expand on the member benefits of this newsletter and our web site.

Speaker's Grill:

Being able to contribute articles is Club benefit for members. It gives us the ability to share our knowledge and experiences. Contact the editor for further information.

Parts Swap Corner:

Another member benefit is the ability to sell or search for parts. Currently you can do this through this newsletter and, later on, I will incorporate this into our web site.

If you want to post an ad send me a 50 word description of what you need to buy or want to sell. Please include your name, phone number, times you can be reached or you e-mail. I will post it in next newsletter as long I have it by the 15th of the month.

Those Classifieds that I receive after the 15th of the month will be posted the following month.



Advertising Venue:

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, as space permits, I will publish it in this newsletter. 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.

Contact **Herb Harlton** by phone (614) 847-0774, or by e-mail at herb@harltons.com or by snail-mail at:

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Columbus, OH. 43235

Clothing Update:

Currently we are reviewing vendors and products and will have further updates as soon as they become available.

Moving?

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

Please send changes to Membership Chairman:
pmatejovic@earthlink.net

Pam Matejovic
1003 Urana Ave.
Columbus, OH. 43224

February Featured Vendor:

In upcoming months we will use this section to feature a Corvette vendor. This will be a vendor that stands out from the pack, one that is offering superlative service, hard to find parts or any else who appeals to our car geek needs.

Members are invited to share their favorite vendors. Please submit your article to



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me by the 15th of the month and, space permitting, I will include it in the following month's Newsletter. Be sure and include contact information including phone, web address.

Good Vendor Report

Submitted by Lou Zuniga

For the past couple of years, I have been working on my 1965 big block roadster. I have been yearning to have this Vette in near perfect driver-condition, upgrading my vehicle to a road worthy status and in the meantime improving the vehicle's overall safety and long lasting condition.

I have been working through the front suspension, and in the process I thought I would restore the brakes and brake lines. Including in this process, I also wanted to replace the original 40-plus-year-old, rusty steel brake lines with new stainless steel lines. This new addition would insure a long-lasting braking system.

In the midst of the brake restoration process, I sent my brake calipers to Precision Engineering in Wellington, FL. Precision Engineering is advertised in the NCRS Driveline. I spoke

with Frank Ferrano, the engineer; owner and he suggested that I wouldn't need the proportional valve with a non-powered brake system using a dual-master cylinder. He recommended that I purchase the brake lines from Fine Lines in northern Ohio.

Early in the summer, I had purchased a set of stainless steel brake lines from Corvette Central. I talked with a sales representative and described my intentions for this Vette. To my surprise, Corvette Central sent a set of stainless steel brake lines from Fine Lines in Wadsworth, Ohio. Corvette Central sent the proper brake line distribution blocks, however, when I inspected the brake lines, I found they were made for a power booster brake Corvette. The brake lines box indicated that they were sent directly from Fine Lines Inc. Luckily, the phone number was efficiently printed right on the box. Finding their phone number turned out to be a most fortunate circumstance.

Later in September, I contacted Fine Lines and explained my dilemma. I spoke with their sales representative, Bill. He responded by sending out the proper brake line. A month

later, when I had once again resumed working on the Vette, another roadblock put my restoration process to another halt. Instead of receiving the correct brake line, the brake line in my current possession was for a single-master cylinder type. On top of that, I had taken several weeks to realize the replacement part was incorrect, which I was certain that by this time I would probably be past the returns and exchanges timeframe allotment. My desire for my Vette to be restored correctly with a proper fitting system got the best of me. Even though several weeks had passed by since I had received the part, I thought that if I pleaded a good case, I could possibly get a new line with minimal charges. Veteran's Day was steadily approaching and I knew I could not wait any longer to contact Fine Lines with my setback. When I called Fine Lines, I, again, spoke with Bill and explained my concern. By the end of our conversation, Bill had given me directions from Columbus to their Wadsworth location, so I could tour their facilities and speak with someone in person.

I arrived at Fine Lines in early afternoon on Veteran's Day. Upon arriving at my



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destination, my first impression of Fine Lines was they were in a bit of restoration themselves. The main entrance and the Customer assistance room had been stripped of the carpeting and room dividers. The Customer Service counter and Customer Service personnel desks remained on the bare floors with phone lines dangling from the ceiling tiles. It looked like I had walked into a rather large warehouse space, furnished with three undersized desks.

After taking in the scenery and waiting for a Fine Lines sales representative, a gentleman assisted me by the name of Ron Hall, with whom I reiterated my situation. Ron was not absolutely sure of my exact predicament, so I showed him photographs I had taken as a precaution, in case I wasn't clear with my explanations. Ron examined the photos and disappeared into the back room for some fittings. Upon his return, he explained my current fittings were ill suited for my end results. Ron explained the fittings I had were made to work with the proportional valve, which I had no intentions of using. With my further explanation of my new brake line plans, Ron assured me by responding, "I can correct this problem". Ron

returned to the back room and proceeded to fine-tune both the front and the rear main lines, which I had also brought with me. When he reappeared, he handed to me the appropriate length brake lines with the proper fittings that would work on the dual-master cylinder, used in the optioned mid-year Corvettes. Ron also reassured that if his adjustments did not fit my Corvette properly he would be happy to travel to my garage in Columbus and custom fit the brake lines to my Corvette. Ron said he would considerate it a "research project" and based on that, there would be a no charge. Needless to say, I was elated. After experiencing the numerous setbacks, I was more than pleased that Ron had fixed me up with brake lines set to the proper length and with the proper fittings, not to mention his commitment for follow-through; offering trek to my place of residence, volunteering to perform more labor for nothing, all for \$130.00 incorrect brake lines ordered from Corvette Central. To top it off, I later noticed that Ron had also replaced the Armor on my brake lines, for the reason that they weren't professional in appearance as he expected.

Floating home to Columbus and inspired by reassurances at Fine Lines, I immediately installed the corrected brake lines. Much to my delight, the brakes lines fit like a glove. A happy "Fine Lines" customer, indeed!

I have to say, Fine Lines is a company set on satisfying their customers and proud to market a product they believe in. I was so impressed with their customer service I received; I wanted to share my experience to other Corvette restorers, and publishing an article in our Chapter Newsletter about a company that shares the same passion we do. To the good people at Fine Lines in Wadsworth, Ohio, I honor this company with the merit of Good Vendor Notice from the Heart of Ohio Chapter -NCRS and would be more than honored to place their establishment's name on our Good Vendor list within our Newsletter. In an era where good customer service is slowly deteriorating, it is reassuringly good to know at least one company, Fine Lines Inc., cares about their product and customers to a value unmatched by others.

Thanks you, Fine Lines. I salute you and your values!



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HoO Vendor List

Help others find quality services and vendors. Share your good experiences by contributing to our list. Send me listings for your favorite vendors. *HH*

Aluminum Arc Welding

Ohio Trailer Supply Inc.
2966 Westerville Rd.
Columbus, Ohio 43224
PH: (614) 471-9121

Brakes & Fuel Lines

Fine Lines, Inc.
127 Hartman Rd.
Wadsworth, OH 44281
Phone 800 778-8237

Corvette Reproduction Parts

Corvette Central
P.O. Box 16
13550 Three Oaks Road
Sawyer, MI 49125
Phone 800-345-4122

Corvette Parts, Service & More

Corvette Corner
1661 E Dublin-Grandville Rd.
Columbus, Oh 43229
Phone 614 888-6688

Columbus Corvette
572 S. Nelson Road Building Q
Columbus, OH 43205
Phone 614 253-0066
(Fuel injection adjustment)

Corvette Parts & Instrument Restorations

Corvette Specialties of Maryland
1912 Liberty Road
Eldersburg, MD 21784
Phone 410 795-3180

Corvette Reproduction Parts

Long Island Corvette Supply Inc.
1445 Strong Avenue S.
Copiague, NY. 11726
Phone 800 466-6367

Mid America Motorworks
#1 Mid America Place
P.O. Box 1368
Effingham, IL 62401
Phone 800 500-1500

Paragon Reproductions
8040 S. Jennings Road
Swartz Creek, MI 48473
Phone 810 6554641

Electrical Components

Lectric Limited
6750 W. 74th Street - Suite A
Bedford Park, IL 60638
Phone 708 563-0400

M&H Electric Fabricators, Inc.
13537 Alondra Blvd.
Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670
Phone 562 926-9552

Frame Repair

Front End Alignment

NTB/Tire Kingdom
2195 Baltimore-Reynoldsburg Road
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Phone 614 863-6926

Glassworks & Stainless Steel

The Hardtop Shop
238 Spring Run Road
Crescent, PA. 15046
Phone 888 340-7812

Holley Carburetor Restoration

Holley Custom Speed Shop
509 Industrial Drive
Springfield, TN 37172
Phone 888 465-5395

Horn Restorations

The Horn Works
967 Hackett Street
Beloit, WI 53511
Phone 608 361-0095

Interior & Upholstery

Al Knoch
9010 North Desert Blvd
Canutillo, Texas 79835
Phone 800 880-8080

Metal Acid Dipping

US Metal Processing
1089 Claycraft Rd.
Columbus, OH 43230
Phone 614 575-1806

Oil & Fluid Services

Paint & Body Shop

Murphy's Classic Restorations
841 Clubview Drive
Dover, OH 44622
Phone 330-343-8778
Fax 330-364-5988
Web Murphysclassics.com

Powder Coating

Columbus Custom Powder Coating
915 Distribution drive
Columbus, OH 43228
Phone 614 276-6181



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Radio & Clock Repair

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D&M Restoration
46 Grand Ave.
Greenville, SC 29607
Phone 800 722-0854

Radiator Repair

Hedrick Auto Radiator Inc.
2733 Morse Rd.
Columbus, OH 43231
Phone 614 475-3048

Suspension & Brakes

Precision Engineering
3111 Fortune Way Suite B-13
Wellington, FL. 33414
Phone 888 748-0362

Weather Strip & Rubber Products

Corvette Rubber
10640 W. Cadillac Road
Cadillac, MI 49601
Phone 888 216-9412

Window Sticker Reproductions

Triple A Enterprises
P.O. Box 8463
Bloomington, IN 47408
Phone 812 245 8252
<http://www.window-sticker.com>



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Calendar Of Events

Dates in Bold are Heart of Ohio Chapter events

Dates underlined are NCRS chapter events

Dates in italics are other Corvette related events

FEBRUARY

- Feb. 5** Trim Parts Inc. – Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS
Factory Tour – Departure time 9:30 AM – Lebanon, OH
- Feb. 11–12 NCRS Judges Training Retreat, Dallas, Texas
- Feb. 13 Queen City NCRS Chapter Annual Winter Corvette and Chevy Swap Meet.
Location:
Joseph Chevrolet (New location)
8733 Colerain Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio
(3 miles south of I-275; ½ mile north of Ronald Regan Highway)
Time: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
General Admission: \$3.00
Food and Drinks Available
- Feb. 19** Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – Board Meeting
- Feb. 20 NCRS Pittsburgh. – Restoration Seminar – Kenny Ross Chevy – Irwin, PA

MARCH

- Mar ??** Heart of Ohio Chapter Meet
Corvette C5R #9 Unveiling at Bob's Garage – Columbus, OH
- Mar 6 NCRS Pittsburgh – Swap Meet Ton Henry Chevy Bakerstown, PA
- Mar 12-13 Chevy Vette Fest – McCormick Place – Chicago, IL
- Mar 26 Glass Society Swap Meet – Lima, OH



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APRIL

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| Apr 1-3 | <u>NCRS Regional Meet – Gonzales, Louisiana</u> |
| Apr 1-3 | <u>Corvette Expo - Spring - Knoxville, TN</u> |
| Apr 2-9 | <u>National Corvette Museum , Western Caribbean Cruise</u> |
| Apr 9 | Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – General Membership Meeting Details TBA |
| Apr 16 | Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – Board meeting |
| Apr 17 | <u>NCRS Pittsburg. – Judging School – Ken Amrick's Garage – Belle Vernon, PA</u> |
| Apr 20-24 | <u>Carlisle Events – Spring Carlisle – Carlisle, PA</u> |
| April 21-24 | <u>NCRS Regional Golden Gate Regional Meet – San Francisco California</u> |
| April 21-23 | <u>National Corvette Museum C5 / C6 Birthday Bash – Bowling Green, KY</u> |

MAY

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| May 5 | Heart of Ohio Spring Tour - Bud's Chevrolet Cruise In - Marysville, OH |
| May 12-14 | <u>NCRS Regional Meet – National Corvette Museum – Bowling Green, KY</u> |
| May 20-21 | <u>NCRS Michigan Chapter Meet – W. Bloomfield, MI</u> |
| May 20-22 | <u>American Le Mans / ICMA Racing – Mid Ohio</u> |
| May 27-29 | <u>Springfield Cars & Parts Spring Swap Meet – Springfield, OH</u> |
| May 30 | Memorial Day |

JUNE

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| Jun 11 | Heart of Ohio Chapter Technical Seminar – Details TBA |
| Jun 11 | Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – Board meeting |
| Jun 9-11 | <u>NCRS Northwest Regional – Seaside, OR</u> |
| Jun 12 | <u>Corvettes at Roscoe Village – Coshocton, OH</u> |
| Jun 23-26 | <u>Bloomington Gold – Corvettes USA – St. Charles, IL</u> |

JULY

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| July ?? | Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – General Membership Meeting |
| Jul 8-9 | <u>Arthritis Foundation Corvettes Show – Dublin, OH</u> |
| Jul 8-10 | <u>Goodguys PPG Hot Rod Nationals – Ohio State Fair Grounds – Columbus, OH</u> |
| Jul 17-22 | <u>NCRS National Convention – Park City, UT</u> |



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AUGUST

Aug 12-14 *National Corvette Museum – National Corvette Homecoming – Bowling Green KY*
Aug 13 **Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS Cruise-In Picnic - Need a Day Chairman**
Aug 13 **Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – Board meeting**
Aug 19-20 *Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise – Detroit, MI*
Aug 27-29 *Corvettes of Carlisle – Carlisle, PA*

SEPTEMBER

Sept 1-4 *National Corvette Museum – Corvette Celebration – Bowling Green, KY*
Sept 5 *Labor Day*
Sept 10 **Heart of Ohio Chapter Judging Meet – Bob McDorman's Chevrolet, Canal Winchester, OH**
Sept 15-18 **NCRS Midwest Regional – Cincinnati, OH**
Sept 16-17 *Mid-America Fun Fest – Effingham, IL*
Sept 29-Oct 2 *Fall Carlisle – Carlisle, PA*

OCTOBER

Oct 8 **Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – Fall Tour (Need a Day Chairman)**
Oct 9 *Corvette Alliance car show – Details TBA*
Oct 7-9 *AACA – Hershey, PA*
Oct 13-14 *National Corvette Museum Extravaganza – Bowling Green, KY*
Oct 14-16 *Corvette Expo – Fall – Knoxville, TN*
Oct 15 **Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – General Membership Meeting**
 Board Nominations
Oct 15 **Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS – Board meeting**
Oct 20-22 **NCRS Texas Regional – Waco, TX**

NOVEMBER

Nov 6 **NCRS Pittsburgh, Judging School – Barry Holmes Garage – Saltsburg, PA**
Nov 12 **Heart of Ohio Chapter – NCRS Judging School – Columbus, OH**
Nov 13 **NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter Meet - Kenny Ross Chevrolet**
Nov 19-20 *Chevy Vette Fest – McCormick Place – Chicago, IL*
Nov 24 *Thanksgiving Day*



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DECEMBER

Dec 3 Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS Board meeting
Dec 10 Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS Christmas Party – Details TBA

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