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## Chairman's Message

Well, it maybe winter but, it is suppose to be the slow time of the year, for others it means that there are more events to prepare for. For me the latter seems to governing my time schedule. This past February started off with a presentation of Corvette Ignition systems, next the NCRS Dallas Judging Retreat, next weekend with the Corvette Alliance group in preparation for the Gathering III, followed by another technical seminar and more. For the next number of months the schedule has been set but the summer months our board members are working out details for various NCRS event gatherings and a few Alliance shows.

The Board members at present are gathering information on accommodations and road tours for Auburn, IN. regional, St. Louis, MO regional, San Antonio, TX NCRS National convention, The Bloomington Gold and a few later in the year events. The details will be forthcoming watch you e-mail for announcements.

Mark your calendars for the Heart of Ohio Chapter-NCRS Judging Meet. The Heart of

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Ohio Chapter is planning on our **Chapter Meet** for Saturday, October 14th in a new venue within a building for better security and out of any inclement weather. More details will be provided as they become available.

Also, the **Corvette Alliance** has voted to move the Gathering II date from October to July 30th. You will be getting more information on this in the months to come.

I want to remind our Heart of Ohio Chapter members about the upcoming technical seminars on Corvettes. Currently a series of four technical seminars to aid those who wish to alleviate some of the mystery that comes with owning an old mechanical marvel, have been scheduled.

Consult the calendar at the end of this newsletter for dates.

The first Technical Seminar was "Demystifying the Corvette Ignition" in February. Next on our technical help seminars is a presentation from Mike Hack an expert in Corvette electrical systems. To follow, our own Randy Rink (Judging Chair) will demonstrate to our members a trick or two on touching up paint scratches.

Our final technical seminar in the series will be presented by another of our Chapter members, Stew Van Kirk (Secretary), with a seminar on judging NCRS Corvette parts. This series of technical seminars was derived from requests brought about by members during membership renewals process.

At our first technical seminar I have met some new members and I wish to continue meeting new faces as the seminars continue. The Heart of Ohio Chapter still has time to setup another technical seminar of your choosing in the latter part of this year, just notify any of the Heart of Ohio officers of your wishes and we will look into bringing an authority on the subject in for a presentation.



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I wish to thank Rick Fox and Bob Patrella (Treasurer) for allowing us the use of the Service Center for my presentation on Ignitions Systems. I want to also give a big thanks to my friend and presenter Perry Yasher (Vice Chair) for without his help I would have been lost, writing on napkins and passing them out for my portion of the presentation.

And, for those that attended I want to thank you for letting me rattle and baffle on. But most of all I wish to extend my expertise to you if you need assistance with your Corvette on any electrical issues you may have questions with. And, yes the doctor does make house calls with no strings attached.

For those interested in Heart of Ohio Chapter-NCRS clothing, the Chapter Board sub committee that was in charge of obtaining a vendor and clothing details has come up with ordering details and sample shirts for your review. Contact Herb Harlton who is handling the orders (herb@harltons.com). Or, ask Herb at our chapter meetings for details.

Get you Corvettes ready; the Western NCRS Regional is at the end of April.

G. Lou Zuniga  
Lou Zuniga  
Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS  
President/Chair

### March Events

- March 4** HoO Technical Seminar – Electrical Troubleshooting – Mike Hack  
**When:** 9:30 AM for Coffee and Donuts.  
10:00 AM presentation begins  
**Where:** Bob's Garage  
6661 Huntley Road  
Northeast Corner of Huntley and Schrock roads  
Worthington, OH. 43085
- March 12** Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS Swap Meet – Tom Henry Chevrolet – Bakerstown, PA
- March 16-18** Spring Corvette Expo – Knoxville, TN
- March 18** Miami Valley NCRS Chapter Judging School – Performance Plus – Hamilton, Ohio
- March 25** Corvette Glass Society (Toledo) Swap Meet – Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, Ohio

### Future HoO Events

**Indiana NCRS Regional Road Trip – May 18<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup>**

Several club members are planning on taking their Corvettes to this Meet and participating in the judging. Check with Lou Zuniga for further information if you would be interested in joining us.

### **Bloomington Gold Road Trip – June 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>**

Several club members are planning on joining Club Judging Chairman Randy Rink on his quest for the “Gold”. Check with Randy for further information if you would be interested in joining us.

### Chapter Meeting Notes

The Heart of Ohio's February Chapter Technical Seminar was

held on Saturday February 4th at Bob's Garage and was titled “Demystifying the Early Corvette Ignitions”. It was presented by Lou Zuniga and Perry Yasher. Over a dozen chapter members attended.

The seminar consisted of both presentations by Perry and Lou followed by a hands-on demonstration on Randy Mullins big block Chevvelle Super Sport. The presentations were relatively informal and



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there was plenty of opportunity for questions from the group.

Perry made the first presentation that was a basic primer on how electricity flowed. He used the analogy of water flowing through a hose and tied each of the various measurements of electricity such as voltage and amperage to that analogy. This was a good review for me because it has been many years since I had Physics in High School and it prepared us for the morning's next session.

Lou next made a presentation on how an older car's ignition system works. He began by telling us that the basic design of the ignition systems on all cars, up until the early 1970's, dated back to 1910. That was the year that Charles Franklin Kettering, who went on to found Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company, DELCO Electric, patenting the ignition system and the self starting automobile. The fact that this ignition system design lasted so long, and is still in use today, demonstrates how efficient and reliable it is.

In his presentation Lou used diagrams from the web site "howstuffworks.com" to illustrate how each component in an ignition system worked

and the role it played in creating a spark. He also talked about how each particular component could fail and how to troubleshoot it.

In the third part of the session we went out into Bob's Garage and Lou conducted a "live" ignition troubleshooting demonstration on Randy Mullin's car. Using a pair of test leads and an electrical multi-meter, Lou illustrated how to test each of the engine's ignition system's components. Again, this session was very informal and there was plenty of opportunity for questions and answers and group discussions.

This technical session will be followed on March 4th by a second session on Corvette electronics titled "The Corvette Electrical System". I hope to see you all there.

Herb Harlton  
HoO Newsletter Editor

## HoO Board Meeting Notes

**Meeting Minutes February 4,  
2006**

1. Call to Order
  - a. Introduction of new members and guests: N/A
  - b. Members in attendance:

Lou Zuniga  
Perry Yasher  
Stew Van Kirk  
Bob Patrella - Absent  
Randy Rink  
Pam Matejovic  
Herb Harlton  
James Salvino

2. Approval of Minutes of Meeting - None approved.

3. Treasurer's Report - None presented.

4. Old Business - Date for Ohio Corvette Club Alliance Gathering has been set for July 30th.

5. New Business

- a. HoO Chapter Meet tentatively set for October 14th. Need to check with Singer on date.

- b. Security for Chapter Meet

- c. Advertising for Chapter Meet – registration form, fees, disclaimer, map

- d. Randy Rink – letter to McDorman's asking for tent for Corvette display and/or Judging School.

- e. Judging School maybe in August if not held at McDorman's. Will need ad for Judging School for either August or September.

6. Adjournment - A motion to adjourn was made by Stew



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Van Kirk. It was seconded by Herb Harlton.

### Dallas Judging Retreat

This past February I was fortunate enough to attend the NCRS Judging Retreat School in Dallas TX. Last year, by my own doing, I missed the Retreat due to my procrastination. Later in the Spring I did, however, have the chance to attend a similar Judging School that was held by the Heart of Ohio Chapter with the assistance of Dave and Marilyn Heitzman, Paul Borowski, Jim Salvino and Steve Steffensen. If I have forgotten others I do apologize. For those that attended that seminar this seminar was very much the same format that I experience at the Dallas Retreat this past February.

This year I committed early to attending the Retreat, held again in Dallas, and I was well rewarded. It gave me, and several other members of our chapter, a host of knowledge that can only be gained by attending many judging shows across the country. Oh, and as a bonus, I was treated to the best Tex Mex food I have ever experienced.

The Retreat began with a full day of classroom instructions.

And, I mean a full day of classroom instruction. The first day began with a 7:00 AM to 8:00 AM continental breakfast with refreshments. The classroom sessions started promptly at 8:00 AM and consisted of seven hours of instruction. The first class was the topic of the NCRS Judges Reference Manual covering the basis for NCRS judging process. The next class was on Corvette Operations followed by a break. After the break the course dealt with Judging 101, the basic principals of judging and courtesy.

At lunch, we played it safe and ate in the hotel, a commendable meal for a Hilton hotel. The afternoon consisted of a two-hour class on the scoring matrix with a bit of history on the subject then a detailed instruction on the NCRS Judging standards and judging guidelines, based on Originality, Condition and cleanliness.

The final class of the day was a two-hour session judging Paint and Finish. The emphasis on instruction here I found to be a deviation from past judging standards. The instruction doctrine now stresses the appearance of the finish as it came off the assembly line and not necessarily the type of paint

used. The reasoning was that many states are now banning the use of Lacquer paint due to its toxic nature. However, the finish of the vehicle still needs to appear the same as the assembly process where paint was dull in the areas where the UAW worker would not buff the car's finish such as the door jams, inside hood surrounds and trunk areas.

The second day of the Judges Retreat consisted of actual judging in two-person consistent with normal judging procedures. Four teams were assigned per each vehicle in which two teams were on the car judging and two teams were scheduled to be in a group discussion with the judging instructors, referred as the Bull Pen discussions. Each team was schedule to judge four of the five judging reference manual sections. The one exception, of course, was the omittance of the Operations Section of the judging process.

Teams were assigned to be judging on the vehicle for 15 minutes and then sitting-out for 15 minutes in the bull pen discussion groups. Since each team had only 15 minutes per cycle the teams were given three intervals of judging and bull pen discussions. The emphasis was to concentrate on





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the use of the guidelines presented in the previous day's instructions. The student judging teams were not expected to finish each segment on the judging section but to focus on the reasoning for deductions and to think in terms of appearance toward original configurations.

The purpose of the bull pen discussions was for each of the judging teams to review what they had discovered during their time on the vehicle and the amount of the deduction points they had given for these discrepancies based on the judging manual. In these sessions the Judging Instructors questioned the teams on their reasons for their deductions based on the Judging Guidelines' criteria on Configuration, Date, Completeness, Installation and Finish. Again the emphasis was on the use of the previous day's class instructions.

I came away with a new NCRS mantra of giving the owner credit for any part or finish in which the appearance was similar to factory finishing standards. That is to say, that if the owner installed a replacement part that looked similar to the original, then the replacement part should be given credit for being the

factory installed part. The reason for this is to side more with the owner in appreciation of the effort they have put into the vehicle's restoration and to recognize their intent in the restoration and submission to the NCRS judging process.

I see this new direction as a double edged sword. On the one edge the owners will appreciate that their efforts are rewarded and more individuals will continue the NCRS judging process. On the other edge this gives the unscrupulous restorers more leeway to deceive a future buyer/owner in creating a Top Flight NCRS judged Corvette for purely monetary purposes.

However, I still believe that there are more individuals that are trying to restore their Corvettes to the original state than those that take the deceitful route and to these individuals that remain honest I praise them for their values and efforts. Keep up the honest work!

G. Lou Zuniga  
Lou Zuniga  
Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS  
President/Chair

### Authors Wanted

Do you have anything that is Corvette or car related you want to share with our members? A

special vendor you found, a tip on how to fix something, a story about a corvette experience. Anything you think might be of value or interest. **We welcome your contributions!**

Please take a few minutes and send me an email. I will be glad to put it into our Newsletter. You can reach me at [Herb@harltons.com](mailto:Herb@harltons.com) or (614) 847-0774.

*Herb Harlton*

### 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:**

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Columbus, OH. 43224  
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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**

Trim Parts Inc.  
2175 Deerfield road.  
Lebanon, OH. 45036  
Phone (513) 934-0815  
[sales@trimparts.com](mailto:sales@trimparts.com)

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**

Ferris Frame Restoration  
11183 Broad St. Southwest  
Pataskala, OH. 43062  
Phone 740-927-2299

### **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



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### **Oil & Fluid Services**

Valvoline Service Center  
2609 Dublin-Granville Road  
Columbus, OH.  
1-614-899-9222  
Discount to Corvette owners  
State your are a member of the  
Corvette Alliance

### **Paint & Body Shop**

Murphy's Classic Restorations  
841 Clubview Drive  
Dover, OH 44622  
Phone 330-343-8778  
Fax 330-364-5988  
Web [Murphysclassics.com](http://Murphysclassics.com)

### **Powder Coating**

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

### **Radio & Clock Repair**

Radio & Clock Repair  
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

### **Wheel Alignment**

Bee-Line Alignment Service  
1030 Harmon Avenue  
Columbus, OH 43223  
Phone 614 443-7681

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

### **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*

Dates in italics and underlined are **Corvette Alliance** events

#### **March 2006**

<b>March 4</b>	<b>HoO Technical Seminar – Electrical Troubleshooting – Mike Hack</b>
<u>March 12</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS Swap Meet – Tom Henry Chevrolet – Bakerstown, PA</u>
<i>March 16-18</i>	<i>Spring Corvette Expo – Knoxville, TN</i>
<u>March 18</u>	<u>Miami Valley NCRS Chapter Judging School – Performance Plus – Hamilton, Ohio</u>
March 25	Corvette Glass Society (Toledo) Swap Meet – Allen County Fairgrounds, Lima, Ohio

#### **April 2006**

<b>April 1</b>	<b>HoO Technical Seminar – Repairing Paint Chips – Randy Rink</b>
<u>April 8</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS – Mini Judging Meet – Dave Kitch's Garage</u>

#### **May 2006**

<b>May 6</b>	<b>HoO Judging School – Judging Corvette Parts – Stew Van Kirk</b>
<u>May 7</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS – Corvette Cruise Charity Event – First Annual Pennies for Patients Poker Run and Cruz-In – Tom Henry Chevrolet – Bakerstown, PA</u>
<u>May 14</u>	<u><i>Bud's Chevrolet Cruise In - National Road Corvette Club/Corvette Troy, St. Mary's Ohio</i></u> (Corvette Alliance Event)
<u>May 18-20</u>	<u>NCRS Indiana Regional – Auburn, IN (Kruse Auction Park)</u>
	<b>HoO Organized Road Trip to Event</b>
May 26-2	Springfield Swap Meet – Springfield, OH





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### **June 2006**

<u>June 2-3</u>	<u>NCRS Michigan Chapter Meet – Cauley Chevrolet, West Bloomfield, MI</u>
<u>June 8-10</u>	<u>NCRS Saint Louis Regional Meet – Saint Louis, Missouri</u>
<u>June 10</u>	<u>Miami Valley Spring Chapter Meet – Carillon Historical Park – Dayton , Ohio</u>
<u>June 11</u>	<u>Corvettes at Roscoe Village</u> (Classic Glass Corvette Club, Alliance Event)
	<b>HoO Road Trip &amp; Chapter Meeting</b>
<u>June 11</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS – Judging Meet – Kenny Ross Chevrolet – Irwin, PA</u>
<u>June 16-18</u>	<u>Bloomington Gold</u>
	<b>HoO Organized Road Trip</b>

### **July 2006**

<u>July ??</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS – Road Tour</u>
<u>Jul 7-8</u>	<u>Arthritis Foundation Corvette Show – Dublin, OH</u>
<u>July 9</u>	<b>HoO Picnic at Yasher's</b>
<u>July 30</u>	<b><u>Corvette Alliance Gathering III – Lancaster, OH – HoO NCRS and Corvette Display</u></b>

### **August 2006**

<u>August 1-5</u>	<u>NCRS National Convention – San Antonio</u>
<u>August 12</u>	<u>CCCC Corvettes in the Park – Whitehall, OH (Alliance Event)</u>
<u>August 19</u>	<u>Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise – Detroit, MI</u>
<u>August 20</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS – Road Tour (Tentative)</u>
<u>August 25-27</u>	<u>Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA</u>

### **September 2006**

<u>September 9</u>	<b>HoO Display and Judging School – McDorman Chevrolet</b>
<u>September 17</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS – Chapter Picnic – Cedar Creek Park</u>
<u>September 22-23</u>	<u>Queen City Chapter NCRS – Fall Chapter Meet – King's Island Resort and Conference Center. Additional information and a registration form will appear in summer Driveline editions.</u>



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### October 2006

<u>October ?</u>	<b>HoO Chapter Meet (Tentative)</b>
<u>October 8</u>	<u>Classic Glass Corvette, Corvette Alliance – Atwood Lake Car Show</u>
<u>October 8</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS – Fall Road Tour (Tentative)</u>
<u>October 15</u>	<u>Pittsburgh Chapter NCRS Judging School – North Hills of Pittsburgh</u>
<u>October 19-21</u>	<u>Fall Corvette Expo – Knoxville, TN</u>

### November 2006

November 4     HoO Chapter Meeting, Election of Officers and 2007 Program Development

### December 2006

December 9     HoO Holiday Party



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