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### Chairman's Message

Well, the weather has finally turned nice enough to bring out my Vette. I hope you all have had a chance to wake up your sleeping, fire breathing Corvettes. For those that haven't driven your Corvettes now is your time to prep your Corvettes for the coming Regional and Chapter meets.

The Indiana Regional meet will be just a few hours away. I hope to see you there. The Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum is also a spectacular place to visit. There are cars de elegance such as the likes of Duesenberg, Packard, Cord, Cadillac, Auburn, Rolls Royce - The likes of which one can never see enough of and one wishes to own such timepieces. Auburn Indiana is also known as "The Home of the Classics" a most interesting museum of automotive history be sure and see this spectacle.

If you are not at this stage in your projects to drive it or to have it judge, then I hope you had a chance to join us in the Technical Seminars this past winter. The focus was electrical, and paint touchup. Keep in mind that later this fall is our own Chapter meet in Lancaster OH. Please send a message to Herb Harlton the Chapter's Newsletter editor of what articles or seminars you would like to have or read about to assist you in your project. Or may be you would like hands-on assistance with your problem(s). We have a very great crew that can tackle most issues. Just sent and e-mail to anyone of the board members and we will be glad to get you the help you need.

I apologize for the May 6th scheduled seminar, as this was an unforeseen medical matter that appear for Stew Van Kirk in a routine check up. Stew assured me that he would still like to present his seminar after his treatment and recovery has

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occurred. Let us wish Stew well and pray for his recovery.

I would also like to invite our members to ask their friends and relative if they would care to join our Chapter and the National NCRS. Of course I am speaking of those individual that have the same passion for Corvettes as we do. The board members would like to make our annual picnic a Drive for membership and show our new members a social side of the chapter for them to get acquainted with the membership as a whole. The Heart of Ohio Chapter picnic will gives member enough time to coax the prospective new members to come out and enjoy a great meal. Also this will give perspective new members a great opportunity to socialize with other members in a relax atmosphere.

Last be not least let us say a pray or give thoughts to our chapter members that have gone through trouble times this winter. For Gary Brown and the loss of his wife, then Randy Mullins and his battle with MS. And, now Stew Van Kirk with his medical battles. Please, join me in thought and pray for these Chapter members in their time of need.

Lou Zuniga  
Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS  
President/Chair



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### May Events

- May 6 Seminar on Judging Corvette Parts at Stew Van Kirk has been canceled
- May 7 NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter – Corvette Cruise Charity Event – First Annual Pennies for Patients Poker Run and Cruz-In – Tom Henry Chevrolet – Bakerstown, PA
- May 14 Bud's Chevrolet Cruise In - National Road Corvette Club/Corvette Troy, St. Mary's Ohio (Corvette Alliance Event)
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- May 26-28 Springfield Swap Meet – Springfield, OH

### Future HoO Events

**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

Our third Tech Session – "Repairing Paint Chips" – was held April 1st at Randy Rink's home in Thornville. Randy has a great garage/shop behind his home and this is where we had our seminar. About 10 HoO Members attended and we all had a chance to repair a number of real paint chips on the hood of Randy's 1983 Pontiac Trans Am. We also had a great lunch.



Randy first conducted a demonstration for the assembled group on how to prep a paint chip for touching up. The chip he demonstrated on was about the size of a dime and it had rust traces around the edge. It was located in the center of the Trans Am's hood which made for an ideal demonstration subject. While rust is not a problem with Corvette's many of the prepping steps are the same and we also discussed prepping paint chips that are through the gelcoat. Once Randy had this spot prepped he next showed us how to paint it.

With the painting completed Randy's next lesson was how to finish the touch up by sanding and polishing. Because of the need for it to dry for a few days he couldn't demonstrate this on the chip he just painted, so like Emeril cooking an exotic dish on Food TV, he jumped to another large paint chip he had prepped earlier. On this chip he showed us how to reduce the touch up paint and make it flush with the old finish buy "shaving" it, sanding it and then polishing it. When he was done I was amazed at the results and I think everyone else was too.



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Next it was our turn to try our hand at what we had learned. For this part of the lesson Randy had prepped perhaps 20 spots on the hood of his Trans Am for us to practice on. And practice we did!



Randy made up "Paint Chip Kits" for each of us to use which consisted of a razor blade, a sanding block, several small pieces of various grit sanding paper and instructions. (His instruction sheet is reprinted on page 11.) He also had a number of different polishing compounds available for us.

I learned very quickly that "scrape – sand – polish" is not as easy as Randy made it look. On my first spot I scrapped too hard and left a large "dimple" where the new paint was supposed to be flush. Then I sanded it a bit too much and in too wide an area. Oops – glad he is going to get the hood repainted.

On my next attempt I nixed scarping with the razor blade in favor of just sanding the spot. That worked a lot better but it took me a little longer. Also, I sanded too large an area. (Not my car!) Then I used several polishing compounds to remove the sanding scratches. The end result wasn't too bad

and I could see that with little practice, and a lot more patience, that I could do a pretty good based on what I learned.



After we had all practiced to our heart's content it was time for lunch. Randy and his wife Priscilla grilled a bunch of brats and provided several side dishes, condiments and deserts for our group. Helping them out was Sue Yasher, Perry's wife. And, as is customary with food service at the Rink's (also know as Stony Creek Farms), there was home-made (VERY) hot (Habanero) sauce and beer to accompany our meal.

Thus, with our learning being done for day, we relaxed and talked among ourselves about – what else – Corvettes.

Thanks Randy (and Pricilla and Sue) for a great tech seminar and a great meal! And a special thanks to Randy's Trans Am for being our guinea pig.



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### **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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## **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

#### **May 2006**

**May 6**

**No scheduled HoO Event**

May 7

NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter – Corvette Cruise Charity Event – First Annual Pennies for Patients Poker Run and Cruz-In – Tom Henry Chevrolet – Bakerstown, PA

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NCRS Indiana Regional – Auburn, IN (Kruse Auction Park)

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May 26-28

Springfield Swap Meet – Springfield, OH

#### **June 2006**

June 2-3

NCRS Michigan Chapter Meet – Cauley Chevrolet, West Bloomfield, MI

June 3

NCRS Cincinnati Chapter – 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Road Trip – Georgetown, KY

June 8-10

NCRS Saint Louis Regional Meet – Saint Louis, Missouri

June 10

NCRS Miami Valley Spring Chapter Meet – Carillon Historical Park – Dayton, Ohio

**June 11**

**Corvettes at Roscoe Village (Classic Glass Corvette Club, Alliance Event)**  
**HoO Road Trip & Chapter Meeting**

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NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter – Judging Meet – Kenny Ross Chevrolet – Irwin, PA

June 11

NCRS Cincinnati Chapter – Concours d' Elegance – Ault Park, Cincinnati, OH

June 16-18

*Bloomington Gold – HoO Organized Road Trip*

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*Corvettes of Lancaster – Earth Angel Super Cruise (Alliance Event)*



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### **July 2006**

<u>July ??</u>	<u>NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter – Road Tour (Date TBA)</u>
<u>Jul 7-8</u>	<u>Arthritis Foundation Corvette Show – Dublin, OH</u>
<b>July 9</b>	<b>HoO Picnic at Yasher's</b>
<u>July 7-9</u>	<u>GoodGuys Nationals, Columbus, Ohio State Fair Grounds</u>
<u>July 9</u>	<u>Flag City Corvette Club, 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Corvette Show – Findlay, OH (Alliance Event)</u>
<u>July 9</u>	<u>NRCC Wings &amp; Wheels, Mad River Airport, Springfield (Alliance Event)</u>
<u>July 16</u>	<u>SOCC, Vallery Chevrolet Car Show (Alliance Event)</u>
<u>July 15</u>	<u>Mansfield Second Annual Corvette Show – Mansfield, OH</u>
<u>July 18</u>	<u>Trim Parts Open House – Lebanon, OH</u>
<b><u>July 30</u></b>	<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 12-13</u>	<u>National Corvette Homecoming – Western KY Univ. Expo Center</u>
<u>August 17-19</u>	<u>Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise – Detroit, MI</u>
<u>August 20</u>	<u>NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter – Road Tour (Tentative)</u>
<u>August 25-27</u>	<u>Corvettes at Carlisle, Carlisle, PA</u>

### **September 2006**

<u>Sept. 2</u>	<u>Cross Flags Corvette Club at Ricart's Chevrolet, Columbus (Alliance Event)</u>
<b>September 9</b>	<b>HoO Display and Judging School – McDorman Chevrolet (or alternative location TBA)</b>
<u>Sept. 9-10</u>	<u>Super Chevy Show – National Trail Raceway</u>
<u>Sept. 15-17</u>	<u>Mid-America Fun Fest – Effingham, IL</u>
<u>September 17</u>	<u>NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter – Chapter Picnic – Cedar Creek Park</u>
<u>September 22-23</u>	<u>NCRS Cincinnati Chapter – 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

October 8	<u>Classic Glass Corvette, Corvette Alliance – Atwood Lake Car Show</u>
October 8	<u>NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter – Fall Road Tour (Tentative)</u>
<b>October 14</b>	<b>HoO Chapter Meet, Broadway Center, Lancaster, OH</b>
October 15	<u>NCRS Pittsburgh Chapter Judging School – North Hills of Pittsburgh</u>
October 19-21	<u>Fall Corvette Expo – Knoxville, TN</u>

### November 2006

<b>November 4</b>	<b>HoO Chapter Meeting, Election of Officers and 2007 Program Development</b>
November 18-19	<i>Chevy Vette Fest – Chicago, IL</i>

### December 2006

<b>December 9</b>	<b>HoO Holiday Party</b>
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### Paint Chip Repair Instructions - By Randy Rink

#### Surface Preparation is of Primary Importance

**Remove rust** if it is not a Corvette.

**Remove any loose paint** with an X-Acto knife or similar weapon. You can't glue down loose paint with touch up paint!

**Degrease** with a wax/grease remover like Sherwin Williams R7 K 156 "Sher-Will-Clean", Ditzler "Ditzo", Western RS500 or the like.

Prime the surface (if it is not a Corvette or if the chip impact damaged the gel-coat) with a self-etching primer like Sherwin Williams 988. **Be sure to wait 30 minutes or so to let the primer dry.**

Wet sand with a block and 1000 grit or finer paper to **remove primer from the surface** of the good paint perimeter. The idea is to minimize color paint removal and only remove the primer from the surrounding good paint surface.

**Let dry** again.

#### Paint

**Degrease** again.

**Take quite a bit of time to let everything dry**, have a meal, do another chore or drink a beer.

Locate the proper touch up paint from your car dealer parts department or a good auto parts store. I usually get a tube when I purchase the car... you will need it sooner or later.

Be sure to **shake the paint** as long as you can to certify everything is in suspension, this is especially important with metallic paints.

Carefully dab the chip site with the touch up paintbrush trying to fill the cavity slightly higher than the surface. After the paint has dried, if the paint shrinks below the surface, dab again so there is slightly more dried paint above the finished surface.

**Let dry**, overnight if possible.

#### Surface Sanding

If the paint is well above the finished surface, use the safety razor to "scoop" the excess off of the surface. Leave a slight amount of excess paint to wet sand down to perfection.

Begin wet sanding with 400 grit paper and a bucket of water with a drop or two of dish washing detergent for lubrication. **Always use the sanding block** and try to avoid scratching too much surface paint. This grade of paper is good to remove the majority of excess paint, **don't use 400 too much**. Change to 800 grit and remove any remaining paint above the finished surface. Rinse the surface and sanding block often.

Finish surface sanding with 1000 grit and begin blending the finished surface with the touch up surface, **no gaps should be present**. It may be easier to dry the surface to check for gaps. **You may need to degrease and add more paint to fill gaps**. If this is necessary, wet sand newly added paint as before.

#### Surface Polishing

Locate your rubbing compound. Follow instructions regarding a clean moist terry-cloth towel. Polish in a circular fashion ending up by polishing parallel to the lines of the car. Buff the surface with a clean dry cloth.

Finish this project with a polishing compound and use this in the same manner as the rubbing compound. **No scratches should be visible at this point**, you may need to wet sand with 1000 in the direction of the lines of the car to remove any.

#### Wax

Clean and wax the surface with your favorite wax system. Do the whole car if you feel like it. **NOTE: car wax is useful to protect metal surfaces from corrosion after a new paint chip injury, just load it in, let it dry and buff it off.**