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## Heart of Ohio Chapter

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<u>May, 2007</u>

#### Chairman's Message

This Month is the real start of good driving weather but watch out for those spring showers. For others like myself, we are still in the garage trying to get the driver finished up to enjoy some of the great driving pastime.

I spoke with Pam Van Kirk this past month she is doing fine and taking care of Stew's old car parts. Pam is still in the process of selling Stew's project 1957 Corvette. The Corvette has been valued at over \$35,000.00. If you are interested contact Pam Van Kirk /Pearl for details.

I also received word that Randy Mullins has progressed in MS to a secondary stage and will be wheel chair bound. Michelle Mullins indicated she is interested in joining our members at the next meeting. This would be a great opportunity to visit with Michelle and offer any assistance she may need.

This past month I gave a seminar on How to Degree a Cam. At the seminar I was ask to put on another seminar on setting up the timing of a engine. I will set up such a seminar in the near future and couple that with adjusting the Carburetor. These two processes go hand in hand.

I would like to solicit your help in finding out what other seminars our members may wish to have. I will find an authority on the subject to put on those seminars. 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 a hands-on assistance with your problem(s). We have

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a very great crew that can tackle most issues. Just send and e-mail to any one of the board members and we will be glad to get you the help you need.

#### Enjoy the weather and save the wave!

Lou Zuniga Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS President/Chair

#### May Events

May 6	Pittsburgh NCRS Chapter – Tom
	Henry Pennies for Patience Charity-
	Bakerstown, Pa.
May 12	Rally Around the Lake at Bud's
	Chevrolet – St. Mary's, Ohio
May 17-19	Garden State Regional, Edison New
	Jersey
May 19	Spring Fling Corvette Show at Hooter's
	Polaris – COCOA (Alliance Event)
	HoO Board Meeting

#### **Chapter Meeting Notes**

The Heart Of Ohio Chapter held two events in April. The first was a group trip to the Packard Museum in Dayton on April 21<sup>st</sup>, the second was a technical seminar entitled "How to Degree a Camshaft" held at Perry Yasher's garage on April 24<sup>th</sup>. In addition, the HoO Board met on April 14<sup>th</sup>.



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While I was not personally able to attend the trip to America's Packard Museum the five members who went said it was great.

America's Packard Museum is the world's only restored Packard Dealership operating as a museum, and only full-time museum dedicated exclusively to the Packard Motor Car Company, its products and philosophies.

The Packard Motor Car Company comes to life again in America's Packard Museum. The museum was founded in 1992 by Dayton attorney and longtime car collector Bob Signom. Located in the original Packard Dealership Building, which was built in 1917, the museum has officially taken the name of the original dealership - The Citizens Motorcar Company - but has become known as "America's Packard Museum". The January 1998 edition of Car Collector magazine named the museum one of the "Top Ten" Museums in The United States. In 2004, the Society of Automotive Historians conferred the prestigious James J. Bradley Award upon the Museum for its exemplary efforts in preserving motor vehicle resource materials. Only six other U.S. museums have received the Bradley Award. For further information please visit their web site at http://www.americaspackardmuseum.org.

I was able, however, to attend the **HoO tech** session hosted by Perry Yasher and conducted by Lou Zuniga along with about ten other HoO Members and Guests.



The subject presented by Lou – and conducted on his Mid-year, Big block Corvette – was "How to Degree a Camshaft". Lou and the "Chevrolet Racing Team" have been working on his car the last several months helping him rebuild the heads and carburetion. With the engine torn apart this was a good time to check-out the cam timing since Lou is uncertain about the history of the motor.



The evening started with "Fellowship and Food" (what else) with Perry and his wife Sue having picked up several pizzas and prepared a great selection of side dishes to go with them.



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I also want to thank Perry for taking the pictures that accompany this article.

Promptly at 6:00 pm we all gathered around Lou's car while he proceeded to show us the steps involved in "Degreeing a Camshaft". After installing a new camshaft it is necessary to check to make sure that it is properly synchronized with the crankshaft. Also, if it you want to advance or retard the valve timing from normal this is the technique used. In the case of Lou's car the camshaft had not been removed from the engine but, not knowing the history of his engine, he wanted to make sure this timing was correct.

To further document the theory behind and steps to follow to degree a camshaft, Lou passed out a reprint he obtained from the Lunati Products website. He also had similar instructional documents he obtained from the websites of Comp Cam, Crane Cams and others. Lou also purchased a number of special tools to use in this process and he discussed each of them and passed some around for us to look at.

The seminar lasted a about an hour and a half and during that time Lou went thorough each step in the process and answered any questions that arose. The time went very quickly and I learned a lot about the process and the reasoning behind camshaft degreeing.



Following Lou's presentation we had plenty of time for Corvette "small talk" among our group. One of the subjects we discussed was having more of these Technical Seminars and the thought was to have the next one in a month or so on the subjects of "engine timing and carburetion" when Lou reinstalls his distributor.

To conclude the evening many of us hung around to watch Perry's home video movie of his recent drive of "Tail of the Dragon". If any of you have not heard of this road, it is located in North Carolina near the Tennessee border and contains over 200 curves in about the 20 miles or so it takes to wind its way down a mountainside. Granted, we were just watching it on TV, but you could easily imagine what a real thrill ride it was!

I wish to offer Thanks from the Heart of Ohio group to Lou and Perry for their efforts.

Herb Harlton Newsletter Editor



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### **HoO Clothing**

Land's End is running a NO Minimum Order Special on their logo attire through the month of July. If you haven't had a chance to purchase HoO Logo Shirts, or want to add to your collection, now would be a great time. The most popular shirts have been their "Pima Polos" which are available in both men's and women's sizes and many different colors. Member cost is \$38.00 each.

You can see pictures and look at colors in both their Catalog and on their web site.

If you are interested in ordering, email Herb Harlton at Herb@Harltons.com.

### **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 your article into our Newsletter. You can reach me at **Herb@harltons.com** or (614) 847-0774.

## Moving?

Let us know if your mailing address or your email address has changed so, we can update our records and keep you up to date. **Please send changes to Garry Brown** our **Membership Chairman:** 

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# Calendar Of Corvette Events

 Dates in Bold are Heart of Ohio Chapter events

 Note – Many of our 2007 Events are still in the early planning stages – for

 further information please contact our Event Chairman Steve Steffensen.

 Dates underlined are NCRS chapter events

 Dates in italics and underlined are Corvette Alliance events

 Dates in plain type are other Corvette related events

 HoO Focus Recruiting Event

#### <u>May 2007</u>

<u>May 6</u>	Pittsburgh NCRS Chapter – Tom Henry Pennies for Patience Charity-
-	Bakerstown, Pa.
May 12	Rally Around the Lake at Bud's Chevrolet – St. Mary's, Ohio
<u>May 17-19</u>	Garden State Regional, Edison New Jersey
<u>May 19</u>	Spring Fling Corvette Show at Hooter's Polaris – COCOA (Alliance Event)

#### June 2007

<u>June 1-2</u>	Michigan NCRS Chapter – Judging Meet – Cauley Chevrolet – West Bloomfield
	<u>Mi.</u>
<u>June 7-9</u>	<u>North Central Regional – Rochester, Minnesota</u>
<u>June 10</u>	Pittsburgh NCRS Chapter – Chapter Meet – Kenny Ross Chevrolet – Irwin, Pa
June 10	Corvettes at Roscoe Village – Classic Glass Corvette Club (Alliance Event)
June 14 -16	Bloomington Gold – Pheasant Run Golf Club – St. Charles, IL
<u>June 16</u>	Earth Angel Super Cruise – Corvettes of Lancaster (Alliance Event)
<u>June 16</u>	Lake Erie Chapter NCRS – Chapter Meet – Hudson, Ohio
June 29-July 1	Vintage Gran Prix of Mid-Ohio – Lexington, Ohio
June 30	Miami Valley Chapter NCRS – Chapter Meet – Dayton, Ohio



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### July 2007

July 6-7	25th Annual Arthritis Foundation Classic Auto Show & Cruise-In,
	Columbus/Dublin Arthritis Car Show – Dublin
July 13-15	10th Goodguys Nationals –Ohio Expo Center, Columbus
July 14-16	Pittsburgh NCRS Chapter – Summer Road Tour
July 20-22	American LeMans at Mid-Ohio
<u>July 22</u>	<u>SOCC Car Show at Waverly Ohio – SOCC (Alliance Event)</u>
July 22-26	NCRS National Convention – Boston (Marlborough), Massachusetts
July 29	Alliance Gathering IV – Lancaster Ohio

#### August 2007

August 5	HoO Picnic and Judging School – Yasher's
August 10-12	Illinois Chapter Meet – Galena, Illinois
August 11	Corvettes in the Park – CCCC (Alliance Event) – Whitehall, OH
August 18	Woodward Dream Cruise – Detroit, Michigan
August 19	Pittsburgh NCRS Chapter – Road Tour/Johnstown Cruise-In
August 24-26	NCRS Gallery at Carlisle – Carlisle, Pennsylvania

### September 2007

September 7-9	McDorman's Corvette & Chevy Show – Canal Winchester, OH
September 9	Corvettes at Ohiopyle
September16	Pittsburgh NCRS Chapter – Picnic at Cedar Creek
September ??	HoO Fall Tour (Date, etc. TBA)

### October 2007

<u>October 7</u>	<u> Attwood Lake Car Show – Classic Glass Corvette Club (Alliance Event)</u>
October 14	Pittsburgh NCRS Chapter – Fall Tour
October 20	HoO Chapter Judging Meet, Lancaster Ohio



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#### November 2007

November 10	HoO Corvette Educational Seminar (Topic TBA) – Highlights for Children, Columbus
November ??	HoO Chapter Elections and 2008 Planning Meeting (Date TBA)
November 18	Pittsburgh NCRS Chapter – Judging School at Dennis Mitchell's

#### December 2007

December ?? HoO Christmas Party (Date, etc TBA)

#### January 2008

January 9-13 NCRS Florida Winter Regional Meet – Kissimmee, Florida (New Date)

#### April 2008

April 17-19 Southwest Regional, Chattanooga, Tennessee

#### May 2008

May 15-18 NCRS Michigan Regional Meet – Novi, Michigan

#### June 2008

June 12-14 NCRS Pennsylvania Regional Meet – Seven Springs, Pennsylvania

#### **July 2008**

July 13-17 NCRS National Convention – St. Charles, Missouri

#### July 2009

July 12-16 NCRS National Convention – San Jose, California



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