



# Heart of Ohio Chapter Newsletter

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## **Chairman's Message**

Greetings to all...

Summer 2010 is officially here – Time to get your Corvette out on the road and get some seat time in. I have had my Vette out and it is dialed in quite well. Hard work and \$'s seem to have paid off. We have already had a number of events this year with more planned.

The membership meeting at Coughlin was a success, thanks to all who turned out. Special thanks to John and Terry for allowing us to use their facility. We conducted a judging school at my shop and had the pleasure to look over Roger Zrimsek's 1991 Corvette which has received the McLellan Mark of Excellence and the Crossed Flags Award.

We also visited the Ed Foss collection of low mileage cars in April. We all learned how to tell if a car is really low mileage (which was exhausting☺) and enjoyed Ed's stories about each car. If we ever visit his place again I highly recommend you make the trip. (Be sure to ask if you can visit his neighbor's collection also).

In May Mike Treece hosted a cruise in at Bud's Chevrolet and in June we visited Richard Crary's home and pre-judged his '65 coupe. Richard has a really cool underground house and some neat cars ranging from a Gremlin to a Viper with several Corvettes thrown in.

In June Lou and I attended the Ault Park Concours d'Elegance in Cincinnati. The park setting was spectacular and the cars even better. I had a great day visiting with old friends and making new ones. If you enjoy true classic cars both old and new I would put this one down on next year's calendar. [www.ohioconcours.com](http://www.ohioconcours.com)

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We are attempting to receive the Top Flight Chapter award and need to conduct a Technical Seminar to qualify. If anyone has an idea for a technical seminar please let me know. The seminar should be a technical discussion or presentation approximately 1 hour or more addressing Corvette restoration and preservation techniques. We also need to conduct a Chapter Charitable Event. Again if you have an idea please pass it along.

Hope to see everyone at the Chapter Judging Meet at Coughlin Chevrolet in August, the Chapter Road Tour Ronald McDonald House Charities Car Show in Bucyrus Ohio in September and the chapter picnic in September. Please show your support by participating in as many club events as you can. I enjoy the time I spend with the group mainly because you are such a great bunch of folks. The fellowship is the real spirit of the club. If you have technical questions this is a



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great place to ask. We have a wealth of knowledge in the group and are all willing to share our expertise.

Hope to see you soon!

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Chairman

PS – We have a Fall Tour too (date TBA)

### Contrasting the 1968 and 1969 Corvette

#### Exterior (Part 2)

By Terry Buchanan

The 1968 Corvette had a number of one year only designs with regard to its exterior. Part 1 of this series, if you remember, dealt with the comparison of the 1968-69 Corvette's front grill. I would like to focus this article on three other differences in the exterior section for each model year.

1. **The Door Handle.** The door was opened in the 1968 model with a two-part thumb push-button and finger-grab area. The thumb was used to open the latch and the finger-grab was used to pull the door open. The thumb push-button also housed the door locking mechanism. In the 1969 model and future C-3 models, the thumb push-button was eliminated. All that remained in the area of the push-button was the keyhole locking mechanism of the door. The 1969 model and C-3's thereafter incorporated the latch opening into the pull mechanism. Both operations of releasing the latch and pulling the door open was done with the finger depression/grabbing mechanism.



1968 Door Handle



1969 Door Handle

2. **Backup Lights.** The rear of both the 1968 and the 1969 models are very similar except for the backup lights. The 1968 model has two separate rectangular backup lights tucked under the rear bumpers and either side of the license plate bezel. On the 1969 model these lights were eliminated and incorporated into the inboard stop light lenses.



1968 Corvette Rear Light



1968 Rear Lights

3. **Stingray Emblem.** Corvette emblems on the 1968 and 1969 models are alike except in one very visible area, above the side louvers. The 1969 model above the side louvers has the word *Stingray* written as one word. This was a change from previous years. With the C-2 models, the word *Sting Ray* was written as two words. The 1968 model Corvette omitted the *Stingray* emblem and the area above the louvers is left blank.



1968 Corvette had no Stingray Emblem



1969 Corvette with Stingray Emblem

Knowing these small but distinct differences in the exterior of the 1968 and 1969 Corvette models, you should be able to distinguish between each year as you see them at shows or on the road.

### Sound Deadener, Padding, and Carpet Installation in a 1967 Corvette Convertible (Part 2)

By Kirk M McHugh

(Editor's note – in Part 1 Kirk discussed installing the sound deadener, in this part Kirk will discuss installing the padding and in the third part he will cover the actual carpet.)

As the spring sun began to warm things up, I decided it was time to start on the carpet but I first I needed to install the padding. The padding, which is somewhat like the original used in the Corvette, is composed of an approximately 1" composite material padding backed by a layer of rubber. When installing, remember that the jute goes down and the rubber backing goes up. At this point, a heavy-duty pair of carpet scissors is essential to make any adjustment cuts necessary. In addition, the composite material of the padding soaked up the glue completely on the first pass, so I quickly learned to give it one coat, let it air dry, and then apply a second coat of glue to get good adhesion upon installation. The padding is a bit thick and tough to use, but in general Al's cuts seemed right on and most of the pieces went in relatively easy. Even so, the padding set seemed designed to fit a coupe OR convertible from 63-67, so there were some adjustments cuts that had





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to be made before final gluing. Here are the adjustment cuts that I made:

1. The rear vertical piece needed to be trimmed a bit to fit properly in my convertible.
3. Each wheel well piece needed two cuts. The back flap next to the deck lid springs was left long for a coupe, so it needed to be cut to fit. In addition, at the front, the top piece was not cut out for the rear trim-molding bracket found in a convertible. Instead of cutting a window in the piece, I trimmed the front edge to fit snug on the bracket by cutting off the remaining pieces and then simply mounted that section behind the brace.
4. For all the molded pieces, I dry fitted them and then carefully marked the contours (like around the wheel well) with a large marker. I then moved the piece to a flat surface and cut slits along the contour at regular intervals (Figure 7).



*Figure 7. Like original padding installed over the rear driver's wheel well and rear storage deck. Notice the serrated cuts that I made in the heavy padding to follow the contours of the wheel well and make installation easier. I got this idea from the "original padding" that I removed from the car, which had similar cuts. After initial installation of the padding, I discovered that I needed to remove significantly more material around the shoulder*

*harness screw hole for the bracket and screw to mount properly. I would estimate that a 3" diameter hole is actually needed.*

This allowed easier bending and gluing of the piece and gave me much better control. I had noticed similar slits in all of the old tar and padding pieces I had removed from my car, so I figured if it was good then, it would probably be good now and it seems to have worked fine.

5. One final cut that was specific to my car since I have shoulder harnesses was accessing the holes through the padding. I used the old original pieces as overlays on the new to target the approximate position of the hole and then used a scalpel blade to probe the padding until it passed into the hole. Simply moved out from there and was able to easily cut a well-defined hole in the correct spot. Much cleaner and smaller than the original at first, but after installing the carpet I realized why more material had been removed during the previous installation. The bolts and harness bracket need to set almost flush with the wheel well to bolt properly, and hence a fairly significant amount of material needs to be removed to make this possible (Figure 7 with too small of a hole).

6. The front seat pieces needed some adjustment as well. Since my seats were out, I decided to trace the outline of rails onto a piece of poster board. I made a rough draft with the rails in place and then removed one set and made a much better detailed tracing of them on the poster board. With the outline of the seat rails visible, I laid each front seat-padding piece over the template and proceeded to make some minor cuts and adjustments so that the padding would easily fit around the rails once they were installed (Figure 8).



Figure 8. I removed the passenger seat rails from the seat and used them to check the padding and make sure that all of the stock cuts fit properly. Some minor adjustments were needed in this padding for a "perfect" fit.

Nothing major here, but the padding did come a little close or overlap with the rails in a couple of places. In those areas, I trimmed the pieces accordingly.

7. One final point; don't be tempted to fill in open areas with stay pieces of heat and sound deadener. I like things "neat" and worked on trying to "fill up" some of the apparent gaps in Al's padding. I learned in almost every case, that Al had left that open for a very good reason and found myself removing many of my "fill ins" once carpet installation started.

At this point with the Hushmat and like-original padding all in place (Figure 9),



Figure 9. Like-original padding installed in the passenger seat compartment with rails mounted to check proper fit. Note the small heater that I used to warm the area while the glue dried (it was still a bit like winter outside).

I noticed that my jack storage compartment was showing some wear. I decided that since everything was currently out of the car it was a good time to scrub the compartment and give it a fresh coat of Krylon Semi-Flat Black (1613) paint to freshen it up. With that done, it was time to move on to the carpet installation.

### Heart of Ohio Chapter Apparel By Terry Buchanan

There are times after joining an organization such as the NCRS, that members like to identify their membership by purchasing clothing and accessories that have the Chapter name and logo. Our Chapter now has that opportunity through **Lands' End Business Outfitters**. To order Heart of Ohio Chapter clothing and accessories, go to the Apparel page of our Chapter website.

[www.ncrs.org/hoo/apparel.htm](http://www.ncrs.org/hoo/apparel.htm)



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Click on **Chapter Store** and you will be taken to the Lands' End Home page. You will need to click on **Men or Women, Case, Bags or Totes, or Gifts & Accessories**. From there you will see all the different choices, colors and sizes for that clothing item or accessory.



After you have made your selections, you will be directed to logo application. You will need to select the Heart of Ohio logo which is free. As you continue on to the last sections you will have 4 steps in the check-out process: 1. Shipping Information, 2. Shopping Bag Review, 3. Billing Information and 4. Order Confirmation. Depending on the time of year, shipping is often free. Orders should be shipped in two weeks or less.

There is a toll free number to call for questions about ordering from the website. (1-800-587-1541)

We hope to see more Heart of Ohio Chapter clothing and accessories around the area in the near future.

### From the (Temporary) Newsletter Editor

As I have written in the past several issues, after a 15-month absence I once again took over editing our Newsletter until someone can be found to do the job. If you are the least bit interested please give me a call at 614/847-0774 to discuss it. The only required skill is to be reasonably comfortable using Microsoft Word. Knowledge of PhotoShop or Adobe Elements is good too.

For the time being, I am going to publish the newsletter on a quarterly basis with emailed editions on January 1<sup>st</sup>, April 1<sup>st</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and





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October 1<sup>st</sup>. The goal of the Newsletter will be to keep you informed about the Club's activities and, as time goes on, I hope to expand it with additional content.

You can reach me at [Herb@harltons.com](mailto:Herb@harltons.com) or (614) 847-0774.

### However, to do this I need your help!

Please feel free to email me anything you find or know of that might be of interest to the group. I will gladly include it. Also, if you have something to sell send that information along to me.

Even better if you want to write an article about anything Corvette related I would love to publish it. Topics could include a road trip, a project you completed, a tip, a vendor you had a good experience with, and so on. Also, if you took pictures please send a few along.

Thanks in advance for any support you can give me.

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### Moving? New Email Address?

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 Herb Harlton our Membership Chairman:**

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### Got Something To Sell?

Why not run a **FREE** Ad in our Newsletter. Send you information to;

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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 your article into our Newsletter.



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### Calendar Of Corvette Events

**Dates in Bold are Heart of Ohio Chapter Events** *Note –Some of 2010 Events are still in the early planning stages but mark your calendars anyway. We will keep you posted on any changes via the **Events Page** on our **Website***

Dates underlined are other NCRS chapter events

Dates in plain type are other Corvette related events

#### July 2010

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| July 9-10         | Arthritis Foundation 28 <sup>th</sup> Annual Car Show, Dublin, OH  |
| July 9-11         | Good Guys 13 <sup>th</sup> Nationals, Columbus, OH                 |
| <u>July 13-18</u> | <u>NCRS National Convention, Lowes Motor Speedway, Concord, NC</u> |
| July 18           | Corvette Alliance Gathering VII, Lancaster, OH                     |

#### August 2010

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| <u>August 8</u>  | <u>Lake Erie Chapter Judging Meet, Tim Lally Chevrolet, Bedford, OH</u>      |
| <b>August 15</b> | <b>Heart of Ohio Chapter Judging Meet, Coughlin Chevrolet, Pataskala, OH</b> |
| August 21        | Woodward Avenue Dream Cruise, Detroit, MI                                    |
| August 27-29     | Corvettes at Carlisle  |

#### September 2010

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| <u>September 9-11</u> | <u>Midwest Regional Queen City Meet, Canal Winchester, Ohio (Bob McDorman Chevrolet)</u> |
| <b>September 19</b>   | <b>Bucyrus McDonalds Cruise In, HoO Road Trip, Bucyrus, OH</b>                           |
| <b>September 26</b>   | <b>Heart of Ohio Chapter Picnic</b>  |





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## HEART OF OHIO SUMMER CHAPTER MEET INDOOR MEET REGISTRATION FORM

Sunday August 15, 2010 – 10:00 am-5:00 pm  
Coughlin Chevrolet - 9000 East Broad Street - Pataskala Ohio 43062

Check Our Chapter Website for the  
Latest Meet Information, Registration  
Form, Meet Contacts and Map

[www.ncrs.org/hoo](http://www.ncrs.org/hoo)

The Heart of Ohio Chapter invites fellow NCRS members to join us at our indoor Chapter meet at Coughlin Chevrolet, Pataskala, Ohio.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS # \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### COST

Meet Registration (Member & Spouse/Guest) \$ 20.00  
Additional Guest @ \$10.00 per person x # \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Flight Judging Entry @ \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Bowtie, Duntov & McLelland Display** No charge  
Sportsman Display @ \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Join the Heart of Ohio Chapter @ \$20.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Meet T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_ Extra Shirt @ \$10 ea. \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**Total Amount Remitted** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### JUDGES INFORMATION

I would like to judge: 1<sup>st</sup> Choice \_\_\_\_\_ 2nd Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
(Class: C-1 through C-4) /Category: Interior, Exterior, Mechanical, Chassis, Operations)  
  
NCRS Judging Level \_\_\_\_\_  
  
I would like to be an Observer Judge: Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_  
  
I would like to help Tabulate: Yes \_\_\_\_ Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to: **Heart of Ohio Chapter – NCRS** and mail to: **Herb Harlton; 792 Olenhurst Ct; Columbus, Ohio 43235**

**PLEASE NOTE: WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER AND CLASS OF FLIGHT CARS. NO JUDGED CAR REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER JULY 15, 2010. PREREGISTRATION DATE IS BASED ON POSTMARK DATE. For Questions Contact Herb Harlton: [Herb@Harltons.com](mailto:Herb@Harltons.com)**

### JUDGED/DISPLAY CAR INFORMATION

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Body Type \_\_\_\_\_

CI/HP \_\_\_\_\_ Complete VIN No. \_\_\_\_\_

Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy No. \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_

### **SCHEDULE:**

9:00 a.m.-9:45 a.m.....Check in at Meet  
4:30 p.m.....Award Presentations

### **LUNCH**

Lunch will be provided for all registered owners, registered guests and registered judges

**YOU MUST ENCLOSE PROOF OF INSURANCE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION OR YOUR REGISTRATION WILL BE RETURNED.**

I agree to insure my vehicle against loss, damage, and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees and chapters for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during or as a consequence of this chapter, wherever located.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



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