



Heart of Ohio Chapter Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

Greetings;

Spring is here – or maybe early summer???

Time to get those Corvettes back on the road (if you do not have a broken leg)...

A short update on me – I had a total knee replacement in December and was doing great until I got a little too aggressive in the rehabilitation process and broke my leg. I had surgery March 8th and have been sentenced to 8 more weeks of no weight on my leg. I hope to be out and about in May.

We had a Chapter Meeting and 2 Judging Schools at Coughlin on Saturday February 18. John Wagoner, who is the national NCRS website administrator, explained and demonstrated all the new improvements of the Technical Discussion Board and answered questions about the national website. In the afternoon Mike Treece educated us on wheels, rims, jacks and hubcaps. If you were not there you missed a great presentation.

What a great line up of events Mike Treece has in store for this year;

April 1st we have a Corvette and GM swap meet at Buds Chevrolet. **April 29th** is the date of the Heart of Ohio chapter meet. If you would like to judge please send in your registration form today. If you have no experience judging we can put you down as an observer judge – I guarantee you will have a good time and learn more about Corvettes.

May 12th brings us a cruise in at Buds Chevrolet St Mary's in combination with a Judging School in which we will pre judge a 67 Corvette 427-400. **May 19th** is the date of the Miami Valley Chapter Meet and I am sure they can use some help judging.

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June 9th we will be hosting a Chapter Meeting and Tech Session 10am to Noon at Matt Lewis's Garage in Piqua. Matt is one of our newer members and I am looking forward to visiting his garage.

July 21st we have a Chapter Road Tour to Ed Foss and Larry Gerig's Garage/Museum in Roanoke, Indiana. If you have not been to Ed and Larry's place you have to make the time to go. I have been there twice and am looking forward to the trip again. One word of caution – be careful of speed traps on the way home.

We have a new location for the **picnic** again this year at Wes Wells's home in Powell, and several other really neat events planned including a trip to visit Doug Bergen Racing in Marietta on September 22nd. Be sure to thank Mike for all the hard work that went into putting together such a great line up of events.



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If you have not already, be sure to put the Heart of Ohio web site <http://www.ncrs.org/hoo/index.htm> in your favorites. It has a member's page that highlights our cars, an events page with upcoming events, a page for cars and parts for sale and an apparel page with great clothing with the Heart of Ohio logo.

In closing, 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 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!

P Yasher

Heart of Ohio Chapter

Chairman

1953 Wheels, Tires and Jacks

By Mike Treece, Activities Chairman,
Heart of Ohio

Wheels

In 1953 the wheels from the factory were part number 3699828 and were the same as those used on the passenger cars except for one detail. The passenger car version had 5 clips riveted to the wheel's spider to retain hubcaps where the corvette had full sized hubcap that did not need the clips. Therefore the spider on the corvette wheels had 5-holes. The center part of rim was riveted to the outside rim.

All wheels were dip painted in black primer first and then dip painted in Sportsman Red all 53 wheels were done this way. Rims were 15

inch diameter and 5 inch width with valve stem hole being 5/8 diameter to take the tubes valve stem.



Tires

Tires used in 53 6.70x15 US Royals with a 3" whitewall later 53's Firestone tires with slightly narrower whitewalls. The brand name was in the whitewall part of the sidewall. They were a tube type tire with a metal valve.cap.

Wheel Weights

Wheel weights were used on the inside of the rim most common were Micro brand. Weights used were in 1/2 ounce steps. Micro made 1/4 ounce weights but GM only used 1/2 ounce steps.



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Wheel Covers

The first 53 wheel covers were part number 3706423. They were stamped stainless steel with what was called spinner or flippers bolted to the center of the wheel cover to look like a knock off hub.



However, it is thought that around the first 15 cars received Bel-Air passenger car wheel covers. Bel Air wheel covers were of a dome style.



Cars number 16-50 had the spinners lined up with the valve stem hole and after car 50 the flipper or spinners were cross ways to the valve stem.

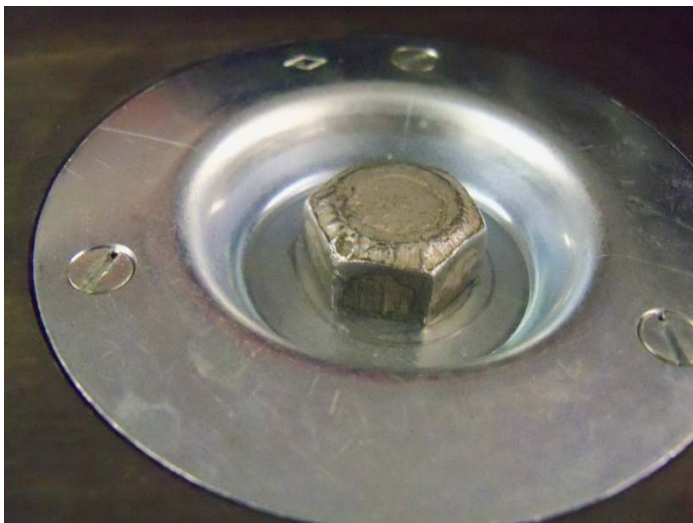


Spare Tire and Jack and Jack Handle –

The spare tire on 53 the white wall was up and was covered by a plywood board cut in a circle with a hole to get a finger in so it could be raised. The plywood cover was 3/8 thick with 5 laminations normally not showing knot repair plugs. Cover was stained a transparent black with a lot of wood grain coming through. In the center of the cover a cadmium plated retainer cup with a manufacture logo G on it held by 3 slotted wood screws.

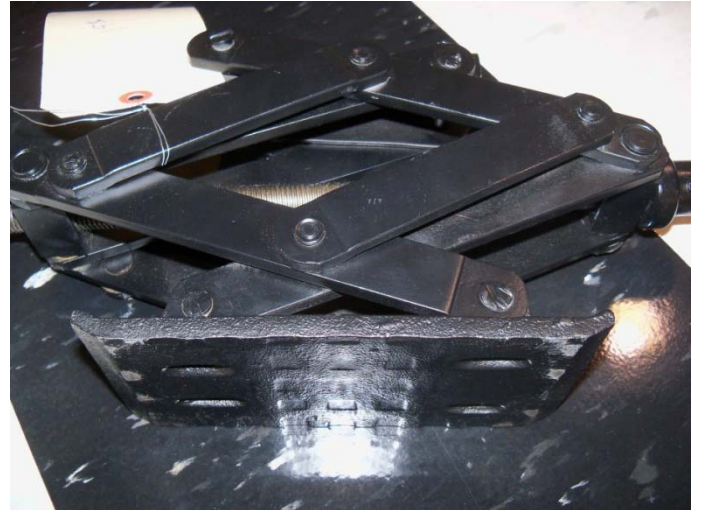


Cover is held down by a 1/2 inch diameter by 9 1/4 inch long bolt with about 2 1/4 inch of threads with a taper on the end. Head of bolt is not cleanly machined should have rough edge on top. The bottom of the plywood the jacking instructions were stapled. There were no foam rubber pads used on the bottom of '53 spare covers.

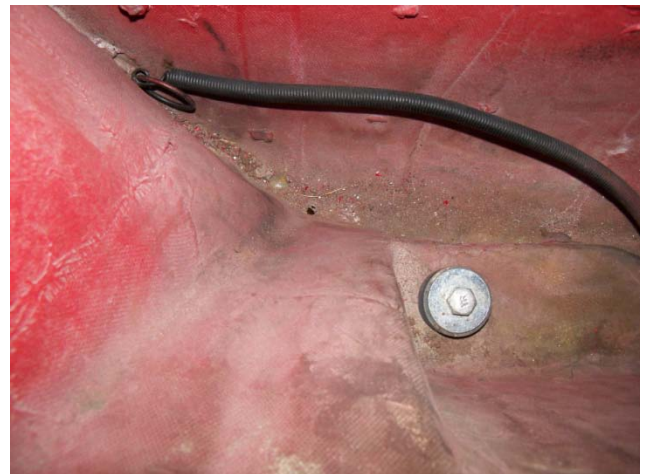


The jack part number is 3706350 and was used on all corvettes from 53 to 61. A casting number can be found in the middle of the base if the jack is

open up half way it is SJ4653. The jack was stored in the right side rear fender well.



The jack was located in the right side in the well on top of the body mounting bolt held be a 7/16 x 14.5 long spring that was painted black.



The long side of the lug wrench on the '53 measures 15.25-15.75 in length and the short side is 4 in and the head is 1.25 in. in diameter.



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The handle for the jack was stored in the open position along the division panel in the front of the trunk with two black spring clips attached with clutch-recess fillister head screws. Mounting of these clips location varied from inside to outside of the trunk hinge slots.



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**. Heart of Ohio Chapter **clothing and accessories can be ordered either on-line or by phone**. To order on line go to the Apparel page of our Chapter website.

www.ncrs.org/hoo/apparel.htm



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.



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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 \$8.50 per item. 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 your order should be shipped in two weeks or less.

To order by phone there is a toll free number to call that is dedicated to logo purchases. The number is **800-338-2000**. Refer to the Heart of Ohio customer number 4052776 and the operator will take your order or assist you with you purchase.

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

Board Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2002

The Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Perry Yasher on Saturday, February 18, 2012, 8:45 a.m. at the Nutcracker Family Restaurant in Pataskala, Ohio. Present at the meeting were Perry Yasher, Lou Zuniga, Randy Early, Herb Harlton, Mike Treece, Roger Zrimsek and Terry Buchanan. The Chapter's newest member, Matt Lewis, was also in attendance.

The first item discussed on the agenda was the question of opening a Pay-Pal account for the Chapter. This would aid with online dues payment and renewals. It would also aid in registering for the yearly Chapter meet. After much discussion it was decided that Randy Early will look into an alternative to Pay-Pal such as Visa or Direct Bill Pay and report back at the next meeting.

Chapter Treasurer, Randy Early, suggested we change the bank the Chapter is currently using. He will have suggestions at the next meeting.

The board is looking into having name tags for each member to wear at meetings. Perry had some examples to review. No decision was made. This item is still being reviewed and other examples will be shown at future meetings for the membership to view and give opinions.

The board is considering multiple possibilities of a charitable event. For the past two years we have had a swap meet. The swap meet is still being considered in conjunction with a car show that Coughlin Chevrolet holds in the early fall. Other possibilities include a cruise inn or an event at a drag strip. Suggestions are very welcomed.

For the Chapter road tour this year we are considering a combined event with the Lake Erie Chapter to visit Corvette supplier, Coffman, in Mansfield, Ohio in May. Perry is going to contact the Lake Erie Chapter and report back.

May 12 the Chapter will promote the NCRS and the HoO Chapter at Bud's Chevrolet Cruise in located in St. Mary's, Ohio. We hope to have an NCRS judging demonstration of a C-2 Corvette at the event.

Roger Zrimsek, Co Judging Chairman reported the National NCRS Judging Retreat held in Texas a few years back is on hold currently. Roger is looking into Chapter T-Shirts for the Chapter Meet. Coughlin Chevrolet has agreed to sponsor



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our meet T-shirts again this year. Roger is also looking into online registration for the Chapter Meet in 2013.

Mike Treece, Events Chairman, has a strong idea of most all the events for the remainder of 2012. They will be posted on the Chapter website when the dates are finalized at www.ncrs.org/hoo.

The meeting ended at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Buchanan
Secretary, Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS

From the Membership Chairman

We had four new members join the Heart of Ohio during the first quarter of this year. Similarly, we had three old members from last year drop out. Thus, our membership number remains unchanged at 49 members.

Please be advised also, that a current NCRS National Membership is a requirement for being a chapter member. National now has the ability to cross check this with our membership and reminds me accordingly. I get a list each month concerning whose membership is coming up for renewal. Thus if you do not renew your membership with National I will be forced to drop your Heart of Ohio membership even if you have paid your dues for this year.

Herb Harlton

From the Newsletter Editor

Awhile ago I started a new feature article called **Member's Projects**. Given the size and diversity of our club there are always member

projects, both big and small, going-on. This is what the NCRS is all about!

If you have a project that you are working on I would be glad to tell the other members about it. All you have to do is email me some photos and a brief write up. I will take it from there.

Herb Harlton

Herb@Harltons.com

From the Judging Co-Chairman

Spring 2012 Meet Musings

Richard Lomax, Judging Co-Chair

I had a great time this winter at the Florida and Arizona Regional Meets. But now it is time for more local NCRS activities. Of course the BIG one coming up is our Heart of Ohio Chapter Meet on April 29 (at Coughlin Chevrolet in Pataskala). You still have time to register and it would be great to have a few more cars and a few more judges. So get your registration forms in to me by the deadline of April 7. This is an opportunity to get two judging points for flight judging (Roger and I will put to work anyone who wants to judge) and one judging point for attending the Judging School on broaches and the broach buster, conducted by George Williams from Illinois.

It will be a busy spring in this part of the country. Check out these meets and related activities:

March 30-31 Indiana Chapter meet (includes 1 point judging school)

April 29 Heart of Ohio Chapter meet (includes 1 point judging school)

May 3-5 Northwest Regional meet Seaside Oregon (7 points possible)

May 12 Cruise-In at Buds including a Heart of Ohio Chapter Judging School (1 point)



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May 19 Miami Valley Chapter meet

June 1-2 Michigan Chapter meet (includes 1 point judging school)

June 7-9 North Central Regional meet in Rochester Minnesota (7 points possible)

June 9 Heart of Ohio Tech Session (1 point)

June 30-July 4 The National meet in San Diego (15 points possible)

And those are just the events till July! After that the highlights include the Lake Erie Chapter meet (Aug 5), the Indiana Chapter meet (Aug 10-11), the Pittsburgh Regional meet (Sept 6-8), and on and on. Hope to see you at our Chapter meet (and as many other events as you can make). Be sure to keep the glassy side up!

Richard Lomax, Judging Co-Chair

For Sale by Members



2003 Corvette Z-06

Miles- 31,500

Color- Electron Blue

Price- \$24,500

Location - Columbus, Ohio

Contact Norm @ Cell # 440-478-4375 or Scott61 [senior371-zooh6@yahoo.com].



1970 Corvette Convertible

The car is highly optioned in Cortez silver lacquer paint code 986, with black leather deluxe custom interior trim with cut pile carpet wood grain accents, leather seating and custom door panels 403 code. It has the rare convertible shoulder belt option A85, two tops C07, both are in amazing unrestored condition, the soft top is black and the hard top is silver. The car is meant for cruising with a M40 automatic transmission, C60 air conditioning blowing ice cold, N40 power steering and J 50 power brakes, tinted glass, and has the ZQ3 base engine, 350 cubic inch 300 horsepower highly desired engine for its drivability, torque, and manners. The car has the U69 AM/FM radio as well as the UA6 alarm system. The car came with PU9 raised white letter tires on original dated rally wheels and original trim rings and top hats, and the tilt telescopic steering wheel N37. The car has a 3:08 rear end and cruises all day long at 65mph comfortably

Price - \$34,900, Contact: Dino Lanno

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1966 Silver Coupe 427ci/390hp

Silver pearl with black standard interior. 4 speed, AM/FM radio, TI ignition. It has been restored and is numbers matching. Earned Top Flight at the 2011 Ontario Regional. \$80,000 rock bottom.

Contact Tim Bourke at 614-270-7921 or at tbourke@columbus.rr.com.



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Calendar Of Corvette Events

Dates in Bold are Heart of Ohio Chapter Events *Note –Some of 2012 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

April 2012

- April 1 Corvette and GM Swap Meet, Bud's Chevrolet, St. Mary's, Ohio
- April 29 **Heart of Ohio Chapter Meet Coughlin Chevrolet. Pataskala, Ohio**

May 2012

- May 3 – 15 NCRS Northwest Regional Meet, Seaside, Oregon
- May 12** **Bud's Chevrolet Corvette Cruise In with Heart of Ohio Judging School, St. Marys, Ohio**
- May 19 Miami Valley Chapter NCRS Chapter Meet, Dayton, OH

June 2012

- June 1 – 2 Michigan Chapter NCRS Chapter Meet, Metropolitan Detroit Area, MI
- June 7 – 9 North Central Regional NCRS, Rochester MN
- June 9** **HoO Chapter Meeting and Tech Session, Matt Lewis's Garage, Piqua, OH**

July 2012

- July 1 – 4 NCRS National Convention, San Diego, CA
- July 21** **Heart of Ohio Chapter Road Tour, Ed Foss and Larry Gerig's Garages/Museums, Roanoke, Indiana**



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August 2012

Aug 5 Lake Erie Chapter Judging Meet, Tim Lally Chevrolet, Bedford, Ohio

Aug 18 **Heart of Ohio Chapter Picnic, Wes Wells' home, Powell, Ohio**

September 2012

Sept 6-8 NCRS Regional Chapter Meet, Altoona, Pennsylvania

Sept 22 **HoO Road Tour to Doug Bergen Racing, Marietta, Ohio**

October 2012

Oct 6 Queen City Chapter Meet, Columbia Chevrolet, Cincinnati, Ohio

Oct 20 **HoO Visit to Auburn Cord Museum in Auburn, Indiana**

November 2012

Nov ? **HoO and NCRS Dual Judging School with the Michigan NCRS Chapter, Pro Team, Napoleon, Ohio**

December 2012



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