

Chairman's Message

Hi Everyone,

Fall approaching and the time to put away the Corvettes is almost here – almost. I plan to put my stock Rally Wheels over the winter and I am debating over which is better, black walls or white walls? Let me know your thoughts. (Red Lines are out since I can get 2 Tires for the price of 1 Redline) Do you have a project going on over the winter? Would you be willing to host the group and share what you are doing? I personally love seeing other folk's garages and their ongoing projects.

We are once more going to qualify for a Top Flight Chapter Award. This will make it 4 years in a row. Special thanks to every one of you who made this possible but especially Terry Buchanan, Mike Treece, Richard Lomax, Roger Zrimsek and Wes Wells for all their dedication to the club. Also thanks to Butch Price for taking over the role of membership chairman.

The Lancaster Corvette gathering was well attended and based on all the smiling faces in the group picture I would say they had a good time. If you want to spend a day in Corvette overload this is the place. Our first ever Heart of Ohio Chapter Charity Cruise in at Quaker Steak and Lube was not the success we had hoped for but it did net \$500.00 for Nationwide Children's Hospital. Next year we need to do a better job of promoting the event, especially at car shows. The chapter picnic, which was my first time out since June was fantastic. The location, which was Butch Price's place, was perfect. We held the picnic in Butch's hanger and Butch offered rides in his airplane. Thanks to Butch and Nancy for a wonderful event. (I got some great pictures of my house from the air)

Still to come this year is the Queen city Chapter meet on October 5th. Steve Hack has reached out to ask for help judging. They always come to our events to help out so let's return the favor. Hope to see you there. October 26th we will be touring to the Richard Foster Collection in New Castle Indiana and on November 9th we will once again be meeting at Pro Team in Napoleon Ohio. The Pro Team event will feature the "re-created" '68 Long Lead press car (light weight ZL-1) along with the group of Corvette powertrain, chassis and design release engineers who were involved with the cars' construction. These are the

same individuals who did the development on the L-88s and other Corvette drive trains. If you only come to one event this year this is the one. One last thing, Mike Treece is working on a location for the Christmas party. The tentative date is December 14th. Further details TBA.

A quick update on me, I had surgery on my foot June 13. The surgery went very well and I am now wearing a walking cast until October 21st at which time I hope to be done with the healing process.

If you have a moment you may want to check out the Members cars section on the website. If you want your car featured on the site all the information is at the bottom of the page.

Hope to see you all soon! The strength of this club lies in the fellowship of its members. I have never been associated with such a great group of guys!

Thanks

Perry

Congrats HOO Chapter!

Top Flight Status for 2012



HoO members that posed with the TFC award at the National convention in Virginia Beach. L to R Butch Price, Mike Treece, Terry Buchanan, Richard Lomax and Matt Lewis.

Pics from Around the Patch



Arthritis Day Show –Dublin

Eric Sponseller's Vette, over 250 vettes on display.
The new C7. Randy Early winning the Jack Ruscilli
Award of Excellence!

Lancaster Gathering of Corvettes

The HOO was well attended at this show.
Beautiful day with over 400 vettes in attendance!



The NCRS National Convention – Hampton, VA

Several members of the HOO made the trip to attend the national convention.



HOO Car Show-August

The HOO held its first annual car show for charity in August. Despite a low turnout, in typical fashion..the HOO members came out in force to volunteer and help with the event. Thanks to Kirk McHugh for coordinating the event which benefited Nationwide Children's Hospital.



HOO Summer Picnic –Butch and Nancy Price, Baltimore, OH

A special thanks to Butch and Nancy Price for hosting the 2013 HOO picnic. A can you can from the pictures, a good time was had by all. Great to see Perry out and about! Several members got a little “air time” with Butch. Thanks again Butch and Nancy!





Thanks again Butch!



Meet Musings- Richard Lomax, Judging Co-Chair

The summer is now over and so is much of the excitement down on the Heart of Ohio judging field. So let us see what's happening. Of course the big event of the summer was the National meet in Hampton VA this past July. At Nationals, the highlights certainly included (1) our chapter receiving a Top Flight Chapter award for the third year in a row, (2) a few of us serving as judges, and (3) a few cars won awards (Butch Price, top flight for his 67; Larry Murphy, Crossed Flags for his 95; Matt Lewis, a few Stars for his 66).



Subsequent meets included the Lake Eric Chapter meet in August, the Indiana Chapter meet the following week, and the Louisiana Regional just concluded.

Coming up soon is the Queen City Chapter meet (October 5), the Texas Regional (October 17-19), and that will finish out the year for judging meets in this part of the country (although put the Florida Regional on your calendar for January 23-25 to get out of the cold). On November 9 is the Heart of Ohio / Michigan Chapters judging school at Pro Team (a very successful school last year that you don't want to miss).



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So there still are a few opportunities to get your car out as well as to garner some judging points (or just hang out with us). So see you on the judging field and keep that glassy side up.

Tech Article: Performance Verification: Tech, Skill, or Luck?

Richard Lomax

Over the past few years, I have heard a number of NCRS members tell me that they don't want to attempt the Performance Verification (PV) test. Statements like "it is too hard" or "I won't pass" are commonly uttered. As a PV veteran, I think the problem is in a lack of information or experience. So is passing the PV technical, skill or luck? Here are a few tips about PV.

1 – It is not impossible. With the right car and the right owner, passing PV can be done. Heck, I did it the first time out as a relatively new NCRS member. So why not you and your Vette?

2 – Buy the proper NCRS "Corvette Operations Manual & Performance Verification Test Guide." There is one for each judging class. They tell you everything about each item on the test. You can also download the PV judging sheets for free from the NCRS website (also in the back of the manual). Here is the web address:

<http://www.ncrs.org/membership/scoresheets.html>

3 – It is easy to take the PV test yourself or with the help of a friend. Every item is in the manual, and you can see exactly where you or your car have issues.

4 – There are probably things about your car that you don't know about. Like you might have never used the heater or the fan controls. Or have never locked the doors. Preparing for PV will teach you about your car and about how to operate your car, both in the garage and on the road.

5 – Many issues that you have with your car can be easily addressed. The problem might just be a light bulb or having your keyless entry fob set improperly (ask me later).

6 – Run through the PV test many, many times. I don't know how many times I had my wife help me in checking all of the light functions. I did the test a

couple times a week for a month. That way (a) I was sure everything was working going into the test, and (b) I knew how to work everything without being distracted. Having a wreck with the National Team Leader is a certain fail.

7 – There are two parts to the test, pre-starting operations and post-starting operations. The first part is just an enhanced version of the operations portion for a Flight award. Everything must work properly. Which means that you have to know how to operate everything. Since the National Team Leader does PV (or his designee), don't expect him to operate your car. After the cold start, then there is the driving or road portion of the test. In other words, you go out on the road or highway and check other operations. Things like turn signals, getting up near redline in a lower gear, gage checks, cruise control, odometer check, etc.

8 – If you fail an item, you have 15 minutes to repair it. Some folks have a few spare parts and even a small pit crew. You can pretend you are a NASCAR or INDY driver. If you cannot repair it, you fail the test. If you repair it, the next issue is a failed test. In other words, you need to pass EVERY item with a max of one repair. This is indeed the tough part.

9 – If you fail the test, you can ask the National Team Leader to finish out the test. This is a good idea as you can see if there are any other issues. Although it will not change the outcome, you will know exactly what you need to work on for next time.

10 – Passing the PV is WAY more satisfying than a Top Flight (see photos of 90-96 National Team Leader Tom Barr testing and later congratulating Heart of Ohio member Larry Murphy). The ribbon might look yellow (see attached photo), but I like to think of it as gold.

11 – A successful PV is necessary prior to going for a Mark of Excellence Award (Duntov, McClelland, Hill).

So is the PV test technical, skill, or luck? It is some of each. Technically your car needs to operate perfectly on that day (and the day before does not count). You need to have the pre- and post-starting skills necessary to handle all of the tasks. And there is a little bit of luck. If you have a balky bulb, it will likely rear its

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head on test day. So practice, practice, practice. You can earn that PV, so go for it!

Larry Murray getting his PV Award!



Upcoming Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Location
Oct. 26th	Heart of Ohio Chapter Meeting at the Richard Foster Collection	New Castle, IN
Nov 9th	Heart of Ohio & Michigan Chapter Judging School at Pro Team Corvettes	Napoleon, OH
Dec 14 th	HOO Christmas Party	TBD

The Last Word -Editor

As you can see..Some changes to the format. Always appreciate you giving me feedback to make the newsletter more readable, informative, and enjoyable.

With the fall upon us, be careful of school buses and deer! We had a great summer...let's have another one in 2014!

Wes -Editor



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