



Heart of Ohio Chapter

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Chairman's Message

April is just days away and we have snow forecast overnight. Will spring ever arrive? With warmer weather approaching us we are all thinking about car shows and driving our cars that have been tucked away all winter. Come on spring!

The Tour to Ed, Larry and Keith's in March was fantastic! Great cars and fantastic food was provided by our hoists. Mike once again did a fantastic job putting together an event that drew over 100 people from 7 states. We will begin to award plaques to show our appreciation to folks who host events with the first being presented last week to Ed, Larry and Keith. We will continue to recognize folks who go out of their way to host events throughout the year.

The next event will be our Chapter Judging Meet on April 27, 2014 at Coughlin Chevrolet in Pataskala, Ohio. You can register for the event on line (preferred) or by paper registration by going to our Chapter website. There is something for everyone at our Chapter meet. You can have your Corvette (1953 through 1996) Flight Judged, display your Corvette (Any year) in the Sportsman Class, be a judge, be an observer judge, run the registration table or be a tabulator. However, everyone must register for the event to participate. With your registration you receive coffee and doughnuts, lunch and a Chapter Tee shirt. Please be sure to make plans to attend our Chapter Judging meet.

The club has decided to make a donation to the NCM to help with the cost of repairs after the unfortunate incident last month in which a sink hole opened up and took several cars into the hole. We will be donating \$250.00 and the national will be matching our donation. That's it for this quarters report. I look forward to seeing everyone at the chapter meet...

Perry

Spring Clean Up

Finally Spring is here! Got my car out of the garage this weekend and followed an old friends advice before taking it out. I follow a checklist to ensure safe operation before hitting the roads. Since most of our cars are greater than 30 years old, I thought I would share the list:

- Check tire pressure in each tire.
- Check all fluids including:
 - Oil
 - Tranny
 - Water
- Make sure the battery is fully charged. A low battery can wreak havoc on your electrical system.
- Check all brake lights and turn signal indicators.
- Check brakes in the driveway before heading out. Go around the block before hitting the highway.
- Make sure you have your new registration and updated insurance info.
- Take your cell phone before heading out for emergencies.

Last note. I attended a National Safety Council Meeting last fall on the dangers of cell phone use and texting. Your are 8X more likely to get in an accident if texting. Please share with your family members..don't text and drive.

Safe motoring for 2014! -Wes

Coming Soon!

Heart of Ohio Judging Meet at Coughlin

April 27!

Workers needed!

Sign Up today!

<http://www.ncrs.org/hoo/chapterjudgingmeet.html>

January Meeting-Judging School

A judging school on 1967 Corvette was held at Nelson Auto Group in Marysville, OH. 14 Members participated in the school. Thanks to Jim Salvino for leading the group.



February Meeting- Tech Session and Judging School

A board meeting was held and on February, 15th prior to the Tech Session. Several topics were discussed.

Indiana / Heart of Ohio Regional Meet

Mike Treece gave the following report: The Indiana Chapter asked the Heart of Ohio Chapter to be a part of a proposed Midwest Regional Meet in April of 2016, in Auburn, Indiana. We agreed to sponsor the event with the Indiana Chapter. The Indiana Chapter had a regional event in Auburn about 5 years ago. Paperwork for the regional has been submitted to the National Board of Directors for consideration at their March meeting.

Thank You Plaques Mike Treece gave a summary of the progress on the plaques being made for vendors and friends of the Chapter who hold multiple meetings at their location. The size is thought to be 6"x 8" and be laser etched on wood stock with the Chapter logo. The cost of each plaque and criteria for the award is still to be determined. The Chapter Events Chair will be administering the program.

Chapter Donation to the NCRS Foundation

The board decided to contribute \$250 to the NCRS Foundation in the name of the Chapter. This foundation generates academic scholarships to NCRS member children and grandchildren. Application forms are found in the Driveline along with the list of current year recipients.

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A chapter meeting was held on February 15th, at Coughlin Chevrolet in Pataskala, OH. Tech session. John Waggoner again presented on the NCRS tech website (which is a wealth of information!)



March – Tour of Ed Foss, Gerig, and Bussie Musuems in Ft. Wayne, IN

A road tour was taken to Ft. Wayne, In to view the collections of Ed Foss, Larry Gehrig, and Keith Busse. Member Mike Treece again planned an outstanding event. These 3 collectors live within 7 miles of each other Many thanks to our friends in Indiana for an outstanding day and hosting the event.





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Newest Member!

Congrats to our Eric and Beth Sponseller on the birth of Jacob Donald Sponseller!

Eric said Jacob is already eyeballing dad's vette!

Member Report – Butch Price

Membership as of April 3, 2014 - 49 members
Members on the rooster that have not yet paid for 2014 = 4.

Members that will be removed from the rooster due to lack of payment and lack of communication =4

Submitted by membership chair
Butch Price

Treasurers Report – Eric Sponseller

Last month the board approved two donations in the name of our chapter. The first donation for \$250 was to the NCRS Foundation Scholarship Fund, which awards scholarships annually to families of NCRS members. The second was a \$250 donation to the National Corvette Museum to be used as help with the sinkhole project fund.

So far this year, our chapter has brought in \$698.39 from membership dues minus Paypal fee and \$1,225 from our chapter meet registration. We spent \$614.18 on polo shirts for last year's attendance award members, \$20 on a table for the Cincinnati Swap Meet, and \$196.47 on food and drink for this year's tech sessions.

Eric Sponseller

NCRS Heart of Ohio Treasurer

Beginning Cash Balance 1/1/14: \$3,148.94

REVENUE:

Membership Dues: \$698.39

Chapter Meet Registration Fees: \$1,225.00

Total Revenue: \$1,923.39

EXPENSES:

Operations & Planning: \$634.48

Charitable Contribution: \$500.00

Paypal Fees \$26.81

Total Expenses: \$1,161.29

Closing Cash Balance 4/3/14: \$3,911.04

Meet Musings- Richard Lomax, Judging Co-Chair

It is officially spring and yet there is new snow on the ground around my house. But true spring is just around the corner and there is much on the agenda down on the Heart of Ohio judging field. Some of us made it to the Florida Regional in January (it was even cold for Kissimmee).

Coming up next is our biggest event of the year--our Heart of Ohio chapter meet will be in Pataskala on April 27. Thus far we have 8 cars registered for flight judging, as well as a few Sportsman and other displays. WE NEED JUDGES, so register and come have fun with us for the day. There will also be a judging school, so an opportunity for a total of 3 judging points.

Upcoming this spring are the Pittsburgh chapter meet (May 3), the North Central Regional in Rochester Minnesota (May 15-17), our own judging school in Piqua (May 17), the Miami Valley chapter meet (May 31), the Rocky Mountain Regional in Loveland Colorado (June 5-7), and the Michigan chapter meet (June 20-21).

Not too far off is the National meet, this year held outside of Kansas City in Overland Park (July 13-17). I am registered for the Road Tour, and will be driving my 2004 Vert. We will join up with the Queen City Tour on July 9. Highlights include tours of Shaker Village, the Corvette plant, a lake dinner cruise in Branson, and last night out in Independence MO. With the wife not going, I am looking for someone to travel with. Let me know if you are interested.

Hope to see you on the judging field and keep the glassy side up.

HoO Participation Program –Terry Buchanan

2013 marked the inaugural year of our Chapter Participation Program. Points were awarded for attending Chapter events, hosting events, writing tech articles and driving your Corvette to events. See the chart below for the complete list of how points were earned.

7 points	Write a tech article for the Chapter Newsletter.
5 points	Register and participate in the Chapter Judging Meet. (Have your car judged or registered as Sportsman at the meet for 2 additional points.)
5 points	Attend and Drive your Corvette on the Chapter Road Tour.
4 points	Host a Chapter Event.
4 points*	Work at the Chapter Charity Event.
3 points*	Attend the Chapter Picnic.
3 points*	Attend the Chapter Holiday Party.
2 points*	Attend a Chapter Judging School.
2 points*	Attend a Chapter Meeting.

* Drive your Corvette to one of these Chapter events and receive an additional 2 points.

14 members scored the necessary 20 points to earn the Chapter Shirt: Terry Buchanan, Richard Cray, Randy Early, Joe Eyl, Matt Lewis, Richard Lomax, Nick Petruzzi, Butch Price, Jim Salvino, Eric Sponseller, Steve Steffensen, Mike Treece, Wes Wells and Perry Yasher. The award shirts will be presented to these members at either the January or February Chapter meeting.

Mike Treece led all Heart of Ohio members in 2013 collecting 54 points for the year. With the success of this year's program, we hope even more members will participate and earn shirts in 2014.

Chapter Participation Program Terry Buchanan reported 14 Chapter members earned an award

shirt in the first year of the program. The shirts were supplied through Lands End company and cost a total of \$614.48. The board voted unanimously to continue the program in 2014 and hopes the program will increase in award winners

Tech Article- by Mike Treece

DECODE a VATS key



VATS stands for Vehicle Anti-theft System. Each VATS key has a resistor embedded within the key blade, and each resistor has 1 of 15 possible values. Decoding a VATS key is very simple, but it requires you know how to use an ohm meter.

All VATS keys have a resistor embedded in the key blade with metal prongs protruding out each side of the key blade. In order to read the value of the resistor in the key blade, place one lead of the ohm meter on one metal prong and the other lead on the other side metal prong. With the leads in there proper position a resistance value can be read.

Once you get your value you match it with the resistance chart for key number. Values will probably not match exactly.



- 1 402
- 2 523
- 3 681
- 4 887
- 5 1130
- 6 1470
- 7 1870
- 8 2370
- 9 3010
- 10 3740
- 11 4750
- 12 6040
- 13 7500
- 14 9530
- 15 11800

This key read 3.750 K ohm which is 3750 ohm and this would be a number 10 key blank.

Calendar

April 27th	Heart of Ohio Chapter Judging Meet Coughlin Chevrolet 9000 E. Broad St. Pataskala, Ohio 43062	More info in upcoming communications
May 10	Bud's Chevrolet	St. Mary's, OH 10a,
May 10	Chosen Few Corvette Show	Polaris, OH Quaker Steak
May 17 th (new Event)	C3 Judging School	Dave Willis Garage. Cambridge, OH
May 31 st	Miami Valley Judgin Meet	Voss Chevrolet, Centerville, OH
June 8th	Corvettes at Roscoe Village	Roscoe Village, OH
June 14 th	HoO Tour of ACD Museum	Auburn, IN
June 28 th	Cross Flags Car Show	Columbus, OH
July 13-17 th	NCRS National Convention	Overand Park, KS
July 26 th	HoO Road Tour	TBA

For all updated activities, Go to the Events page:
<http://www.ncrs.org/hoo/events.html>

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NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY
The National Corvette Restorers Society
Has created a new website
NCRS Classified ADS
The site is open to everyone, not just
NCRS Members
visit
<https://www.ncrs.org>
and click on "member services"
to locate the
NCRS Classified Ads
link