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Chairman's Message

Chairman's Letter-Q2 2021

Thankfully spring is here. A couple of nice weekends can certainly lift your spirit after a cold dreary winter. The club has been active working virtually to plan upcoming events. In case you haven't gotten the news, due to last year's Covid mess, we elected to waive dues for 2021. If you paid in 2021, as a couple of members did, your dues will be applied to 2022. We also turned on the participation points again for 2021. Terry Buchanan does a great job of administering this program and is a great way to get some HoO swag for meetings and outings.

Our spring Chapter judging meet is still on for April 17th. The meet will be a smaller venue with only 3 cars being judged to limit the number of people around cars and in the facility. We are planning to have another judging meet up in Cleveland in the fall. Currently we have 23 people signed up the spring event at CN motors in Marysville.

Our virtual sessions led by Mike Treece and Nick Petruzzi have been an overwhelming success. People from all over the country and even a few outside the US have complimented how well these sessions have been conducted and the information sharing. Mike and Nick conducted 4 virtual sessions in the 1st quarter. Three of them were open nationally and one ses-



sion of judging basics was held for HoO members only. On the national sessions, we had over 100 attendees per session!

Mike Treece has been working on some fun upcoming events with a balance of being safe and still getting outdoors. Bud's Cruise In in St. Mary's always brings in 400+ corvettes. This event is on the calendar for May. We are planning to use the larger events to recruit new members and let people know about the NCRS. Also, we are looking at a road tour and having a picnic this year.

We had 2 new members join the club this year. Scott Simpson from Dublin, OH and Andrea Lampas, our first international member is from Germany. Welcome from the Heart of Ohio. Reach out to other corvette owners and invite them to a meeting or outing. A lot of people I speak to have no idea of the expertise within our club. Always check our website www.ncrs.org/

Board Reports

hoo for updates on the latest events. Especially in the current environment where events get moved or cancelled quickly.

Have a great spring and early summer. I look forward to seeing you at an event.

Wes

National Convention Update

NCRS Members, I thought perhaps a brief update on our Convention in Palm Springs this July might prompt some of you to get off the fence.

The NCRS Board is proceeding on the basis that the Convention will happen as planned. John Tidwell and I met with the Renaissance Hotel and Palm Springs Convention Center staff in mid-March to confirm some details and see how they are handling compliance with COVID-19 restrictions. We came away from those meetings feeling very positive about the Convention. The day after our meetings, the Palm Springs area moved into California's "red" tier, permitting limited indoor dining at restaurants once again, and as of today the area is poised to move into the "orange" tier. Barring a significant reversal in the COVID-19 trends here in California, we expect continued progress into even less restrictive tiers by July.

If you have taken a "wait and see" attitude we certainly understand, but you risk nothing out of pocket by making your hotel reservation, and if you register for the Convention and then decide not to attend, your monies will be refunded promptly.

The Convention is going to happen and I am looking forward seeing many of you in Palm Springs.

Mike Ingram

Financials - Pete Hagan

As of March 31, 2021

Beginning Cash Balance 1/01/2021	
Fifth-Third Bank	\$7,024.77
Paypal Account	\$102.83
Total Cash Balance 1/01/2021	\$7,127.60

REVENUE:

Membership Dues	\$100.00
Chapter Meet Registration Fees	\$742.00
Donation Income	\$0.00
Newsletter Advertising	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$842.00

EXPENSES:

Operations & Planning	\$0.00
Judging Meet Expense	\$0.00
Charitable Contribution	\$0.00
Charity Car Show Expense	\$0.00
Paypal Service Fees	\$33.43
Total Expenses	\$33.43

Closing Cash Balance 3/31/2021	\$7,936.17
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Closing Cash Balance 3/31/2021	
Fifth-Third Bank	\$7,024.77
Less: Uncleared Checks	\$0.00
Paypal	\$911.40
Total	\$7,936.17

Board Reports

Upcoming Events - Terry Buchanan



Upcoming Events

Below are the upcoming events planned, so far, for the Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS 2021:

April 17 Chapter Mini Meet, Marysville, Ohio

April 24 Virtual Judging School Part 2 Glove Box contents

May 8 Bud's Corvette Cruise In, St. Marys, Ohio

June 25 Corvette Care in Columbus, Ohio

July 25 Road Tour-Central Ohio

August 15 Chapter Picnic Mt Gilead State Park

September 12 Corvette Gathering, Lancaster, Ohio

October 16 Michael Capozzio's Shop, Chardon, Ohio

November 13 Membership Meeting, Richard Crary's, Bucyrus, Ohio

December 11 Chapter Holiday Party, Der Dutchman, Bellville, Ohio

Thanks,

Terry

Virtual Board Meeting March 25, 2021

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chairman Wes Wells. Members present were Wes Wells, Dino Lanno, Pete Hagan, Butch Price, Nick Petruzzi, Tom Fetchik, Eric Sponseller and Terry Buchanan. Absent: Mike Treece.

1. **Membership Report:** Butch Price – the Chapter has 2 new members since our last report to bring the Chapter membership to 81 members. New members are: Scott Simpson and Andreas Lampe.

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2. **The Chapter Charity Event** will be held on Saturday, June 12, 2021 at Cars and Coffee at the Lennox, Columbus, Ohio. The Board wants to make a decision before May 1 on who will be the sponsored charity. If you have a suggestion please contact BuchananT@sbcglobal.net before April 25, 2021 with a charity and a summary background on the charity. The charity must be a 501©3 nonprofit.

3. **Financial Report:** Pete Hagan – With 23 people registered for the Chapter Meet the money collected is at \$712 and with 2 new members \$40 was also added to the treasury.

4. **Heart Award Report:** Terry Buchanan – 14 Chapter members attended the Virtual Judging School, Part 1, on Glove Box contents, 29 Chapter members have scored point with 2 members with the high score of 11 points.

5. **Tentative Schedule of 2021 Chapter Events:** Mike Treece by Wes Wells

- a. April 17 Chapter Mini Meet, Marysville, Ohio
- b. April 24 Virtual Judging School Part 2 Glove Box contents
- c. May 8 Bud's Corvette Cruise In, St. Marys, Ohio
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- e. July 25 Road Tour-Central Ohio
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6. **Chapter Mini Meet Report:** Nick Petruzzi – There are 3 cars currently registered for Flight Judging. We can accept 1 additional Corvette for either Flight or Concourse judging. **Deadline for Corvette entry and judges registration is April 3, 2021.** We currently have 23 judges and 3 tabulators. The Board will meet virtually on April 12, 2021, 7:30 pm to finalize plans for the meet and go over the duty list.

7. **Newsletter Report:** Eric Sponseller- All 2nd quarter tech articles and Chapter reports need to be to Eric at dsponz@hotmail.com by April 5, 2021.

The virtual meeting ended at 8:34pm

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Buchanan

Secretary, Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS

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Exhaust Manifold Coating By Tom Fetchik 26770

I finally got tired of NCRS judges giving me point deductions for the condition of the exhaust manifolds on my 67 Coupe. Usually, -2 on aging and -1 on finish. In addition aging -1 on rust on the French locks. Good Grief! Doesn't sound like much you say, BUT if you're trying to get to 98% and above for a Duntov EVERYTHING counts.

I researched many different options and coatings, paying particular attention to the judging criteria.

I decided on a two part process.



First (as a base coat) and I choose Bill Hirsch engine enamel, the highest quality engine enamel available on the market today with extremely high solid content.

Most show winning cars today use Bill Hirsch Engine Enamel. It is available as

a high gloss, high temp paint that can be brushed or sprayed, making it easy to use.

The paint is heat-resistant up to 700°F and comes in a range of colors. Even though the enamel is rated for 700 degrees, I like the product and used it as a base coat

Hanging on the clothes line getting coated



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In the oven ready to bake at 400....My wife was VERY UNHAPPY when she saw this.



I sprayed each manifold with “Cast Blast” to replicate the finish on new manifolds. I did not bake these as when I installed them I ran the motor for about 15 minutes to “bake” the finish

After more than 8 years with my driving to every chapter, Regional and National event, still looking good. And now I "usually" only get a one point deduction for NTF.



Corvette Knowledge Quiz Answers

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John Marsico, Rocky Mountain Chapter Judging

I trust this message finds all your NCRS chapter's members and families well.

I know these past few months have been a trying time. I keep reminding myself of what George Harrison reminded us of in 1970 when he sang "All Things Must Pass." I am certain that will be the case with this current pandemic.

Even though we have not been able to physically meet, I think it is important to keep our Corvette knowledge sharp. Therefore, my contribution will be the following Corvette quiz. Don't cheat and look for the page with the answers.

I want to acknowledge Paul Schwack, Florida Judging Chairman, David Houlihan, Vice Chairman, Midway Chapter and Tim Gilmore, Judging Chairman, Texas Chapter who supplied several quiz questions.

Tom Dingman's comment: This is printed here with the author's blessing. Write down your answers, then look at the ANSWERS section on the last page.

Tom Dingman's second comment: My addition to this is one more quiz question at the bottom.

1. How Many 'teeth' did the first production Corvette have?
2. What year Corvette featured a rubber front bumper and a chrome rear bumper?
3. In what year Corvette were glass T-tops first offered as an option?
4. What does CDCIF stand for in the NCRS judging system?
5. A member just purchased a Bowtie Award car. Can he/she enter it again for Bowtie judging so the award can be in the new owner's name?
6. What is the correct spelling for the newest NCRS Judging Division?
7. Name the two NCRS Preservation Awards.
8. Name the three NCRS Mark of Excellence Awards.

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9. Name all five areas evaluated during NCRS Flight Judging. Hint: The NCRS “TIM& Judging Guides” include these five sections.
10. A car is undergoing Operations Flight Judging. It fails to start. The owner secures a separate self-contained power source and with it the car starts on its own. As a result, the car will not receive an ease of start deduction. True or False?
11. What NCRS award must a car achieve before it is presented for Crossed Flags Judging?
12. Name the 1964 Rock & Roll song that described the Stingray’s “California body modification”.
13. What was this California body modification?
14. What is the minimum percentage a car must achieve to earn a Top Flight Award?
15. What is the name of the NCRS award that is a test of a car’s precise functionality?
16. The NCRS Bowtie and Crossed Flags awards are identical in pre-requisites. True or False?
17. The owner of a 1961 ermine white Corvette is repainting it jewel blue with white contrasting coves. This car can be entered in the Stock Concours division. True or False?
18. A Corvette undergoing Crossed Flags judging must earn what percentage of points in the 4 sections to earn the Crossed Flags Award?
19. To become an NCRS Master Judge how many judging points must an individual earn?
20. What year did seven men meet in a bar in Angola, IN to form the NCRS?

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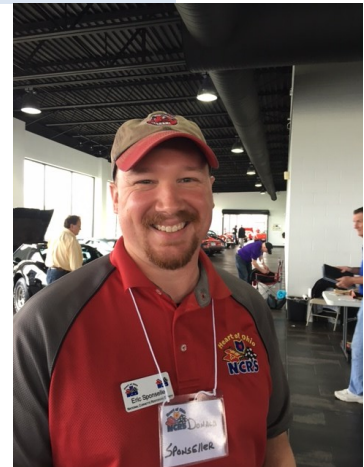
1. *Thirteen Teeth dropping to nine in 1958 and none in 1961*
2. *1973*
3. *1978*
4. *NO, a car is only original once so it can only be presented for Bowtie/Star judging one time.*
5. *Configuration – Date – Completeness- Installation and Finish*
6. *CONCOURS – Definition is an exhibition or contest, especially a parade of vintage or classic motor vehicles in which prizes may be awarded. (One incorrect spelling is CONCOURSE which is defined as a large open area inside or in front of a public building, as in an airport or train station.)*
7. *Bowtie/Star and Crossed Flags Award*
8. *Zora Arkus-Duntov – 1953 – 1974,
Dave McLellan 1975 – 1992 and Dave Hill 1993 – 1999*
9. *Operations, Interior, Exterior, Mechanical and Chassis.*
10. *False – The start assisted car will receive a 50% deduction for Ease of Start.*
11. *McLellan or Hill Mark of Excellence Award.*
12. *Dead Man's Curve*
13. *Six Taillights*
14. *94 Percent*
15. *Performance Verification Award or "PV Award"*
16. *False - the prerequisite for a Crossed Flags Award is a Mark of Excellence Award*
17. *True - In the Concours Stock Division a color change is OK, if the color was factory available during the car's model year of production.*
18. *90 Percent*
19. *100 Judging points*
20. *1974*

Letter from the Editor—Eric Sponseller

Thank you for reading this issue.

We hope that you will find that each newsletter is filled with educational information, helpful hints and tips, events, and news. We want this newsletter to be valuable for you so *please, please* share your feedback and suggestions to help us improve.

Tech articles can be sent to me via email at:
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