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Chairmans Message

June 2024

Greetings Heart of Ohio members, Hope this message finds you all well and out driving your beloved Corvettes. Summer started off with a bang up here in northwest Ohio with temperatures in the high 90s. Hopefully it was a bit cooler down in the central and southern part of the state. This spring we have had a busy schedule. In April, we had a very successful judging meet at C & N motorcars in Marysville. This is a beautiful venue to hold a judging meet.

May took us to St. Mary's Ohio for the ever popular Buds Chevrolet Corvette show. This month we were at Coffman Corvette in Mansfield Ohio where we were given a tour of their state of art production facilities. This company manufactures many different reproduction parts for many corvette parts supply companies. It was a great tour and their hospitality was out of this world! A special thanks goes out to second generation owner Clint Coffman and crew.

Looking ahead to July we have our annual road tour being organized by our Co-Chairman Karl Luketic. This will be a great trip so please plan on attending and exercising that Corvette! August brings us back to picnic time. Secretary



Terry Buchanan has located a beautiful state park to sit back and relax and enjoy some good food and good Corvette conversations! So until we meet again.....Save the Wave and get out there and enjoy summer!

Sincerely,
Mark Hearndon
Karl Luketic
Co-Chairman

Board Reports

Financials - Pete Hagan

As of May 31, 2024

Beginning Cash Balance 1/01/2024	
Fifth-Third Bank	\$7,052.88
Paypal Account	\$565.53
Total Cash Balance 1/01/2024	\$7,618.41

REVENUE:

Membership Dues	\$460.00
Judging Meet Registration Fees	\$1,030.00
Donation Income	\$15.00
Christmas Luncheon/Misc Income	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,505.00

EXPENSES:

Operations & Planning	\$781.76
Judging Meet Expense	\$596.50
Charitable Contribution	\$0.00
Charity Car Show Expense	\$0.00
PayPal Service Fees	\$22.91
Total Expenses	\$1,401.17

Closing Cash Balance 05/31/2024	\$7,722.24
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Closing Cash Balance 05/31/2024	
Fifth-Third Bank	\$6,845.13
Less: Uncleared Checks	\$0.00
PayPal	\$877.11
Total	\$7,722.24

Board Reports

Upcoming Events

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Below are the upcoming events planned for the Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS 2024:

July 20—Heart of Ohio Chapter Road Tour

August 4-8—NCRS National Convention

August 18—Picnic at John Bryan State Park

September 8—Charity Event at Corvette Gathering in Lancaster Ohio

October—Membership Meeting

November—Chapter Meeting

December 7—Holiday Party—Der Dutchman Restaurant Plan City

Visit The Events page of our Chapter website for up to date details.

<https://www.ncrs.org/hoo/events.html>

Letter from the Editor—Fred Richards

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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Spring Judging Meet—C&N Motors April 27

The weather was great for bringing out the cars. Donuts and coffee started the morning to get everyone going on judging the cars. Lunch was catered by Roosters. A judging presentation was made by Tom Dingman after lunch. After the tallying was completed the awards were presented. A special thanks to Kurt for keeping all of the cars and judges organized.



Spring Judging Meet—C&N Motors— Continued April 27



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Spring Judging Meet—Awards— Continued April 27



Michal Wilson—1958 Top Flight



Robert Blowers 1968 Top Flight



Rockwell Bonecutter—1972 Top Flight



David Strawser—1972 Top Flight

Spring Judging Meet—Awards— Continued April 27



Karl Luketic—1995 Concours Blue Ribbon



Benson Ross—1963 Concours Blue Ribbon



Karl Luketic—Blue Ribbon Concours

Bud's Corvette Cruise In May 11 2024

In typical Buds fashion the weather started out overcast, rainy and cold. By the time that Buds very large American flag was raised at 10 AM and the National Anthem was sung the weather turned sunny. Many Corvettes representing each generations C1 through C8 were on display.

Mike Treese Indiana chairman made arrangements to display a beautifully restored 1953 Corvette. It was quite a HIT and took home The People's Choice Award. Next year on Mother's Day weekend Buds will be having their 35th Annual Corvette Cruise In. It's a great opportunity to celebrate with Buds and show off your own Pride and Joy while hanging out with many other Corvette enthusiasts!

Mark Hearndon



Bud's Corvette Cruise In—Continued May 11 2024



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Coffman Corvette Tech Session — June 22 2024

We met at Coffman Corvette to start with some yummy donuts from a local bakery. The meeting ended with some cheesy pizza from a local place. Coffman Corvette provided unreal hospitality and informative session. The group was provided with some great information about services and product manufacture that we all could use on their Corvette work.



Coffman operates out of a historic building in the downtown area of Mansfield. The gray part of the building was a high end gold watch factory from the late 1800s until the 1920s. The building was then used as a textile mill until 2001. Rumor is that the mill teared out the floors and burned the wood to retrieve \$1 million of gold in the floors from the watch production.

Coffman makes convertible top frames in house. The frame is installed on a Corvette frame then the top is stretched on the car. It has to be perfect fit or they will throw out the top and put on a new one. They average 2 tops per frame to get it right.



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These are molds to press new air intakes. As these companies making these parts go out of business they take the molds and start to produce the parts.

These brake presses are from the 40s to 80s used to bend steel for parts. The one on the left is newer that allows to set-up multiple bends at a time to speed production and make higher quality products.



We were showed how they put webs inside their frames to elimination flex and squeaks. They also place tabs on specific locations for the more modern running gear.

Coffman Corvette Tech Session — Continued June 22 2024



This huge laser cutter cuts parts out at 1000 in/min. They bought it a year ago when they took over producing parts that Long Island Corvette used to produce. Coffman has become a small custom shop produce parts that other no longer want to produce.

This Bridgeport mill is from the 1930s and still does the fine hand work that is sometimes needed. They just don't make them like they used to.



What a great group that showed up to enjoy the tour and information for the day.

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