



## The Front End

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#### **Chairmans Message**

#### September 2024

Well, fall has officially arrived in Ohio with the cooler weather and color changes of the trees. I hope you all get those fleeting opportunities to drive your Corvettes. It is truly a beautiful time of year. Our chapter has had a fun filled, busy summer. In July many of you took the opportunity to drive your Corvettes on our annual road trip. We started the tour at Mershon's Corvettes in Springfield, Ohio. They have a beautiful collection of Corvettes and other muscle cars for sale. From there we went onto Young's Jersey dairy in Yellow Springs for a great lunch and ice cream dessert. After that, we took in some covered bridges to our final stop at Clifton Gorge in John Bryan State Park.

August found us back at John Brian State Park for our annual picnic. Great food and great Corvette conversation was had by all. (Terry is going to start a restoration project (LOL) on his beanbag toss boards for next year so we can continue the tournament.)

In early September, many of us traveled to Lancaster for their annual Corvette Gathering Corvette Show. This is our fundraiser event. The chapter raised over \$500 for this year's charity, which is Habitat for Humanity – Mid Ohio. They do great projects to help those less fortunate get into a deserving home. Dan Singer and his crew do an outstanding job putting on a premier Corvette show in Lancaster. It's first class and if you get a chance, please ex-

press your gratitude to Dan. So, as you can see, we have had a busy

year so far, but we still have a few months of activities to finish out 2024.

In October, (10/19) we are having our membership meeting at Perry Yasher's beautiful garage in Pataskala. Please plan on attending. They are great hosts and his wife works hard at feeding all you hungry Corvette drivers and she does a wonderful job.

On a final note, we have some positions that need to be filled for 2025. The positions of Chapter Chairman, Activities Chairman and Judging Chairman are in need of being filled. Karl and I assumed the Co-Chairman position for Heart of Ohio two years ago. As for myself, it is becoming more challenging to assist my wife as her MS progresses. It's time for me to spend more time with her and less time for my activities. As for Karl, I know being an eye surgeon he is busier than ever as all of us baby boomers need to tend to our challenges in aging eyes. So please consider stepping up to a leadership role in YOUR CHAPTER It's been a great ride and as Bob Hope always closed with "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES".

God Bless, Mark/Karl 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:

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

#### **Membership Report—Butch Price**

Heart of Ohio currently has 72 Members.

#### 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: Fred@98PaceCar.com



#### Road Trip—July 20 2024



The weather was perfect for a drive around the Springfield area. The start of the trip was at Mershon's World of Cars. There were LOTS of corvettes to ogle over. Beyond corvettes there where other cars like the unique Fisker hybrid.



We took off for a drive to the unique Youngs Dary Farm for lunch. Young's sells cheese made on site. Their Cheese Curds are a delightful chose for a side. They have a hamburger made with cheese curds and bacon for a flavor explosion for the taste buds.

#### **Road Trip Continued**



We left the farm for a drive through Yellow Springs to Hyde Road Covered Bridge. A beautiful drive across an old work bridge of craftsmanship.



Our final stop was to walk around Clifton Gorge. A beautiful setting in Greene County. After walking around the grounds everyone headed out on their own adventure. Thanks to Karl for the fun road trip.

#### **Road Trip Continued**

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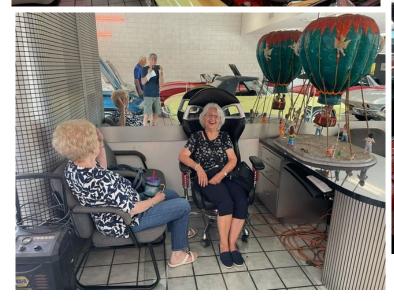














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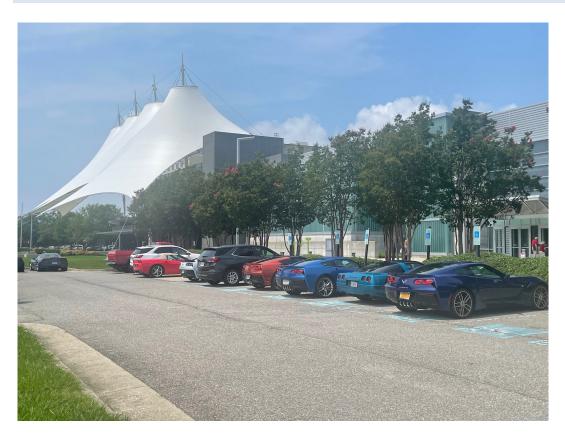


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#### Annual Picnic August 18 —John Bryan State Park



#### NCRS National Convention August 4-9 2024—Hampton, VA



This year's national convention was held at the Hampton Convention Center. The convention offered opportunities for education, judging and entertainment.



On Monday night Karl as our chapter co-President accepted the Chapter Top Flight award for Heart of Ohio. It is rumored that our chapter has achieved the most top flight awards.

#### **NCRS National Convention - Continued**



At the Monday night member meeting Karl received his 200 Level Master Judge award. Congratulations Karl! Since this was the first convention on the east coast there was an unordinary amount of awards presented.

#### **NCRS National Convention - Continued**



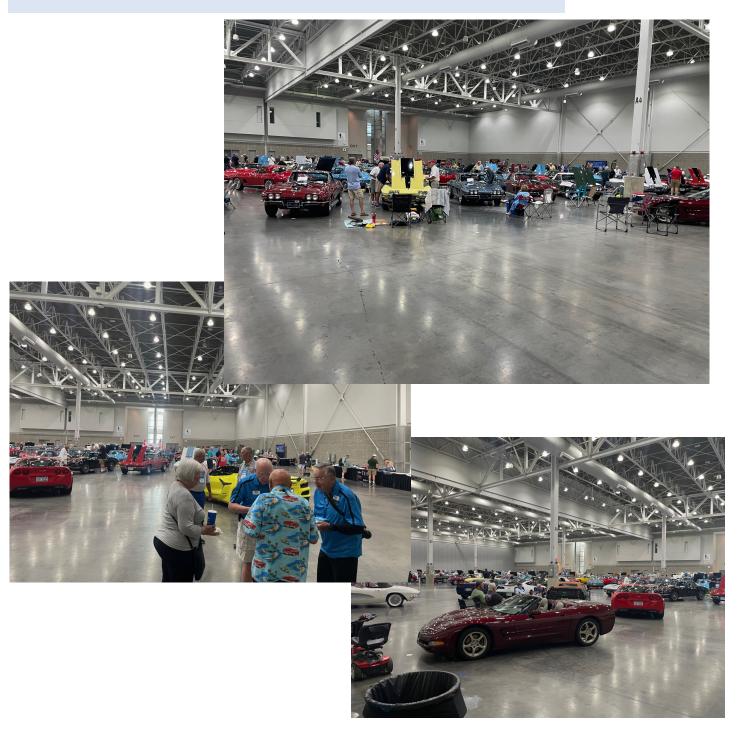
A class was presented on judging paint on C1, C2 and C3s. The class used the flow diagram to show the best way to determine the path to follow. It was the best class I have attended on paint judging.



An all day judging class was conducted. Here the class went over a C3 that was put up on a lift for detailed instructions.

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#### **NCRS National Convention - Continued**



The convention floor was covered with corvettes and judges active in judging a great group of cars.

#### **NCRS National Convention - Continued**



The convention offers many different tours. My wife and I enjoyed a cruise through the Naval Shipyard in Norfolk. Afterwards the trip included a tour of the WWII Wisconsin.

Although next year's convention is in Las Vegas the 2026 convention will be in Charleston SC. It is rumored that NCRS is working on plans for the very popular French Lick IN in 2027. If you every thought of attending you will never be closer than French Lick and it was a good experience.

# Corvette Gathering in Lancaster — September 8 2024

First and foremost thanks to Marc for all he did in settup and running our tent. It was a perfect day for the event with lots of sunshine but not too hot with over 500 cars. We had great representation from HoO at the event. It is a great local community that closes downtown for the event.





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# Corvette Gathering in Lancaster — Continued September 8 2024



# Replacing Hydraulic Fluid the Using the Ranger Method by: Skip Polowy



Moisture and air does get into your hydraulic reservoir and it is recommended that your hydraulic clutch fluid be replaced **every 2 years** to maintain proper clutch operation and smooth manual transmission shifting.

Using this method takes about 30-45 minutes and removes the contaminated dark dirty fluid from your hydraulic clutch reservoir.

#### Things you will need include:

New bottle "DOT 4" Brake fluid (about 16 oz.)

Syringe or turkey baster syphon

Clear waste container for old fluid (glass or plastic)

Supply of shop rags or any old rags and a flashlight

#### Steps to follow:

- 1. Stuff a few rags around the reservoir to protect your engine areas from drips
- 2. Remove and wipe clean the reservoir cap and rubber boot seal under the cap. Make sure to fold the soft rubber boot back into the cap before replacing onto the reservoir.
- 3. Look into the reservoir with a flashlight to see if you can see the bottom of the reservoir. Also look on the outside of the reservoir for the proper high level & low level marks.
- 4. Using a syringe or turkey baster, syphon or suck out the old fluid and discard into the clear waste container. Note the color and any particles that settle into the waste container.
- 5. Add the new DOT 4 brake fluid to the upper level mark and replace the cap. The reservoir only holds about 2 oz. of fluid.
- 6. Get into the car and pump the clutch pedal 30 times.
- 7. Remove the reservoir cap and using the syringe or turkey baster suck out the fluid and discard into the clear waste container. Note the color of the fluid as you remove it.
- 8. Add more new fluid to the high level mark, and replace the cap.
- 9. Pump the clutch pedal 30 more times.
- 10. Repeat this fluid removal, refill to high level mark and pump clutch pedal 30 times, until the fluid you suck out is clear.
- 11. It may take up to 5 cycles of fluid removal, replace it with new fluid and pumping the pedal 30 times.
- 12. When the fluid is clear in the reservoir and you can see the bottom with the flashlight you are done. You can clean up and dispose of the dirty old fluid the same as used motor oil.



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