

The Front End

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Chairman's Message

Hello Heart of Ohio

The fall season is my favorite time of the year as I love the warm sunny days followed by the cool crisp evenings! I hope all of you have enjoyed the past summer and had some memorable events with your family, friends and within the Corvette hobby! I know many of you probably have beautiful restored Corvettes or are in the process of restoring your dream machine but I encourage everyone to get out and enjoy them. In the spirit of sharing, I would like to ask each of you to send us a recent new picture of your Corvette with you in the picture if possible. It can be in your garage, at a car cruise, a car show or anywhere. Please send them to Fred Richards or Terry Buchanan to be shared on our website and in the newsletter. We all would love to see your pride and joy!



I recently returned from the 2025 NCRS National Convention in Las Vegas and want to report it was a terrific event again this year. There was 117 Corvettes on display in the ballroom to be judged for various National awards. The Southpoint Casino and Hotel is a beautiful location that looks like new but actually was opened in 2005. As planned, I met several new Corvette friends from all over the USA and had a great time, learned from many talented Team Leaders and fellow NCRS Judges.

My main objective to attend the Convention was to learn more about the NCRS declining Membership issues and have an opportunity to talk with the NCRS Officers and Board about their plans to grow the membership. My understanding is that total membership is still overall declining but some chapters are doing better than others. It appears the growth in Flight Judging is from the C5 & C6 corvettes. The Flight judging of C1-C4 cars appears somewhat stable but not growing. There was some discussion about members that only pay dues to get the magazines and are not active or involved in activities, judging or even Chapters. My opinion on these "Pay Only" members is that if dues continue to increase, they will drop out and NCRS will lose the revenue from their dues.

There was an announcement that the Concours Program will be going through a major overhaul with the intent *to attract new members* with late model Corvettes into NCRS. The new program is being named the **"Open Division"** – meaning NCRS is opening the door to all Corvettes being restored, preserved and recognized by NCRS for future generations. Effective as of October 2025, there will be cars up to C8 Corvettes invited and judged at the NCRS Texas Regional Judging meet. The classifications in the new **"Open Division"** were announced as having Stock & Modified classes but another class is being discussed to join in the Open Division. My suggestion to Officers Mike Igram and Tony Stein was to create a Custom/ Restomod class.

The Flight Judging Program remains as the foundation of NCRS with the Classic Blue Ribbons awarded to the Top Flight Cars. The new Open Division will not have any Ribbon awards and will change to award plaques of some kind for Top Class cars.

With these new changes, there likely will be more information in the coming months to answer questions from the Chapters and membership. But I am in favor of the Open Division Program, and it should provide the Heart of Ohio with some opportunities to grow our membership in Ohio.

In closing, I want to thank Mike Treece for organizing some excellent activities this past season, including the Covered Bridge Tour with Mike Cappozzio. The picnic venue was outstanding at the CJ Brown reservoir, and the Champaign Aviation Museum tour was very impressive! Thanks to all that helped at another successful Charity Fundraising event in Lancaster, Ohio.

Save the Wave....

Skip Polowy
Chairman

Board Reports

Financials - Pete Hagan

As of August 31, 2025

Beginning Cash Balance 1/01/2025	
Fifth-Third Bank	\$7,740.49
Paypal Account	\$837.67
Total Cash Balance 1/01/2025	\$8,578.16

REVENUE:

Membership Dues	\$440.00
Judging Meet Registration Fees	\$1,022.24
Donation Income	\$0.00
Christmas Dinner/Misc Income	\$0.00
Total Revenue	\$1,462.24

EXPENSES:

Operations & Planning	\$1,744.40
Judging Meet Expense	\$42.97
Charitable Contribution	\$0.00
Christmas Dinner Expense	\$0.00
PayPal Service Fees	\$20.23
Total Expenses	\$1,807.60

Closing Cash Balance 8/31/2025	\$8,232.80
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Closing Cash Balance 8/31/2025	
Fifth-Third Bank	\$8,095.18
Less: Uncleared Checks	\$0.00
PayPal	\$137.62
Total	\$8,232.80

Board Reports

Upcoming Events

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Below are the upcoming events planned for the Heart of Ohio Chapter NCRS 2025:

October 18—Annual Membership Meeting @ Perry Yasher's Garage

November 8—C&N Motors, Marysville, OH NCRS Website Tech Session

December 6—1 PM Holiday Party—Der Dutchman Restaurant Bellville Ohio

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

The Rolling Legends Tour

Part of the Arthritis car show is the Tour on Thursday. I went years ago, and made plans to attend this year. There was almost 50 vehicles that participated. It is also fun because most of the cars had someone else with them. Usually a wife or friend to help with the navigation.

The first stop was the largest private wooden boat collection in the world. It was very interesting.

We had lunch at the Tilted Hilton. They claim to have the best burger in Ohio and I agree!

The next stop was K1 Karting where we raced indoor electric carts. Several of the women participated.

In the evening was an after dark party at Valentino's in Bridge Park.

It was a lot of fun hearing stories of other's restoration experience.. I will put this on the schedule for next year and I hope that many of you can attend.



Covered Bridge Tour—July 10



We met at Capozzios Classic Corvette Restorations . The tour was led by Mike Capozzio in his 1960 beautifully restored car. At 10AM Mike Capozzio led us off to our first stop.



Mike drove his award winning 1960. At the first stop we met several cars from the Pittsburgh group. It was great to interact with them on the drive.

Covered Bridge Tour—July 10 Continued



At the end of the tour Mike and his wife served us a great lunch..



One of the stops was a yummy Amish candy shop where everyone seemed to enjoy some chocolate treats.

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Covered Bridge Tour—July 10 Continued



Heart of Ohio Picnic August 10

A good time was had by all. The frozen hamburgers where a challenge!



Champaign Aviation Museum— September 20



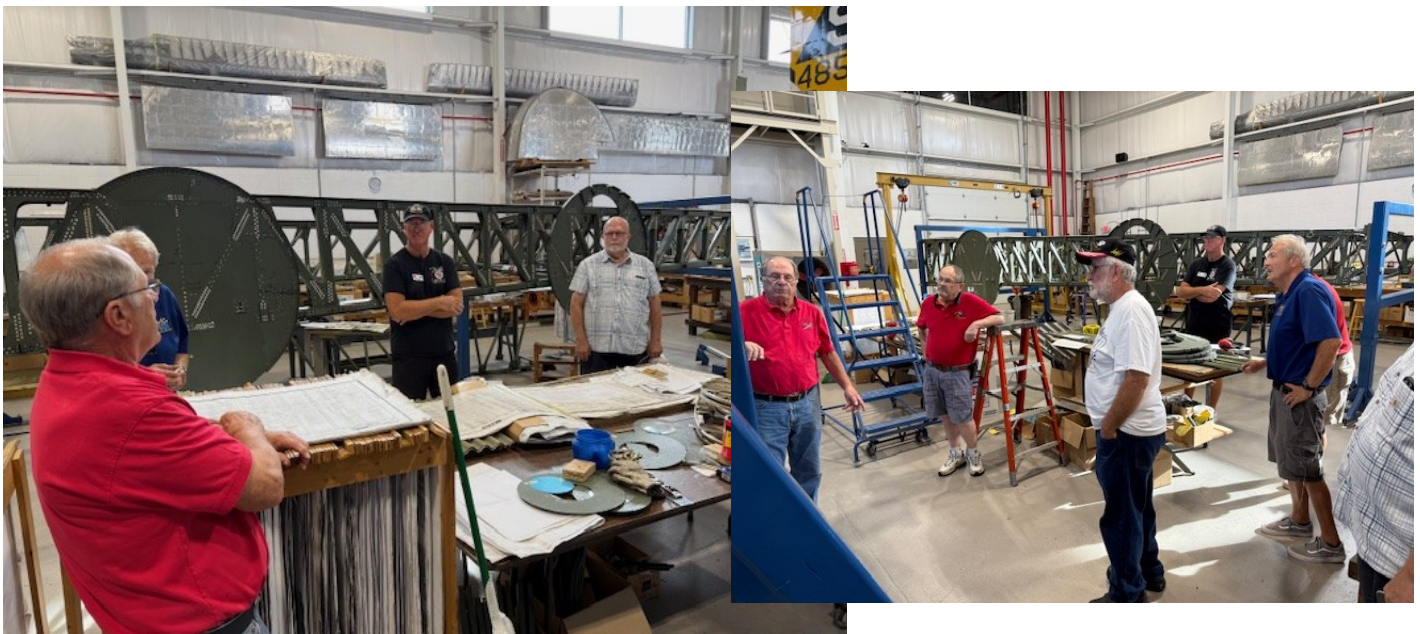
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If you missed this trip, you missed a good one. It was a beautiful day for a drive to through the country to Urbana. Jack Bear lead us through the museum telling us stories about aviation in WWII. 70 years ago things were so different. Jack told us about them rebuilding a B-17 bomber that is actually going to be 85% new. During WWII in Detroit they made a bomber every 63 minutes. But I found the most interesting fact about the build was that they employed over 4,000 midgets to crawl into the small places in the wing to fit the underside of the skin.

We so focus on the sacrifices the service men made that we forget about the sacrifices made by civilians to support our service men during those inhumane times. The museum has a section dedicated to the Women Airforce Service Pilots that has standing posters of the women in the area that served. Jack told stories how these courageous women served while being persecuted by the men in charge.

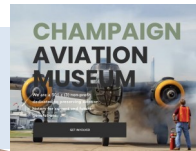
After the tour we went to the Airport Café next door. Butch told us that they call the homemade pies the \$100 pie. The pie is so good small planes fly in just for the pie. The gas and pie are over \$100.

Please watch the schedule and put these events on your schedule. The events are sure to enrich your life while getting out and practicing the wave!

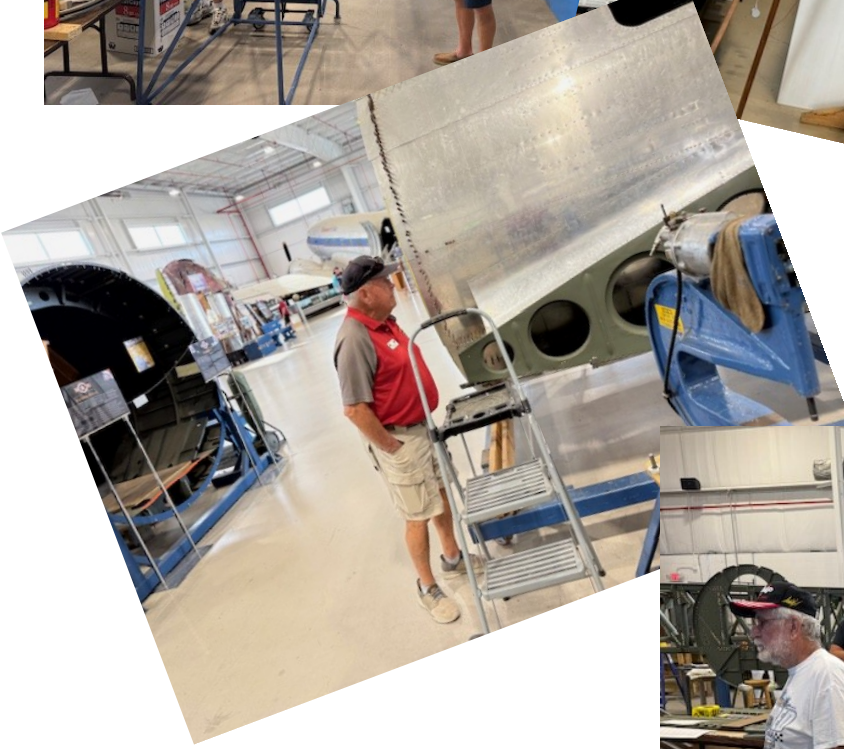


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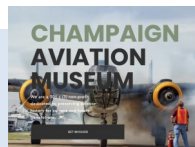


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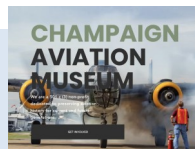


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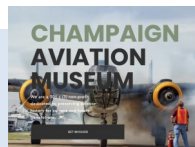


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