

Chairman's Comments

by Neal Kennedy

More than a dozen members of the NCRS Oklahoma Chapter were in Denver last week. And did they ever do us proud at the National Convention!

Lee Stigall and JD smoked 'em with his '65 roadster. He passed the always-tough PV (Performance Verification) phase in that thin Colorado air. Pretty good carb tuning, I'd say, with the mile-high oxygen situation. He knocked it out early on Monday morning. Way to go, Lee! A reliable source (JD) reports he slept well that night.

Mike Phillips hasta be pleased with his Crossed Flags Award for his Red '84 Corvette. Another step closer to the McLellan. Nancy was there to help Mike maintain a safe blood pressure. No truth to the rumor she had fresh baked cookies for the judges.

Dale Scott got one star on his Bowtie quest. I'm certainly glad Dale is the caretaker of that real treasure of a collector car. Lynnette provided the support needed to get the fantastic '53 ready for showing. I'll be interested to hear what the judges had to say about the car.

Joel Miller again got rave reviews for "The Pooch." Wudjabelieve a special Certificate of Recognition for his American Heritage '58 Corvette drag racer? Joel's documentation of the car's winning history is incredible. Don Partridge was along to help get into the trunk, if necessary. He also handed out ear plugs just before Joel drove that ol' dog into the building.

Our Wichita members, Dallas and Kerri Keller, acheived the Duntov award with their Laguna Grey '70 convertible. David Houlihan received his 300 point Judging hat and with his wife, Jo, also received the Sportsman Award with their 2014 Corvette.

BWTM! (But wait, there's more) How 'bout a Duntov Award for Steve and Denise Williamson's blue, 1969 air car outa Russellville? Congratulations, Steve, and all the club members who did such a super job of representing us at the 2015 NCRS National Convention.

Roy and Cheri Sinor were there, along with Oklahoma Chapter members from Wichita, Dallas Keller and David Houlihan.

That's just the teaser on the Convention stories. Look for several accounts of the action in Denver in future newsletter issues. These are only the headlines. *Sidepipe* deadline constraints really put the squeeze on getting much prepared for this month's edition. Some pictures might make it in this time, but be sure to catch the juicy details later. Like, smoking techniques learned in "The Grass Grows Greener in Colorado" seminars held in the hotel parking lot.

There were many activities away from the cars on display. The Molly Brown House, Clive Custer Car Museum, tours of Pike's Peak, the Wild Animal Sanctuary, a Colorado Rockies baseball game, and more.... whew! I look forward to hearing the firsthand accounts of the goings-on at Convention '15.

Hopefully the guys will have recovered in time to fill us in at our Saturday breakfast. Don't miss it!

August Breakfast Meeting

Our monthly breakfast will take place on Saturday, August 1. The location is Ollie's Station Restaurant in the Redfork area of West Tulsa. The address is 4070 Southwest Blvd. The phone number is (918)446-0524, in case you need it.

You can choose the buffet or you can order from the menu. The time to be there is 8:30 a.m., but people always start arriving by 8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Attitude Adjustment Night

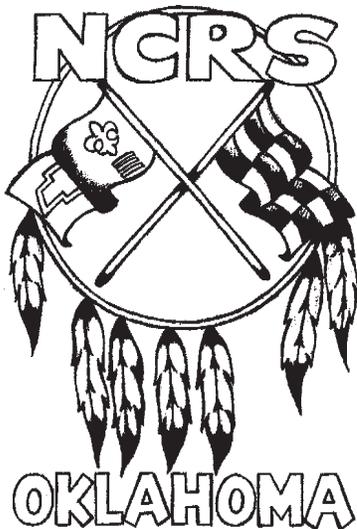
The gathering place for our August Attitude Adjustment Night on Tuesday evening, August 18, will be Bravo's Mexican Grill at 4532 East 51st St. We will continue to meet at Bravo's for the next few months.

The time people start to arrive is 5:30 p.m. Most are there before 6:00 p.m.

Joplin Finances

by Scott Pfoehler

The 2015 Joplin Regional NCRS Meet that we participated in has returned to us money for our bank account. Each of three chapters involved provided seed money in the amount of \$500 each. That has been returned to us along with \$1606.39 which was our third of the profit sharing. You guys did good.



The Coffee Bunker

a place for veterans to connect

It was a pleasure and an honor to speak to the National Corvette Restorers Society - Oklahoma Chapter. Great bunch of people and lots of veterans and many others who recognize the need and value to support our vets.

The Coffee Bunker is located at the Northwest corner of 41st and Sheridan (next to a pawn shop and Gold buyers and nears Sam's). It is open every day but Sunday and is open All Holidays — a day vets without a family need a place to spend their time.

Here is the website <http://www.coffeebunker.org/> and it has lots more info and pictures. It is not a fancy place, but it is a safe place from the perspective of vets. Everything is free inside the building, such as:

- Fresh Coffee (donated from Double Shot) & food
- Water & popcorn and some times cold soda
- Friendship
- Computers and printers
- Large TV and comfortable seating
- 4 TV Monitors to play games
- Pool table and darts
- Clothing for vets
- People to help out vets on jobs, lodging, counseling, and VA Benefits

Everything is designed to take pressure off the vets — male and female. Lots of special activities are held there too. Visitors are welcome and donations (financial, in kind or whatever people want to provide).

The coffee Bunker is a 501C3 organization and we would welcome any help your group can provide.

Veteran's Treatment Court

Also if anyone is interested in becoming a Mentor to a veteran involved in the Veteran's Treatment Court, please contact me at luitwieler@aol.com. We need at least 20 more veterans to become mentors to help other vets who have run afoul of the legal system. It takes about 10 hours/month and is very gratifying — speaking from experience.

Thanks again for letting me share my **enthusiasm with your group.**

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Recollections From The 2015 NCRS National Convention

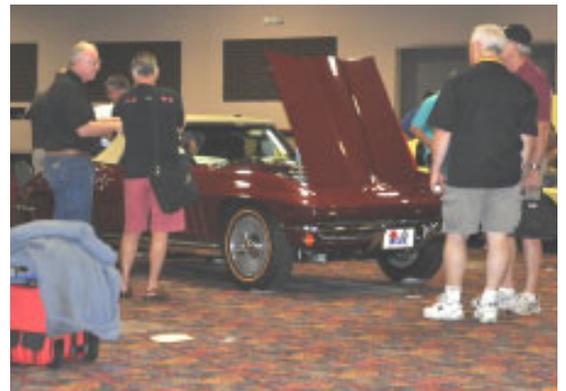
by Lee Stigall

The 2015 NCRS National Convention is in the record books. The event was held at the Denver International Airport Crowne Plaza hotel. Easy off and easy back onto I-70 and not too much traffic to contend with. Very nice when you are pulling a car hauler. The judging venue was held inside the Crowne Plaza Convention Center. Air conditioned and carpeted no less. Word is that there were up to 100 Corvettes in attendance with 15 entered in the "Year of the '65" display and at least three in the American Heritage display.

The Oklahoma Chapter was well represented with local members Roy and Cheri Sinor, Dale and Lynette Scott with their 1953 Bowtie Corvette, Joel Miller and Don Partridge with the "Pooch" in the American Heritage display. The picture of the "Pooch" shows the original pit crew from 1964-66, Stan and Keith Hitner. Mike and Nancy Phillips were there with their 1984 Crossed Flags Corvette; which they did achieve, Lee and JD Stigall with their 1965 in the "Year of the '65" display and Performance Verification Corvette convertible; which did pass. The Oklahoma Chapter managed to bring home a number of awards.

Out-of-state Oklahoma Chapter members that were seen included Dallas Keller and David Houlihan from Wichita, KS, and Steve Williamson from Russelville, AR, with his 1969 Duntov candidate, which he did achieve.

As you would expect at a National Convention, all of the cars were of high quality. As I recall, there was one 2nd Flight award and the owner was from the Denver area. All the rest received a Duntov Mark of Excellence Award, McClellan Mark of Excellence Award, Hill Mark of Excellence Award, Bowtie Award, Crossed Flags Award, Top Flight Award, Performance Verification Award or were display cars in the Year of the '65 or American Heritage category.



Denver Nationals

by Don Partridge

Thanks to Joel Miller's passion (and generosity), I have just returned from my third straight NCRS National Meet. This was a no-pressure event for us. We wanted to take the Pooch back home to its birthplace. Thanks to some local fans who remembered the car, we got to go to the very spot in the town where this piece of history took its first breath. Even though the builder of this car passed late last year, we gleaned new stories from members of his original pit crew.

Great cars (and there were many of those) are not the only reason for attending a national event. These locations are bid on years in advance, and many people are involved in trying to make your stay memorable. We went on tours to Pike's Peak, Clive Cussler Car Museum, Red Rocks Ampitheater, Georgetown, and several other spots that were reserved by our hosts.

Our chapter was well represented with cars: Dallas and Kerri Keller, Mike and Nancy Phillips, Lee and J. D. Stigall, Dale and Lynnette Scott, Steve and Denise Williamson, and Joel Miller and I, all bringing home some kind of award or recognition.

San Antonio in 2017 is the next closest national. The closest regional is this fall in Frisco, TX. These events can be stressful if you own or work on a car, but the stories and people you meet are memorable. My hat goes off to the Rocky Mountain Chapter for their hard work! (LET'S NOT DO ONE!!!)



Regression Theory

by Kelly Bolton

It seems when all young children receive presents they typically focus on the box the present came in rather than the present, and almost always gravitate to play with the boxes. I first notice myself exhibiting a similar trait when I recently acquired a very special 1973 Coupe from let's call him Bob. When Bob's wife, let's call her Bonney, recorded the mileage for the bill of sale, Bob asked what is the mileage, and Bonney said 27,800 miles. Bob said that's pretty low for a car that old and Bonney said "Well, you should have driven it more!"



The '73 Corvette was first discovered by Bob while reading Corvette News OCT/NOV 1972. Bob was drawn in

by the picture of the Yellow Coupe as the article introduced the newly remodeled 1973



Corvette. Changes

included a newly styled hood for the new carburetor-air induction system, impact resistant nose that can withstand a 5 MPH bump without visible damage, radial tires replaced nylon wide ovals, new cushion body mounting system, quieter passenger compartment and suspension refinements for improved ride, etc.

After reading the article Bob ordered a Yellow Coupe with the Option YJ8 Cast Aluminum Wheels, (4 for \$175.00, note: 800 sets were said to have been manufactured but only four sets are reported to have been installed at St. Louis on 1973 Corvettes, porosity issues). After waiting 6 months as the Cast Aluminum

Wheels never became available, Bob revised the order to Rally Wheels and shortly thereafter took delivery of his new 1973 Yellow Corvette Coupe.

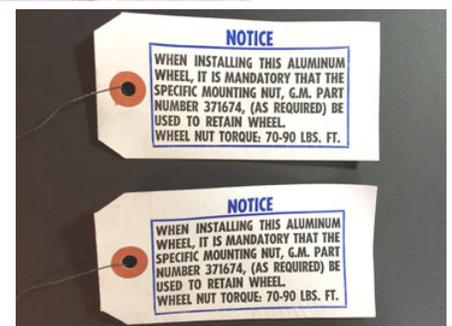


Back to the Boxes. Prior to taking possession of the car, I gathered additional items for the car including the original 15 x 8 Rally Wheels from Bob's attic that were in American Racing Wheel boxes. I then gathered a set of American Racing Wheels that were in GM boxes and the car had GM Cast Aluminum Wheels installed. The car was delivered with Rally Wheels and since the YJ8 Factory Cast Aluminum Wheels were not available, the Rally's were soon replaced with American Racing Vector Wheels. The Rally Wheels were

found in American Racing Vector Boxes in Bob's attic, and on those boxes is some interesting information.



For example, to express ship the American Racing Vectors from California to Grand Prix Speed Shop in Tulsa, the carrier was Continental



Trailways! What! No FedEx, UPS? So you had to go to the Bus Station to pick-up your packages?

Next set of boxes were the GM boxes that the GM Cast Aluminum Wheels originally came in. These wheels were in such high demand that if you ordered a set when they first came out in 1976, you had to provide a VIN number under



the guise that they were for a theft replacement. Moral of that story is it's always good to know a reliable and somewhat devious GM Parts Man, (let's call him Don). In these 8.0" boxes were the 8.5" Vectors, and upon retrieval, the boxes had a few split seams. The outside of the GM Boxes were labeled V.I.P. and I thought "Wow, Don must have some clout with GM!". Not in this instance, V.I.P. stood for – Very Important Part and the carrier was Trans World Airlines! Again, No FedEx, UPS? So you had to go to the Airport to pick-up your packages? Couldn't you just order them on Amazon and have them shipped on Prime? Additionally, included in the box was the original GM notice about using specific mounting nuts and Torque 70-90 LBS. FT.

These wheels were on the car when I drove it home and the tires were
VCU5 W77436,
VC - Firestone, Albany, GA, U5 - GR70-15, W77
Type of Tire Construction, Aramid Police Pursuit
Tires good to 125 MPH, 43-week of Year, and 6-Year.

Did I just drive home on 39 year old tires! Well, that will be another story.

So now which wheels to put on the car? I don't know, I haven't finished playing with the boxes. Hopefully, you will soon know as I drive the car to a breakfast meeting in the near future.

Name That Car

Test your knowledge of vintage automobiles.

Fully restoring this rare auto was a labor of love.

Stan Sharkey loves antique cars. The 86-year-old resident of Bismarck, North

Dakota, says he's owned at least 15 Model T Fords over the years. He got the first when he was just 12.



"Someone told me that if I could get it started, I could have it, even though I wasn't even old enough to drive," he says with a chuckle.

So when Stan saw this rare beauty, owned by his doctor, he made an offer to buy it. He eventually did acquire the car for \$2,000 in 1989 - - 12 years after he made that first offer.



Stan pursued this car for 12 years, finally buying it in 1989.

"My doctor was going to restore it but never got around to it," Stan says. "I was very persistent. I'd ask him every six months or so if he was interested in selling it. I wanted it very badly, because it's such an unusual car. One day I went in for a checkup and he

asked if I was still interested. You bet I was!"

The auto was in bad shape. Stan did some serious research for about six years before even attempting a complete frame-off restoration. The project took about a year to finish. In the end, he says, he spent about \$8,000, not to mention all those nights and weekends, to return the car to its original splendor.

"It's a very authentic restoration," says Stan, adding that he has won awards at car shows for his restored Model T's. "It looks like it just came out of the factory."

"I've searched around (state car registration lists) and found only one other car like it in the country, in San Francisco," he adds.

CLUES YOU CAN USE

- This model features a pressurized gasoline supply system, with a pump and an air-pressure gauge located on the dashboard.
- It's powered by a four-cylinder, 35-horsepower L-head engine.
- The body is made of steel, which was quite innovative at the time.
- Two brothers founded the company that produced Stan's car: they started out as auto-parts machinists for other car manufacturers, including Henry Ford.
- This car was among several models produced during the company's first year as a carmaker.

Note - The answer is on the last page of this *Sidepipe*.

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To the High Bidder

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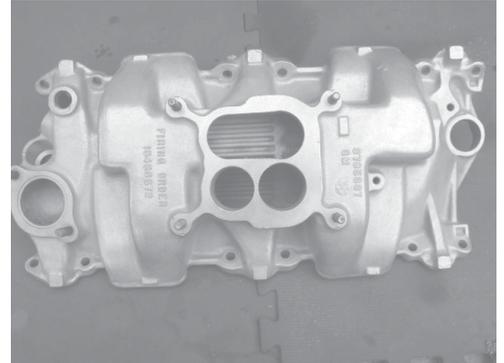
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Donated for auction by

Rex Bowers after owning it for 30 years or so.

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Thanks for
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to the high
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Scott

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Corvette Classified

For Sale: 04 Corvette convertible, spiral gray-black/black, 23K miles, 6-speed, all options, pretty clean car, \$26,500 or interesting C3 trades.

Mike Martin 918-606-0568, mikmart@cox.net

Upcoming Events

- Aug 1 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK
Aug 18 Attitude Adjustment Night - Bravos Mexican Grill - 4532 East 51st St. - Tulsa, OK
Aug 28-30 Corvette Carlisle - Carlisle, Pennsylvania
Sept 5 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK
Sept 10-12 Wisconsin NCRS Regional - Oconomoc, Wisconsin (info in the current issue of *Driveline*)
Sept 19 Oklahoma Chapter Ice Cream Social/Picnic at the home of Mike & Nancy Aichele
Oct 22-23 Texas Lone Star NCRS Regional - Frisco (Dallas), Texas (info in the current issue of *Driveline*)

Answer for "Name that Car" - 1915 Dodge

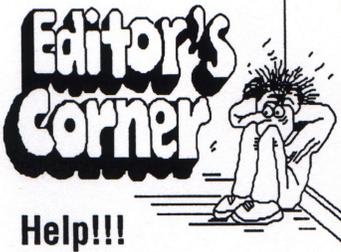


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