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Chairman's Comments

by Bud Jessee

Where did I come from and how did I get here?

I grew up on a farm in southeast Kansas, one of five kids, working and driving a tractor at age 8. Driving (let alone owning) a Corvette was a pipe dream. Of course, one of my favorite shows when I was younger, other than the Andy Griffith show, was Route 66 -- nothing but the open road driving a Corvette.

My first ride in a Corvette was in 1970, when I was a junior in high school. One of my classmates, Gary Barnes, parents had bought him a 1969 427/435 HP Coupe. I got to ride in that car once, and I still remember it to this day! Yes, Columbus, Kansas is a small town. So that ride consisted of dragging Main Street from Turner Dairy Belle to the turn around on the town square. Round trip was only one mile. Gary never got the Vette out of second gear during that five minute ride. That being said, Gary didn't have that car very long. While doing spin outs down the highway, he rolled his car several times. They picked up the pieces on a flatbed trailer and hauled it straight to the salvage yard. He did replace it with a '66 Coupe. After his driving habits in his first Corvette, I never rode in that one for safety reasons.

I always wanted a blue '71 Coupe with electric windows. Ahh, another pipe dream. During Christmas of 1972, I met up with some of my high school buddies at the local pub in Columbus, while I was home from college. As soon as got there, my best friend, Skip, said, "come here, want to show you something." He then took me out the back door to the alley, and there was this beautiful blue Corvette Coupe with electric windows. My dream car! He had just bought it, and he remembered our

conversation back in the day about this being my dream car. Well, it still is.

Fast forward a good 12 years to 1984. I had my insurance agency in Joplin and American National asked me to start an agency from scratch in Tulsa. I owned my office building and needed to sell it before I made the move to Tulsa. A local Shelter Insurance agent wanted to buy my building, but said he needed to sell his 1980 beige Corvette Coupe for the down payment. Ding! A light bulb goes off in my head. So, I asked him how much he wanted for it, and BOOM, my first Corvette was the down payment on the sale of my office. While starting a new business in a new city with my wife and our 18 month old daughter, that Corvette did not stay in my garage long. One thing I did not think through was where on earth I would put a child's car seat. There wasn't any place for it! But of course, I tried to strap one in the back, and as you can imaginethat didn't work. Practicality stepped in, and away went my beautiful 1980's Corvette.

In 2012, I bought a '66 Roadster not knowing anything about what I was doing. Ed Bedora invited me to an NCRS meeting, and I could immediately feel the camaraderie and the knowledge that this group had to share about Corvettes. I quickly joined, and I am humbled by the expertise there is in this group. With all the knowledge and know how in this group, I just needed to learn how to ask for help.

I want to conclude with my hopes that everyone realizes the unique group and club we have here. The presidents that have served here since I have been a member, Neal Kennedy & Kelly Bolton, have done a tremendous job. Now here I am, once a pipe dream of owning a Corvette, to the president of the Oklahoma NCRS chapter. With every member's help and participation, I hope to continue the standards and achievements of our past presidential leadership.

January Breakfast Meeting

Our monthly breakfast will take place on Saturday, January 5, 2019. 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 January Attitude Adjustment Night on Tuesday evening, January 15, 2018, 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 5:00 p.m.

Officer's Meeting

Looking ahead into 2019 for the Oklahoma Chapter, we are opening the calendar for planning and discussing future events. Your club officers will be meeting soon to discuss ways to solicit your ideas for planned event dates, such as judging events, associated car events, social events, road tours, garage tours and any other related events. Additionally, we need to maintain and promote our chapter and discuss plans for our web site, charitable gift giving, writing and sharing articles about our cars and experiences in our newsletter.

Information from this meeting will in the next *Sidepipe* or sent out in a broadcast email.

Updated Chapter Guidelines & Operations Manual

We received a pdf copy of the Updated Chapter Guidelines & Operations Manual from Dave Ewan. Since I can't direct you to a link that all members can see, a mass chapter email will be sent out so you can print it out or read it on line.

Any questions? Bring it up at the meeting,

Oklahoma Chapter Christmas Party

by Phil Gray

On December 14, 2018, 35 members and wives gathered at the lovely home of Mike and Nancy Phillips to celebrate the Christmas Season and Jesus's Birthday. The initial scheduled date for this gathering was delayed six days as the weathermen predicted ice and snow for the original date.

If you have not attended a party at the Phillips's home, you have missed a real treat. Mike designed their home to sit above a very large enclosed area housing Mike's various collections of cars, trains, boats and models of every kind of the aforementioned items. Suspended from the ceiling are several railroads of "O" and "G" Scale. A "G" Scale old time trolley was circling the ceiling playing Christmas Tunes most of the evening. Down below were displayed 6 selections of Mike's cars. A 1984 Corvette, and Race prepared MG's. This is a Man Cave that all men dream of.

Adequate provisions have been included allowing this area to serve as a fun party venue. Nancy, Mike's wife, supervised the serving area insuring that all guests were supplied with refreshments, plates, silverware and seeing that everyone sampled the full selection of food and desserts. The Oklahoma Chapter of NCRS provided the Barbeque Beef, Chicken, Bratwurst, and Bologna. Members provided an eclectic selection of side dishes plus an extensive Dessert Bar. Outgoing President Kelly Bolton opened the festivities with his traditional joke and Janice Partridge offered an appropriate prayer.

After cleaning our plates, the games began. First was the Dirty Santa Gift

Exchange. Popular items Snatched from their original receivers included a Popcorn Popper and Model Corvettes. Next was a game called Right – Center – Left. Three tables with at least 8 players were challenged to stay in the game to be the final survivor. It was fun to participate and fun to watch the excitement.

Everyone brought gifts to be used for the Toys-For-Tots program providing an outreach for the fun and fellowship provided by the gathering. A big thanks goes out to Mike and Nancy Phillips for opening their home for our gathering and to Jim Elder for delivering the Bar-B-Q.



More Photos from the Christmas Party on next page.
Photo credits to Phil Gray & Bob Clark

Janet Jese, Jill Young and Bonney Clark were the "Big" winners at our Party Games.



The Corvette Adventure -Part 24

By: Pat Cavanagh

In mid-December, my wife and I drove to Olathe, Kansas, so she could celebrate her birthday with her twin brother. My brother-in-law shares my interest in vintage automobiles, and he suggested we spend an afternoon at their local car museum. The "Kansas City Automotive Museum" is centrally located in downtown Olathe.

This museum is approximately 12,000 square feet and houses about 30 cars which are regularly rotated. Many of the cars are on loan from local enthusiasts including several C1, C2, C3 and C4 Corvettes. The featured car in December was Cadillac. Several 1940's though 1970's Cadillacs were on display including the 1940's era black Cadillac sedan used in the "Godfather." It still had the .45 caliber bullet holes from Sonny's assassination at the tollbooth.



The museum has a number of cars, motorcycles, antique toys and storyboards that highlight the automotive history of Kansas City, which is significant. Remember Henry Ford's first plant outside of Detroit was in Kansas City. They also host a twice monthly "Cars and Coffee" at the museum.





The “Manta Ray” was built in 1952 by two aerospace engineers in Whittier California on a Studebaker chassis. The “Manta Ray” was featured in several magazines including Motor Trend, Popular Science and Rod & Custom back in the early 1950’s.



After its appearance on “Chasing Classic Cars”, it was “also” displayed at the 2016 Amelia Island, Concours d’Elegance

If you find yourself in Kansas City, I recommend you find a few hours to visit this museum.

Back in the Workshop

As many of you are aware, I am preparing my ’64 Corvette for judging this spring. I am using the latest ’63-’64 TIM&JG and the Judging Reference Manual as my guides on the journey. I have printed out the judging sheets from the NCRS Website, and I am doing my best to evaluate and score my ’64.....with guidance from many of you.

We visited at an off peak-time were given a personal tour by Jim Clock, a very knowledgeable volunteer and car enthusiast at the museum.

My favorite vehicle at the museum (other than the Corvettes) was the Manta Ray. You may recall an episode of “Chasing Classic Cars” when Wayne

I had some concerns about the cigarette lighter having a replacement element but after careful examination and input from some experts on the NCRS forum, I believe I am in good shape on this item.



My lighter element has the proper CASCO 63 stamping and the three element original socket. Better yet, it works!



I was not so lucky with the ignition. Let me explain. The TIM&JG indicates that for judging I need two Briggs & Stratton keys, with the knockouts in place and the key code stamped on the knockouts. On '64 Corvettes, one key operates the ignition, glove box, door locks and spare tire lock.

I had two Briggs & Stratton keys that worked all of the locks. Unfortunately, the knockouts in these keys had been removed. With the knockouts removed, I did not know if their key code matched the vehicles original key code noted in "Owners Protection Plan Booklet" that had been filled out by the dealer. This booklet is also important for judging. I thought these were the original keys however!

Since new keys with knockouts were required for judging, I had my existing keys without the knockouts checked to determine if their code matched the original key code. It turns out they did not match the original code in the "Owners Protection Plan Booklet." It was now apparent that the locks in my car had been rekeyed sometime in its history.

I also found another problem with the ignition lock cylinder. The TIM&JG says the ignition lock cylinder should have one removal hole. My ignition lock cylinder had two holes. I found out this meant it was a universal replacement GM ignition lock cylinder.

For judging, I obtained two new keys with knockouts. The keys are cut to the original vehicle code and the code is stamped on the knockout. I also obtained a very nice original single hole '64 Corvette ignition lock cylinder. I had it rekeyed to the original key code of my car.....now all that is required is to rekey the glove box, doors and spare tire lock.

Thanks to Joe Ray and Joey Jesser of Jesser Classic Keys for helping me with this part of my project. My wife thinks this is crazy stuff!



The thoroughly checked contents of my glove box carefully because I wanted to make sure I had everything required for judging.

My plastic envelope that contains all the documentation has the correct patina and part number. It is even dated January 4, 1963.

The "Owners Guide" has the correct cover and detail but it says SECOND EDITION. The TIM&JG says there was only a FIRST EDITION in 1964 but many experts disagree. I am going to use the "Owners Guide" as is for judging because I believe it was original to the car. It has the same patina as all of the other documents.

My "Owners Protection Plan" Booklet has the correct part number and date. It also contains all of the dealership and first owner information



including the key code and in-service information. Since my car was ordered with an AM/FM radio it has the correct "AM/FM Radio Instruction Sheet" and the "AM/FM Pocket Guide" both with correct part numbers, dates, details and great patina.

While it was not called out in the TIM&JG I also have pamphlet called "24 FACTS of the matter...". This was a Chevrolet publication describing the owner's responsibility for maintenance.

I am lacking a hardtop wrench that the TIM&JG says should be with included with the rest of the glove box contents. It is on my list to find.

In episodes 25, I am going to address a number of other items for judging. Stay Tuned!
Pat Cavanagh - NCRS # 57907

Got a Solid Axle Corvette that needs brakes?

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Free to a NCRS member with a C5. First come, first serve. Rubber and carpeted beige floor mats from my 1998 and 2004 C5's. Just found them in a box in the workshop. Nice shape. I will bring them to the next meeting. Pat Cavanagh
text me at 918 884 8868.



For Sale: Randy's 1962 Corvette.

Randy came up with a price & it is \$47000.

In previous newsletters we have detailed most of the workdone on the '62 the last couple of years. You know what a '62 looks like but actual pictures are available so call Scott at 918-437-5292 & he will send you some shots that Randy recently took. The '62 is with Randy in Fayetteville, a nice easy drive to see a For Sale Corvette. Call Randy 918-630-3119 to deal or Scott for info on the Corvette.

Scott for now. 918-437-5292

For Sale: I have a complete 327 motor out of a 1968 Corvette convertible. Needs a complete overhaul. I will give numbers if interested, will take \$500.00 Also Complete 396 motor out of a passenger car, standard bore needs a complete overhaul, will give numbers if interested, will take \$550.00 call Phil Bordwine 918-697-0435 or email phild435@gmail.com

For Sale: My Collection of die cast cars in original boxes - mostly corvettes. I have original boxes. Also have Corvette model kits.

Larry Mills 918 645-6203 Contact me for a complete list.

For Sale: 1963 Borg Warner T-10 Transmission, VIN stamping 3105895, Assembly code WL122, Case T10D-1 Side Cover 10-18-62, Tail T10-7D 3813490 8-21-62, Front piece 3790278 -- Value—Open to discussion

Scott 437-5292

A DeWitt Radiator: Need one, want to upgrade the one in your Corvette or put one in the LS motor restorod you are building.

Call Scott, 918-437-5292. He will share his discount with with you.

Upcoming Events

- Jan 5 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK
Jan 15 Attitude Adjustment Night - Bravo's Mexican Grill - 4532 East 51st St. - Tulsa, Oklahoma
Feb 2 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK
Feb 20-23 NCRS Sun N Fun Regional - Lakeland, Florida - See *Driveline* for info
Mar 14-17 NCRS judges Training Retreat - Dallas, Texas - See *Driveline* for info
Apr 11-13 NCRS Queen City Regional - Sharonville, Ohio - See *Driveline* for info

NCRS Communication

To keep up to date with the latest news from your Oklahoma Chapter NCRS and your Region VII Director, be sure to advise Bob Clark and/or Don Partridge of any e-mail address changes. This also applies phone numbers and new mailing addresses.

The Corvette Restorer and the NCRS Driveline are NOT forwarded. Update ALL of your NCRS contact details at:

<http://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/change-address.php>

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