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## Chairman's Comments

by Neal Kennedy

**B**ob Clark really pulled the rabbit out of a hat last month with pictures and articles on the National Convention making it into the newsletter. Ya'see, most of the members attending the meeting in Denver were just starting on the road home when Bob started putting the August edition together.

Thanks to the quick writing from Lee Stigall and Don Partridge you had that *Sidepipe* in your hands less than a week after the event concluded. Throw in pictures from several photographers, and you were probably the first in the nation to be reading 2015 NCRS National Convention articles.

If you have ever had anything to do with putting out a publication, you understand the realities of gathering, assembling, editing, printing and distributing...it takes time... even in today's electronic world. Considering some other challenges Bob has been dealing with, it's truly remarkable what he accomplished.

Now, last time I talked to Bob before my deadline for this column, he said he might be able to pull it off again for the September issue. Suggestion... be sure to thank our faithful, hard working, longtime editor for his beyond-the-call-of-duty efforts in getting this rag in the mail.

Several club members made the annual trek to Corvettes at Carlisle in August. Shoot, it was just last WEEK! Some were the regulars, some were rookies. That meet, in Pennsylvania, is always amazing in its size and scope. I look forward to hearing and reading about the adventures of the Oklahoma and Arkansas boys at that great annual event. They had their big celebration for the '65's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year.

Closer to home, another great annual event is on tap at mid-month. Mike and Nancy Aichele have again invited us to their "Hangin' Out at the Hangar Hoedown." No, it's not a prostitute found in a ditch. Rather, some very nice folks, Corvette people mostly, enjoying the out-of-doors, rain or shine. Mike's "garage" is big enough to hold acoupla airplanes, as well as cars, and tables full of picnic food, including homemade ice cream.

If you could shoot by sometime Saturday afternoon, Mike could sure use a hand in setting up tables and moving stuff around. He usually tries to do it all by himself, but if you are nearby and have a few minutes to spare, check with Mike for the best time.

Important instruction??? BYOLC!!! Bring your own lawn chairs. If the sun is shining, the hangar provides PLENTY of afternoon shade. If not, Nancy has arranged for a cool breeze to blow through the party barn. As usual, the club provides the burgers and dogs. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. We always get a great variety of specialties and nobody goes home hungry.

Mike draws a good map. Trust it. Construction on Hwy 169 usually isn't too bad that time of day on a weekend. You may want to allow a little extra time just in case. Call if you get lost. Or just look around for another Corvette with acoupla people inside with big smiles on their faces. They know they are headed for a great party.

The next day, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>, the huge South Tulsa Baptist Church Car Show runs from 4:00 to 6:30 p.m. And it is BIG! It's possibly the largest cruise-in of its kind with a wide variety of vehicles. They always have great music, food and activities for the kids. You won't be disappointed. Contact info 918-299-0904. 10310 S. Sheridan Road. Check it out on line at [southtulsa.org](http://southtulsa.org).

Tim Zane continues to be available to save some club space at the every Tuesday cruise night...IF he knows you are coming. He's had his nice '62 out for several previous evenings, but club support has been kinda thin. Overall attendance numbers are a bit irregular. A little cooler weather might help. Give Tim a call if you can make it. They start showing up at 4 p.m., or earlier even, usually starting to head home before dark.

Hope to see you at Ollie's Saturday. Drive your Corvette. A parking lot fulla fiberglass sure looks great! Tar kickin' and bench racin' at its best. Be there.

## *Ice Cream Social – September 19th*

by Mike Aichele

**R**ain, snow, sleet or shine ... it's time again to find your ice cream making machine, clean out the cobwebs, find the rock salt, dust off the Corvette and head north, south, east or west to Owasso, Oklahoma, for the social event of the summer. Don't worry about the heat!!! The hanger cast a shadow three miles long, and with a slight breeze it might just be comfortable.

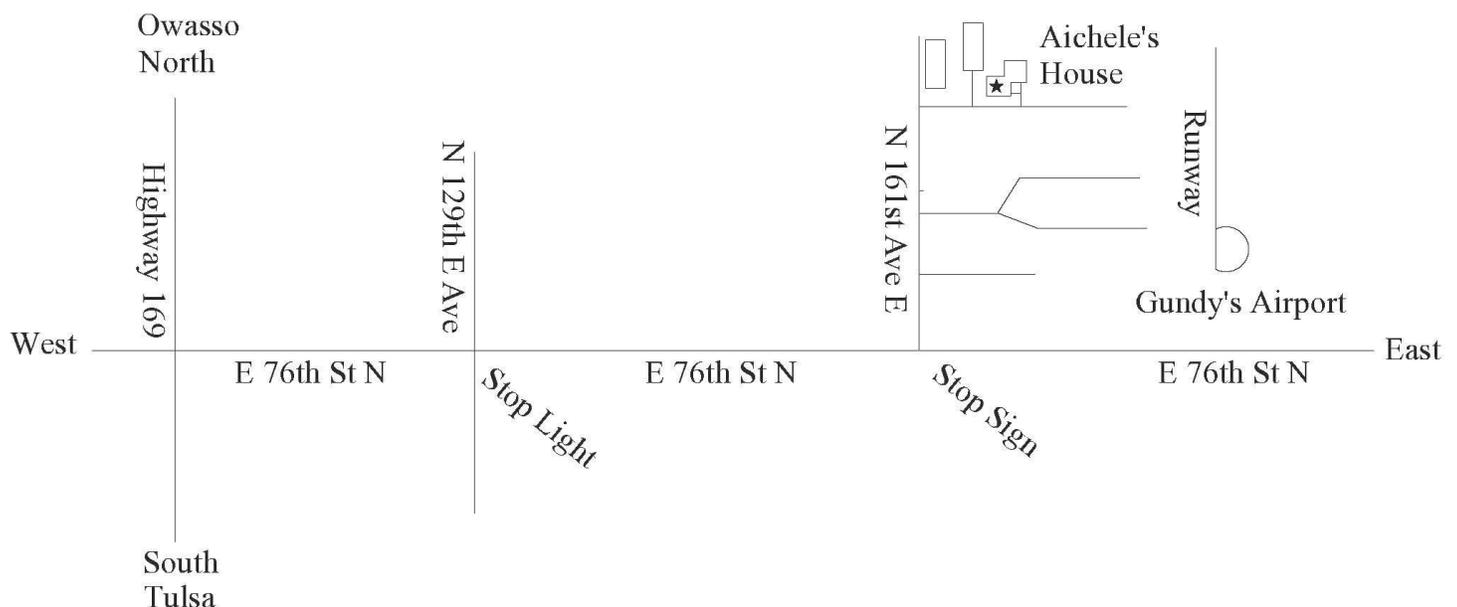
There's plenty of room to park your Corvette, your chairs, and your significant other. So make plans now to attend.

The club will provide the hotdogs, hamburgers, buns, chips and drinks. You bring the Corvette, chairs, ice cream machine, side dish, dessert and whatever else you want to bring. The Aichele's will provide good weather and plenty of room to roam. If by some miracle it rains, do not let that deter you. There is enough space to hold the Ice Cream Social inside the hanger.

If you are not there, we are going to send a search party out to find you – so be there!!!!!!

- When: September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015
- Time: 1630 (*That is 4:30 p.m. to some*)
- Where: The Aichele's, 16225 E. 81<sup>st</sup> Ct. N.  
Owasso, OK 74055
- Phone: 918-804-3105

**PS** – If you don't sign up to attend at the September breakfast meeting, then give Mike a call, so he can get a good head count.



## September Breakfast Meeting

Our monthly breakfast will take place on Saturday, September 5. 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 September Attitude Adjustment Night on Tuesday evening, September 15, 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.

## Lee Stigall's Performance Verification.

by Lee Stigall

It happened to see KC Strawmyre, the 1965 National Team Leader in the hotel lobby Sunday evening, July 19, 2015. We recognized each other from the Joplin Regional and stopped to chat for a minute. Since I was his first PV candidate he had talked to, we agreed that my '65 would be the first PV out of the gate Monday morning at 8:00 a.m. We exchanged cell phone numbers, and KC said he would call me around 7:30 a.m. Monday morning to make sure I was ready to go. Sure enough, right on schedule he called. Of course, I was already at my car performing the obvious last minute checks and nervously awaiting his arrival.



As some of you know, my car failed the PV at the Joplin Regional because KC deemed the hood hinges

and rear deck springs were not up to par. However, after the Joplin Regional Scott Pfuehler and I

replaced those items with new ones, and in retrospect, KC was right.

After Joplin I was determined to not leave anything to chance and decided to repair or replace anything that might remotely be suspect. Although the following 4 items all passed at Joplin, I decided to:

- (1) Replace the horns with newly rebuilt ones because I didn't like the tone of the old ones. I thought the old ones sounded a little weak and "tinny." And they were; compared to the rebuilt ones.
- (2) Replace the power antenna with a newly rebuilt one. The old one extended and retracted fine, but it had a slight hesitation before it started moving.
- (3) Remove the heater blower motor and clean the cage and lube the moving parts.
- (5) Oil pressure gauge. While it did work OK, the gauge read above the upper limits at both startup and warm idle as specified in the PV guide. Scott Pfuehler to the rescue with another oil pump spring that brought the oil pressure gauge back to spec across the whole temperature range.

As luck would have it, on Saturday, a week before I was scheduled to leave for Denver, I took the car on a test drive in my

neighborhood and about a half mile into the test drive, all of a sudden the temperature gauge pegged all the way to the right. Luckily I was only a city block away from home. I didn't think the car had enough time to actually overheat, and a quick check with my infrared temperature gauge confirmed that as it only showed 160 degrees. A quick ohm-meter check of the sending unit confirmed 160 degrees was in the margin of error. That confirmed it must be the temperature gauge. A call to Scott Pfuehler and again he came to the rescue with



another gauge. Another road test and the gauge worked perfectly.

I found and re-read one of Roy Sinor's Judging Chairman articles regarding the PV and took to heart and paraphrase his comment; "The car is supposed to perform as new. Would you accept the item in question in a new car yourself?" At this point I had come too far and invested too much sweat, time and money to take any chances, so my answer was "no." To be clear; when I say "I" or "we," I mean Scott Pfuehler. Scott always had the spare part or gauge I needed and performed the work that I could not do and has been an invaluable resource for me.

Thanks, Scott. I would not be writing this article if not for you.

Monday morning, July 20, 2015.

The Test:

As for the PV test itself, I could not ask for a better Team Leader than KC Strawmyre. He is thorough; (hood hinges and rear deck springs come to mind) but fair and impartial. Once the operations check was completed, I set my trip meter to 000.0, KC recorded the odometer and trip meter readings and off we went on the PV test drive. Since we were in moderate Monday morning traffic, KC could see I was nervous and he told me to just relax and act like we were just going on a Sunday afternoon drive. "Easy for you to say," I replied jokingly, and we both had a good laugh. I did find out KC has Duntov'ed three cars of his own, so he knows mid-years very, very well and also knows what the owner is going through and consequently does have some empathy for the car owner.

Actually, it did kind of turn out like a Sunday drive with a friend. KC is very personable and outgoing and you can't help but like him. He does his best to put you at ease. We both have mid-60's muscle

cars, and we chatted some about our "metal" cars during and after the PV.

Back to the actual PV test. I had not driven the course beforehand, so KC navigated and gave me Garmin-like turn-by-turn navigation instructions with ample notice for lane changes, upcoming street signs, direction changes, and the acceleration, braking, steering and other driving tests required for the PV. Since we were in moderate Monday morning traffic, KC even helped me look out for other traffic during these maneuvers and for law enforcement during the 90 percent of redline requirement.

When we pulled up to the "End of PV Test" sign, KC quipped "Unless something fell off or you are leaking fluids, you made it." After recording the odometer and trip meter readings, KC had a look under the hood and checked the coolant

hoses and the Holley fuel bowl for leaks. After he checked the fuel pump, oil pan, transmission and differential and did a walk-around, KC signed off on the test, congratulated me and shook my hand.

My car had passed the PV! What a relief! I don't know how to explain it, but for me the PV is one of the most stressful things, automotive or otherwise, I have ever gone through. I'm old enough to remember when we used to think a 10-year-old car and certainly a 20-year-old car was used up. Now here we are trying to make 50-year-old and older cars perform like new. I don't mind telling you it felt like the weight of the car itself had been lifted off my shoulders when KC told me my car had passed the PV. I slept well Monday night but slept extremely well Thursday night after the Awards Banquet and I had the actual PV certificate and yellow PV ribbon in my possession. Only then was I sure I had not dreamed the whole thing!

The only advice I have for others contemplating the PV is -- don't assume or take anything for granted because



the Team Leaders know these cars and how they are supposed to operate and perform probably better than the owners themselves. Take Roy Sinor's advice mentioned above to heart; "The car is supposed to perform as new." And, in the case of the PV, you absolutely must sweat the small stuff!

Thanks to Brett Driscoll for arranging it and to everybody who came to my house for the '65 Judging School back in November, 2014. Your judging expertise and feedback provided me with the information we needed to bring the car to where it is today.

As I have said before, our organization's common bond is our Corvettes, but it is the people you meet, the friends you make and the help you get that indeed make NCRS in general and the Oklahoma Chapter specifically, "Top Flight."

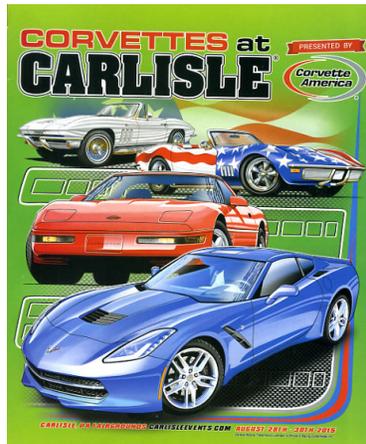
## Corvettes at Carlisle 2015

by David Clark

**W**ow! What a place to visit! If you are looking for that special part or that special car, Carlisle is a great place to look. You need tires or wheels? They're there. You want a new magna flow exhaust, installed? You got it.

This was my first experience at Carlisle. I traveled with four of our Oklahoma Chapter NCRS members and met two of our Oklahoma Chapter Wichita members while I was there. It was a great group.

I was the only one in our group to buy a Corvette while we were there. Yup, I purchased a 1961 black solid axle three-speed Schwinn Corvette bike. I bought one with my own hard-earned money when I was in my teens and was disappointed to find that it had been sold while I was in the service. I have been looking for one for years and never thought



that I would buy one at Carlisle.

Did I mention food? We ate like kings-- crab cakes, steak, stuffed flounder. My did we have some great food!

I want to give a special thanks to Mike Smith, Brett Driscoll, Jim Elder, and Don Johnston. Thank you, guys, for making this trip so much fun. I am looking forward to doing it again next year.



## Corvettes at Carlisle 2015

by Jim Elder

**A**mazing weather and a passion for America's sports car, the Corvette, helped make the 2015 edition of Corvettes at Carlisle a smashing success.

Corvettes from every era were showcased as guests from around the world filled the city. Highlights





included an overall weekend salute to our military, including great patriotic themes associated with Chip's Choice, as well as an American Flag built from dozens of red, white and blue Corvettes. The weekend also hosted multiple seminars and guests, including Chip Foose who hosts the TV show "Overhauling."

Seven Oklahoma Chapter members I know of went to Corvettes at Carlisle this year. Mike Smith, Dave Clark, Don Johnston, Brett Driscoll, David and Jo Houlihan and Jim Elder all got to see the tons of parts and hundreds of car for sale.

The Kerbeck tent is a popular spot with the new Corvettes on display.

Gorgeous models signing posters are always popular. The GM tent with the cut away Z06 also draws a big crowd.

Competitions were a popular draw too, including

autocross, burnouts, beauty and the all new beauty and the best showcase. Chip's Choice not only included the salute to service in our military, but also hosted the 1964/65 World's Fair cutaway Corvette and engine, marking the first time in 50 years this display has been seen in the states.

I think there were more people and vendors than last year. The vendors were not packing up at 4:00 p.m. on Saturday like last year. The 1965 display had a great variety of Corvettes. Five or six cars with black or blue and white interiors, unusual to see that many in one place.

It was a great time with good friends and all who went are looking forward to next year. Corvettes at Carlisle returns August 26-28, 2016.

## *Corvettes Converge On Downtown Carlisle*

**H**anover Street in Carlisle was packed to the gills Saturday evening as Chevrolet Corvettes, both new and old in style, flashed chrome and revved loud engines as drivers navigated their way through Carlisle to their respective parking spots for the 25th annual Chip Miller Corvette Parade, hosted by Downtown Carlisle Association (DCA).

The event ran from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. and was free to public. Carlisle Events organized the



line-up for the parade at the Carlisle Fairgrounds, which was home to this weekend's Corvettes at Carlisle car show, and DCA organized the event that took place on Hanover and High streets.

Bill Miller Jr., co-owner of Carlisle Events, said the parade was something that he looks forward to every year. "This is what cars are all about. People enjoy the cars, but the cars bring the people. It's a sharing kind of thing," Miller Jr. said.

People attending Saturday night's event spanned from all across the region, including attendees that traveled from as far as Canada to take part in the festivities.

Ed Bidelspach, board member and former president of DCA, said that the importance of the annual parade is the awareness that it brings to downtown Carlisle. "We try to bring people downtown for the benefit of the merchants," Bidelspach said. This event brings people to see our downtown, to see our merchants, eat at our restaurants, and buy at our stores."

North Hanover Grille, 37 N. Hanover St., was feeling the love Saturday evening as the influx of visitors to downtown Carlisle flooded the restaurants along the street, including North Hanover Grille. Teri Petsinis, owner of North Hanover Grille, said that she thought the parade was great for Carlisle, and that "any event that can bring people downtown" is a good thing.

Bidelspach said there were 525 initial Corvettes signed up for the parade, but around 500 vehicles actually participated in the event. He added that this year's parade is the biggest event in the parade's 25-year history, with around 3,000 people in attendance.

"It's the largest Corvette parade in the country," Bidelspach said.

The event didn't bring in any outside merchants for the event, he said, noting that DCA's initiative is to help the downtown businesses flourish.

This year's event did offer live music from the band My80s, which just happened to specialize in "explosive dance hits from the 1980's."

While a vast majority of those in attendance came out to enjoy the Corvettes that occupied the downtown area, some residents said they attended the event for the people that converge on Carlisle and to spend some one-on-one time with family.

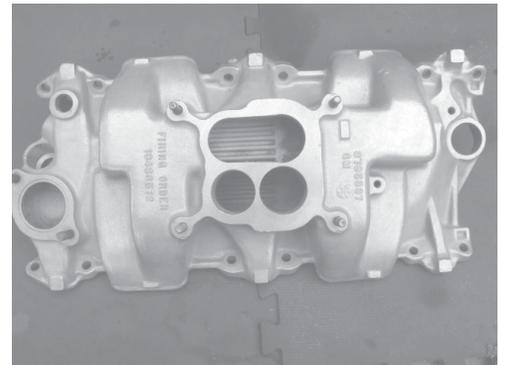
Kevin Bremer, a Carlisle resident who comes out to the event every year, said the mix of cars and people is what keeps him coming back. "You meet a lot of

great people actually," Bremer said.

Additional Carlisle residents, Toby and JT Kuhn, said that they enjoy taking pictures and checking out the different models of Corvettes that take part in the parade. But they also said they enjoy the father-son time.

"I'm just taking my son around, you know, we like to check out the cars," Toby said, "We've been doing this a long time."

## To the High Bidder



Intake manifold  
3795397  
Dated  
4-23-62.

Fresh skinning job.  
Donated for auction by  
Rex Bowers after owning it for 30 years or so.

The proceeds from this auction benefit the Little Light House.

Thanks for the bids and to the high bidder.

Scott

Make your check out to the Little Light House.  
Scott 437-4292

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## *Corvette Classified*

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**For Sale:** 2004 Honda VTX-C motorcycle, red, 1300cc with 3108 miles. Always kept covered in garage.

It comes with a full cover, hiway bars, a Memphis Shades windshield, motorcycle jack and a shop and parts manual. \$6,000. 918-520-7862

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**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](mailto:mikmart@cox.net)

## Upcoming Events

- 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 15 Attitude Adjustment Night - Bravos Mexican Grill - 4532 East 51st St. - Tulsa, OK  
Sept 19 Oklahoma Chapter Ice Cream Social/Picnic at the home of Mike and Nancy Aichele  
Oct 3 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK  
Oct 22-23 Texas Lone Star NCRS Regional - Frisco (Dallas), Texas (info in the current issue of *Driveline*)

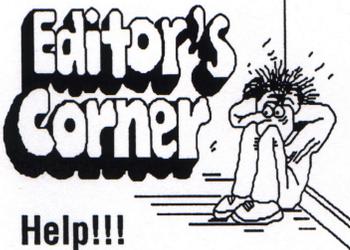


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