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Chairman's Comments

by Bud Jessee

The Future of Our Collectables

The 2020 has been revealed. All the anticipated hype seems to be valid. Does the introduction of the mid-engine lower the value of our collectibles or increase the value? Only time will tell that story. Dealers are finding it difficult to unload the 2019 inventory. Might be time to purchase that collectible. For the owner of the older Corvettes, I know 50 years out is not a concern of ours, but I found this article from *Autoweek* interesting.

Autoweek Asks: What Will Be the Most Collectible Corvette in 50 years?

The C1 and C2 generations are not far apart in value, at least in the present.

The Corvette is undeniably an American classic and one of just a couple of globally recognizable American performance nameplates that dates back over half a century, along with the Mustang. And it feels like it has been with us longer – the nameplate is 66 years old this year— but in that time it has secured a place as one of the most globally known and globally purchased American collector cars. The export potential of the model has waxed and waned over the decades as not all generations of the model have attracted equal amounts of collector interest overseas.

Of course, our particular view of the collector potential of the Corvette is confined to tastes of the moment. The C1 and C2 generations have been the favorites for the past decades when it comes to values and investment potential, as other generations have enjoyed much milder interest. The only real race at the moment is

between different model years of the C2 and its rarer versions and the C1 generation, whose values tend to overlap with C2 cars depending on model year and condition. An entire cottage industry exists around different Corvette generations, tracking their values down to the last dime.

All other generations of the Corvette certainly have their audiences and their rare variants, but their values have not presented a serious challenge to the first two. But it will be the C1 and the C2 that will be the darlings of car collectors in another 50 years, or will a different dominant champion emerge in another half century as the original owners of the first two generations of the Corvette fade away into time?

It's tempting to assume that, at least from the investment perspective, the battle will always be between the first two generations of the Corvette. But then, we can also take a look at the values of brass cars – over a century old at the moment – or the cars of the 1920s, and draw some additional conclusions about collector interest 100 years down the road. What was special at the time will be special in the future, as *Sports Car Market* magazine likes to point out, but interest and demand is still tied to an actual living audience. This is why some century-old cars are simply not that valuable.

What will be the most collectible generation of the Corvette 50 years from now? Will the shape of the Sting Ray endure further into the future, eclipsing the first generation, or will collectors half a century from now seek out something more recent?

See you Saturday!

September Breakfast Meeting

Our monthly breakfast will take place on Saturday, September 7, 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.

Oklahoma Chapter Merchandise

by Bob Clark

We currently have Oklahoma Chapter denim shirts, long and short sleeve, and Oklahoma Chapter sweat shirts for \$25 each. We also have chapter caps for \$15 each.

The T-Shirts are in and the price is \$15. I have a few extra t-shirts in sizes Lg and XL. They will be available at our breakfast meeting on Saturday, September 7.

Please call me at 918 / 625-2303 if you want to pick up a shirt that you have on order. You could also send an email to bobclark77@cox.net.

Attitude Adjustment Night

The gathering place for our June Attitude Adjustment Night on Tuesday evening, September 17, 2019, will again be at the Rib Crib at 8040 S. Yale.. The meeting room is reserved for our use. The bar is open for early arrivals.

Attitude Adjustment Night In Oklahoma City

by Gene Holtz

We are hosting an Attitude Adjustment Night in Oklahoma City to get Members together.

The gathering will be held at Rudy's Country Store & BBQ located at 3437 W. Memorial Road, Oklahoma City, on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of each month. September's gathering is the 23rd with arrival time between 5:30 pm and 6:00 pm.

I want to thank everyone what helped to make the 2nd OKLAHOMA CHAPTER MEET in Edmond on August 17 a big success. Our judges that came from Kansas, Arkansas, Tulsa and Oklahoma City areas did a great job (I hope I did not miss any one). The '96 Grand Sport, '91 ZR1, and the '62 all received a Top Flight (If my memory is correct) and the '63 Concourse received the top 327 honors in the stock class. We had a 84 Cross Flag car to inspect.

Contact me if you want further information at (cell) 405-317-3919 or email blue65l84@aol.com (that's an L84, not 184).

Thanks!



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OK Chapter NCRS will gather at Bethany Christian Church, 6730 South Sheridan at 1:00 P.M. and leave for the show in mass at 1:30 P.M. Sharp. Phil Gray will pre-register us prior to the show. A head count will be taken for the September Chapter Meeting.

Cimarron Days Car Show

by Bruce Ryan

The Cimarron Days celebration will be held in Lahoma on September 28th. There will be a parade and a car show. The car show will be at the Lahoma School's athletic field parking lot. My older son is the Superintendent and has invited our club members to attend. Lahoma is located 11 miles west of Enid on US 412 (approx 2 & 1/2 hour drive).

Ice Cream Social Followup

by Michael Young

It was a hot, humid evening for the Annual Ice Cream Social, but the food was great and the company even better. In contrast to last year with no ice cream, this year we had flavors ranging from vanilla and chocolate oreo to key lime and a few others. We had 30 + plus in attendance and several Corvettes made the trip to our home in Sapulpa.

Our black lab provided plenty of entertainment with his belly flops into the swimming pool chasing his toy. Several humans tried the beautiful pool also.

Thanks to Bud for coordinating and Mike and Karen for cooking. We enjoyed hosting and would welcome the opportunity to do it again.



Oklahoma Chapter Judging Event in Edmond

by Russ Grimm

The Oklahoma Chapter had another great event happen last month; we had over twenty-three members and guests come together to enjoy the day. We had four fantastic cars to look at and to judge.



First we had a beautiful silver 1963 coupe for contours judging. Dr. Roland Walters from Nichols Hills came to his first NCRS judging with a Corvette for stock division judging hoping for the blue award. After the judging teams were finishing up it was pretty clear he had the Blue award and it was confirmed with a score of 98.3



Rod Jenson had pushed hard the week before the

event having his 1962 Roman red Corvette in the final stages for flight judging. He made it and once again the judging teams reviewed,



checked and generally looked over all the hard work that he and others had made happen to get his flight judging score of 95.7 and the Top Flight award. Well done Rod!

We had a guest from the Denver area come all the way to Edmond to have his car flight judged. Michael Bailey trailed his 1991 ZR-1. He had a dark red metallic paint on the exterior and that made a stunning look for a really nice Corvette. Once again the judging team went to work to judge it, and it also earned a Top Flight award scoring a 99.5 Along with his flight award he was awarded the longest trailed ribbon for his 1500 mile round trip to Edmond. Michael confirmed he had a great time and learned a lot while he was with the Oklahoma Chapter and judging event.

We wrapped up the day with David Best and his 1996 Grand Sport Convertible for flight judging. Once again a very original car that was detailed and ready for flight judging scored well at 96. David was a happy owner and said he had learned some things about his car he was not aware of prior to the judging process. Maybe we will get a chance to do it again on his 1967 Corvette next time.



There are so many of our members to thank. Tony Salter and his Cross Flag display of his 1984 Silver Corvette, Dave Houlihan and his great



Corvette fastener presentation and judging school. All of the judges who made the day and all of the hard work with four cars. Gene Holtz and Gina made the arrangements for the facility, food, drinks, as well as details on getting the support and cars in the Oklahoma City area.



Thank you all. We will have another opportunity next spring to judge some Corvettes both flight judging or concurs In Tulsa.

Corvette Carlisle 2019

by Neal Kennedy

Eight Oklahoma ENCRS members made the annual trek to Corvettes of Carlisle 2019. But the big excitement was focused on the year 2020 and their first chance to get an up-close look at the all-new C8 Corvette.



Revealed to the public just a month ago, the mid-engine machines drew overflow crowds all through the run of the annual “really big shew” in Pennsylvania.

The lines were long to get a test-sit. Tech sessions with GM engineers and marketing people were held daily flanking the pre-production cars on display in the Chevrolet tent. Specific datelines were not revealed with the most common answer, “we don’t know yet.”



A great engine cutaway and sliced-up version of the entire chassis had crowds two-and-three people deep for most of the four-day show. Body color and interior options were similar to the C7, with a few new shades thrown in like “Zeus Bronze” paint.

Seminars were offered all day each day at various locations throughout the fairgrounds. Of special interest in the C8 tent was one on “thermal management.” The team leader for all the engineers working on heat/cooling systems discussed several examples of challenges they had to face with the totally new

Corvette. Among the most interesting was the mid-engine design that puts the exhaust

system (with beautiful stainless steel equal length headers) behind the driver. That eliminates the 3000-degree heat from having to pass down the tunnel between the seats. So, the air conditioning system doesn’t have to work so hard to keep the passengers comfortable.





The engine cooling system also operates somewhat differently in the 2020 Corvette. The two small radiators mounted outboard up front will be joined by a third on Z51 optioned cars, placed behind and to the right of the passenger seat. By the time you run all that plumbing through the tunnel, it almost doubles the coolant capacity of the system compared to the C7!

Better cooling with lots more liquid to disperse the heat. It's just one interesting aspect of that "thermal management" stuff. In



testing, they hammered a C8 round and round Sebring for a full tank of gas with the air conditioning at full blast. The temp gauge never moved! Cool, huh? No word on possible frostbite for the driver.

And those TM engineers didn't get to stop there. They had the other "little" radiators (like the transmission cooler) to locate and build air ducting for, along with the air scoops and such. Seems they were able to do a lot of their modeling on the computer. When they had a design they liked, they would use a 3D printer to make one, then off to the wind tunnel to see how it worked for real!



The C8 looked a little

larger than I expected. And, it is! Over four-inches longer and about two-inches wider than a C7. Interior room is about an inch wider for the driver while the foot well is roomier and the seat track goes back an inch farther than the 2019 Vette. They said they had a goal of making a better fit for taller owners. Getting in-and-out seemed easier for this fat boy, but still kinda tight.

The chief instructor for the Ron Fellows Driving School (where they use Corvettes as the outside-the-classroom instruction) was another interesting seminar speaker.

He was followed by Corvette Team drivers Johnny O'Connell and Andy Pilgrim. Their war stories from years of competition in the IMSA series packed the seminar tent and ran way overtime. Le Mans, Sebring and Daytona races provided first-hand flashbacks from the guys that



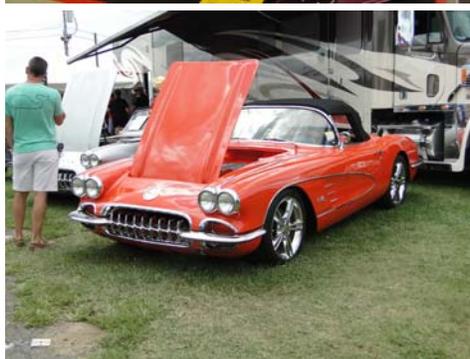
were behind the wheel for those historic endurance races.

Sidepipe Editor Bob Clark did his usual great job of organizing the logistics for the Carlisle trip. Bonney assisted transporting Mike Smith and Neal Kennedy, along with Bob, on the pre-dawn trip to an early Tulsa departure. Jim Elder, Dave Clark and Judging Chairman Russ Grimm joined the gang at the airport. Pat McMichael flew up separately as did Fayetteville member Don Johnston.

The crab cakes at Gilligan's were again excellent. The Philly Beefsteak sandwiches in downtown Philadelphia were... mmmm, OK. But maybe we shoulda stopped somewhere on that long drive through Chinatown and sampled the chop suey.



More pictures from Corvette Carlisle





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Help! Looking for pre-1976 info on my 1966 Corvette convertible VIN # 194676S107216. Nassau Blue with bright blue interior. 2 tops. 427/390hp with factory air-conditioning. Sold from a car lot in Lawton, Oklahoma, after a "front ender" about 1976. Car first titled in Oklahoma about 1972? Evidence owner was military. Stationed at Ft. Sill in Lawton? Or maybe Tinker or Vance AFB near OKC? Car had an "OU" sticker on the rear window. University of Oklahoma in Norman or Ohio University in Athens? Factory delivered to Queen City Chevrolet (closed) in Cincinnati, Ohio December, 1965. Possibly driven by Nick and Maryanne Helmi (owners of Queen City Chevrolet) then sold as a demo or new? Member Oklahoma Chapter. NCRS #24893

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Upcoming Events

- Sept 7 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK
Sept 10 Cruise Night - 91st & Memorial - Tulsa, OK
Sept 15 South tulsa Baptist Church car show - 103rd & Sheridan - details in this issue
Sept 17 Attitude Adjustment Night - Rib Crib - 8040 S. Yale Ave. - Tulsa, Oklahoma
Sept 28 Cimarron Days celebration - Car Show - Lahoma, Oklahoma - Details in this issue
Oct 5 Oklahoma Chapter Breakfast Meeting - Ollie's Station Restaurant - 4070 Southwest Blvd - Tulsa, OK

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