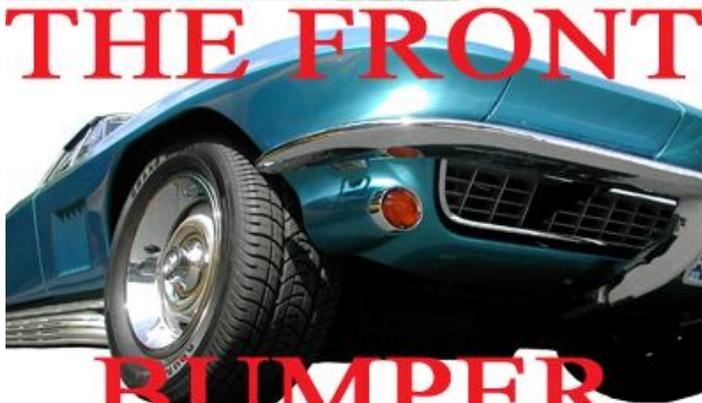


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## NEWSLETTER OF THE NORTHWEST CHAPTER Of The National Corvette Restorer's Society

July — August 2009

### Chairman's Message

by Mike Benner



**G**reetings,

I am writing this article from Bend Oregon. Suzanne and I enjoyed the 2008 Regional at the Seventh Mountain Inn. We decided to return to the area. Bend is a very hospitable and a wonderful place for an outdoor Corvette event. Our visit this time was more relaxing.

Looks like the Court supervised plan to reinvent General Motors is now under way. GM's new business plan looks more like Toyota or Honda i.e. less dealers, fewer models, better quality and more attention to the customer both before and after the sale. Let me give you some statistics concerning U.S. auto sales over the past two decades. 1989 the "Big 3" had 74% of the U.S. auto share. GM was the leader with 35%. Japanese car sales accounted for 17% share with Toyota leading with 7%. 2009 the "Big 3" have a total of 45% of the U.S. auto market. GM is still the leader with 19%. Japanese auto sales account for 34% with Toyota leading with 16% of the U.S. auto market share.

U.S. auto manufacturers have lost 29% of the market share in the United States and will probably lose more under the new government control. By 2010 foreign based auto manufacturers will build the majority of cars built in the United States. China and India have fueled Asia's growth as the center of auto production.

The biggest transition in the one hundred year history of the auto industry will occur in the next 24 months. This transition will offer a great opportunity for technology to advance and kindle the entrepreneurial spirit in new start up auto endeavors. As for GM's fate, American consumers will determine their destiny with their check books. What would you think about a new Corvette made in another country by a company that makes lawn mowers or rents trucks? It might be time to visit your favorite GM dealer and show your support.

The Super Chapter Meet with the British Columbia Chapter will be in Leavenworth, WA at the Enzian Inn August 21-23. Attached is a registration form. Please contact the Enzian Inn to make your room reservations. There is a block of rooms being held until Tuesday, July 21. Registration forms are also available on the chapter website [www.nwncrs.org](http://www.nwncrs.org)

*M Benner*

### 2009 Events Schedule

Jul 12-16	National Convention	San Jose, CA
Aug 21-23	Super Chapter Meet	Leavenworth, WA
Sep 26	Terminator Party	Sherwood, OR
Oct 3	Judging School	Wilsonville, OR
Dec 6	Holiday Party	Woodland, WA



The 2009 Lake Tahoe Regional Meet

## Region VIII Directors Message

by Arland Dower



### Your Feedback Please

**N**ow that the Driveline magazine has been available to be viewed online for several issues, your opinions and ideas are requested.

Specifically:

The latest issue is made available online ten days after it is mailed from the printer – should it be posted sooner, later, or is ten days just about right?

Would you be opposed to the online classified ads being made available to non members after a thirty(?) day period?

Does the online Driveline need to be in an online classified ad format instead of an electronic copy of the printed Driveline?

Would you pay a nominal fee for an online classified ad section (buy/sell/trade/ wanted)?

There is currently vendor ad revenue from the printed Driveline that could potentially be lost and would need to be offset.

Please let me know your thoughts on these items and any other issues that you feel should be addressed with current or future online services for members.

The recent regional meet in Lake Tahoe, Nevada was well attended and had its share of members from the Northwest in attendance. Tahoe is always a beautiful background for an event and this was no exception. All the Northwest participants were successful as follows:

David Artz – 1975 Top Flight & Bowtie Signoff

Norm Culbert – 1972 Top Flight & Bowtie Signoff  
Mike Doty – 1980 Founders Operations  
Bill Hirning – 1963 Top Flight  
Peter Lubisitch – 1962 Top Flight  
Cece Nelson – 2000 Sportsman  
Rick Reid – 1962 Top Flight  
Michael Somers – 1960 PV Pass

The National Convention is fast approaching in July and if you are planning to drive to San Jose, contact Mike Doty or me if you would like to join a Northwest group heading south to the event. If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas regarding NCRS please let me know.

- Arland



Rick Reid in Tahoe

## CALL FOR 2010 OFFICER NOMINATIONS

**I**t seems like 2010 is a long way off, but we do need to start this process so that the membership can vote in August at the Leavenworth meet, per our Chapter by-laws. Officer terms are for one year. Any member in good standing (Dues paid to date.) is eligible to serve any position.

The positions of Membership Chairperson, Secretary and Newsletter Editor will be open; Suzanne Benner, Connie Falk and Eric Falk will relinquish their respective positions. They have stated they will not seek, nor accept, nomination for the positions. We thank them for their commitment and contribution to the Chapter.

If there is a current officer you want to support, then send in their name for nomination. However, if you really want to get involved at a different level of the Chapter and you are dedicated to the members and the mission of the NCRS then you might just want to nominate yourself. Whatever you decide, please send your nominations to any Board member as soon as possible. Please contact any Board member if you have questions regarding the duties and responsibilities of any position..

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## From The Judging Chairman

by Wayne Loron



Congratulations to the award winners at the Chapter Meet in Yakima, WA on March 28, 2009: Gary Christensen 1959 Top Flight; Gary Christensen 1960 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight; Rick Reid 1962 Top Flight; Bill Hirning 1963 Top Flight; Bernie Heilman 1966 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight; Mike Doty 1967 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight; Mike Doty 1980 Top Flight (Founders). Thanks to all who attended this judging meet and brought their cars, judged, tabulated, took care of the food, etc., and a special thanks to Mike and Tammy for hosting the event!

On Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>, a judging school/mini-meet will be held at Larry Johnson's Corvette & Hi Performance in Tumwater, WA. We will have two 1968 Corvettes for newer judges to get judging experience on, while being coached by Master Judge instructors. This seems to be a good way for newer judges to gain actual judging experience, and do it in a less threatening way than at a full blown judging event, such as a Regional Meet or a National Convention.

“Preference will be given to cars that have not been judged before”

Our joint Chapter judging event with the British Columbia Chapter will be in Leavenworth, WA at the Enzian Inn on August 21-23, 2009. We are planning to have registration and a classroom judging school on Friday, Flight Judging on Saturday, and an awards breakfast on Sunday morning. At this point, we will be judging a 1954, 1956, 1961, 1967, and a 1991. In order to provide quality judging, we will need to limit the number of cars judged. Preference will be given to cars that have not been judged before, and in the order of date the registration was received. The registration form is included in this issue, in the “Driveline” and on the events calendar page of our Chapter website at

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Our last judging event for this year will be another judging school/mini-meet on October 3, 2009 at Dean Sprecher's “Corvette Specialties” in Wilsonville, OR. Again, this will be a hands-on training session for newer judges. One or two Corvettes will be judged with the support of Master Judge instructors. Please let me know if you would like to have your Corvette judged in a learning environment.

-Wayne

## Area Coordinators Report



Spokane Area

would like to thank the Northwest Chapter members for helping make our chapter meet a wonderful experience. We couldn't have pulled this off without everyone's help. The weather could have been 10 degrees warmer but at least it didn't rain.

A couple of us dry side Washingtonians traveled to Tahoe for the regional meet. Dave Artz suggested this great pizza place for dinner, price was attractive, food was fantastic, as was the company. We also received the awards we were pursuing, which helps make the trip more memorable.

June 13th is the Yakima Corvette weekend and a few NCRS members will attend. It usually is the only time each year I see a few of our dry side members. We are still preparing the cars for the trip to Nationals next month and still working on finalizing our road tour plans.

From the dry side....

-Mike Doty

**British Columbia and Northwest Chapter Meet Registration Form  
August 21-23, 2009**

**Location:** The Enzian Inn 590 Highway 2 Leavenworth, WA 98826 800-223-8511

Friday, August 21	10:00 am to 6:00 pm	Registration
	1:00 pm to 4:00 pm	Judging School
	6:00 pm to 7:00 pm	Welcome Reception

**All judged cars must be in place by 6:00 pm Friday**

Saturday, August 22	7:30 am to 8:30 am	Judges Breakfast
	8:30 to 8:45 am	Owners Meeting
	9:00 am to 4:00 pm	Judging begins-All judged cars must be in place by 6:00 pm
	Evening	Dinner on your own
Sunday, August 23	8:30 am to 9:30 am	Awards Breakfast

NCRS Membership Number \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Companion \_\_\_\_\_  
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**EVENT REGISTRATION**

\_\_\_\_ Family Registration (Includes Lunch on Saturday) \$50 (\$55 after August 1, 2009) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_ Guest Fee (non NCRS member) \$20.00 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE QUALITY JUDGING, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CARS JUDGED. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO CARS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN JUDGED BEFORE, AND IN ORDER OF DATE REGISTRATION WAS RECEIVED.

**CORVETTE REGISTRATION NOTE: All Judged Corvettes must remain in place until released by Judging Chairman**

Year \_\_\_\_\_ CID/HP \_\_\_\_\_ Coupe \_\_\_ Convertible \_\_\_ Ext. Color \_\_\_\_\_  
 Complete VIN \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle ONE) Driven/Trailered  
 Int. Color \_\_\_\_\_ (Circle ONE) Vinyl/Leather  
 Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_ Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Flight Judging Entry \$35 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_ Sportsman Entry \$15 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Fees are not refundable after AUGUST 1, 2009**

**Total Enclosed** (Make check payable to: NW/NCRS) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Send to Wayne Loron, 18006 SE 256<sup>th</sup> St., Kent, WA 98042

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**JUDGING PARTICIPATION**

Name _____	Name _____
Flight Judge _____	Flight Judge _____
Judging Level _____	Judging Level _____
1 <sup>st</sup> Choice _____	1 <sup>st</sup> Choice _____
2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice _____	2 <sup>nd</sup> Choice _____
Ops ___ Int ___ Ext ___ Mech ___ Chassis ___	Ops ___ Int ___ Ext ___ Mech ___ Chassis ___
Observer Judge _____	Observer Judge _____
Tabulator _____	Tabulator _____

Anyone attending this event, whether you bring a Corvette or not, must read and sign the following Hold Harmless Agreement. Proof of ownership and in-force insurance must be provided at the Meet Registration Desk when you check in, BEFORE the car can be operations checked and/or placed in it's final location for judging.

**HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT**

I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage, and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and chapters for any acts or omissions that may result in the theft, damage, or destruction of my property or injury to me or to others, occurring during, or as a consequence of, this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## The Yakima Meet at Mike Doty and Tammy Shirley's Place.



## Editors Rambling's

by Eric Falk



Is the U.S. Government's involvement in General Motors the beginning of a new era or the end of the glory days? Only time will tell, but it concerns me when the government takes over private enterprise. As it stands right now the U.S. Government has controlling interest in General Motors. And everyone knows that the government is "We the people", therefore each US tax paying citizen has a vested interest. Right or wrong, that's the way it is.

I wish the government wouldn't have intervened because I believe GM will take longer to recover and may never come out of this. The government doesn't have a very good track record in the business arena, or any other arena involving efficiency and appropriate spending.

I predict the government will make decisions for GM's future based on politics rather than sound business practices. Manufacturing and selling automobiles is a unique business that takes decades to master. It took Toyota 20 years but they were able to increase sales in the U.S. by more than 2 1/2 times. They did so by listening and responding to their customers. They undeniably make an outstanding product, the same kind of product that made GM the defining model for automobile manufacturers.

Times are changing and we live in a global market more now than ever before. I believe the strong will survive. I believe those who work hard will prosper, those that want to rely on the assistance of others to save them will fall flat on their face— exactly where they should.

I will wait to see what happens before I decide to buy another new GM product. I prefer to spend my money where I know the foundation of the company is strong as a result of doing the right thing for the consumer, rather than for one's political career.

-Editor



**Membership  
Chairwoman**  
*Tammy Shirley*

The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome new member **Thomas (Tom) Zitzer** from Marysville, WA. he is the owner of a 1958 convertible.

I would like to also thank everyone that participated in making the first chapter meet in Yakima a successful event and I would like to especially thank Mike and Suzanne Benner for heading up the lunch event.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Super Chapter Meet in Leavenworth on August 21-23rd.

-Tammy

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Kevin and Kathy Hill own the beautiful blue 67 convertible on the front cover. Connie and I met them last year on the Jim Crook road tour. When I saw the car last year at Mike and Suzanne Benners I had to photograph it; the angle in their driveway was perfect for a "Front Bumper" shot.

—*Editor*

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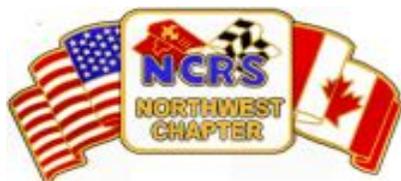
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