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

November — December 2009

Chairman's Message

by Mike Benner



The Terminator Party on August 26th at the home of Rick and Mary Reid was great. 40 members and 13 Corvettes were in attendance. The guests dined on smoked chicken and pork ribs. No one left hungry.

After lunch we had two contests to entertain the guests. The first challenge was to have a member tell a "true" Corvette related story. Several members told their tales. Joani Leedom was the winner with a story related to a very hot Corvette tour finishing in a ride home in an air conditioned Mustang. The next contest was a difficult Corvette trivia questionnaire authored by Larry Richter. The winner was Larry Johnson answering 5 out of 11 trivia questions correctly (I said it was difficult). Thanks to all the members for their participation.

This will be the last Front Bumper to be sent by mail. The change is due to the cost of the publication and postage not to mention the extra work our volunteer newsletter editor is asked to do. i.e. folding, labeling and mailing. The newsletter will be available on the chapter website www.nwncrs.org. You will receive an e-mail when the publication is available for reading. If you don't have internet access and want a copy, please contact your chapter Area Coordinator whose name and telephone number you will find in your directory. **They will make sure you receive a copy by mail.**

The NW Chapter will host the Holiday event at the Budd Bay Restaurant in Olympia, WA on December 6 at 11:00 am. The area that we have reserved has room for 40 guests. Please RSVP ASAP to Mike Benner (503) 200-0889 or mbenner4@comcast.net.

I would like to welcome Dave Hughes from Boring, Oregon as the NW Oregon and SW Washington NW Chapter Area Coordinator. Dave has some good ideas on recruiting new members.

We are planning the events for 2010. If you would like to volunteer for a Chapter Meet or Terminator Party, please contact Mike Benner.

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From the Secretary's Desk

by Connie Falk



NWNCRS
August 21, 2009
Board of Directors Meeting

The Board of Directors meeting was called to Order by Mike Benner at 4:45 pm, in attendance was, Suzanne Benner, Larry Richter, Dennis Clark, Eric & Connie Falk, Mike Doty, Tammy Shirley, and Wayne Loron.

Minutes from San Jose meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Statement was handed out. All events broke even and we are in good standing financially.

New Business:

Finding a replacement for Eric as newsletter editor. Eric has stated that we need more involvement from members to give article ideas in the individual areas on the website. David Artz said that he could assist on the newsletter, he could get small articles and information from different people however he is not computer savvy enough to actually do the newsletter on the computer.

Currently any orders for merchandise for the NCRS is ordered through John Paul. Although Mike and Tammy are willing to take over orders and the online store, this information needs to be run by John Paul since this is currently his responsibility.



Eric mentioned that more frequent BOD meetings are required and necessary due to the fact that we are becoming much more technical and this will help with other people taking over positions that may require assistance.

Eric and Mike were discussing having conference calls with the BOD members so that any issues that may come up before the next actual meeting could be solved.

Membership renewal is October 1. A Newsletter broadcast email was going to go out to renew.

A new Secretary was appointed by Mike Benner. Congratulations to Suzanne Benner for becoming our new Secretary for 2010.

2012 Regional was quite the discussion. Apparently a check was made out, but not yet sent by Larry to reserve Seaside Convention Center in May 2012 for either a Regional or Chapter meet. The \$600 deposit is non-fundable and in the event that the Regional is denied by the National Organization, we could still use the space for hosting another event.

The motion was made by Dennis to pay the non-refundable \$600 the motion was second by Eric. The motion was passed.

The Holiday party was voted on that the Chapter will pay for members to attend this year with a maximum number of 2. The motion was made by Wayne and second by Eric. Motion was passed.

The only decision that needed to be confirmed was the actual location. Mike Benner was going to check on renting the entire Rutherglen Mansion for the event, and check on the conditions of Woodland. The determination was Woodland is not adequate enough to host a HOLIDAY event. Since this meeting a place has been determined: Budd Bay Café in Olympia.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.

Respectfully
Connie Falk
NWNCRS Secretary

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From The Judging Chairman

by Wayne Loron



The joint Chapter meet with the British Columbia Chapter

was held at the Enzian Inn in Leavenworth, WA. On August 21-23, 2009. About 70 people from British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, California, Montana, Idaho, Oregon and Washington enjoyed great weather, great people and great cars! Altogether there were about 30 Corvettes. A big thanks goes to all who attended, those who helped with administration, and of course the tabulators and judges. Our judging staff got a big boost from five California members-thanks for making the long trip. On Friday afternoon Larry Richter and yours truly presented a judging school which was attended by 20 people. Saturday was Flight Judging, and after breakfast on Sunday, Grant Wong and I presented the awards. The first two awards recognized the 1982 Special Display 5-Star Bowtie Corvettes owned by Rich Beauchamp and Arland Dower. Then there were ribbons for the 10 members who entered their Corvettes for Sportsman. The longest Trailered ribbon went to Brad Hake (221 miles), the longest driven-Canada award to Rick Cradock (985) miles, and the longest driven-US award went to Rich Beauchamp (405 miles). I've listed the Flight Awards in another area of this issue.

Our last Judging School/Mini-Meet for 2009 was

held at Dean Sprecher's "Corvette Specialties of Oregon" in Wilsonville, OR on October 3, 2009. Robert Katz's 1965 highly optioned coupe received the Top Flight Award! Several other C2's were on hand for judging as well as training for newer judges. About 25 people attended, enjoyed another fine lunch catered by the Benner's. There was a lot of "kicking the tires". Dean has a great facility for hosting these kinds of events!

Your judging and tabulating points are now available online in your profile on the Technical Discussion Board.

We continue to have more requests to have Corvettes judged than we can handle. In order to meet this demand, we plan to continue holding several judging schools and Chapter Meets in 2010 to provide opportunities for judges to gain NCRS judging experience. If you have more ideas on how to provide judging opportunities for our members, please contact me. Thanks.

Frequently, we get requests to have cars judged at the last minute. Please help us let people know that judging opportunities are limited, and that we are not geared up to "judge on demand". If you hear of someone that wants to have their Corvette judged, please have them notify me or send in a registration as early as possible.

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Area Coordinators Report



Spokane Area

We were approached months ago to host a chapter judging meet/school in early May, which we gladly accepted. The three cars in need of judging are located north and east of Yakima so I thought it would be easier if we move the judging site to a central location like the Moses Lake area. A move to this area would also make it easier for Spokane members to participate. If there is interest in moving the site, please give me some ideas for the location. I'd suggest the Chevrolet dealer in Moses Lake but if anyone knows a better site please let me know. If I don't hear from anyone we will still hold it in Yakima.

-Mike Doty

2009 Outstanding Service Award



The Northwest Chapter bestowed the 2009 Outstanding Service Award on Eric and Connie Falk. Eric is the newsletter editor and the webmaster at this time. Both he and Connie work hard to publish and mail the newsletter and keep the website up and running. They are at various events and help out whenever possible. They offer new ideas and enthusiasm to the chapter. Connie has been the Secretary and will be handing the duties over to Suzanne Benner at the end of this year.

Former Outstanding Service Award Recipients:

2008	Mike Doty & Tammy Shirley
2007	Carol Dutoit
2006	Mike & Suzanne Benner
2005	Carl Neuswanger
2004	Arland & Kay Dower
2003	Larry & Alice Richter
2002	Wayne Loran
2001	Michael Pierce
2000	Jen Davison
1999	Jim Lucia

Please thank all the recipients for their service when you see them.

2009 Events Schedule

Dec 6	Holiday Party	Olympia, WA
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THE SUPER CHAPTER MEET IN LEAVENWORTH

Flight Awards went to:

Brad Hake	1954	Top Flight
Stan Kyle	1957	Top Flight
Gary Christensen	1961	Top Flight
Doug Lee	1967	Second Flight
Rich Cradock	1991	Top Flight

Congratulations and thanks for preparing and presenting your cars for NCRS Flight Judging!



Caravan to the 94' National Corvette Museum

By Jan C. Collins

In the early spring of 1994 a group of us Corvetters decided to participate in the first Corvette Caravan to the grand opening of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, Kentucky. There were two Caravans; one north and one south. My 75' was one of the five cars from Salem, Oregon that headed out to hook up with the northern Caravan on a very exciting, and of course, challenging endeavor; the other four cars were 1982 or newer. My car was plain Jane - no power anything except brakes and steering!

The other cars led the way and I took up the rear position. During our second or third pit stop I noticed water leaking from the top radiator hose. No sweat, break out the 100 mile an hour Gray Duck tape and drive on! The tape did the job. Things went rather smoothly until a gas stop outside Vail, Oregon. We filled the cars with gas, got snacks, hit the "John", loaded up and prepared to depart. As I approached my car I noticed what first looked like another water leak (I wished!) under my car. Closer inspection revealed that my fuel pump was pumping fuel and I hadn't even started the car. When I did, the fuel leak stopped. I did what anyone would have done when presented the same problem in Vail, Oregon- I immediately departed with the caravan.

Our first stop for the evening was Boise, Idaho. As I checked in, I told the hotel clerk about my gas leak problem. The response was "Don't worry" just park away from other cars, which is exactly what I did. Now some might think I should have taken action that night, which I thought about, but after a few "adult beverages", I did nothing. The next morning there was a huge fuel stain under and around my car. Hotel personnel took the liberty to spread saw dust on the fuel spill to soak it up. It was a dumb move not taking action the night before. I was darn lucky. This hotel and all hotels picked to participate along the caravan route were truly very accommodating, to say the least.

The Caravan organizers set up Chevrolet dealerships along both caravan routes to provide any support needed. As we entered the Boise dealership I told the greeter of my problem and he lead me into a service bay. Two hours later I departed with a new fuel pump, belts, hoses and a \$350.00 thinner wallet. I must say I heard nothing but good reports about the dealership support during the Caravan. The trip was rather smooth thereafter. However, when approaching the Corvette Museum and Assembly plant in Bowling Green things got interesting. Picture hundreds of Corvettes converging from all directions into the museum and assembly plant, a site to be seen. There was every type of Corvette you could imagine. One that stood out was a 56' or 57' with no fenders or trunk lid, obviously a work in progress! The folks we met were for the most part really good down to earth folk who were mainly interested in one's car and where they came from. Many folks rolled their eyes when I told them we drove from Oregon. "Or-a-gone. You drove all the way from Or-a-gone" One young man's looks indicated he really didn't know where Oregon was located. Oh well!

The grand opening of the National Corvette Museum was great. The assembly plant tour was also great and extremely interesting and the camaraderie was truly outstanding! One question I did ask a man during the assembly tour was: Do you and your buddies ever decide to build a special performer in the hopes that car gets into the right persons hands? His reply: only a smile! I could expound more however hopefully I have painted enough of a picture indicating the Caravan was exciting, fun and provided some lifetime memories. I also participated in the '99 Caravan however that is another story.

PS: Unfortunately my wife died 10 months later. I purchased a museum "brick" in her name, which I was able to view at the conclusion of the '99 Caravan trip. **Life is short; enjoy the moment!**

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Your judging and tabulating points are now available online in your profile on the Technical Discussion Board. You will be able to view your current point total and a listing of the last year's events where you earned points. You need an account on the Technical Discussion Board to access this members-only feature of the NCRS website. If you have not yet created an account, go to this link <http://www.ncrs.orgforums/register/initiate.php> and follow the steps to create your account. If you wish to create an account for a family member, you need to go to this link and fill out the form so they can be added to your membership <http://ncrs.orgforums/relatives.php>. Once they are added, you will receive an email notification and instructions to complete the account.

Editors Note: I walk a different path sometimes so Wayne had to offer the additional instructions for me. I thought I'd include them for those of you that might walk the same path as me.

Once you have an account you just need to login to the discussion board. After you log onto the discussion board, go to the "Members List"; it is in a bar near the top. Go to the letter of your first name and page down until you find your name or go to the "Search Members" tab and enter your full name. Click on your name when it appears and you will find your judging points in the "Additional Information" section of your profile.



Carl Davidsons Z R-1 is always a pleasure to see.

Editors Rambling's

by Eric Falk



Well, it has been a long and wonderful summer but as I sit here writing this article I am listening to the weather forecaster talking about record low temperatures in the north-

west. With the low temperatures are gusts of winds and rain. Yep, Fall is here and Winter is on its rear bumper.

As much as I enjoy warm dry summer days I have to admit I look most forward to crisp cool fall and winter days. Nothing brings the essence of life to my body more than climbing into my car and heading down the road on a clear, sunny, cold morning. Its invigorating and while driving I relish the importance of life and give thanks for my family, my health and my friends; many who are members of this wonderful chapter.

As much as I enjoy the spring and summer I tend to enjoy the fall and winter more. Its during these times that I get to attend swap meets and spend time actually turning wrenches, getting the Corvette ready for the next judging meet. The swap meets tend to be less stressful than the judging meets and I get the opportunity to spend more one on one time with my friends and fellow chapter members.

Yep, Fall and Winter are nearing and I can hardly wait to walk around in the crisp clear air looking over parts and cars at the next swap meet. I'm sure to find another treasure but more importantly, I'm sure to meet another automotive hobbyist. I'm involved in many aspects of life where I meet people from all over the world. Of all the people I've met during my lifetime I must say the highest quality people are automotive hobbyists— just like you.

I hope to see each of you at the Holiday Brunch in December !

I need your assistance in keeping this newsletter informative and entertaining. Please send me articles and photographs of any size; it can be any topic that relates to the restoration, preservation or repair of Corvettes or the automotive hobby in general. Keep sending your photos and articles to me at editor@nwnrcs.org.

Judging School in Oregon.



Dean explains as he points to his work.



Robert Katz receives the Top Flight award from Wayne.



Mike and Dave discuss the possibilities.



Deans shop is clean and spacious.



Dean, Wayne and Kay near the Spray Booth.



Corvette Specialties has fenced parking.

Membership Chairwoman

Tammy Shirley



The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome newest members Ken and Sandi Gratteri from Hillsboro, Oregon. They are owners of a 1986 convertible. We look forward to their participation and involvement in the chapter.

I would like to remind all members to please send me an e-mail at t.shirley@charter.net so I can update your e-mail addresses, mailing addresses and anything else you would like added or changed for our 2010 Membership Directory.

Don't forget to get your 2010 dues in before January 15, 2010 to take advantage of the \$20.00 early-bird special. After the 15th the dues will be \$25.00 for the remainder of the year.

I look forward to seeing everyone that can make it to the Holiday Brunch in December.

-Tammy

JUDGING SCHOOLS

The chapter hosted a Corvette judging school October 3 at Dean Sprecher's Corvette Specialties in Wilsonville. A well seasoned group of judges instructed several judges in training. The event was attended by 23 members and 6 Corvettes. Thanks to all that participated. A special thanks to Dean and Traci Sprecher.

Judging schools are available tools in sharing the NCRS judging knowledge. These events are not only beneficial for learning judging skills but also for those members who are working towards having a car judged. Take advantage of this opportunity.

-Mike Benner

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2009 Holiday Party Invitation



The Northwest Chapters Holiday Brunch will be held on December 6, 2009 in Olympia, WA. All members are encouraged to attend. For the last few years the party has been held in southern Washington. The Board of Directors worked hard to find a new location that will accommodate the members by offering a nice selection of foods at a location that is central to the membership. Suzanne Benner found the Budd Bay Café in Olympia, WA. There are many surprises for those who attend this year.

Please notify Mike Benner as soon as possible if you plan to attend. We need to know the number of attendees as soon as possible so the restaurant can assign us the appropriate room. We look forward to see each of you at the brunch.



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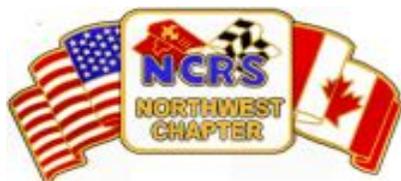
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