

This past summer, I finally purchased one of my dream cars; a '67 Marina Blue Corvette convertible. I only wanted to buy one dream car and it was a difficult decision. I picked a Midyear as several life events helped shape this decision.

## My Car by Marc Kramer

It's in the genes. My Dad is a "car nut." He usually buys or leases new cars yearly and sometimes has more than one new car in a single year. He usually only has one at a time. I never knew when he would show up with a new car. At an early age, Dad and I often talked about muscle cars and cars in general. I remember going on family road trips and bringing my Hot Rod and Car Craft magazines along. We attended all of the yearly car shows. In 1974, Dad brought home a new Mille Miglia red Corvette. His car was always the best car he ever owned until he showed up with a new car the next day. Right after he would drive it home, I would sit inside and admire the new car smell and pretend I was driving it. I remember asking Dad why he picked that particular Corvette. He said he liked the engine/transmission combination and it was the last year without a cat. I have fond memories of lying down in the back of the Vette. I was 9 and fit almost perfectly sideways. Sometimes, my older brother and I were both back there while my parents were in the front unbelted seats motoring down the highway. From the passenger seat, I learned how to shift in this car. Dad would accelerate, lift off, put in the clutch and instruct me to shift the M20 before pressing the music pedal. I soon learned to do this without his instruction. He got rid of the Vette, citing the oil embargo. Dad went foreign and came home with a 260z lemon. I'll never forget that Corvette.

Fast forward about 8 years. I was in High School and visited my friend, Jeff, after school. Jeff drove a '70 Chevelle and was always quick to point out that his 307 had Corvette heads. His Dad bought a '63 split back new, but it was stolen in '64. Insurance replaced it with a new one. It was in great shape except the Daytona blue paint had some shrinkage. Jeff's Dad wasn't home so he took me on a ride. That day, I learned the definition of torque. I remember being thrown against the seat back. I thought the Midyears were amongst the sexiest cars ever built.

## DECEMBER 2011



I was finishing up College in San Francisco in '87. I met Larry in a Management class and we hit it off with our common appreciation of cars. His daily driver at the time was a Honda Accord, but he had a Classic White '73 C3 in his garage. He built the 350 and had a 4 speed tranny. He didn't take it out much, but I recall going on a couple of wild rides with him. I was very sad when he put it up for sale.

My wife and I flew to Las Vegas to inspect our car prior to purchase. We shipped it home the following week. Our Marina Blue '67 has an L79 engine, an M21 transmission and a positraction rear axle with 3.70 gears. The odometer reads 53K miles, but I'm not sure. Tim at Kirkland Classic Cars believes it is the true mileage. The Robbins white top was replaced in the early '80's. It has factory AC and originally came with black leather which has since been replaced with Al Noch leather upholstery. I found out through the NCRS that this car was originally delivered in Detroit. Good thing it wasn't driven during winters. I don't have any early history. I know it eventually went to Oklahoma, Texas, Nevada and now Washington. The car is original and has never been restored. The frame and interior are in good condition and the engine numbers match. Someone added side exhaust and Western bolt-ons along the way. I educated myself prior to the search, but I'm amazed at how much more I have learned since buying my new car. I love having a piece of artwork in my garage that I can drive. I joined the club before my purchase. I valued the help I received from some fellow members prior to enrolling. I appreciate the warm welcome and look forward to meeting all of you.

# 2011 EVENT SCHEDULE

Dec 4

Holiday Event

Brock's Oak Tree in Woodland, WA

## Area Coordinator Report

by Mike Doty

October was a busy Corvette month for us as we had a Corvette adventure every weekend. We started out the month traveling to Maryhill Museum for their car show. No less than 10 Corvettes attended this event and it was nice to see our NCRS members again. Four days later, we were off to Sacramento for the regional meet. The Northwest chapter was well represented with 14 members.

The next Saturday saw our NCRS friends, the Heilmans, give away their daughter and Sunday we saw a basket case 65 BB that became the latest adopted child of the family.

The next Saturday was the chapter judging school at Dan Johnson's in Woodinville, enjoying the company of fellow NCRS chapter members and judging 2 mid-years. During the month, we signed the contract with one of the hotels at Seaside. We heard a lot of

positive feedback for next year's regional while we were in California and everything is falling into place for a successful regional in May.

Speaking of regionals, we have 2 months to put in our proposal for hosting the 2014 regional. Carl and Dave will be working with the LeMay museum to be our destination for the next regional. We have also been approached by National board members to host the 2015 National convention. As we have not found a suitable location for a National convention, we will probably pass on their request. If anyone has a good location, let a board member know right away.

Thanks to Dan's article in the last Front Bumper, we have an article written by one of our newest chapter members for publication in this newsletter. We would like to see more corvette articles in coming editions from the membership.

## Puyallup Swap Meet

by Mike Doty

The annual swap meet in Puyallup is less than 3 months away, so some planning is in order. The chapter would like to get together for dinner on Saturday night again and would like your feedback on where to have it. Let us know your price range you are willing to spend, and we will try to accommodate as many members as is practical. Democracy rules. We will also have a general meeting and board meeting at this time as we did last year. CHIPS is asking for volunteers to work the grounds Saturday morning during the peak hours. They are offering free admission for people working 2-4 hours on Saturday. Finally, we need volunteers to work the chapter booth in the pavillon building. Tammy can cover the opening and closing hours.

# Judging Chairman's Report

by Wayne Loron

About 20 members met at Dan Johnson's home on October 22 for the last Judging School/Mini-Meet of the year. We were pleased to welcome two new Chapter members, Mark Kramer and Dave McLeod, and to welcome Grant Wong and Roy Drewitt again from the British Columbia Chapter. Bruce Green's 1963 coupe received a Second Flight Award, and Dan Kalinski's 1965 coupe earned a Top Flight Award. A big thanks goes to both car owners for bringing their cars out in the rain! Also, thanks go to Dan and Lisa Johnson for their gracious hospitality and those killer brownies!

We are in the process of outlining a schedule of events for 2012, so please let us know your thoughts. What could we change, what would help you get the award(s) you are going for, etc. Our big event next year will be the Regional Meet in Seaside, OR in early May. The registration form will be available in the next issue of the Driveline, and on-line beginning January 1, 2012.

The other big event next year will be the National Convention in San Diego, CA. The National only gets to the west coast every three or four years, so make your plans now to attend.

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## Membership Report

by Tammy Shirley

The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome Joseph and Carol Carson from Lake Oswego as our newest member, they are owners of a 1955.

I would like to thank Marc Kramer for his article in this issue, after reading Dan Kaliskis story in the last issue he said it inspired him to write and submit his story. We are hoping there is others out there that have a story to tell, if so please send it to either myself or Mike Doty and we will make sure it gets into the next newsletters.

It is time once again for the 2012 Membership dues, we will be having the early bird special of \$20.00 if paid before January 31, 2012, \$25.00 afterwards. This year I am going to send each of you a current membership application, with a little note to let you know your payment status. If you would take the time to fill it out so we can update any new information for our 2012 Directory, also please fill out clearly and correct e-mail addresses, we have been receiving quite of few of the addresses as undelivered, whether it be entered incorrectly or you have changed e-mail addresses. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or send me an e-mail.