



The Front Bumper

Submitted by Mike Doty

Chairmen's Message

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to our members. It is been an interesting year and has a positive feel for the chapter going forward. Tammy and I attended about the same number of car shows this past season but participated (entered) in ½ as many as normal. However, we didn't lower our corvette show participation this season and we have seen the benefit of being out in the public, preaching the NCRS to corvette enthusiasts.

Reflecting on our attendance at the Christmas brunch, I was a little disappointed at the lower than usual turnout. A few of our members came down with health issues and couldn't attend. We missed not seeing them. We did have 4 new members attend, one of which is our new, newsletter editor, John Hopkins and his wife Shelly from Gig Harbor. The other new members, Wayne and Sandy Parkin, from Tumwater, attended the Kennewick show in June. His car is on the website under the tent next to Bill's duntov car of the same color and model. We saw Wayne at Puyallup in August, then again at the Maryhill museum show in October, where he parked next to Bill again. We should see his car on the judging floor in Tacoma as he pursues the top flight award. Due to the popularity of the Kennewick show, there were NCRS members from as far away as Idaho Falls in attendance and we had the privilege of meeting a few people we had not met before. A 1954 there had judging sheets in the trunk from Bend in the late 80s that were interesting to read. The popular Kennewick show with 198 corvettes this year will be the part of our outreach program in the future.

At the brunch, we presented our member of the year award to Dave Artz. He has checked out corvette project cars for me in the past and has performed many chores to the benefit to the chapter, as well as being the current secretary. Since he lives close to Tacoma, he will be our point of contact for next year's regional. Please thank him for dedication to our hobby. Dave and the rest of the officers and board will return for 2014, the only exception being our new editor for the newsletter.

We had 3 members travel to Dallas to attend the judging seminar. Bob, Dan, and Dave will hold a judging school at Dan's house March 15th, to share the knowledge they learned in Dallas with us. Thanks to Dan for volunteering his place again. Maybe we will get to see that body drop of his 60 also that day. Our website not only has all our newsletters on the site, but has the info for next year's regional, and soon should have our event schedule on also. If anyone wants to add an event or volunteer to host an event, we can add it to the calendar. We also need members to work the NCRS NW chapter booth at Puyallup in February. We will have entry passes to provide to booth workers if needed.

We had a couple areas of chapter duties at Seaside that went unnoticed to the participants but needs to be addressed for Tacoma. John Paul will head up the trailer parking and has volunteers to help with that. We need people to work the registration desks on Friday and Saturday plus handle ticket sales to the public both days. The rent of the Tacoma convention center was expensive but it was our best option and with a major sponsor and ticket sales, we should come out fine financially. We are looking for help with goody bags, wash bay, and a few other areas. Please volunteer to help at the regional, every little bit helps us be successful. We are expecting another great year for our chapter in 2014. ~ Mike

This Day in History

Courtesy of the History Channel

On December 9th, 1921, a young engineer at General Motors named Thomas Midgeley Jr. discovers that when he adds a compound called tetraethyl lead (TEL) to gasoline, he eliminates the unpleasant noises (known as "knock" or "pinging") that internal-combustion engines make when they run. Midgeley could scarcely have imagined the consequences of his discovery: For more than five decades, oil companies would saturate the gasoline they sold with lead--a deadly poison.

In 1911, a scientist named Charles Kettering, Midgeley's boss at GM, invented an electric ignition system for internal-combustion cars that made their old-fashioned hand-cranked starters obsolete. Now, driving a gas-fueled auto was no trouble at all. Unfortunately, as more and more people bought GM cars, more and more people noticed a problem: When they heated up, their engines made an alarming racket, banging and clattering as though their metal parts were loose under the hood.

The problem, Kettering and Midgeley eventually figured out, was that ordinary gasoline was much too explosive for spark-ignited car engines: that is, what we now call its octane (a measure of its resistance to detonation) was too low. To raise the fuel's octane level and make it less prone to detonation and knocking, Midgeley wrote later, he mixed it with almost anything he could think of, from "melted butter and camphor to ethyl acetate and aluminum chloride...[but] most of these had no more effect than spitting in the Great Lakes."

He found a couple of additives that did work, however, and lead was just one of them. Iodine worked, but producing it was much too complicated. Ethyl alcohol also worked, and it was cheap--however, anyone with an ordinary still could make it, which meant that GM could not patent it or profit from it. Thus, from a corporate point of view, lead was the best anti-knock additive there was.

In February 1923, a Dayton filling station sold the first tankful of leaded gasoline. A few GM engineers witnessed this big moment, but Midgeley did not, because he was in bed with severe lead poisoning. He recovered; however, in April 1924, lead poisoning killed two of his unluckier colleagues, and in October, five workers at a Standard Oil lead plant died too, after what one reporter called "wrenching fits of violent insanity." (Almost 40 of the plant's workers suffered severe neurological symptoms like hallucinations and seizures.)

Still, for decades auto and oil companies denied that lead posed any health risks. Finally, in the [1970s](#), the Environmental Protection Agency required that carmakers phase out lead-compatible engines in the cars they sold in the [United States](#). Today, leaded gasoline is still in use in some parts of Eastern Europe, South America and the Middle East.

Judging School March 15th, 2014

Submitted by Dan Johnson

Agenda; (Bob, Dave & Dan)

1. We want to pass on what we learned at the "judges retreat" in Texas this February.
 - * There are many current judges that do not judge in the manner that the National is teaching (CDCIF).
 - * We want to teach upcoming judges the "correct" method for judging (per National)
2. If we what to have new judges in our pool...we need to offer more chances for judging in small venues so they can learn and be of value for the Chapter
3. Have member cars judged in prep for the regional meet in August

If any members would like your car judged...please contact Bob Johansen to have your car evaluated.

Location Dan's garage in Woodinville (21318 NE 159th Street / Woodinville, WA. 98077)

My Corvette Love Affair

Submitted by John Hopkins

My wife Shelly and I are new members to the Northwest chapter of NCRS and recently agreed to help write the newsletter. I have owned Corvettes every year since 1988 and I am hopeful this will help you get to know me a bit. Simply I am a car nut and have been since I left the womb. My love affair with the Corvette started in 1973, I was six. I grew up on the outskirts of Philadelphia in a small brick row home. My neighbor two doors down, Steve had five cars; three MGs, a 63 Split Window and a 65 Rally Red Convertible with Side Pipes. In an old blue collar town parking was at a premium. Most families had a car, not five. Adults complained constantly about parking; bent the ear of the local policemen "that car never moves" and so on. Steve kept to himself; hardly bothered anyone and always engaged my peppering of daily questions about the cars. I was mesmerized by the Corvettes and would spend hours sitting on the curb playing match box cars. Even if he was working on the MGs; which he did frequently he had to endure question after question about the Corvettes.

The Split Window had been involved in an accident and had nose damage. Maybe I wasn't as mesmerized as I thought, but intoxicated by Rolling Rock Beer bottles, Fiberglass and Resin. Yes, I was his beer gopher, but to this day when I smell Resin my mind rushes back to those days sitting on the curb and the wonderful memories of childhood. One sunny afternoon Steve took my brother and me for a ride down Township Line Road. I sat on my older brother's lap and grabbed the "oh Shit Bar" as Steve called it and that was it. I later learned it was a 365 Solid lifter car with factory Side pipes. I was done. I started to build snap together models and progressed to ones made with globs of glue. For Christmas 1977 I received a Remote Control Corvette and a Clay Car modeling kit. I nearly broke my parent's budget with batteries, but I was driving a Vette. If I wasn't outside playing with cars I was inside drawing or making them out of clay. In 82 my brother bought a used 1980 White with Red interior Four speed. I practiced the shift pattern at every chance. After a year of Auto Shop I knew enough to be dangerous combined with an intuitive mind I soon realized I could unhook his speedometer at the transducer and enjoy the Corvette as well..

My first Corvette was a 1980 White with a Blue interior (NOM), then another 80 White with Red (L-82), a 75 White with Red (L-48) which I restored twice during our long life together. 1993 40th Anniversary Convertible w/ Hard Top, 82 Collectors Edition, 57 283 / 270 Horse (Counter Exchange Block) 4 speed and now Shelly and I have a 65 Nassau Blue Roadster (Second Flight in 2007), another 40th Anniversary Convertible and a handful of Camaro's. We are looking forward to making new friends, memories and getting the 65 to Top Flight Status.

Northwest Chapter Outstanding Service Award

In 2002 Dave Artz acquired a 1975 Bright yellow 'Vette' from a business partner in part trade for a piece of property. The car was owned by Jerry Yoder of Sunset Chevrolet and he sold it to my partner. When Dave took the 'Vette' it had 9,400 miles on it. He always wanted a Vette and this one was very nice. So they drove it and had fun with it. But with 165 horses, L48, he didn't win a lot of races. Dave then started to look for another 'Vette' that had more "juice". Possibly Big Block.

Realizing that he didn't have a clue what "numbers matching" meant. Dave looked for some info. Dave fell into the NCRS and started asking questions. And, has not quit asking questions since. Dave now knows what "Numbers Matching" means. He got his "Black Hat" in 2011.

Dave has been involved with NCRS since 2006 when the '75' was judged first at Leavenworth Regional on September 14, 2007. Since then he has had a great time getting to know and hanging out with people from the Northwest Chapter. Dave has always liked to hang out with guys that know more than he does. The Artz's now own three 'Vettes'. '75' '69' '66'. Having great fun with all three. Dave said his only claim to fame in the Northwest Chapter is, since joining he has only missed two Chapter judging's, Northwest Regional, or Chapter judging schools. And one of those misses was to pick up the '66'. Dave has been the Chapter Secretary for either two or three years, can't remember which. Dave closed with, there are always great people to meet and 'Vettes' to talk about.



Membership Report

Submitted by Tammy Shirley

The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome 5 new members:

Norm Coffelt from Prineville, Oregon

Bill Hurley from Salem Oregon

John Roberts from Boise Idaho

Bill & Maryann Chellis from Camano Island, WA

John & Shelly Hopkins from Gig Harbor, WA

Our Chapter is currently at 132 Members, this last year we had 7 members that did not renew their membership, but so far we have gained 15 new members. So with that being said, since this is the last newsletter for 2013, especially for the members that do not have email access, please keep in mind the 2014 membership dues will be approaching very soon so please mark your calendars now to please make your 2014 membership of \$20.00 in January. The other members that have email and have been receiving emails from either Mike Doty or me through the National Data Base, I will be sending out a reminder in December. If you have not been receiving emails from us this last year, please check with Nationals to make sure they have your email address updated.

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Upcoming Events

Winter Rod and Speed Show 2014 - Benefit Car Show

January 4, 2014 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.
Albany, Oregon

38th Annual NWDRA Hi-Performance Automotive Swap Meet

January 26, 2014 Gates open at 8 a.m.
Ridgefield, Washington

Collector Car Auction

February 1, 2014
Salem, Oregon

40th Annual Corvette & High Performance Meet

February 8th & 9th, 2014
Puyallup, Washington

Portland Roadster Show

March 14th - 16th, 2014
Portland, Oregon

34th Annual Almost Spring Swap Meet

March 15th & 16th, 2014
Puyallup, Washington

NCRS Judging School

Dan Johnson's garage

21318 NE 159th Street / Woodinville, WA. 98077

Christmas Brunch



On December 8th about 20 of our members gathered in Olympia for a wonderful brunch at Budd Bay Café in Olympia. The fellowship and food were outstanding.

Our Chairman, Mike Doty awarded David Artz our Outstanding Service Award for 2013.

Following our meal and awards a brief Board Meeting was held and planning for the upcoming North West Chapter Regional Meet in Tacoma this August 28th—30th.

