



THE FRONT BUMPER



March 2014

Chairman's Message

Well, another Puyallup swap meet has come and gone. The weather in Washington and Oregon was less than ideal and the lack of vendors and people through the gate was very evident. Many of our friends from the South and East couldn't make the trip and our Saturday dinner get together had the smallest turnout in the last few years. A round of applause goes out to Bert Lukens for making the long trip in lousy weather. Does he receive the longest driven award or the longest trailered award???

Our board meeting Friday night was centered around the Tacoma regional and everything is coming together nicely. We still need volunteers for the registration desks on Friday and Saturday but I am sure a couple of our awesome members will step up and help us.

You have all heard about the judging school in Woodinville on March 15th to teach us how to properly judge cars using the CDCIF matrix. We will also have a judging school in the Portland area to teach our members interested in learning more about the judging technique living in that region. Details of where and when should be finalized by early March for the Portland school.

We have had great early interest in the Tacoma regional with a better proportion of mid years to solid axles than we had at Seaside. Due to our regional, we have decided to have the B.C. chapter's cars destined to be judged this summer in B.C, attend our regional. We in turn will attend their chapter meet next year, helping them judge their cars.

I recently received the flyer for the Kennewick corvette show and it is June 6-8th. They had 198 vettes there last year and they do not disappoint their participants. We now know the XXX corvette show in Issaquah is August 24th, a few days prior to the regional. This is perhaps the largest show in the region.

Tammy and I will be spending a good amount of time in the car this summer, driving to and from Kansas City in July then 2 trips to the west side of the state in August. We would like to have a terminator party in September again this year. If anyone would like to host the event, let us know. Mike

Submitted by Tammy Shirley

Membership Report

Thanks to all who have renewed their memberships in the last 2 months. We are currently at 137 members. The early bird special will end at the end of February, returning to \$25 for the year. Our membership has increased by 4 new members.

Please welcome John Tidwell from Federal Way WA, Michael and Virginia Roush from Kent WA (owners of a 1980), Ray Kaltenbach from Belluvue WA, and Joey & Jennifer Borrelli from Tukwila WA who are proud owners of a 53 & 54. Please welcome them to our chapter at the next event.

Just a reminder, it is important to keep your National Membership updated to keep your status in the Chapter. If you have any questions, or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me regarding the above items.

This Day in History

Courtesy of History Channel

On March 7th, 1938, Janet Guthrie, the first woman to compete in the Indianapolis 500 and Daytona 500 races, is born in Iowa City, Iowa.

Guthrie was raised in Florida and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1960 with a degree in physics. After college, she worked as an aerospace engineer; however, by the early 1970s, her interest in sports car racing led her to devote herself full-time to the sport. In 1976, she was the first woman to compete in a National Association of Stock Car Racing (NASCAR) Winston Cup superspeedway race. The following year, she broke the gender barrier again, becoming the first female driver in the Daytona 500, where she finished in 12th place and earned Top Rookie honors. Known today as the "Super Bowl of stock car racing," the 200-lap, 500-race first was held in Daytona Beach, Florida, in 1959.

Also in 1977, Guthrie became the first female driver ever to qualify for and compete in the famed Indianapolis 500. Considered one of auto racing's premier events, the Indy 500 was first held in 1911. Unfortunately for Guthrie, she was forced to drop out of her first Indy 500 on lap 27 due to mechanical problems. However, she earned Rookie of the Year honors and in 1978 was back at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, where she finished the 500-mile race in ninth place. Guthrie's record stood among female drivers until 2005, when Danica Patrick came in fourth place at the 89th Indy 500.

Guthrie drove in her final Indy 500 in 1979 and her last Daytona 500 in 1980. In 1983, a lack of sponsors forced her to quit the male-dominated world of auto racing. In 2005, her autobiography, "Janet Guthrie: A Life at Full Throttle," was published and the following year she was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame. Today, her helmet and driver's suit are in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.



2014 National Road Tour

Submitted by : Mike Doty

7/9 Depart from your residence with an overnight stay at the Rama Inn in La Grande, OR.

1711 21st St. La Grande, OR 97850 (541) 963-3100. Mike will be arriving around 8 pm.

7/10 Depart for Rock Springs, WY (roughly 650 miles) staying at the Hampton Inn. (307)-382-9222.

7/11 Depart for Lied Lodge in Nebraska City, NE (402) 873-8733 and meet up with the Colorado group.

7/12 will be a short day of travel with last night out activities at Independence, MO. Let us know if you would like to join us for fun on the road and at the National convention.

NW/NCRS Chapter Judging School - Registration Form

Saturday, March 15, 2014 at Dan Johnson's Garage 21318 NE 159th in Woodinville, WA 98077

- 8:00 am to 8:30 am-coffee and donuts
- 8:30 am to 12 noon-Judging School (CDCIF)
- 12 noon to 1:00 pm-lunch provided by the Chapter
- 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm-finish Judging School & awards presentation

Agenda- (Presenters: Bob Johansen, Dave Artz, and Dan Johnson)

1. We want to pass on what we learned at the 2013 "judges retreat" in Texas.

- 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

NCRS Membership Number: _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Companion: _____

Address: _____ Guest: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Meet Chairman & Registration- Dan Johnson / 425-864-4068 / email danj@johnsonelect.com

Judging Chairman -Bob Johansen / 425-765-4205/email bob.johansen@gly.com

PLEASE RSVP TO DAN JOHNSON BY FEBRUARY 26, 2014 (via email)

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: _____

Corvette Inspired Boat

Courtesy of Carbon Fiber Journal & John and Shelly Hopkins

As I look out the window at snow kissed trees this morning, I can't help but to think of Key West as Shelly cries out my lips are so chapped... I need palm trees, heat and humidity. Key West is our favorite place to escape to and this past fall we went down for the Power Boat National Championships. Traveling to Key West from Seattle can be work, but for us definitely worth the three flights and 12 hours to relax and unwind. We stopped to meet some friends and have a beverage along one of the dock areas and while many beautiful boats were in the water one stood out. It had a Corvette emblem and early C4 inspired taillights. Upon closer inspection you could see a C6 Corvette steering wheel and dash. I initially thought it was a custom build, but after a web search found the following article about the 1.7 million dollar Corvette inspired boat.



Corvette lovers looking to drop \$1.7 million on a powerboat can rejoice! The 2012 MTI ZR48 is exactly what you're looking for. Based in Tennessee, powerboat manufacturer [Pier 57](#), recently created this Corvette inspired 2,700 HP beast that will have you cruising across the water at 180 mph while sitting comfortably in a Corvette cockpit. The MTI ZR48 features a pair of 1,350-horsepower turbocharged Mercury Marine V8 engines strapped into a carbon fiber hull. As impressive as all that is, what really sets this craft apart from others is its complete Chevrolet Corvette inspired hull and interior.

The Corvette inspired cockpit is truly one of a kind. The custom dash has fully function gauges, a custom ZR1 steering wheel and shifter. The custom shifter throttles both engines and controls drive trim. The interior is ultra leather and suede with six air conditioned seats. The driver and throttle man's carbon fiber seats are power sliding with footrests.



The uniquely designed engine bays are loaded with carbon fiber trim, LED and Lumiflex lighting, custom ZR48 badges and bulkhead accent panels. The accessories are powered by a 4.2 kW Fischer Panda Diesel Genset. The power for this monster comes from two Mercury Racing 1,350 HP twin-turbo engines with number 8 drives. The engines are accented with ZR1 type supercharger covers, giving the engines a proper Corvette themed appearance.

Sinkhole Collapses at National Corvette Museum

Courtesy National Corvette Museum

On February 12th, 2014 at 5:44 AM the National Corvette Museum received a phone call from their security company alerting them of their motion detectors going off in the Skydome area of the museum. Upon arrival it was discovered that a sinkhole had collapsed within the museum. No one was in or around the museum at the time. The Bowling Green Fire Department arrived on the scene and secured the area. The Fire Department has estimated the size of the hole is 40 feet across and 25-30 feet deep. It is with heavy hearts that we report that eight Corvettes were affected by this incident.

Those cars include:

- 1993 ZR-1 Spyder on loan from General Motors
- 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" on loan from General Motors

The other six vehicles were owned by the National Corvette Museum including:

- 1962 Black Corvette
- 1984 PPG Pace Car
- 1992 White 1 Millionth Corvette
- 1993 Ruby Red 40th Anniversary Corvette
- 2001 Mallett Hammer Z06 Corvette
- 2009 White 1.5 Millionth Corvette



None of the cars affected were on loan from individuals. The Skydome exhibit area of the museum is a separate structure connected to the main museum. A structural engineer is now on-site to assess the existing damage and stability of the surrounding areas. The museum is closed to the public for the day to allow us to carefully assess the situation. We will keep everyone informed as we know more.

With the 20th Anniversary celebration, Grand Opening of the NCM Motorsports Park, and the National Corvette Caravan coming August 27-30, we've got a lot to be excited about in 2014, and look forward to getting the Skydome repaired and reopened very soon. To help the National Corvette Museum recover from the massive sink hole, Chevrolet will be overseeing restoration of the Corvettes damaged. The process will be managed by General Motors Design in Warren, Mich.



Northwest Chapter of the National Corvette Restorers Society



Great Cars and Great Friends

Upcoming Events

MARCH

8 Astoria Swap Clatsop Co Fairgrounds 800.220.0792
9 Off Rd high Performance Swapmeet Puyallup 360.254.2131
7-9 Goodguys Spring Nats Scottsdale AZ. 925.838.9876
6-9 Boise Roadster Show 208.938.8986
16 NW VW's Cruise In Issaquah XXX 253.841.2037
14-16 Portland Roadster Show 503.232.4567
15-16 Almost Spring Swapmeet Puyallup 253.833.3926
23 Leprechaun Daze @ Hardware Sales Bellingham 360.380.2733
30 Easter Parade Kamloops BC 250.573.5740
29-30 All American Get-Together Pleasanton 925.838.9876
29-30 NW Rodarama R&C Show Puyallup Fairgrds 253.377.2525
29-30 Eugene OR Roadster Show 541.521.9007

APRIL

5 South Albany OR high School Car Show 541.990.7338
4-6 Portland Swapmeet 503.678.2100
3-5 PIR Swapmeet 503.307.5420
5-6 Central WA Custom Car & Bike Show Yakima 509.877.4621
10 AMC Coffee Cruise In LeMay Museum 253.779.8490
12 Mustang anniversary parade Woodburn OR 971.266.3673
13 Swapmeet Maple Ridge BC 604.941.7791
11-12 Swapmeet Skagit Co Fairgds 360.336.9414
19 Cherry Blossom Drive-Poker Run Salem 503.588.1932
20 All Italian Car Show Issaquah XXX 360.731.8758
18-20 B.C.Classic/Custom Show Abbotsford 604.539.7223
26 Jefferson County Expo Pt Townsend WA 360.385.1013
26 KODL Calssic Car Show The Dalles 541.296.2101
26 50's Cruise Reunion Warrenton OR 503.338.4777
26 Mt Vernon Swapmeet Skagit Co Fairgnds 360.757.6333
26 Spring Bling Caldwell ID 208.459.8283
27 Mopars Unlimited Poker Run Tacoma 253.255.3435
27 Puyallup Elks Breakfast Poker Run 253.752.8425