



THE FRONT BUMPER



November 2014

Chairman's Message

With high in the 30s and lows in the teens, the car show season is definitely over. We did however go to a car event down town yesterday with Tammy driving the white 65(Piper) to the event. Heater worked awesome and the sun felt good coming through the window. We sure had a lot of people checking out the car also, they probably thought we were nuts.

Our judging chairman, Bob Johansen has decided to step down from his board position. This job is difficult with the National group strongly requesting we use their non user friendly on-line registration. Thank you Bob for the last 2 years of hard work and dedication as judging chairman. At the national level, our President resigned at the beginning of the month, and Michael Ingham, the Vice President is now our President.

There seems to be a lot of issues at the National level, and most of them revolve around money. It is well documented values of Corvettes with chrome bumpers can have wide ranges of prices depending on condition, rarity, options, and awards. We all have heard stories of Corvettes stolen, and bogus cars built and sold. There was a mid year listed on Craigslist in Seattle recently as a 66 convertible. The car sported an early 1965 VIN trim tag and a 20,000+ 1965 VIN tag. I alerted the seller to the issue. I would like to see the title on that car.

Our new NCRS President called asking about a possible 2018 National convention in Bend and the conversation moved to National issues as the Bend site can't accommodate 100+ plus cars in the convention center. Evidently, someone photo shopped a top flight award from another car and presented a car as having a top flight award, when it didn't. Money.....

We as a hobby need to install measures to avoid unscrupulous people from harming the NCRS. This problem is not exclusive to the national board but to all of us.

Our new national regional rep for 2015-2017 is John Paul Nelson, a long time NCRS member, and founding chapter member. Thanks to Carl Davidson for your service the last 3 years. Reach out to John Paul with ideas to make our hobby better. We need your help to keep our NCRS family strong. Save the wave ~ Mike

NCRS President Steps Down

NCRS President Dick Capello resigned his position effective November 1, 2014, for personal reasons. Per NCRS By-laws Section 6.2(d), the current Vice-President, Mike Ingham, is appointed to the position of President for the remainder of the past President's term.

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This Day in History

Courtesy of History Channel

After a howling wind- and rainstorm on Thanksgiving Day November 25th , 1990 Washington state's historic floating Lacey V. Murrow Memorial Bridge breaks apart and sinks to the bottom of Lake Washington, between Seattle and its suburbs to the east. Because the bridge's disintegration happened relatively slowly, news crews were able to capture the whole thing on camera, broadcasting it to a rapt audience across Western Washington. "It looked like a big old battleship that had been hit by enemy fire and was sinking into the briny deep," said one observer. (He added: "It was awesome.")

The Murrow Bridge was the brainchild of engineer Homer Hadley, who in 1921 proposed a "floating concrete highway, permanent and indestructible, across Lake Washington." Figuring out a way to cross that lake, between up-and-coming Seattle and its (at that time) sleepy small-town neighbors to the east, was a particular challenge because an ordinary "fixed-pier" bridge was out of the question: The lake was too deep, and its bottom was too mushy. Still, people scoffed at what they called "Hadley's Folly" (one civic organization declared that his "chain of scows across Lake Washington would stand out as a municipal eyesore"), but eventually, mostly because they had no other options, they came around to his way of thinking. Construction began on the bridge, named after the state highways director (and brother of famous newsman Edward R. Murrow), in 1939; it was completed 18 months later.

In November 1990, the 6,600-foot-long bridge, made of 22 floating bolted-together pontoons, was in the process of being converted from a two-way road to a one-way road. (A parallel bridge had been completed the year before, effectively doubling the amount of traffic that could cross the lake.) The state highway department alleged that construction crews had left the pontoons' hatches open, leaving them vulnerable to the weekend's heavy rains and large waves. (For its part, the construction company refused to accept responsibility for the disaster, countering that "the probable cause of the failure was progressive bond slip at lapped splices in the bottom slab...due to failure in bond." It did eventually agree to pay the state \$20 million, however.) For whatever reason, at midday on November 25, the center pontoons began to sink. As they disappeared under the water, they pulled more and more of the crumbling roadway down with them. By the end of the day, the bridge was gone.

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Forty Years Ago ~ A look back to 1974

Source info please

Patricia Hearst, 19-year-old daughter of publisher Randolph Hearst, kidnapped by Symbionese Liberation Army (Feb. 5).

House Judiciary Committee adopts three articles of impeachment charging President Nixon (July 30). Nixon announces he will resign the next day, the first president to do so (Aug. 8). Vice President Gerald R. Ford of Michigan is sworn in as 38th president of the U.S. (Aug. 9). Ford grants "full, free, and absolute pardon" to ex-president Nixon (Sept. 8).

Median Household Income current dollars): \$11,197 Unemployment: 5.6% Cost of a first-class stamp .08

Super Bowl Miami d. Minnesota (24-7) **World Series** Oakland A's d. LA Dodgers (4-1) **NBA Championship**

Boston d. Milwaukee (4-3) **Stanley Cup** Philadelphia d. Boston (4-2)

Peter Max Corvette Collection Exhumed from Parking-Garage Purgatory

The long and twisted tale of the so-called VH1 MAX Corvette collection, after sitting for nearly twenty-five years in a series of New York parking garages, has finally come to a close. According to a report in the New York Times, the thirty-six-car collection, which began as a grand prize in a television contest before finding its way into the hands of psychedelic graphic designer Peter Max, was recently purchased by a group of investors with the intent of returning the cars to their pre-infamy status.

As it turns out, the tale of how thirty-six Chevrolet Corvettes can go instantaneously from making TV headlines to disappearing in plain sight for a quarter-century isn't as nefarious as one might suspect. Back in 1988, long before VH1 dumped actual music for reality-based programming, the network figured it could tap into its then baby-boomer demographic and snag some ratings with a mega promotion based on the iconic Corvette. So the network enlisted a producer to gather 36 Vettes, one from each production year from 1953 to 1989 (the 1983 model year was skipped when production was halted to prepare for the launch of the '84 C4). The giveaway was a call-in affair that required contestants to enter by dialing a 900 number at the cost of \$2.00 per call. By the time VH1 had milked this promotion for all it was worth, more than a million people had entered.

In the end, it was Dennis Amodeo, a carpenter from Long Island, who came out on top and flew to California to accept his prize. But before he even hatched a plan to get all the cars back to N.Y., Mr. Max intervened, purchasing the collection from Amodeo for a reported \$250,000 in cash, \$250,000 in artwork, and a portion of future sales of the Corvettes up to \$1 million. Apparently, Max had grand visions of using the Corvettes as an integral part of an art project. Although Max did retrieve the cars to NYC, the art project never came to fruition; paper color-test strips affixed to some of the cars remain the only clue of the artist's original plans. For the better part of the last twenty-five years the Corvettes remained interned in a series of garages until the Heller and Spindler families finally convinced Max to sell, although they won't disclose the price.

Now they have possession of the entire collection, restoration work under the watchful eye of Corvette aficionado and occasional concours judge Chris Mazzilli has begun, starting with the 1953 Corvette, which is number 291 of the 300 Corvettes produced in its inaugural year. The remainder of the cars will be either restored or simply reconditioned, as determined on a car-to-car basis. *C/D* spoke to one of the new owners, Adam Heller, who confirmed that although the plan loosely involves selling the cars at auction within a year or so, the owners are still "open to ideas and not really certain what the endgame is." When asked if any of the involved parties has interest in keeping a car or two for their own use, Heller said they hadn't really thought about it.



Membership Report

Submitted by : Tammy Shirley

The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome our newest member Tim Johnson.

2015 membership dues are right around the corner, I will sent out a broadcast email to everyone. if you have any questions please fill free to email me @ t.shirley@charter.net

Hope to see everyone at the Christmas Brunch in December.

Peter Max Corvette Collection Images from Parking-Garage Purgatory



Images' from the Terminator Party and Road Tour to Yakima



Images' from the Terminator Party and Road Tour. Photo Credit Parker Hopkins



NCRS Board of Directors Message

CONFLICT OF INTEREST AVOIDANCE POLICY – AUTO RELATED

The Board of Directors of the National Corvette Restorers Society ("N.C.R.S., Inc."), effective July 25, 2014, has adopted the following Conflict of Interest Avoidance Policy (the "Policy"). The Policy applies to each Board of Directors Member, Officer, Regional Director, Manager, Employee and Team Leader (a "Party").

Definition: A conflict of interest exists when a Party has either a personal or business interest (i.e. brokering, furnishing of parts, restoration services, etc.) in a Corvette that is entered in any NCRS event ("Event"), and is in a position, directly or indirectly, to influence the judging or granting of awards ("Judging") for this Corvette, or an existing business relationship with the owner of a Corvette that has been submitted for Judging. (Either of the above is a "Prior Interest.")

To avoid any actual or perceived conflict of interest which may or could be alleged to interfere with the exercise of sound judgment in applying the criteria of the applicable Judging Manual, the Party recognizes that the Prior Interest may or could be alleged to interfere with the Party's ability to perform his/her role in NCRS in a fair and impartial manner.

Specifics:

- 1.The Party must identify any Corvette entered in any Judging with which he or she has a Prior Interest.
- 2.The Party will follow the guidelines as described in the Judging Reference Manual, Section 2, paragraph 7.
- 3.The Party shall be recused from Judging the Corvette.
- 4.The Party shall not enter into any discussion related to the purchase or sale of either Corvette parts for Corvettes entered in the Event or Corvettes entered in the Event until the Event has officially ended (when the banquet or presentation of awards is completed).
5. No Party who has an affiliation with another organization that utilizes NCRS awards in the operation of its business shall be eligible to perform any NCRS judging duties, either directly or indirectly, by either a supervisory or review position, which results in the granting of any NCRS awards.

Signature _____

Date _____

Regional VIII Director Announcement

Larry Colvin NCRS Secretary

It is my pleasure to inform everyone that John Paul Nelson III was officially elected as the Region VIII Director for a 3-year term beginning on January 1, 2015. Welcome to the NCRS Board of Directors! As an individual NCRS member I want to extend my appreciation for your willingness to run for the Region VIII Director position and contribute further to the success of the NCRS. Thanks for your willingness to serve. I look forward to working with you on behalf of the NCRS and it's members. If there is anything I can do for you please do not hesitate to ask.

2015 Road Tour

Submitted by Mike Doty

Now that we know where Last Night Out will be held next July, my wheels started grinding. There was talk of horrible traffic around Denver at Kansas City National, with the LNO being in Colorado Springs. Initial plans are Thursday night, Twin Falls, Idaho, Friday night Rock springs, Wyo. My thoughts are exit off I 80 at mile marker 187 onto Hwy 789 which becomes Hwy 13 in CO. We turn onto Hwy 40 traveling through Steamboat springs, then Hwy 9 to Hwy 24 into Colorado Springs. We would get the scenic tour of parts of Colorado while missing the Traffic around Denver

Corvette Joke

Submitted by Mike Doty

A husband went to the Seattle police station to report his missing wife:

Husband : I've lost my wife, she went shopping yesterday and has still not come home.

Sergeant : What is her height ? Husband : Oh, 5 something . . .

Sergeant : Build? Husband : Not slim, not really fat.

Sergeant : Color of eyes? Husband : Never noticed.

Sergeant : Color of hair? Husband : Changes according to season.

Sergeant : What was she wearing? Husband : Dress/suit/blue jeans -- I don't remember exactly.

Sergeant : Did she go in a car? Husband : yes.

Sergeant : What kind of car was it?

Husband : 2015 Coughlin Corvette Stingray 3LT with the Z51 Performance Package, Shark Gray metallic paint, Kalahari Interior with the 6.2 liter V8 engine with Direct Injection generating 465 HP. 8-speed paddle-shift automatic transmission, and GT Carbon ,Nav, bucket seats, and has a very thin scratch on the front left door..... at this point the husband, Mike, started crying...

Sergeant : Don't worry sir.....We'll find your car .

National Corvette Museum Update

Construction is underway in our Skydome to repair the sinkhole and get that portion of the Museum back up and running. In an effort to keep you informed, we will share updates in eNews on the right side bar.

On Monday, the remaining six "Sinkhole Corvettes" were moved from the Skydome. The 1.5 Millionth is currently in the turntable in the lobby, the Spyder is viewable from the Enthusiast area, and Ruby and the 1962 are on a lift in the garage bay in the Engineering area.

On Tuesday, we welcomed home the 2009 ZR1 "Blue Devil" in its 'good as new' condition. The car was repaired courtesy of General Motors, and made its debut last week at SEMA.

All web and security cameras in the Skydome have been disconnected. In order to facilitate the construction work that will be done in the Skydome, the inner ring of lights had to be raised up as high as they could get it. Unfortunately the cables that ran to all of our web and security cameras were tied into this inner ring of lights. Each one had to be disconnected from the main router switch, so that the inner ring could be raised up out of the way. While we will not be able to provide live web streams from the Skydome, we will continue to share updates via our eNews and on social media. Thank you for understanding!



Northwest Chapter Jackets

NW-NCRS CHAPTER JACKET ORDER FORM

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E-Mail: _____

Make check payable to NW-NCRS.

Send check and order to John Paul Nelson III, 10821 Pt. Vashon Dr., Vashon, WA 98070-3041

E-Mail John Paul at johnpaul3@comcast.net

Prices are as follows:

Base Jacket: \$44.99 (XS – XL) [Note: Larger sizes available at increased cost.]

Shipping costs will be additional.

Options: Name: \$5.00 Sm. Left Chest patch: \$11.83 Lg. Back Patch: \$51.09

(Please circle patch option)

Jacket 1:

Indicate size and options. Size _____ Options: Name Sm. Patch Lg. Patch

Name to be embroidered on jacket: _____

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Upcoming Events

DECEMBER

7 Jingle Bell Cruz Toys for Tots Issaquah XXX 425.392.1266

7 The NW NCRS Christmas brunch will be at 11 AM at the Bud Bay café in Olympia

2015

January 21-24 NCRS Winter Regional Lakeland, FL

March 19-21 NCRS Arizona Regional Tucson, AZ

April 17/18 NCC Spring Judging Meet Suisun, CA

April 23-25 NCRS Carolinas Regional Concord, NC

May 14-17 NCRS Joplin Regional Joplin, MO

June 6th, 2015 Chapter Meet in Kennewick

July 19-24 NCRS National Convention Denver, CO

September 10-12 NCRS Wisconsin Regional Delafield, WI

October 22-24 NCRS Texas Regional Frisco, TX

***Northwest Chapter of the
National Corvette Restorers Society***

Great Cars and Great Friends

