



THE FRONT BUMPER



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Chairman's Message

Another NCRS National convention is in the books and the NW Chapter brought home its share of hardware. Michael Meyer was awarded a Duntov award for his 59. Karl Hallstrom received a Bowtie award for his 1975 and a 2 star award for his 62, and 69. John Hopkins and Dan Johnson received Top Flight awards and Bob Johansen received his yellow ribbon for passing his PV. On the judging award side, Jerry Hickey received his 300 level award, Mike Doty and Wayne Foss received their 200 level award. On the chapter side, our chapter received a Ruby award for our donation to the NCRS Foundation. Congratulations to all award winners.

A lot has changed since our by-laws were written in February of 2003. The internet was in its infancy and the B.C. Chapter was not in existence. Our chapter had an area coordinator responsible for B.C. and Alaska. Since the B.C. area started their own chapter, this voting position has remained empty. The board voted to eliminate this empty position and replace the position with the webmaster position. Currently, the webmaster does not vote as a board member. Due to the increasing responsibility of the webmaster, we felt it was time for that person to have a vote on the board. You will receive a ballot soon.

Also on the ballot, are nominations for board positions to serve the chapter in 2016. Please fill out the ballot and return with the envelope provided.

Speaking of participation, the chapter needs someone to fill the large shoes of Larry Richter as organizer of our silent auction at the regional meet. He was responsible for gathering of the auction items as well as talking up the items (bid high, bid often) at the awards dinner.

If you are attending the terminator party at Karl Hallstrom's house 9/12, please RSVP to Karl ASAP so he can plan accordingly. A few of us will meet up in Wilsonville the night before to caravan down to Elmira, OR early in the morning.~ Mike

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Bio - Mike Doty ~ Candidate for Chairmen

Drove first corvette in 1976

Drove 2nd corvette brand new from the dealership in June 1980, current owner of the car

Purchased first corvette in 1991, joined local corvette club, member 1991-2005

Served as newsletter editor and vice president

After helping a little on a body off restoration on a Duntov award winning 1966, joined NCRS in 1996

Joined NW NCRS chapter in the early 2000s

Became Spokane/Eastern Washington area coordinator in 2006.

Became Vice Chairman in 2010 or 2011

Became Chapter Chairman in 2012

Have had 4 cars flight judged, 2 of the cars went through Bowtie/star award judging as well as founders

The 2 cars received both 3 star awards and founders awards, one in 2005, the other 2009

Attended 11 NCRS national conventions, participated on 8 NCRS national road tours

Received 100 level Masters judging hat 2010, 200 level hat in 2015

Currently own 7 corvettes, 1 a long term project. Have owned C1s-C6s.

I am a strong believer of customer service and it is my vision to help the chapter members attain the award they are seeking

I enjoy helping corvette owners down whatever path they choose. Hopefully they choose a path connected to the NCRS as it is the best car club in America

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Membership Report

Submitted by : Tammy Shirley

The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome new members John and Cindy Sigmund from Gig Harbor, WA. The membership is currently at 135 members.

Just a reminder to everyone, when you received your Chapter Directory, and notice your information is incorrect, please go into the national web-site and sign in under your national membership number and revise your person information. If you need help or have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email me. t.shirley@charter.net or [509-560-0250](tel:509-560-0250)

Bio – Dan Johnson ~ Candidate for Chapter Chairman

Hello, my name is Dan Johnson. I am a candidate for the upcoming election for Chapter Chairman of the NW Chapter of NCRS.

I have been a member since 2007. I joined right after purchasing my first classic Corvette in July of 2007. I had it judged at the 2007 Leavenworth Regional meet. It was not a pleasant experience, since I was informed right away that my '67 big block did not have its original GM issued "trim tag". The rest of the judging process was very interesting to me and I appreciated the manner in which I was treated by the judges and the other members I meet that day. Later that day I asked one of the guys that I met..."what would you recommend I do with the car now" (since I could not have it judged again)...he said "put the top down and drive it". That was good advice and I enjoyed driving that car for 7 years. FYI...that same guy has been giving me great advise and teaching me about Corvettes ever since.

I am a 100 level master judge and enjoy judging and teaching others about the process. I was the assistant chapter judging chairman for 2 + years while Bob Johansen was the chapter judging chairman.

I have been the NW Chapters "Area Coordinator" for the Seattle Area for the last 3 years. Lisa & I have hosted a number of judging schools & mini meet events at our home in Woodinville. I feel the area coordinators should play a larger role in organizing more events in each area since we cover such a large geographical area.

I have completed (2) cosmetic restorations on C2's and currently about 80% done with a complete body off restoration on a 1960 Silver/Red car that I purchased from the family of the original owner. I rely on my new NCRS friends often for advice on car purchases & restoration guidance. I am pleased to say that I have seen a lot more of the United States since I started in this hobby than before joining. We just got back from a road trip to the Denver National Convention a few weeks ago.

I believe that I have strong qualities to be the chapter chairman due to my 42 years of owning an electrical contracting firm. Those years taught me leadership, organizational skills, planning, scheduling and executing plans. I was told recently that the chapter "should not be run like a business since it is a club", but I could not disagree more. The chairman must lead the chapter and operate as a business with financial responsibility, communication, planning and executing the plans and goals of the members of this chapter... That is why I decided to run for this position.

I appreciate the efforts of Mike Doty over the last 4+ years in his role as chapter chairman, but I feel it is time for "new blood". I ask for your support & your vote during the upcoming election.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dan Johnson

Member Interview

Dan Johnson has been a member of the NCRS since 2007. I had the pleasure of meeting Dan when I was a new member a couple of years ago while he and Bob Johansen were hosting a judging school at his home in Woodinville. It seems every time I interview a member for this newsletter I end up with a significant case of garage envy... The Johnson's garage includes a 57 Fuelie, 60 (currently being body off restored), 63 Split Window, 66 L79 coupe and a 2001. Dan has been married to his lovely wife Lisa for over 31 years although only one of them looks like it.

When asked about his childhood Dan laughed and said I grew up in South Seattle. Dan explained that everything south of the Ship Canal bridge was pretty rough and we actually shared a laugh as I grew up in Philly area and think it's pretty nice in all of Seattle I thought to myself our Mayor bombed a housing project to the ground in the 80s, but I digress. Dan and Lisa certainly have a beautiful home they built back in the 80s; where they raised two boys.

Since leaving the Seattle Dan and Lisa have built a very nice life together. Dan's father was an electrician and Dan grew up as his apprentice starting work as a helper putting in outlets and cleaning up job sites at the age of 12. That work ethic has paid off as Dan now runs a very successful electrical contracting company where he serves as President and Mentor. The Johnson's did what it took to provide for their family and had a vision for the future buying the five acres where they built their family home. I was really surprised to learn they spent three years in a mobile home on the property as Dan worked after hours to complete the construction of their dream house. The Johnson's really had a vision as the property now has a great shop area and plenty of space for Lisa's horses.

I asked Dan why the Corvette? He told me about his first ride in a Corvette, probably a 59 or 60; the neighbor who was about 10 years his senior took him for a ride and he had the fever. "I was hooked" and over the next few years as he watched the Corvette get customized or "Dicked Up" the passion grew and he knew he'd have a Corvette one day. Dan also talked about helping his son restore a 67 Camaro and of his first Corvette; sharing a humbling story of his 67 Big Block that he had inspected by an "Expert" before purchase to only find out later at the Leavenworth Regional NCRS event that the Trim Tag had been altered. Dan explained further when he asked the so called expert what he should do with the car it was suggested he join the NCRS and have the Big Block judged. Despite a tough first experience he has stuck with the hobby, attended many judging schools and is now working on his third restoration. Dan credits the NCRS and its membership for helping him learn about our hobby and helping achieve the multiple Top Flight winners now sitting in their garage.

When asked about his favorite Corvette experiences Dan said "Lisa and I had a great time at the National In Denver this year" and at the various judging schools that have helped him achieve his Master Judge hat, but the best was a road trip to Monterey with Bob, Val Johansen and Stewart and Teri Lowe.

While Dan enjoys the cars he mentioned the greatest joy of being involved with the NCRS is the membership and helping others achieve their goals along the way.



This Day in History

Courtesy of the History Channel

On August 9, 2000, tire manufacturer Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. announces that it is recalling 6.5 million of its model ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires; the move comes two days after the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration linked hundreds of accidents and at least 46 deaths to problems with the tread on the tires. Founded by the Ohio-born Harvey S. Firestone, Firestone Tire & Rubber Company began manufacturing automobile tires in 1904 and put the first pneumatic (inflatable) tires on Ford Motor Company's iconic Model T in 1908. Firestone's sale of thousands of tires to Ford made it the top tire manufacturer in America, and Harvey Firestone and Henry Ford were close friends as well as business associates. Eight decades later, the company's financial struggles led to its acquisition in 1988 by the Bridgestone Corporation of Japan, the world's largest tire and rubber manufacturer. Bridgestone/Firestone Inc., based in Nashville, Tennessee, is Bridgestone's U.S. subsidiary.

In May 2000, the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA) issued a letter to both Ford and Firestone requesting information about the high incidence of tire failure on the popular Ford Explorer sport utility vehicle (SUV). Subsequent investigation by Ford revealed that the tread on the 15-inch ATX and ATX II models and Wilderness AT tires tended to peel off, resulting in very high failure rates. When the tires failed, the vehicles would roll over, sometimes killing their occupants. After extensive conversations with the NHTSA and Ford, Bridgestone/Firestone announced the recall of 6.5 million tires that August 9.

The recall began in Southern and Western states, as the problems seemed to be linked to hot weather. (A study published in May 2001 by The St. Petersburg Times found that at least 41 people died in Firestone-related accidents in Florida alone since 1997, more than reported by the NHTSA.) It would then move to other regions and would be complete by the following year. In addition to the recall, Bridgestone/Firestone also faced 50 lawsuits and a federal investigation relating to the problem, as questions lingered about how much both Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone knew about the problems, and for how long, before they acted. Bridgestone/Firestone, along with some observers, believed the problem was not just the tires but the design of the Explorer itself, which made it prone to tipping over. Ford fought back, saying it would replace all Wilderness AT tires at its own expense, including those not covered by the recall (a total of 13 million tires). Firestone responded by severing its relationship with Ford, ending an association that dated back almost 100 years.

Kenniwick, WA Chapter Meet

On June 6th a handful of chapter members to judge Wayne Parkin's 63 Split Window. Judges included: Bill Herning, Mike Doty, Dave Artz, Tammy Shirley, Jim Zopolis, Carl Davidson, Wayne Loren, and John Hopkins. When the tabulation was completed Wayne's 63 earned a Chapter Top Flight. The Kenniwick show was a huge success raising over 118,000-dollars for the Make A Wish Foundation



B C Chapter Meet

Later in the month my role switched from judging to being judged. The BC chapter agreed to judge our 1990 ZR1 and I had the pleasure of one of the most knowledgeable Corvette people I know John Paul Nelson III accessing mechanical. While we all know JPN is a C1—C2 purist he has added C4 's to his resume. The ZR1 came in with a 98.2 raw score and earned a Chapter Top Flight



Denver National Convention

Its been written every journey begins with a single step. Well at 2:57 AM my 15 year old son Parker and I were finishing loading the truck and trailer for the 1,400 mile trip to Denver. We were lucky enough to travel with some NCRS friends: Dan Johnson, Bob Johansen, Carl Davidson, Stewart Lowe and John Paul Nelson III over the trip. This was my first National and a special thanks to Dave Artz who loaned me a very nice enclosed trailer and saved us several thousand dollars. I had planned on driving the 65, but over the last several months since the Tacoma Regional the car had been disassembled, painted, the transmission, rearend and rear suspension have all been rebuilt and reinstalled. What started out as a simple refinish grew into a rather large rebuilding in a very short time period. The restoration was further complicated when my friend Chris, the paint and body guru had a heart attack. While Chris has made a full recovery it did put me at least a month behind my already ambitious schedule and the car was never properly sorted out for a 1,400 mile road trip. Since returning from Denver the sorting is nearly complete and car not only looks great, but is performing flawlessly. Next stop PV!



Denver National Convention



After the two day trip our cars were unloaded. With the looming threat of rain and severe storms attempts were made to keep the clean and dry while stored outside awaiting operations judging. We pushed pretty aggressively across Idaho, and Wyoming and those long days behind the wheel paid huge dividends allowing us time to work on last minute challenges. A special shout out to Karl Hallstrom for lending us his chief mechanic Jon Burbach to assist with last minute fixes and adjustments. Additionally Jon sculpted a Patriots Super Bowl ring at the direction of John Paul. The brass ring with a JB welded deflator attachment was offered to Dave Brigham

Denver National Convention



Chapter members Mike Meyer's 59 was in pursuit of his Duntov, Karl Hallstrom brought a 1962, 1969 and 1975 Corvettes for Bowtie consideration, Dan Johnson brought his 66 Coupe for Flight judging, Bob Johansen brought his L89 69 Corvette for Performance Verification and the Hopkins' brought their 65 Convertible for Flight judging.

Denver National Convention



When the dust settled the Northwest Chapter had a very good showing. We could have posted another 19 or so photo's of Karl picking up awards... In the end everyone achieved the goals they set out to obtain. A big congratulations to Mike Meyer on achieving his Duntov, Bob Johansen on passing his PV, Dan Johnson and I both scored above 97% so PV will be our next stop along the road to Duntov and Karl walked away with several stars for the 62 and 69 and a Four Star Bowtie for the wonderfully preserved 75 Corvette. Mike & Tammy lead the Road Tour and Brent Conners from B.C. who Top Flighted in Tacoma was awarded One Star for his 1966 Big Tank Sunfire Yellow Corvette.

Denver National Convention



Just a few fun photos from Denver.

Obviously security was lax someone stole the body off that chassis

If you ever had a car judged ... You've seen a backside or two....

Mike demonstrating how you get selected by the 65 Team Leader??

John Paul and the now famous Deflatgate Super Bowl ring

Dan and Lisa just trying to class things up!

Denver National Convention



The Connors family are BC members and received one star for the preservation of their 66 Coupe

Nice to see Mike and Tammy smiling and enjoying their selves

Lisa and Lorene reflecting on a nice couple of days in Denver

Jon and Karl celebrating their efforts and results.

Denver National Convention



2015 Chapter Ballot for Membership Vote

The period to nominate, or throw your name into the ring for the upcoming chapter election has been extended to September 5th at Midnight. If interested in serving the chapter please submit your name to any board member all of our contact information is on page 1.

Wayne Loren and the Dower's (Kay and Arland) have volunteered to serve as the nominating committee. Stewart Lowe with the Dower's have agreed to certify the election. David Artz our secretary will be sending each of you a certified ballot in the mail with a return envelop with post-age paid for by the club. We hope you'll take a few moments to vote and help guide the direction for the next few years.

At present we have a challenge for the Chairmen position and BIOs for both Dan Johnson and Mike Doty are in the news letter for your review. Additionally, Dean Sprecher during the chapter meeting expressed interest in serving the Portland area as an Area Coordinator. The membership is also being asked to vote on a change to the by-laws. Earlier this year the board voted to change the by-laws in regards to allow the Webmaster to have a vote on the board. That change requires a vote from the general membership.

Terminator Party - 2015

When: Sept. 12, 2015

Time: 10am – 4pm

Where: Karl and Sue Hallstrom

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What to bring – Your favorite adult beverages. Food, water, sodas, juice, etc will be provided. Please email us if you plan to attend so we can get a headcount, karlh@zipolog.com.

Entertainment- The return of a former NCRS NW Chapter tradition.....The blindfolded autocross. A timed event with you and your blindfolded partner driving thru the field and around the trees then back to the finish line. In the days of old, legend has it, that host (Bert Lukins) provided the Corvette, this time I will supply the golf cart to be used in the race.

Notes:

If your GPS is not working and you need written directions please email me at karlh@zipolog.com and I will email you a copy.

Those needing motel rooms in the Eugene area, the best area will be at exit 195a off Interstate 5. (Exit 195b takes you west toward Elmira) Some of the motels available are; Holiday Inn Express, Marriott Courtyard, and Hilton Gardens Inn.



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For Sale / Wanted

Wanted; radio speaker for C2 (without AC), C1 (1960) "engine break-in instruction" card for glove box.

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