



THE FRONT BUMPER



March 2015

Chairman's Message

Here we are in early March and due to two small vacations in early and mid January, we missed the snowfall in Eastern Washington this winter. First year I can remember that I didn't use the snow shovel. The last three weeks of February seemed like March and we spent a lot of time with the Corvette hobby that normally is spent doing non Corvette stuff. We dealt with some unfortunate passings of our friends the last few months, yet ended up with lemonade from our misfortune. McMinneville, Oregon had beautiful weather and we were able to spend time at the reception with chapter members at an unofficial chapter table. Since Tammy and I don't get to Oregon very often, it was great to see the Portland area contingent at the funeral.

The next week we were in Puyallup for the swap meet. A gigantic thank you to Larry Johnson for moving the chapter booth to the showplex building and placing it next to my booths. In the past, Tammy was isolated from the flow of traffic with many members looking for answers to questions she couldn't answer. It was so easy to have the membership pay their annual dues and help members and non members with their questions. JPN was fairly close by to the left of John Hopkins and I. Bert, Bob and Dan were down at the other end of the aisle. Next aisle over was Wayne and Gary Hodges by Bob and Dan with the Carey-Van Koten group close to them in that aisle. We were well positioned to take care of the membership plus the non members that visit with us every year, belonging to the National group, but not the B.C. chapter or our chapter. We can hope that they will eventually join.

The Kick The Tires celebration in Castle Rock was next on 2/28 and it was a fabulous turnout. I was surprised to see Pat Collins from California and the Canadian group but it spoke volumes of the impact that Larry had on our lives. One member even commented about the smiles on all our faces and the stories that were told that day. Great friends, great cars, and great weather, who could ask for more? Finally, after a stop in Bend on Saturday to visit the site of the next regional, we will be in Portland to pay tribute to our dear friend and past National NCRS president Rick Reid. More great stories will be told on this day. A special thank you to Bert, Roger, and Wally for joining us at the Convention center.

Turning to April, I would like to see our members at the next event on 4/18 in Wilsonville for the judging school. We have reached out to members attending and asked what they would like to take away from the school, and we will try to provide as much information for them as possible. I expect close to the same number of participants as we had at the successful school in Woodinville last year.

The BC Chapter is holding their chapter meet in Vancouver June 27th, but also planning a mini meet around Marysville to judge a car or 2 to help our group achieve their goals. Confirmed date of this meet will be broadcast when available.

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This Day in History

I happen to notice it was March 5th, so Happy 50th Birthday to our 1965 Corvette. For its birthday it's getting a bit of a facelift in preparation for Denver!



Chairman's Message

We have a proposal in front of the board at this time to make a couple tweaks to the by-laws which will then be voted on by the membership at an annual meeting of the chapter. The webmaster has done an awesome job with the website and dealing with the online registration we use for judging events, and it is past time we give this position a vote as part of the board. Currently the position is advisory only as written in the bylaws in 2003. As you all now, the web has changed drastically in 12 years and will only have a larger effect on us in the future. You as members will probably vote on this at the terminator party in September or the Christmas brunch in December. Details to follow.

Part of the by-laws states that a call to the membership for nominations for officers and board members is due in the spring for the year 2016. In the past we used to get a call from the past chairman checking on whether we were running again or checking with potential candidates to see if they would like to hold an office. Since our past chairman left the chapter years ago, and there hasn't been much enthusiasm to holding an officer position, this practice has fallen through the cracks. Let this be your call for nominations for 2016, so our last active past chairman doesn't have to perform the duty.

Save The Wave and Keep driving them. ~ Mike

Thirty Years Ago ~ A look back to 1985

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$4,180.70 billion
Federal spending: \$946.39 billion
Federal debt: \$1817.5 billion
Median Household Income
(current dollars): \$23,618
Consumer Price Index: 107.6
Unemployment: 7.2%
Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.20 (\$0.22 as of 2/17/1985)

Super Bowl San Francisco d. Miami (38-16)

World Series Kansas City d. St. Louis Cardinals (4-3)

NBA Championship LA Lakers d. Boston (4-2)

Stanley Cup Edmonton d. Philadelphia (4-1)

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Membership Report

Submitted by : Tammy Shirley

Hope everyone is enjoying this wonderful weather we are having, I am sure your cars are getting anxious to get back out on the road. It has been a very busy time with the membership this time of year. I am very excited to say that we currently have just a hand full of members that have not paid. I will be sending out notices to those members. We are currently at 136 members.

This year the Puyallup Swap meet was a success for the NCRS booth being in the main showplex building. I had a lot of member support close by to answer all the questions being asked. Thank you to all that came by to help . During the swap meet we picked up three new members. We also picked up three additional members through our website. The Northwest Chapter would like to welcome the following new members:

Bill Eldridge	Port Ludlow, WA
Martin & Georgiana Kuns	Gresham, OR
George & Sarah Van Houten	Vancouver, WA
Tim Johnson	Enumclaw, WA
Len & Elvira Tucker	Tacoma, WA
Rich McGuire	Kirkland, WA (returning member)

Kick the Tires Celebration of Life



Larry and Alice's garage housed some amazing cars and incredible memorabilia . A great discussion and 1962 Jack Clinic broke out with a handful of our veteran members.



John Paul made history by proving you can wear a pair of Crocs and still get a pretty date.





Frank Perales' 1962 Corvette



At the Tacoma
Regional this past year
Frank Perales'
62' Roman Red
Corvette achieved Top
Flight, but was inadver-
tently omitted from the
Newsletter.

Congratulations Frank

From Car and Driver website:

Behold, mid-engine Corvette fans: The car you've waited patiently for Chevrolet to build has finally evolved beyond titillating concepts to the engineering mule revealed here. An 82-second strike by our recon op resulted in 15 frames before security narcs dropped the curtain on this black test car—with its two occupants still inside.

Don't fret over the pointy-pickup camouflage; more attractive attire will follow. Instead take solace in a cabin hugging the front axle, ample space between the cockpit and the rear wheels for the hot parts, and this Corvette's crouched and ready attitude.

The nose clip is from Holden's Commodore SSV, while the cabin module, roof, and exterior mirrors are hand-me-downs from today's Stingray. A Holden SSV ute's sheetmetal wraps door to door around the heinie. The wing keeps the tail planted during high-speed runs and what could be more practical than the bumper-mounted 2-by-10 for shoving this test sled back to the garage when it breaks down? Other items of note: The fuel-filler located on the driver's-side B-pillar and the cooling intakes located along the rocker panels.



Why old-car fans love the hobby: Because of the people

By *Lance Lambert*

Most people think that the car hobby is based on a love of old cars. For me, it goes deeper. I've been a "car guy" since birth. My earliest toys were either cars or something that I pretended was a car. When I was old enough to pound a nail into a board, I turned my sister's tea-set table into a car. This love of collector cars continues right up to today. My day job is producing and hosting television's "Vintage Vehicle Show." On Valentine's Day or any other day, I love cars, but I love car owners more.

Attending a car show is as much a social gathering as it is a display of cars. Old-car owners love having their cars admired, but even better is the communication with other car owners.

David Dickinson, of Seattle, is a lifetime car guy and weekend-car-show regular who owns a 1963 Chevrolet II Nova station wagon. "The people hanging around the cars are more important than the actual cars," Dickinson says. "I have to remind myself to look at the cars because I usually spend all my time talking and laughing with the owners."

Dickinson, creator of the best-selling "The Old Car Nut Book" series, loves "survivor" cars. "I prefer old cars that have been kept nice, rather than made new again with a checkbook," he says. "They are only original once." Of car owners, he says, "It's not about how nice the car is. It's about how nice the owner is."

He remembers what started his love of old cars. "Remember in the 1950s and 1960s when dealerships covered their showroom windows with paper so you could not see the new models?" Dickinson says. "I was always so excited when the paper was removed and the dealership doors opened. The feeling was intoxicating."

Elizabeth Kiteley, of Auburn, is another car lover. "I love old cars because they remind me of my parents and childhood friends," she says. Kiteley's current collector car, a Chevrolet Corvair, was manufactured the same year that she graduated from high school. "When considering what my next old car was going to be, I decided that it would be fun to get a 1965 model. That was the year I graduated from Stadium High School in Tacoma," she says.

The Corvair, affectionately known as "Bear the Corvair" by Kiteley and her friends, is a little rough around the edges and in need of a paint job. "I'm not afraid to work on my car," she says. "It needs to be painted, so I've been doing some preparation work on it myself. This summer, a car-loving friend is going to paint it for me."



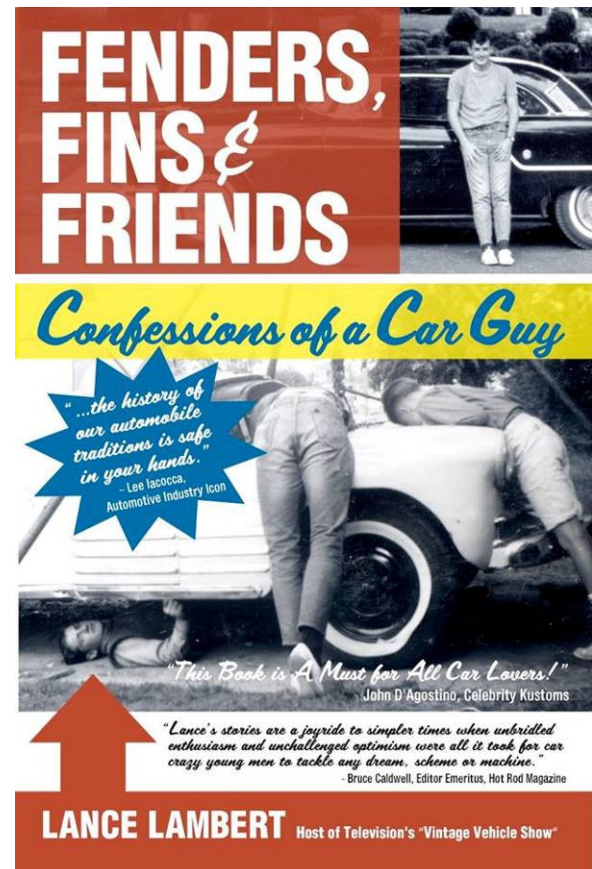
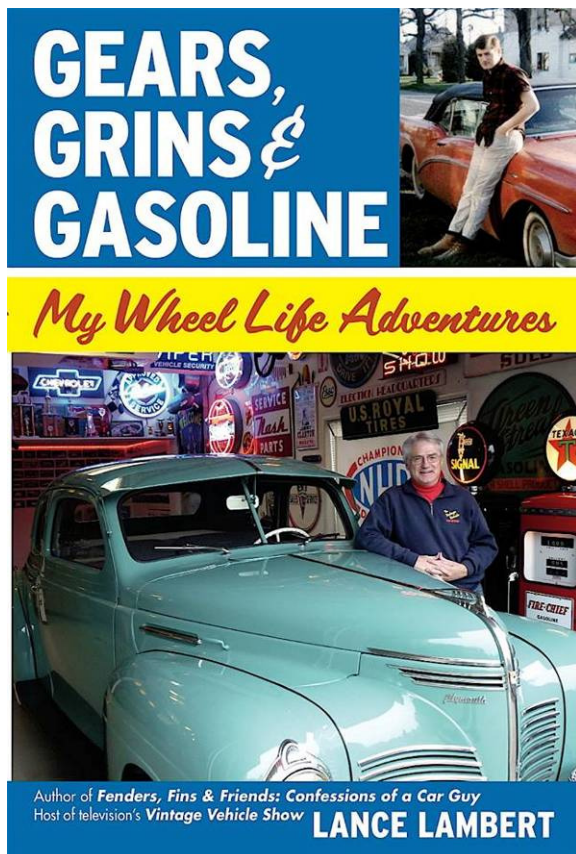
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By Lance Lambert

Mutual support from others in the hobby is one of the best parts of being a member of the old-car community. There is a bond between car-show participants. An owner of a pristine 1933 Duesenberg might be parked next to a rough 1966 Dodge Dart. By the end of the show, the two owners of these very different cars will be friends. The next time they see each other, they will react like old buddies.

For me, the real heart of the hobby is the people, not the cars. The friends I've made in the world of old cars are my best friends. A perfect day is driving my 1950 Studebaker to any gathering that includes these people. We may or may not have our hot rods, customs and classics nearby, but it does not matter, because we are hanging out with the people we love.

Seattle-based Lance Lambert is the host of the "Vintage Vehicle Show," which airs on more than 100 stations in the U.S. and in 27 foreign markets. He is also the author of "Fenders, Fins & Friends: Confessions of a Car Guy" and the upcoming "Gears, Grins & Gasoline: My Wheel Life Adventures." His website is at lance-lambert.com.



Board of Directors meeting held at the Puyallup Swap Meet

Submitted by: David Artz

Meeting called to order by Chairman Mike Doty February 7, 2015 at 6:00 pm

Meeting at Crocketts Restaurrant

Members present:

David Artz - Secretary, Mike Doty - Chairman, Tammy Shirley - Membership Chairman John Paul Nelson III –Asst Chairman /Regional , John Hopkins – Newsletter Editor, Marc Kramer – Webmaster, Dan Johnson- Asst Judging Chairman and Burt Lukins – East Or.-South Or area coordinator

Other Members:

Gary and Kayla Main, Bob Johansen, Gordon Cochran, Doug Lee, Marty Kuhns, Roger Dwight, Wayne Loron, Stewart Lowe and Carlene Artz

Membership Report:

Tammy stated that we have currently 130 members the chapter and that we added 2 this weekend. Tammy said that our directory is now based on the national data base and we should check our info there to be sure it is correct. From now on, Tammy will mail chapter directories in March with periodic updates.

President's report:

Mike stated that our chapter account balance has remained healthy for the last several years. Dan Johnson made a motion to donate \$1,000.00 to the NCRS Foundation. Motion was seconded and passed.

The chapter needs a Judging Chairman, as stated by Mike. Bert Lukens made a motion to pay chapter judging chairman mileage and room comp for Regional events. No second was made. We already do room comp for regionals. There was much discussion about car tech vs. computer tech that is necessary for the judging chair to be competent in. John Paul suggested that Dan and Bob take the position again. There were no decisions made and the issue was tabled.

Chapter judging school:

Mike stated that the Oregon members were going to put on a school last year but didn't follow up. We will plan one for Dean Sprecher's shop this spring. The school is set for April 18.

Kennewick:

Marc Kramer has registrations on the chapter and national website at present. We had discussion about judges for the event. Dan asked about the benefit of judging three cars. At present we have 6 people signed up; one car and three judges.

B.C. Chapter:

Chapter meet is set for June 28th. We will support them.

Terminator Party: Will be September 12 at Karl Halstrom's Shop.

Christmas Brunch: Will be held at Bud Bay Olympia again on December 6th, 2015.

National NCRS:

Some discussion about hosting a national at Bend Oregon in the future. Discussion will be continued at a later date.

Regional 2018:

Discussion about possibly Yakima or Bend Oregon. The time frame for applying is coming up soon. Consensus seemed to be Bend again because of driving from California.

Motion was made and second to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

David Artz Secretary

2015 Road Tour to Denver

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 and Friday night Rock Springs, Wyoming. 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.

Member Profile

Bob Johansen's story starts out much like every other car guy story I ever heard... "In 1962 I was 14 years old when Jimmy Albright received a 1962 Fuelie for his high school graduation. I'd stand in the street just to listen to Jimmy run it through the gears as he went up the hill. That was it, I knew I'd have a Corvette."

Bob was raised in Ballard and Valerie was born in Longbeach, California and her family relocated to Bellevue where she grew up. Bob and Valerie have now been married 43 years, have two children and an adorable Corvette loving Grandson named Landon. Val said Landon loves the garage and climbing in all the Corvettes. He is the only one allowed to touch everything. Bob and Val met at the UW, fell in love and Bob married the love of his life with a small condition that he be able to buy a Corvette... Roughly nine months later, a 1973 Yellow Corvette with a 454 Big Block and 4 speed entered their life and never left.

Standing in their driveway surveying a sea of impeccably restored Corvettes, I asked Bob which is your favorite Corvette? "All of them... We've never sold one and some of them just found us like the 54'. I received a call from Gary Mortimer who asked if I would inspect the 54 in Port Angeles for a guy back east. I couldn't but John Paul had just retired and went to look over the car. The deal fell through and I had always liked the 53-55s as one of my neighbors had at-least three in various stages of repair while I was a kid. He'd get one fixed and I'd walk by the house to see it wrecked a day or two later. It was fun to hang around and watch the cars get rebuilt."



Member Profile

The Johansen's collection includes their 73 Duntov Award winning Big Block, a 62 300 Horse (Bob's first restoration) also a Duntov recipient, 1954 Duntov recipient, 69 L89 Top Flight that will PV in Denver later this year, 1989 Top Flight Convertible w/ Hardtop, 2002 Z06 and the new project is a 67 390 Horse Convertible recently picked up in Cle Elum.

The Johansen's Corvette hobby has been part of their life for 42 years. Family vacations were scheduled around the national events "we'd just make them a vacation with the kids" said Bob. In a life so full of Corvette history, I thought it would take Bob several minutes to come up with his favorite Corvette memory. Maybe meeting Zora, or that first Top Flight, being commandeered and thrown onto the judging field the first time by Bill Clupper in Boston sometime in the 80's. Without hesitation it is coming into this garage that he never thought he'd ever fill up with his grandson. Landon loves these cars and Bob puts him in a seat and he just smiles. "Val and I bought him a little battery operated Corvette already, its in his blood".



Bob and Val have been members since 1982 and were introduced through John Paul Nelson. When asked why the NCRS he replied, "I originally joined NCRS because unlike most "social" Corvette clubs, the NCRS focus is on the car and I always had interest in the older Corvettes and learning more about them. The best thing about being an active NCRS member is the great people you meet. I have friends all over the country because of NCRS. It is true that you join because of the cars, but you stay for the people."

Bob does a lot of his own work and started turning wrenches as a young man when he swapped the Powerglide out of his 60' Chevy for a 3 speed and laughed a little when he said it all worked when he put it back together.

Before buying their first Corvette Bob had a 66 GTO 389 4 speed and his first new car was a Big Block SS El Camino that eventually would be traded in on their 73 Corvette. "The favorite part of owning my older cars, is the satisfaction I get by taking an old worn-out car and making it new again over several years of spare time, and then taking them to Regional and National Meets to be judged."



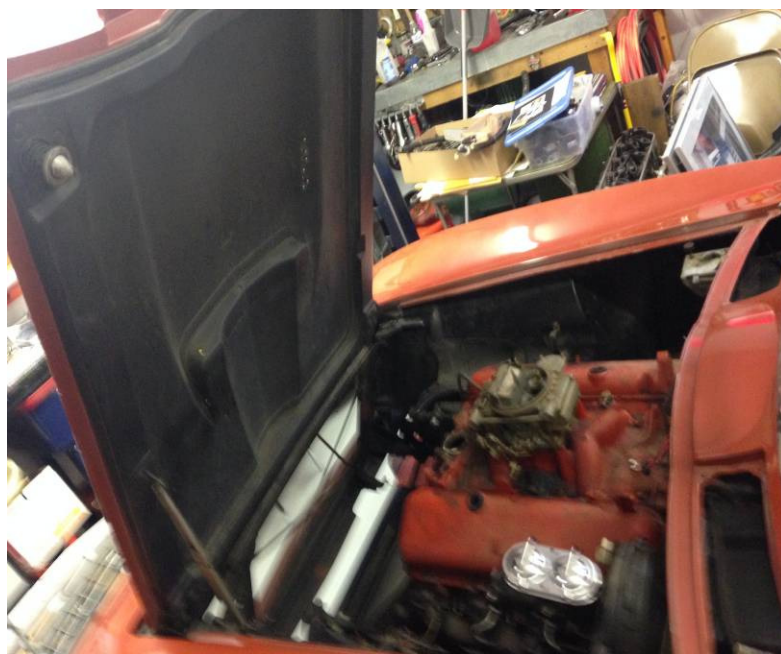
"The favorite part of owning our newer Corvettes is driving them on road-trips. The '89 was driven to Steamboat Springs for the National Convention, and the '02 has been driven to the National Convention in San Jose, and to Monterey a couple years ago when Corvette was the featured car at the Historic Races at Laguna Seca." As for other interests outside of the Corvette, Bob said he does an annual Ski Trip to Whistler with old friends and takes occasional day trips on his Harley.

Bob has served our club in many capacities over the years. He has been the Chapter Chairman, Judging Chairman, Hosted two Regional's and has been on the judging field since the early days before Dennis Clark started the Judging Recognition Program and its associated points. Val presently serves on the board as our treasurer.

The Johansen's 1969 Daytona Yellow L89 was a wrecked basket case that was deteriorating in Seattle for several years. It's been lovingly restored, received its Top Flight and will attempt a PV in Denver.



Since Bob's recent retirement he has a new project to keep him busy. A 1967 390 Horse Roadster with both tops. Bob couldn't believe how clean the hard top was when he bought the car. Its probably been off the car since 67 and was wrapped in several blankets. Even the weatherstrip remains somewhat soft and pliable. Everything in the engine compartment down to the alternator was correct. It was a nice find.



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2015 Upcoming Events

February 7th-8th Puyallup Swap Meet

February 7th Chapter Meet, General & Board Meeting

March 19-21 NCRS Arizona Regional Tucson, AZ

April 17/18 NCC Spring Judging Meet Suisun, CA

April 18th Judging School in Chapter Judging School—Corvette Specialties Inc Wilsonville, OR

April 23-25 NCRS Carolinas Regional Concord, NC

May 14-17 NCRS Joplin Regional Joplin, MO

June 6th Chapter Meet in Kennewick

June 27th B.C. Chapter Meet— Vancouver, B.C.

July 19-24 NCRS National Convention Denver, CO

August 23 Issaquah Corvette Show

September 10-12 NCRS Wisconsin Regional Delafield, WI

September 12th—Terminator Party Elmira, OR

October 22-24 NCRS Texas Regional Frisco, TX

December 6th Christmas Brunch



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For Sale / Wanted

Wanted: 1965, 1966 or 1967 Corvette Convertible. Looking for 350hp or higher motor with 4-speed. Must be a real car in excellent condition so I can have it judged. NCRS Top Flight is a bonus. Call Marc (425)357-9240 or email mail@kramermail.net

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