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Chairman's Corner with Greg Gorniak

We survived another winter and are deep into spring finally. I'd like to take a quick look at the past few months before I talk about what we have to look forward to this summer.

First of all are the changes to the Board of Directors. I want to thank Jerry Michaels for supporting the club by being on the board since the clubs inception. Serving as Parliamentarian (5 years) and Treasurer (1 year) along with being one of the Founder's, we owe him a hardy thank you for his time that he helped us out. He will still be around as a general member and I am sure when we need help he will be there for us. Thanks Jerry!

We have two new BOD members, Membership Chairman is in the able hands of Dave Prichard. With Dave's great personality and can do attitude, along with his love for the hobby, I am sure he will do

a great job. Events Chairman is Klaus Huber. This position as I am sure you are all aware, is one of the most critical jobs on the board. Klaus has already come up with some great venues and has some super plans for the remainder of the year. I hope we all can find the time to partake in all the exciting events that are planned. If you haven't already thank these two enthusiasts please make sure you do the next time you see them. I look forward to working with both of these individuals and thanks for stepping up.

Those of you that were unable to attend the Membership Appreciation Dinner missed a good time. Food was superb, Ron Smith, club member and guest speaker, was very entertaining, and we gave away tons of door prizes. Thanks go to Bob Hiney, Terry Brim, and Mike Mills for all their help.

The weekly Friday night Cruise In, has had to change

locations. No longer at Kmart across from the

Green but at Lofino's off of Sea Jay, in Beavercreek. We are still cosponsoring this with Green County Antique Car Club and Larry Linder is the point of contact. Stop by



Feature Article

enjoy the cars and help out if you can (if it ever stops raining that is).

Looking to the near future we

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Making a Decision White or White by Terry Brim

They say people who can't make a decision on a car color buy white cars. This is not the case with Tony Ninnotti. Although Tony has two white Corvettes, it is not because of any indecision on his part. In fact, Tony had an option on both of his Vette's to repaint them a color other than white. He opted for white/red in both cases!

Mike Glaunsinger and Karl Clauss recently completed a full body off restoration on Tony's split window 63'



coupe. Greg Gorniak is in the process of completing a full body off restoration on Tony's 54' More about these later.

Like many of us, Tony's first experience with a Corvette was as a 7 or 8 year old kid growing up in Michigan. Tony's family lived across the street from a doctor who owned a 57"

black/red with silver covers (sound familiar, maybe it's the one that Joe Kolek now Owns).

For the rest of his childhood years, although Tony claims not remember saying this, his mother told him later in life that he always said "I'm

going to have one of those someday" That "someday" finally came in the fall of 1968 when Tony was in college, he bought a 1964 Daytona Blue with Dark Blue interior radio delete roadster from his mother's business partner.



In the fall of 1974 Tony bought a silver/black 68" small block convertible. Tony says it was an early car, so early in fact that the interior rear quarter panels had "pilot job" stamped on

them.

In 1977, Tony sold the 68' to buy another 64' roadster. That 64' was also Daytona Blue with a blue/white interior but says Tony, according to the trim tag, it should have been "white". I guess Tony and white just attract each

other, must be his clean living! Although it was pretty rough when he bought the car, Tony says it did come with the original dealer invoice paperwork. After he got the body work done and had it repainted of course back to the original color of white, Tony drove the car for 20 years.

Around 1997 was when Tony acquired his 54' He traded the 64' plus an undisclosed amount of cash for the 54. Tony says the 54' sat in parts from the early 80's until the mid 90's (kind of like it is now jokes Tony).

When Tony got the car he said the steering was a little "squirrely" as he put it, but

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he didn't give it a great deal of thought. A couple of weeks later, he was driving down I-75 when someone cut him off. As Tony hit the brakes, he says the rear end kind of skidded and the steering wheel jerked to the left. Before he knew it, the 54' had started to move into the center lane and was hit by another car in the left front wheel/fender.

After the accident, Tony took the car to Jeff Bernhardt's Restoration Station to be fixed. Couple of days later, Tony said he got a call from Jeff asking him to come down to the shop

that he had something he wanted to show him, but wouldn't tell him what it was over the phone. When Tony got to the shop the next day, the 54'

was up on the lift and Jeff proceeded to show him that the bolts holding the bracket for all the steering linkage had rusted and broke off at the bottom. When the car was on the ground, what remained of the bolts would go down into the holes and

from the top, everything looked fine. Tony says that's why the steering felt a little squirrely.....WOW!

After Tony took the car to Greg's for the body off restoration work to begin, he started looking around for another Vette to drive while the 54' was being restored.



Jay's son had a silver/red split window coupe for sale. Yep, you guessed it, trim tag said car should have been white not silver. By now you know Tony and white Corvettes.

Enter Jay Kellogg. Jay's son had a silver/red split window 340hp coupe for sale. Yep, you guessed it, although the car was

silver, the trim tag said car left the factory white. By now you know Tony and white Corvettes. Needless to say, he bought the 63' and last year he had Mike and Karl restore it to it's beautiful white/red original colors.



One final note to show you "us guys" don't know everything, Tony said he was sitting at a stop light in his 54' one time and this young couple pulled up along side of him and the girl proceeds to ask Tony what kind of car that was. After he tells them it's a 54' Corvette, Tony says the young girl shouts out to her boy friend/husband "see I told you, you owe me \$10 bucks"!

When I asked Tony if he was going to sell the 63' after he gets the 54' back on the road, his reply was nope going to keep them both although he may look for another "white vette".... Just kidding Tony.

Tony's 54 Body Off



Tony's 54 Body On (Almost) Painted Body at Least



Tony's 63 Body Off



Tony's 63 Body On



Officer Reports

Vice Chairman—Bob Hiney

The past few months your Vice Chairman Bob Hiney has been filling in for the Chairman as well as working on the just completed Appreciation Dinner. As usual our dinner has received very good feedback. If you missed out there's always next year. The Board of Directors has been researching the possibility of changing locations and maybe the date. Any feedback on this subject should be directed to me. As summer is quickly approaching you will want to check out the many events planned for our entertainment.

Bob

Secretary—Mike Mills

The role of chapter secretary is one that requires a time commitment of attendance at every Board of Directors meeting. During the Board meeting the primary responsibility is to get updates from all the board members on their progress and document all activities to be distributed to the membership. Also to review action items from previous board meetings and follow up with points of contact. After the meeting send an electronic copy of the minutes to the board members to review prior to posting on the website. Over the past couple of years the responsibilities of the secretary have been streamlined by creating and approving the minutes at the board meeting with those present approving and verifying what was discussed is what is captured. This improvement allows for quick concurrence while the events are fresh on everyone's mind. If you're looking for a position that requires about 3 hours a month, running for Secretary in November is a perfect position to get involved and contribute to helping build a strong and successful chapter.

Mike

Treasurer—Mike Ammer

There has been exciting activity in the Treasurer Office this year, taking in and paying out money. Hey, what can I say? Hoping for more of the same. Would like to see more participation in split-the-pot, helps to supplement the food expense and , also it gives someone a little spending money (maybe, the down payment on a new vette).

Hats off to Bob Hiney for arranging another great founders day dinner.

Mike

Officer Reports (con't)

Judging Chairman—Nick Kammer

So far this year we have had one judging school with a healthy turnout of 17 people. We discussed the basics of the judging process as it relates to point deductions and the reasoning behind them. Another judging school is being planned soon. The Judging Meet registrations are trickling in so far but we expect that to pick up significantly in the coming months leading up to the June 18th meet. Please take a few minutes to send in your registration... We need you. We have 4 cars registered so far. A '54, '58 290 HP fuelie and a 365 HP '64 roadster for Flight Judging also a red '62 big brake 360 HP fuelie Bow Tie car as a Sportsman Entry. See you at the next general meeting.

Nick

Newsletter Editor—Terry Brim

I decided to do something a little different with this newsletter. I have asked each of the Board members to give you a brief update of their activities over the past few months. To my amazement, I received inputs from all of them so enjoy! This edition also includes an interview with Tony Ninotti as our feature article. For you new members (or any old members) that I have not had the pleasure of doing an feature article and would like to do so, please let me know. I usually do a short interview and take a few pictures of you and your car....only takes about an hour....:) As always your inputs (tech write ups or personal Corvette stories)are greatly appreciated. Hope to see you around, enjoy this issue of your Vette gazette.

Terry

Officer Reports (con't)

Membership Chairman—Dave Pritchard

Greetings, Miami Valley NCRS Chapter! I'm pleased to report that our membership status is healthy. Since November 2010 when I took over the membership chairman duties, we've had three members join (Dennis Fisher, Tim Tschanz, and Tim Rafferty) plus return of a previous MVC member from 2009 (Jerry & Elaine Croy from Indianapolis). Please join me in extending them a warm welcome to our club. Not that I had anything to do with finding them; outgoing membership chairman Nick Kammer did that and has done a fantastic job with the office. I look forward to continuing to work with him as he serves as our new Judging Chairman. Thanks for your years of great service to the Chapter, Nick!

This great chapter of the NCRS means a lot to me. One of the things I love the most is the great friendships I've built since 2007 when I found you all. Participating in Corvette-related events is a lot of fun for me because I enjoy learning things about the history of the car. I love discussing form, fit, function and intent of various design and production attributes. However, the thing that really keeps me engaged and at a high interest level is looking forward to hanging out with my buddies Mike Mills, Dale Felty, and many others that I've come to consider dear friends.

Personally, I had a blast with chapter events last year in 2010. My favorites stand out as the nearly-annual pilgrimage to Pro Team Corvette Sales in Napoleon, OH for a spring-time Saturday tech session and typically awesome presentations by the entertaining and knowledgeable Al Grenning. I also enjoyed logging 4000 miles in my 2007 coupe during cruises to Bloomington Gold in June, Power Cruise/Hot Summer Nights/Corvette Museum cruise through KY and TN in July, the Restoration Station's October Color Tour, and various other Vette missions.

2011 is shaping up to be another fun-filled adventure... especially for me since I'm buying a house, changing Air Force jobs (staying in Dayton though), and getting married. Still trying to find that 1970 LS5-powered Bridgehampton or Mulsanne Blue convertible too. Given everything I have going on this summer, it would be fitting to add that member of the family to the mix as well!

Thanks for indulging me with a newsletter article mostly about myself. I hope we can all increase our enjoyment of our chapter through more and better friendships and lots of great fun in 2011.

Officer Reports (con't)

Membership Chairman (con't) —Dave Pritchard

One last item of business is a membership status report. We have fifty-three 2011 membership renewals so far, which is not terrible but we do need to wrap that process up. Thanks to all of you who have dropped that check in the mail already. Time also to send those chapter judging meet registrations to Nick as well. What a great air conditioned and sheltered venue we have this year thanks to the tremendous generosity of Voss Chevrolet! I've participated as a judge and sportsman car entry for three years now, and I've had a blast each year. Even the rain-soaked ones!

Dave

Events Chairman—Klaus Huber

April 12th @ 6:30 PM - Hausfeld's Classics, located at Conover road (first light past Harry's Corner on SR 73, just west of I-75, turn LEFT, go about a 1/4 mile, on right).

May 10th @ Nick's garage @7:00 PM.

June 14th @ Doran (Racing) Enterprises @ 7:00 PM, located on McKinley road (off Columbia road, which south of Lebanon, off SR 42).

(TENTATIVE event) I have spoken to Jeff Bernhard about visiting Bill Mercurio's "emporium" (impressive car garage / museum). Jeff said that Bill said he was OK to host our club in the summer. He told Jeff to call him about two weeks prior to our desired visit. The second Tuesday of July is...July 12th. This is the tentative date for our visit.

July 10th (which is a Saturday) we have a "window" to visit the "Taj Ma Garage". I will contact John Dixon to reaffirm the visit date. However, at our next club event, we should make sure the members will come to a Saturday event. I must point out, this is just about the only date John had available for a FREE visit. Remember, he is now using his "Taj" as a banquet hall (for paid leasing to customers). He has tentatively agreed to let our club tour his facility, as long as there is not a conflict with his fund raising activities (for charity).

This is what is now set up so far. If you have any comments, or questions, let me know.

Klaus

A Time Gone Bye

If you have pictures of a time gone bye and would like to share them with Chapter members, simply email them to me or give me a photo which I will scan in and return original to you...simple as that! Help make you newsletter more interesting and fun for your fellow chapter members

Thanks Terry

Book Reviews

by Nick Kammer

Two books reviewed and recommended.

'The Corvette in the Barn' by Tom Cotter and 'Legendary Corvettes. Vettes made famous on Track and Screen' by Randy Leffingwell I recently finished reading both of these books and they are well worth your time.

'The Corvette in the Barn' is a collection of stories of people around the country who either by design or by accident who have found interesting and /or valuable cars (not just Corvettes). Cars sometimes hidden away in a barn or garage, other times hidden in plain sight ... just overlooked by most. A very fun read worth your time. These are the stories that fuel the dreams of car collectors everywhere.

'Legendary Corvettes' is collection of stories about 18 of the most historically

significant Corvette's of all time From the earliest surviving Corvette ever built for the 1953 model to the first-generation Corvettes used in the classic television Route 66 to the five Grand Sport racers built by Duntov, to a 5th generation Corvette raced by the team that included the Earnhardt's. Lots of detail and great photographs about the development and building of early Corvette factory prepared race cars such as CERV 1 and CERV II and the Sebring cars. This is the history of Corvette performance that has affected what we are driving today.

If interested in purchasing either one of these books I have a connection with Quayside Publishing that has offered 25% of the list price of each of these books. The Corvette in the Barn book lists at \$26.00 discounted price would be \$19.50. Legendary Corvettes lists at

\$35.00 discounted price would be \$26.25 You can see and buy the books at the Publishers website. Use promo code CVT10.

<http://www.qbookshop.com/products/149610/9780760337974/The-Corvette-in-the-Barn.html>

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Nick Kammer

Ads and Services

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Chairman's Corner (con't)

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have our judging meet just around the corner. Big changes this year. We have changed locations and Voss Chevrolet has donated (free of charge) their body shop for our use. This will be an indoor event! So leave your umbrellas at home and come out to this event. Registrations can be found at the club web site. Keen's Auto

Parts has come through in a big way for us also by being

a major sponsor. Make sure you tell them thanks next time you by some parts from them.

We are also planning a picnic/BBQ near the end of summer or early fall so watch for the official announcement that will be coming soon . A Saturday drive and tour to The GE jet engine plant in Cincinnati is also in the works. We are also considering a meeting at the Air Force museum which may include a behind

the scene look. We will also have a meeting at a Kil Kare Thursday test and tune, which may see some of our members cars running down the 1/4 mile. Should be a blast.

As always we are looking for feedback, suggestions and help, so don't hesitate to jump in. Let's have a great summer.

Greg

Members Corner *By Dave Pritchard*

In an effort for us to get to know each other a little better we will feature brief bio's of our fellow members. If you haven't submitted your member profile I would encourage you to do so. You can give as much or as little info as you want. You will find the 'Members Profile' form in our quarterly newsletter accessible at our website.

See page 16 for Members profile form. Fill out and return to Dave Pritchard to get your profile published in the next issue of our Vette Gazette

For calendar/upcoming events and for sale items/parts wanted items see the chapter web site:

www.ncrs.org/mvc

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Miami Valley Chapter

Are you having fun yet?

Join us. We **ARE** having fun and work hard to make it a **TOP** priority. We are the Miami Valley Chapter of the NCRS. We are NCRS members who in February of 2003 started a local chapter for Dayton area NCRS members and Corvette enthusiasts currently 76 members strong and growing. Most of our members live in Greene, Montgomery, and Warren counties.

To check us out go to our web site www.ncrs.org/mvc and cruise through our event's calendar. Come to one of our meetings to see if it's for you. We are a varied group owning everything from modified Corvette's to Top Flight award winning Corvette's. From C-1's to C-6's we all have one thing in common and that is a passion for the Corvette.

We hope to see you at one of our next meetings held on the 2nd Tuesday evening of every month. We also get together on weekends for cruise-in's and car show caravans throughout the spring, summer, and fall. You are already an NCRS member. Why not join **your** local chapter and get the most out of your membership. Feel free to call me with any questions.

Regards,

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Miami Valley Chapter

National Corvette Restorers Society

Member Profile

In an effort for us to get to know each other better we will include in our quarterly newsletter 'Vette Gazette' our members profiles. Whatever facts you wish to share with the rest of us are welcome. If you wish to submit a member profile just complete the profile below and send it to the web address listed below. Input on how we can improve our Chapter is also encouraged. If you would like for me to take your information over the phone just call me at 937-297-3611. Otherwise send the profile as an attachment to your return e-mail back to me (see bottom of page).

Name:

Significant others name: _____

Date/place of birth: _____

NCRS # _____ (we have this on file but other members may find this an interesting tidbit of information.)

Place of employment or occupation and brief description of what you do

What other interests/hobbies do you have? _____

Under the heading 'Complaints take a number, solutions come on in', what do you like about our Chapter and what could be done to improve what we do? _____

First car ever owned _____.

First Corvette owned _____.

Present Corvette's), classic cars owned _____

Thanks for your input and information.

Forward this profile to Dave Pritchard, Membership Chairman

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