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## Chairman's Corner with Larry Linder

We have had a meeting every month starting in May held at Jeff Burnhardt's Restoration Station with a good turnout.

June was an indoor meeting and the attendance was good but not better than 30 % and a number left early.

The Restoration / Judging meeting for July was at Jerry Michaels' (Car Barn) where we had a car up in the air on his new lift. We looked at a car that was thought to be an original side pipe, radio delete car with a Power Glide. An amazing 67 % of the membership came and had a good time. Several non members came to the meeting and more joined.

The August was held at Nick Kammer's barn where we had Al Katona's 67 Big Block on the lift and attempted to put a new clutch in the car. After looking at the flywheel Al

decided that the fly wheel needed to resurfaced - a wise decision.

A presentation was given by the Queen City chapter of NCRS and we were all invited to come down to their meet at Kings Island on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. Many volunteered to be observing judges at the meet. Contact Mike Ammer to get registration sheets for each event.

We had applications for the meet for 'Heart of it all Chapter' in Columbus for the meet to be held at Bob McDorman's Chevrolet in Canal Winchester. Please see the upcoming events section.

We would like to hear from you on what you would like to see and participate in. You will notice that we have a new news letter chairman. The chairman is a husband

and wife team. Welcome Terry and Louie. Brim

### NCRS - News

There is a new set of guide lines for all chapter, regional, and national meets that focuses on Registration Guide Lines, these new rules will be Effective January 1, 2004. Copies will be include in our news letter as an attachment both in the electronic and printed form.

Larry Linder  
Chairman.

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## The National NCRS Convention at Hershey by Terry Buchanan

Jay Kellogg, Al Katona and I attended the National Convention in Hershey this past July. Jay and Al had been to national conventions before but for me it was my first. I was not sure what to expect. Sure, I expected to see a lot of fantastic corvettes with near perfect engine compartments, eye popping paint, interiors that were pristine but there was a lot more this convention offered.

Upon arrival to the Convention Center at the Hershey Lodge I was amazed to see over 400 corvettes in the parking lot. These cars represented Flight Judging, Bowtie, Sportsman, Foun-



*This EX-122 Corvette is the first of the hand-built 1953 Corvettes. It is owned by the Kerbeck family in Atlantic City, N.J.*

ders, and Duntov Cars. A number of cars had been driven, not trailered to the convention. Most of their

owners were with them either polishing or adding a final touch before they took their position on the display field or in the convention center for the judging. As I walked through the rows and rows of corvettes, I was surprised to see how many owners would stop what they were doing and answer questions from the passing spectators. I had my camera with me to take shots of rare cars or to get a picture of just how that special part was supposed to be installed.

*I took a lot of pictures of a '72 that had only 4.5 miles in its entire life.*

There were a number of events for the convention members to attend. There were seminars for judging, number restamping, belts and hoses, newsletter and membership chairmen, just

to name a few.

I was able to attend a presentation by Dave McLellan, corvette's chief engineer, with his knowledge and insight to the history of the corvette. My wife and I took the Hershey tour, learning about Milton Hershey, the school he endowed for disadvantaged children, and Hershey World where you can find every type of chocolate that the Hershey Company makes. I had an opportunity to be an Observer Judge with a team of Master Judges judging the Exterior of 1968 through 1969. This was a real education to the process on preparing the car and what the judges look for. Outside the convention hall, members would display Bowtie Cars on lifts to allow members to get under and see what a correct chassis looked like. I took a lot of pictures of a '72 that had only 4.5 miles in its entire life.

In the evening there were always events available for members to attend. From the opening night welcoming

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## My First Corvette by Terry Brim

As I sit here computer in front of me, fingers twitching, the deadline has come and gone for submitting an article for the "Corvette Corner" part of our newsletter. Needless to say since I dropped English Composition twice in college (I was an Electrical Engineering geek with a slide rule hanging from my belt what can I say), I am more than a little nervous about starting something, but I wanted to show you that if I can write an article for Corvette Corner anyone can!

All of us I'm sure have a story about how and why we came by our first Corvette. The year was 1967 and I had just graduated from college (yeah I finally did pass English Comp 101) and since I grew up in a Ford only family, first thing I did was buy a

***I had a new love in my life named Clyde. She was a Black/Red 67 Corvette. I was hooked!***

brand new Ford LTD! (what was I ever thinking). A few weeks later through

a mutual friend I met Becky. For a while things were going good, or so I thought, then one day out of the blue, she dumped me (ouch). A few weeks later, I ran into Becky and her new beau. Yep you guessed it, he was driving a corvette, a red 65 convertible no less. Well, the light bulb went off in my head, no wonder Becky dumped me, it was my car, not me! The next

week I started looking for a vette. As luck would have it, I spotted a Black/Red 67 convertible at

the old Stingers Ford dealer here in town. As I sat down with the salesman to negotiate the deal that would get Becky back, he asked me what kind of difference I was looking at to trade my almost brand new Ford LTD for this piece of plastic. Undaunted I said no more than my car plus \$1500. To this very day, I remember his words "son, as much as I would like to do that I just can't.....how about \$1100 difference (negotiation was never my strong suite, at least back then). Armed with my new vette, I went looking for Becky. After a couple of dates

in my new corvette, it became obvious.....it wasn't the car after all, the chemistry just wasn't there. By then however, it really didn't matter, I had a new love in my life named Clyde. She was a Black/Red 67 Corvette. I was hooked!

A few months later a



### ***My Redheads***

friend approached me to see if I was interested in going out with a red head named Louie. As it turned out this red head would watch Clyde drive out of the NCR parking lot every day after work and drool over him (I was just excess baggage at the time). Needless to say, 34 years and 5 corvettes later, Clyde is gone, but the red head is still around. Louie and I still reminisce about those good ole days whenever we take our 70 roadster out for a drive.

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## The Lift by Greg Gorniak

On July 8th a very special event took place. It happened during our monthly meeting at Jerry Michaels car barn.

The awe inspiring and death defying activity was the first, numero uno, can only happen once, the inaugural, and did I say very, very, very first time his car lift was used. Yes, with half the precision and twice the pressure of a moon launch the Blue Beast from parts unknown, defied the laws of gravity and hoisted the yellow rocket of John Beard's off the face of the earth and.....successfully



lowered it back to terra firma with out mishap (I did hear it grown, but then that could of been Jerry).

The story actually starts several months earlier. Jerry, in his never ending quest to have the very finest in automotive tools available ( this may really

be his first attempt) purchased the Blue Beast to grace his car barn. It took some convincing to get the man power to help install the

***John thought It was really cool until he found out this was the first time the lift had been used.***

lift, but with the normal "we don't have enough time before the meeting" being muttered, a group, consisting of weak



minds and strong backs did the deed and had the lift working by Tuesday evening. It really went a lot smoother than we thought It would, once we decided to ignore the instructions. They only confused us.

The Blue Beast's mettle and metal were test in one defining moment when John's Yel-

low Rocket was place on the lift and the power was applied. John thought It was really cool until he



found out this was the first time the lift had been used. Jeez, thought we had mentioned that when he volunteered. Minor detail. The one thing we noticed was how well John was at inspecting the lift after finding out he was now kind of a test pilot. We didn't know you could see bad welds from the dis-

tance John was doing the inspection, but maybe he couldn't. That might be a chance for another story.

The best part of the whole experience



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# Calendar of Upcoming Events

## September 2003

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	<u>6</u>
7	8	<u>9</u>	10	11	12	<u>13</u>
<u>14</u>	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

6 Cookout at Jerry Blacks

9 General Membership meeting at Jerry Michaels Car Barn

13,14 Bob McDorman's Show

## October 2003

S	M	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sa
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
1	13	<u>14</u>	15	16	17	18
1	20	21	22	23	24	25
2	27	28	29	30	31	

14 General Membership Meeting

## November 2003

Su	M	Tu	W	Th	Fri	Sa
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	<u>11</u>	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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11 General membership Meeting

## Beavercreek July 4th Parade



Terry Buchanan's 68 Vette



Jerry Michaels 66 Vette



Terry Brim's 70 Vette

Pictures by Greg Gorniak

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### ***The National NCRS Convention at Hershey Continued from Page 2***

meeting with all the food you could eat, to the evening dance by a fantastic group that played 50's and 60's music, there was something for everyone.

Next year's convention will be even closer to us in Windsor, Ontario, Canada. It will be held July 25-29, 2004. This would be a great opportunity for many of our Chapter members to attend. I would highly recommend you making plans to be a part of the NCRS fun in Canada next year.

### ***My First Corvette Continued from page 3***

We have had her for 22 years, through sickness and health, we have stayed with her. After all she is also a red head, born the same month Louie and I were engaged (May 1970).

As for Louie, she always tells people who ask if I would ever sell my vette..... "Terry would probably sell me before he would ever part with his vette"..... Well, Louie not a chance, so long as you continue to run strong, look good and don't rust out!.....:)

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## ***The Lift Continued from page 4***

was that "what goes up must come down" and in that vain we can proudly say we haven't left one up there yet. We also would like to put a stop to all the rumors that after the meeting the crew worked several hours to making adjustments. We still firmly believe that instructions are for wimps, unless you can understand the original Chinese documents that they were written from.

Thanks go out to Jerry, John, the Crew and the concrete contractor that poured the extra strength floor that dulled bits and burned out the finest drill that money could buy, well maybe the second best.

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If you have ever wondered about the value of your Vette or the cost of the Vette you want -- check this out this guesstimater:

<http://www.corvettemagazine.com/cgi-bin/Calculator.asp>

Jerry Swain

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June 20,2003

Attn: NCRS Chapter Chairperson Re: NCRS Chapter Top

Flight Award

Sir or Madam:

The NCRS Chapter of the Year Program will no longer be in effect after May 31,2003. A committee was formed in March 2002 to look into a proposal submitted by Gary Chestnut. The committee consisted of Gilbert Scrivner, Michael Pierce, and myself. The final results were submitted to the board in March 2003 for approval. With some changes recommended by the board, the new Chapter Top Flight Award program will go into effect June 1, 2003.

The new chapter award recognition program measures the performance of each chapter against the standard award criteria similar to the principals used in judging our corvettes. You will no longer be competing against other chapters. The chapter chairperson or the member that is going to administer the program should fill out a quarterly report and until further notice, it will be sent to Jimmy McCutcheon (3913 Oak Brook Circle Birmingham, AL 35243).

We have already have some suggestions to amend the program. It has been decided to go with the program as approved by the board and will take any suggestions throughout the year and amend the program as needed. Please send any suggestions to [ncrsjim@aol.com](mailto:ncrsjim@aol.com) with NCRS CTFA in the subject header. Only you the chapter chairperson or the member that is going to administer the program should send me any recommendations to be considered.

We at NCRS are very excited about this new program, this will give every chapter a chance to win an award. (Quarterly reporting form will be mailed at a later date). Jimmy McCutcheon  
NCRS Vice President National Activities Chairman



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## **NCRS Chapter Award Program**

**March 22, 2003**

The NCRS Chapter Award recognition program measures the performance of each Chapter against standard award criteria similar to the principal used in judging our Corvettes. Each chapter can receive an award annually provided they meet the following criteria:

1<sup>st</sup> Award – Performs/Completes all ten required activities during the year and completes a minimum of six variable activities.

2<sup>nd</sup> Award – Performs/Completes nine required activities during the year and completes a minimum of five variable activities.

3<sup>rd</sup> Award – Performs/Completes eight required activities during the year and completes a minimum of four variable activities.

### **NCRS Chapter Flight Award:**

#### **Required Activities**

1. *Conduct one Chapter/Regional Meet or National Convention Host during the year*
2. *Conduct one Technical Seminar during the year*
3. *Conduct one Judging School during the year*
4. *Conduct one Chapter Membership Meeting annually*
5. *Conduct one Chapter Charitable Event during the year*
6. *Conduct one Chapter Road Tour during the year*
7. *Conduct one Chapter Social Event during the year*
8. *Chapter Website must be maintained and linked to [www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org)*
9. *Annual Chapter Reports must be sent to Regional Director prior to cutoff date*
10. *Chapter Award Program reports must be sent to the Regional Director responsible for the program prior to the cutoff date. All reports MUST have supplementary documenta-*

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