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Chairman's Corner with Greg Gorniak

Well we made it through the Winter and Spring has made it here finally.

So far I would say that we've had a great start to 2010. We have had several Judging/Tech sessions to help us with our knowledge for the upcoming judging events. I want to thank Mike Ammer for doing a super job of coming up with subject material and organizing the sessions. I hope you had a chance to attend Jeff Bernhardt's session on AO Smith vs. St Louis Midyear body differences. Having two examples striped to the bare fiberglass side by side, along with Jeff's knowledge and willingness to share, gave us a opportunity that very few have a chance to experience. Thanks Jeff.

We also had a outstanding Membership Appreciation Dinner. The Country Club of the North worked out great! I feel the food was one of the best banquet meals I've had. Kudos's to Bob Hiney, Mike Mills and

Terry Brim for their work in setting this up. Also thanks to our guest speaker Tom Hendricks.

My goal of doing activities with other clubs has had a good start. So far we have had a tech session with Queen City, and a tour with the Heart of Ohio Chapter, of the Ed Foss Collection (April 24th). We've got a couple of joint activities in the work's that both clubs will be invited to before the summer ends.

Work is progressing for our annual chapter meet at Carillon Park (June 19th). Get your applications in and contact any Board Member to see what jobs we need help with. In July we are planning on doing a road tour to the Corvette Museum (July 23&24th) along with helping out the Green County Car Club with the July 4th car show and swap meet. Don't forget the Boose Chevrolet car show (June 5th)

We also have in the works a road tour to the Valley Vinyards with a date to be

Determined. Look for this to happen later in the season.

Pete Tank planed this tour for us several years ago and did a great job. He VOLUTEERED to do it again and, so this



Feature Article

one should be just as good or better. Thanks Pete for stepping up and doing this for the club. This is a good example of someone from the general membership stepping

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From a Bad Banana to a Yellow 67' 427 Big Block

by Terry Brim

Unlike many of us, Pete Tank did not come from a car family. In fact, his father never drove a car! But like many of us, Pete hung around car nuts. Not just ordinary car nuts, but those who were into the Detroit area drag racing. But, I'm getting ahead of myself. Back when Pete was a young lad of 8 or so, he had an older friend also named Pete, who belonged to a car club that rented a garage across the alley from Pete's house. Turns out, the car club had a hot rod car called "The Bad Banana" and young Pete would go over and watch them work on the car in the evenings....What better way to peak an interest in cars at the impressionable age of 8!

Unfortunately, the club disbanded about 4 years later and Pete lost track of his friend and the Bad Banana. Fast-forward another 4 years to when Pete was around 16. Pete and another friend stopped at a Shell gas station and wouldn't you know, his old friend Pete came out to pump gas. Long story short, they

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recognized one another and his old friend Pete offered our Pete a job at his gas station. That started a long lasting friendship that still exists today. Turns out Pete's friend still has a 1955 Chevy drag race car that he restored and took 2nd place in a newly established NHRA class of hot rod cars for guys that drove their cars to work and then raced them on the week-ends.

Pete's got his first car while still in high school. It was a 64' Chevy Impala that he raced. When Pete bought the car, it has a small block motor, which he promptly replaced with a 396 big block.

In 1967, at the height of the Viet Nam war, Pete joined

the Navy (turns out he was allergic to lead, the round kind). After spending 4 years in the

Navy most of which he spent at an Air Force Base (Pete says he never saw a ship while in the navy!), he was hired at Ford Research Center as a test driver....how cool was that! Pete was a

at Ford for 7 years and it was during this time that he went to night school to get his Electrical Engineering degree.

It was not until after Pete got out of the military that he started drifting away from drag racing cars and developed an interest in Corvettes. Pete's first Corvette was a 1964 blue small block 4-speed coupe, which he bought in 1974. Pete detailed out the 64' and drove it as a daily driver for 3-4 years. His next Vette was another coupe, which he bought in the 1978/1979-time period. The 67' was a yellow small block 4-speed, which Pete says he half restored redoing the suspension, engine and paint..... this was the beginning of Pete's Corvette restoration experience, which is still on going today.



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In 1984, Pete moved to Dayton without a Vette in hand. During the next few years after arriving in Dayton, Pete spent his time building his house and like many of us, saving his pennies until he could afford his next Vette. It wasn't until 1988 that Pete bought his next Corvette, another 64' coupe. This one was a white small block which he did a complete body off restoration. Pete sold the 64' after completing the body off restoration and in 1990. He bought a 1990 Corvette with only 1,000 miles showing on the odometer. The 90' was a triple black convertible...Pete says it was his only convertible. During the next 5-6 years, Pete didn't do any restoration work; he just enjoyed driving his 90'.

Around 1995/1996, Pete bought the yellow 67' coupe



big block that he still owns today. Pete drove the 67' for about 4 years before he decided to do a complete body off restoration. During this

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time, he sold his 90' and was able to focus his

energy on re-doing the 67'. The car is a 400HP 4-speed with PS/PB, side pipes and speed-warning option. The car also has a unique black/white interior.

Currently, Pete has two other Corvettes that he is restoring. One is a 1968 blue/blue

435HP T-Top that he bought 8-9 years ago.

Pete says the restoration on the 68' is all completed except for the interior that is sitting upstairs in his house. Pete also has a 1976 350HP maroon/saddle with a 4-speed that is rather unique for a 76'. Like many old Vette's, the 76' has a unique story behind it. Turns out the car was in a garage that caught on fire. The owners managed to get the car out into the driveway before it burned however, tar from the burning garage roof fell on the 76' and ruined the paint. In addition Pete says that for some reason when the firemen arrived, they sprayed down the interior of the car and of course that also ruined the interior. Long story short Pete's ex girl friend bought the car. Pete eventually bought the car from her and is

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2010 Members Appreciation Dinner

On February 20, many of our Chapter members, wives and guest gathered at the Country Club of the North in Beavercreek, Ohio for our 7th annual Members Appreciation Dinner. It was a great opportunity to socialize with members and their guest. Many thanks to Bob Hiney and Mike Mills for helping make this the best one yet!

The Chapter also took this opportunity to say thanks for two exiting board members for their many years of service. Larry Linder, our Chapter past President and Terry Buchanan, our Chapter past Secretary. Both were given placques' in recognition and appreciation for their service.



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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

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Chairman's Corner (con't)

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up to make this a great club with some fun activities.

In the plans are a possible road tour to Urbana Grimes Airfield to see a WWII B17 in restoration

(<http://www.b17project.com/>). Don't forget the weekly Kmart Cruise In, Several

Chapter and Regional meets, along with our monthly

meetings. Keep checking the events section of our web site for updates and additions. Looks like a good Summer shaping up.

Remember to VOLUNTEER and pass along any ideas on activities or improvements for

the Chapter.

Drive safe but remember what good is a red line if you don't hit it once in a while.

Greg

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currently doing almost a complete body on restoration of the 76' as well as trying to find time to complete his 68' Pete says the 68' restoration is currently on hold however until he gets the 76' finished.

Pete is from the Detroit Michigan area and still has many friends that he often goes back to see. In late June, there is a big cruise-in the Down River area where Pete is from, that according to Pete, is almost as big as the Woodward cruise-in minus all the SUV's etc. His goal is to get the 76' finished so that he can drive up to Michigan the end of June and participate in the Down River cruise-in.

Pete's current plans are to keep the 76' as a driver as well as the 67'. Pete's says he will probably sell the 68' after he gets the interior completed sometime later this year.....so, if anyone is interested in a completely restored blue/blue 68 435HP, now's your chance, I'm sure Pete would like to talk with you!



Ads and Services

Place your ads and services here for next issue of the Vette Gazette

Editor's Note

HELP!! HELP!! HELP!! HELP!!

To all Chapter members, this is my 27th issue of the Vette Gazette (since the fall issue in 2003) and I am looking for help with our Chapter Newsletter. Your help could be in many forms. Simply writing technical articles or other articles of interest. Sharing old pictures of time gone bye or other Corvette stories you would like to share with our fellow Chapter members.

If any of you would like a position on our Board of Directors as the Newsletter Editor, that would be GREAT! I will help with the transition of responsibilities.

Thanks
Terry

Members Corner By Nick Kammer

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 10 for Members profile form. Fill out and return to Nick Kammer 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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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 Nick Kammer, Membership Chairman

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