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Chairman's Corner with Larry Linder

Here we are in 2005 and its spring and the birds have returned from the sunny south and it time get the old hardware ready for a busy year. Lube, oil change, filter, remove stale air from tires, remove cob webs etc.

There are a great many things planned for the upcoming year. Our June judging meet and the Queen City regional meet. The number of new and renewing memberships is impressive – the planning and hard work by all members is appreciated because this is what makes the Chapter successful.

A cruise in is planned for this year but in the opposite corner of the neighborhood from last year. Greg Gorniak and Terry Buchanan have been working on this for some time. The plan is to have the cruise in at Stake & Shake diagonally across from Fairfield

Common Mall at the corner of New Germany and North Fairfield Rd. See our Chapter web site for more details.

There are enough events for everyone to attend the event of their choice this year. What would be an outstanding feat is to have 100 % Chapter member attendance at one event this year.

On the cruise event to Mershons in Springfield last year, we were all packed into a Shell Oil Station to top off fuel and owners of Lexis, Porsches, Jeeps and other cars stopped to look at the great cars owned by our chapter members – Impressive!

Keep on smiling and the world will wonder what you have been up to. We all know why – its driving your Corvette.

I look forward to seeing all of you all at the upcoming events.

Regards
Larry



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

www.ncrs.org/mvc

Feature Article

My Other Life by Terry Brim

I would guess most people that Nick Kammer comes in contact with during his 9-5 job think he's your typical white collared loan officer with a financial background, house in the suburbs, wife, kids, dog, and two station wagons in the driveway.

If you thought that, you were only half right. Nick is a loan officer with a wife, 3 kids, and a dog alright, but that is where the stereo typing ends, Nick is a true gear head at heart!



One look at inside the car barn at the back of his house is all the evidence you need to see the REAL Nick. Those of you who have attended one of our monthly chapter meets at Nick's place know what I'm talking about.



His other life, or at least his hobby, is all about cars.... Street Rods, Muscle Cars, and of course Corvettes.

Nick grew up like many of us with



cars being a big part of his childhood. Unlike his father or brother, Nick had a keen interest in anything mechanical especially cars.

Upon graduation from High School, he opted to attend a vocational college in Nashville ,

Tennessee studying

auto mechanics. He then spent the next five years working as an auto mechanic at a local car dealer here in town. It didn't take him long to realize that being an auto mechanic was alright as a hobby, but it was not the way he wanted to make his living.

Eventually he became interested in real estate. Nick then went back to college nights and weekends during his career change to Real Estate/Mortgage banking. All this while still working at the auto dealership and selling real estate on the side made

Nick a very busy guy during those years. Lucky

for us however, he continued his interest in cars and car shows. Ten years of selling real estate ultimately lead him to his current job as a loan officer.

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Nick wasn't always into corvettes however. The first car he owned was a 37 Ford street rod with a Chevy drive train which he essentially built from scratch....at least it had a Chevy drive train!!

Nick had the street rod for 16 years and then got into muscle cars. These included a couple of Camaro Z28s, a



55 Chevy, Chevelle's, Impala Super Sport, etc

Along the way, Nick met Al Katona....Mr. Corvette! and of course the rest is history as they say. Nick still has his first Corvette, an absolutely stunning 1963 roadster, which was discovered while he and Al along with a group of guys from Dayton were at the last



Bloomington Gold show in Springfield, Illinois in 1997.

The 63' is a body off restored driver with a base coat/clear coat, and a beautifully restored interior complete with leather seats.

Nick is currently building a soon to be completed matching numbers motor. When I saw the motor, the block was still being assembled and was wrapped in



“saran wrap” to keep it from rusting. This guy obviously knows what he's doing!

Nick has also rebuilt the trans-

mission, put a power brake booster on the

car, changed the rear end to a .370 gear ratio along with radial tires and knockoff wheels. This beauty is going to be a driver for Nick.... doing what these cars were

mean to do.....be driven.

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Nick's other vette is a 2002 Z06 with a mere 8600 miles which he bought at Carlisle a



couple of years ago.

Obviously, Nick has all the toys, tools and know how to keep his babies in top notch shape. When I asked Nick if he worked on other peoples cars, his answer was “if they were a friend and needed help”after reading this ar-



ticle, Nick may have more friends than he knows what to do with!

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It's a hard life! *By Terry Brim*

Vettes are like people, some of them have a harder life than others. Such was the case with this 73 big block.



This one owner Green/Saddle T-Top vette came with the 454 big block engine, A/C, and a 4-speed gear box.

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Pete Tank has undertaken the task of bringing this baby back to life! The original owner had left the car sitting in a barn for 20 years...ouch! Needless to say, many furry 4 legged friends had enjoyed the companionship of the vette over the years. There was plenty of evidence that indicated they did not value the vette as



we do. A few skeletons along with a mummified mouse proved our point. The weather also was not kind to the vette as iron ox-



ide was a plenty!

Fortunately and almost unbelievably however the frame was still solid with only surface rust.

It was a cold Sunday afternoon when we all meet at Pete's place to separate the good from the bad. Pete was all prepared for the separation. He had built a special jig to hold the body, borrowed Al Kato's lift straps, and had the

body all ready for lift off, or so we thought. As we began to lift the body, the right rear just wouldn't part from



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the frame. The problem was soon diagnosed. Although



Pete assured us that he had removed all the body bolts, a quick check indicated that he had indeed overlooked the

right rear bolt.

Notwithstanding that minor setback once the bolt was cut, the body came off the car relatively



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easily after 30+ years.

Pete's challenge is to restore the car to NCRS standards. Quite an undertaking from what I saw however, I'm sure he will have this big boy back on the road good as new!

Stay tuned for future articles on Pete's progress.



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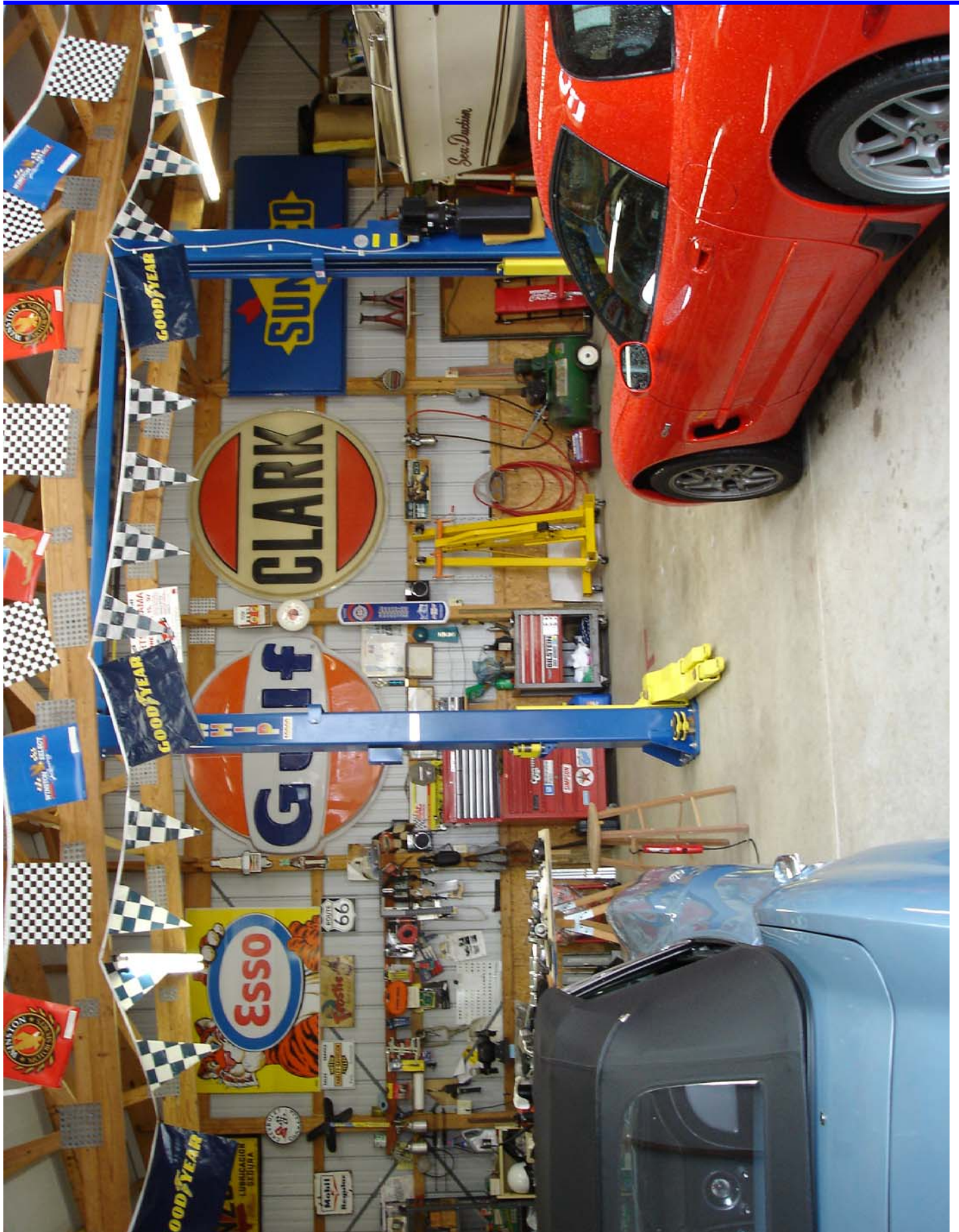
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Judging School

On a cold and rainy Saturday morning in mid-March, 19 members of our chapter were snugly tucked away in Jerry Michaels car barn doing what we were meant to do.....conduct an NCRS judging session on Carl Schroeder's 1957 Fuelle.



Teams were formed for judging of all 5 areas (Interior, Exterior, Mechanical, Chassis, and Operations). The breakout of the teams resulted in a

One would think with 19 guys

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After all the tabulations were completed, Carl anxiously awaited the final verdict.

crawling all over one car the judging process would get very chaotic and out of control. Actually, all went very



smoothly. The teams were well organized and went about their business like professionals.

Even with a non DELCO after market Battery, and we all know how many precious points they are worth, Carl's baby scored a total of



Even the chassis team did their best to give Carl their unbiased opinions.



96.4%.....WOW!! Way to go Carl.

good mixture of seasoned and novice judges.



It will be interesting to see how the 57 scores in our June meet. Way to go guys, it was fun!

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!
Charles Kerns

Leaking Holly Carburetor by Jim Stukenborg

Smell gas fumes every time you get around the corvette? You pop the hood and check the gas line, but everything seems fine! Then you notice a gas stain below the Holly carb in the area of the accelerator pump.

To provide that shot of gas when the pedal is depressed, the Holly carburetor uses a lever that pushes against a rubber diaphragm on the bottom of the carb float bowl cover. The rubber

diaphragm has a metal pad molded in the center for the lever to push against. This metal pad prevents the rubber from being abraded by the lever, but over time, the rubber can crack along the edge of the pad.

The diaphragm is sandwiched between the carb and the pivot plate for the pump lever and is held to the underside of the float bowl by four Phillips headed screws. At this

point, you can remove the carb and turn it over to remove the screws or take the bowl cover off the carb to gain access to the screws. Either way, you should replace the respective gasket. The diaphragm is about \$12 at NAPA auto parts.

The fix is so simple that no one should take a risk with a leak of this type.

Jim Stukenborg



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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.

Terry McCall is a native of Mt. Sterling Kentucky and has a production build date of May 3, 1947. Terry resides with his wife Tessy in Sugarcreek Township. Having retired from the U.S. Army in 1991 Terry embarked on a new career in law enforcement with the Greene County Sheriffs office as a detective. Since retiring from Greene County in 2003 Terry has been keeping busy working as a part time patrolman with the Waynesville Police Department. His other interests include flying, horses, church, and working around the farm. His first car was a 1954 Chevy Bel Air 2 door hardtop. First Corvette was a 1967 Roadster with a 427/390 engine and side exhaust. Terry currently owns (2) 1967 427/390 Roadsters, a 1957 Chevy Bel Air, 1958 Oldsmobile 98 2 dr. hardtop, and a 1954 International p/u truck. We are certainly glad to have Terry as an active member of our Chapter. Terry's brother Gary also is a member. Did I hear one of you two say something about a Pig Roast this summer? Sounds like a great idea. NCRS #42169
MVCNCRS #93

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Better get that motor finished Nick, summer is coming and from the looks of it your driver can't wait to hit the road again!



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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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