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Chairman's Corner with Larry Linder

Spring has come and gone. The rains have come and still persist in raining every Friday and Saturday. Our Judging meet was a great success in spite of the rain in the afternoon. We have perseverant judges who get the job done no matter what. One fellow was wet head to toe as he did chassis on a lot of cars. We owe a big thanks to the judges who did a through job.

We also had a record number of cars and a record number of Top Flight Awards. Some of the participants have tried many times to get a top flight for their car. Perseverance and determination - pay off in achieving their award. Did we relax the rules because of the weather - I don't think so - in fact we may have tried harder to evaluate cars.

The one thing I didn't like was asking an owner to open the hood during the downpour and seeing the painstakingly assembled

engine get wet. In the future we need more tents, a bigger tent or an indoor facility. Everyone enjoyed the event - good lunch. There were left over brownies but lasted only a few seconds after someone noticed they were there.

After judging at numerous chapter events - we are setting the standard for number of cars, quality of judges, and food. Our many thanks to the participants.

Saturday we will have our road tour to Houston Woods and I hope the weather cooperates. I won't be able to drive because of a right foot injury - Its getting well.

The Friday night cruise in has been a huge success weather permitting. The donation jar is paying for the insurance. No Parking signs are done and people who insist on parking in hazardous areas are asked to move. One person had

his chair in the middle of the drive way and though he had a good view of things until I remind him if it became a contest between him and someone's car, he may loose. He never looked at it quite like that - he moved. So far we



have had no accidents and no burnout's etc. However, some seem to think it's OK and fun to repave Indian Ripple Rd.

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Love at First Corvette

By Terry Brim

Most of you have heard the cliché “Love at First Sight”. For Mike Glaunsinger and his wife Belinda, that wasn’t exactly how it was, rather it was more like Love at First Corvette....but more about that later!

Like many of us, Mike didn’t come from a family of Corvette lovers or even car nuts for that matter. Mike says his dad liked cars , but that was about it. At the tender age of 14, Mike was buying all the hot rod magazines trying to figure out what was hot and what wasn’t. Mike recalls he couldn’t wait to get his drives license. He also remembers even before he got his license, every time his mother wanted to go somewhere, she would ask him to drive her even though he didn’t yet have his license!

Mike’s first car was a 52’ chevy. In August of 1965, Mike ordered a 66’ GTO before they even hit the showroom floors. After driving the GTO for 3 years, he bought a big block Camero....Now Mike was getting close to our beloved Corvette’s.

Finally in 1971, Mike went down to, at time, what was Ray Bryant Chevrolet here in Dayton and bought a new 71 LT1 Corvette convertible. Unbeknownst to Mike at about the same time, another individual was also buying a new 71’ Corvette. This one however was a small block convertible bought at White Allen Chevrolet here in town.

So, we now have two individuals both purchasing brand new 71’ Corvette convertibles in the same town, destined at some time later to share their love of Corvette’s as well as their lives together...What are the odds?

Mike worked for AT&T at the time and used to cash his check at a local bank in

Beaver-creek. As fate would have it, Mike went in to cash his check one time as usual and was showing

the teller (She’s the lady, we’ll call her Belinda, who had bought the 71” small block vette) his ID. Well, Belinda being the observant person she is, not only saw

Mike’s ID, but perhaps more importantly, she also saw Mike’s Corvette owners card in his wallet...nice move Mike!

Of course you can probably guess the rest of the story. Upon seeing Mike’s Corvette owners card, she said to him “oh, I see you have a Corvette too”. Being the inquisitive kind of guy that Mike is, he replied “yeah, is that yours out front”?....and so it was “Love at First Corvette” It might have very well ended there had it not been for Belinda taking the bull by the horns....she was cashing one of Mike’s co-workers checks later and asked the guy, do you know a Mike somebody who drives a Corvette, he says yeah, so Belinda asked the guy to have Mike give her a call, she wanted to talk to him about the Corvette club....and so it began!

When Mike and Belinda got married, he decided to sell his LT1. It had turned into primarily a race car by then and like most young couples, they wanted to buy a house and start a family. They kept Belinda’s 71’ for a couple of years after they were married, however, since they lived out in the

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country and with the amount of snow back then, they eventually sold her 71' as well and bought a 4-wheel drive Blazer.

That was circa late 70's. Around 1990, Mike decided he would like to get back into Corvette's. Since then, Mike has had a string of Vette's starting with a 1980 L82, a 1979 driver, followed by a 67' small block auto-matic which one of Mike's co-workers at NCR owned. Apparently. The guy had had the 67' sitting in his garage for a long time and had decided he was never going to do anything with the car. Mike bought the car, proceeded to pull the body off, (Mike says he had the body off the car for 14 months).

Although this was Mike's first body off restoration, all went as planned. Mike does all the work himself from sandblasting the parts and frame to final painting of the car.

At the time of interviewing Mike for this article, he and fellow chapter member Karl Clauss were doing a body off restoration on fellow chapter member John Reilly's 63 split window coupe.

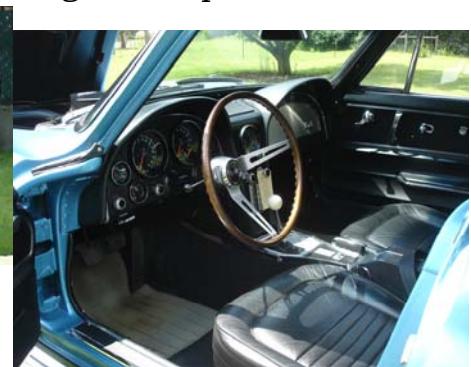


Mike and Karl had just finished a body off restoration of John Reilly's yellow 69' BB convertible, which by the way received an NCRC chapter top flight award at our June judging meet.



Mike says the car was the wrong color and the engine was completely chromed with the wrong

block, but the interior was in good shape.



After completing the body off on the 67' small block and driving it for awhile, Mike got the itch for a Big Block 4-speed. He eventually worked a deal to trade his 67' small block plus some green backs for the 67' BB coupe which he currently owns.

This was in 1999 and back then the car was nice, but it didn't look like it does today.



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Unbelievably, Mike has painted the car five (5) times! The car was Marlboro Maroon when he bought the car. Mike then stripped the car and painted it Silver, but after seeing it Silver, Mike says that he never even took it out of the garage, he re-striped it again and painted it back to Marlboro Maroon. After a year or two, Mike decided to paint the car again, but this time black with a red stripe.

After another couple of years, Mike stripped the car once again and repainted it Silver!...Needless to say Mike has become a wizard at stripping and painting this Vette at least!

The car remained Silver until Mike decided that he wanted to have the car NCRS judged. At this point, Mike opted to do a body off restoration, secure the correct block and once again, re-striped the car, but this

time he painted it the correct Marina Blue which you see on the car today.

I should point out that at this stage of the interview, Mike was took great pains to let it be known that his buddy Karl Clauss is really the expert paint stripper. The final product is a stunningly beautiful Marina Blue BB coupe for which Mike received an NCRS Top Flight award in 2006.

sitting in the garage than it did on road. Mike then bought a 2000' convertible to drive.

When the C6's came out however, he and Belinda decided to trade the 72' and the 2000' for a Daytona Sunset Orange 2005 Z51 6-speed convertible.

What a daily driver that must be!



The car is currently up for sale however as Mike would like to get a mid year preferably a 67' small block convertible.



The kind of guy Mike is, he bought a 72' for his wife to drive about four years ago which he completely redid. As often happens however, after redoing a older car, the 72' spent more time



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Miami Valley Chapter Judging Meet

It was as usual a very wet and soggy Saturday when the Miami Valley Chapter held it's 5th annual Judging Meet at the Carillon Historical Park in Dayton Ohio. I say as usual because this is the 4th year out of the 5 years we have held the meet that it has rained.

Not to be deterred however, this was probably our most successful meet thanks to all the participants and the judges. We had a total of 18 car entered for Judging, 3 cars entered for Display, and 15 cars entered for Sportsman...What a turnout on a very wet day for a Chapter Meet!



Miami Valley Chapter Judging Meet (con't)

Flight Judged Cars:

Danny May	1954	/150	Harrison, Oh	Top Flight
George Swartz	1955	265/195	Westchester, Oh	Top Flight
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Mick Fuson	1958	283/270	Farmersburgh, Ind	Top Flight
Ron Miller	1961	283/270	Avon, IN	Top Flight
Allen King	1958	283/270	Rushville, IN	Top Flight
Rick Miller	1963	327/340	Westlake, Oh	Top Flight
Harold Baker	1964	327/300	Franklin, TN	Top Flight
Noel Kendall	1965	327/365	Zionville, IN	Top Flight
Carl Cavon	1966	427/390	Akron, Oh	Top Flight
Jeff Yohner/	1967	427/435	Hamilton, Oh	Top Flight
Noel Grace				
Paul Pierce	1967	427/400	Louisville, Ky	Top Flight
Harry Stevenson	1967	427/400	Longwood, Fl	Top Flight
Noel Grace	1967	327/300	Hamilton, Oh	Top Flight
Tom James	1968	427/435	Cincinnati, Oh	Top Flight
Noel Grace	1969	427/435	Hamilton, Oh	Top Flight
John Reilly	1969	427/390	Centerville, Oh	Top Flight
Terry Hackett	1975	350/265	Lebanon, Oh	No Award

Display Cars:

Mike Ammer	1962	360 F.I.	Centerville, Oh	Bowtie Award
Greg Gorniak	1965	396/425	Beavercreek, Oh	Duntov Award
Dick Bridges	1965	396/425	Rock Hill, SC	Bowtie Award



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Sportsman Cars:

Nick Kammer	1963	327/340	Tom Van Leeuwen	1971	350/270
Bob Hiney	1964	327/365	Joe Vanderhaar	1972	350/200
Tom Sliemers	1966	427/390	Ed Kayler	1972	454/270
Larry Linder	1966	327/365	Ron Lambdin	1998	5.7/345
Mike Mills	1966	427/	Gary Orahood	2001	350/350
Jack Kerr	1967	427/425	Paul Oslansky	2001	350/400
Terry Buchanan	1968	427/390	Dave Pritchard	2007	400/400
Terry Brim	1970	350/350			



Mike Glaunsinger's Corvettes



Houston Woods Road Tour By Bob Hiney

With very unfavorable weather reports coming over the TV waves, would a person be crazy to take their prized Corvettes on a road tour. You bet, and on this sunny Saturday afternoon seventeen people in ten Corvettes decided the weatherman isn't ever right anyway.

Armed with a map provided by Mike Mills, that would take an FBI agent to decipher, we departed Jerry Michaels Car Barn about 3:15 PM. With a wandering eye to the sky and the car in front of you, I was so glad I coaxed the map maker into leading the pack. Now let me tell you fellow enthusiast if

you have not driven in this part of Ohio you don't know what you're missing. Yes the scenery is beautiful, but we all have seen that before. No it's the twisty, curvy, lightly traveled roads I'm talking about. You know, where you can actually see what these cars were made for. Oh sure there were straight-aways and stop signs and lights, but "Man" the roads were grrrrreat.

Can it get better, of course it can. We made it to Houston Woods before the rain came and sat down to a delicious dinner. With good friends and good conversation throughout our meal I can't

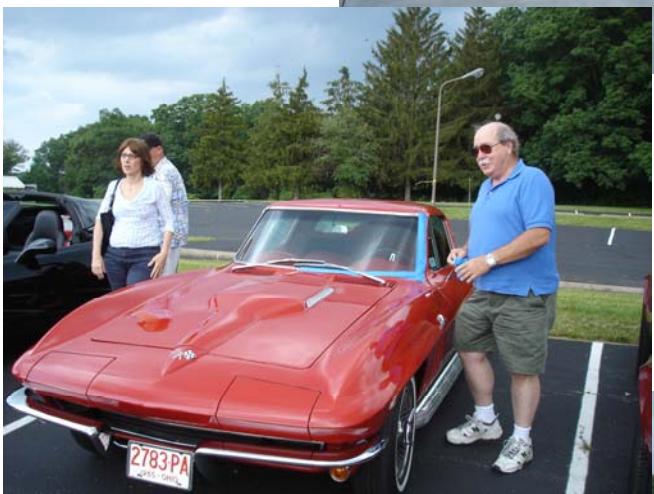
think of a better ending to one of the best road tours, but there's more because when we all departed Houston Woods the rain had stopped, and from the smiling faces all around I could tell that everyone had a fantastic time and can't wait for the next one.

The Participants: Mike Mills and Aly, Terry Brim and Louie, Greg Gorniak and Mary, Mike Ammer and Jan, Dave Pritchard and Heidi, Lou Miller and Cheryl, Jerry Croy and Elaine, Mike Treece, Jerry Black, and Bob Hiney.

Thanks to all.



Houston Woods Road Tour (con't) By Bob Hiney



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 15 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

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A Time Gone Bye Terry Brim

WAITING FOR YOUR PICTURES OF A TIME GONE BYE....I NEED YOUR INPUTS TO MAKE THIS PART OF THE VETTE GAZETTE A SUCCESS!!

Chairman's Corner (con't)

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On the 4th of July Greene County Antique Car Club – is holding their 43rd annual event. We need members to show up and help direct traffic at the Greene County Fairgrounds on the 4th of July. If you plan to help you must be there by 8ish and get a free pass. The class prizes are nicer than ever so, you will all love them - good luck in the judging. St. Charles is coming up in a few days - I just can't get motivated to drive in the horrible traffic around the Windy City, so I will be home working my 65.

Carlisle is coming up and we have more people going and there are some good deals left. At our July meeting, let member know if you need logging and a pass. You may be able to car pool and save a bundle.

I hate to say this but Bob Hiney had a problem with his car and Nick Kammer and I about had a heart attack pushing his car a couple of blocks to safety and the side of the road. Bob locked up his car and when he came back found the keys he had brought did not fit the doors. This is not a funny situation but when you drive your older car add the "key test" to the preflight check list. I run a check list including brakes, check oil, coolant, check tire pressure, and now check the keys to make sure they fit the car, start car, check oil pressure, temperature, and check for fuel leaks, test breaks and E-break before moving the car, this prevents in-flight breakdowns.

Did you read about the guy who went on a road tour. Stated the road tour with a smoking noisy engine and

finally blew it up! The article was interesting to say the least. Now he has an engine with epoxy repairs. After a massive rotating failure, odds are the block is not straight either. A very expensive repair that could have been prevented. My point is that you always do the preflight check, if anything is not right don't drive it.

Ever read dear Abby in the paper? We have our version and its called "ASK DON" the link is posted on the MVCC web site. Challenge the members with your questions.

Try "<http://www.ncrs.org/mvc>" for our web site. Enjoy your cars and drive carefully.

Regards
Larry



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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