

# The Flag Bearer

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### Chairman's Report

I hope all of you and yours are healthy and happy as we fight our way through this pandemic. Every day there are new problems or issues due to the virus that have changed the way we live and think. Hopefully the end is in sight and 2021 will be a better year.

As you know all planned 2020 chapter events have been canceled. We are planning to hold a Spring Meet in conjunction with Byron Cooper's Corvette Expo and are hoping for the best. However, if conditions are not safe for our membership in the Spring, we will be forced to cancel that meet again.

The SE Chapter Constitution requires voting for officers to be held at the Annual Meeting with voting only by the members in attendance. With no annual meeting this year there is no way to follow the SE Chapter Constitution as written. We are consulting with NCRS Leadership as to what options might be available. The best option appears to continue with the current elected officers and hopefully we will be able to have events and an annual meeting where we can vote for officers for 2022.

All of the current officers are willing to continue with the exception of Richard Guthrie. Richard has served as Treasurer for the last five years and done an excellent and professional job of keeping our finances and books correct and dealing with the National NCRS and the IRS. We will miss him as an officer, respect his decision and thank him for his service to the chapter. The good news is that MR

INTERIOR will still be active in the chapter and judging events. Thanks Richard.

If anyone is interested in being considered to fill the Treasurer position until we have an election please give me a call.

Hope to see you in Pigeon Forge in the Spring.

### Vice Chairman's Report

#### 3RD QUARTER 2020

In some respects, it has been a very eventful year and in other respects it has been a very uneventful year. Unfortunately for NCRS the latter is true. Practically all events have been cancelled for 2020 due to COVID. This is my first report to you in 2020 because up to this point, there has been nothing to report as all Southeast Chapter events were cancelled.

My primary reason for this report is to inform chapter members that, once again, the Southeast Chapter is making our annual donation to the Gary Sinise Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.00. We have supported Gary's work with our Veterans for several years now and wanted to continue that practice again this year. Our check was mailed earlier this month (September) well in advance of the October 1st deadline for contributions. While the chapter's only income this year was from membership renewals, we have had no real expenses. With a good balance in the checking account it was decided that we could make our usual donation to the Gary Sinise Foundation again this year. After our donation, the balance in the Chapter account is still. \$12,121.41.

We are hoping that National will match our donation. Later this month we expect to receive the application from National to apply for matching funds.

I think everyone will be glad to see 2020 in the rear-view mirror and look forward to a much healthier and brighter 2021.

#### **Don Mason**

Vice Chairman donaldlmason@bellsouth.net

## **Region IV Director's Report**

We all hope our Corvette Family will practice safe protocols during this pandemic. The weekend of October 9th and 10th the Carolinas chapter will host an outside Chapter meet and will follow the "NCRS Rules and regulations for events in the Covid-19 Era." We will observe the "Conduct During Judging" rules with gloves, masks and distancing. As they say - we'll see.

Our Chapter Membership meetings and elections will be handled differently this year. The Rule of "In Person" Chapter Membership meetings has been altered for this year. Electronic voting can be used or the Chapter Chairman may maintain the present officers for this session.

Please remain safe and hopefully this virus will be under control by next spring.

Any questions or concerns please call 502-905-3942

John C. Ballard

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## Secretary/Membership Manager's Report

From the Desk of Janice Mason, SE Chapter Secretary/Membership Manager

No new members this quarter. We do want to recognize a prior quarter new member that we missed - Please join me in welcoming:

Jake Morgan

I continue to get reports from the NCRS on new members who have joined the NCRS National and who live in our region. Hopefully, follow-up with these contacts will continue to result in adding new members to our Chapter.

Dues help to ensure the Chapter's continued success in fulfilling its purpose of preservation, restoration, and enjoyment of early Corvettes and to conduct meetings, tours, and programs of any sort relating to the development and history of Corvettes.

Dues may be paid online at NCRS.org, services, renewal membership, or by mail to the address below. Chapter dues are \$30 per year. I am attempting to send out dues notices monthly. However, you may contact me at any time if you are unsure about the status of your dues.

Also, a note of change to the Chapter email – <a href="mail-ncrs.sec@yahoo.com">ncrs.sec@yahoo.com</a>.

I hope everyone has remained safe and well.

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## **Judging Chairman's Report**

While our Judging Meets have remained on pause due to Covid, the Southeast Chapter has no current judging results to report for this newsletter.

As mentioned by our Chapter Chairman, at this time we are planning to have our March event in Pigeon Forge, Tenn. in conjunction with Cooper Events' Corvette EXPO on March 19 & 20, 2021. The event will be open for NCRS registration sometime in January and, when available, a notice will be provided. No doubt, all of us will welcome the opportunity to resume the camaraderie our Chapter members have enjoyed for many years.

If you are working on a car, and would like to share any part of your work experience, I am sure that Jim Krakau, our Newsletter Editor, would appreciate any information you would be willing to provide for future newsletters.

As always, if you have any judging-type questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thanks for being a Southeast Chapter Member and please stay safe.

Rich Mauser SE NCRS Judging Chairman rjmauser@bellsouth.net 407-230-2303

#### **Editor's Comments**

With the ongoing Covid concerns, we will need to wait until 2021 to resume our schedule of chapter events.

Thanks to the contributors of this newsletter. There are two member submitted articles. Please consider telling us your Corvette story or providing a technical article for a future newsletter.

If you haven't visited the NCRS Technical Discussion Board recently, please do so. There is a lot of excellent information on all facets of Corvettes and it is a great way to stay in touch with the hobby.

Become a NCRS-SE Chapter follower on Facebook to stay in touch between newsletters at: https://www.facebook.com/NCRSSEC?ref=profile. .

Many thanks, Jim Krakau jkrakau@ymail.com

### DID YOU KNOW? C2

First big-block Corvette: Chevy gave us the first big-block Corvette in 1965. The L78 396-cubic-inch V-8 had an iron block and heads, an aluminum intake manifold, solid lifters, and big Holley carburetor. It cost \$292.70 and was installed in 2157 Corvettes.

With 425 hp it was the most powerful Corvette up to that time.

(Hagerty Corvette Facts)

National Corvette Restorers Society <u>www.ncrs.org</u>

National Corvette Museum www.corvettemuseum.com

Southeast Chapter NCRS www.ncrs.org/sechapter



### **Member's Awards & Recognitions**

There have been no awards this quarter due to pandemic related cancellations. Please let me know if there any awards that I missed .

#### **NCRS 2020 Calendar of Events**

DATE	DATE EVENT	
October 12	Fall Flight Judging	Greenville, SC
October 24	Virtual Judging School – Emblems	Online
October 31	Virtual Judging School	Online
November 20-21	Florida Fall Meet	Howie-in-the-Hills, FL

<sup>\*</sup> Southeast Chapter Meet

#### **NCRS 2021 Calendar of Events**

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
July 18-22	NATIONAL CONVENTION	Palm Springs, CA

#### NCRS 2022 Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION
TBD	NATIONAL CONVENTION	Mobile, AL

Check out the online calendar of events online events registration and for all updates at <a href="https://www.NCRS.org/services/coming-events.php">www.NCRS.org/services/coming-events.php</a>

Stay tuned to the NCRS website for new online events.

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### **Member Stories**

### November 1966 "John" on the Assembly Line St. Louis

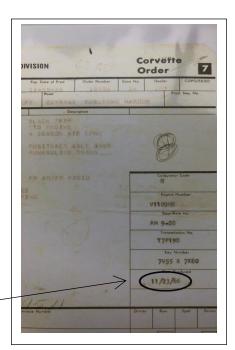
**Provided by Chris Henry** 

In January of 2010 I purchased a high mileage 1967 Coupe from the son of the original owner, Donald Minton, PhD. The car was used as a commuter car for thirty years. Any time the car needed repair Dr. Minton would take it to the Chevrolet dealer near his home in Slidell, Louisiana.

In March 2010, with 227,720 miles, the car's posi-clutches needed replacing. It was obvious this was the *first* time the rear-end was taken out of the car. After dropping out the rear-end I noticed a few small rocks in the cross member. I turned over the cross member to shake them out and to my amazement 4 Hershey Kiss candy wrappers fell out along with some pebbles.

The production date on this car was the last week in November 1966.

Did Santa put the Hershey Kiss candy wrappers in the cross member? Yes! His name could have been John, 37 years old, lived in lower St. Louis and had a sweet tooth. Thank you Santa John! 45 years later being able to tell a story about an assembly line crew member working on Thanksgiving and nibbling on Christmas chocolate candy. The candy may have energized him to help accomplish production by Thanksgiving which was November 23, 1966.





### **Technical Articles**

### What Leak????

Ok, here's the specs: 1966 Roadster, 327/300, automatic. We have owned this car for 25 plus years. I Have performed restoration work on this car numerous times in different degrees. Over that time it has never had a major leak, but more what I considered normal drips at times.

Under the maintenance heading and while preparing the car for Flight Judging in 2017-2018 the rear main seal



and all transmission seals were replaced. I drive this car every month, so to see a small puddle on the catch pan I keep under the car 2 years later was surprising.

Inspection showed a transmission leak dripping from the rear transmission mount bolts. My suspects were Trans tail shaft seal or speedo cable adaptor. I confirmed my suspicions noting Trans fluid dripping off of the speedo cable where it attaches to the speedo gear adapter. Removing the cable from the adapter I found excessive amount of trans fluid in the cable housing.



I was a little puzzled since I had replaced the adaptor a little over 1 year ago.

Knowing that removing the adaptor for inspection will create a trans fluid mess, I will note this helpful tip. I have found that if raise the left side and rear of the car you can minimize the mess and quantity of fluid lost.

After removing the adaptor and inspecting seals I noticed the driven gear was slightly loose in the adaptor. I did not replace the driven gear when I previously replaced the adaptor (should have done this). I was concerned with getting the right tooth combination so using the old one seemed the easy answer.

I found that the driven gear stem was worn at the tip where it contacts the outboard adaptor seal.



You can see the faint black line at the far right end of the gear stem. I should not have been surprised since I know how a lip seal can grove a crankshaft.

I ordered a new adaptor and a selection of gear colors for under \$30.00 figuring one of the colors would match. Turns out the white gear was the combo I was looking for. I also noted the new gear stem not only seemed tighter in the adapter but also seemed to lock into the internal seals.



Here is a picture of the old adaptor, driven gear and old hold down hardware. The 3 pieces to the right came with new kit.

I will note that even though this repair is for a later powerglide I believe the 350 automatic trans also uses this same speedo gear setup.



Remove the vacuum line for easier access but be sure to recheck the hose at the carb to make sure you have not pulled it loose during your repair.



A little clean-up and a fun test drive confirmed problem was solved. Easy and inexpensive repair.

Steven Heck #47456

# Classified Ads

#### **CARS FOR SALE**

**1961 Corvette** - Super nice older restoration with original 283/239 motor, 4 speed, radio, heater and washers. Excellent body and base coat clear coat paint. Red with white coves and red interior. Original motor built and ready to go in the car. Currently in the car is a built 327, '62 Corvette motor with 58 - 60 fuel injection. Runs and drives great. Very original car that could top flight with the original motor in place. **\$75,000** 

1973 Corvette Coupe Project Car - car is apart and the frame has been restored with new lines, offset t-arms, tube control arms, coil over shocks and big brakes. There is no motor or transmission and the former owner had planned to build a restomod. All of the rest of the car, including the original suspension, is there with no body modifications. Can be rebuilt to stock or go wild. Have GA title and trim and VIN tags. \$10,000 Contact: Tom Beuglas (404) 456-3711 or e-mail <a href="mailto:beuglast@gmail.com">beuglast@gmail.com</a>

**2001 Corvette Convertible** - Pewter Metallic/Gray Interior/ Black Top, 1 owner, 114,000 miles, 6-speed, loaded with options including magnesium wheels. Fresh 4-wheel alignment & 4 new shocks. Looks, runs and drives great. Complete service records available, everything works! Gets 30 mpg on the hwy. Garaged since new. Pics available upon request. **\$14,000** 

**1993 Corvette 40**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary (Ruby Red) Coupe** - 6-speed, removable targa top, Excellent paint and interior new A/C compressor, looks, drives and runs great, garage kept, gets 28 mpg on the hwy. 54,000 miles. Pics available upon request. **\$18,000** 

Contact: Don or Janice Mason <a href="mailto:sencrs@outlook.com">sencrs@outlook.com</a>

#### **FOR SALE – Parts & Items**

Five (5) BF Goodrich bias ply tires, size 7.75-15 with narrow whitewalls. Used only for NCRS judging on my 1965 car. I also have five

15" x 5.5" steel wheels that are correct for 1965-1966. Call for pricing.

Contact: Dr. Russ Atchley (404) 550-0640 or email weski@mindspring.com

1964 Starter 1107320 Date Code 3 K 29 (October 29, 1963) \$75.00

Contact: Stephen H. Byrd (865) 250-1968 or email bunkybyrd@gmail.com

1996 Pace Trailer — 8'x24' Shadow. Brake box, custom cabinets, wench, drop down door in the rear, door with step on the right side & custom door on the left side for easy exit from your car. \$4000

Contact: Toni Sams (770) 354-5791 cell or (706) 647-2435 home

Complete 2.5-inch chambered exhaust system for midyear, 5 excellent repo narrow white wall tires, caps, and wheels for 1965 - used once for judging.

1968 wheels; water pump 3782609 1961-63 core; hubcaps 1963, 1964, 1966, PO2; 1971 original spare Firestone wide oval w/ dealer sales albums 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978; alternators 1100628 3B4, 1100693 5G30, 6J20; Holley Carbs: 1966 427/425 33886101 Core, 1965 327/365 #3849804 Reissue no date, 1966 327/300 – 350 h.p. #3884505 Service Replacement; 1963 WCFB #3826005

1963 original windshield; 1963 -1967 replacement windshield; 3 1966 restored and dated 390HP Holley carbs; set of 5 1967 rally wheels;

Original 1971 white letter spare tire and wheel; 3 1965 - 1966 power brake master cylinders – restored; sets of hubcaps 1963, 1964, 1966, PO2; 1967 trim rings – restored.

Contact: Tom Beuglas (404) 456-3711 or email <a href="mailto:beuglast@gmail.com">beuglast@gmail.com</a>

#### WANTED - Parts & Items

Wanted: Three step oil pan for 1960 245HP

Richard Brodeur NCRS #4779 (615) 430-4019 Rickb1873@aol.com

1965 spinners for hubcaps

1965 Fuel Injection Air Cleaner that needs restoring. Any condition is considered.

Original 1965 Corvette front grille

2 Original or NOS 1965 Corvette hubcap spinners

Stephen H. Byrd (865) 250-1968 bunkybyrd@gmail.com

#### **WANTED - Corvette**

This is Peter Guntermann, NCRS member #63597. I hope you can help me with my search for my next Corvette.

I want to add a 1970 BB convertible to my collection.

#### Presently I own:

- 67 L79 Coupe 2 Top Flights 1 of 34 built with L79, K19, C60, M20 and N40
- 71 454 convertible only ever in Germany by NCRS judged Corvette, done by the Dutch chapter in 2018 (2nd Flight)
- 72 SB Coupe with DUNTOV award and less than 33k miles (page 205 "Corvette Sports Car Superstar")
- 82 Coupe with Bloomington Gold (less than 19k miles) my "daily driver"

Now I am looking for a 1970, 454 Convertible (might consider LT-1) in mint to excellent condition, must haves are:

- 4 speed
- Power steering
- Power brakes

TOP Flight and known history would be fantastic

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Peter Guntermann Ingendorfer Str. 55 50259 Pulheim GERMANY

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**WANTED:** 1966/67 Corvette coupe or convertible, matching numbers 327/Automatic, Silver or Nassau/Marina Blue, black or blue interior. A decent driver that maybe needs some work. If you have one to sell, I'd appreciate a call. Thanks.

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# HISTORICAL DOCUMENT SERVICES Chevrolet Shipping Data Reports from 1965-1972



National Corvette Restorers Society is pleased to announce that we can now provide certain information for model years 1965 through 1972 for Camaro, Chevelle and Nova through the efforts of the NCRS and permission granted by General Motors. We believe our fellow hobbyists and car clubs have desired this information since it became available for Corvettes several years ago.

The information consists of the dealer code, dealer name, dealer location and the production date the car was produced. The good news is this may allow you to find the original dealer where your Chevrolet Camaro, Chevelle or Nova was shipped and possibly open the door to finding more information about your Chevrolet.

A Camaro, Chevelle or Nova Shipping Data Report can be ordered only online. Membership in NCRS is not required. The fee will be \$50 payable by credit card or PayPal. You will receive via USPS a letter with the information which includes the NCRS official seal. In limited cases the dealer code is not available or readable and, in this case, a full refund will be made.

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