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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE BY PHIL D'ALESSANDRO



I hope this newsletter finds everyone safe and healthy. It certainly has been dystopian in so many ways. It is with my sincere anticipation that it will change as sensibilities return.

The Chapter glides into the end of the year having remained active with anticipation of a rewarding 2021. Thanks to Gary Craig for the scheduling, conducting and recruiting presenters, for the virtual schools have been well attended and encouraged other Chapters to conduct schools, to the benefit of all NCRS members.

Although the 2020 National Convention was cancelled, I was informed that the Chapter had been awarded Top Flight recognition for 2019. A recognition we all should be proud of. The requirements for Chapter Top Flight have been suspended for 2020 while any activities accomplished will be credited towards the 2021 award.

After our October 16-17 Flight Judging event (a five-point event) to be held at David Peterson's Autobox garages, the next virtual school will be in November and we will wrap up the year on December 13th with a (currently) planned Holiday event at the new WeKoPa Casino Resort. Additionally, a first for Arizona casinos, WeKoPa is smoke-free, which was a previous issue at other facilities. More to follow after your Board of Directors receives a tour of the buildings and accommodations in preparation for the May 2021 Regional.

Speaking of the Regional, our chapter will be one of just three regionals prior to the National Convention in Palm Springs. The Florida Regional is February 18-20, and the Heartland Regional in Cedar Rapids is June 10-12, so we divide the other two. Unique opportunities for members West of the Mississippi to attend two Regionals prior to the National. Not saying members from the East would not attend, just a geographical observation. The BOD and I are thinking, and planning for, a larger participation than we had in 2018, hence, we will need lots of assistance. The BOD and CORE Team members will meet in early October for pre-convention details. If you would like to join a team, contact any Board member.

Looking forward to seeing more of you at upcoming events.

FALL JUDGING MEET—OCT 16-17 BY GARY CRAIG

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There is still time to signup for the 2020 Fall Chapter Meet on October 16 & 17. We will hold our 2020 Fall Chapter Meet at the AutoBox garages in Scottsdale. Friday will be Operations Judging, followed by a judging school by Bill Calorico and Flight Judging on Saturday. It will also be a great time to catch up with friends and support your fellow enthusiasts! We have a very good selection of cars for judging as well as one car for Bowtie display and the typical gaggle of Sportsman displays, many are 2020 vintage. A flyer is available in the Driveline or (preferred), you can signup online via the NCRS website [here](#).

Note that we will be complying with the NCRS rules with regards to in-person NCRS meets which includes washing hands, wearing masks, and practicing social distancing. The garages at The AutoBox are quite large and in one of those garages, we will conduct the judging school with plenty of room for social distancing with each other. However, we may need to restrict the total number of participants to comply with Arizona state rules and first priority will go to judges, car owners, and tabulators.

Please mark your calendars!

2020 AZ Chapter Board

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2020 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| Date | Activity & Contact Information |
|---------------|---|
| January 12-19 | Barrett Jackson—Scottsdale, AZ |
| January 25 | Judging School & Chapter Meeting: ECL Codes w/Bill Calorico Fountain Hills Community Center |
| February 8 | Concours In The Hills - Fountain Hills, AZ |
| February 15 | Judging School & Chapter Meeting - |
| March 13-14 | Spring 5pt Chapter Judging Meet - BJ Showroom Scottsdale, AZ |
| April 3-4 | Southern Arizona Chapter Judging Meet—Tucson, AZ Event Cancelled, Pushed to October |
| April 11 | Bartlett Lake Driver - Meet at WeKoPa Resort Event Cancelled, To Be Rescheduled |
| April 25 | Judging School and Chapter Meeting Broach Marks—Webex Conference |
| May 1-2 | Southern California 5pt Chapter Judging Meet Long Beach, CA Event Cancelled |
| May 30 | Judging School and Chapter Meeting: Condition Judging—Webex Conference |
| May 28-30 | Rocky Mountain Regional - Loveland, CO Event Cancelled |
| June 11-13 | North Central Regional—Olmstead County Fairgrounds Rochester, MN Event Cancelled |
| June 27 | Judging School and Chapter Meeting: Understanding and Using CDCIF—Webex Conference |
| July 19-23 | National Convention—French Lick, IN Event Cancelled |
| August 20-22 | Northwest Regional Event Cancelled |
| August 22 | Judging School and Chapter Meeting: Bowtie & Star Judging—Webex Conference |
| September 19 | Judging School & Chapter Meeting: Event Cancelled |
| October 2-3 | Southern Arizona Chapter Judging Meet Tucson Event Cancelled |
| October 9-10 | Southern California Chapter Judging Meet Anaheim, CA Event Cancelled |
| October 16-17 | Fall 5pt Chapter Judging Meet - The Autobox Scottsdale, AZ |
| October 22-24 | Lone Star Regional—Frisco, TX Event Cancelled |
| November 21 | Judging School and Chapter Meeting: Topic TBD |
| December 13 | Chapter Holiday Party We Ko Pa Resort & Casino |

These events may be impacted by the Covid-19 social distancing guidelines put into effect by federal, state, and local agencies. Updates, as soon as we know them, will be sent out to chapter members, and you can also go to NCRS.ORG.

GET INVOLVED!

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THE CLUB IS LOOKING TO HOLD TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO OUR TRADITIONAL JUDGING ACTIVITIES.

IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA YOU THINK OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WOULD BE INTERESTED IN, PLEASE CONTACT A BOARD MEMBER TO DISCUSS IT.

Q2 ONLINE JUDGING SCHOOL RECAP BY GARY CRAIG

Bowtie Judging

On August 22nd, the Arizona Chapter held it's fourth VConf judging school with Gary Craig giving his presentation of Understanding Bowtie/Star Judging. So far, these VConf judging schools have been a hit with our local Chapter members as well as National members in that we had 87 judges attended this judging school online. This is the largest attendance that we ever had. Must be the subject, not the presenter that our members are coming out to see!!

The judging school went over the whole process for Bowtie/Star judging from start to finish. The judging school used extensively Bob Swaback's 1967 L71 4-Star Bowtie & Duntov award winner to show the various characteristics of Bowtie Judging and examples. Additionally, Garry Mion's 1966 2 Star award winner and Gary Craig's 1971 2 Star award winner was used for certain areas of the Bowtie judging process. The judging school started with the intention of the NCRS Bowtie/Star award which is to recognize unrestored cars and encourage the owners to display their Bowtie/Star cars for our enjoyment and continued education. All of our Technical Information Manual & Judging Guides are based upon these Bowtie/Star cars so thanks to all members that bring out to our judging meets and schools their Bowtie/Star Corvettes. Next, the school provided owner guidance on seeing if their 1953 thru 1982 Corvettes qualify for Bowtie/Star Judging thru the prerequisites needed at a Regional or National. The judging process for Bowtie/Star at the National Convention was then described to the VConf members. This judging process differs from the normal judging process in that actual Originality regardless of condition is the guide for Bowtie/Star Judging whereas the standard Flight Judging has Operations, apparent Originality, and Condition. The judging school concluded on seeing many photos of Bob Swaback's 67 that showed all the characteristics of a car worthy of 4-Stars.

It was pleasant to see that there were members that actually learned some new items with regards to Bowtie/Star Judging. Had one National member that actually judged my 71 LT1 for Bowtie/Star in the Interior area state to me that he learned something new. This member also has a 4-Star Bowtie car himself so he has seen a lot. Success!

ACTIVIES UPDATE BY JOHN RICHARDS

Save the date! That date would be Sunday, December 13th. Our annual Holiday party is tentatively scheduled then. The board has not finalized everything because of the ongoing Covid 19 issues, but here is what we hope will happen. The party will take place in a different location this year. We have reserved a place at the We-Ko-Pa resort in Fountain Hills since that is where our Regional Judging Event will be in May 2021. This will give everyone a chance to see the progress that the resort has made on the new facilities. We expect to make a final decision early in October so stayed tuned via the Arizona NCRS website or watch for an email making an announcement.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE BY DAVID PETERSON

As the temperatures start to come down, albeit very slowly, it's time to dust off the cars and get them back on the road! Hopefully, we are starting to see some light at the end of the COVID tunnel, at least where people feel comfortable enough to get out more, even if it means wearing a mask and practicing social distancing. In celebration of those two milestones, we will be holding our first in-person event, since March, in just a few weeks! Personally, I am excited to see everyone's mask covered face and feel some sense of normalcy, whatever that is these days. We will be following all of the necessary health guidelines to make everyone feel as comfortable as possible and to keep everyone safe. So, if you haven't already, register to attend and come out and get some fresh air, even if it's just for a few minutes to say hello. Check the Arizona chapter website for event details. If I don't see you at the event, continue to stay healthy and safe and I look forward to seeing you when you are comfortable to do so.

I also want to take a moment to remind you that it's time to renew your membership for 2021. If you have any questions about your membership, you can contact me at membership@ArizonaNCRS.com.

WELCOME TO THE ARIZONA CHAPTER – NCRS

Our current membership count stands at 137. The following individuals have recently joined our chapter. If you see them at upcoming events, please make an effort to introduce yourself and say hello.

Fred Hudgins

Frank & Candace LaBue

Rolland Trayte

Robert Whitaker

Q3 2020 TREASURY UPDATE BY DAVE BARCLAY

If your personal information (e.g, address, phone number) or email address has changed, please email those changes to me at treasurer@arizonancrs.com.

Our financial balances as of Sep 20, 2020 are: Checking Account: \$3,547.56 Money Market Account: \$30,196.72

The January 1st thru Sept 20th, 2020 checking account breaks down as follows:

| Income | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Dues Received (2020 thru 2023) | \$1,832.10 |
| Judging Income | \$1,804.85 |
| Social | \$0.00 |
| Interest Earned | \$3.51 |
| Total | \$3,640.46 |

| Expenses | |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| Membership Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Judging Expenses | \$1,938.18 |
| Miscellaneous Expenses | \$30.42 |
| Social Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Web Site | \$789.75 |
| 2021 Regional Expenses | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$2,803.35 |

Income:

- Membership:** 2020-2023 Dues
- Judging:** 2020 Spring Event
- Interest Income:** Money Market Account
- Social:**

Expenses:

- Membership:**
- Judging:** Judging Event, Judging Materials, Event Refunds, Judging Schools, Tech Sessions
- Miscellaneous Expenses:** Administrative
- Social:**

A LOOK INTO THE PAST BY GARRY MION

It was November 12th, 2000. This Chapter Meet was held at the home of Mike & Joyce Mileskiewicz. Obviously a beautiful day, and a nice collection of judged and sportsman cars. At the time Terry Dunham was our Judging Chairman. In 2000, the Western Regional was held on May 18-21 in Lake Tahoe, NV, and the National Convention was held in Bowling Green, Kentucky. That year we held two judging schools, and two Chapter judging meets. At the time, we were still known as the Southwest Chapter.



A TALE OF TWO PVS BY JIM RAND

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times” wrote Charles Dickens in a Tale of Two Cities. Although he was writing about the year 1775 and the political state of France and England prior to the French revolution, his words could well be used to describe my experience with NCRS performance verification (PV). As in any good story, the characters need to be introduced to the reader. Therefore, a little background is necessary.

I purchased my first Corvette in the late 1980s, a 1966 L36 roadster. I knew little about originally, but I loved the car. After 5 years, the car was sold to raise capital. I always wanted another big block Corvette. I joined NCRS and sought out the advice of Bill Calorico. I purchased a 1967 L68 roadster that had been restored. I needed a trailer to transport the car home. Gary Bennett provided the needed help and we became life long friends. Gary is a master restorer, with a special interest in 1963 coupes. He served as my tutor in my learning car restoration. I had always wanted to perform a hands-on restoration; he provided the opportunity.

I found a 1963 L84 coupe with an original engine in a barn in northern Idaho. Gary and I made the road trip with his trailer and brought the car to his shop, where we performed a frame off restoration of every part of the car in four months! I observed Gary at the regional in Rochester, MN complete a performance verification on his 1963. Although it was his fourth or fifth PV, he was nervous. I asked myself why would anyone subject themselves to this level of stress. Little did I realize that I was headed for the same experience.

My 1963 scored well at the regional and we decided that I should pursue an attempt at a Duntov award. First, I had to pass a PV. We did a mock PV at least 30 times at home including a road test with 90% of redline. Everything was working perfectly. I purchased a Mercedes SUV as my tow vehicle and had it serviced. Gary had the trailer serviced. We were off to Frisco, TX for my performance verification. What could go wrong?

We arrived several days early in Frisco. I drove the PV course several times in my Mercedes to learn the route. I drove the route three times in the Corvette and checked everything that would be tested. I was ready! Passing PV means that every aspect of the car must function as designed, intended, and expected. Only one 15 minute repair is allowed. There is little margin for error or unexpected problems.

The weather had been beautiful for the few days prior to my PV day but changed to overcast with a threat of rain (an omen of things to come). I arose early, as it was difficult to sleep. Carlton Colclough is the 1963 team lead and is very thorough. He misses nothing. I met Carlton at the judging field where we began my PV. Generally, the most difficult part of a performance verification is the testing of everything in the parking lot prior to the road part. I was smiling when I passed the testing prior to the road test with only a couple of marginals. I had driven the course and was confident.

We left the parking lot and traveled two miles. We stopped at a traffic light at an intersection of two main roads. I depressed the clutch. There was a large pop, and the clutch peddle went to the floor! Directly behind my car was one police car and another on the left side. If I was nervous before, the issue was magnified. I apologized to Carlton, and we got out and opened the hood. There was nothing obvious. I assumed something had failed in the clutch. I called Gary to come with the trailer. With the help of Carlton, Gary and two policemen, the Corvette was pushed into the trailer. Carlton was a true gentleman throughout the ordeal. Back at the parking lot, the weather deteriorated to rain which reflected my mood. It was the worst of times. My PV was a failure. How could anything worse happen.

We stayed for the regional, then headed home. It is a long drive across Texas to Arizona with very little other than rest stops and oil wells. We made a fuel stop near Pecos, TX. We pulled into the service station and the lady in the other lane commented that one of our trailer wheels was tilted. We had been driving 70 mph only minutes earlier! As we turned to the left exiting the pumps, one of the two left wheels of the trailer fell off! If this had happened at 70 mph, the consequences are difficult to fathom. What do we do in a small oil town for repairs?

We found a truck repair yard with a dirt parking lot and a mean guard dog. We were told that the rear axle of the trailer needed replacement and it would take at least a week to obtain the parts. Therefore, we would need to leave the trailer and Corvette in a seedy repair yard for an extended time. We proceeded home and returned two weeks later. The car and trailer were safe. We made the rest of the trip home without incident. Upon unloading the car, the circle clip that attaches the clutch peddle to the clutch rod was lying on the floor! It would have been an easy and quick repair if I had recognized the problem at the time of the PV.

I subsequently took the car to Bend, OR where it passed PV without a problem. The best of times! The lesson learned is that anything can happen no matter how carefully one plans and tests everything. Being a slow learner and masochist, I have now taken a second 1963 L84 through the process to Duntov. A word to anyone wishing to go for a performance verification; you cannot plan or test to much in advance.

Q3 BOARD MEETING MINUTES BY BRAD VIGESAA

2020-09-12 Minutes

National Corvette Restorers Society Arizona Chapter

Board of Directors Meeting

September 12, 2020

Meeting Location: Virtual using WebEx

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Called to Order: 9:10 AM

Attendees

Phil D'Alessandro

Dave Barclay

Gary Craig

Garry Mion

David Peterson

George Ray

Dave Talley

Brad Vigesaa

Others present: None

Agenda

Approval of previous meeting minutes: 2020-05-23

Approved (Garry Mion, David Peterson)

October Flight Judging

(6) vehicles, three have been approved, others vehicles pending judging resources b. (13) Judges, would like (20)

2021 Regional

We-Ko-Pa build status

Official Opening Oct 29 2020

Inspection visit date; Oct 9 preview requested (time TBD). This will be the kickoff planning session for 2021 Regional b. Core team assignments

Logistics: Dave Talley

Clothing: Brad Vigesaa

Activities: JR Richards iv. Judging: Gary Craig, David Peterson

Tech: Gary Craig

Tabulation: TBD

Budget: Dave Barclay

Security: TBD

Holiday Party, December 13, 2020 (Sunday)

Proposed Location: We-Ko-Pa site

Approved

Small block of rooms reserved for night before

Shared event (AZC NCRS + SACC)

Decision pending close of survey Sep 30

Gary Craig to setup WebEx post Sep 30

Brad Vigesaa to distribute survey findings Oct 1

Cost: ~\$30/person 5. Open Discussion: '

Define BOD Roles and Responsibilities: Feedback Due Sept 30 to Garry Mion

Q3 BOARD MEETING MINUTES CONTINUEDReports to the Board

Chairman's Report: Phil D'Alessandro

Vice Chairman's Report: Dave Talley

Judging Chairman's Report: Gary Craig

Virtual Judging school very successful

Treasurer's Report: Dave Barclay

\$3,363 (checking); \$30,196.72 (savings)

Membership's Report: David Peterson

135 Members

Will be ordering new name tags and mailing out existing tags

Secretary's Report: Brad Vigesaa

Webmaster's Report: George Ray

Working with vendor to obtain pricing on update website to include regional event information

Newsletter Editor's Report: Garry Mion

Articles needed by next week to meet cutoff for quarterly

Activity Chairman's Report: JR Richards

Announcements

Date of next board meeting: Post Sep 30

Agenda

Decision on Shared Holiday Party

TBD

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM

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