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Chairman's Message

12-15-2023

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the year already. We recently had our Annual Dinner Meeting at Jackson's Steak Old Chatham House. It was well attended, and Jackson's did a great job taking care of us. I glad to report that the Chapter is financially on very solid ground. We are still looking for someone to fill the vacant Secretary's position. I am also pleased to report that we once again achieved Top Flight Chapter status for 2023 which is based on member participation.

I would like to thank all the Board members for supporting our Chapter. When you see them please thank them for their willingness to volunteer: Dom Scafidi- Treasurer, Michael Craig- Vice Chair, Jim Weir- Activities and part time Secretary, Brian Cantele- Judging Chairman, Jim Sabia- Membership, Bob Gallo- Newsletter editor, and Bill Schroeder- Web site Editor. Thank you all for keeping our Chapter moving forward.

Next year's activities list is 90% complete and it looks like another busy year ahead of us. Please plan on attend some of our many functions. The New England and Northeast Chapters are hosting a Regional event May 30th – June 1st in Marlborough MA. If you have never attended a Regional it is well worth the effort as you get to see many very high quality and unusual Corvettes. On line registration is open and the event is held at a wonderful facility. Additionally, I have received information regarding having your Corvette displayed at the NCRS Gallery at this year's Corvettes at Carlisle. I have the application form for anyone interested in displaying your 1953 -2007 Corvette that has received a flight award.

Lief Larsen

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN – *Jim Weir*

2024

January 8th Adk NCRS Monthly Meeting at Scarborough's Restaurant, Latham NY, 6 PM

January 17th to 20th NCRS Florida Regional Melbourne Florida

February 12th Adk NCRS Monthly Meeting Scarborough's Restaurant Latham NY 6 PM

March 11Adk. NCRS Monthly Meeting at Scarborough's Restaurant, Latham NY 6 PM

March 14th to 17th NCRS Judging Retreat, Grapevine Texas

April 8th Adk NCRS Monthly Meeting, Scarborough's Restaurant Latham NY 6 PM

May 14th Adk. NCRS Monthly Meeting at Foster's Coach House, Rhinebeck NY 6 PM

May 17th and 18th Adk. NCRS Spring Judging Meet at Jim Sabia's Home 24 Diddle Road, Wappinger Falls, NY

May 29th to June 1st Northeast/New England NCRS Regional Meet, Marlborough, Mass.

No Adk NCRS Monthly Meetings June, July, August

August 4th to 8th NCRS 2024 National Convention, Hampton VA

August 22ed to 24th Corvette's at Carlisle 1000 Bryn Mawr Rd, Carlisle PA

September 9th Adk NCRS monthly Meeting Scarborough's Restaurant Latham NY

October 15th Adk NCRS Monthly Meeting Foster's Coach House, Rhinebeck NY, 6 PM

November 11th Adk Monthly Meeting at Scarborough's Restaurant, Latham NY. 6 PM

December- date and location to be announced for Yearly Dinner/Meeting

Any other dates for Tech sessions or activities I will send out notice to all members. with kind regards,

James Weir

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Adirondack Chapter Activities Chairman

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - *Jim Sabia*

The Chapter now uses online registration for our events and dues can be paid online as well. Go to the Adirondack Chapter website and at the top of the home page you will see the link to **renew your dues** or **click here**:
<https://www.ncrs.org/forums/register/chapter-membership.php>

JUDGING CHAIRMAN - *Brian Cantele*

Editor:

The following article was generously provided by Bill Mulder, a St. Louis Chapter Member. Originally intended for publication in late summer, I think you will still find it of interest. Thank you Bill.

An American Love Affair: 70 Years of Corvette

National Corvette Museum 70th Anniversary Presentation

If you have been to the National Corvette Museum in the past and do not believe it is worth going again, it is not the same. Their investment in audio, video, new displays, and people are well worth a second visit. If you have never been, thinking it is just an old car museum, it is worth the time to go – it will be time well spent and a memory that will last. For the 70th anniversary of the Corvette, the National Corvette Museum has invested heavily in technology and new displays to provide a never before experienced exhibit. The event opened to the public on June 30th, the 70th anniversary of the first Corvette. The event was heavily attended by NCRS members such as Mark Tully and Mike Ingham with many of the new cars being sourced by Vito Cimilluca.

The exhibit is all new with upgraded technology including an eight and a half feet tall LED display that covers the outer perimeter of the Skydome where the cars are displayed and exceptional audio to provide the largest T V viewing presentation you will encounter short of a jumbotron at an NFL football game.



The presentation was designed by the National Corvette Museum team and takes you through the early creation of the Corvette but quickly brings back our memories of the 60s, 70 and 80s and America's love affair with the Corvette and notes that Barbie didn't drive a Mustang. It shows the Corvette featured in various shows, songs and movies like Route 66 which take many of us back to a time when we were younger and could not wait to buy a Corvette or the pride of owning one. It reminds us of our love affair – 70 years of the Corvette.

When you enter the Museum, you first encounter 1953 Corvette number 231 off the line which has a Duntov Award from 2022. For the purist, it does have lacquer paint.

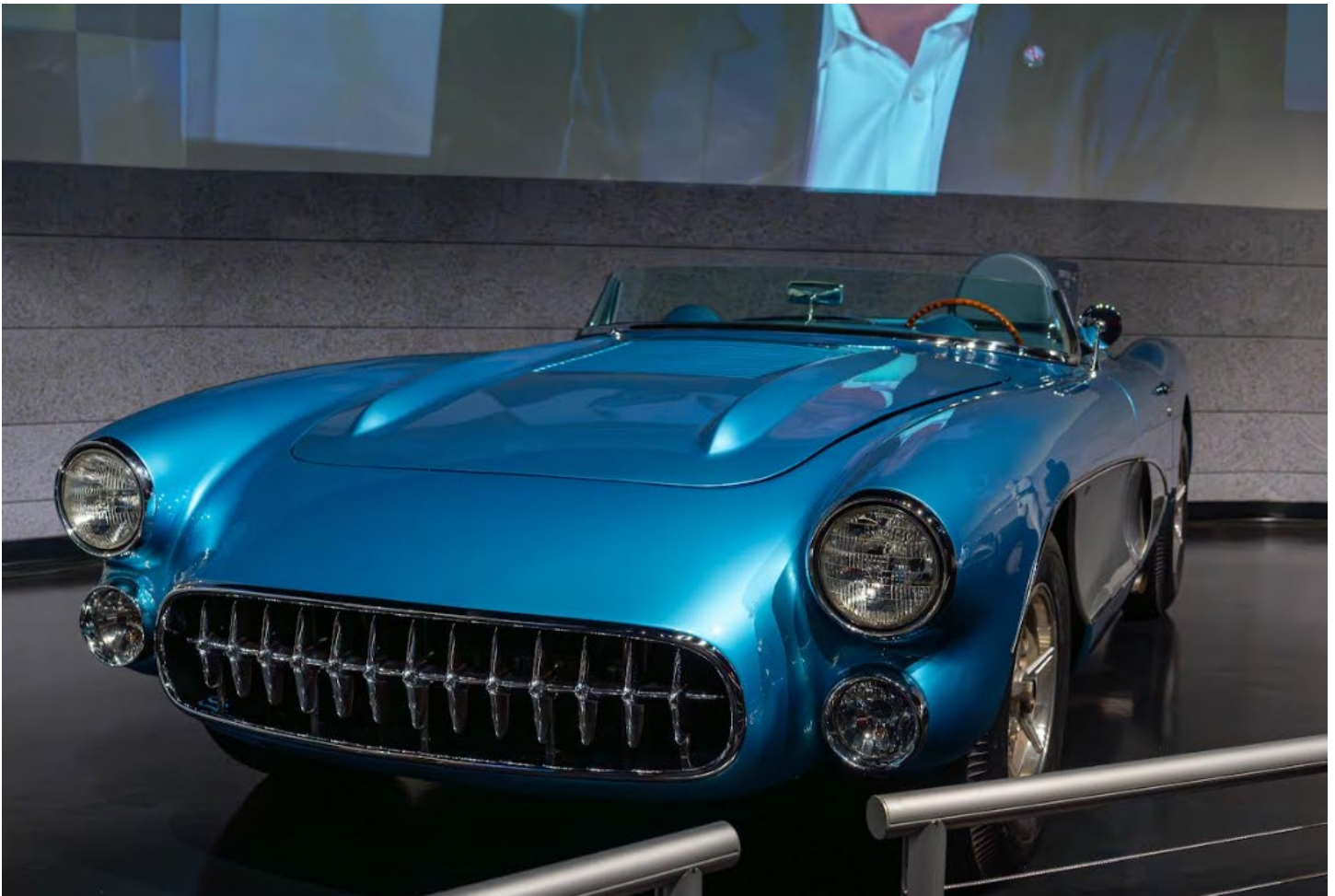


But this '53 car is only the start of the experience. Of more interest is the 'Entombed 1954 Corvette' that is an all-original car with 2,000 miles on it. The owner's wife hated the looks so much that her husband entombed the car with a brick wall in one of the grocery stores he owned until it was recovered.



But don't stop there as the Museum has 53 special cars. Probably the most special is John Neas' (NCRS #171 of the Oklahoma Chapter) 1956 Corvette SR-2. Part of what is so special about the car is that Chevrolet designed it in-house and built it in-house, which shows how important this was to them. They took their best people from improving cars like the Belair with 1.5 million cars produced a year to work on this car. Ford, with say, their 1969 NASCAR 429 Mustang, sent things out-house to Kar Craft. Ford kept their top people working on design and build improvements to their bread-and-butter cars. Chevrolet put their best people, their in-house, on the project and with Shop Order 90179 by Bob Mclean, head of experimental styling, and designed it in-house and with engineering #6911 built it in-house.





In addition to the cars, each year, a leader is inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame from one of three categories: GM-Chevrolet, Racing and Enthusiast. The 2023 members-elect are:

- GM – David Wichman
- Racing – Dan Banks
- Enthusiast – John Amgwert



Enthusiast – John Amgwert, Founding Member of National Corvette Restorers Society

In 1974, John Amgwert became member #3 and co-founder of the National Corvette Restorers Society. Amgwert’s passion for Corvette translated into a 25-year stint as the editor-in-chief of *The Corvette Restorer* magazine – a go-to resource for Corvette history. Amgwert’s efforts with the NCRS to form a technical library ultimately resulted in what would become the National Corvette Museum. Amgwert’s passion for and commitment to seeking out the truth about key cars in Corvette history continues to this day.

These winners will be [were] formally inducted into the Corvette Hall of Fame in a ceremony on Saturday, September 2, 2023. This will be extra special as Corey Peterson from the Utah Chapter is hoping to drive likely 1953 Corvette VIN 001 into the museum in an unrestored condition to view the construction of this early car. I hope Corey can 'Get'er Done' in time.

My wife and I thoroughly enjoyed our visit and every person we met was polite, knowledgeable, and helpful from the first person you met at admissions to staff in the halls who answer questions on then on to the retail shop. It was a mark of true southern hospitality. We even spotted the President and CEO, Sharon Brawner, who had time to stop and talk to just two attendees. We found out she was a true car gal from the start with her dad owning, restoring and maintaining '55-'57 Chevys.

We stopped at the Stingray Grill which is an incredibly upscale restaurant – no Steak and Shake. My wife had their 2nd favorite meal, the Stingray Burger, which features Wagyu beef, Bison, Elk, and Boar. I had their most popular meal, the Blackberry Grilled Cheese which is cheese, blackberry jam, bacon and jalapenos. It is not traditional, but it is incredible. The heat of the jalapenos is offset by the sweet of the blackberry jam. You are not going to find this high of quality food and upscale menu at any chain restaurant.

The trip was well worth the time and a memory was created that will last a lifetime.

Bill Mulder St. Louis Chapter Member.

Annual Dinner Meeting at Jackson's





Monthly Meeting at Fosters Coach house



NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY
Board of Directors Meeting
Via ZOOM
September 28, 2023

NCRS Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 10:32 AM EDT.

Present were:

Mark Tulley, Andy Goodman, Vito Cimilluca, John Ballard, Michael Murray, Brad Hillhouse, Harry Ledgerwood, Bob Johansen, Mike Ingham

Larry Colvin, John Tidwell

1. Presentation and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes from July 28, 2023 – Larry Colvin.

- a. *Mike Ingham moved, and Harry Ledgerwood seconded, to approve the minutes from the Board meeting of July 28, 2023.*
 - i. *Discussion: None.*
 - ii. *Passed: 9 For, None Against.*

2. Reports To The Board – All.

a. President – Mark Tulley.

- i. Report from 2023 Carlisle event.
 - 1. NCRS gallery was well done.
 - 2. NCRS store did well.
 - 3. Added 17 new members and 47 membership renewals.
- ii. Discussion about the Ontario Regional.
 - 1. First C6 judging.
 - a. Went well.
- iii. French Lick National Convention.
 - 1. More positive feedback.
 - 2. Only minor issues were experienced.
 - 3. Great facility, very clean.
 - 4. Hotel was not set up for disabled people.
- iv. Moving the date of the 2024 NCRS Annual Board Meeting.
 - 1. *Mark Tulley moved, and Vito Cimilluca seconded to move the date of the NCRS Annual Board Meeting to March 21 or March 22, 2024.*
 - a. *Discussion: Mark polled the Directors.*
 - i. *March 21st was the preferred date.*
 - b. *Passed: 9 For, None Against.*
- v. Mark reviewed the upcoming Judges Retreat.
 - 1. Reminded the group that Judges Retreat judging points are only awarded twice.
 - 2. Retreats are usually sold-out.
 - 3. Retreats are usually financially break-even.
 - 4. Mark asked Andy Goodman to investigate potential sponsorships.
 - 5. Instructors will be chosen about 12/15/2023.

- vi. Mark asked all Directors to promote the 2024 Hampton Roads, Virginia National Convention
 - 1. Planning a special car display for the 50th Anniversary.
 - vii. October 1, 2023, is the deadline for Chapters to submit new charities for matching-funds approval.
 - 1. Submissions should go to the Regional Director first for approval.
 - 2. Need to include cancelled check.
 - a. John Tidwell will accept any reasonable proof of payment (for example, a credit card receipt).
 - viii. Chapter annual reports are due on February 1, 2024.
 - 1. Mark will send out reminders.
 - ix. Mark requested that outgoing Directors assist new Directors with the transition.
 - x. Announcement and discussion of a New England Chapter/Northeast Chapter joint Regional May 31-Jun1, 2024, in Marlborough, Massachusetts.
- b. Vice President – Mike Ingham.**
- i. Reminded Directors of the importance of contacting Members whose memberships have expired.
 - 1. Personal phone calls work best.
 - a. It is a person-to-person approach that is appreciated by the Member.
 - ii. Discussion about problems with Member email address accuracy.
 - 1. Suggestion that new members get a test email with a link for them to confirm their email address.
 - 2. Vito suggested the NCRS needs a new approach and tools to manage Membership information.
- c. Finance Officer – John Tidwell.**
- i. As of August 31st, 2023, finances are ahead of plan and most categories are ahead of last year.
 - ii. The French Lick National Convention will be profitable.
 - iii. Membership is on revenue target.
 - iv. No budget yet for the 50th anniversary Convention.
- d. Secretary – Larry Colvin.**
- i. Reviewed candidates for the 2023 election.
 - ii. Voting began on September 1st and will conclude on October 10th.

3. Activities

a. Regional Events – Mark Tulley.

- i. Regional Application Withdrawn.
 - 1. Wisconsin Chapter is withdrawing their Regional application for 2025.
 - a. Withdrawal due to issues with Chapter leadership and a location change.
 - b. Need to submit a new application for the new location.
 - c. Application is expected in 2-4 weeks.
- ii. New Regional application.
 - 1. New application received from the Kansas City and St. Louis Chapters for Springfield, MO in 2025.
 - a. Dates are July 16-19, 2025.
 - 2. *Harry Ledgerwood moved, and Andy Goodman seconded, to approve the Kansas City/St. Louis Chapters' application for a Regional in Springfield, MO in 2025.*
 - a. Discussion:
 - i. Secondary event markets may be a trend for the future.
 - ii. May be able to get facilities for free or at low cost in exchange for lodging and food revenue.

b. *Passed: 9 For, None Against.*

iii. Event Planning Tool – Mike Ingham.

1. Mike reviewed the spreadsheet-based event planning tool he had distributed to the Board.
2. The current Regional Guide document needs to be updated.
3. Need to induce Chapters to hold Regional events.
 - a. Starts with making planning tasks easier.
 - b. Assist with attracting sponsorships.
4. Next steps:
 - a. Form a committee to implement recommendations.

b. National Conventions – Mike Ingham.

- i. Mark reviewed the current National Convention schedule.

4. Old Business.

a. Finalize Board Election Notification Process – Mark Tulley.

- i. Current Bylaws require a 45-day notification before the annual Board meeting date to all Board members and the NCRS membership by anyone planning to run for Board President.
- ii. *Mark Tulley moved, and Harry Ledgerwood seconded, to specify that any candidacy announcement for Board President election be included in the monthly Membership email and posted to the Technical Discussion Board.*
 1. Discussion:
 - a. Change current Bylaw wording to read “*No later than 45 days before the Annual Board Meeting*”.
 - b. Vito Cimilluca suggested new Bylaw language needs further development so don’t try to update the Bylaws now.
 2. *The motion was withdrawn.*

5. New Business.

a. Appointments to Committees – Mark Tulley.

- i. Mark reviewed a list of members who have volunteered to be on committees.
- ii. Committees and their *initial* staffing:
 1. Membership Committee.
 - a. Marilyn Heitzman.
 - b. Mike Ingham.
 - c. Vito Cimilluca.
 2. IT Steering Committee.
 - a. Mike Ingham – Chair.
 3. Human Resources (HR) Committee.
 - a. Vito Cimilluca – Chair.
 - b. Michael Murray.
 - c. Marilyn Heitzman.
 4. Social Network Committee.
 - a. Brad Hillhouse – Chair.
 - b. Sarah Lardy.
 - c. Tom Sutcliff.
 5. Youth Program Candidate.
 - a. Jennifer Stefanik.
 6. Marketing/Public Relations/Sponsorship Committee.
 - a. Andy Goodman – Chair.
 - b. Vinnie Peters.
 - c. George Denham.

b. Chapter Top Flight Program – Bob Johansen.

- i. Another Director will need to take over the program since Bob is leaving the Board.

Mike Ingham moved, and Michael Murray seconded, to adjourn the Board meeting.

Discussion: None.

Passed: 9 For, None Against.

The Board meeting adjourned at 12:55 PM EDT.

Next Board meeting is October 19, 2023, at the Frisco, TX Regional.

Respectfully submitted,
Larry Colvin
NCRS Secretary

WE ARE SEEKING A VOLUNTEER FOR SECRETARY BOARD POSITION

HAPPY NEW YEAR !