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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES - *John Dergosits*

Welcome back to both Gary Bovee and Reg Farney who have rejoined the Chapter after a brief absence. Welcome to our newest members Steve and Leslie Thesier. We hope you will join us at many of the Chapter events we have planned for the year.

We started the year with our annual Chapter meeting on January 17th at Carney's which was well attended. We conducted a judging school in February at my home using my 1968 convertible. April 17th we did a tech session at Mike Wilson's where we looked at C-3 clock and heater box restoration and the proper placement of a C-3 gas tank and underbody insulation.



We had a few days of early summer a few weeks ago but we are now back to more seasonable weather. During this time I know Steve Wittek will be planning for our first cruise of the season. I hope you all can make it. We have a busy year planned. Our primary event is our judging meet which will be hosted at George's Collision on October 8th and 9th this year. Please see the Chapter Meet application at the end of this newsletter. Back in 2008 we had a very successful meet at George's facility; since that time he has expanded and we will be able to accommodate all the cars to be judged inside.

I mention our meet for a couple reasons. It's one of the primary functions the National organization looks at under the Chapter Flight award program. The Adirondack Chapter has been a Top Flight Chapter since the inception of the program. Our meet is also our primary fund raising activity for the year. The money we make from this event and our Chapter dues pay for our chapter newsletter and mailing, purchase of chapter materials such as ribbons and award certificates, subsidizes refreshments at our judging schools, tech sessions and our annual picnic. We also track our events and at the end of the year the chapter subsidizes up to one dinner for a chapter member (or their spouse) at our annual membership meeting. Over the past few years we have been very successful keeping the membership base steady; which reminds me, if you have not paid your dues they are very late. Please get them in to Bill Hans in the next 30 days or this may be the last Chapter newsletter you receive!!

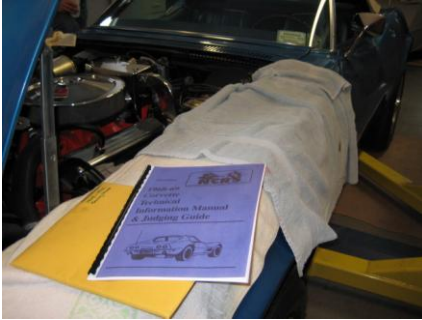
As I mentioned above we have a number of events planned for this year. Please watch our website www.AdirondackNCRS.com for updates. Your Board of Directors and I hope to see you at our many events during the coming year.

Best Regards,
John Dergosits

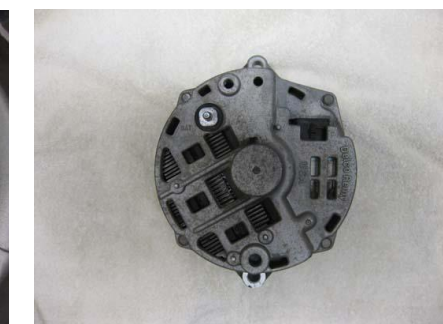
JUDGING CHAIRMAN - *Brian Cantele*

Spring! Finally it's time to break 'em out. I just wish the endless work on Corvettes was over...well maybe not. The wrenching is half the fun. Some of the winter projects, as many of you know, were group efforts. The winter found us at Mike Wilson's a couple of times and at John Dergosits' recently. As I mentioned in the last newsletter, one of the Wilson events was a body lift on Steve Wittek's cool '64 coupe. Anybody heard from Steve? He's got his hands full.

The event at John's was all about C3 Mech I judging. As usual, Bill Meess and I brought along the latest thing to cross our bench for a little tech schooling. As we've seen at several of these sessions, so many projects widely thought of as impossible or work to be sent out, can be readily handled in a basic work shop. We covered water pump rebuilding and spring cup installation. A couple of home built tools makes it all possible. If you haven't attended one of our schools/tech sessions, you're missing out. As usual, my e-mail inbox is wide open for suggestions. Next on the agenda is more work on Mike Wilson's '69 coupe. The wiring harness, complete dash cluster and vacuum system or on the front burners.



Amidst all these projects came another one. John Dergosits got into the induction system of one of his ZR-1s. While he was at it, he noticed a bearing squeak in his alternator. Take a peak under the hood of an LT-5 powered 'vette and you'll see why John tended to this issue now (the alternator is very difficult to remove unless the intake plenum, which he had done in his other tasks). So the alternator ended up on my bench. The photos here show the steps to a "freshening up" applicable to most alternators. Few changes were made from the introduction of the alternator until somewhat recently. The project was a simple disassembly of the unit, changing the bearings and reassembly, since it was not malfunctioning, just in need of bearings.



Before any disassembly, photograph or draw a diagram of how the two halves of the castings go together. It's easily mixed up later, as it has to be "clocked" correctly. Basic hand tools suffice for the whole project. The press to install the rear bearing is a bit of overkill and can be done carefully with a dead blow hammer and drift. While apart, I bead blasted the castings and even electroplated the case screws. The only small trick to reassembling an alternator is to use a small pin, nail, even a straightened paper clip slipped through a slot in the back casting to keep the brushes retracted until it's back together.

That's all for now. Send me suggestions and if I can, I'll put something together. See you on the road!

Brian Cantele, Judging Chairman

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN - *Bill Hans*

If anybody knows of anyone interested in joining our chapter, please have them e-mail me whans1@nycap.rr.com. If there are any address, phone number or e-mail changes please let me know so we can update our roster and keep you informed of our activities so you don't miss out on them!!!! Thanks.

Also, if you have not paid your Chapter dues for 2010, please mail your check for \$30 payable to Adirondack Chapter NCRS to me as soon as possible. Mailing address:

William Hans
19 Victor Road
Troy, NY 12180

ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN - *Steve Wittek*

Spring is in the air and we have some great events coming up soon, but before we look ahead let's check the rear view mirror.

A number of us visited the Saratoga Museum for the Jack Gillette collection exhibit and tech talk by PPG and Upstate Autobody Warehouse. Very informative tech session starting with the different evolutions of the Corvette body from Fiberglass to Sheet molded compound (SMC). Proper ways to strip existing paint, materials used for repairs and prep for the final finish. A very well presented and informative tech session.

If you haven't visited the Museum to enjoy the Jack Gillette Collection, you owe it to yourself to make the trip. The exhibit will be there till May 2nd and would make a great destination for a day cruise to see a fabulous display of Corvettes.

The Northeast Chapter held a judging school for the latest update on "GLOVEBOX 201". David Strickland shared his knowledge with us on Corvette Glovebox Paperwork. A very informative session for an often little known area of Corvette judging!

Our Chapter Judging School was held at John Dergosits home Feb 13th. Brian Cantele did an excellent job demonstrating the rebuild of a water pump and proper crimping of the rear spring cups on John's C3. Bill Meess did his magic making up a special tool to crimp the cups just the way the factory did. We spent some time under the hood of John's C3 going over many areas of judging from proper date codes to the many different finishes used.

We had another great Tech Session at Mike Wilson's home on April 17. There was lots on the agenda for this one. We focused our attention inside the interior of Mikes C3. Some of the items we went over were rebuilding of the heater box, doing a clock conversion and working with instrument panels and gauges. We also did some gas tank adjustment and heat insulation under the body.

Spring Carlisle was held April 21st to 25th. I always love digging through acres of old car parts searching for that special prize or just sharing stories about the one that got away. This year was different for me because my prize was waiting for me. Vette Products of Michigan was delivering my frame section to me there. Great way to avoid shipping costs!

While we're on the subject of my '64 Chassis, let me expand a little to let you know what I've been up to and get some feedback in return. Those of you who were there for the body pull had an opportunity to see the original frame and the weak areas that needed attention. I welcomed opinions of the members who discussed repairing just the bad areas and others who would replace the entire frame. I was on the fence with this decision myself as I'm sure many others have had to face similar choices on their restoration. I discussed with Vette Products' owner the cost of the parts to repair or replace the weak areas. His company makes every piece you could need. He offers full frame replacements as well. He makes his frames using the original tooling he purchased from GM so it's an exact match! Sometimes replacing a larger section ends up being more cost effective than individual repairs. I've elected to replace the rear section and keep my original front half. This will limit the welding required and make the repairs easier to make undetectable. I've decided to do the frame sectioning myself and was wondering if this would be something you would like to see as a tech session?

Now that we took a quick trip down memory lane it's time to clean the bugs off the windshield so we don't miss any of the great events we have planned!

A Spring Breakout Run is scheduled for the first week in June. Bob Reyer has offered to head the planning of the run. If you have any ideas on places of interest for a Round Robin Day Run, we would like your input. If you would like a more active part in the planning of the run please let us know.

I will send everyone an e-mail for you to provide your feedback on these activities, so please look for it in your mail box.

So there you have it folks. We have a lot of great events to look forward to ... See you there!

Be sure to set the Adirondack Chapter events www.adirondackncrs.com/ncrs2 as a favorite web site so you can check the calendar often. With all the great events we have in the works you don't want to miss anything.

Upcoming Activities:

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
May 10	General Membership Meeting	Carney's Restaurant Ballston Lake
June 5	Break Out Run	TBA
June 13	Vettes In Perfection at Lakeside Cider Mill	Ballston Lake
July 19	General Membership Meeting	Carney's Restaurant Ballston Lake
August 8	Chapter Picnic	TBA
September 14	General Membership Meeting	Carney's Restaurant Ballston Lake
October 8	Chapter Judging School	George's Collision, Cohoes
October 9	Chapter Judging Meet	George's Collision, Cohoes
October	Fall Cruise	TBA
November 8	General Meeting	Carney's Restaurant Ballston Lake
December 13	General Meeting - Election of Officers	Carney's Restaurant Ballston Lake
January 16 2011	General Membership Meeting, Chapter Dinner and Installation of Officers	Carney's Restaurant Ballston Lake

SECRETARY REPORT - *Tom & Anne Flowers*

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 3/8/10

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm at Carney's Restaurant by John Dergosits, Chairman.

Members present were Brian Cantele, John Dergosits, Tom Flowers, Anne Flowers, Bill Hans, Mark Hipp, Bill Meess, Bill Schroeder and Mike Wilson.

Chairman:

John Dergosits noted that the Chapter made Top Flight in 2009. John asked the members if the Chapter should reserve the 2 spots at Carlisle and all agreed.

Secretary:

Tom Flowers provided a recap of the 1/17/10 General Membership Meeting.

Treasurer:

Mike Wilson reported about the account balance as of 2/26/109.

Judging Chairman:

Brian Cantele reported about the 2/13/10 Judging School held at John Dergosits' garage where a C3 was utilized for practice judging plus a demonstration on water pumps and rear spring cups was provided.

On 4/17/10, there will be a Technical Session at Mike Wilson's with possible projects being heater core box or rebuilding a clock.

For the Chapter Library, Restorer Articles will be purchased and Information on Protecto Plates. The Chapter is also considering having an In House Chapter Meet (maximum 3 cars).

Activities:

No report on Activities was provided since Steve Wittek was not at the meeting. Bill Schroeder mentioned that there will be a Swap Meet at George's Collision on 4/18/10.

Membership:

Bill Hans reported that 26 members have renewed their membership, but 18 members have not renewed. Bill will follow-up with sending out a reminder letter/note to those who have not renewed and then follow-up with a telephone call if necessary.

By Laws Committee:

Bill Schroeder and Bill Hans are the members of this committee. There was a general discussion about possible changes to the Chapter By Laws. Brian Cantele noted that some changes being discussed should be policies or guidelines instead of being part of the By Laws. The committee will write up a proposal of changes and present them to the Board.

Possible amendments that could be addressed by the Committee are:

- Ground rules for Chapter Meet

- One car only per member to be judged – any exceptions would need to be approved by the Chapter Chairman, the Judging Chairman and an additional Board Member

- Limit the number of cars to be judged

- Registration date cut off being an absolute – no on-site registrations allowed

- Family registration fee must be paid by all attendees

- Original vehicle registration and insurance card must be provided on the day of the Meet

- Secure the vehicle judging area so that the general public cannot enter

Bill Hans asked if there was Chapter NCRS apparel (coats, shirts, hats) available for members to purchase. Brian Cantele will have Tracy investigate pricing and get back to the membership.

John Dergosits made a motion to close the meeting, Bill Hans seconded the motion and all were in favor.

The meeting closed at 8:30 pm.

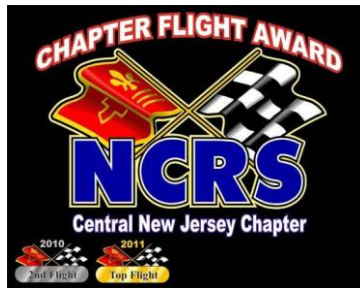
A few notes from the NCRS Board of Directors meeting in Concord, NC, location of the 2010 NCRS National Convention. Here are some of highlights from the meeting ...

2012 NCRS Regional's:

- Jan 25-28 Kissimmee, FL
- March 8-10 Tucson, AZ
- May 3-5 Seaside, OR
- June 7-9 Rochester, MN
- Sept 6-9 Altoona, PA
- Oct 18-20 Waco, TX

"New" Top Flight Banner

- A multiyear Top Flight Award banner has been designed. Add-on awards can be attached on the banner. The sample design shown and has been accepted by the Board of Directors.



"International Mark-of-Excellence Award"

- For International Chapters and has been accepted by the Board of Directors. See the Judging Chairman's report in the Spring 2010 Corvette Restorer for details regarding this award.

NCRS Website

- A website and database status report was presented. All judging and tab points can be updated by Chapter Judging Chairmen and Regional Judging Chairmen.
- Extensive Help files have been created to assist Membership Managers and Judging Chairmen.
- One of the new features that is being worked on is to allow members to register for National Conventions online.
- Visit the website often to view the new features.

2010 Convention

- The move of the National Judging from Charlotte Motor Speedway to the ZMAX Dragway was discussed and a site visit was made by the Board. Details can be found in the Presidents Message in the Spring 2010 Corvette Restorer.

New NCRS Chapter

- Midway USA Chapter, Wichita, KS, has completed its probationary chapter requirements and was accepted as a NCRS Chapter and granted a Chapter Charter.



**ADIRONDACK NCRS CHAPTER MEET
Friday & Saturday,
October 8 & 9, 2010**

The Adirondack Chapter cordially extends an invitation to all NCRS Members to join us at our annual Judging Meet and Judging School at George's Collision, 2 Pine Street, Cohoes, New York – easily accessible from the NYS Thruway (Interstate 90) and Interstate Route 87.

(Space Is Limited, Register Early)

GENERAL MEET and JUDGING INFORMATION

Brian Cantele	John Dergosits
Judging Chairman	Chapter Chairman
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NCRS# _____ (from Driveline Label)
 Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone: (____) - ____ - _____
 Email: _____

Schedule of Events:

Friday Evening- Judging School @
 Georges Collision @ 7:00 PM
 Saturday- 7:30 AM Registration Opens
 8:30 AM – Judges/Owners Meeting
 9:00 AM – Judging Begins
 12:00PM – 1:00 PM – Lunch(provided
 for judges & tabulators only)
 4:00 PM(or earlier) - Awards

Family Registration(\$25)	\$ 25.00
Nonmember guest fee(\$10).....	_____
Flight Judging Fee Non-Chapter Member	
Not willing to judge (\$70)...	_____
Willing to judge (\$45)	_____
Flight Judging Fee Chapter Member (\$30)	_____
Sportsman/Founders Display(\$15).....	_____
Duntov/McLellan/Bow Tie Display(NC)	
Yes, I would like to join the Adirondack	
Chapter(\$30)(membership thru 12/31/11,	
effective 7/1/10).....	_____
Late Fee(After 8/15/10) (\$10)	_____
Total	\$ _____

IN THE EVENT OF INCLEMENT WEATHER, ALL FLIGHT JUDGING
WILL BE HELD UNDER COVER

We reserve the right to limit the number of cars and classes of cars being judged based on how many judges are available. We also reserve the right to limit the number of cars by any owner based on available judges. No refunds after August 15, 2010.

Judged Entry: Year _____ VIN _____
 Will you Flight Judge? Yes _____ No _____ Preference: Ops, Int., Ext., Mech 1, Chassis
 Judging level _____ 1st Choice _____ 2nd Choice _____

Upon arrival at the Meet, you must provide 1) Original proof of ownership in your name and 2) Proof of in-force liability insurance with your cars VIN #. Owners not complying, cannot have their car judged.

Make Checks Payable to: Adirondack NCRS Chapter
 Send completed application and check to: NCRS 2010 Chapter Meet
 c/o Brian Cantele
 67 Schnackenberg Road
 Ghent, New York 12075

Hold Harmless Agreement: I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage, and liability; and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at registration. I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, chapters, and George's Collision, for any acts or omissions that may result in theft, damage, or destruction of my property or injury to me or others during, or as a consequence of this event.

Auto insured with: _____
 Policy #: _____
 Exp.Date: _____
 Signature: _____