

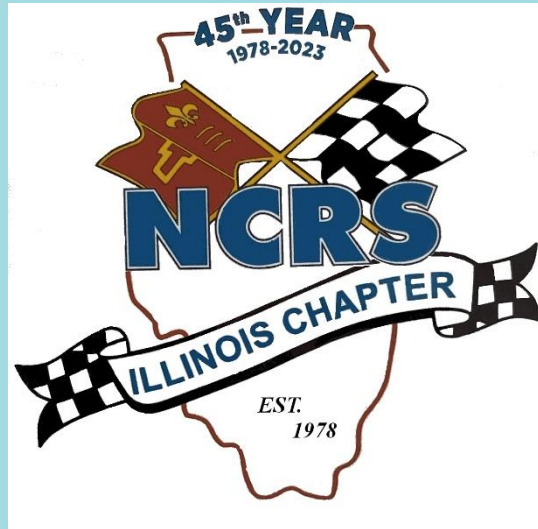
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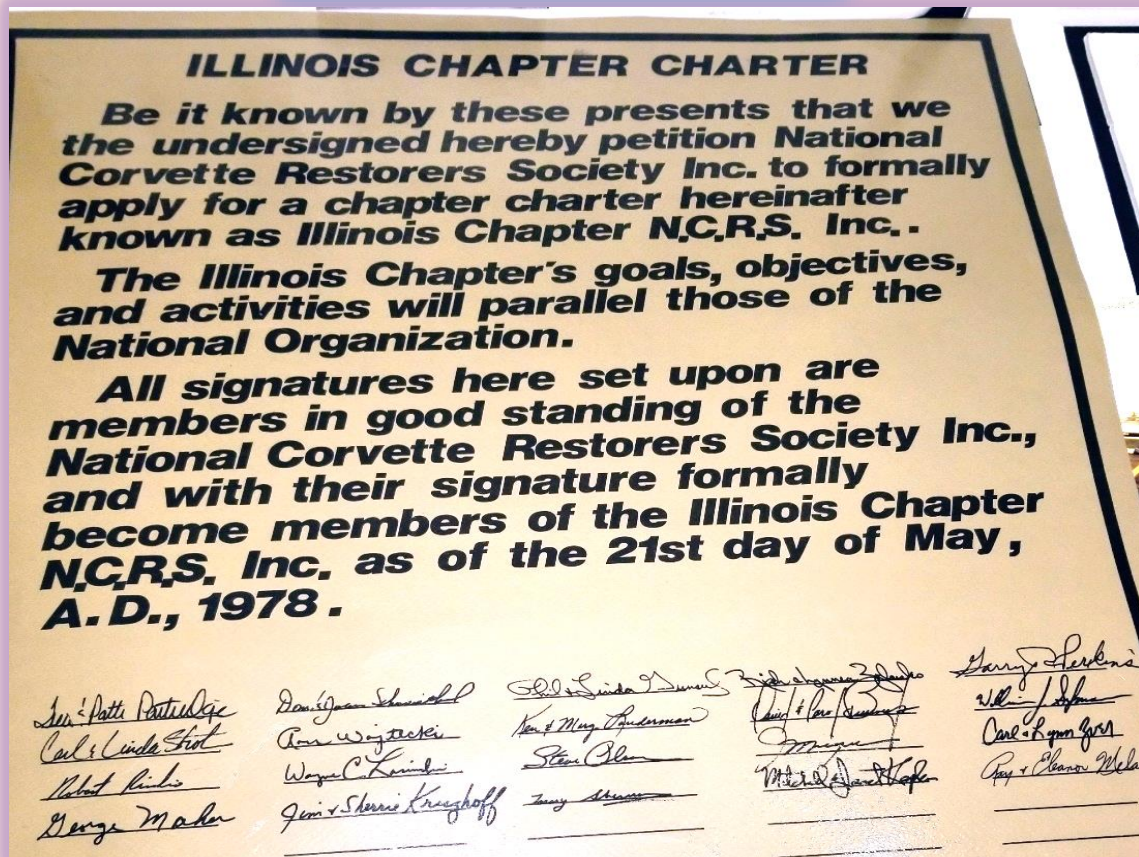
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Thanks to Linda (Strohm) Dunlap for preserving this charter.

Thoughts from the Chairperson

Chairman's Message:

I would like to congratulate every member of the ILNCRS organization, as this is our 45th Year! It is so hard to believe that our chapter was started 45 years ago. I would also like to mention, we still have many of the original members! The Illinois Chapter's dedication to this club speaks for itself! Our members are the best! I would also like to thank Mike Piecyk for helping to honor this occasion. Mike designed the license plate frames and the ILNCRS 45th anniversary stickers honoring this historic event! We are giving these both out free to members at our events.

For those of you who attended our Kickoff and Membership Party this year, thank you for attending. It was so nice to see so many of you. This year it was held again at Moretti's located in Bartlett. They have been hosting this event for many years, and as usual they did not let us down. They provided great service and of course the Pizza and appetizers were delicious. I am glad so many of you were able to attend.

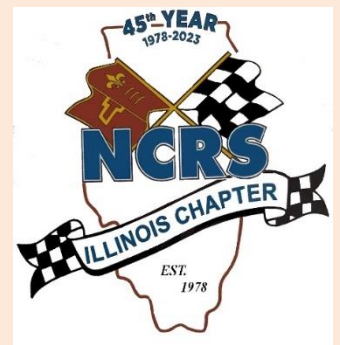
I would also like to thank VTECH Corvette located in Rockford for hosting our Technical Session held on March 5. With such nice weather and a new location, we had a great turnout. It was a very informative event! Thank you to Scott Lindee for arranging this event. Scott puts in a lot of time and effort looking for new locations along with the job of our ILNCRS Editor. Nice job Scott!

Our next event coming up is our annual Chapter Event, held again this year at Driscoll Motors in Pontiac IL. The date is May 19 - 20. This is our second year in Pontiac. So, if you missed it last year, please put it on your calendar. Pontiac offers many historic sites not to mention the downtown cruise night held on Saturday evening. This is a sight to see, so many vintage cars! Please register soon, as we are filling up quickly.

Many thanks to all the members and directors who make our Chapter exist and make our activities possible. It is teamwork and friendship that make us successful!

I look forward to some nice weather and seeing all of you again!

Bill Braun- ILNCRS Chairman



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2023 ILNCRS & NCRS Calendar of Events

**March 31-Apr. 1st. Indiana Chapter Spring Judging Meet
Roanoke, Indiana**

**April 14-15th. Heartland Chapters Spring Meet
Stuart, Iowa**

**April 28-29th. North Central Chapter Meet and School
Menomonie, Wisconsin**

**May 5-6th. Wisconsin Chapter Meet
Reedsburg, Wisconsin**

**May 19-20th. Illinois NCRS Chapter Meet
Driscoll Motors, Pontiac, Illinois**

**June 1-3rd. Altoona Regional, Pittsburgh Chapter
Altoona, PA.**

**June 8-10th. North Central NCRS Regional
Rochester, MN**

**July 23-27th. NCRS National Convention
French Lick, IN**

Other Events

**June 2-3rd. Bloomington Gold
Bloomington, Illinois**

**July 29th. Sharkfest Corvette Show
West Dundee, Illinois**

**Aug. 24-26th. Corvettes at Carlisle
Carlisle Pennsylvania**

**Nov. 18-19 Muscle Car and Corvette National
Rosemont, Illinois**





Illinois Chapter NCRS

Spring Chapter Judging Meet

May 19th. & 20th. 2023

Pontiac, Illinois- Hampton Inn

Host Hotel & Check-in: Hampton Inn by Hilton
2000 Grand Prix Drive Group code IL2
Pontiac, Illinois 61764 815-844-4400

5 Point Judging Meet

Operations: Friday May 19th 3 to 5 pm.
At Hampton Inn

Judging School: Friday May 19th 5 to 6 pm.
At Hampton Inn

Flight Judging: Saturday May 20th 8 am.

At Driscoll Motor Co.

601 S. Newport Rd, ½ Mile away

Awards: Saturday May 20th,
after judging and tabulation is complete.



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Museums

Shopping

Jolly Trolley Tours

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Register for the Chapter Meet on line at www.NCRS.ORG

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mark Lovett

Russ Harrelson

David Glass

Rob Strieter

Chris Wiehle

Michael Rohdenburg

In Memoriam: Mike Tolar

**Thank You Driscoll Motors for hosting our
Illinois NCRS 2023 May Chapter Meet**



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ILNCRS KICK-OFF PARTY FEB. 19TH.



Thank You Randy Merzdorf 45 Year Display

Thank You Mike Piecyk 45th. Anniversary Banner







March 5th. ILNCRS Tech Session

TRAILING ARMS, DIFFERENTIALS, SUSPENSION PARTS









MANY THANKS TO JIM MERVIS, Vtech Corvette, LLC

Illinois Chapter Newsletter – A Short History

By Randy Merzdorf, ILNCRS Historian

The Illinois Chapter of NCRS has been around since 1978 - one of the oldest chapters in NCRS. An important aspect of any organization is communicating with its members, and our chapter has been doing that for a long time as well. Digging through our archives you will find evidence of how this was done.

Back in the formative years of NCRS, conventions were conducted by the founders of the organization. At a meet in Rockford in the Fall of 1977, a decision was made to formulate rules for affiliated NCRS chapters. As a result, Tim Partridge and Carl Strohm were appointed NCRS Chapter coordinators.

The Spring of 1978 saw the beginnings of groups organizing as chapters. Announcement of the chapter program was made in the very first issue of the NCRS Driveline, and there was mention of five chapters already organizing.

Our first communication happened before we were even a chapter. Tim and Carl received a list of NCRS members living in Illinois, and prepared a mailing to outline chapter objectives, provide an organizing meeting agenda, and to invite people to join the new chapter.

The organizing meeting was held May 21st, 1978, where nineteen family members signed the original charter. In a few more months, the membership number jumped to 40. There were formal minutes of the meeting discussion distributed to the attendees. We are fortunate to have a copy of these minutes in our on-line archives that you can view.

The first official chapter newsletter – named ‘The Illinois Chapter Speaker’ – was mailed in the Fall of 1978 and was a report of the first Illinois Chapter meet held at the Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn from September 22-24th by Tim and Carl. This historic item is also available for you on-line.

This first newsletter set the tone for the coming years, as the primary purpose became to publicize and then recap the activities of those events. The newsletter time was based on the events schedule and not the calendar.

The newsletter responsibilities in the 1980’s next passed to chapter chairman Paul Nicholson. While the content was similar, there was an effort to publish at least one newsletter quarterly, starting with the Spring issue. During this period, the newsletter was known as ‘Rat Rumbles’ and then ‘Off Road’ – the name that is used today.

Starting in 1990, Gary Bosselman took over the newsletter duties until early 1995 when the next editor became Helene Zasadny. Other editors have included Kim Scafide, Ryan Garrett and Tina Reeland, and currently Scott Lindee.

The 3rd quarter 2011 newsletter during Kim’s tenure saw the transition from paper to electronic distribution – a big change in technology that we probably take for granted.

While some things have changed over the years, the purpose of the newsletter has not changed – provide chapter members information on their club’s activities and invite their participation in them.

One last thing to keep in mind – the purpose of the newsletter editor is not to write the newsletter – he or she is taking material provided by others and arranging in a format to fit the pages.

So please support your chapter newsletter editor by providing photos and articles that you think would benefit your fellow members.

Let’s keep the newsletter going for another 45 years!

Thanks to our Historian Randy Merzdorf for saving this document

ILLINOIS CHAPTER



SPEAKER

Volume 1 No. 1

Formation of the Illinois Chapter N.C.R.S. has been aided by excellent national coverage and good communication.

ILLINOIS CHAPTER NCRS

MEET REPORT BY TIM PARTRIDGE



Tim Partridge and Carl Strohm.



Dr. Hans Adolf Heinrich.



Illinois Terry Driscoll and Adolf Hammer-Huber assisted with judging.

THE NCRS DRIVELINE

Number Two
July - August, 1978

The Official Bi-monthly Newsletter of the
National Corvette Restorers Society, Inc.



N.C.R.S. members' Carl Strohm (left) and Tim Partridge display the Illinois Chapter Charter containing signatures of the members present at their formation meeting held May 21, 1978. This enthusiastic group has already planned the first major meet, scheduled for September.

22-000 at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, (see Chicago, off between 90). All National N.C.R.S. members are invited to attend this event - details on page 5 of this DRIVELINE.

Illinois Chapter N.C.R.S. meet was held September 22, 23, at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

Chapter being formed this past May 21st, a full weekend of undertaking. Attention was directed toward modeling the national meets.

People began arriving Friday afternoon. That evening, slide and a literature display were presented. Special thanks go to John Amgwert for providing the slides and to Jerry Long for displaying their fine collections of Corvette literature, all the evening enjoyable.

Saturday morning the vendors were setting up for the part's judges' meeting preparing for the difficult task at hand of an array of cars assembled. Particular attention was paid to the use of the vehicles using the data compiled on the N.C.R.S. It was decided that the judges would discuss the automobiles and, the owner was to be given the benefit of the doubt to trary subjective decisions on the judges behalf.

A.M. the ladies had left on their tour to Long Grove while judged.

Session was held, the style and format of which was changed national meets. The meeting room was arranged in a circle with facing each other without the traditional moderator at a fronted into one hour of constant active discussion with all participating thoughts, ideas and questions that made for a lively session. Thanks goes to Dr. Ed Gurdjian who gave a preliminary presentation his forthcoming articles on correct gas caps and radio activity that contributed greatly to the success of our tech

ment of the tech meeting, we convened an Illinois Chapter discussion of formal Chapter Bylaws for submission to the organization, and then tentatively planned our next meeting.

A.M. members began arriving at the banquet room for an hour friendly conversation with much attention being paid to the Dr. Hans Adolf Heinrich. Dinner began promptly at 7:30 attendance. At the conclusion of dinner, Dr. Heinrich

the National Laboratories spoke on energy resources and environmental impact in his delightful comedic manner which was enjoyed by all.

After our guest speaker's concluding remarks, Chief Judge Charlie Sagonek and I presented the concours awards, followed by a few concluding remarks and adjournment to the hospitality suite for a cocktail party.

Both Friday and Saturday night, the cars were protected without incident thanks to the strict enforcement of our security rules by an off-duty policeman.

It is with particular pleasure that the Illinois Chapter was able to provide the environment for the National Board Meeting held during our event, but more importantly than that, was our pleasure in seeing those that have worked so hard enjoy the slide presentations, literature swap, looking for that special part at the swap meet, enjoying the concours, and during the banquet they were able to enjoy a hot meal without the normal hassles of last minute details.

In closing, my thanks to all Illinois Chapter members for their time contributed toward the success of the event, to the judges who participated in the difficult task of judging and training novices to enlarge our judging force for future events, and thanks to all those that participated in the Illinois Chapter's first event.



MEET REPORT

By Carl Strohm

On September 22, 23, and 24, 1978, our Chapter held its first major meet. The location was in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, a far northwest suburb of Chicago. The host motel for the meet was the Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn which was supposed to be a Holidome center by the time our meet was scheduled, but the finishing touch was not complete due to problems with construction. Our apologies to those who came expecting more recreational facilities.

In spite of Holidome problems, the meet had a well rounded schedule of activities. In fact, we now wonder how anyone could have used the facilities as the following schedule indicates.

Friday:	Slide Show Sales Promotion Filmstrip Literature Display
Saturday:	Parts Swap Ladies Shopping Tour of Long Grove Judging of Cars Tech Session Illinois Chapter Meeting NCRS National Officers Board Meeting Awards Banquet
Sunday:	Photo Session

The meet officially started at 5:00 P.M. on Friday as per schedule. Friday evening provided many people an opportunity to view the slides of the 53 Corvette Assembly Process, some interesting prototype and show cars, and slides of various Corvette related items. All of these slides came from GM files and were presented by John Amgwert and Noland Adams. In addition, the interesting and almost comically amusing filmstrips of how to sell the 1954 Corvette were shown.

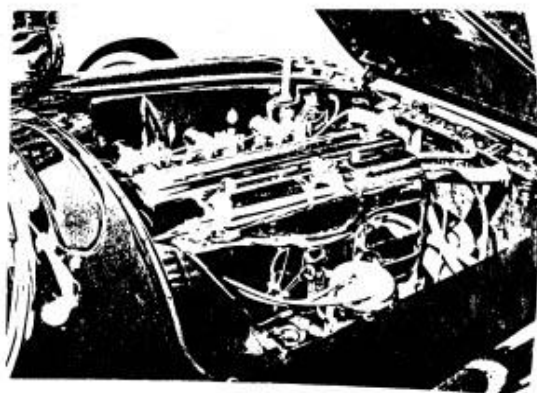
After the slide shows were over, the group of approximately 30 to 35 people adjourned to an adjacent room where laid out for their information and viewing pleasure was Corvette literature from the collections of Jerry Lange of Bloomington, Illinois and Al Fierke of Willow Springs, Illinois.

Saturday morning dawned early with more people in attendance than anticipated. For the size of meet staged, the parts swapper and purchaser turn out was excellent with many good bargains to be had. In addition to private vendors, we also had commercial vendors in attendance. Available merchandise ran from parts to literature to accessories. As the parts swapping activities continued, 18 cars were being cleaned and prepped for the judging segment of the meet.



At 10:30 A.M., two Suburban loads of ladies departed for the ladies shopping tour of Long Grove, Illinois. For those not familiar with it, Long Grove is a picturesque recreation of an early 1900's rural shopping village. Many of the merchants there offer period items for sale. While the shopping tour was in progress, the judging of the cars commenced.

NCRS judging sheets were used exactly as printed. The judges were instructed not to turn the judging procedure into a witch hunt for correct screws, etc. Also, in instances where there was doubt on the judge's part, the judge was to award the benefit of the doubt to the owner. In addition to fair judging of the cars, the judges were instructed to discuss the areas of point deduction with the car owners so as to achieve an equitable understanding of the incorrectness of the car and the purpose of the judging process. As the judging of the cars came to a halt at about 3:00 P.M., the scheduled tech session began.



For this portion of the meet, something new was tried out. Instead of having a "tech panel" answering questions from the audience, all those in attendance at the tech session arranged their chairs in a circular fashion. What followed was more active discussion between participants regarding thoughts, ideas, problems, solutions, and authenticity of the cars. Also, Dr. Ed Guardjian previewed a series of articles he is writing for the Restorer regarding gas cap and ignition system radio shielding application authenticity. (From the feedback we've received, it seems everyone in attendance liked this format for the tech session.)

In an attempt to stay on the meet schedule, the tech session was concluded and the Illinois Chapter Business Meeting started. During the course of the meeting, it was pointed out that we still need to formulate a set of working bylaws for submission to the national NCRS board of directors. The bylaws will be formulated over the winter and sent in after the next Illinois Chapter Meeting where we hope to have them approved. Plans were made to tentatively schedule a meet sometime shortly into the new year. This would be a single day meet somewhere in central Illinois. We adjourned the Illinois Chapter Business Meeting at 5:15 P.M.

At 6:30 P.M., our awards banquet program started with cocktails until 7:30 P.M. Those in attendance sat down to a butt steak dinner and no doubt some Corvette discussion. What happened next - I am sure no one was ready for and that was Dr. Hans Adolf Heinrich, our guest speaker. Dr. Heinrich enlightened the audience on his views of the environment and the use of energy and natural resources. (This sounds a little "heavy" to you I am sure if you were not there to hear it. Just ask about Dr. Heinrich's talk if you know someone who was there to hear it!)

At the conclusion of our guest speaker's remarks, Charlie Saganek from Trenton, Michigan, who acted as Chief Judge, and Tim Partridge passed out the concours awards.



ILLINOIS CHAPTER N.C.R.S. MEET AWARDS

<u>FLIGHT AWARDS</u>			<u>FLIGHT AWARDS</u>
<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>MODEL-YEAR</u>	
53-55	Tom Essig	1954	Top Flight
53-55	Merv Phillips	1954	Top Flight
53-55	Charles Saganek	1954	Top Flight
58-60	Tim Partridge	1958	2nd Flight
58-60	Emerson Roderich	1960	2nd Flight
61-62	Fred Bartemeyer	1961	Top Flight
61-62	Tom Dietrich	1962	2nd Flight
61-62	Curtiss Gifford	1962	2nd Flight
61-62	Roger Macnider	1962	Top Flight
61-62	Dale Stamm	1962	2nd Flight
63-64 Coupe	James Krughoff	1963	Top Flight
63-64 Coupe	Don Schweisthal	1964	2nd Flight
65-67 Coupe	Joseph Steffensmeir	1965	3rd Flight
65-67 Conv.	Ronald Anschuetz	1966	2nd Flight
65-67 Conv.	Raymond Gast	1966	3rd Flight

Note: Judging results are published with each division listed in alphabetical order.

HIGH POINT AWARDS

53-55	Charlie Saganek	63-64 Coupe	James Krughoff
58-60	Emerson Roderich	65-67 Coupe	Joseph Steffensmeir
61-62	Roger Macnider	65-67 Conv.	Ronald Anschuetz

We then adjourned to the Chapter's hospitality suite for cocktails and an opportunity to get better acquainted with the new faces seen at our first meet.

Reflecting on the weekend's activities, I wish to thank John Amgwert and Noland Adams for bring their slides and film strips, to Al Fierke and Jerry Lang for bringing their literature collections, to those who brought parts to vend, to those who brought cars to judge, to the following judges: Chief Judge Charlie Saganek; Judging Coordinator Carl Strohm; 1953-55 John Hamilton and Tim Partridge; 1956-57 no entries; 1958-60 Charlie Saganek and Carl Strohm; 1961-62 Adolf Hammer-Huber and Terry Driscoll; 1963-64 Phil Gunsul and Ron Dembrowski; and, 1965-67 Don Schweistal and Rich Zelasko - and in general, to all those who helped make our meet the success that it was.

ROLL CALL

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Tim & Patti Partridge

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Carl & Linda Stroh

5/21/78

Phil & Linda Gunsul

5/21/78

Carl & Lynn Zver

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Rich Zelasko

5/21/78

Steve Olson

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David & Carol Burroughs

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Bill Salzman

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Mitchell Kaplan

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David & Marion Strachan

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Bob & Linda Ogle

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James R. Cavataio

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Roger Alan Macnider

6/15/78

Ron Wojtecki

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Ken Lauderman

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Jim & Sherri Krughoff

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Larry Sherman

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Gary Perkins

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George Maher

5/21/78

Bob Ricchio

5/21/78

Jack & Carole Sieger

5/21/78

Wayne Lasinski

5/21/78

Ray & Eleanor Melander

5/21/78

Ron Absher
Henry Absher Chevrolet, Inc.

6/15/78

Al Fierke

7/10/78

Michael C. Kellums

6/29/78

Don & Joan Schweisthal

5/21/78

Jim Wolf

6/7/78

James M. Smyth

6/7/78

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6/8/78

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6/8/78

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6/8/78

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6/12/78

Kenneth Bartos

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Ray Quinlan

6/18/78

Michael Wagner

8/8/78

Rich Norbrothen

8/10/78

Paul Pheffer

9/25/78

David A. Tupper

9/25/78

Carl Kusch

7/5/78

Jim Grigg

6/30/78

Emerson (Rod) Roderick

6/15/78

Jerry DeVries

7/11/78

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7/9/78

Tom & Joan Dietrich

6/30/78

Bob & Eileen Sejnost

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7/22/78

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Paul Medgyesi

9/25/78

Steve Stevens

9/25/78

Richard M. Graham

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H. Richard Norbrothen

8/10/78



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 MEETING IN MARCH.

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 AND
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR



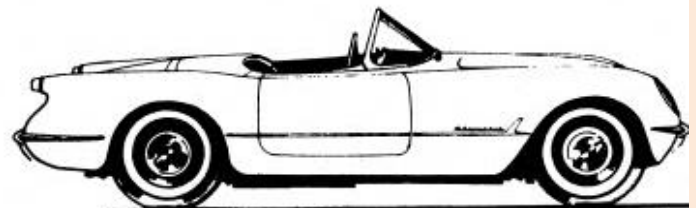
from the orderly desk of

TIM PARTRIDGE

*WORK IS IN PROGRESS TO HAVE CHAPTER BYLAWS READY FOR REVIEW AT OUR MARCH MEETING.

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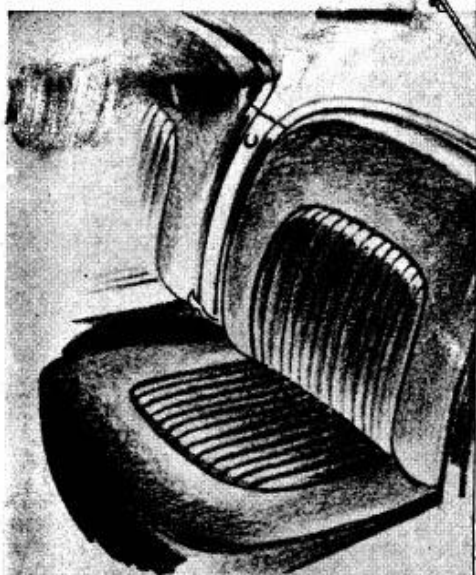
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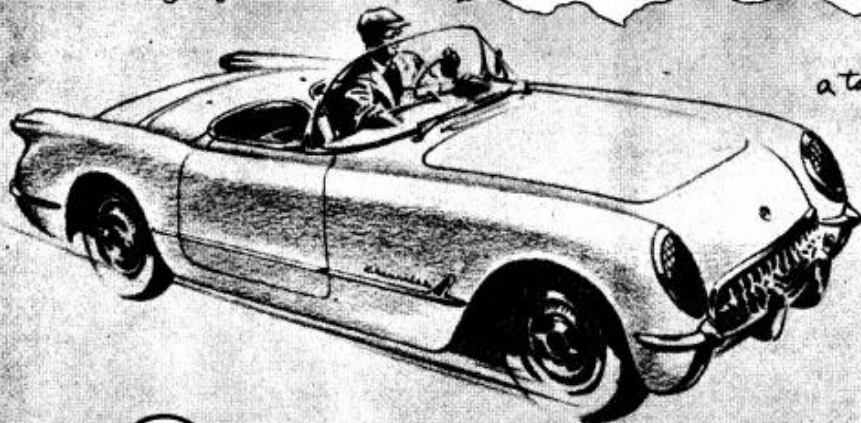
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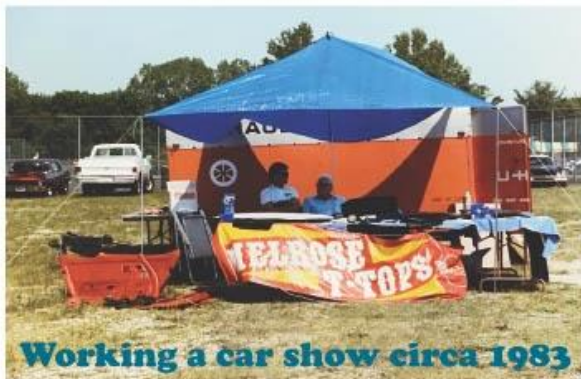
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June 17th 2023

Location: Melrose T-Top Int.
100 W Ellwalk Ave
Cortland, IL 60112

Time: Noon-3pm

All vehicles welcome ★ Beverages & Snacks provided

T-Shirt for the North Central Regional

Whether you believe all Corvettes are red or not, there was one person who was born and lived in Minnesota who did. Prince built a life for himself through his music and countless fans who were drawn to him. His style and music set him apart in the annals of music history as one of the greatest artists of all time.

For the 2023 Regional being held in Rochester, MN, the North Central Chapter has obtained special permission for the use his likeness on the T-shirt for the event.

Whether you are coming to the Regional or not, the shirts are available for purchase directly through the North Central Chapter. All shirts will be ordered at the same time just prior to the June, 2023 Regional. If you are coming to the event, the shirts are available there through the normal registration process.

If you are NOT coming to the event but want this special shirt anyway, please contact Lyn Miles at: lyns58vette@yahoo.com



The price of the shirt is \$20 (\$22 for XXL and \$23 for XXXL).

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