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## *Thoughts from the Chairman*

*Well, it's March and time for spring to reappear...*

*... And I'm hearing that the weather is supposed to be above average during March and April. That's what Andy and Aaron are saying on the 5:00 A.M. news. Let's hope their right!*

*2015 got off to a great start with our yearly Kick-Off Pizza Party and Annual Meeting — a great success. Our Dynamic Duo, Terry and Sue, did a terrific job with another great Pizza Buffet. The service provided by Moretti's was once again excellent. What a wonderful start to our ILNCRS calendar!*

*This year changes have occurred to our initial agenda. Our Technical Session was moved from April 26<sup>th</sup> to April 12<sup>th</sup> so that it no longer conflicts with a regional meet that some of our members were planning on attending. This event will be held at Jim Anderson's used car dealership in Dundee, Illinois (you can find information on our website or there will be a flyer forthcoming). Scott Lindee has set up a very interesting day researching original interiors. The Judging School conducted by our Judging Chairman, Santo Scafide, will be in Rockford, Illinois at the very interesting shop of Terry Myers. Santo has a Flyer coming your way on this event and you will be able to find information on our website as well. These upcoming events scheduled by your Illinois Chapter Board of Directors will be a must participate for any serious "Corvette enthusiast" in our organization.*

*This year the National Convention for 2015 will be held in Denver, Colorado! Once again, a National that is fairly close by – and what gorgeous country you find in Colorado! If you have ever wanted to attend a National but haven't made it yet, now is your chance. The dates are July 19<sup>th</sup> – July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015.*

## ***Thoughts from the Chairman*** *(continued)*

*I regret to say that with the exception of Albert Curtis, whose story is in this quarter's newsletter (thanks, Albert), there has been no response from our membership concerning future articles featuring club members' Corvettes. I had high hopes that most everyone would have a story to tell, but very few took the time to put it down on paper. For those of you who presented us with articles, my sincere thanks. EACH AND EVERY STORY was interesting and a joy to read. I know many of you enjoyed the articles as well.*

*Please, if anyone has other suggestions for things of interest to add to our newsletter, let Kim or a Board member know. We have a real desire to make it special for our Club.*

*Until then...*

*Happy Corvetting...*

***Jay***

## **2015 Calendar of Events**

|                     |                                                           |
|---------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>February 22</b>  | <b>2015 Kickoff Party &amp; Annual Meeting</b>            |
| <b>April 12</b>     | <b>Tech Session</b>                                       |
| <b>May 17</b>       | <b>Judging School</b>                                     |
| <b>August 7-8-9</b> | <b>Shutdown Judging Meet, Chestnut Mt. Resort, Galena</b> |
| <b>October 4</b>    | <b>Fall Color Drive-out &amp; Charity Run</b>             |
| <b>December 6</b>   | <b>Annual Christmas Party</b>                             |

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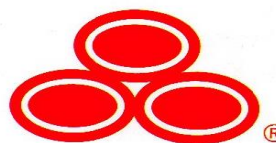


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## ***A Reunion***

*This article is about a reunion we set up in Eagle River Wisconsin, with the original owner Don Casey to show him what the car looks like after we restored it back to original.*

*Submitted by Albert Curtis*

Most original 1967 Corvette owners don't usually get a chance to see their car 40 years after they've sold it. Then one day, Don Casey of Eagle River Wisconsin — the car's original owner — got a phone call from the car's newest owner (me) asking him if he would like to be reunited with the '67 Corvette he sold in 1970. Don's answer was yes. The car was originally ordered and delivered to Ray Lorch Chevrolet in Eagle River Wisconsin. The original dealership was sold and was moved to a new, larger location in Eagle River. Kent, my son and co-owner in the car, set up the reunion meeting date at the new dealership with Don and his wife. The manager of the dealership informed us that Ray Lorch's son is an employee, and the mechanic, a good friend of Casey's, who also helped Don order the car and serviced it, were both available for the reunion. Sharon Casey, Don's wife, contacted the local newspaper and TV, as this was a newsworthy event in a small north woods town. We wanted Don to see the car and tell us his stories of when he owned the car.

They say every picture tells a story. Look at the picture below of him in the car. Don told us that sitting in the show room was like taking a time machine back to the day he picked up the car in November, 1966. He said he did not appreciate the car at the time he owned it. "Now it's a gorgeous piece of machinery. The fact that my friends and I were driving this car is just WOW. I bought it when I was 26 years old and kept it for three years. I sold it because my wife was afraid to drive it."

Now, after 45 years, Don can add new memories connected to this first Corvette.



My son Kent and I brought this car to the ILNCRS Chapter Meet in Galena and received a Top Flight award there. It also received a Top Flight award at the Wisconsin NCRS Chapter Meet in 2014. We are the fifth owners of the car. We have all the old owners' names and numbers. Also, written accounts and pictures of when they owned the car. It has the tank sheet verified by the NCRS, original warrantee book, owner's manual, all the paper work that comes with the car in the plastic envelope, including the bill of sale. We have old titles — even a ticket for a loud muffler. All but two of the former owners are still alive. Owner #2 passed in October 2014, and owner #3 passed in 2005. The car was raced in Montana across the continental divide and beat Evil Knievel, according to owner #4 as told in his account of when he owned the car in the 1980s.

## ***2015 ILNCRS Kickoff Party***

*Sue Braun & Terry Wodniakowski – ILNCRS Activities Directors*

***Many thanks to everyone for attending our Annual ILNCRS Kickoff Party held on February 22 at Moretti's in Bartlett. This year we had over 50 people attending.***

***The menu included bruschetta, salads, chicken strips and of course Moretti's delicious pizza.***



## ***2015 ILNCRS Kickoff Party (continued)***

***The weather was definitely on our side this year, bright & sunny!***



***It was so nice to see everyone, and to reminisce about warmer days ahead.***

# ***Technical Corner***

## ***Technical Article #1***

*Submitted by retired Technical Director, Bob Lojewski*

### ***Fluid Situations***

If you see collections of fluid beneath your vehicle, place a clean newspaper under your car and leave it for the night. In the morning, carefully pull the newspaper from beneath the car and note the location, color, and amount of each leak. The most common leak consists of a brown/blackish fluid of medium consistency. This is most likely to be an engine-oil leak, which may not be serious but should be investigated. A reddish, light-brown, or black fluid that is closer to the middle of the car is likely to be transmission fluid. Reddish or light brown fluid of thinner consistency may be power-steering fluid. Note each location carefully to help the technician make a proper diagnosis.

Leaks can end up impairing your vehicle's performance. Please take the leaks seriously.

HINT: Leaking transmission fluid may be indicative of a deteriorating transmission seal or gasket.

## ***Technical Article #2***

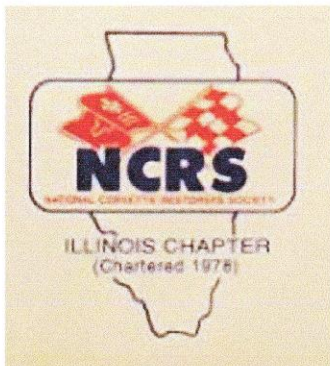
*Submitted by retired Technical Director, Bob Lojewski*

### ***Catalytic or Cataclysmic?***

A catalytic converter is designed to remove hydrocarbons (HCs) and carbon monoxide (CO) that would otherwise pollute the air. With replacement costs approaching \$1,000, this is not a component that vehicle owners want to see fail, and automobile owners have every incentive to be sure their catalytic converters do not face any obstacles to their normal operation. All it takes is a dirty sensor to force an untuned engine to run too richly, causing the catalytic converter to overwork and possibly fail. A rich fuel mixture will often produce a "rotten egg" (hydrogen sulfide) odor from the exhaust. A single misfiring spark plug may also increase HC emissions to the point where a converter operates beyond its normal temperature range.

When an automobile fails an emissions test, one of the most common causes is a failed catalytic converter.

HINT: Because a fouled catalytic converter may not cause any increase in backpressure, other methods must be used to check its operation and health, including its operating temperature.



## ***ILNCRS*** APRIL TECH SESSION

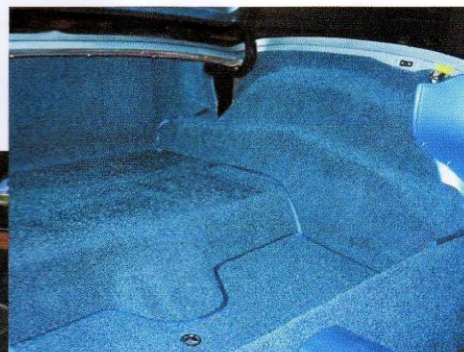
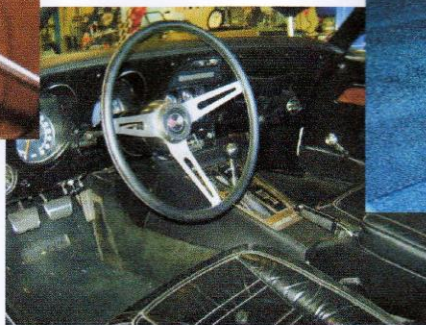
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*Please contact Scott Lindee if you have any questions.*

**If you plan to attend, please RSVP by April 7 to:**

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## *IL NCRS Judging School*

Spring is finally here, and to kick off the coming year,  
The Illinois Chapter is having its annual Judging school.

This year it will be held at **Myers Classics and Corvettes**

**Please join us on May 17, 2015 12:00 to 3:00 at**  
8580 Limestone Rd, Rockford Il.

There will a C1, C2, C3, & a C4 available for judging  
Please bring your own lawn chair. Soft drinks and snacks will be  
provided.

**Directions:**

Take I90 west to Rockford  
Keep left at the fork between I90 E and West to Stay on I-90 W  
Take the Interstate 39 S/U.S. 51 S exit toward Rockford/U.S. 20  
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will know how many to expect.

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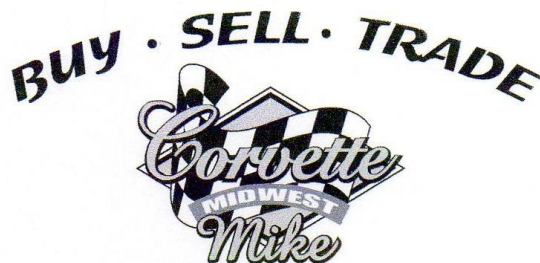
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