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Thoughts from the Chairman

HERE COMES FALL! But don't despair, there is still time to enjoy your favorite ride a few more times before the season turns too cold.

I hope you enjoyed our ILNCRS Chapter Meet at Chestnut Mountain Resort on August 1st, 2nd and 3rd.. I want to thank everyone who put so much effort into making this event such a great success. The collaborative efforts of the many dedicated chapter members and friends of ILNCRS make for a very long thank you list. Several folks had a hand in the success of this Chapter Meet. Collectively, thanks to all of you!

There are a few people that I feel deserve acknowledgement for their efforts! Enormous thanks goes out to the ILNCRS Board of Directors for all their hard work. You all give at least 120% all the time.

Tom Walther, Tom Hincz, Erv Schlepp and the Wisconsin Chapter – for once again providing the meat and buns for our Friday evening cookout. We also want to thank Lavonne Campbell and Stan Kaczor for the great chicken ka-bobs and corn. It keeps our Tune Up Night a must attend get-together!

This year Terry Wodniakowski and Sue Braun took over the duties of Activities Directors – I want to thank them for taking on all the work of running this event, getting the shirts made, dash plaques, handling the food arrangements, planning the wine tour and bus trip into town, tickets, door prizes, registration and a multitude of things I'm sure I probably don't even realize... Fantastic Job Ladies!

Several members just returned from Corvettes at Carlisle. It's my understanding that rare parts are thinning out more and more but the people who show up every year continue to enjoy coming back again and again!

There are a few upcoming events that I want to mention here. By the time you read this newsletter the event at Meadowdale raceway will be over. I hope all that were interested had the chance to participate. Jim Anderson has built this into a "must attend" event for our chapter.

Thoughts from the Chairman (continued)

I hope you've all registered for our annual Fall Road Tour and Charity Event. The date for this year's event is October 5, 2014. This year we will be going back to Edwards Apple Orchard and then on to Brunch at Cliffbreaker's Restaurant in Rockford, Illinois. I'm looking forward to another great fall run!.

Our final event of the year will be the Holiday Brunch. Sue and Terry has again set us up with a lavish gathering that is sure to equal last year's party! Stay tuned for time and dates.

In this Newsletter there will be no article about a member's Corvette. Kim has some interesting information from Terry McManmon she wanted to get into print so we decided to forgo the Corvette article in this Newsletter. We plan on having another interesting article for you in our next Newsletter.

Remember – if you have an interesting story to tell, put it down on paper and send it to me. If you want help putting it into words, call and tell me your story, or send me a rough draft of your information and I will be glad to help you with the format. Rest assured that if it's of interest to you, it will be of interest to other chapter members as well. You can email me @ JAY65L84NO3@AOL.COM .

I've rambled long enough – until next time...

Happy corvetteing.

Jay

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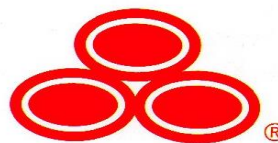


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2014 Calendar of Events

February 23	2014 Kickoff Party & Annual Meeting
April 27	Mini Judging Meet, Roscoe Restorations, Roscoe, IL
May 4	Tech Session
June 14	Judging School
August 1-3	Shutdown Judging Meet, Chestnut Mt. Resort, Galena
October 5	Fall Color Drive-out & Charity Run
December 7	Christmas Party at Villa Olivia

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Technical Corner

Technical Article #7

Technical Article Submitted by Bob Lojewski, Technical Chairman

Time to Strut Your Stuff!

When it comes to suspension components, your vehicle's springs function to absorb road shocks and it is the shock absorbers' job to dampen the bouncing spring. Without "shocks", the vehicle would bounce uncontrollably when it hit a bump. Some vehicles have only shocks, which are part of the overall suspension, while others have just struts, which are complete suspension assemblies. Without them to dampen the spring oscillations from road shock, the vehicle would bounce over bumps and be very difficult to control and handle. Instead, they preserve driving manageability by keeping the tires on the road and not allowing them to bounce. So, when your vehicle does bounce, it is time to inspect the shocks and/or struts.

Suspension components are not only crucial for your comfort, but for you and your family's safety as well.

HINT: Springs hardly, if ever, need replacing. Shock absorbers/struts wear out on a regular basis.

Technical Article #8

Technical Article Submitted by Bob Lojewski, Technical Chairman

Belt Loosening

The serpentine belt that drives many of the accessories in your vehicle is subject to degradation due to heat, misalignment, and chemical contamination. As far as contamination is concerned, vehicle owners may unwittingly contribute to the problem by applying belt dressing, which is an old-fashioned quick fix for noise and slippage. This is a symptomatic treatment that does nothing to treat the underlying cause of the problem, which is likely improper tensioning (squeal) or misalignment (chirp). Silicone or wax-based dressings lubricate the belt/pulley interface and may actually contribute to slippage and overheating. Sticky dressings composed of gum, tar, and rosin are supposed to enhance grip but may actually act as lubricants under operating temperatures.

HINT: It is a good idea to replace belts under the hood as part of preventive maintenance, as belt failure can leave you stranded on the side of the road.

2014 ILNCRS Judging School

submitted by Santo Scafide, Judging Chairman

On June 14, 2014, the Illinois chapter of NCRS held its annual judging school at member Chris Piscitello's new garage.

We had a great turnout -- 40 members, 17 of whom drove their Corvettes. You could not have asked for better weather. Because of that we were able to make a nice display of Corvettes on Chris' lawn.



Chris has a great collection of beautiful midyear Corvettes, along with some Camaros and a low mileage '62 Chevy Bubble Coupe 409. All are very low-mile unrestored cars.

June ILNCRS Judging School(continued)

submitted by Santo Scafide, Judging Chairman

We were able to use Chris' lift and put a 17,000 mile '63 roadster on it for examination. Bill Braun and I pointed out the differences between a '63 Corvette and other midyear Corvettes.



We had a catered lunch of salad, Italian beef, Italian sausage, and pasta. After the lunch break, we had a short quiz on some of the items talked about, with prizes awarded for correct answers.



I would like to thank Chris for hosting this event. The chapter really appreciates his generosity.

The following article was submitted by member Terry McManmon. Although not specifically related to Corvettes, it's information is relevant to all of us.



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A Street Rod and Garage Fire Story

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Some of you may have seen my last car either at a rod run or maybe [on the web](#). It was (is) a stretched-door '35 Ford with a custom grill and too many body modifications to mention. This is the last photo taken of it before it was sold at the Back to the 50's in 1998. The current owner has changed the color to red.



The '35 took 6 years to complete. In December 1994, just a week before Christmas, I was working on the interior and was almost finished with the car. One afternoon I did some welding in the lower level of my shop and then went upstairs to use the grinder. As I shut down the grinder I heard a POP! and the sound of rushing air. Our air compressor in the basement had sprung a leak. My brother ran down to see what happened and was surprised to find a huge fire raging out of control. It seems that a spark had rolled under the workbench and started a stack of bicycle owner's manuals on fire. About 12 inches above these books was a 3/4 inch PVC pipe that carried compressed air throughout the shop. The small fire burned through the PVC and the rushing air from the

compressor fueled the fire to extreme proportions in a matter of seconds. There was no putting it out with a hand held extinguisher.

We called 911, shut off the power to the building and ran outside to wait. Suddenly I remembered my car was still inside the shop... and not yet insured! Not about to loose 6 years of my life and all the money I had invested, I ran back into the burning building (very dumb but I lived through it). I will never forget the sounds of explosions coming from the basement and the thick black smoke. I ran into the garage area, shut the door between the shop and the garage and opened the garage door for fresh air and light. My car was up on blocks with the wheels off and there was a 3 foot pile of snow in front of the door. My brother ran around to the open garage door and we proceeded to jack the car up, threw a couple lug nuts on each wheel, shoveled the snow out of the way and pushed it out before the first fire truck arrived. I was later told it took only 5 minutes for the fire dept. to respond! We could have been called "Team Adrenaline". I don't think the Indy 500 pit guys

had anything on us that day!

We saved the car but the shop suffered about 70k damage. I have pictures of the after effects but they are too depressing to show. Things are back to normal now and I'm much more cautious.

The other day I decided to move the body outside for a little while to make more room to work on the frame. The Outlaw body came shipped mounted on 2- hardwood 4x4's with some 10x2's cut to the shape of the body mounted on top of them. I set these 4x4's on top of a set of 4-roller dollies that I bought when I built the last car. It works great for moving the body around.



When I opened my garage door and rolled it outside something caught my eye. Across the street my neighbor's garage was on fire! We dialed 911 and made sure no one was in the garage. I keep my digital camera handy for this project so I grabbed it and started to snap pictures. This is what it looked like before the fire dept arrived. It seems that my neighbor had a small rag fire caused by sparks from a faulty extension cord he plugged in. He thought the fire was out and went in his house. The garage and the car inside (not a street rod) were a total loss and it damaged 2 houses as well. In this photo you can see the vinyl siding melting off his house.

If there is one message I can pass on to all of you reading this story, it would be this; ALWAYS stick around for a little while and make sure sparks from your welder or that small rag fire you just put out are not going to flare up. If either of us would have stayed put for a few more minutes and hadn't walked away neither of us would have had the devastating fires we had. Live and learn. Trust me, a fire is no fun, don't let this be your garage!

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ILNCRS CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN CHAPTER MEET SHUTDOWN 2014

Once again we are proud to say we had a successful NCRS Chapter Meet due to our wonderful members and accommodations! It was hard to count how many people attended but it had to reach a record of over 75.

This year we had great participation in a new Judging School we added to our Friday activities. Following the Judging School, we had our annual Parking Lot Cookout. Thanks to everyone who brought appetizers and snacks. A special thanks to the Wisconsin NCRS Chapter and Stan & Lavonne who brought and grilled the main course.

Hamburgers, Sausages, bacon wrapped chicken and corn on the cob were a few to mention. We were worried we were going to run short, but there was just enough to go around. The weather cooperated and it turned out to be a wonderful time!

Saturday judging went well as usual. Everyone wanted to help this year. If they weren't judging, they worked as an OJ. The team effort was tremendous!



ILNCRS CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN CHAPTER MEET SHUTDOWN 2014 (continued)

For those who did not participate in judging, we had a new experience to offer. Tours, tasting, and lunch at three local Galena vineyards. What fun! (I was surprised everyone was still able to walk after that one...) Second choice, a day of shopping in Downtown Galena. How can you pass that up? Keeping busy was not hard to do.



We had a nice Saturday night dinner at the Chestnut Mountain Banquet Room with many food choices, something for everyone! Food was good as usual and the Chestnut Mountain staff courteous as ever! Some members were lucky enough to win one of the 10 gift cards given out as door prizes. They had their pick of assorted restaurant or department store gift cards — also a new option this year. I hope everyone enjoyed.

The Sunday Brunch and Award presentation went well. Santo Scafide, our ILCRS Judging Chairman, and Jay Stahl, our ILNCRS President, made a wonderful award presentation. Ed Wodniakowski, ILNCRS Membership Chairman, assisted with slides of the 2014 participants and winners from years prior.

Thanks again to everyone for coming and participating in our event!

Hope to see you again next year.

Sue Braun & Terry Wodniakowski – Activities Chairmen

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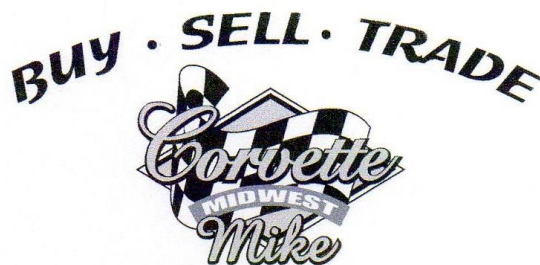


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