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Thoughts from the Chairman

By the time you receive this Newsletter and get to read my “Thoughts” column, the Holidays will be over. I hope each and every one of you had a very Merry Christmas and enjoyed welcoming in the 2014 New Year!

If you missed this year’s Holiday Party, it certainly was your loss. Many folks braved the snowfall to make it to Villa Olivia in Bartlett, Illinois to enjoy a wonderful Buffet. Kim Santaniello did another fabulous job with this year’s party! Since this is the last event that Kim will be “officially” chairing, I’m sure you all will join me in wishing her good fortune. (Kim is quite involved during the summer raising money for cancer research and found the demands of planning a Chapter Meet at the same time as her cancer charity work a lot to keep up with). The Board of Directors wish to extend to Kim a heartfelt “Thank You” for the excellent job that she has done over the last couple of years with our Kickoff parties, Chapter Meets and Holiday Brunches. Everything was top shelf!

Assuming the duties of Activities Director will be Sue Braun with Terry Wodniakowski as her Co-Chair. They will be hosting our Kickoff Party and Annual Meeting at Moretti’s in Bartlett, Illinois, during the month of February. Watch for details.

I’m excited about several of the events coming in 2014. This year, watch for some surprises with the Tech Session and the Judging School. Also, the National Convention is in Kansas this year! I can’t wait to go. If you have not attended a National, this is a golden opportunity to get to a great convention close by. Of course we will still have our “Shutdown” Chapter Meet, our “Fall Colors” charity drive out and our Holiday Party as always.

This month there will be no feature Corvette story. We have several technical articles that are waiting to make it into print and need to be included in our Newsletter, so this month these articles will take precedence. In upcoming Newsletters you will be able to read about Anthony Colletti’s 1964 Coupe, Fritz Goetz’s 1963 Roadster, and Pat Santaniello’s 1964 Fuelie – all VERY interesting stories you won’t want to miss!

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.

From all of us on the Illinois Chapter Board of Directors to each and every one of you – have the Happiest of New Years!

Jay

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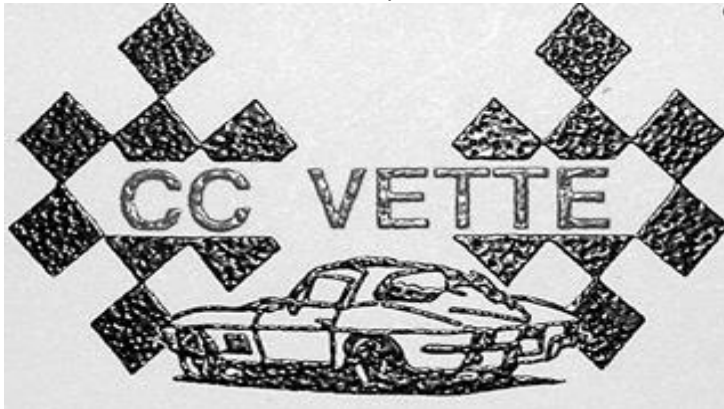
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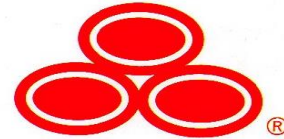
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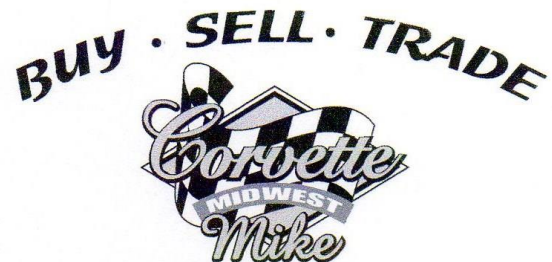
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Technical Corner

Submitted by Robert Lojewski, Technical Chairman

Run The AC In Winter

Technical Article #6

It might seem like absurd advice to recommend that vehicle owners run their air conditioning in the winter. In fact, however, running a vehicle's AC unit may help prolong the life of its most expensive component. The Compressor's job is to compress the pressurize the refrigerant. Residing within the compressor are internal gaskets, which, if the AC is not used for long periods of time, may dry and crack. While it may take some time for this deterioration to take place, if it does occur, it can lead to big repair bills. To avert this problem, run the air conditioning in your vehicle at least once a week (even during the winter) to keep gaskets in good shape.

It sure is easier to take care of your car when you have an ongoing relationship with the techs who do your work.

Dimming Prospects

Technical Article #7

One of the first signs of a failing alternator is dimming headlights. This stands to reason, because the alternator essentially turns the mechanical energy produced by the engine's crank shaft into electricity that is used to power electrical accessories. The alternator also keeps the battery fully charged so that it has the power needed to start the automobile. Needless to say, car owners have every reason to be on the lookout for any signs that their alternator is showing signs of weakness. The first symptom of this sort will likely be a warning light ("ALT") on the dashboard. Another symptom that calls attention to the potential problem is the whining sound of a loose drive belt (which powers the alternator).

HINT: Aside from dimming lights, other symptoms of a failing alternator include the smell of burning rubber or hot wires.

Heater Not Working?

Technical Article #8

To pinpoint a problem with a vehicle's heater system, it pays to understand that passenger cabin heat comes from heated coolant that circulates through tubes of a mini radiator known as the "heater core". As a heater fan blows across those tubes, warm air is directed through heating vents into the cabin. The first place to look for heater failure involves a look at the engine coolant level. If it is low, there may be a leak that prevents sufficient heated coolant from reaching the heater core. Next, the heater control valve should be inspected. If this device (which prevents hot coolant from entering the core when the heater is in the "off" position) is defective, it must be replaced.

HINT: Heater failure may stem from a vacuum feed used to actuate servos-devised that utilize feedback to provide control of a desired operation.

ILNCRS 2013 Fall Color Drive & Charity Run

Submitted by Scott & Carol Lindee

Our annual Fall Color Drive and Charity Event was held Sunday October 6th. The weather was beautiful, the colors were just beginning to turn.

Starting at the Manor Hotel in Channahon, the drive wound its way west along the Illinois River to LaSalle. There were 18 Corvettes on the drive, a very nice turnout. Passing through Morris and Seneca along the way, the group stopped at the Illini State Park in Marseilles.

Coincidentally, the annual Marseilles “Blast from the Past” car show was being held at the state park. All the better to enjoy the old cars while sipping coffee and eating sweet rolls. The bees in the area also loved the sweet rolls, a little annoying.

We had time enough to visit the Middle East War Memorial just across the Illinois River in Marseilles, before traveling on. A very sobering visit and highly recommended if you are ever in the area. A nice tribute to our soldiers who have fought for our great country.

Continuing east along the river, we passed through Ottawa. Very nice scenic drive, taking us through Starved Rock State Park. Love those hills and winding roads!



Skirting just north of Oglesby, we enter LaSalle from the south, across the river once more to our final destination, the Uptown Grill. Did you have the Spaghetti ala Bolognese, Whitefish Parma or Infused Chicken Breast? Both the lunch and the atmosphere were amazing. Thirty-nine Corvette enthusiasts enjoyed both.



The club made a contribution to Phil’s Friends, which is a charity that provides spiritual support, guidance and care packages to those affected by cancer. Several participants of the drive also supported St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital, via zealous solicitation by some members of Northern Rays! Great effort, Bill and Terry!! These are both great causes, helping children and people in need who are fighting serious health situations.

Illinois NCRS would like to thank the Northern Rays Corvette Club and Wisconsin NCRS members for joining us, you folks are always welcome and a joy to be with.

We all enjoyed the day – enjoying great cars, great food, a great drive, great friends, and great charitable causes!

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NEW MEMBERS — Welcome to our ILNCRS Chapter!

We are pleased to report that we had three (3) new members join us during the past quarter. Again...Welcome. We hope to meet & greet you at one of our upcoming functions.

John Wood	Sugar Grove, IL	Has owned a '67, '66, '67, '65, '06
Jeffrey Kennedy	Rockford, IL	Currently owns a '66 & an '87
Ryan Garrett	Buffalo Grove, IL	Currently looking for his first Corvette
John Gutwein	Crystal Lake, IL	Currently owns a 1990 ZR-1

2014 Calendar of Events

February 23	2014 Kickoff Party & Annual Meeting
May 18	Tech Session
June 14	Judging School, Chris Piscitello's new facility 27085 Meadowoods Lane, Mettawa, IL 60048
August 1-3	Shutdown Judging Meet, Chestnut Mt. Resort, Galena
October 5	Fall Color Drive-out & Charity Run
December 7	Christmas Party

ILNCRS 2013 Christmas Party

Submitted by Kim Santaniello, Activities Chairman

The annual NCRS holiday event took place on Sunday, December 8. A total of 60 people signed up for the 2013 festivities at Villa Olivia Ski Resort in Bartlett. Attendees gathered at 11am for friendship and fun over cocktails and brunch. With the fire crackling in the Sapphire room, everyone dined on an endless buffet of appetizers, breakfast and lunch items, soup, salad and omelets and carving stations.

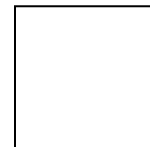


Jay Stahl introduced the board, welcomed new members Ryan and Tina Garrett, and thanked everyone for coming. While enjoying an array of desserts and coffee, the group cheered on the six lucky winners of door prizes. After hugs and farewells, everyone braved the cold to head home, some back through heavy snow and even white-outs.



2013 marked the 60th anniversary of the corvette and a year full of fun events. At this, our last event of the year, we missed our dear friend and long-time member, Rich Dunlap who passed away only weeks ago. We send our thoughts and prayers to his wife Linda and his entire family. The ILNCRS board wishes everyone peace and joy for the holiday season and the coming year.

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