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Thoughts from the Chairman

It's supposed to be fall! But as I write this... it was an 80 degree day outside. Great Corvette weather and still plenty of cruising time left before we have to start thinking about the cold.

I hope everyone enjoyed our ILNCRS Chapter Meet at Chestnut Mountain Resort on August 7th, 8th & 9th. 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 go 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, Irv Schlepp, and the Wisconsin Chapter – again provided the meat and buns for our Friday evening cookout. Lavonne Campbell and Stan Kaczor also came through again with the great chicken ka-bobs and sweet corn. It keeps our Tune Up Night a must attend get-together! REMEMBER EVERYONE! This food is provided by these folks out of sheer comradery to make our event more fun! Please be sure to let them know how much you appreciate it when you see them.

This year Terry Wodniakowski and Sue Braun honed the duties of Activities Directors by tweaking some of the rough edges and making our event run smoother. Fantastic job ladies! I didn't think it was possible to improve... but you showed me otherwise.

For next year, Joyce Colletti suggested considering some live music for the Saturday evening banquet to keep the party going. We would like to see just how much interest this suggestion holds. Ideas on how we might fund this endeavor will also be necessary. Let's hear from you on this!

Thoughts from the Chairman (continued)

Several members just returned from Corvettes at Carlisle. It's my understanding that rare parts were in abundance this year but attendance seemed down. The people that do show up every year continue to enjoy returning 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 history. I hope that anyone interested had the chance to participate. ILNCRS was not able to attend as a club event this year because of the conflicting date with the Wisconsin Regional Meet that many from our Chapter attended. Supporting the Wisconsin Chapter for their Regional was very important for our club and I'm sure it was a great event that everyone enjoyed.

I hope you've all registered for our annual Fall Road Tour and Charity Event. The date for this Year's drive out is October 4, 2015. As in years past, we will be going back down "Route 66", ending up in Pontiac, Illinois. Once we arrive in Pontiac, a great lunch is planned & then tour the fine sights and museum's that Pontiac has to offer. I'm looking forward to another great fall run!

In November you won't want to miss the MCACN show in Rosemont, Illinois. The greatest cars of all kinds come to this outstanding event. Sue & Bill Braun have assembled a crack team of the finest NCRS, Bloomington Gold, Chevrolet, Camaro, Chevelle, Yenko, Baldwin Motion, MOPAR, Mustang, Ford, Pontiac and AC Cobra experts from all over the country to judge at this prestigious event. While not an NCRS event, it is attended by NCRS members from around the world and most of the Corvettes that we Judge are NCRS prepared Corvettes. There is not a muscle car that you would want to see that you won't see there!

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

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

Happy Corvetting.

Jay

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2015 Calendar of Events

August 7-8-9	Shutdown Judging Meet, Chestnut Mt. Resort, Galena, Illinois
October 4	Fall Color Drive-out & Charity Run
December 6	Annual Christmas Party

Technical Corner

Technical Article #5

COMING THROUGH IN A CLUTCH

Certainly the biggest news involving automatic transmissions has revolved around the “double-clutch” transmission. Used in race cars for years, this technology is now becoming increasingly available on mass-production vehicles. Essentially, the system is guided by sophisticated electronics and hydraulics utilizing two independently operated clutches (one for the odd gears and one for the even gears) but no clutch pedal. This arrangement allows power to flow uninterrupted from the engine to the transmission. The lightening-fast gear changes of a double-clutch transmission cannot be matched by a manual transmission. For drivers, this means seamless gear changes that are as energy-efficient as they are smooth and comfortable.

HINT: Instead of a torque converter, which regular transmissions use to transfer engine torque from the engine to the transmission, double-clutch transmissions utilize multi-plate clutches.

Technical Article #6

WHAT DOES A FLUSH BEAT?

Brakes fade, which is a reduction in a vehicle’s stopping power, may be due to contaminated brake fluid. Consequently, it is important to flush and replace the brake fluid according to maintenance schedules. Conventional glycol-based brake fluid absorbs water, helping to prevent condensation from corroding the brake system. However, when brake fluid becomes saturated with moisture, problems arise. Unabsorbed moisture can begin to collect in the system to corrode braking components or to cause seals to swell and deteriorate. In addition, the boiling point of the fluid drops below recommended levels, meaning it will boil sooner under hard braking conditions to reduce performance. Flushing the brake system helps to avoid these problems and helps ensure optimum braking performance.

Brake bleeding is a crucial part of auto maintenance. It requires a lot of contorting just to gain access to the auto parts that need to be removed. It’s going to be an extremely taxing affair.

HINT: Brake fluid’s high boiling point must be preserved to guard against vaporization in the brake lines that renders the fluid more compressible and less able to transfer braking force to the calipers.

2015 ILNCRS Chapter Meet

Submitted by Santo Scafide, Judging Chairman

Friday morning started out very pleasantly with a small group meeting for breakfast at Alexander's Restaurant in Elgin IL. We then headed out to Winnebago IL., where we met up with the rest of our group for the second part of the road tour, lead by Scott & Carol Lindee. We wound our way through some beautiful countryside and even stopped for a bit at one of Galena's many wineries before heading to our final destination of Chestnut Mountain Lodge in Galena, IL.



After the road tour most of us washed off the road dust, checked in and unloaded our luggage.

At 5:00 that evening we had a Judging school lead by Gary Bosselman using Jim Anderson's low mileage 69 Corvette. We had 32 members who attended. Following the Judging school we had a great cookout in the parking lot at Chestnut Mountain Lodge.

Most of the group brought snacks and appetizers, the main course of Italian sausage, Bacon wrapped Chicken, hot dogs and Corn on the cob, supplied by our Wisconsin friends. A special thanks to all who brought food and snacks. Especially Tom Walther and Tom Hincz the Chefs who labored over the Hot Grill.

Judging took place on Saturday morning on the grassy slopes overlooking the resort's ski complex (when there's snow of course). This year we had nine (9) cars for judging, three (3) sportsmen and Two (2) bowtie display Corvettes.



Chestnut Mountain came through once again with a great dinner on Saturday night. Many thanks to the Activities Chairpersons, Terry Wodniakowski and Sue Braun for all their hard work organizing the affair.

Sunday morning after the brunch, we gave out a total of eight (8) Top Flight one awards, (1) Second flight award, and Two (2) Sportsman awards.

Flight Awards:

Michael Schultheis 1959 Top Flight

Tom Corcoran 1962 Top Flight

William Kane 1965 Top Flight

Bill Morrison 1967 Top Flight

Jim Keck 1970 Top Flight

Scott Lindee 1970 Second Flight

Al Wagner 1971 Top Flight

Bob Hopkins 1972 Top Flight

Joe Marocco 1973 Top Flight

Jim Anderson 1969 Bowtie Display

Jim Anderson 1977 Bowtie Display

Terry McManmon Sportsman

Dan Schlepp Sportsman



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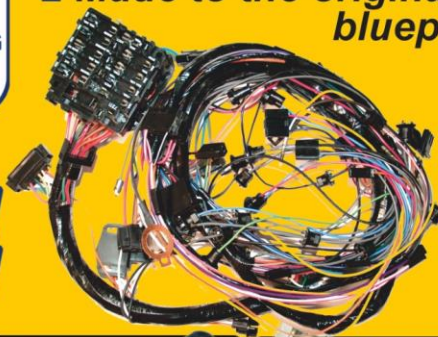


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Fall Road Tour and Charity Event

Sunday, October 4, 2015
Drive your Corvette!!!
 (Non-fiberglass cars are welcome too!)



Tour many exciting sites on old US Route 66!

The road tour will drive south, past Chicagoland Speedway, then on to US Route 66 through Wilmington, Braidwood, Gardner, Dwight, Odell, and ending in Pontiac, IL. Visit museums there, including the US Route 66 Museum and NEW Pontiac Automobile Museum!

(Total tour is approximately 66 miles – get it?– 66!)

Itinerary (See reverse side for more details!):

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| 8:15am | Meet at the home of Scott Lindee
18416 S. Buckberry Lane, Mokena, IL 60448
Closest intersection: 184 th & Haas, Mokena, IL
From I-355 South, take exit for Southwest Hwy (US Rt 6 – this is just North of I355/I80 intersection), turn left (east), go 2.7 miles, turn left onto Haas Rd., turn left into Hunt Club Meadows subdivision, circle around to NW corner of subdivision to house #18416 with flagpole in front yard |
| 8:30am | Start Road Tour from Lindee house |
| 9:15am-9:45am | Coffee and Donuts at the Polka Dot Drive Inn , Braidwood, IL |
| 10:00am-10:15am | Visit original Two-Cell Jail and Riviera Diner Car , Gardner, IL |
| 10:40am-11:00am | Drive through Dwight & Visit restored Marathon Oil Station |
| 11:25pm | Arrive in Pontiac , take photos, park |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch at DeLongs' – choose from selected menu items – cash bar |
| 1:30pm | Pontiac Oakland Auto Museum (tour by museum founder Tim Dye) |
| Private BEHIND THE SCENES and GARAGE TOUR - \$5 extra donation! Must see!!! | |
| 2:30pm | Tour US Route 66 Museum and Hall of Fame and/or War Museum ,
Shopping , or other Pontiac sites |

**TURN OVER FOR
MORE RT. 66
TOUR INFO!!!**

Enjoy **Beautiful Pontiac** – spend as much time as you wish!

If you plan to attend, please RSVP by mailing in the response below with your payment.

Your payment includes coffee/donuts, lunch at DeLongs', and a portion to charity (Suburban Service League).

Please mail to:

Carol Lindee
18416 S. Buckberry Lane
Mokena, IL 60448-8426

Please mail your response by Sept. 15!

Bring a Motorola 2-way radio if you have one!

Please fuel your car prior to arriving at Lindee's (near I-355 & Rt 6 exit)

Make checks payable to ILNCRS.

If any questions, please contact Carol Lindee at:

Email: carolmail2000@netscape.net

Cell: 708-670-1563 (call this number the day of the road tour if needed!)



More information on the Road Tour:

Drive by the Chicagoland Speedway (NASCAR track) and US Route 66 Drag Strip Start driving on US Route 66!

Wilmington – see the famous “**Gemini Giant**” at the Launching Pad restaurant

Braidwood – Stop at the Polka Dot Drive-In for coffee and donuts,

take pictures with Betty Boop, the Blues Brothers and more!

Gardner – Visit original 2-Cell jail (photo op!) and restored Riviera Diner Car

Dwight – See **Frank Lloyd Wright** bank, Train Depot, and other historic buildings;

visit the restored Standard Oil filling station from 1933 (another photo op)!

Odell – Drive by 1932 Standard Sinclair gas station, partly in original condition!



Pontiac – there are many things to see and do in Pontiac. Once we take photos and park, lunch will be at 12pm. You are then free to wander the town and go to whichever museums interest you. All sites listed are within two blocks (walking distance).

Photo by the US Route 66 mural in your Corvette

Lunch at DeLongs’ (choose from selected menu items and dessert)

The fabulous Pontiac Oakland Museum, with a personal tour by museum founder Tim Dye! This museum also features a library with lots of Pontiac automobile information! Plus – highly recommended – BEHIND THE SCENES and GARAGE TOUR, with added bonus of amazing internationally famous art works by air-brush artist Tang-Dongbai (\$5 extra)!

Route 66 Hall of Fame and Museum

Artist **Bob Waldmire** touring school bus and VW Van that he used to travel Route 66 for years

Several building murals about Route 66 and other themes

Livingston County War Museum; plus SHOPPING and sight-seeing in Pontiac!

Museums close at 5pm. Admission is free (except private tours),

Donations are accepted and encouraged!

For more information on the sites listed here, or more about Historic Route 66:

www.historic66.com

<http://www.pontiacoklandmuseum.org/>

www.visitpontiac.org

<http://www.dwightillinois.org/>

www.legendsofamerica.com/66-main.html - then click on Illinois near the center of the page.



Wisconsin Chapter NCRS Regional Meet

Several of our Illinois Chapter members attended this meet recently, and some of our members won awards there as well. Following are photos of them accepting those awards.



Illinois Chapter member, Ryan Garrett, accepting a Top Flight award for his 1972 Ontario Orange Corvette.



Tom Walther, who is a member in Illinois and Wisconsin chapters, receives his Master Judge hat.



Illinois Chapter member, Larry Goins, receives his Master Judge hat.



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