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Thoughts from the Chairman

Fall is on its way! But as I write this... we're having an 80 degree day outside. Great Corvette weather and still plenty of cruising time left before we have to start thinking about the cold.

And speaking of that – be sure to mark your Calendars for the upcoming Fall Colors Road Tour and Charity Event! We decided to move it a little later into October, hoping that the foliage will turn a little brighter for our trip this year. PLEASE remember to RSVP to Carol Lindee by Friday September 30th if you plan to join us.

Once again we had another successful ILNCRS Chapter Meet at Chestnut Mountain Resort at the beginning of August. I want to thank everyone who put so much effort into making this event such a great success. The collaborative efforts of many dedicated chapter members by bringing creative dishes to pass, and of course “special thanks” again to Tom Walther, Tom Hincz, Irv Schlepp and the Wisconsin Chapter for providing the meat and buns, made this year’s Friday evening cookout the very best ever! Lavonne Campbell and Stan Kaczor also came through again with the great chicken kabobs and sweet corn. It keeps our Tune Up Night a must attend get-together that most everyone now looks forward to!

Of interest in this Newsletter are the results from the survey that we took right after our Shutdown Meet. For quite some time we have heard some folks ask about moving the event for the sake of change. Our board of Directors has avoided moving because of everything this venue has to offer along with the fact that they are so accommodating to our needs. We decided to survey our attendees from the last several years to see what the results would produce. We had a good percentage of responses. I hope you find it interesting!

Corvettes at Carlisle is still a big deal to most who attend. If you’ve never made it out there, you need to go. To say you’ll be amazed is an understatement.

Thoughts from the Chairman (continued)

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 again able to attend as a club event this year. It's a fabulous show and a great thing that they are trying to preserve what's left of the racetrack.

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 has 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

2016 Calendar of Events

August 5-6-7	"Shutdown" Judging Meet, Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, Illinois
October 16	Fall Color Drive-Out & Charity Run
December 4	Annual Christmas Brunch

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ILNCRS 2016 “SHUTDOWN” CHAPTER MEET

Submitted by Sue Braun, Activities Co-Chairman

Once again we are proud to say we had a wonderful and successful NCRS Chapter Meet due to our wonderful members and accommodations! Not to mention we were blessed with wonderful weather all weekend!

As usual, we have had great participation in the Friday Judging School, followed by our annual “Parking Lot Cookout”. It was hard to count how many people attended, but it had to reach a record number, too many chairs to count! 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, chicken and corn on the cob were a few to mention.

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

This year we had a schedule change for the Galena shoppers. First shopping downtown, then a detour to one of Galena’s favorite Wineries for drink(s) before heading back to the hotel. What fun!

Saturday night dinner was at the Chestnut Mountain Banquet Room, they had many food choices, something for everyone! Food was good as usual and the Chestnut Mountain staff was courteous as ever! Sunday Brunch and Award presentation was a repeat of Saturday night, exceptional service and a wonderful breakfast.

Thanks to Santo Scafide, and his many helpers, for all of his hard work on the Judging field, not to mention, all of his hard work weeks prior, putting the event together. Many thanks to Ed Wodniakowski, ILNCRS Membership Chairman, who assisted with slides of the 2016 participants (this year without the cooperation of the computer)!

Jay Stahl, our ILNCRS President, spoke of our great long-term relationship with Chestnut Mountain and their superb service and facilities. Jay urged members to fill out our event survey looking for member’s suggestions on how to improve our events. I hope everyone had a chance to let us know your thoughts?

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

Hope to see you again next year...

Sue Braun & Terry Wodniakowski – Activities Chairladies!

2016 Illinois Chapter Judging Meet Results

Submitted by Santo Scafide, Judging Chairman

On Friday the 6th of August, a group of us met at the McDonalds in Winnebago Il, to start our road tour to Chestnut Mountain Resort, led by Scott & Carol Lindee. Our first stop on the tour was at Famous Fossil winery for a little refreshment and comradery. We then made our way to downtown Mount Carroll, IL, where we enjoyed such treats as ice cream, pastries and coffee before heading out to Chestnut Mountain Lodge. After the road tour, most of us washed off the road dust, then checked in and unloaded our luggage.

At 5:00 that evening, we had a judging school led by Bill Braun, using new paint judging guide lines. We used Jim Anderson's original paint, low mileage 70 Bowtie Corvette as a model. 30 members attended.

Following the Judging school, we had a cookout in the parking lot where everyone brought a dish to pass. The main course of Italian sausage, bacon wrapped chicken, hot dogs, and corn on the cob was supplied by our Wisconsin friends as well as our Illinois members. A special thanks to all who brought food and snacks. Especially Tom Walther and Tom Hincz -- the Chefs -- who labored over the hot grill.

This year, we had eight (8) cars for judging, three (3) sportsmen, and three (3) Bowtie display Corvettes.

While the men were judging, several of the women were enjoying themselves shopping and visiting a winery. This was arranged by the Actives Chair-people Terry Wodniakowski and Sue Braun. We thank them for their hard work organizing the affair.

Sunday morning after the brunch we gave out a total of eight (8) Top Flight awards and two (2) Sportsman awards.

Flight Awards

Linann Stephen -- 1963 Top Flight



Ron Buck -- 1967 Top Flight



2016 Illinois Chapter Judging Meet Results (continued)

William Hardt -- 1967 Top Flight



**Jim Anderson 1969 Top Flight
& Bowtie Display**



**Jim Anderson 1970 Top Flight
& Bowtie Display**



**Jim Anderson 1972 Top Flight
& Bowtie Display**



2016 Illinois Chapter Judging Meet Results (continued)

Michael Schultheis 1995 Top Flight



Michael Schultheis 1990 Top Flight



Don Heckenberg – Sportsman Award



Jeff Kennedy – Sportsman Award



We had a total of twenty two (22) Judges and three (3) Tabulators

Unusual Idiosyncrasies found on my 1965 Corvette Submitted by Jan Stahl

Article 3 – ‘AX’ date code on driver’s door mirror glass instead of ‘DMI’ date code

Donnelly Mirror, Inc. was one of the main companies to manufacture mirrors for the auto industry during the 1960s. As we in the hobby spend countless hours searching for ‘dated’ components and matching numbers on our Corvettes, ‘DMI’ date codes are quite common on both inside rear view and driver’s door mirror glass. Not quite as common, at least not until model year 1966, Ajax Mirror Company also provided mirrors for General Motors.

Throughout 1966 and 1967, several examples of the ‘AX’ code designating Ajax Mirror abound, and are noted in the ‘Technical Information Manual and Judging Guide’ for each of these years respectively. The manual for 1965 is a different story. It shows no reference to this manufacturer or ‘AX’ date coding. In 20 years of searching through used mirrors at swap meets, as well as inspecting a multitude of 1965 Corvettes, I have found very few cars with ‘AX’ dated mirror glass and only one used Ajax mirror dated properly for a ‘65.

The mirror off my Corvette’s driver door has chips in the glass from someone trying to remove it from the mirror head. However, the date code portion is intact and very legible. My mirror is dated F AX 4, which equates to June (F) Ajax Mirror (AX) and model year 1964 (4). (An example of the more common code was the dating that Donnelly Mirror used, as in 6 DMI 4 which stands for June (6) Donnelly Mirror Inc. (DMI) and model year 1964 (4)).

Since there is little documentation and so few examples of ‘AX’ dated mirrors on 1965 Corvettes, and my mirror is damaged and cannot be used, one might suggest that the intelligent thing to do would be to replace it with a correctly dated Donnelly Mirror glass, RIGHT?

That certainly would solve the problem of trying to convince judges that my Corvette was an “exception” to the rule. The car would judge properly, be dated correctly and NO ONE would be the wiser! RIGHT?

Well, for me that’s not acceptable – it isn’t how my Corvette was built. So what can I do but come up with a properly dated Ajax mirror.

Vendors who sell dated mirror glass sell them with DMI codes. I’ve searched swap meets for years and gathered about 20 used mirrors with ‘AX’ dates, but most are dated way too late for my car. My friend Randy Mersdorf sold me the mirror off his ’65 Corvette with an original H AX 4 date, but the glass broke trying to remove it from the old mirror head so I was back to square one.

***Unusual Idiosyncrasies
found on my 1965 Corvette (Continued)***

Several years back I had approached Richard Fortier from Paragon Reproductions about having a mirror made special with my date code. Richard said it was possible, although I would need to pay for a complete run of mirrors to get the one that I needed. Since I had no use for that many mirrors, that idea was put on hold as I continued my search for a correctly dated used mirror. I've located several N.O.S. G.M. mirror replacement kits. They all contain Donnelly dated glass. I have discovered that there are quite a few examples of the 'AX' date coding on full size Chevrolet mirrors, and I've also noted 'AX' coding on rear view mirrors to this day – but found nothing that would work on my car. After 20 years of searching I started to wonder if Paragon could make a run of mirrors for me. I decided to find out, but was especially concerned since Richard Fortier had sold the company.

I walked into the Paragon tent during Corvettes at Carlisle a number of years ago and asked to speak with the new owner. Steve Childs shook my hand and said: "You got him!" I explained my discussion with Richard Fortier several years' earlier and asked if this option still might be possible. Steve said "no problem", "I love this kind of neat stuff; but why would you want to do a complete run of mirrors?" "You just need to pay for having the stencil made and the one or two mirror glasses that you want to purchase". "I'll handle the rest!"

After returning home I packaged my 'original' factory installed mirror and mailed it to Steve so that he could duplicate the date code. It took a year to complete this project, (I picked up my newly dated mirror glass at the following year Corvettes at Carlyle). The stencil was made and Steve came through with his promise 100 %. I now have a correctly dated Ajax mirror code on my drivers' door mirror.

It is both interesting and gratifying to note that both of these gentlemen were willing to find a way to help me. Nether were disinterested in my plight and each offered to help in their own way. That's just one more thing that makes the Corvette hobby as great as it is!

Jay Stahl

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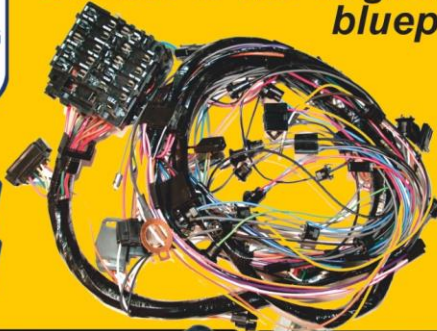


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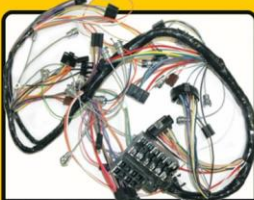
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IL NCRS Fall Color Tour and Charity Event

Sunday, October 16, 2016
Drive your Corvette!!!



Itinerary:

(Get fuel before you arrive!!!)

8:30am

Meet at Starbucks

536 Crescent Blvd., Glen Ellyn, IL 60137

Park across the street to the south, adjacent to RR tracks

Have coffee, breakfast... meet and greet!

8:50am

Drivers meeting (in parking lot across the street)

9:00am

Start Road Tour

9:00-10:30am

Drive to Malta, IL (*approximately 47 miles*)

10:30am-11:30am

Visit Jonamac Orchards

19412 Shabbona Road, Malta, IL (815) 825-2158

Apples, wine tasting, donuts, pies, coffee, cider, pumpkins, gifts, etc. for purchase

11:30am-12:30pm

Drive to Yorkville, IL (*approximately 40 miles*)

12:30pm-1:00pm

Arrive at Lakeview Grille (*park across the drive in the Chiropractic office lot*)

604 West Veterans Pkwy (US 34), Yorkville, IL (630) 553-3055

Lunch will be served at 1pm - cash bar



*You may stay at Lakeview Grille after the lunch, and
enjoy the deck overlooking the lake! Socialize with the group!*



If you plan to attend, please RSVP by mailing in the response below with your payment. Your payment below includes lunch at Lakeview Grille, and a portion to an IL NCRS charity.

Please mail to:

Carol Lindee

18416 S. Buckberry Lane

Mokena, IL 60448-8426

Please mail your response by Friday Sept. 30!

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

Make checks payable to ILNCRS. If any questions, please contact Carol Lindee at:

Email: carolmail2000@netscape.net Cell: 708-670-1563 or Scott at 708-670-1564



RSVP - 2016 Fall Color Tour and Charity Event

Name _____ Phone # _____

Email address _____

Lunch at Lakeview Grille:

Number of Adults _____ @ \$27.50 per person = _____

Number of Children (*note) _____ @ \$12.00 per person = _____

(*note - order from kids menu) Total enclosed: _____

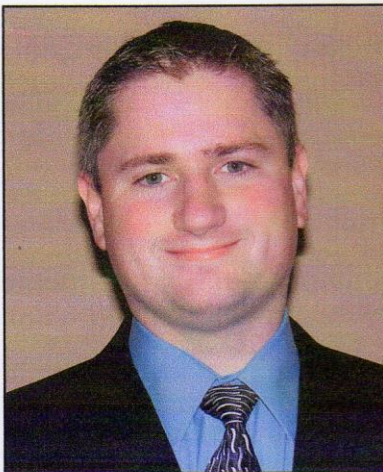
Please indicate if you desire a vegetarian meal or have other dietary restrictions/needs. We will do our best to accommodate!

Please remember the final two activities for this year:

Fall Color Drive and Charity Event – Oct. 16

Annual Holiday Brunch at Villa Olivia – Dec. 4

Hope everyone will be able to join us.



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