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Chairman's Message

I would like to sincerely thank everyone for another great year with the ILNCRS Chapter! We are considered one of the largest Chapters in the U.S. and one of the few Chapters that have won the NCRS Top Flight Chapter Award for 5 consecutive years in a row. We continually have many new faces at our events and welcome many new ones in the years to come.

Thanks to Joyce Colletti, our Holiday Party this year was moved to Vince's Restaurant in Palatine. The food was great and I must say there was plenty of it for everyone! This was Joyce's first year volunteering to host this event, and she did a wonderful job! Thank you so much Joyce for your time and efforts.

Although I hate to bring this news to you, the time has come for me to step down in the Chairman Position. As of January 1, I am going to direct all of my efforts to your NCRS Regional Director Position and let some fresh blood run the Illinois NCRS Chapter. The Directors have elected Jay Stahl to take my place. I am sure Jay will do a wonderful job. Jay brings much experience to this job and the IL Chapter. He is excited about accepting the position and I am sure he will have many wonderful ideas. I promise I will still be around to assist all of the Midwest Chapters, and work with National to recognize and acknowledge positive steps needed to maintain the NCRS as a successful informative organization to the Corvette Hobbyist and their families. I still look forward to seeing all of you at our events! I am always available by email or phone, and look forward to hearing from all of you at anytime. So please feel free to contact me.

I would like to thank my directors for all of their support thru the years. And most of all, I would like to thank all of you for helping to grow the ILNCRS Chapter and making my job so enjoyable. I have had a great time being your ILNCRS Chairman for so many years and will have many wonderful memories.

Our next event will be the Kickoff Party held in February. There is a change of location, so please look for the flyer to be mailed next month. We always have a good time reminiscing about past car shows and upcoming events. This event starts the New Year with a positive note. I hope to see you there!

Last, but not least, I would like to wish everyone a safe and wonderful Holiday!

Here's wishing you a "WONDERFUL, HEALTHY, PROSPEROUS 2012"!

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ILNCRS Chapter Fall Charity Road Tour

submitted by Scott Lindee, Technical Director

Sixty Six miles on Route 66. Our annual fall charity event took us to Pontiac Illinois following Historic Route 66 for almost the entire way. Rain followed us for the first half of it, but it did not dampen the excitement of the day.

Including a few members from Northern Rays, 20Corvettes caravanned past sights such as the Chicagoland Speedway, Route 66 Drag strip, the Gemini Giant in Wilmington and a stop for coffee and doughnuts at the Polka Dot Drive-In in Braidwood.



After the Polka Dot, we went onward through Gardner and then Dwight, stopping for photos at the historic 1930's Texaco gas station. One more stop in Odell at another well preserved 1932 era Standard Oil gas station. More photos and souvenirs.



As it turns out, this Sunday was a day for quite a few road tours, we met a street rod club in Braidwood on the exact same route as ours, and while in Pontiac we met up with the Lemont Car Club.

Arriving in Pontiac, we were each greeted by the Mayor, Bob Russell, and the director of Tourism, Ellie Alexander. This unexpected welcome reception included a goody bag and pin. Nice.



Each ILNCRS Corvette had their picture taken in front of the largest Rt. 66 mural in the world. This mural is located behind the Illinois Route 66 Museum in Pontiac.

Thanks to Ed & Terry Wodniakowski for the photos.

On to reserved Corvette parking in front of the recently opened Pontiac-Oakland Museum, with another welcome (and personal tour) by Tim Dye, the owner. With lunch an hour away, plenty of time to visit the other sites such as the Illinois Route 66 Museum, Pontiac Museum, the Mural museum and others.

Excellent food at Bernardi's II restaurant, preluded by a few toasts and thank yous.

A portion of the participant fee was collected for charity. The Illinois Chapter donated \$500 to the National Parkinson Foundation, with a matching contribution requested from National NCRS.

A great event on what turned out to be a very nice day. There were a lot of interesting sites to see, in addition to enjoying our cars & our friends.

ILNCRS Christmas Party

submitted by Kim Scafide

This year's Christmas Party was held at Vince's Italian Restaurant in Palatine. Approximately 40 members attended and we all had a great time. There was live music during the entire evening as well as a never ending array of food. It was really fun to see so many friends and acquaintances again. A very special thanks to Joyce Colletti for all her hard work in putting this event together for us. Thanks Joyce... great job!!



More Christmas Party Pictures



2011 Calendar of Events

February 19	2012 Kick-Off Party, Moretti's on Lake Street, Bartlett, IL
April 22	2012 Tech Session, Location to be announced
May 20	2012 Judging School, Corvette Mike's, Burr Ridge, IL
August 3, 4, & 5	2012 Chapter Meet, Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, IL
October 14	2012 Fall Charity Drive out
December 1	2012 ILNCRS Christmas Party

ILNCRS TECHNICAL CORNER

Technical Article #7 in Series

Submitted by Bob Lojewski, Technical Chairman

Charting A Straight Course

A vehicle that has hit its share of curbs and potholes could benefit from a four wheel alignment. This involves adjusting the angles of the wheels so that they are perpendicular to the highway and parallel with one another. As a result, the vehicle will run straight and true, and the tires will enjoy maximum life. There are three general elements of an alignment. "Camber" refers to the angle of the wheel when viewed from the front. "Caster" is the angle of the steering pivot when viewed from the side. which effects straight-line tracking. "Toe-in" is the distance between the fronts and backs of sets of tires. Everyone regularly encounters potholes, speed bumps, and generally poor road conditions. All of this contributes to the misalignment of your wheels.

NOTE: If "toe-in" is incorrect, there will be rapid tire wear in both affected tires.

Technical Article #8 in Series

Submitted by Bob Lojewski, Technical Chairman

A Warped View

When you step on the brake pedal of your automobile and feel a pulsing sensation in the brake pedal and steering wheel, the problem is likely to be a warped rotor. If the disc is warped to the point at which its outer surfaces are not parallel, the caliper pistons will rapidly push in and out as the pads contact high and low spots. Warping can be the result of normal wear, or it can be the result of uneven heat dissipation. This is more common among lighter-weight rotors. Replacement is the only safe option. If you notice any vibration noise, or anything out of the ordinary when braking, it is important that you get your vehicle the attention it needs.

NOTE: The pulsation felt at the steering wheel due to warped rotor is known as a "shimmy".

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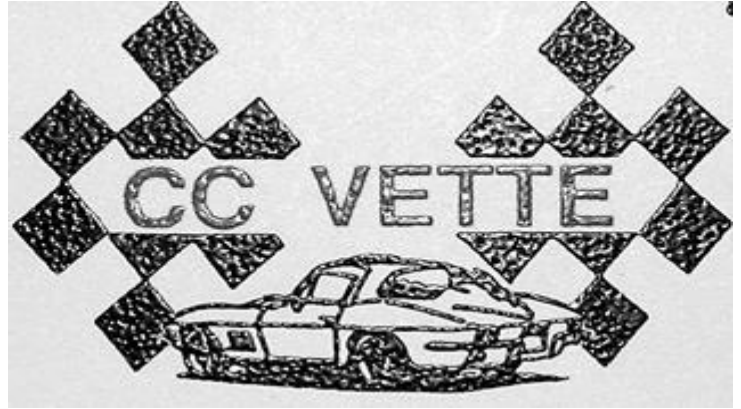


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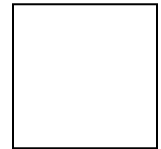
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