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Thoughts from the Chairman

The Holiday Season is once again upon us. By now you all have your Corvette's tucked safely away for the winter and have turned your thoughts to Holiday Cheer and 'What Do I Buy for the Person Who Has Everything'!

Our Holiday Party held at Villa Olivia in Bartlett, Illinois was another great success due to the efforts of our Co-chair Ladies – Terry Wodniakowski and Sue Braun. It was good to see some familiar old faces, along with a few “New” members coming to their 1st ILNCRS event to enjoy the wonderful Buffet. From our private room, to the beautiful center pieces that were won by our members through a contest, to the 1st snowfall of the season - everything was typical Currier and Ives!

We have some things happening in 2017. Assuming the duties of our 2nd Technical Director will be Gary Bosselman. Gary has hosted many Technical Sessions at his shop and instructed at several others. His strong involvement throughout NCRS will be a big asset to our Club.

I'm excited about the results of the survey that our Board of Directors took after our annual Chapter Meet last summer. To begin, the response from our membership was extremely good. You will find the exact figures elsewhere in this Newsletter, but I believe that we had a 47% response from the surveys that were sent out. It's interesting that many members responded that never show up at any of our events. We also discovered that quite a number of these folks do not understand exactly what it is we do at Technical

Thoughts from the Chairman (continued)

Sessions, Judging Schools and our Chapter Meet. Every year we have had displays of low mileage/unrestored 5star Bowtie Corvettes at most all of these events, yet in our survey we were asked why we don't ever have such displays.

We have our main Judging School in May each year and also have a mini judging school at our Chapter meet. Then during Chapter Judging, anyone interested in learning can be an Observer Judge and work alongside of an experienced Judge during the judging process. Several people asked if there wasn't something they could attend to learn to become a judge.

What a wakeup call that we need to get better information to our membership about what is available to them as an ILNCRS member. I'm proud of the really nice events that our Chapter provides to our members, and to date we absorb the cost of these events. All anyone need do is show up. We have a (3) day weekend Chapter meet event that is very family oriented. Family participation is encouraged at all ILNCRS outings.

I promise to get into more detail in the near future. If anyone has a question, please give me a call. I look forward to hearing from you. (815) 289-1559.

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

Jay

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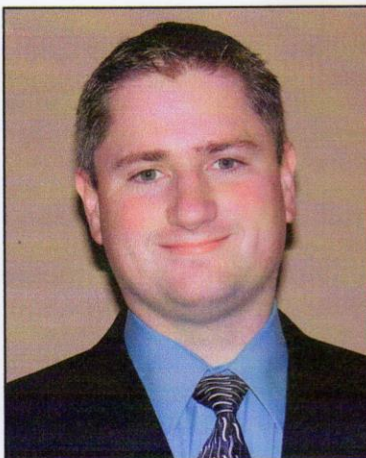
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Chapter Event Survey Summary

Submitted by Terry Wodniakowski & Sue Braun, Activities Directors

Thank you for participating in the ILNCRS Chapter Survey. We had a 47.7% response from our members. These were the results:

Date of the Event:

42.0% – the date does not determine my attendance.

27.5% – prefer the first weekend in August.

14.5% – prefer the first weekend in June.

15.9% – would not attend regardless of date.

Does the date have any bearing on whether you would bring a car for flight judging?

81.1% -- the date has no bearing on this decision.

18.2% -- the date would impact this decision.

Venue preferences:

34.8% -- the venue does not determine whether or not I would attend.

33.3% -- Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena

18.8% -- Another venue

13.6% -- Would not attend regardless of venue.

A few other concerns were noted on the survey as well, and will be discussed by the board at an upcoming meeting.

Again, thank you for your time in completing this chapter survey. We value your comments.

2017 Calendar of Events

February 19	“Kick-off” Party, Magianos, Bartlett, IL
April 18	Tech Session -- Location to be determined
May 21	Judging School – Location to be determined
August 4-5-6	“Shutdown” Judging Meet, Chestnut Mountain Resort, Galena, Illinois
October 17	Fall Color Drive-Out & Charity Run
December 3	Annual Christmas Brunch

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2016 ILNCRS Fall Color Tour & Charity Event

Our annual fall color drive started at the Starbucks in Glen Ellyn, Sunday, October 16. The journey started out a little confusing and unorganized, however we soon regrouped and continued on our way to our first stop in Malta, Illinois, the Jonamac Orchard.

The tour traveled westerly passing thru West Chicago, Geneva, Maple Park and the southern DeKalb area. Thankfully the weather was good, however the fall colors were spotty. Ver



We picked up one Corvette in Maple Park, making our total 18 Corvettes (plus one steel car). An outstanding turnout for this event. Arriving at the Orchard around 10:30, the group enjoyed wine tasting, apple cider, apple donuts and assorted other goodies. We even witnessed a marriage proposal! (*She accepted despite some of our warnings*)



One hour later, on to our dining place in Yorkville, the Lakeview Grill. Good food and good times at the restaurant. In all, 37 people enjoyed either Sirloin, Chicken or Tilapia, with ice cream sundae as dessert.



One extra added bonus to the event was a visit to Chris Sherman's place (TIN Restorations) in Yorkville. Jim graciously invited the group to tour his facility (actually, one absolutely immaculate garage). Jim restores C1 Corvettes, and the club thanks him for his hospitality.

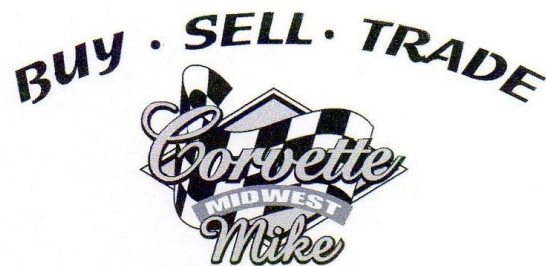
We also want to thank the Northern Rays brethren for joining us, as well as our northern neighbors, the Wisconsin Chapter folk. These peeps are always welcome and a joy to be around.

This year the ILNCRS chapter is donating our proceeds to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, with an anticipated matching donation from national NCRS.

Submitted by Scott Lindee

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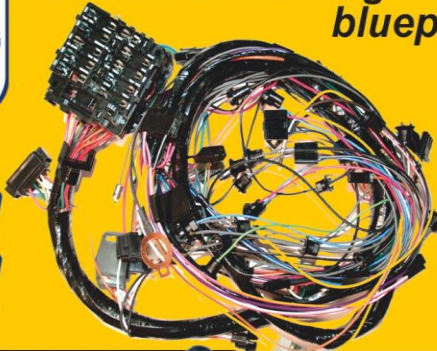
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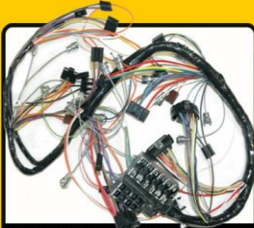
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ILNCRS 2016 Holiday Brunch

Many thanks to everyone for attending our annual ILNCRS Holiday Brunch, held at Villa Olivia on December 4 in Bartlett. This year we had over 50 members registered.

To mention just a few items from the Menu – delicious custom breakfast Omelets, Roast Beef, Chicken, Fish, many salads, and of course a wide selection of desserts. The food and service was wonderful as always!



Many thanks to Terry Wodniakowski for taking time to select our adorable “Snowman” table settings. Centerpieces were awarded to each of the table winners of a fun Corvette question and pass the envelope game. Always a surprise who the winner will be...

Weather did not hold up for us this year, as the snow was falling all morning. Roads were icy, but I have to say it did make a beautiful backdrop to the Holiday setting looking out the large picture windows in our private room. It definitely helped put everyone in the Holiday Spirit!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday.

Happy New Year to all and we look forward to seeing everyone at our next ILNCRS Kick-off Party in February!

Sue Braun/Terry Wodniakowski
ILNCRS Activities Directors



2016 Holiday Brunch *(continued)*

Our Webmaster, Fritz Goetz, outdid himself taking pictures this year. Here are several for your viewing pleasure.

