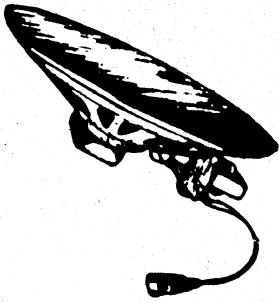


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MEET REPORT BY TIM PARTRIDGE

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N.C.R.S. members Carl Strohm (left) and Tim Partridge display the Illinois Chapter Charter containing signatures of the members present at their formation meeting held May 21, 1978. This enthusiastic group has already planned their first major event, scheduled for September 22-24th at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, (near Chicago, off Interstate 90). All National N.C.R.S. members are invited to attend this event - details on page 3 of this DRIVELINE.

Illinois Chapter N.C.R.S. meet was held September 22, 23, at the Holiday Inn in Rolling Meadows, Illinois.

Chapter being formed this past May 21st, a full weekend of work was undertaken. Attention was directed toward modeling the final meets.

People began arriving Friday afternoon. That evening, slide presentations and a literature display were presented. Special thanks go to John Amgwert for providing the slides and to Jerry Lang for displaying their fine collections of Corvette literature, all of which was very enjoyable.

Saturday morning the vendors were setting up for the part's meeting. Chief Judge Charlie Saganeck and Judging Coordinator Carl Strohm were preparing for the difficult task at hand of a large array of cars assembled. Particular attention was paid to the judging of the vehicles using the data compiled on the N.C.R.S. It was decided that the judges would discuss the automobiles and, the owner was to be given the benefit of the doubt to arrive at subjective decisions on the judges behalf.

Meanwhile, the ladies had left on their tour to Long Grove while the men were judged.

The session was held, the style and format of which was changed from previous national meets. The meeting room was arranged in a circle with participants facing each other without the traditional moderator at a front. This was held into one hour of constant active discussion with all participants contributing thoughts, ideas and questions that made for a lively session. Thanks goes to Dr. Ed Gurdjian who gave a preliminary presentation on his forthcoming articles on correct gas caps and radio interference that contributed greatly to the success of our tech meeting.

At the conclusion of the tech meeting, we convened an Illinois Chapter meeting for discussion of formal Chapter Bylaws for submission to the National Board, and then tentatively planned our next meeting.

At 7:00 A.M. members began arriving at the banquet room for an hour of friendly conversation with much attention being paid to the presentation by Dr. Hans Adolf Heinrich. Dinner began promptly at 7:30 P.M.

At the conclusion of dinner, Dr. Heinrich of the National Laboratories spoke on energy resources and environmental impact in his delightful comedic manner which was enjoyed by all.

After our guest speaker's concluding remarks, Chief Judge Charlie Saganeck and I presented the concours awards, followed by a few concluding remarks and adjournment to the hospitality suite for a cocktail party.

Both Friday and Saturday night, the cars were protected without incident thanks to the strict enforcement of our security rules by an off-duty policeman.

It is with particular pleasure that the Illinois Chapter was able to provide the environment for the National Board Meeting held during our event, but more importantly than that, was our pleasure in seeing those that have worked so hard enjoy the slide presentations, literature swap, looking for that special part at the swap meet, enjoying the concours, and during the banquet they were able to enjoy a hot meal without the normal hassles of last minute details.

In closing, my thanks to all Illinois Chapter members for their time contributed toward the success of the event, to the judges who participated in the difficult task of judging and training novices to enlarge our judging force for future events, and thanks to all those that participated in the Illinois Chapter's first event.



Tim Partridge and Carl Strohm.



Dr. Hans Adolf Heinrich.



Ohioans Terry Driscoll and Adolf Hammer-Huber assisted with judging.



MEET REPORT

By Carl Strohm

On September 22, 23, and 24, 1978, our Chapter held its first major meet. The location was in Rolling Meadows, Illinois, a far northwest suburb of Chicago. The host motel for the meet was the Rolling Meadows Holiday Inn which was supposed to be a Holidome center by the time our meet was scheduled, but the finishing touch was not complete due to problems with construction. Our apologies to those who came expecting more recreational facilities.

In spite of Holidome problems, the meet had a well rounded schedule of activities. In fact, we now wonder how anyone could have used the facilities as the following schedule indicates.

Friday: Slide Show
Sales Promotion Filmstrip
Literature Display

Saturday: Parts Swap
Ladies Shopping Tour of Long Grove
Judging of Cars
Tech Session
Illinois Chapter Meeting
NCRS National Officers Board Meeting
Awards Banquet

Sunday: Photo Session

The meet officially started at 5:00 P.M. on Friday as per schedule. Friday evening provided many people an opportunity to view the slides of the 53 Corvette Assembly Process, some interesting prototype and show cars, and slides of various Corvette related items. All of these slides came from GM files and were presented by John Amgwert and Noland Adams. In addition, the interesting and almost comically amusing filmstrips of how to sell the 1954 Corvette were shown.

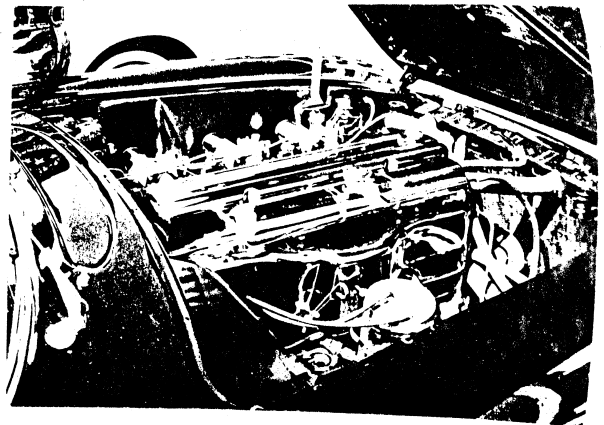
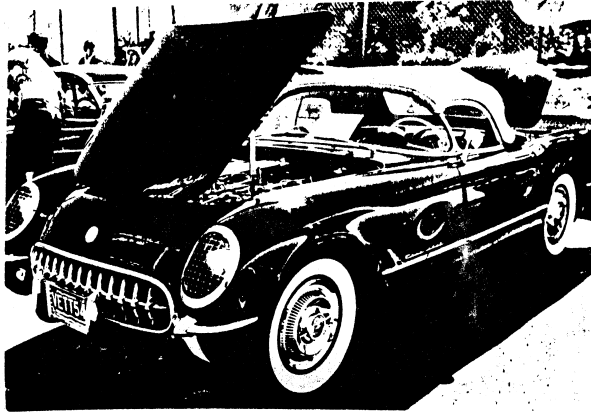
After the slide shows were over, the group of approximately 30 to 35 people adjourned to an adjacent room where laid out for their information and viewing pleasure was Corvette literature from the collections of Jerry Lange of Bloomington, Illinois and Al Fierke of Willow Springs, Illinois.

Saturday morning dawned early with more people in attendance than anticipated. For the size of meet staged, the parts swapper and purchaser turn out was excellent with many good bargains to be had. In addition to private vendors, we also had commercial vendors in attendance. Available merchandise ran from parts to literature to accessories. As the parts swapping activities continued, 18 cars were being cleaned and prepped for the judging segment of the meet.



At 10:30 A.M., two Suburban loads of ladies departed for the ladies shopping tour of Long Grove, Illinois. For those not familiar with it, Long Grove is a picturesque recreation of an early 1900's rural shopping village. Many of the merchants there offer period items for sale. While the shopping tour was in progress, the judging of the cars commenced.

NCRS judging sheets were used exactly as printed. The judges were instructed not to turn the judging procedure into a witch hunt for correct screws, etc. Also, in instances where there was doubt on the judge's part, the judge was to award the benefit of the doubt to the owner. In addition to fair judging of the cars, the judges were instructed to discuss the areas of point deduction with the car owners so as to achieve an equitable understanding of the incorrectness of the car and the purpose of the judging process. As the judging of the cars came to a halt at about 3:00 P.M., the scheduled tech session began.



For this portion of the meet, something new was tried out. Instead of having a "tech panel" answering questions from the audience, all those in attendance at the tech session arranged their chairs in a circular fashion. What followed was more active discussion between participants regarding thoughts, ideas, problems, solutions, and authenticity of the cars. Also, Dr. Ed Guardjian previewed a series of articles he is writing for the Restorer regarding gas cap and ignition system radio shielding application authenticity. (From the feedback we've received, it seems everyone in attendance liked this format for the tech session.)

In an attempt to stay on the meet schedule, the tech session was concluded and the Illinois Chapter Business Meeting started. During the course of the meeting, it was pointed out that we still need to formulate a set of working bylaws for submission to the national NCRS board of directors. The bylaws will be formulated over the winter and sent in after the next Illinois Chapter Meeting where we hope to have them approved. Plans were made to tentatively schedule a meet sometime shortly into the new year. This would be a single day meet somewhere in central Illinois. We adjourned the Illinois Chapter Business Meeting at 5:15 P.M.

At 6:30 P.M., our awards banquet program started with cocktails until 7:30 P.M. Those in attendance sat down to a butt steak dinner and no doubt some Corvette discussion. What happened next - I am sure no one was ready for and that was Dr. Hans Adolf Heinrich, our guest speaker. Dr. Heinrich enlightened the audience on his views of the environment and the use of energy and natural resources. (This sounds a little "heavy" to you I am sure if you were not there to hear it. Just ask about Dr. Heinrich's talk if you know someone who was there to hear it!)

At the conclusion of our guest speaker's remarks, Charlie Saganek from Trenton, Michigan, who acted as Chief Judge, and Tim Partridge passed out the concours awards.



ILLINOIS CHAPTER N.C.R.S. MEET AWARDS

FLIGHT AWARDS

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>OWNER</u>	<u>MODEL-YEAR</u>	<u>FLIGHT AWARDS</u>
53-55	Tom Essig	1954	Top Flight
53-55	Merv Phillips	1954	Top Flight
53-55	Charles Saganek	1954	Top Flight
58-60	Tim Partridge	1958	2nd Flight
58-60	Emerson Roderich	1960	2nd Flight
61-62	Fred Bartemeyer	1961	Top Flight
61-62	Tom Dietrich	1962	2nd Flight
61-62	Curtiss Gifford	1962	2nd Flight
61-62	Roger Macnider	1962	Top Flight
61-62	Dale Stamm	1962	2nd Flight
63-64 Coupe	James Krughoff	1963	Top Flight
63-64 Coupe	Don Schweisthal	1964	2nd Flight
65-67 Coupe	Joseph Steffensmeir	1965	3rd Flight
65-67 Conv.	Ronald Anschuetz	1966	2nd Flight
65-67 Conv.	Raymond Gast	1966	3rd Flight

Note: Judging results are published with each division listed in alphabetical order.

HIGH POINT AWARDS

53-55	Charlie Saganek	63-64 Coupe	James Krughoff
58-60	Emerson Roderich	65-67 Coupe	Joseph Steffensmeir
61-62	Roger Macnider	65-67 Conv.	Ronald Anschuetz

We then adjourned to the Chapter's hospitality suite for cocktails and an opportunity to get better acquainted with the new faces seen at our first meet.

Reflecting on the weekend's activities, I wish to thank John Amgwert and Noland Adams for bring their slides and film strips, to Al Fierke and Jerry Lang for bringing their literature collections, to those who brought parts to vend, to those who brought cars to judge, to the following judges: Chief Judge Charlie Saganek; Judging Coordinator Carl Strohm; 1953-55 John Hamilton and Tim Partridge; 1956-57 no entries; 1958-60 Charlie Saganek and Carl Strohm; 1961-62 Adolf Hammer-Huber and Terry Driscoll; 1963-64 Phil Gunsul and Ron Dembrowski; and, 1965-67 Don Schweistal and Rich Zelasko - and in general, to all those who helped make our meet the success that it was.



 WATCH YOUR MAIL FOR OUR NEXT
 MEETING IN MARCH.

*ANYONE WANT TO PLAN A CHAPTER MEETING
 OR EVENT? CARL AND I WILL BE GLAD TO
 HELP.

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 A HAPPY NEW YEAR



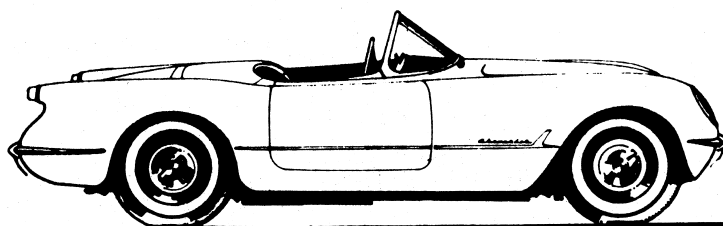
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TIM PARTRIDGE

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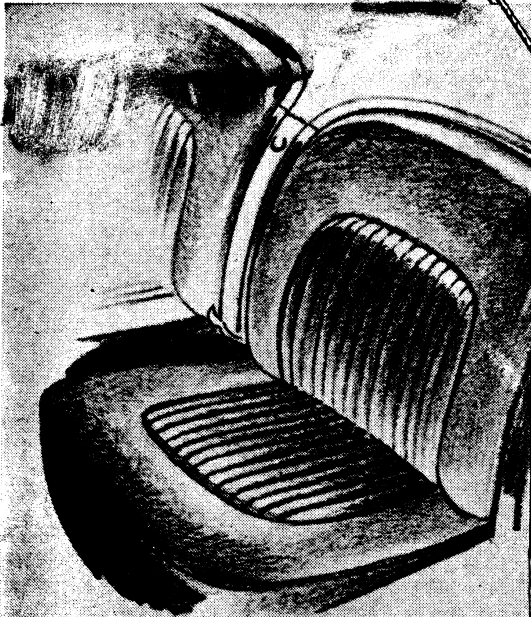
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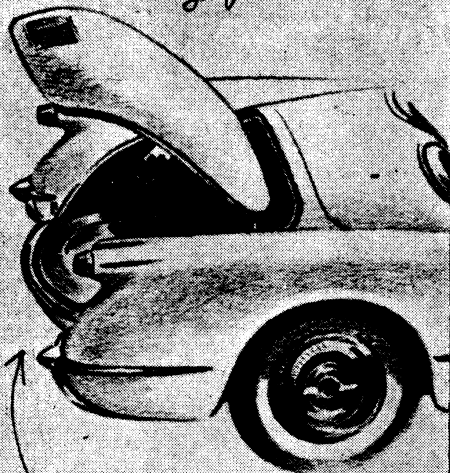
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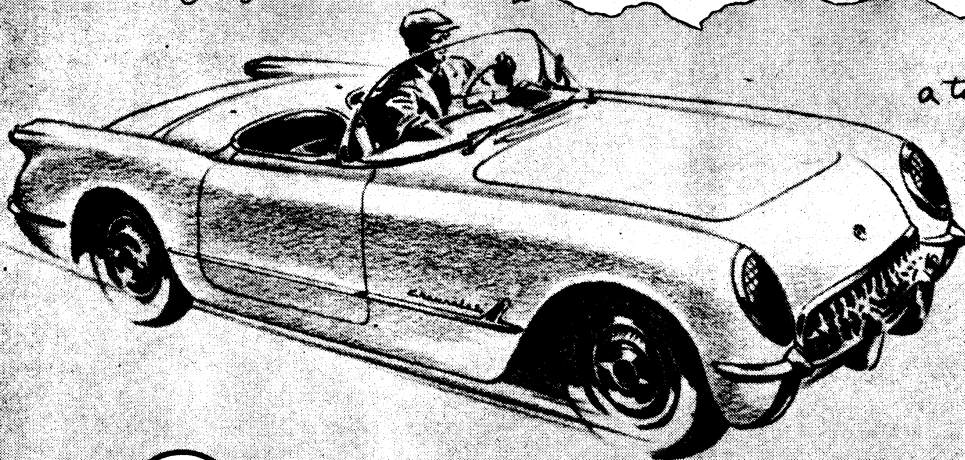
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