



# The No-Name Newsletter

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## CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

### LAST REGIONAL REPORT, FALL MEET, OFFICER ELECTION

The Regional is finally wrapped up and most of the money has been given to the charities. I cannot say how proud I am of everyone who worked tirelessly at the Regional to make it the success it was. Here is the final money split:

Victory Junction Gang	\$ 11063.00
Dale Earnhardt Foundation	\$ 7460.00
Speedway Children's Charity	\$ 2275.00
National Corvette Museum	\$ 3354.00
<u>Levine's Children's Hospital</u>	<u>\$ 5667.13</u>
Total	\$ 29819.13

We had budgeted \$500 to entertain Geoff Bodine as thanks for all of his support, but Rick Hendrick graciously donated the entertainment. (Yes it was a round of golf, in case you did not already figure that out). That money can be put in the treasury or donated also. We will decide at the annual business meeting in on September 30.

We have at least one person who has expressed interest in running for the office of secretary vacated by Ken Schurr. If someone else would like to run for office let me know. It would mark one of the few times we have actually had a real election with two candidates.

To that end also, I have elected to run for NCRS

Region IV Representative. Dick Whittington has done an outstanding, superb, great and so many other positive adjectives that I cannot list in his job. But as I just said, "You can't have an election with only one person running." I do not care whom you vote for, but vote. Don't sit on the sidelines.

Don't forget the annual fall business meeting and fall judging event in Wilkesboro. Dick W. has arranged a tour of a private train collection, supposedly equal to Bob Harper's, on Friday afternoon, and a road trip to a private car collection on Saturday afternoon. The Holiday Inn Express has a lot of potential for a good chapter meet. Make sure you attend!!

We need a volunteer to host a nuts and bolts in November. Let me know if you would like to be the host.

I case you have not heard the road tour to Wilkesboro will be very fast this year. I elected to purchase a new 2007 Z06. The old '60 has been delegated to cruise-in duty now, and we have a road car with A/C.

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## VICE CHAIRPERSON'S COMMENTS

### **OLD RELIABLE.....or USED to BE!**

Bob Young

Jimmy has informed me that it was again time to provide my contribution to this worthy newsletter, so here I am. Lots of stuff to talk about, including the past National Convention (will not cover much of that in spite of its greatness this year!) and our upcoming fall meet in Wilkesboro. I have a few other things to touch lightly on also and will begin with the fun part, our participation in the National Convention Road Tour.

Most, if not all, folks that have participated in one of these will have nothing but raves to pass on, and this one was no exception for me. Actually this is the second tour I have been on. Lynne and I have already made up our mind that we will be heading south next year with Jimmy and crew. I am not sure where we are winding up, but because of the stops enroute that have already been identified as potential stopovers, we are in! What a hoot we had on this one – GREAT folks in our 10-12 car caravan, and the route taken was spectacular. Some of the things that surprised me on this tour were—

our '91 pushing 30.2 mpg for a good portion of the trip (normal highs are 26 mpg) but that may have been due to some of our slower speeds....total MPG at end of trip was 27.2 overall

poison Ivy CAN be prevented provided you rub alcohol on the contacted areas immediately – a great source for this was Canadian Hunter Whiskey, and apparently it DID work like a champ. We just happened to have some on hand (not intended for that type of consumption) But as a result of the alcohol bath on his legs, Wes did get a reprieve from the trip to the woods.

a C4 can only travel 2-3 miles on a 15-minute jumper style battery charge (will address that soon)

one caravan splitting into two does not always result in improved travel conditions

Not a bad collection of information, but some of the following information regarding the above was not so good!

Let me start by saying that our group was the greatest – I am specifically referring to Gary (my rolling battery charger, even if it was a Merc), Wes, the guy that saved the day for me by locating a very rare and desperately needed part, and Jimmy

and Alan for hanging back during the breakdown of my once RELIABLE 1991 Corvette.

For those not aware, the alternator took a dump on the most remote section of the Skyline Drive in Virginia. Absolutely stunning scenery, beautiful country style road, and fortunately a plentiful supply of roadside pull-offs. The signs were immediate when it failed, with the ABS light flashing, plus a number of other cautions on the message screen. I turned off ALL accessories, notified our lead car Jimmy and Alan that I had a problem (boy, those walkie-talkies came in handy) and managed to JUST make it to the next pull-off. After a quick confirmation that the alternator was the culprit, my old friend Wes volunteered to go back and get an alternator, some 25 miles to the previous town. I won't go into details about his adventure, but he did have success, returning almost four hours later with a brand spanking new NAPA Gold alternator. We were back on the road within 15 minutes, not bad considering Wes had to wait 2 hrs for the alternator to be delivered to the NAPA store.

It surprised me that between our caravan participants we had almost every tool imaginable, INCLUDING a required wrench assembly to loosen tension on the serpentine belt during the alternator removal. Thanks to Alan, Jimmy, and Michael, we could have rebuilt the engine with their tool bags...again, thanks guys!

Jimmy had convinced the remaining participants in the caravan to continue at the second re-charge stop, which they reluctantly did. We would meet them at the Motel in Williamsport, PA, that evening. When we *finally* arrived at our destination, I was quite surprised to see that the other portion of our caravan, had just arrived minutes before we did. Seems that they took a tour through Harrisburg downtown section during prime rush hour and managed to get lost/separated and all of the above! I head rumors that that was the road tour from hell....most likely another story and will not touch on that one!

The remainder of the tour was uneventful. The stop-over at Cooperstown was very nice, including the small diner where we packed the place; biggest I saw being eaten could have fed four people! Awesome stop, interesting

little town, and for the baseball fans, it could not have been a better place to visit.

One of the highlights was the trip from our final gathering location to the convention hotel. ALL the roads were blocked at intersections and we made NO stops enroute...bet the policemen are still getting flack over that traffic jam! Seeing and participating in a caravan of 125 or so Corvettes, in chronological order was quite impressive. Unfortunately, there were no 1953-55s that I noticed, but the 47 or so '57's that were onboard made up for that. There was also one brand spanking new '08 in the group – that had to be a rush job to get that delivered in time for the tour!

Once we were situated, it was like old home week seeing old friends that, in some cases you cross paths at conventions. I was surprised to run into an old, old friend that I had not seen since mid-80's. He was one of my judging mates during my tenure as a judge with Bloomington Gold. Still the same good guy, had some great conversations over the span of the meet, and found out that his pristine '54 did *very well* on the judging field. I also had the pleasure of meeting Jerry Fuccillo, a very active member in California that co-authored the glove box repair article in *The Restorer*...very knowledgeable guy. We met by accident when we sat at a table in the cafeteria section with him.

The judged cars were a sight to see with many rare cars on display – seeing those early straight axle cars, especially the one with the funny gas filler in the gas lid door, really tweaked my thoughts that I ought to own one of those cars. Actually I have not ever recalled having the opportunity to buy one of the rare optioned racers, even years ago when they were not that big a deal; if only sounds like a broken record!

Our time at the Convention went by fast, as it usually does when you are having a great time. We departed reluctantly on Thursday after saying our good-byes to friends and headed for NJ where we had planned on visiting longtime Corvette friends, but had never been to their home. This guy is a '63 NUT, and has EVERY part for that model, plus spares, spares, spares....a great time cut short as we had to depart the next day for Lancaster, PA, to visit more old friends (sold this guy his first Corvette, a red '67 in 1972 and been friends ever since!). He had just purchased his first C5 and it was a dandy, blue Commemorative Edition convertible that had every option on it. Stunning car and perhaps one of the few that I would actually consider buying. I loved the automatic transmission, and the car would literally fly. I can only imagine what the new Z06's can do....but this

had it all in my opinion, and only 9K careful miles showing.

The trip home was boring, as all the fun was behind us, and typical for most homeward bound trips after a great vacation. But, in reality, it was, as it always is, great to be back home and settle down into my usual routine....except that the weather has been so hot (pushing 100 most days as you are all aware) so very little has been done in the shop. Fortunately, nothing is growing, so lawn care is not time consuming! Guess some of those afternoon power naps can be beneficial as I can't seem to get motivated to work in this kind of heat. So, not much to report on the "brand X" front.

I am looking forward to our chapter meet in Wilkesboro, and hope that you all appreciate the efforts that Reba and Dick have made to secure the location and activities (I believe we have a model train display to view on Friday) and that those that were against our annual meeting in Banner Elk will support this meet with their attendance. Rumor has it that we have three mid-years already to judge. Get your Registration in NOW!

Most have heard the term "small world" before, but this one took the cake. While visiting friends in Lancaster, PA, we were shopping for dinner in the local market and got into a discussion at the meat counter with a couple who were into Corvettes – seems that they recently purchased a '72 (?? NOT sure of the year as I forgot) from our fellow member Bob Harper!!!! He mentioned that his Corvette was purchased in NC, and when I inquired about more info, and after hearing about the previous owners "shop-to-kill-for", I knew immediately who it might be, and provided Bob's name to him! So, "small world" it is.....

I am running out of time, so will button this up and get it to Jimmy – also will keep mum on the recent purchase by one of our standing members, but the new ride is a stunning blue and has these funny scoops on the rear quarter panels. Another new ride is amongst us, but this one begins with an "F" – all's forgiven though as it is a street rod, and super cool one at that. All the way from the Hotrod State of California, this is nostalgia at its best with neat old flathead sporting 3-2's, I look forward to seeing more than the pictures very soon at a cruise-in near us!

That's it folks....thanks for bearing with me, and my load is a bit lighter now – DO attend our Meet this month, and will look forward to the Z06 Convention being held there!

Save the wave,

## FROM THE JUDGING CHAIR

# Several CC Members Collect Awards at National Convention

Reba Whittington

### Convention Judging

I have just returned from the 2007 National Convention. It had the largest number of cars ever flight judged at a convention—140. Displays, Sportsman, etc. brought the number of cars to over 200. Those of us who sat through the awards can well believe it. It was not over until 11:00 p.m., and the Sportsman and Founders had already been awarded on Monday night.

Several Carolinas members were on the receiving side of numerous ribbons and plaques.

Rick Hendrick's 1957 bronze convertible achieved the Duntov Mark-of-Excellence award. It also received a plaque for the year of the '57, the honored marque this year and was the Ladies' Choice for 1953-62 years.

Hank Hale, who has recently moved to Mooresville from Atlanta, garnered a Bowtie and McLellan Mark-of-Excellence with his black 1979.

John Ballard's 1967 red coupe was named a recipient of the Bowtie and Duntov Mark-of-Excellence awards.

Many chapter members judged and tabulated. I am not going to try to name them all because I will omit someone. But we all contributed to this very successful convention.

### Sportsman Awards

At Monday night's membership meeting, Alan Beaver received the second add-on plate for Sportsman plaque and Wes Schrom received his first.

### Judging Advancements

Judging advancements were recognized for the following:

Page Campbell	Master
Brian McIntyre	Master
Wes Schrom	Master
Michael Hanks	200
Jimmy Gregg	400
John Pirkle Sr	400
Bob Young	Red Hat

(Master Judge + Duntov or Bowtie Award)

### Fall Judging Meet

The fall meet has finally moved from Banner Elk. We are trying a new site at the Holiday Inn Express in Wilkesboro. The physical layout of the facility is not as good as Banner Elk, but the manager is enthusiastic about working with us.

We will hold the awards breakfast and business meeting on Sunday at the nearby restaurant of a chapter member, Ken Glass, who never gets to attend things out of town because he must be at the business. Hopefully, all will enjoy meeting him. Do not worry, we will still have Byron's BBQ, and he won't have to travel as far as he does to Banner Elk.

When making reservations, be sure and tell the hotel you are with the NCRS group. We are getting rooms overlooking the parking lot on the back.

Driving directions follow on next page.

**FROM I-77**

I-77, Exit 73 B (toward Boone) US 421 North  
Exit numbers and freeway end at 386.  
Stay in right lane and turn right at second light.  
*Watch the lane merging from the right.*  
*Drivers do crazy things there.*  
Another right to Holiday Inn.

**FROM WINSTON-SALEM AND EAST**

US 421 North  
Exit numbers and freeway end at 386.  
Stay in right lane and turn right at second light.  
*Watch the lane merging from the right.*  
*Drivers do crazy things there.*  
Another right to Holiday Inn.

**FROM 421 NORTH or NC 16 NORTH  
(Boone or West Jefferson)**

Coming into Wilkesboro, look for Lowe's Hardware  
on right at second light.  
*You will need to move toward the  
inner lane after this light.*  
Turn left at second light from Lowe's.  
Turn right into Holiday Inn.

**FROM LENOIR OR TAYLORSVILLE**

Come into Wilkesboro on NC 16 or NC 18.  
Take 421 North.  
Exit numbers and freeway end at 386.  
Stay in right lane and turn right at second light.  
*Watch the lane merging from the right.*  
*Drivers do crazy things there.*  
Turn right into Holiday Inn.

**FROM I-85 (SOUTH CAROLINA & GEORGIA)**

Take US 321 North at Gastonia (Exit 12)  
At Hickory, take I-40 East to NC 16 N (Exit 131)  
Follow 16N into Wilkesboro; merges into 421 North  
Exit numbers and freeway end at 386.  
Stay in right lane and turn right at second light. *Watch  
the lane merging from the right.*  
*Drivers do crazy things there.*  
Right into Holiday Inn

## Regional Representative's Comments

### REPORT FROM JULY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Another convention has come and gone. Wow, what a convention. There were 285 cars that received a total of 327 awards. Sure raised the bar on car count! Quite a few Southeast members were in attendance and several left with awards. Congratulations to the Southeast Chapter for the Top Flight Chapter Award. Keep up the good work, folks.

Here is a condensed version of the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting that was held on Friday after the convention.

President Cimilluca tendered his thanks to Dave Brigham for all of his and the volunteers' hard work in putting on the National Convention.

There will be only six regional events per year starting in 2009. Events will be chosen according to the criteria now in use and within acceptable budgetary constraints.

The board has formulated a checklist of steps to be taken to facilitate appearances by NCRS at other functions (e.g., Bloomington, Carlisle, etc.) The intent of this proposal is to present a uniform appearance and optimum results from our attendances (memberships, sales, etc.) It involves having a coordinator for each event and using a checklist of his/her responsibilities.

The NCRS Discussion Board will be open to members only starting in early 2008. The Board of Directors will also implement the following: Discussion Board behavior should meet minimum civility requirements and anyone exceeding those limits should have his/her access limited after due notice.

The board adopted a rolling three-year information technology plan to be updated as needed or at least on an annual basis in March.

The chapter reporting form will now require identification of the chapter individual who is responsible for using the NCRS database to confirm national membership.

The Texas Chapter will conduct a trial to attract new NCRS members who live in Texas. A report on the success will be presented at the March BOD meeting.

New Chapter status was granted to a British Columbia Chapter and a New Zealand Chapter. They will be on probationary status for one year.

The NCRS Foundation is operational, and Vito reported receiving checks from several members at the Boston National Convention. There is information forthcoming on methods to leave bequests to the Foundation.

Date and location of next Board Meeting  
March 29-30, 2008 - St. Louis, MO

That pretty much sums up what went on. The members only posting on the Discussion Board is the thing that most will notice. Without getting too far into the future, this is necessary if we ever expect to have an online version of *The Driveline* available. If any member has questions on the BOD meeting, I will be glad to answer any and all.

This is the year for election of a director for Region IV. I have had the privilege of serving you for a total of seven years, counting the two two-year terms in the 1990's. I am presently serving as chairperson of the Publications

Committee and a member of the Information and Technology Committee. One of the priorities that I have for NCRS is for the Publications Committee to screen and select a new editor for *The Restorer*, that has the talent to edit and print what THE members want to read. This will take approximately 90 days from the advertisement in *The Driveline* to the hiring of a new editor. The IT Committee is working on a three-year plan that will move NCRS further into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. I would ask that when you get your ballot in the next issue of *The Driveline*

that you vote. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Thanks again

As always, if you have questions, requests, or issue with what is going on in NCRS, I am as near as your phone, fax, computer, or snail mail.

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**REMEMBER THAT IF YOU ATTEND ANY NCRS EVENT, YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THAT EVENT PER NCRS GUIDELINES**

**Chapter and Local Events**

Every Saturday night                      Cruise-in – Good Old Days Café – Highway 51, Charlotte, NC

**2007 / 2008 Regionals and Events**

Sep. 13 – 15, 2007	Northwest Regional	Leavenworth, WA
Oct. 25 – 27, 2007	Texas Regional	Waco, TX
January 9 – 13, 2008	Florida Regional	Kissimmee, FL
February 1-3, 2008	NCRS Judging School	Dallas, TX
April 17 – 19, 2008	SE Regional	Chattanooga, TN

**CONVENTIONS**

2008	July 20 – 24, 2008	St. Charles, MO
2009	July 12 – 16, 2009	San Jose, CA

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## Classified Section

Alan Beaver has a new source for hats, shirts, jackets and other items for the Chapter. Call Alan for details...

### FOR SALE:

1. NOS 1965 – 1967 Powerglide neutral safety and backup light switch - \$  
Call JIM GREGG 704-577-9812 tio2jim@aol.com

I have many back issues of *The Restorer* and *Driveline* donated by a fellow NCRS member. These are to be given away to a needy home. Call me if you are interested in filling out your collection. Help me get rid of these before Libby makes me.

Used copper radiator for a midyear Reasonable

2. 63-65 Carter AFB part# 3851761 \$275.00.  
(1) B.F. Goodrich Silvertown 7.75x15 W.W. \$100.00. NEW  
(1) Firestone Deluxe Champion 7.75x15 B.W. \$90.00. NEW  
Call JT 540-554-2309. Cell 540-467-0866.
3. Wanted – a 1959 or 1960 Corvette in excellent condition and is a real car – Nick Ciompi  
[ciompi001@mc.duke.edu](mailto:ciompi001@mc.duke.edu) (919) 489-6704
4. For Sale four 1982 Collector Edition wheels with center caps. Mint  
\$2500 Call 864-882-8806 between 5-9PM
5. Body dollies made – Contact Doug Aldridge

SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2007

# Carolinas Chapter NCRS Fall in the Foothills, Wilkesboro NC Flight Judging / Road Tour / Annual Business Meeting / Election of Officers

**Holiday Inn Express (336) 838-1800 Be sure to tell them you are part of Corvette group.**

40 rooms held until Sept. 10; ask for NCRS rate of \$80..

FRIDAY 3:00 Registration Opens  
6:00 All Registered Cars in Place on Showfield  
5:00 Model railroad tour  
8:30 Judging School

SAT. 8:00 Registration Opens  
8:30 Judges' Meeting and Car Owners' Meeting  
8:45 Judging Begins  
2:15 Road tour to private car museum  
6:30 BBQ by ticket only

SUN. 8:30 Breakfast – off site - (pay for your own) - Awards, Business Mtg., Elections

NCRS membership required for participation in the judging portion of this meet. The road tour will be open to members and guests.

For Information contact Jim Gregg at 704-577-9812 (tio2jim@aol.com) or  
Reba Whittington at 336-667-4226 (rebals5@aol.com).

## PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ NCRS # \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Family Members Attending or Guests \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Meet Registration Fee (family) **All NCRS Members** **\$ 20**

Display Star / Bowtie / Duntov / McLellan *Circle type of entry* no charge

Saturday Cookout / BBQ per person \$ 12 \_\_\_\_\_

Late fee (postmarked after Sept. 4) **NO CARS AFTER THIS DATE!!** \$ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

**Total Enclosed** \_\_\_\_\_

**I would like to judge – 1st Choice Years** \_\_\_\_\_ **Section** \_\_\_\_\_ **Judging Level** \_\_\_\_\_  
**2nd Choice Years** \_\_\_\_\_ **Section** \_\_\_\_\_ **Help tabulate** \_\_\_\_\_

Make Checks Payable to: Carolinas Chapter NCRS

Mail to Reba Whittington, 256 Oakwoods Lane, Wilkesboro NC 28697-7418

WHEREAS OWNER VOLUNTARILY ENTERS HIS / HER VEHICLE IN THIS EVENT IT IS AGREED:

1. OWNER WILL INSURE VEHICLE AGAINST LOSS, DAMAGE, AND LIABILITY AND PROVIDE PROOF OF SUCH.
2. OWNER HEREBY AGREES TO INDEMNIFY AND HOLD HARMLESS CC/NCRS, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, EMPLOYEES, OR ASSIGNS FOR ANY ACTS OR OMISSIONS WHICH MAY RESULT IN THE THEFT, DAMAGE, OR DESTRUCTION OR INJURY OCCURRING DURING THIS EVENT, WHEREVER LOCATED.
3. OWNER, IN ATTENDING THIS EVENT, DOES SO VOLUNTARILY, AND AGREES AND ASSUMES THE RISK OF ANY AND ALL DAMAGES TO HIS / HER VEHICLE OR INJURY TO HIM / HER SELF OR OTHERS AND HOLDS CC / NCRS HARMLESS.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

# A FEW PHOTOS FROM THE ROAD TOUR TO BAWHSTON

