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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It has been a little while since we have spoken and there have been a few developments.

Firstly the membership is continuing to grow. I was much happier this year with the response of the members with their membership payment being on time, thank you all for your co-operation. This made the printing of the Membership Cards a much quicker & easier process.

I would also like to thank our sponsors (listed below) for their assistance in supporting this Chapter. Without their financial assistance, it makes it very hard for the Chapter to cover it's expenses.

- GM Down Under Australia - Queensland
- Inmaco - Perth, WA
- Prime Health Group – Perth, WA
- Shannons Insurance - Australia
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- Rightway Panel Beaters – Perth, WA

If you require any of the services supplied by the above sponsors (contact details at the end of the newsletter), please support them as they have supported our Chapter.

In March this year we held our Chapter Meet at Rooty Hill Resort in Sydney, where we judged the following eight cars: 3 x 1963 split windows, 2 x 1968 tri-power's (1 convertible & 1 coupe), 1978 Silver Anniversary, 1980 coupe, 1993 Anniversary. We achieved 6 Top Flight and 2 Second Flight results and I must say that the quality of these cars is of the highest standard. (details later in the newsletter).

As well as our chapter members from WA, VIC & QLD, also in attendance were 3 couples from America. I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their participation and assistance in helping us complete our Chapter Meet. So once again thanks go to Ralph & Sharon Ridge, Jim & **Kay** Hilton and Norm & Shirley Sheir. We hope to see you all and many others in 2010 in Perth.

I must say I was very happy with the accommodation and venue at the Holiday Inn Resort, they excelled themselves with quality service and attention to detail. So a very big thanks goes to them.

After the dust had settled, a group of us travelled across the pond to New Zealand, where in Auckland they held their Chapter Meet. I would like to thank the Australian Chapter members who participated in assisting the New Zealand Chapter through their meet: Murray & Wendy Forman, Mary & John Vella, Andrew Angus, Peter Whiston, Barry Bennett.

I would like to congratulate NCRS New Zealand on their Chapter Meet, the venue was convenient with the chalets surrounding the cars, that was a unique experience. The 6 cars judged were: 1958 convertible, 2 x 1972 coupes, 1978 pace car, 1986 convertible, 1993 coupe. Flight awards were as follows:

Top Flight: 1958 – convertible, 1972 - coupe (red), 1986 – convertible, 1993 - coupe
Second Flight: 1972 – coupe, 1978 - coupe pace car

So, once again, congratulations go to New Zealand Chapter President Graham McDonald and his team - well done! The cars were all exceptional and congratulations to the owners on their outstanding efforts.

After this event, both Wendy & I were joined by John & Mary Vella where we hired a campervan and travelled around the top end of the North Island, we saw The Bay Of Islands, boiling mud pools, had a Polynesian hot mineral Spa, WOW that was hot and the view was gorgeous.

Then we ended up in Whangamata (Fungamuta) where there was an event called "The Beach Hop" held over the weekend. They had 1,100 cars registered for the parade and an estimated 900 not registered. We must say that we have never seen so many left hand drive American muscle cars in one show outside USA! The quality of these cars was spectacular. If you ever get the opportunity, go over and see this event, take your camera's and be stunned like we were.

There are a couple of upcoming events you need to know about:

We have started organizing a weekend Judging Meet to be held in Melbourne later this year, the date has not been confirmed yet, but as soon as we find out you will be the first to know. It would be really great if we could all get together and join in this event.

In March 2010, we have decided to hold our Chapter Meet in Perth. The members over there are working on accommodation and a venue, so please keep March free until we give you the exact dates. Once again, we hope to have International members attending, I will be working on shipping our cars from the east coast to the west coast for this event. So if you are interested in joining us, let me know so I can make arrangements for the transportation.

In March 2009, The NCRS Board of Directors held their Annual Meeting where the decision was made to re-appoint Roy Sinor as The National Judging Chairman for the year 2010. So Congratulations go to Roy on his appointment. One of the major achievements that Roy has attained is the creation of the Judging Retreat in Dallas. Wendy & I attended this last year and gained invaluable knowledge. So, if you can get the opportunity, take it and attend this School. All the information is in The Restorer and Driveline magazines.

As you can see we have been quite busy and we looking forward to sharing all the future events with you.

Murray Forman
President
NCRS Australia Inc.

PS: As most of you have heard, I had an accident involving "Rocky", my modified '66. I would like to thank all the members that have contacted me with their concerns for Karl (my passenger) and myself. We are both fine now and there will be a "ROCKY II" coming to a cinema near you soon.....ha ha ha. Also, there's a show called 'Blood Sweat & Gears' on FOX 8, 9:30pm Monday's. Rocky is involved in that show and it runs for 8 weeks commencing April 6th. Have a look at it if you can.

TREASURER'S REPORT (to 03.04.09)

Account Balance CBA Operational Account	\$25,044.03
Main Account	\$500
Total	\$25,544.03

Vettes in The Vines Sydney Rooty Hill RSL Club Meet March 2009

Total Income	\$11,098.00
Total Costs	\$10,168.04
Profit	\$929.96

This was a pleasing result given the current financial status of both here and around the world that unfortunately contributed to us having to cancel the Hunter Valley tours due to lack of numbers. Included in these figures were refunds to Col & Pam Woods (who were unable to attend due to ill health - get well soon Col!) and \$120 overpayment to K & R Dickens (who can't add up!) and cancellation fees of \$920.

Membership

Total members: 91
Total income from membership fees: \$3010

As you can see we are well and truly financially viable and this is due in part to the wonderful sponsorship we have received over the past year. Once again, we would like to sincerely thank our sponsors who have supported us so well. As a thankyou for all their support, we have decided refunded membership fees to our sponsors.

Thanks also to all of our members and especially to Murray and Wendy (who dedicate so much time and effort to the cause) and those members who offer invaluable help at the meets. I would like to give special thanks to Gary Wilkinson for his great work at the Sydney and Perth meets.

Our running costs during the past year included such things as web hosting with IT Help (\$700), printing, postage, stationary, batteries, pens, ribbons. It was also unanimously voted at the AGM to send our US members (who have helped so much by attending at their own cost and providing their invaluable time here in Australia) a plaque that will be updated each time they attend one of our meets. Cost for these was \$1,800 with postage to the USA and they were very well received (great idea Murray). We have also registered with ASIC, so we are now an Australia-wide organisation. The legal fees and registration costs for this were \$2,107.

We have a projector and a number of other assets and merchandise as at 23.10.08 these were valued at \$9,636.91.

This is a great result for such a young Chapter to be so well supported and to have grown to the level we have in just 4 years we should all be very proud.

We look forward to our next meet in Melbourne later this year

Kind Regards
Deb Barrett
Treasurer

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Membership Renewals

I would like to take the opportunity to thank members for their support with speedy renewal of their membership for 2009. Compared to 2008 it was much easier to collect annual dues this year. For further convenience the committee is considering providing members with the option to renew membership for 3 – 5 years in advance, and ideally equipping the web site with the ability to pay dues electronically.

Stubby Holders

250 stubby holders have recently been manufactured for the club and will retail to members for \$5 each, available at our annual meets, or via committee members. Holders incorporate NCRS Australia logo, NCRS America logo, and both web site addresses on a green background.

2010 Meet

Planning is now underway for the Perth 2010 Chapter Meet, scheduled for early March 2010. A variety of events and activities will be scheduled and possible venues are currently being canvassed. I encourage all members to bring their cars over for judging and take advantage of the knowledge of all attendees, including our American friends. We are seeking at least 7 cars, preferably those that are new to the judging process and hence we require national support here.

Please let me know if you wish to stay in Perth post or prior to the meet and the organising committee will do their best to suggest accommodation and tourism options.

The New Zealand chapter intends to schedule their meet to coincide with ours for next year, and into the future, so travel opportunities will be presented here too.

Concessional Licensing

WA members have recently applied for to the Council of Motoring Clubs to register member's vehicles concessionally. Approval is expected later this month, and if granted will be effective immediately. Please contact Gary Cowans (webmaster – garycowans@iprimus.com.au) should you have any interest in utilising this service. Vehicle inspections will be carried out on certain Saturday's during May and June of each year at Rightway Panel Beaters in Osborne Park.

Fingers crossed for a speedy resolution of the issues facing GM and the retention of the Chevrolet Corvette!

David Alder
Vice President
NCRS Australia Inc.

EDITOR'S REPORT

Many apologies folks for the large gap since the publication of the last newsletter which arrived in your in-box back in December 2008. I don't have any valid excuses so won't attempt to placate you with sob-stories of how busy I've been bla bla bla. I can assure you, however, that I'm back on track and will commit to at least 4 newsletters for 2009: this one Jan/Feb/Mar then Apr/May/June, Jul/Aug/Sept and Oct/Nov/Dec. And I'll try and squeeze-in a few 'specials' in-between (this of course will be dependant on the volume of material I receive from the membership – YOU!).

Details on our most recent Chapter Flight Judging meet in Sydney during March are covered in other reports in the newsletter, but I have to make mention of one aspect of the meet: 'Editor's Choice: Nob of the Meet Award' (ECNMA for short). Although first presented at the Perth meet in Oct '08 to David Alder, it didn't have an official name at that time. The Sydney meet has seen the formalisation and naming of this award and word about town is that this award is THE award to strive for at future meets. Some are even suggesting that it may become more coveted than a Top Flight award!

The ECNMA consists of an NCRS Pink Shirt with the reason for the award printed on it – attending members/judges/tabulators are then invited to write a message on the shirt. The winner of the award then has the honour of wearing the Pink Shirt for the duration of the Presentation Evening Dinner. The Pink Shirt is, of course, several sizes smaller than the winners physique intended as a 'tight' reminder of the indiscretion which led to them winning the ECNMA. So, for those of you who were unable to attend the meet, I'm pleased to advise that Murray Forman was the proud recipient of the 2009 Sydney ECNMA. Congratulations Murray! You'll need to ask Murray why he was so lucky, but it's got something to do with '63 & '64 alternators..... And by the way, you'll also need to ask David why he won the inaugural ECNMA during the Oct '08 Perth meet. The criteria for nominations for the ECNMA is a closely guarded secret and the Judge's (my) decision is final - however, bribes are very welcome :o)

Keep sending me your contributions - and those of you who haven't contributed as yet, pull your fingers out and send me something (Gary.Wilkinson@woodside.com.au - pls make a reference to NCRS in the email subject heading.

All the best,
Gary Wilkinson
Editor, NCRS Australia Inc.

NEW MEMBERS

Please give a warm welcome to our new members:

PETER MAHOUB	NSW
MICHAEL LYSAGHT	NSW
STEVEN DAY	VIC

Congratulations in joining a great Club!

Sydney, March 2009 Flight Judging Meet Report

The judging meet was very successful in many ways, but especially in regard to the organisation of the meet, all those involved should receive a Top Flight Award! The quality of the Corvettes was out standing, the venue was perfect, the catering was top notch, but most of all the members are a GREAT BUNCH OF GUYS & GIRLS! Our American friends were a big help, friendly, a wealth of knowledge and fun to be with. As usual, the information passed between the members is a great help to those of us still restoring our Corvettes.



Ron Barrett, 1968 big block coupe, Top Flight.



Bryan Wharton 1980 coupe, Top Flight



Murray Forman, 1963 coupe, Top Flight



Richard Stones, 1993 anniversary, Top Flight



Neil Fletcher, 1963 coupe, Second Flight



John Vella, 1968 big block roadster, Second Flight



Peter Whiston, 1963 Fuellie coupe, Top Flight



Richard Dickens, 1978 silver anniversary, Top Flight



Neil Fletcher, Longest Trailered



John Vella, Longest Driven



Andrew Angus 1975 wagon, Sportsman

n



Neil Fletcher, Ladies Choice



Murray Forman, ECNMA



Kristine Kay & Sharon, Tabulators Norm & Shirley Shier, Appreciation Plaque



Kay & Jim Hilton and Sharon & Ralph Ridge, Sportsman and Appreciation badge



The Gang

As you can see in the photos there were many NCRS members and their partners with happy faces receiving their Top Flight and other awards. Congratulations to all! Our American guests Norm & Shirley Shier received their NCRS Australia Appreciation

Plaque in recognition of attending their first Australian Chapter meet. Ralph & Sharon Ridge and Kay & Jim Hilton also received badges to apply to their plaques which they received at the Tasmanian meet last year.

It goes without saying, our meet wouldn't of been as successful with out the help of the wonderful, beautiful & intelligent ladies involved in the judging and tabulating of all those score sheets. I'm sure the debrief between our leaders about the meeting will prove it was a great success.

Congratulations and well done to all involved in the 2009 Sydney NCRS Chapter Meet!!!!

Kind regards to all and I hope to see as many of you as I can in Perth.

Greg Euston

P.S. I'd sack the bloody photographer though!!!!

TECH ARTICLES

Note from Ed.: apologies again, slack tech content this issue due to limited file size as a result of all the photos from judging meets.

Gary Cowans's '66 body-off resto (Part 4)

By: Gary Wilkinson

Gary's restoration is complete and he's been driving around gloating for a few months now – the car is AWESOME! Here are a few snaps of the '66 being delivered from the paint shop to Gary's place for final assembly of trim/chrome etc – I don't have any 'completed' shots handy but will include in the next newsletter as the final instalment.



SMALL STUFF

Saved from the scrap heap (part 3 to come next issue)

By: Gary Wilkinson

Neil Bishop is currently in the USA and we look forward to the next instalment of the restoration of his and Wendy's '73 coupe in the next newsletter.

Photos from the 2009 New Zealand Chapter Judging Meet

By: Murray Forman



1986 convertible, Top Flight



1972 coupe, Top Flight



1978 Indy pace car, Second Flight



1993 coupe, Top Flight



1972 coupe, Second Flight



1958 convertible, Top Flight

World's smallest running Chevy V8

By: Gary Wilkinson

This is almost beyond comprehension - unbelievable. This man has talents bordering on the supernatural. This goes beyond what most of us can only dream about. And he did it all on a Bridgeport milling machine.

After viewing all of the pictures, be sure to catch both of the film clips of it actually running.

Hand made 1/6 scale chevy 327 engine follow the link below.....

<http://www.moyermade.com/chevyV8.html>

Astronaut Vettes

By: Murray Forman

These pics are of a '69 which is one of three that GM produced specifically for the astronauts who landed on the moon. Each of the three astronauts paid \$1 per car. They were able to use them for 1 year, then hand them back.

At this stage, this is the only car remaining. Danny Reed, the present owner (pictured with his wife and Wendy & I), is still trying to track down the other 2.





CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bi-Monthly

Pomona Swap Meet Fairplex, Pomona California, USA

www.pomonaswapmeet.com

At each event you will find hundreds of parts sellers in over 3,000 parts seller spaces selling tons of hard to find car parts and accessories at low swap meet prices. Thousands of vehicles (many for sale, some just for show) from all across the country are displayed by their owners in five distinct Cars for Show & Sale Areas; pre-'75 Antique Autos, any year Corvettes, any year Porsches, pre-'57 Street Rods and pre-'75 Volkswagens. The event is appealing to a diverse and international audience, with up to 20,000 buyers and spectators each show. People come from all over the globe just see and/or participate in the West Coast's Largest Antique Auto, Corvette, Porsche, Street Rod and Volkswagen Swap Meet and Car Show held at the Fairplex in Pomona, California.

June 25 – 28, 2009.

Bloomington Gold.

Pheasant Run Resort, St Charles,
Illinois, USA.

www.bloomingtongold.com

NCRS will have an official presence again this year. Go along and meet some of our American members – cold beer assured for Aussie visitors! 2009 will be The Grand Finale of the **Special Collection**. The largest concentration of the Rarest & Fastest Corvettes in history.

July 12-16, 2009.

**2009 NCRS Convention
San Jose, California,
USA.**

www.ncrs.org

The Western Chapter Consortium would like to invite all NCRS members to enjoy beautiful scenery and camaraderie with your Corvette friends at the 2009 National Convention to be held in San Jose California July 12th to July 16th 2009.

The 2009 NCRS National Convention is highlighting the 1959 Corvette which is 50 years old. The total production was 9670 units. There were few changes for the 1959 model year Corvette. The styling changes included removal of the trunk “spears” and the fake louvers from the hood. Also the first all black interior color was introduced and it was the only year that a turquoise soft tops was offered. Interior changes included manual transmission T handle lockout, concave instrument lenses, optional sun visors, passenger storage shelf, reshaped seats, relocated armrests and door handles. This year’s convention will feature the usual lineup of NCRS Flight Judging®, Performance Verification®, Duntov Marque of Excellence® Judging, McLellan Marque of Excellence® Judging, Chevrolet Star/Bowtie Judging, American Heritage®, and special displays.

August 28 – 30, 2009.

Corvettes at Carlisle.
Carlisle Fairgrounds, Carlisle,
Pennsylvania, USA.

www.carsatcarlisle.com

The Corvettes at Carlisle show is the world’s largest Corvette extravaganza (6,000+ vettes!) and provides Corvette enthusiasts from all generations with a weekend of entertainment, education and of course the ability to drive in the famous parade. With representatives from GM onsite all-weekend, the excitement remains even after you leave the show. This is an amazing event with many NCRS Australia members having experienced it in the past. This is Corvette Mecca and every true ‘vette nut should make the pilgrimage at least once! If you want specific first-hand feedback, ask Gary (Editor) or David (VP) who attended in 2007.

Q3, 2009 (date tbc)

**NCRS Australia Chapter Flight Judging Meet
Melbourne, VIC**

www.ncrs.com.au

Details to follow in the next newsletter and on the website.

March/April tbc, 2010.

**NCRS Australia Chapter Flight Judging Meet.
Perth, WA**

www.ncrs.com.au

Details to follow in the next newsletter and on the website.

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