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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Everyone,

A few things have happened since we last spoke back in March. The first being that, Wendy & I attended the NCRS National Convention in Charlotte Nth Carolina. The event was held under the grandstand of the Z-Max 4 lane drag strip. This turned out to be quite an incredible facility and according to the National Judging Chairman, Roy Sinor, this event was one of the best attended by participants to have their cars judged. At the completion of the Convention I also attended the Board Meeting where I presented to the Board and the National Judging Chairman our proposed of the Australian Mark of Excellence Award for their approval. This approval was given.

Prior to this event, Wendy & I joined the Rocky Mountain Chapter Road Tour from Denver to Charlotte, North Carolina. This tour took us six days to complete. We were also joined by four couples from New Zealand, two of which had purchased brand new C6's that they were taking back to NZ after this event. I would like to thank Ralph & Sharon Ridge for allowing us to join the Road Tour and for us to travel with them in their vehicle. We were able to make contact with many of our American Chapter members and also made many new friends. I have already emailed to you the information about the postponing of our second stage judging event for the Australian Mark of Excellence Award, which was to be held on the 18th and 19th September, which has now been rescheduled to 23rd – 24th October 2010. So please put this new date aside and attend this special event in Melbourne.

We are getting very close to closing our applications for our 2011 Calendar. If you want your car in this calendar, please send me ASAP your high quality photo and information on yourself and the car to go into the calendar.

Also at Melbourne in October, we will be holding our AGM. If you are interested in taking on one of our controlling positions, please contact me so I can give you all the relevant details. I will

be emailing everyone with Proxy Forms if you are unable to attend. Please fill these out and return to me ASAP.

In March, 2011 we will be completing the last stage of our Australian Mark of Excellence Award for the participating cars from the eastern states of Australia. This event will be held at the Rooty Hill Resort in Sydney

We are also looking for sponsors to support our Chapter in the new year. If you are interested or know someone who would like to support our Chapter, please contact me so I can give them all our details.

We do have a new sponsor who is Paragon Reproductions Inc. they are a high quality corvette parts supplier in America. If you are intending to purchase any parts, please use them to show our support for our Chapter. You can contact them on www.corvette-paragon.com or telephone 1800-8824688.

I would like to close this report with our deep sorrow of the passing of one of our American Chapter Members Charlie Cadenhead, I know I have already informed you of this great loss, but I would like to say, on behalf of NCRS Australia Inc, that we give our condolences to his wife Jean and their family in this sad and grieving time. Charlie was a personal friend of ours and he attended our very first Australian Chapter meet in Sydney. Both Wendy and I had the pleasure of spending time with Charlie at the Nationals this year in Charlotte. Charlie, we will really miss you, but you will always be in our hearts and minds. For those who do not know Charlie he is the second on your left in the plain blue shirt, enjoying a cold VB as he always loved.



As stated earlier, our Editor Gary Wilkinson, will not be standing next year. Please send all your editorials to me, so I can hand them on to our new Editor. You will be notified very soon as to who he is.

Murray Forman
President NCRS Australia Inc.

TREASURER'S REPORT

NCRS Australia Treasurer's Report 5th September 2010

Main Account	\$21,088.74	
Working Account	\$379.34	
Total	<u>\$21,468.08</u>	
<u>Cheques paid 1.1.2010 to 5.9. 2010</u>		
115	\$230.32	M Forman Printing, postage
116	\$1311.20	Metro Design Shirts Melbourne
117	\$2419.69	M Benjaminson Calendars
118	\$500.00	L Rokas refund *
119	\$500.00	W Heale refund *
120	\$500.00	L Lemaster refund *
121	\$500.00	A Christopoulos refund *
122	\$500.00	N Fletcher refund *
123	\$500.00	M Forman refund *
124	\$125.72	M Forman printing & exp
125		cancelled chq
126	\$90.00	D Barrett PO Box Fee & stamps
127	\$47.00	D Barrett 8G memory flash drive
128	\$380.10	M Forman US Gifts wine boxes
129	\$1749.00	Metro Design Clothing
130	\$6844	Encore Charters Perth
131	\$75.00	Council of Motoring Clubs WA
132	\$270.00	ASIC Annual Return
133	\$500.00	Royal Flying Drs Donation
134	\$150.00	Your IT Help web hosting
135	\$449.00	Advantage Copying M/ship cards
151	\$311.43	M Forman US gifts, postage etc
Direct payments		
\$8689.39		Joondalup Resort Perth Meet
\$960.00		Arrowsmith Computers Acer Laptop
\$484.00		Kwik Copy Perth

* Refund of Founding Members contribution (as passed at the AGM 2009). M Forman, W Heale A Christopoulos and N Fletcher have re-donated these funds back to the Club thanks guys this is very generous of you! Thank you to our sponsors for supporting us!
Deb Barrett

Kind Regards
Deb Barrett
Treasurer

EDITOR'S REPORT

Fellow corvette lovers, if you can remember back to our last newsletter (and I don't blame you if you can't – it's been FIVE months since the March issue!) you'll recall my following comments:

Folks, I'm saddened and embarrassed to say that I've broken my previous record for late publication of the newsletter! My last excuse, you may recall (if your memory can reach back to OCTOBER!) was the blow-out in the schedule of the drive-train resto on my '67.

Well, another 5-month gap in newsletter publication isn't acceptable and I once again humbly apologise – I don't even have a 'vette to blame this time.

In order to rectify this tardiness and to ensure that the membership receive timely (quarterly) newsletters in future, I intend to resign my Editor position at the next AGM. This way, someone with more "free" time and focus can step up to the pitch and deliver a publication you won't have to wait an eternity to receive.

Ok, moving on.....it's been a busy and exciting time the last several months with our Flight Judging Meet, Road Tour and 'Broome Escape' back in April following shortly after the National Corvette Convention. There was a lot of technical activity leading up to the meet for the judged cars and there's been plenty of follow-up activity since, including a C2 Body-On School & C2 Dash Cluster Removal/Resto to name a few - these are covered later in the newsletter).

This is a short editor's report this time round and seeing as the next newsletter will be my last, you won't hear me making this plea again: "PLEASE send your editor interesting stories, articles & photos to share with your fellow members".

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

NEW MEMBERS

Please give a warm welcome to our new members:

Steve Lautier	VIC	C3	69
John Gardner	VIC	C3	72
Harry Turner	NSW	C5	97

Congratulations in joining a great Club!

EASTER 2010 FLIGHT JUDGING MEET

Wow, a FANTASTIC time was had by all & everything went off like clockwork ! Many thanks to all who participated and especially to those involved in the pre-planning (you know who you are). A special mention and thanks to Allen & Harriet Grime for the wonderful post-meet Swan River Cruise – the food and freshly shucked oysters were spectacular. A BIG thanks also to Mark Bojanjac for his very generous donation “behind the bar”. The staff at Joondalup Resort also deserve a mention, especially our Events Coordinator Rochelle McSwain – they really came to the party to make our stay a most welcomed one.

It goes without saying that the Australian NCRS Chapter members owe a debt of gratitude to our USA mates for making the massive contribution in time & \$\$ to attend our meet, HUGE thanks go to: Ralph & Sharon Ridge, Jim & Kaye Hilton, Jan and Mike Bogan, Jim & Shirley Hornaday.

The gathering of judged cars was exceptional, with C1, C2 & C3 era’s very well represented by the 10 entrants. In total 9 Top Flight and 1 Third Flight awards were issued.

A final mention goes to Clint Messenger for being awarded the coveted Editor’s Choice Nob of the Meet Award for taking procrastination to a whole new level, congrats Clint!

In conjunction with this Judging meet, NCRS Australia held a Road tour from Sydney To Perth by Train. There were 2 couples who did this, Harry & Di Turner and Murray & Wendy Forman , we sent our cars over by train as well. I must say that the Indian Pacific Train trip was one of our highlights we have ever experienced, so if you ever get the opportunity to do it, we highly recommend it. After picking up the cars we met up with the rest of the road tour at David Alders place. They were Ralph & Sharon Ridge, Andrew & Deb Mavin, Jim & Kay Hilton, David had lent his Black C4 to Ralph while Andrew & Jim hired a hire car.

We all proceeded down to Margaret River where David had arranged a guided tour of the Voyager Winery. This was a private 1 hour tour and we thank David & Melissa for arranging this for us. BIG thanks goes to Deb Mavin who did a magnificent job in organising our accommodation for this road trip. From here we drove all the way to Cape Leeuwin lighthouse which is the Indian Ocean meets the Southern Ocean.

Moving on to Karri Valley Resort which had cabins scattered all around the lake, absolutely excellent. From there we moved on to the Abbey Beach Resort in Bunbury, stayed there then travelled to Fremantle and then on to Scarborough. We then all joined in to the Australian National Corvette Convention held in the Rendezvous Resort right on the beach, fantastic venue.

NCRS Australia Inc participated in the Convention, we had 12 members who attended which equalled the participation of the other Corvette Car Clubs in Australia.

Gary Wilkinson , Murray Forman









TECH ARTICLES

Body-on School

By Gary Wilkinson

The below sequence of photos illustrates the relatively straightforward exercise of reuniting the body & chassis of a C2, in this case the '67 435 roadster of WA member John Poynton. The roadster had undergone an extensive chassis restoration by member Craig Collins and a bunch of the WA members pitched-in to lend Craig a hand – hope we weren't in your way Craig? :o)

There are plenty of detailed articles in books, magazines (Corvette Restorer) and on the NCRS Tech Discussion Board outlining the step-by-step process so I won't repeat those details here. I will, however, offer one bit of advice: ensure correct placement of the lifting straps to avoid placing undue stress on the body, especially with roadsters – they can and will 'break' if you don't get this right....and you can also crack the windscreen.

If members would like more detailed advice, contact any of the friendly WA members

Body-off pics in sequence.....





Gary Wilkinson

C2 Dash Instrument Cluster Removal

By Gary Wilkinson

The below sequence of photos illustrates the relatively NOT straightforward exercise of removing a C2 dash cluster, in this case out of the '66 450HP roadster of WA member David Alder. Whilst this exercise can be performed by an individual (good luck!), I strongly advise to have at least 2 or 3 pairs of hands on the job – only needed for short periods when the electrical connections are removed from the cluster just prior to final removal. Something else that would be handy – a bag of trained snakes and dis-locatable elbows and back :o)









Gary Wilkinson

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.

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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.

October 23rd/24th Australian Mark of Excellence Award
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Sydney

2011 Australian Mark of Excellence Award in Perth,
Dates TBA

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