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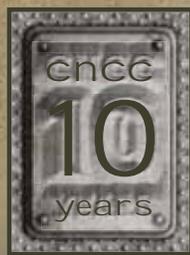
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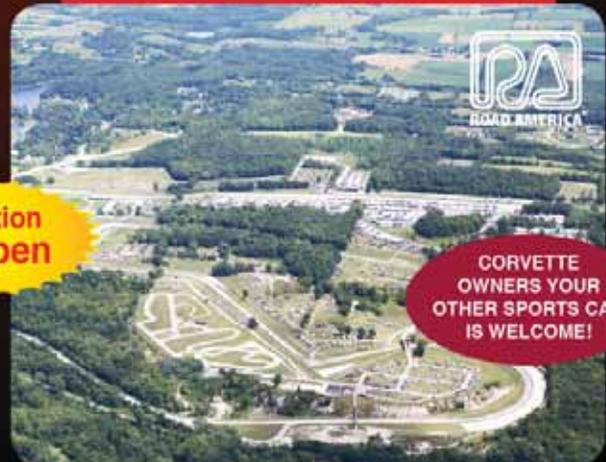
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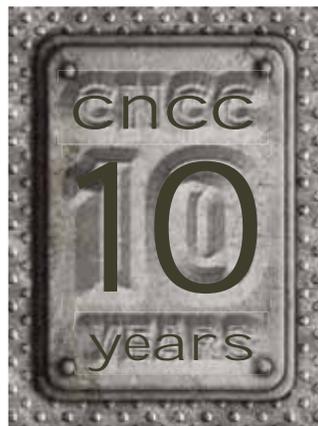


President's Message

by Mark Hall

So here we are looking towards spring with much anticipation. The weather is finally breaking, and it looks like we might just actually start seeing some warmth. With the warm weather comes the spring ritual of uncovering the car and giving it the first washing of the year. For the club, the first spring event to really get out and show the cars is our Superdawg Cruise Night on Tuesday, April 14, but as you know, the events never stop. We have had a very active winter, and spring will be no different. As always please stop by the website www.chicagolandnorthcorvetteclub.com and check out the calendar.

The big news of the year is that 2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the Chicagoland North Corvette Club. It all started with Bill Stasek thinking of how he could get a club started; he looked to someone that had been around him for some time, that person being Scott



Wiscomb. Scott gave some thought to it and reached out to a gentleman we all know, George Sianis. George was given the honor of being the first president of CNCC. Together they brought in a small group to start with and decided this was going to be a different type of club. A club that the Corvette enthusiast could come and talk cars while having a good time. There has been small change in that direction, it is still one of the main purposes of the club. Over the years we have had many people come and go, but these

two guys are still big contributors to the club.

From just that simple beginning ten years ago we are now approaching three hundred households. And approximately one third of those being very active members. If you are part of that one third, thank you; it is the reason we work so hard to keep growing and making this club even better with each passing month. If you have not been a regular or haven't even been to an event, I challenge you to come out and see what all the fun is about. We will be celebrating throughout the whole year.

I would also like to take this time to acknowledge the individuals who were honored this year at the Annual Membership Appreciation Banquet:



New Member of the Year - NEIL NEHRING
Volunteer of the Year - PATTY THOMPSON
The President's Award - CHARLIE HARRELL

Congratulations to each very deserving award winner. As always it is an honor and a pleasure to be your president. May the weather be nice this year and everyone remain safe. Enjoy the spring, and I hope to see you all soon.

Mark



Letter from the Editor

by Susan Frissell

This is the first 'trial run' for me and CNCC club facebook contributor/world class photographer/ and designer Barry Petrie. As often happens in life, we both agreed to help out on the newsletter without quite realizing what we were getting into. This is no small task, and I think all CNCC members would agree, Judy has done an exemplary job compiling, designing and making *The Accelerator* an interesting read over the last 10 years.

While we will do our very best, prepare for a few changes to the look of the club missive; possibly including a name change. Our style will be 'experimental' as we encourage all readers to contribute ideas, thoughts and a list of topics they would like to see covered.

We also hope to elicit the help of fellow comrades Sylvia Walker and Lauriel Sima, both with editing, marketing and writing experience.

As many of you know, I am a car gal. In 1989, I began writing my own newsletter *Women with Wheels*, aimed at female car buyers and owners who were looking for help to navigate the maze of the whole car-buying process. I held seminars quarterly in dealerships and at community colleges to educate and inform women about their automobiles. Although not advocating that women do their own maintenance, *Women with Wheels* strove to understand the female buyer and to provide high quality, value-added services.

After a 12-year run, I folded the newsletter and went to the Web, where I now publish Womenwith-Wheels.com.

While this may or may not qualify me to take over the CNCC publication, I hope to write a newsletter all readers will find not only interesting, but informative.

Barry has some great styling ideas for the news-



letter, and between us, I think we both agree about what kind of newsworthy stories (personal interest, DIY ideas) we believe readers will find educational, topical and worth printing. Again, we welcome your input.

A reminder to members that the newsletter can also be read online by going to the CNCC website, <http://www.chicagolandnorthcorvetteclub.com/>. For those who enjoy a hard-copy, feel free to print it out. Information about our advertisers can also be found on the club website.

In just days, Spring will have sprung and our babies will be hitting pavement once again. Just today (3/7) I passed a beautiful bright blue C7 convertible. A big smile crossed my face and I thought "I need to start my Vette."



On Tuesday April 14, point your Vette in the direction of the first 2015 Superdawg gathering. It's always a fun night with lots of old friends and welcoming new ones to share a parking space with us.

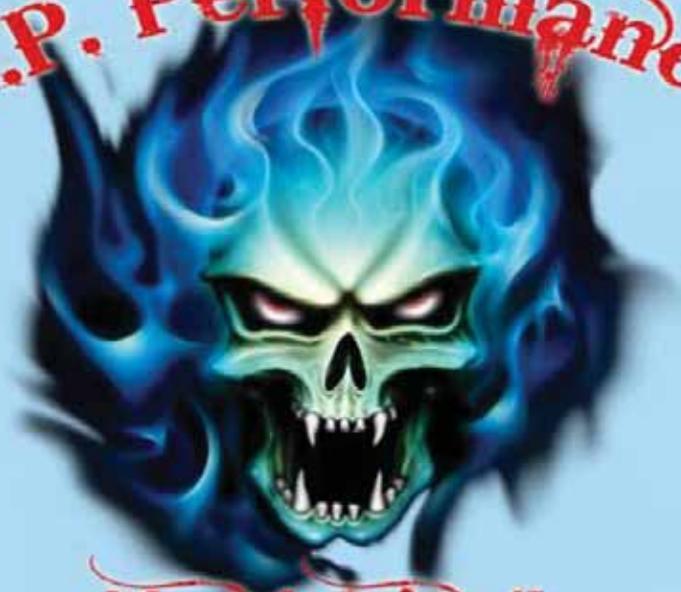
We are fortunate to have such a great group of Corvette enthusiasts as members of CNCC. Helpful, generous and fun, the CNCC bunch is always up for a good time. Who can fault that? The best part for me is that I learn so much about the Corvette as an icon and America's most popular sports car.

Thank you also goes to Stasek for sponsoring the club, and for their support.

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JEREMY KALUZNA THE CAR ENTHUSIAST'S FRIEND

by Judy Nelson

Editor's Note: While Blackdog Speed Shop is known for its award-winning race cars, it also helps auto enthusiasts enhance the performance of their street cars and hot rods. Here, Jeremy Kaluzna talks about how he helps prospective customers find out about the Speed Shop.

JEREMY, WHAT SKILLS DO YOU BRING TO BLACKDOG SPEED SHOP?



My background is in sales and business development. I've been a car guy since birth. My parents tell me that as a toddler I used to sit in the living room facing backwards on the couch to watch the cars go by. As soon as I was able to talk, I could identify cars.

I've always been passionate about automobiles. I've worked in this industry in various capacities, from consulting to selling cars at dealerships and running big automotive events in Chicago. What I bring to the table are the skills of a marketing guy who has a passion for, and understanding of, the automotive industry.

SO YOU ARE BLACKDOG'S LIAISON TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD?

Yes -- in some ways. The company operates as two divisions under one roof: Blackdog Racing and Blackdog Speed Shop. My goal is to make sure car enthusiasts find out about Blackdog, if they don't know about us already, and enhancing what they know about us. A lot of people think we are just a race shop or a performance shop, so it's important for customers on both sides to understand that we encompass everything under one roof.

We have a diverse skill set among our employees, both in the office and the shop. This is important because regardless of whether a customer has a Corvette or a Miata, someone here has experience working on it. Although most of our business is Corvette centered, or certainly GM-based, we are multi-faceted. We can help people with whatever projects they have in mind. My job is that of an ambassador to bring projects in.

In between customer and race-car builds, we have our own shop project cars. For example, we bought a C7 Corvette Z51 when the model came out and also have a 2013 Camaro SS 1LE and Chevy SS sedan that are all project cars and that's only the contemporary stuff!

Right now we have a '65 Chevy Impala in the shop that has an LS7 Corvette engine under the hood. As you can see, much of our work is very Corvette centric. The majority of our time in racing has been Corvette (10 years in Pirelli World Challenge GT Class), and as a result the Corvette resonates through many things we do. You'll find Corvette engines where they don't necessarily belong, but we like them there.

LET'S IMAGINE THAT I'D LIKE TO TURN MY UNCLE'S C4 CORVETTE INTO A RACE CAR. TAKE ME THROUGH THE VARIOUS DISCUSSIONS WE MIGHT HAVE ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES FOR THE CAR.

If the car is near and dear to you, I'd suggest you may want to preserve it rather than race it. If your uncle raced the car, but didn't spend money on it, as a tribute to your uncle, you may want to take it to the next level. If you've never been on the track before, then it's not so much about souping up the car as it is learning how to drive the car on a racetrack.

CAN YOU HELP ME FURTHER, IF I DECIDE TO RACE THE CAR?

We're going to talk to you about track experience, and point you in the right direction for instruction. We can sign you up for instruction with Tony [Tony Gaples, a professional race car driver and the owner of Blackdog Speed Shop] or one of our other race car drivers to be sure you're in the right hands. We have to be sure you have the right helmet and a good set of harnesses to hold you in the car. If things get more serious you'll need a full roll cage, fire suppression system, etc.

When you know how to get all the power out of the car, once you think it can't go any faster, then we can talk about adding more power. Reliability of the car is another huge thing because motors are built for the street. They are not necessarily built for racing.



Blackdog Speed Shop is busy making dreams come true.

WHAT GIVES YOU THE MOST SATISFACTION ABOUT THIS JOB?

I like helping automotive enthusiasts reach their goals. It's meeting someone at a car show and talking to them. It may be a project that's on their minds, a problem they want to fix, or just small talk amongst people with a similar interest. A week later maybe they call and stop by with the car. Soon I know we have a winter project. A recent project came from a gentleman I met at a car show. It's a '68 Ford Mustang GT500KR, a very rare, sought-after collector car we've been entrusted with. Seeing the fruits of our labor puts a smile on my face, driving it puts a smile on the customer's.

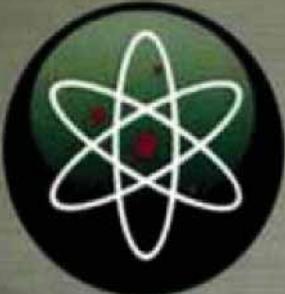
I've been here about two years now, and what gives me job satisfaction is the people I met at CNCC's Car Show last August. It means I'm out there and making the company visible, which is really my intention.

Pictured, is a Customized Classic Puzzle by M. J. Frumkin, comprised of recognizable body parts from 13 different vehicles with the 13 areas called-out for you to identify from the "baker's dozen" names provided. Match the correct name to each car part. (Answers on page 18)



1954-55 KaiserDarrin, 1953-55 Chevrolet Corvette,
 1962 Ferrari GTO, 1953-55 Nash-Healy, 1974 MGB,
 1970-73 Datsun 240Z, 1955-56 Mercedes-Benz 300L,
 1957 Ferrari Testa Rossa, 1954-59 Jaguar XK140,
 1956-57 Chevrolet Corvette, 1953-55 Triumph TR2,
 1955-56 Ford Thunderbird, 1964 Porsche 356

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C5 Fix

Make Those Rusty Rear Rotor Hats Look Like New

by Paul Kosiek



1) A common nuisance with C5 Corvettes is the coating of rust that builds up on the rear rotor hats. This happens often times after a car wash (or heaven forbid - getting caught in the rain), There are aftermarket accessories that provide a quick cover-up but those can be expensive. Now you can get rid of that ugly rust for good!

3) You will need a low-profile speed jack and jack lift pads.



You just washed and waxed your Corvette from top to bottom. It looks amazing except for those rusty rear rotors. And, no matter how many times you clean them, the rust eventually comes back. Here is an easy and permanent solution you can do yourself.

DO IT YOURSELF PROJECT



Corvette Jack Lift Pads



2) Start by removing one of the rear tires. Safety comes first: Make sure your car is parked on a solid level surface. Put it in park for automatics and either 1st or reverse for manuals. Set the parking brake. Now loosen all the lug nuts. We will complete one wheel at a time.

4) It is crucial to position the lift pad and jack at one of the designated holes on the frame rail.





5) Jack the car off the ground just enough so the tire is not touching. Remove the wheel and set it aside. Spray the rotor hat liberally with brake cleaner and wipe dry.



6) Using a DA grinder or a light abrasive sand paper, lightly remove all the surface rust from the rotor hat face and rim. Keep a pan underneath to catch the debris.



7) Once all the surface rust is removed, spray with brake cleaner again and wipe dry. Apply painter's tape to the surface of the rotor, caliper, and any areas not to be painted.

8) Using a quick-drying metal primer, like Rustoleum, spray the rotor hats evenly. Let dry. Put the wheel back on temporarily - a couple of lug nuts - lower the jack and pull it out. Put the car in neutral, roll forward or back just enough to clear the section behind the brake caliper. Jack up the car and remove the wheel again. Paint the remaining section with primer. Let dry.



9) Once the primer is dry, apply an even coat of black quick drying metal paint, like Rustoleum. Let dry. Put the wheel back on temporarily - a couple of lug nuts - lower the jack and pull it out. Put the car in neutral, roll forward or back enough to clear the section behind the brake caliper. Jack up the car and remove the wheel again. Paint the remaining section with black paint. Let dry.



10) This is a great time to clean inside your wheel well and polish the reverse side of the wheel using Wesley's to clean both sides of the tire. Closely inspect your tires carefully for any defects. Then reinstall the wheel and lower to the ground. Tighten all lug nuts. Repeat steps 1 through 10 for the other wheel. Stand back and admire your rotors!

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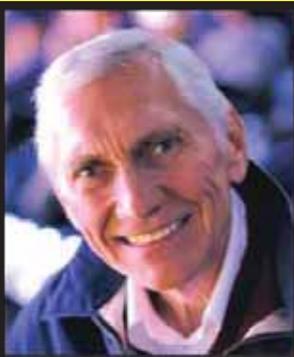
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UPCOMING EVENTS



Superdawg Cruise Night 4/14/15

Finally after a long cold winter it will be great to get back in the driver's seat and head over to Superdawg for our opening cruise night of 2015. It's always a fun night checking out everyone's cool Corvettes, listening to oldies, laughing with friends and eating some of the best weenies around. All Corvettes are welcome, can't wait!



Cinco de Mayo, 5/3/15

CNCC observes this momentous day when Mexico defeated France on May 5, 1862. I'm not sure what that has to do with Corvettes except that it gives us another opportunity to get together and celebrate! We meet at Mi Mexico restaurant - delicious authentic Mexican menu and live music as well as Corvette parking. <http://www.mimexicobuffalogrove.com/>



Country Classic Cars Road Trip, 6/5-7/15

If you haven't heard of Country Classic Cars please check out their website, <http://countryclassiccars.com/> Over 400 classic cars for sale - all years, makes and models. But even if you're not looking to buy, they are all interesting! We leave Friday evening and stay two nights in Litchfield, IL. Saturday we explore CCC and cruise around Route 66. Then dinner at historic Ariston's Cafe. Leave for home on Sunday.



Bloomington Gold 2015, 6/25-28/15

Bloomington Gold is the longest running continuous national Corvette event. This year is the first time the event will be held at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Lots of Corvette excitement - sign up for GoldLaps, Gold Autocross & GoldSpeed. You will need to find and book hotels on your own. Check out their website for all the info and TICKETS. More details to follow. <http://bloomingtongold.com/>

Customized Classics Puzzle Answers
 1) 1955-56 Mercedes-Benz 300L, 2) 1954-59 Jaguar XK140, 3) 1954-55 Kaiser-Darrin, 4) 1957 Ferrari Testa Rossa, 5) 1955-56 Ford Thunderbird, 6) 1974 MGB, 7) 1970-73 Datsun 240-Z, 8) 1953-55 Triumph TR2, 9) 1964 Porsche 356, 10) 1953-55 Chevrolet Corvette, 11) 1962 Ferrari GTO, 12) 1953-55 Nash-Healy, 13) 1956-57 Chevrolet Corvette

APRIL

April 2	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	Board Meeting @ Stasek	Bill Stasek Chevrolet Wheeling, IL 60090
April 11	Saturday	9:30am-11am	CNCC Breakfast @ Omega	9100 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL 60714
April 14	Tuesday	6pm-9pm	Superdawg Cruise Night*	333 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL 60090
April 18	Saturday	3pm - 7pm	Wine Tasting, Dinner @ Lynfred Winery	971 Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL 60090
April 30	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	General Meeting @ Continental	788 S. Buffalo Grove Buffalo Grove, IL 60089

MAY

May 3	Sunday	4pm - 7pm	Cinco de Mayo @ Mi Mexico	220 Milwaukee Ave. Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
May 7	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	Board Meeting @ Stasek	Bill Stasek Chevrolet Wheeling, IL 60090
May 9	Saturday	9:30am-11am	CNCC Breakfast @ Omega	9100 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL 60714
May 12	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Superdawg Cruise Night*	333 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL 60090
May 20	Wednesday	7am - 5pm	Indy Community Day	Indy Motor Speedway, IN
May 28	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	General Meeting @ Continental	788 S. Buffalo Grove Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
May 31	Sunday	8am - 3pm	"All Shook Up" Dinner Theater	1131 Janesville Ave. Fort Atkinson, WI

JUNE

June 4	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	Board Meeting @ Stasek	Bill Stasek Chevrolet Wheeling, IL 60090
June 5 - 7	Fri. - Sun.	Fri. 5pm-9pm 9am - 9pm	Country Classic Cars Road Trip	2149 E. Frontage Rd. Staunton IL 62088
June 9	Tuesday	6pm - 9pm	Superdawg Cruise Night*	333 S. Milwaukee Ave. Wheeling, IL 60090
June 11 - 14	Thurs. - Sun.	8am - 7pm	Corvette Adventures	Chula Vista, WI
June 13	Saturday	9:30am-11am	CNCC Breakfast @ Omega	9100 W. Golf Rd. Niles, IL 60714
June 25	Thursday	6pm - 9pm	General Meeting @ Continental	788 S. Buffalo Grove Buffalo Grove, IL 60089
June 25 - 27	Thurs. - Sat.	8am - 6pm	Bloomington Gold	Indy Motor Speedway, IN
June 25 - 28	Thurs. - Sun.	8am - 7pm	Back Road Cruizers	Mt. Horeb, WI

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