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President's Report

Here we are in April already and the year is flying by.

In March we held our first Chapter meet for this year here in Sydney. We had a great response, both in judges and in attendants. There is a full report on this Chapter meet later on in this edition.

Wendy & I will be attending the Nationals in Hampton Virginia in July/August this year. Once again, if anyone is interested in joining us, please let me know.

This year is the 60th Anniversary of Corvettes, which means it is the year of the 63, so, to all of the C2 enthusiast this will be a fantastic opportunity.

Please mark in your diaries for our upcoming Chapter Meet in Melbourne on 19th and 20th October 2013.

Our membership is moving along great now we have our Membership officer Joe Caruana who is doing a tremendous job. Unfortunately there are still some members who have not paid their membership, so please, if you are one of these members and wish to continue your membership, contact Joe. Also, we have some international members who could be your Buddy, if you are interested in taking on a Buddy, please contact Joe on cazzajazza@bigpond.com or 0439600900.

As I stated at the AGM, I will not be running for this position next year, if there is any member who may be interested in taking on the position of President, could you please contact me and I can discuss the requirements of this position.

Unfortunately there is not much more to report on at this stage. There is a full report on the Chapter Meet, the Road Tour to Toowoomba and the National Convention in Toowoomba later in this edition.

Murray Forman President NCRS Australia Inc.

Hi All,

Easter has come and gone as we get closer to our winter months. The NCRS Road Tour to the National Corvette Convention in Toowoomba was great. With those who came along saying that they had a good time. We had good weather, no incidents and great company.

We had overnight stops at the Hunter Valley where we did a mini bus tour with 3 vineyards, a distillery, a brewery along with Cheese and Chocolate and Ice cream outlets.

Then onto Coonabarabran seeing glimpses of Siding Springs Observatory (unfortunately closed due to the earlier bush fires). Travel on to Narrabri visiting the Radio Telescope and the Sawn Rocks. Goondiwindi was our next overnight stay where we could clean and prepare our vets for the last leg of the tour.

The Convention went well with the 'Show-n-Shine' not far from the Host Hotel. The weather once again was excellent however the Sunday Morgan Park track day at Warwick was totally the opposite, having showers in the morning to full on storms by 2pm. All in all it was a reasonable days outing with some spins, spins and more spins, great fun was had by all.

NCRS members collected trophies over the Convention weekend, congratulations go to:

Show-n-Shine		
Trevor and Joy Jones	First Place	C1 standard
Brent Carr	Second Place	C1 standard
Murray & Wendy Forman	First Place	C2 standard
Harry & Di Turner	First Place	C5 standard
<u>Track Day Event</u>		
Peter Whiston	First Place	Go To Woe
Peter Whiston	Second Place	Gymkhana / Slalom

Easter Monday came as we said our fair-wells and departed for our home towns.

Thanks should also go to David, Melissa and Lachlan Alder, Gary Wilkinson and Terry Martin who travelled from WA to the Convention, great job guys & gal.

For the NSW members, please contact me if you are interested in having an NCRS meeting and picnic day at Rouse Hill Farm Park in the coming months (TBA).

Bye for now,

Harry Turner Vice President NCRS Australia Inc.

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Debra Mavin President NCRS Australia Inc.

Editor's Report

Hi folks, it's great to be back in the editor's chair – many thanks for your nomination at the AGM!

I'll get right to an important topic – this is YOUR/OUR newsletter (not mine) so I'm expecting and eagerly awaiting your contributions for future editions, especially for the new *"Tech Torque"* section. I've included a plagiarised sample from one of our sister Chapters to give you an idea. It doesn't matter how simple or complex your material is – it will definitely be of assistance to our membership. Sharing of info is an important part of our NCRS charter so please 'step-up' and send your info to me at: <u>the_rabbit@iprimus.com.au</u> You can also send through non-tech items which I'll include in the *"Bits-n-Pieces"* section of the newsletter. To help me 'sort' the gazillion emails I receive daily, please include *"NCRS newsletter"* in the subject text of your email, thanks.

I regularly receive newsletters from other Chapters and am working with our Web Master, Gary Cowans, to see if we can include these on our website. This, along with your personal contributions to our newsletter and those within 'The Corvette Restorer' will hopefully assist you in your restorations.

Talking of other Chapter's newsletters, many of them have 'catchy' titles such as: 'The Redline Times', 'Side Pipe', 'The Spinner', 'RPM', 'Vetteformation', 'Vettecetera'. I'd like for us to name our newsletter so please send me your suggestions.

'till next time, happy vette'ing

Cheers, Gary Wilkinson Editor NCRS Australia Inc

NCRS Road Tour & National Corvette Convention



The Motley crew in the Hunter Valley Wine Tour at the start of our road tour to the Nationals in Toowoomba. The group consisted of: Murray & Wendy, Bob & Jenny, Kim & Phil, Harry & Di, Brent & Daryl, Richard & Ronny, Peter & Gayle.

Kim & Phil were visitors from USA. Phil & Brent went to school together in USA. It is great to see they are still together after all this time. This was a great opportunity to share Australia with Kim & Phil on this road tour.

The wine tour was interesting because out of the 14 people, 6 were non-drinkers - I guess the others got their share, ha, ha. We also saw the Gardens and Olive Farm and the Distilling plant, which we all found very informative.

Harry had arranged the accommodation in the Mercure in Pocolbin, so that night we all enjoyed a quiet night at the restaurant.



On the road to Coonabarabran, stopped to see the aboriginal hand paintings.



We all found the artwork interesting. The entrance to this was approx 1 km off the main road (dirt & potholes), very slow trip with the corvettes and trailers.



Tailgate party in Coonabarabran at our motel. Afterwards we all walked across the road to the Chinese Restaurant, WOW it was magnificent food.



The next morning we headed off to see the Siding Springs Observatory, but alas because of the bushfires, it was closed. Luckily though, no damage was done to the observatory, only the surrounding bushland and buildings. This is as close to the observatory we could get. Now travel on to Narrabri where we stayed the night.



The next morning we travelled on to see the radio telescope. It was fantastic to see 6 large radio telescopes all on one long rail track. This unit is operating 24/7 non-stop.



On the way we called in to the Kaputar National Park to see the "Sawn Rocks", there are only two places in the world you can see this spectacular rock formation. One is here and the other in California. They look like church organ pipes.



We crossed the border into Queensland at Goondiwindi and then on to Toowoomba.



A view of the "vettes only" car park at our Motel, The Burke & Wills in Toowoomba. The motel was completely booked-out by folk attending the National Convention.



Up early Saturday morning and off to the Show N Shine. Oh No, it is raining! But then the sun came out later and all was well. Some of us actually got sunburnt. There were 110 awesome cars on the field to be judged.



Sunday was Track Day at Morgan Park Raceway in Warwick - 1.5hrs drive from Toowoomba. We had "vettes only" private use of the entire facility and here's where the fun began - it was raining which made the track slippery (ooohhh what fun!!!). A HUGE thanks to the organising committee of the National's for giving us this opportunity to really enjoy our 'vettes !!

After the track day, we all went back, cleaned up for the Presentation Dinner at Picnic Point, what a great night. The Down Under car club had a guest speaker over from America, he is in charge of paint and chassis in the Bowling Green Factory, Kentucky. Eric Millette gave three lectures on the factory procedures as well as an insight into the new C7 with photos and dimensions. Very interesting.

The next morning was our Farewell Breakfast, which is always a sad time when you have to say "see you next time" to all your friends, old and new.

NCRS Australia had a great turnout of members at this convention, we had 7 x NSW, 2 x VIC, 3 x QLD and 5 from WA (including our newest & youngest member, Lachlan Alder, pictured below. Note: Lockie drives an awesome '53 vette pedal car!).



NCRS Australia also sponsored 3 trophies being: First in C1, C2 and C3 Standard.

At this point I would like to congratulate the Down Under Corvette Club for the excellent efforts and organization of this 25th National Convention. I'd also like to thank them for giving me the opportunity to deliver a summary of NCRS Australia at the Presentation night.

Murray Forman President NCRS Australia Inc.

Chapter Flight Judging Meet, Sydney: March 2013

We had four cars to judge, being:





<u>1967 Murray Forman</u>

1960 Jessica Lucas

I would like to thank the owners for the way that they presented their vehicles, as it was a pleasure to judge them.

We had a good attendance of judges so that we were able to complete the judging by mid Sunday.

I am able to report that all four cars achieved a Top Flight Award, so congratulations to the owners.

It was encouraging to see Jessica return with her car to achieve her first Top Flight, especially after her first Chapter Meet where she received a Second Flight. Between these events the car decided it would like to ventilate the sump with a con-rod, it was very fortunate no damage was done to the block. Jessica took the car to another Chapter member Terry Ruse of QIM in Queanbeyan who restored the engine back to its original state, great job Terry.



Greg Euston – Top Flight & Longest Trailered



Barry Kissell – Top Flight



Jessica Lucas – Top Flight and Longest Driven



Murray Forman – Top Flight and Ladies Choice

Both the 1960 and the 1971 have been preciously judged and it is encouraging to see that the owners were able to use their previous score sheets to carry out the adjustments required to improve their score, which is exactly what the judging score sheets are about.

Once again, it was a wonderful turnout of cars and members so we look forward to our next Chapter Meet, which is coming up in Melbourne in October 19th to 20th at the Chevrolet Car Club of Melbourne.



Sydney Chapter Meet venue



Judging in full swing

There was a great attendance of Chapter members and their cars and it was good to see the first three International Mark of Excellence cars on display for Chapter members to see.

Thanks to Richard Stones, Richard Dickens and Murray Forman. It is fantastic to see these cars on show and on the road.



Richard Stones Mark of Excellence car



Richard Dickens Mark of Excellence car



Murrays 1963 Mark of Excellence



Rod Grogan's 1963 split window

Murray Forman President NCRS Australia Inc.



Heads down, bums up :o)

Tech Torque

<u>Editor's note:</u> the following article appeared in the May-June 2013 newsletter (The Redline Times) of the Carolinas Chapter and serves as an example of the kind of article which I'm hoping to include in our future newsletters – assuming YOU make a contribution......

TECHNICAL KNOW-HOW

REFINISHING FORGED-STEEL STRUT RODS

Bunky Byrd #12641

General Motors utilized forged steel for suspension parts over many years. Strut rods and other suspension parts for Corvettes were forged for strength as far back as the 1950s. The process required the steel to be heated and pressed into the desired shape. A scaly blue to blue/teal surface appeared during the cooling process, and no paint preservatives were applied.

The scaly surface often flakes off from years of driving wear, but typically low-mileage cars still have some remaining. Over the years of judging for NCRS, I've seen little attempt to replicate the original forged surface. Most restorers either clear coat the bare metal or apply Cast Blast₀ I decided to experiment with various products in order to create the forged-steel appearance.





As pictured above left, I began with clean bare metal. Next I applied gun bluing per the instructions in the kit. (I used a Birchwood Casey Perma-Blue® from Gander Mountain.) Kits by various manufacturers can be purchased at gun shows or gun shops. I deviated from the instruction by allowing the bluing solution to remain on the strut rods overnight instead of a few minutes and thus obtained a darker color. (above right)

You will need to experiment with whatever brand purchased to create a nice blue/gray effect. I allowed some of the original gray color to show through the bluing. At this juncture, the color was probably close enough to pass Flight judging, but I was not satisfied. I mixed Dykem® Steel Blue Layout Fluid with Krylon® Satin Touch green paint at a ratio of one-third blue to two-thirds green. This created a blue solution with a dash of teal undertones. I lightly applied this with a brush, not being concerned with completely covering the rough surface, and let this settle into the low areas. (*below*)



After overnight drying, I gently rubbed the rods with a lacquer-thinner-impregnated rag. The goal was to remove paint from edges and create an uneven motley finish with both the gun bluing and original bare metal showing through. If you remove too much paint, just reapply and let dry overnight.

When satisfied with the color and surface, spray dull-coat clear paint (I used Krylon® Matte Finish) over the strut rods. This will remove any shine and protect from corrosion. Even though the process does not create a rough texture, the various colors are well represented in the final product. (below)



I welcome feedback and results of your experimentation. bunkybyrd@aol.com

Bits-n-Pieces



Nullarbor Cruise to South Australia April 2014

Expressions of interest are called from NCRS Members for a Road Tour from Perth to Adelaide for next year's National Corvette Convention. We need to know how many members are interested and what transport options are required, such as;

- 1. Drive both ways
- 2. Drive over put Corvette on the train for return journey
- 3. Train Corvette both ways.

Please call Terry Martin on work 089 443 1944, mobile 0448 816 067 to discuss.

Common Cleaners Can Turn Into Poison Gas

This is a MUST READ. Check out the following website for an important safety message which may be relevant to you corvette restoration tasks – don't let your passion kill you! : <u>http://www.brewracingframes.com/id75.htm</u>

NCRS USA News Release

Roy Sinor, our NCRS National Judging Chairman, has elected to step down in July, after 17 years of dedicated service to NCRS in this office. Fortunately, Roy will continue on with NCRS in the newly created position of Historic Document Services Manager. In addition to continuing to provide the GM Shipping Data and Validation, Roy will also be the NCRS liaison to the Barrett Jackson Auction and will be the NCRS Ambassador to other collector car services and clubs.

Roy has chosen his replacement, who will take over at the National Convention this July. Dave Brigham, the long time 53-55 National Team Leader, will assume the office of National Judging Chairman.

Roy has headed our judging office and has been the keeper of the standard for the past 17 years. Roy's leadership, enthusiasm for our judging system and its judges, and his friendly style have been of tremendous benefit to the NCRS. Roy and Dave will work closely together to ensure a smooth transition.

Vito Cimilluca, President NCRS



Corvette Speed Boat

Is this the COOLEST speed boat you've ever seen or what !

Corvette Station Wagon !?!

Check the following website for a story on the 2014 Callaway Aerowagon Concept: http://www.digitaltrends.com/cars/2014-callaway-aerowagon-concept-a-corvette-stingray-shooting-brake/

Whiteman Park Classic Car Show, Perth. April 2013



Seven NCRS members attended Perth's largest annual classic car show on the last Sunday of April where around 1,000 cars of all makes and eras turn on a great display for the public. Following is a news article from the West Australian newspaper:

DAY OUT FOR ENTHUSIASTS

Glorious weather combined with the usual good organisation by the Council of Motoring Clubs resulted in another successful Classic Car Show at Whiteman Park last weekend.

Strong turnouts from some of the State's bigger clubs such as those representing Austin, Mini, Holden, Ford Mustang, Volkswagen and Chevrolet Corvette contributed particularly well to numbers.

Rarer marques added to the diversity at the massive event - where else in WA could you see a Lamborghini Jalpa sandwiched between two orange Espadas?

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NCRS AUSTRALIA INC. MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Hi Everyone,

There are still some of our members who have not yet paid their renewals. I am not going to chase them, if they wish to remain members please renew your membership. It is due in January this year, but we still have not received some payments.

At the AGM it was decided to increase the present membership to \$50.00

The Chapter would appreciate your assistance with this renewal by paying it ASAP and also fill out the attached membership form below with your information so we can check that our records are all correct.

There will be no membership cards sent out this time as the last card you received is good for the next few years.

We will send you a receipt of your payment. Please don't forget if you have a BUDDY please pay their membership with yours at the same time. I will inform your BUDDY that you have paid their membership, and to make sure they have paid your membership in there Chapter in USA.

There are 2 ways to pay this membership

- 1. Post a Cheque or Money Order made out to NCRS Australia Inc. to our postal address: P.O. Box 207 Kurmond NSW 2757
- 2. Direct bank transfer to our account: NCRS Australia Inc. BSB: 062595 Acc#10245414

Please fill in the form and pay for your membership ASAP.

Murray Forman President NCRS Australia Inc.



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