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Time to spring ahead for our 2018 NCRS season!!

Chairman's Column

By: Joe Bardon



We have all turned our clocks ahead in anticipation of spring and the 2018 NCRS season. While we now have snow on the ground and more falling, it will soon be time for spring weather and to pull our Corvettes out of hibernation and onto the road again.

I want to express my gratitude to both Pat Addonizio and Rich Vaughan for their dedicated long service to the chapter as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. We thank them for their efforts and look forward to their continued participation in chapter activities in the future.

I would also like to welcome Marta and Lou Romero to the Board as our new Treasurer and Vice-Chairman, as they offer their time and talents to the membership. We look forward to their energy and ideas as we roll out a new season of programs and events.

We have a busy spring planned with an April 22nd technical session at B&G Automotive in Rahway, a spring chapter road tour to the Red Mill in Clinton on April 29th, and our not-to-miss annual Chapter Judging Meet on May 20th. Plan to participate in any or all of these events. Details and sign up information will be available as the dates get closer.

Please don't hesitate to contact Vito if you have a thought or idea for a technical session, a technical speaker for one of our meetings, or a shop or vendor visit which would be of interest to the membership. We are also always looking for a chapter member to host a judging session involving their car.

Be sure to check the chapter website to view our calendar of events, as we continue to update and include details as they become available. Marvin is always looking for winter projects and technical articles to include in chapter newsletters. Be sure to include any photos that you may have taken to document your project, and to possibly include in a technical presentation at a monthly meeting.

Finally, I am proud to report that the Central New Jersey Chapter achieved a Chapter Top Flight award for 2017. This is a tribute to all of the members who contributed to our many technical programs, social and fund raising activities during the past year.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in the new season.

Joe

Joe Bardon, Chairman

Lou Romero, Vice Chairman

Vito Cimilluca, Judging Chairman

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**BUSINESS MEETINGS &
TECH SESSIONS**

See Calendar of Events on our
website: cnjnrcs.org

How to square-up headlight buckets on mid-year Corvettes

By Howard Welch (reprinted by authority of Rich Mozzetta)

Often time we are in need of adjusting the headlight buckets on mid-year Corvettes. The following is a procedure that seems to work well. Thanks go to Rich Mozzetta of the Florida Chapter for an excellent description.

The 3 bolts for the pivots accessed on each side of buckets are the place for adjustment to square them in the openings. The diameter of the holes in the nose reinforcement are slightly larger than the bolt that secure the pivots. This allows for access for the adjustment to square them. Note that it may sometimes be necessary to open the holes a bit more if prior bodywork was done in the nose/bucket areas.

These bolts are only accessible with the bulbs and dishes removed. Also, headlight motors must be removed to allow manual rotation. Slightly snug the 3 bolts to prepare the bucket to be squared in the opening. Roll the buckets open and closed and squared while slowly tightening the 3 bolts on each side of the bucket. To get at all 6 bolts requires rolling the bucket to gain access to each bolt through the holes in the bucket sides.

However, when you tighten each bolt you must hold the position square as the rotation of each bolt when tightening will try to rotate the pivot housing in the torque direction of the bolt .

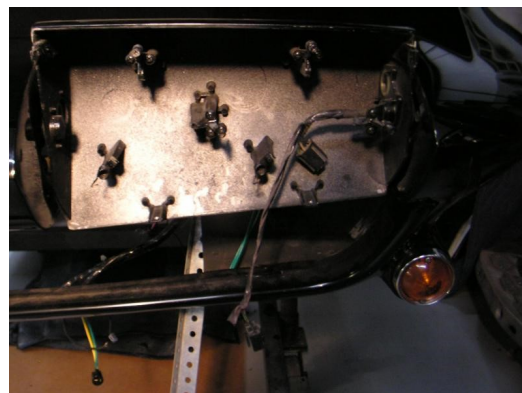
Example: when tightening the inner bolts (left side) of the driver side bucket, tightening the bolts will try to drive the bucket UP and REARWARD. When tightening the outer bolts (right side) of the Driver side bucket, tightening the bolts will try to drive the bucket DOWN and FOREWARD. So snug each bolt sequentially, a bit at a time while checking squareness by rolling the bucket open then closed. The integrated star washers on the pivot bolts act somewhat as a hindrance while tightening so alternate between all 3 to tighten.

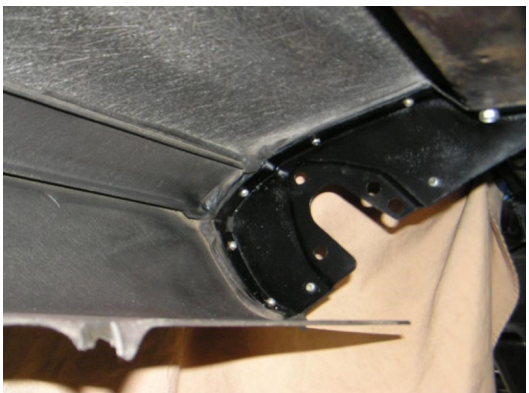
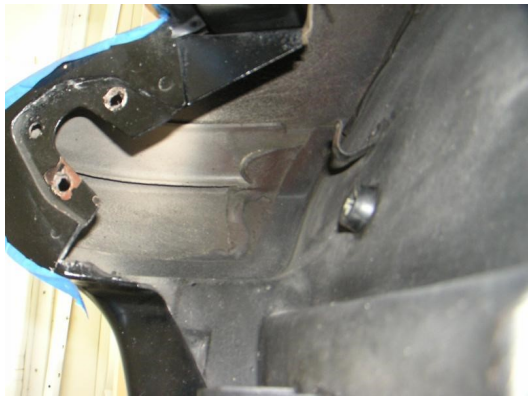
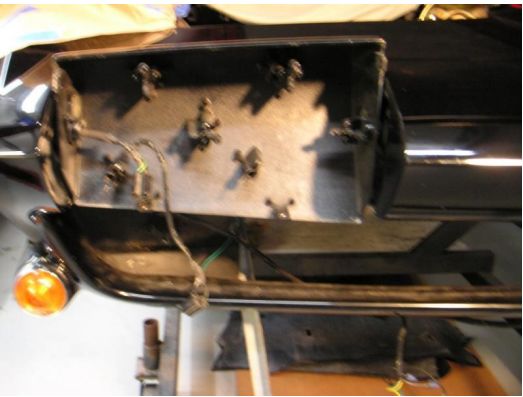
The side to side is adjusted by the collars and Y-Stops as mentioned. I always do this as a last step after the pivots are tightened. After the motors are installed and operational, it is sometimes necessary to readjust the Y-Stops as the motor torque can overdrive the bucket a bit more than manually when closed.

This is a tedious task and can take a substantial amount of time to get a satisfactory result.

Other tips

You may also use wood shims or paint sticks to set the gap. If the car is already painted, wrap the shims or paint sticks in masking tape to prevent scratching. Just loosen everything up, put a shim on either side until good gap is achieved, then tighten as described above. Same method can be used for the top gap between bucket and surround.





A judging school was held at B&G Automotive in Rahway, NJ on April 22nd.
Photos courtesy of Vito Cimilluca



Items for Sale/Wanted

For sale: 1984 C4 Survivor!

With just over 18K miles on the clock, this first iteration of the C4 Corvette is truly a time capsule. Won at a charity auction when new, it sat in storage for many years until its third owner took ownership of it. Since then, all of the fluids have been replaced, a tune-up performed, and the brake pads and shocks replaced for safety.

The interior of the car still smells new, and is devoid of the usual warping, fading, and cracking of the plastic interior panels, and everything works as new. Runs and drives great.

With minor cosmetic repairs, and replacement of a few dried up gaskets, the car would be perfect. You will not find a nicer, original, first of the C4s.

For further information, please call Bruce at: (908) 770-4958.



Items for Sale/Wanted

For sale: 2009 Velocity Yellow Z06 3LZ

16,600 miles (14,000 miles on NCRS road tours), new battery, 500 miles on new OEM tires, chrome wheels, shown in Sportsman class at NCRS Gallery at Corvettes at Carlisle in 2009 and Chip's Choice at Corvettes at Carlisle in 2015.

Kept covered in a heated garage since new, and still smells new. \$43K.

Contact Dan Soldano at (609) 636-3333 or soldd@aol.com.



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