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Hightstown Elks Club
110 Hickory Tavern Road
Hightstown, N.J.

3rd Monday of the month at
8:00 p.m.

Chairman's Column

By Mark Rudnick

Fall is upon us and before long we will be taking the rakes out and retiring the lawn mowers as another summer has passed. What a great time to get our Corvettes out on the road for some quality driving time before putting them into hibernation for the winter. New Jersey offers some wonderful sports car friendly roads to enjoy our Vettes while taking in some of the nicest foliage in the Northeast. Hunterdon, Morris and Sussex counties are my favorite destinations for enjoying my Corvette. An early Sunday jaunt with breakfast in a country eatery is my idea of life being well lived. Oh well. So much for my personal preferences.

While I was unable to attend this year's NCRS National Convention in Michigan, I know those who did attend had a great time. Thanks to

Vinnie Peters and Ed DiNapoli for offering a photo presentation of the convention highlights at our August chapter meeting. Congratulations to our members who received awards at the Convention.

Once again the Central New Jersey Chapter received Top Flight Chapter recognition. This designation is a testament to the contribution of our chapter members who actively participate in our chapter events and support our chapter commitments. You make a difference.

It was great getting together with 26 chapter members and spouses for our Road Tour and visit to the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA on September 11th to see the Chevrolet Centennial Exhibit and explore the rest of this wonderful museum. Regrettably, the weather was not particularly Corvette friendly; so, only the brave brought out their Corvettes. Getting together for lunch in

the newly completed museum café provided a great opportunity to socialize and get to know one another better. It's always a good time when we gather together for our social outings.

I want to thank John Kuhn for stepping up to initiate and coordinate the technical information seminars he generously is presenting at our chapter meetings. John's interest in providing our chapter members with Corvette related technical and maintenance information really adds a dimension to our meetings which quite frankly and regrettably has been lacking. John would sincerely appreciate your suggestions for seminar topics and would be very willing to assist anyone who would like to make a technical or restoration presentation. If you have a subject you would like information on or know of someone who is willing to make a presentation to our (Continued on Page 2)

CNJ NCRS FALL ROAD TOUR

By: Howard Welch

We want to thank all those who participated in the Road Tour to the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, PA on September 11th. It was an enjoyable day in spite of

the overcast and drizzle. The museum is relatively new having been built almost three years ago. There was a variety of vehicles on display including a number of C1 Corvettes and most of the cars wearing bowties were assembled to commemorate

the 100th anniversary of the Chevrolet. A number of owners whose Corvettes were on display are NCRS members.

The road tour originated from the Elks Lodge crossing Scudder's Falls Bridge into

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Chapter, please contact John. His email address is: kuhn2636@gmail.com.

Last and perhaps most importantly, I want to thank all of our members who supported our Wildwood Regional and allowed us to raise the money to make the following contributions:

\$5,000.00 to the United States Marine Corps Semper Fi Fund, a 501©(3) non-profit fund set up to provide immediate financial support for injured members of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families;

\$200.00 to the Chip Miller Amyloidosis Charitable Foundation;

\$200.00 to the National Corvette Museum; and

\$200.00 to the National Corvette Restorer's Society Foundation.

It's wonderful when we can enjoy our Corvettes and share the fruits of our hobby with others. Thanks to all.

Just a reminder, our Chapter is once again committed to supporting the United States Marine Corps Reserve "Toys for Tots" program, this holiday season.. If you would like to participate in this charitable effort, we ask that you donate an unwrapped \$10.00 toy for either a boy or girl and bring it to the October or November meeting or to the Holiday Brunch. Howard Welch will collect the toys and bring them to the "Toys for Tots" drop-off center. Giving to those less fortunate is a blessing we can all enjoy.

By the way, please plan to attend our Annual Holiday Brunch on Sunday December 18th at K.C. Prime Restaurant in Lawrenceville. Further information will be forthcoming.

That's it for now.

Mark

NCRS Fall Road Tour

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Pennsylvania and then proceeded along the back windy roads north to Allentown and the museum. Twenty six folks attended in five Corvettes to join the 70 mile trip. A special thanks goes out to those who drove their Corvettes. I know you had to do a lot of washing to get them clean after the tour.



Arriving at Museum



Full Size Repair Shop from the 1940's





Nice '57 four door station wagon



Sweet Fuelie



Full Size Replica Filling Station



Early Corvair



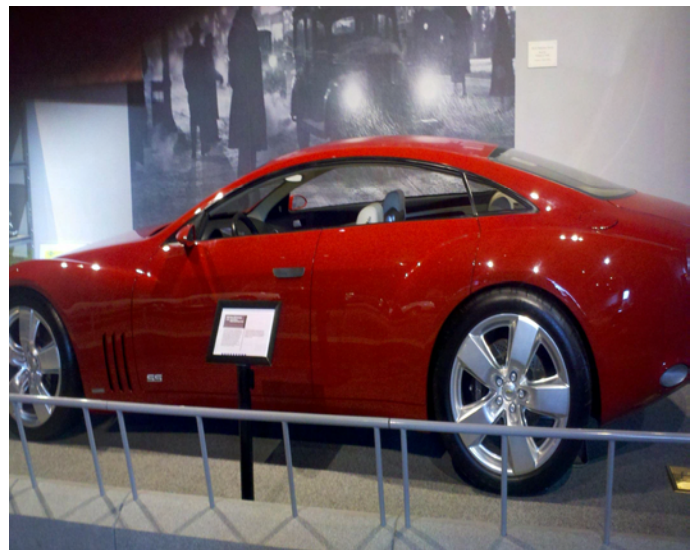
Spectacular '55 Nomad



Nice early Bel-Air



Treasurer Rich Vaughan & Judging Chair Bruce Crookham



Chevrolet Concept Car



Museum Entrance from Above



CNJ NCRS Chapter Picnic

September 11, 2011

By: Howard Welch

The Central New Jersey Chapter held a "Thank You Picnic" for chapter members to celebrate the successful regional meet we held this past May in Wildwood. The picnic followed the Road Tour to the America on Wheels Museum in Allentown, Pennsylvania. Thank you to all who participated in the event. Although not everyone who helped at the Wildwood Regional was able to attend the picnic we had a very nice showing of 25-30 members including spouses and significant others.

"A regional meet is a very exhausting and time consuming event", said Ed DiNapoli in his "thank you" comments. He added "that as a small chapter (68 members) CNJ held the equivalent of a national event". Central New Jersey could not have accomplished this regional without the hard work and involvement of everyone.



NCRS National Convention

Novi, Michigan

There are few venues that hold as much to do for auto lovers as does the state of Michigan. Birthplace of the iconic American automobile. Home of the "Big Three", Ford, GM and Chrysler and the countless makes and models that made their debut over the last 100 plus years. Henry Ford's Museum and Greenfield Village, GM's Heritage Center, the Milford Proving Grounds and on and on.

Your humble editor, significant other and several close friends spent just under a week taking in all we could of this year's National Convention. Congratulations to all of our chapter members who earned their hard-fought right to boast a Mark of Excellence Award, a Bow-Tie or Crossed Flags Award a Founders' Award and to all those who achieved a new Master Judge Level or NCRS Foundation donation pin. The following are various images of the event; enjoy!





Meet the Members

By: Jack Brown

In this issue, our featured chapter personality is John Auerbach. John's first driving experience didn't come in a Corvette but in his sister's boyfriend's street rod when he was about 15. John's first car wasn't a Corvette either, but a '36 Ford that he bought for \$200. when he was 19 years old. For another \$200. he had his uncle install a higher horse motor out of a '50 Mercury. Driving his Ford and seeing an occasional new Corvette on the road sparked his interest. John was smitten. He thought a lot about Corvettes and was able to purchase a year old Corvette when he graduated College in 1966. and has been a Corvette enthusiast ever since.

John became a member of the NCRS in 2007 just before the Garden State regional meet in Edison. Shortly thereafter he joined the Delaware Valley Chapter and about two years later he became a member of the Central New Jersey Chapter.

John has owned three Corvettes over the years; his first a 1965 Milano maroon roadster with a white top and black interior. The car was equipped with a 365 h.p. 327, four speed and 4:56 gears. John used the car as his daily driver for about three years but ultimately sold it after he got married.

After the arrival of John's third child he purchased another Corvette. The second one was an all original '66 black on black coupe with a four speed and a base 300 h.p. 327. John describes the car's optional list as "plain vanilla". John used the '66 as his daily driver/commuter car and recalls taking scenic drives in the nice weather with his wife up front and the three kids in the back. Conversely in the winter months he related a number of harrowing experiences trying to commute to work through the snow in a Corvette. John kept the '66 all those years though and around 2005 began to consider restoring the car. In the final analysis he decided it wasn't worth restoring and began to look for another Corvette, something really special this time. A year later he found it.

It was a Polo Green 1990 Corvette ZR-1 with very low mileage and in pristine condition. By now, John had heard of the National Corvette Restorers Society and was well aware of its philosophy regarding originality, preservation and authenticity. So after joining the Society he purchased a judging manual and readied the car for entry at the 2007 Garden State Regional. He admits being a bit nervous about presenting the car for judging but was put at ease immediately after meeting the National Team Leader Tom Barr. At the conclusion of his judging he was pleased to know that he had a totally original car that earned a score of 97.3% He was impressed by the people he met and the friends he made and the entire experience was one of a positive note. He went on to campaign the car which has achieved several chapter, regional and national Top Flight awards, a Performance Verification award, a McLellan Award of Excellence and a Crossed Flags Award. The car was also featured at the NCRS Gallery at Carlisle, Pa. Future plans for the car include John's desire to pursue the Crossed Flags fifth star award and begin driving and enjoying the car a bit more in nice weather.

John is about half way to achieving Master Judge status with the NCRS. He plans to continue judging and learn more about the judging process. He also plans on parking a C5 Z06 in his garage when the right one comes along.

John spent his working career as an engineer and is now retired. He jokes that judging Corvettes requires the skills of an engineer to grasp all the technical aspects of the process and a lawyer to interpret the rules and regulations.

John and his wife reside in Furlong, Buck County, Pennsylvania where they have been for the past 40 years.

Coming Events

October 16 Delaware Valley Chapter Run for the Ribbons

October 27-29 Texas Lone Star Regional Frisco, TX

January 25-28, 2012 Winter Regional Kissimmee, FL

