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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Rain, Rain Go Away was the theme of most of the summer of '09.

Despite the odds, we ran this year's events between the clouds. The judging school at my place was in a warm garage away from the weather with hot coffee and Tim Horton's. It was a good chance to go through the judging manual on the chassis section of my '56 while it was still on the lift. With an inside scoop on the new judging manual, we were able to analyze each update that is today considered correct. The Saint Sauveur Chapter Meet actually was run on a beautiful week-end, The event was run outside and we thank everyone for coming up to help us judge.

Friday night was the usual dinner at Le Biftheque and then a judging school at the hotel. Several members brought up parts to compare originals versus replacements. This has always been a popular session.

Again this year Mac and Pauline Cross joined us as well as

Dick Capello who made a great contribution to the judging and tabulating process.

Saturday was excellent judging weather, lunch at Cage Aux Sports and presentations and door prizes completed a perfect day. The results are listed on the following page.

The Orange Julep Night also was blessed with a perfect weather and everyone showed up to the tune of 74 cars. Included was a C-6 endurance race car that was trailered in. This was one of the biggest turn-outs ever as we took over the entire front parking lot. We will still try for the big 100 cars next year. A small campaign will be instituted for this event. With the prizes that we bought, the gifts from Corvette Plus which we thank them for and those of the Orange Julep we had at least one item for everybody.



As the Annual bar-b-cue has lost some interest over the past few years, we decided to do a picnic / tech session this year which resulted in a better turnout. Member Bassam Salman was kind enough to host the event at his home in Brossard. Bassam has an unbelievable collection of cars that he keeps on the street in front of his house. Everything from Corvettes to Mopar special editions to the original Volkswagen Beetles. We were presented with the story on each vehicle with special emphasis on the Corvettes and their various modifications. After our lunch by the pool we had a visit of Bassam's model car collection which occupies his entire basement. Over 1000 cars

are all lined up on special shelves. It was a real surprise to everyone as they came down the stairs.

Thank you Bassam for your hospitality. Leaving Brossard we took a small road tour to St. Catherines to the Canadian Railway Museum.

Most of us had not been there since our youth and were pleasantly surprised at what a great set-up they have there. Along with the real antique trains was a really great exhibit of various model train layouts of various scales. Most of us spent at least an hour there – it was a long day but a very good day.

All in all a good summer of Corvette activities with a reasonably good participation. I thank everyone for coming out and supporting the NCRS Quebec. Store them with care for a long winter's nap.

Robert Cracower
Chairman

RAPPORT DU PRÉSIDENT

“Rain, rain go away” était un refrain populaire durant l’été 2009.

En dépit des prévisions météorologiques, les évènements de cette année eurent lieu entre deux nuages. L’école de jugement chez moi eu lieu dans un garage chauffé à l’abri des intempéries avec du bon café chaud et des Tim Horton’s. Ce fut une occasion idéale pour passer au travers du manuel de jugement sur le châssis de ma 56 alors qu’elle était encore sur le monte-charge. Avec une vue exclusive du nouveau manuel de jugement, nous avons pu analyser chaque mise à jour qui sont considérées aujourd’hui comme étant exactes.

La rencontre du chapitre à Saint-Sauveur se déroula durant une belle fin de semaine. L’évènement s’est déroulé à l’extérieur et nous remercions tous et chacun pour nous avoir aidé à juger. Vendredi soir eut lieu le traditionnel souper à Le Bifthèque suivi d’une école de jugement à l’hôtel. Plusieurs membres avaient apportés des pièces afin de comparer les pièces originales à celles de remplacements. Ceci a toujours été une session très populaire. Encore cette année Mac et Pauline Cross se sont joint à nous ainsi que Dick Capello et ont grandement contribué au jugement et au processus de tabulation.

Samedi, la température était excellente pour juger, lunch à La Cage aux Sports et présentations ainsi que des prix de présence ont grandement contribué à une journée formidable. Vous trouverez les résultats sur la page suivante.

La soirée Orange Julep eut également lieu lors d’une température idéale et nous y avons 74 autos. Nous y avons spécialement pour cet évènement une C-6 auto de course d’endurance. Ce fut la meilleure assistance que nous n’ayons jamais eue et nous avons entièrement pris possession du terrain de stationnement à l’avant du restaurant. Nous allons encore essayer d’atteindre le nombre de 100 autos l’an prochain. Nous organiserons une petite campagne à cet effet. Avec les prix que nous avons apportés, les cadeaux

de Corvette Plus, que nous remercions sincèrement, et ceux de Orange Julep, nous avons quelque chose pour tous et chacun.

Notre barbecue annuel ayant perdu beaucoup d’intérêt depuis quelques années nous avons opté cette année pour un pique-nique/session tech ce qui nous a valu une meilleure assistance. Un membre, Bassam Salman, a eu la générosité de nous recevoir à sa résidence de Brossard pour cet évènement. Bassam possède une collection incroyable d’autos qu’il garde sur la rue en face de sa maison. Il y avait de tout, des Corvettes et jusqu’à une Molar édition spéciale ainsi que des Volkswagen Beetle version originale. Après un lunch autour de la piscine nous avons pu admirer la collection d’autos de Bassam qui occupe tout le sous-sol de sa maison. Plus de 1000 autos sont alignées sur des étagères spéciales. Ce fut une grande surprise pour tous ceux qui descendaient l’escalier.

Merci Bassam pour votre hospitalité. Au départ de Brossard nous avons fait une petite randonnée routière jusqu’à Ste-Catherine et au musée canadien du chemin de fer. Plusieurs d’entre nous n’étions revenus à cet endroit depuis notre jeunesse et nous fûmes agréablement surpris de voir le merveilleux emplacement qu’ils possèdent. En plus des vrais trains antiques il y avait une exposition variée de trains de tout genre. La plus part d’entre nous sommes resté au moins une heure à cet endroit – ce fut une longue journée mais une très belle journée.

En tout et partout ce fut une bonne été d’activités Corvette avec une participation raisonnablement bonne. Je remercie tout le monde pour avoir participer et supporter NCRS Québec. Entreposez-les bien pour un long repos hivernal.

Robert Cracower
Président

NCRS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 a.m. on July 17, 2009.

Vito and Mark thanked the host chapters and all the volunteers for the wonderful experience everyone had at the San Jose National and Bill Sangrey for the success of the road tour.

Cece Nelson tendered her resignation as Secretary to the Board effective December 31, 2009.

Bill Sangrey reported he expects to be under budget by about \$1,000 for the 2009 Road Tour. There were 81 registrations and cars. Cars were provided for a couple of Dutch members to drive on the Road Tour. Bill intends to retire from this position after the 2010 Road Tour.

John Pirkle reported on the 2010 National meet in Charlotte NC. Everything is coming together nicely. However, the schedule will not be finalized until the racetrack receives the final schedule from NASCAR.

Mark Lincoln reported that the National meet scheduled for Novi MI in 2011 is on schedule.

Darold Shirwo reported that the 2012 National meet to be held in San Diego is proceeding nicely. Committees have been appointed and media programs are set.

Cece Nelson reported that her next activity will be the 2009 elections in Regions I, II and III. Nomination forms must be submitted by Aug. 10 with ballots due between Sept. 1 and Oct. 31. The elected reps will take office in January 2010.

Gary Mortimer reported that Membership is holding fairly steady at 15,000+. The constancy is due to marketing to lapsed members.

Merchandise sales, including books, have dropped along with the economy. Partnerships with online firms are being investigated to increase sales and maximize profits.

Roy Sinor reported that several judging manuals are in progress and are scheduled to be issued by August 31, 2009. The Protect-o-plate book is just about finished and should be ready for sale December 31, 2009.

John Pirkle issued an invitation from the National Corvette Museum to attend the 15th Anniversary celebration this Labor Day weekend featuring John Hinckley's induction into the Hall of Fame and recognition of NCRS with the opening of the Archives. We have several tables for the Hall of Fame dinner so if you are going, let us know. You will still have to register on the NCM site to attend.

Vinnie Peters reported that he has enough articles for 1 ½ issues. At this point, technical articles outnumber human interest by a wide margin. If you have articles of either genre, please submit them to Vinnie.

Carlton Colclough has developed forms for chapters to fill out for the charity match program as well as a list of approved charities. Directors to distribute the form and remind the chapters of the deadline of October 1st. Matching payouts to the chapters will be made in the first quarter of 2010.

Carlton also reported that sponsorships have taken a dip due to the economic conditions. He asked for ideas and contact info for new sponsors with a view to making the sponsorship list grow.

The Judging Point database is up and running and an on-line training video will be developed. Eventually chapters will be entering results from regional and chapter meets directly into the system themselves. Once fully implemented, members will be able to check their judging and tabulating points online in their Technical Discussion Board public profile.

From January through May ncrs.org experienced over 908,000 unique visits, 5,923,906 page views and 27% of visitors viewed advertiser's pages.

The Board voted not to change the Driveline on-line posting from its current ten days after mailing.

Midway USA Chapter, in Kansas, was accepted with provisional status. A vote on their permanent status will be taken in March 2010.

By-Laws Changes:

13.3 The Secretary shall prepare the ballot to be made available to the membership both in hardcopy and online.

The hardcopy version is to be printed on the back cover of the Driveline. Only ballots that are legibly signed by a verifiable resident of the Region will be tabulated and counted. Ballots shall be returned to the Secretary and tabulated. Copied or facsimile ballots will be counted as long the NCRS membership is current. The membership # must be included.

The online version is to be accessible only through the 'members only' section of the NCRS website requiring a member to first register for access. The online votes will be held in a secured database and tabulated by the Secretary at the close of the election.

A member may use either method to vote but not both and may vote for a

Regional Representative of his or her Region only. The combined results of hardcopy and online votes will be published in the next available Driveline. All Active Members shall have the right to vote for Regional Representative, whether or not they have Chapter affiliation within that Region.

4.10 Board members attending the annual Board meeting shall be reimbursed reasonable travel and room expenses incurred. Travel and room expenses eligible for reimbursement are "additional expenses" required to attend the Board meeting.

Reasonable travel expenses equal the airfare/mileage (which ever is lowest), approved rental car expenses and hotel/room charges (not to exceed the host hotel charges).

Foundation Meeting

Jeff Cook reported that he was able to purchase a \$100,000 CD to earn interest income for the foundation.

Mark Lincoln and Joan Burnett have been working on drafting applications for the NCRS scholarships - 2 general scholarships and 2 Marvin Burnett Education scholarships. They will keep the Board and membership advised.

The date for the next Board Meeting has not been selected yet but will be in March 2010 in Concord, North Carolina.



2010 Events & Activities

January - 15	New Year's Party	Boccacino's Cote Vertu	18h30
20 - 24	Florida Regional	Orlando, Florida	-
February 22	Judging School	T.B.A	18h30
March 15	Tech Session	T.B.A	19h00
April 18	Judging School		
29 - May 1	Gettysburg Regional	Gettysburg, Penn.	-
May - 12	Judging School	T.B.A	19h00
			-
May 15	Ontario Chapter Meet	Oakville, Ontario	-
28	Judging School & Dinner	St. Sauveur, Quebec	-
29 - May 1	Quebec Chapter Meet	St. Sauveur, Quebec	-
June 24 -27	Bloomington Gold	St. Charles, Illinois	-
July - 5	Awards Dinner	Kelsey's St-Laurent	-
13 - 18	National Convention	Concord, No. Carolina	
July 26	Orange Julep Night	Decarie Blvd	18h30
August - 15	Quebec B.B.Q	Brosard, Quebec	10h00
	& Tech Session		
27 - 29	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, Pennsylvania	-
			-
Oct - 3	Road Tour	T.B.A	
Nov - 15	Tech Session		
Dec 6	Annual General Meeting	Boccacino's Cote Vertu	-18H00



2009 FLIGHT AWARDS

Daniel Berthiaume

1966 2 nd Flight

Normand Latulipe

1963 2 nd Flight

Ray Durand

1958 3 rd Flight

SPORTSMAN AWARDS

Dick Capello 2005

Mac Cross 2008

JUDGES

Leon Garfinkle, Mac Cross, Joseph Daigle, Lucien De Muys,
Dick Capello, Gilles St. Jacques, Frank Spingola, Denis Hebert,
Paul Bougie, Irving Burstein, Syd Garber, Robert Cracower,
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