



Midway USA Tune Up

REMINISCING

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Letter From The Chairman By Kurt Geis

Well, unless you have been in Alaska, northern Canada or Greece for the last month, you have realized that summer has arrived, and with vengeance. Problem is, it's over a month early this year. I guess what better time to find out if your car is going to overheat this summer than in April.

As you all know, again, unless you have been isolated, next week is our second annual benefit car show. And, barring any weather issues, and from all the indications the weatherman seems to be smiling on us so far, we are in for a very good turn-out this year. And, that means lots of mullah for the American Heart Association. And of course it means lots of fun rubbing elbows

with all our brother and sister Corvette enthusiasts.

And, speaking of mullah for the American Heart Association, we received the matching funds for our donation from last years car show from the NCRS Foundation. That's another \$320 to the Heart Association.

Now comes the fun part of this letter from the chairman. I get to share with all of you the list of sponsors of the door prizes for this year. That list includes;

- Cinnamons Deli
- Central Equipment
- Two Brothers BBQ
- Chipotle Mexican Grill
- Genghis Grill
- Davis-Moore Chevrolet Service Dept.

- O'Reilly Auto Parts
- Scotch and Sirloin
- Art's and Mary's Tater Chips
- The Coleman Company
- Jewelry Savers
- Bite Me BBQ
- Longhorn Steakhouse

In addition, there is one sponsor who provided some of the soft drinks that wishes to remain anonymous, and for that a special thanks goes out. So, as a good steward, when you are looking for that place to go strap on the feed bag, think of one of sponsors, and remember to thank them for their support.

Now, on to some more items of interest to the membership. Let's not forget that on Sunday, June 10 the chapter will be combining with the other two

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Corvette clubs in the area for a road trip to the Lake Afton car show. More details will be available at the meeting, but please mark you calendars for a great time again. Maybe this year it won't rain at the lake.

Future attractions include the chapter family picnic on August 11, at the clubhouse at Dale Green's residential area (same place as last year). And then, let's not forget about dinner at the Embassy Suites, Frisco, TX on October 13. Oh, did I fail to mention the dinner is preceded by three days of oogling gorgeous Corvettes at the Texas Regional. According to our member Bob Demmel, the registration form should be only very shortly, and in the next issue of the Driveline.

Well, I guess that's about all I have to ramble about this issue. Just a little reminder, it would be appreciated if many of you could be out at the show location around 8:30 or a little earlier on the day of the show to help set up and get ready for the day. I know the show doesn't start until 11:00, but you know how car show people are. Kinda like birds.

I apologize to everyone for the content of this newsletter being written nearly in it's entirety by me. Please, Dale & I Welcome any article and/or photographic input for future news letters. We both know there are some closet writers out there.

See you all on the 9th.



Did You Know

1957 was the 1st year a limited slip differential and fuel injection was offered as options. It was also the last year the color polo white was used.

NCRS Events Calendar

(National & Local)

NCRS web site <http://www.ncrs.org>

then click on the Events link.

- **June 7-9 - North Central Reg. @ Rochester, MN**
- **June 9 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting**
- **June 9 - Midway USA All Corvette Car Show**
- **June 10 - Midway USA Chapter road trip to the Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show**
- **Jun 30 - Jul 4 is NCRS National at San Diego, CA**
- **July 14 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting**
- **July 14 - Midway USA Chapter Tech Session**
- **Aug 11 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting**
- **Aug 11 - Midway USA Chapter Picnic**
- **Aug 24-26 - Corvette's at Carlisle**
- **Sep 6-8 - Pennsylvania Regional**
- **Oct 11-13 - Lonestar Regional @ Frisco, TX**

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Midway USA Chapter Merchandise

Midway USA Chapter Banner

2 x 5 is \$25.00 3 x 7 is \$57.40

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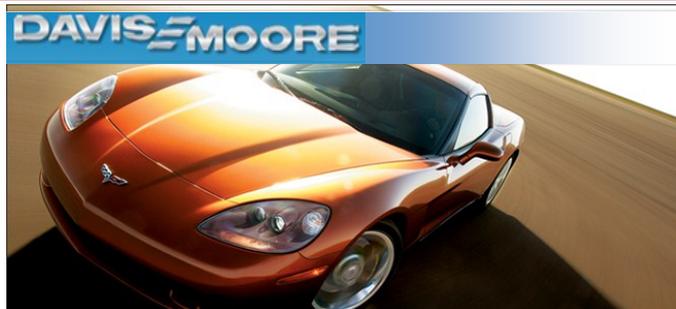
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The Long Road Back - By Kurt Geis, photo's by Meyer & Ebel Photography.

Many of you have heard the story about how I came about owning my first Corvette. To spare the details and let the newer members in on it, let's just say I purchased it kinda on a dare and to prove to an old girlfriend, let's call her Joni (her real name), that I could, in fact, buy a Corvette. And on September 16, 1972 I did just that.

Sadly, the only thing that remains of that car is this photo, the original sales receipt from Quality Chevrolet, and some very fond, and some not so fond memories. It was totaled by yours truly about 16 or so months later while displaying a 19 years old male fit. That car was replaced by a first in the city 1975 coupe, bright blue in color on the top, but lemon yellow all the way to the core. Chevy got that one back, and for nearly 30 years I went Vetteless.

My love for fiberglass did not go empty, however. In 1979 I bought my first piece of floating fiberglass, a gleaming, sparkly bass boat, my first of many. From that point until 2001 I was satisfied by going 75 m.p.h. down a lake, burning a gallon of premium for every 3.5 miles I traveled, and having a great time doing it.

However, there was an empty spot in my life. In 2001, after a couple of major life changes, for which Loretta Lynn sings a song, my desire to chase little green fish waned and the desire for my beloved car re-surfaced. Let the search begin.

But not just any car would do. It had to be a Targa Blue, blue vinyl interior, basic Corvette, with a 1972 vintage. The search continued, and continued, and continued. So much continuing that in 2005 I succumb to the pressures of Vettelessness (is that a word?) and purchased my white '94. Not my first choice, but I now had a Vette again. But, that car, although a Vette, didn't scratch the itch. So, after about a year of ownership, the search for my beloved ole blue began again.

The search was rather futile until one evening in 2007. I returned home from a trip, walked into the apartment we were living in while our new home was being built and saw the latest issue of Driveline was waiting for me on the coffee table. Being kinda tired, I opened it up to try to relax. After thumbing thru the pages a blinding light hit and a voice inside said to see if there was a Targa blue '72 listed. I turned the pages and much to my glee, there it was, my dream come true.

In less than 2 minutes I was on the phone with the owner of this wonder. We talked about the car, got down to details and asking for photos, etc. Got those, called him back, and agreed on a price. Due to the house construction, etc. my purchase was delayed by a couple of months. But, In May of 2007, with a U-haul car trailer in tow, I trekked to Crown Point, IN.

We looked at the car, and one of my wife's first comments when out of earshot of the owner was "you're

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March Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes Prepared By Jim Coote

The May 2012 monthly meeting was held on the 12th and called to order by our illustrious Vice Chairman, Rick Smiley, at 9:01, late, due to the tardiness of the secretary according to Mr. Smiley. There were 20 members in attendance.

Chapter Business:

- Rick welcomed everyone to the meeting and conveyed to us a most sincere apology from our President, Kurt Geis, for his absence due to his employment's requirement to attend weekend training that should give his clients further comfort while in the air with a pilot whose only loves are Karin, Vettes and food, in that order of course.
- Richard York, our Head Chef and Treasurer, furnished breakfast again and reported that we had a total of \$2,601.03 in the bank with a smattering of outstanding checks. We were more interested in napkins at that point so there was nothing noteworthy to write down about the checks!
- As is typical with this group when Kurt isn't here, there were no corrections or additions to last month's meeting minutes so they were approved as written and published in the May "Midway USA Tune Up" newsletter.
- Tracy Crisler, our Judging guru, had some awards to hand out from our last month's judging event. The awards were for Cathy Blaha and Don Creekmore and their very slick '91 ZR1 coupe and '69 convertible respectively. It was obvious that handing out the awards is Tracy's favorite part of the job as he does it so well. He followed his praise of the car owners and the judging staff with a lengthy but helpful discussion of the judging process and how we are improving at it. Cathy received a Top Flight Award with a score of 99.2. That's about what it got when it left the factory I think. Don received a Second Flight Award which he received with a gracious and complimentary few words for the judging process. He thought the judges were thorough and helpful to him in developing a blueprint of what he should do and not do in preparation for the next time he wants his car judged. A discussion followed, thanks to Roy Ester who has been through the process on a regional level many times, that the only competition in having your car judged should be with yourself, not others. In other words, Roy should be getting better marks with each car that he has had judged. We wonder if he is! Maybe if he has time he could show us the results of his last dozen or so. Also we discussed the conflict of interest in judging in cases where someone has helped on a car or sold parts to the owner for the car being judged. The person should disqualify himself/herself from judging that area.
- As promised last month, Rick made available to everyone color copies of the judging matrix which is a little easier to follow than the black and white copy we got a couple of months ago. Nice job VP! See Rick if you missed the meeting or were too busy eating those gooey breakfast muffins to pick one up.

New Business:

- Rick brought our attention to an item on the front page of the May newsletter which mentions a tech session to be held in July concerning restoration and originality. It will be conducted by Roy Ester and Rick Smiley, a likely pair to draw to! Despite that, it should be very informative and argumentative, just what we are all about!
- Rick mentioned the upcoming second annual "All Corvette Show", a benefit for the Wichita branch of American Heart Association, to be held the 9th of June at our sponsor partner, Davis-Moore Chevrolet. Dallas Keller, one of two of our members who have spent hours organizing and soliciting door prizes for the event, addressed the group telling us what has already been done to ready us for the show and what else needed to be done. Since Kurt Geis is the other member who has worked with Dallas to help organize this event, you might have guessed the food has already been secured, including the cooks. All the food supplies have either been donated or arranged for and the cooks, Richard York and Fred Johnson, will again this year roast the burgers and dogs to perfection. Two tables are needed and yours truly will bring them "in time" for the event. Door prizes are plentiful, again thanks to Dallas and Kurt, many from restaurants in the area like Scotch & Sirloin and Shorty Smalls. Too bad members of our club will not be eligible for those! Jobs for the show were assigned as volun-

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Minutes Prepared By Jim Coote

teers raised their hands, and you didn't even need to be in the audience for someone to volunteer you. Be sure to check with Dallas to see what job you were volunteered to do. Karin, that includes you! I believe Kent Michael and Dale Green, due to their unauthorized absence or tardiness, were assigned to sweep the parking lot. Not Home Depot where spectators will park, just the Davis-Moore lot where the show will be. More help is needed, so contact Dallas or Kurt.

- Speaking of absences, Dale Green is in Greece, where a substantial financial crisis is in progress and there is concern that he went there to get ideas for the next "activity" for the club which is planned for this August. Either that or he is a consultant to the current administration on financial matters. In either case it is scary. And, shortly after he left, his employer, Hawker-Beechcraft, filed bankruptcy! In spite of all this, our next activity will be our annual picnic held again at the community building where he and Cathy reside. Look for clarification of Dale's recent unusual activities and how they will affect this club.
- Kent Michael reminded us that there is a Corvette Show across the highway from 10 AM until 2. Sounds familiar doesn't it? There will be 6 classes of trophies, one for each Vette Class and one for the "People's Choice", making a total of 13.

Rick closed the meeting at 9:50 with no apologies for not setting any new records.



The MidwayUSA Chapter web site is undergoing a
MAJOR remodel.

Check it out at www.ncrs.org/MidwayUSA



not really going to buy that car, are you?" My reply to her was we would have to wait until the next morning to see how it ran. That was my spousal patronization response. My true response, un-uttered was more along the lines of, what are you, nuts? Of course I'm going to buy that car. Who cares if it runs, I can fix that. And by 8 o'clock the next morning the paperwork was all done, the car was loaded on the trailer, and we were headed back to Wichita. As for me, I was as giddy as a 12 year old that had just seen up his first skirt. Oh, wait, is that too graphic. Let's just say I was very happy.

Since that joyous day I have spent many hours taking care of my baby. I've replaced most of the non-NCRSable parts with either NOS or correct replacements. I've cleaned it up, overhauled much of what needed it, been frustrated by some things that probably didn't work right on the car the day it was purchased.

You've seen much of the work in the past pages of this newsletter, and will probably see more of it in the future. And now, with two regional top flights in hand, and the hopes of a PV in October with the goal being a Duntov on a mostly original car, I'm still that giddy little boy.

Now, with 3 Vettes in the garage for this little boy to choose from, when the wife wants to get her hair blown in the wind the '06 comes out. The '94 spends most of it's time on the lift collecting dust but does get to see the road when I feel the need for speed. And finally, the '72 comes out when I just want to have a big grin on my face and the feeling of what a true classic sports car is like.

The photo on the cover of this newsletter is one of the only things remaining of my original '72. After 40 years, there's no change in this little boys dream car but the VIN.





Midway USA Membership Date _____ NCRS Member # _____

National Corvette Restorers Society
Midway USA Chapter of NCRS
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Year	Color	Style	Additional Comments for Corvette
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_____	_____	_____	_____

Restoration Experience (if any) _____

The Midway USA Chapter of NCRS
promotes the enjoyment, preservation and restoration of Chevrolet Corvettes.
We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month at Davis-Moore Chevrolet 8200 West Kellogg.

The National Corvette Restorers Society Mission

Formed in 1974, the National Corvette Restorers Society is a non-profit hobby group of 15,800+ families dedicated to the restoration, preservation, history and enjoyment of Corvettes made from the model years 1953 through 1996.

If you are looking for a 1953 - 96 Corvette: The seller is telling you "the numbers match". Do you know what they mean? Are they truthful? Join the NCRS and learn from all of the information we have gathered in the last 33 years to make a wise decision when you purchase your Corvette.

If you already own a 1953 - 96 Corvette: No matter what you are up to, NCRS members have been there before. Benefit from all of the information we have gathered in the last 33 years to make better and smarter decisions as you restore and maintain your valuable Corvette.

Membership Dues:

Midway USA Chapter of NCRS (\$20.00) __ Check # _____ Cash

A NCRS Membership is Required. By Internet <http://www.ncrs.org/membership/index.html>

NCRS Membership is \$35.00 By Phone (513) 385-8526

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