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Midway USA Tune Up

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY

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From the Vice Chairman By Rick Smiley

First things first. I want to bring everyone up to date on our CHAIRMAN Kurt Geis current condition. Kurt is improving every day and is currently receiving physical therapy at Avita Health & Rehab at Reeds Cove where he will be for the next 90 days. Please feel free to stop by and visit him his room number is 409 in the Reddy House, if you cannot make it by give him a call. The address is listed below;

Avita Health & Rehab at
Reeds Cove

2114 N 127th St. E.
Wichita, Ks. 67206
1-316-500-8800

Our meeting on 2-14-15 was attended by 24 members and it was a full house. We had a

good deal of business to attend to. Prior to the meeting there was an E-board meeting, to try to figure out what we needed to do to keep the club on track. It's amazing to me the amount of work that Kurt did to keep this club current. Some of the items Kurt did for us are listed below;

Annual Report to NCRS. (Rick Smiley)

Quarterly report to NCRS for our Club Top Flight Award. (Rick Smiley)

Chapter Newsletter Editor. (Dale Green)

Chapter Membership Manager. (Dale Green)

Chapter Membership Administrator. (Dale Green)

Chapter Liaison to Davis-Moore Chevrolet. (Rick Smiley)

Chairman of our Annual Car Show and Chief Door Prize acquisitionor. (All of us)

The names in () are who is currently responsible for these duties.

As everyone can see there is more to being Chairman than any of us knew. My hat is off to Kurt for keeping all this under control.

I want to give special thanks to Dale Green (the computer expert) for getting on line with NCRS and acquiring all the information we need to go forward.

Our Treasurer reported we have money and that is a good

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thing.

Our Secretary's meeting minutes were error-free, that is a FIRST. We will see how long that lasts????

Dave and Jo Houlihan gave a report on the Sun n Fun Regional in Lakeland, Florida.

Discussion followed on our upcoming Judging event 4-11-15 and if we would have enough room to judge two cars since Davis-Moore is remodeling the delivery showroom. I will get with our representative and have an answer at the next meeting 3-14-15.

While on the subject I want to thank Lynne Foss and Jeff Krehbiel for volunteering their cars for our judging enjoyment!!!!

Tracy Crisler, our esteemed Judging Chairman has our event on the NCRS website for registration. Remember you must register on line. Tracy will also have a Judging seminar prior to actual car judging. All of this will happen after a very brief meeting.

As discussed at the end of our meeting, articles for the newsletter are needed and I know all of you have some kind of experiences with your cars good, bad or just plain funny. Just start typing (spell check is great) and throw in some photos. Honestly if I can do it anyone can. Volunteers and door prizes are needed for our upcoming car show.

I knew the meeting was over when my wife got up and turned her chair around to watch the video "Corvette Museum Sink Hole" provided by Dave and Jo Houlihan. If you have not seen this video you should. Most people did not realize the size of the hole or the extent of damage done to the cars. Thanks Dave and Jo for the video.

In this newsletter you'll find an events calendar of club activity for the year. The events are all subject to change, so if you have something to add let me know.

That all she wrote

Smiley



NCRS Events Calendar

(National & Local)

NCRS web site <http://www.ncrs.org> then click on the Events link.

- Mar 14 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting
- Apr 11 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting & Judging Seminar & Judging Event
- Apr 17 - Oklahoma Chapter Judging School
- Apr 18 - Oklahoma Chapter Flight Judging
- May 9 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting
- May 14 - 16 Joplin Regional in Joplin, Mo
- Jun 6 - Montezuma, KS Parade
- Jun 13 - USA Chapter Meeting & All Corvette Charity Car Show
- Jun 14 - Lake Afton, KS All Wheels Car Show
- July 11 - Midway USA Chapter Meeting

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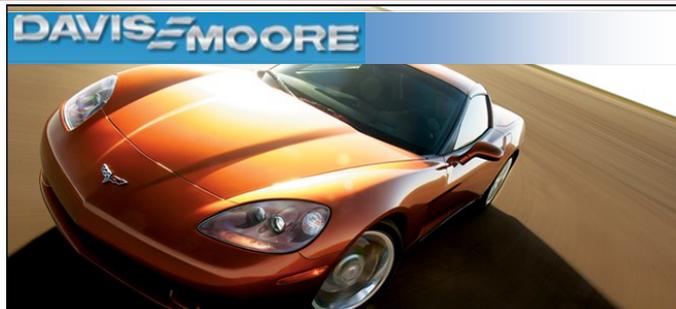
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The One That Got Away by Richard York

In August of 1976, I was working for the Arkansas City Police Department. At that time, I was a Sergeant and I was on patrol in the North part of the city. One of our patrol duties was to check the security of the business buildings, making sure that they were properly locked up, while also watching for burglars and vandals. I was working the far north end of the city and was checking a car dealership named ZANE GRAY MOTORS, which was a Datsun/Nissan dealership. The building was secured, but I had noticed a 1963 Corvette (split Window) that was parked next to the building's South side. About twenty feet further south was the property line and big camping trailer was parked and hooked up the electricity. I already owned my 1962 Corvette and thought that I had met and talked with every Corvette owner from the area. While looking at this Vette, the trailer door came open and young man stepped out and asked what was wrong. It turned out to be his car and we introduced ourselves. He was James (Jim) Allen Dye and he was Zane Gray's son-in-law and he and his wife were temporarily living in the camper. He worked at the dealership as well. I quickly found out that this '63 was in sad shape. It needed some major suspension work, exhaust system, paint job and an engine overhaul. I told him about my '62 and that I was converting it from a street rod and going back with a full restoration. I popped the question, "Are you interested in selling it?" With some hesitation, he said "yes" and told me that he would sell it to me for \$1,000. I told him that I was going to be off in a couple of days and I'd take the serial number and go to my credit union in Wichita and see if they would finance it. Hey, I was a small town cop and I didn't have \$1,000, but I did have a steady job and my credit was good.

I contacted my credit union and they would advance the money into my account IF I would also pledge my 1962 Corvette. All I had to do was call them back, confirming that I had a clear title and the money would be moved into my bank account and I could write Jim Dye a check. They would also mail him a cashier's check if he preferred. So, I proudly returned and knocked on the trailer door. Jim answered, stepped outside and we talked. He had changed his mind and wanted to keep the car. Sadly, I walked away from the deal, but left my name and number in case he changed his mind. Every few days I would drive to that dealership and see if the car was still there.

On September 18, 1976, at 2PM, Jim Dye was riding in Zane Gray's personal helicopter. They were buzzing the Arkansas River south of Oxford Kansas when they ran into a cable/wire that went across the river. Upon impact the helicopter exploded and the two men were thrown into the river. They may have been dead before hitting the river.

I waited about a month after the two funerals and contacted the widow of Jim Dye. I told her that I had talked to Jim about possibly buying the Corvette. Jim had told her about me, but she now wanted to keep that car in the family. I do not know who ended up with the car.



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CHAPTER EVENT SCHEDULE

- March 14 Tech session-Video of Carl Alters restoration of his 63 Split Window.
- April 11 Chapter Judging Event & Judging Seminar—Tracy Crisler (Judging Chairman)
1959 Corvette-Lynne Foss & 1967 Corvette-Jeff Krehbiel
- April 17 -> 18 Oklahoma Chapter Judging event (see below for details)
- May 9 Midway USA Chapter meeting
- May 14 -> 16 Joplin Regional in Joplin, Mo
- June 6 Montezuma Parade—Stanly Schield (more info to follow)
- June 13 Midway USA Chapter meeting
Midway USA Chapter All Corvette benefit car show
- June 14 Lake Afton All Wheels Car Show
- July 11 Midway USA Chapter meeting & Tech Session (need topic)
- July 19 -> 25 NCRS National Convention—Colorado
- August 8 Midway USA Chapter meeting & Chapter picnic—Dale Green
- September 12 Midway USA Chapter meeting & Tech Session (need topic)
- October 10 Midway USA Chapter meeting & Tech Session (need topic)

Oklahoma Chapter Flight Judging & Judging School Event

Friday April 17th 5:00 p.m. - No Registration Fee

Oklahoma Chapter Judging School

Al Grenning Trim Tag / Documentation Paper School

Saturday April 18 2015 - \$30.00 Registration Fee

Oklahoma Chapter Flight Judging & School

This event is a one point Chapter Judging School held at Ollie's Station Restaurant, 4070 Southwest Boulevard Tulsa, Oklahoma. There will be a quick dinner meal beginning at 5:00 pm where participants are responsible for their meal and beverage costs incurred. Seating limited to fifty people so register early.

[Click here for this evening's event details](#)
[Click here to register for this evening's event](#)

This event will be limited to four flight judged cars and Al Grenning is the guest speaker! Al will be giving a Engine Stamp Pad presentation Judging School

[Click here for today's event details](#)
[Click here to register for today's event](#)

February 2015 Meeting Minutes - Midway USA Chapter of NCRS, Inc.

Minutes Prepared By Chapter Secretary Jim Coote

The February 2015 monthly meeting was held on the 14th and called to order at 9:00 AM by the chapter Vice-Chairman, Rick Smiley. There were 24 in attendance.

Chapter Business:

Rick, taking a page out of Kurt's book, started out asking if there were any visitors. Apparently all the faces were familiar because no one acknowledged being there for the first time.

Rick then proceeded to tell us why he was sitting a chair away from me, in Kurt Geis' chair, the Chairman of this non-profit organization. As most of you know, Kurt has been battling cancer for several months and is now back in the hospital enabling Rick to be the "head dog", at least until Kurt returns to health. We should be able to endure providing Kurt doesn't dilly-dally in his recovery!

Dave Houlihan and Dale Green tried to update us further on Kurt's health but it was somewhat difficult since he has been in five facilities since the start of his last cancer battle in January. Not only has he been in multiple facilities, he has also been in multiple rooms in those facilities. At 9:45 A.M. Karen called from St. Francis to tell us that they were moving Kurt from Neuro Critical Care to a regular room on the 4th floor. This was good news this time.

Dave Houlihan picked up Kurt's "Red Hat" while at the winter regional in Florida which is presented only at a National Convention. Because of Kurt's recent and current health battles, Dave used his suave and debonair persona to convince the National Award Committee that he could provide a proper presentation of this coveted award to Kurt. This "Red Hat", in case you were wondering, was achieved by earning the "Duntov Mark of Excellence Award", which Kurt accomplished by achieving a judging score of at least 97% on his '72 Vette at a Regional event, then earned the "Performance Verification Award" followed by another 97% judging score at a National event. It seems only fair to point out that Rick was instrumental in overseeing the judging at the National which was this past July in Kansas City. Besides, if I don't point that out there will be another correction in the minutes next month! Kurt also is the proud recipient of a "Black Hat" too, which is also a requirement for getting the "Red" one. It is earned by accumulating 100 points in the NCRS judging program. You just can't have too many hats, especially if you're Kurt who has worn many hats in our club. We all appreciate him and will miss him while he heals. Hurry back Kurt.

Dale Green, our 1/2 newsletter editor, knowing that we will have to get along without Kurt for a couple of meetings, dug into all the hats he had been wearing so that we could continue to have a club. He explained to us all the many things Kurt did behind the scenes and ended up deciding that he could be called the club's "Chapter Administrator". This doesn't mean he wants to do everything, but since he is more computer savvy than anyone who volunteered, he agreed to oversee several of the administrative functions with the board's help. Kent Michael very astutely noticed that Dale apparently wasn't used to his new title (and/or name) yet as he had his name tag on upside down so that he could turn it up on his shirt to check the particulars. No matter, I for one say that we can't do without Dale!

After all this discussion, Rick decided to introduce himself in case someone hadn't noticed him here before. That didn't bring up much (not any) so he segued into the treasurer's report.

Dallas Keller, our treasurer, looking a bit miffed that anyone would ask, finally responded with, "the checking account has \$3259.01 in it and the savings has \$100.00". He mentioned some membership dues about to be deposited while he also had a couple of expenses to pay, but that was it from the treasurer.

Rick then addressed the question that is always asked at every meeting, "had everybody read the minutes" and should they be approved as written and published in the February newsletter? With no debate, corrections or criticisms, they were approved. Miraculous!

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Tracy Crisler, our Judging Chairman was up next with a brief discussion on the next judging event, scheduled for April. We had two cars scheduled a couple of months ago, but Casey Coats backed out because he'd rather go to a wedding than to have a half dozen individuals crawl all around his car. Our judging events must make him more nervous than a wedding. What if it were his wedding?

Maybe one car will be all we can handle as it looks like Davis Moore is making some changes in the "delivery room" which we have used for judging in the past. It appears that there may not be room in the remodeled room so we may be limited to one car in future judging meets. We'll have to see.

Rick brought up Kurt's favorite activity, the June All Corvette Show. The acquisition of free prizes was discussed as well as the possibility of purchasing them this year. It was felt that we didn't need to have so many give-aways of what some might call, meaningless handouts. The Coleman prizes have always made a hit as well as jack stands, but, "buy one get one-half off", not so much!

Jo Houlihan was asked what she had found out about the pink "bow-tie" ribbons for the fund raiser for our new charity, the American Heart Association. She informed us that they would not be available for this year's car show, but maybe next year. Pink ribbons would be available, but not the "bow-tie" pink ribbons.

Dash plaques were brought up as a possibility for a hand-out. They would make reference to the charity event and the car's participation. Many thought that would be a good idea and a better handout than a free Freddy's cone. Me, I'd rather have a Freddy's!

New Business:

Rick brought up the next regional which will be in Arizona, March 19-21. The National this year will be in Denver in July. Rick seemed to be uncertain whether or not he would attend either of these, but his sweet wife, Bev, volunteered to pay his way if he'd go. I suspect that generous offer had something to do with his recent retirement because Bev really emphasized, "if he'd go".

Other events coming up are in Tulsa and Joplin. Tulsa has an interesting two days on Trim and Vin tags on the 17th & 18th. May 14-17 is another regional in Joplin which is a close one for us and should be as good and well attended as it was a few years ago.

In all of Dale and Rick's researching as to what we need to do in Kurt's absence, they found out that, as a Chapter, we "Top Flighted" in 2014. Every year since we passed our trial period as a club, we have "Top Flighted". I guess that means we are pretty good!

Rick brought up an e-mail he received from Dave Ewan, our region VII representative, concerning a request from Carlton Colclough, public relations for the NCRS, for a donation to the Hendrick Foundation in appreciation for all the support the Hendrick Family of Companies gives the NCRS. After a brief discussion, it was decided that we would table this request until next month since no one knew anything about the foundation and some due diligence should be done before any decision is made. We have some very astute individuals in this group!

Dave Houlihan and his faithful wifely companion traveled again to another regional, this time in Florida. It was advertised, or named "SUN n FUN", which might have attracted the wrong type of club, but Dave claimed they kept most of their clothes on most of the time! I think they had fun there in the sun because he and Jo seem to enjoy themselves no matter what they do or where they go. But for some reason, Dave didn't give us too many details. In fact he told us to consult the magazine. Hope there are pictures!

Dave did give us an update on his presentation last month on "Body-Frame (Birdcage) Rust Repair". Since he explained to us in January how to go about it, he discovered it wasn't as easy as it sounded. The "inserts" he used did not fit in as they should have, so he modified his approach. But you are going to have to ask his permission

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to visit his shop to see what he did differently because I for one did not fully understand his new method. Something else he learned while repairing his frame is that he's a better welder than he thought, but his grinding is even better! What he welded in the first time he had to grind out.

Dallas brought up a topic that was discussed a few years back but somehow never went very far. He suggested that we come up with a list of suppliers that the members have had favorable response from and distribute to our membership so that we can have the benefit of everyone's experience. It's always a gamble going to someone whom you know nothing about. Why not shorten the learning experience by having a list of suppliers that have a good reputation amongst our members?

Dave and Dale hooked up a video on the Corvette Museum Sink Hole Recovery to the TV in the back of the room for our viewing after the meeting.

Before Rick could ask for a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bev Smiley picked up her chair and turned it around to make herself comfortable for the movie. The lesson here is, when Bev shows her backside to the board members, the meeting is over.

Rick, for some unknown reason, called the meeting over, and with that the video was started.

P.S. At a board meeting at the Smiley's residence called due to Kurt's illness, someone (not me) told Rick that he was going to have to "step-up". It sounded harsh at the time, but I think we can all agree after this meeting, Rick in fact did step-up. Great job Rick.



Did You Know

1963 Trivia Brought to you by Wikipedia

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The 1963 Corvette Stingray not only had a new design, but also newfound handling prowess. The Stingray was also a somewhat lighter Corvette, so acceleration improved despite unchanged horsepower. 21,513 units would be built for the 1963 model year, which was up 50 percent from the record-setting 1962 version. Production was divided almost evenly between the convertible and the new coupe - 10,919 and 10,594, respectively - and more than half the convertibles were ordered with the optional lift-off hardtop.



Date _____ NCRS Member # _____

National Corvette Restorers Society
Midway USA Chapter of NCRS
<http://www.midwayusancrs.org>
Membership Application

Member _____

Address _____ City: _____

State _____ Zip: _____ - _____ Email: _____

Home Phone _____ Mobile _____

List of Corvettes:

Year	Color	Style	Additional Comments for Corvette
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Restoration Experience (if any) _____

Midway USA Chapter of NCRS in Wichita, KS
promotes the enjoyment, preservation and restoration of Chevrolet Corvettes.
We meet the 2nd Saturday of each month, 9:00 a.m. at Davis-Moore Chevrolet 8200 West Kellogg.

The National Corvette Restorers Society Mission

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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.

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Chapter Membership Dues:

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

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