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*Upcoming Events:
November 18 - Tucson area
meeting*

*December 14-Holiday Party
in Casa Grande*

Renew your membership!

*January 10, 2009 -
Technical Session/Potluck*

Chairman's Report September 2008

Tom Barr

With 2008 coming to a fast close we are starting to plan 2009 events. As I said in our last Newsletter we need input from the Membership. This is for both Tucson and Phoenix and surrounding areas.

Last month the Fall Judging Meet was another great success. We held a Judging School the night before and a special thanks to the Golden Corral for catering the meet, the lunch included a great selection featuring beef and chicken.

This year we had Members from all over come in to help, the furthest I know of was from Auburn, Indiana. These people will take back a good review and hopefully we will have more (members from) outside of the Chapter come in to help. I still hear from Members outside the Chapter about our Stellar Airpark Meet in the spring. I would like to thank all who pitched in to make these events memorable.

Our Charity Event was a huge success also. Thanks to Cathy and Pete Bergmann for chairing this worthy event; which included many of our Phoenix Members doing a Road Tour down to Tucson to participate.

Once again I have seen many of our Arizona Members traveling to Regional Meets around the Country to Judge. Two have not only judged but entered cars, they are our Judging Chairman Gary Bennett and our Inside Coordinator Pete Bergmann. Sorry if I missed anyone else.

The Board has been talking about hosting a Regional Event in the Phoenix area in a few years. We have been looking into locations-if anyone can help on this, contact me at once. We must turn in our proposal very soon.

Our annual Christmas Social Brunch and Meeting will be December 14th in Casa Grande, at the Property Conference Center, 1251 W. Gila Bend Highway, Casa Grande, AZ 85293. This is a great opportunity to let us know your ideas on how to make the Chapter grow.

Speaking of growing our chapter, membership is now over 50% of the Arizona National Membership. Thanks to Jack and Cheryl Nance. I talked with Mark Lincoln our National VP and he does not think there is another chapter that can say this.

September/October 2008 Treasurer's Report

Dave Barclay

We currently have a total of 151 members for 2008.

We would like to welcome new members Mike and Janet Rachfal from **Phoenix**, Steve Howard from **Paradise Valley**, Michael and Dania Wright from **Scottsdale** and George Coppus and Valerie Stevenson from **Tucson**. Welcome to our chapter and we hope to see you at many events.

Our Membership Chairman, Jack Nance, will be making up your name

tags and seeing that they are delivered to you at the next event you can attend.

Any member who receives email and has not been receiving notices of news and upcoming events from our secretary, Garry Eastwood, please let him know and we will check to see if your address is correctly entered on the membership roster.

As a reminder, if any members incur expenses associated with putting on chapter activities, please send or email me the receipts as soon as possible after the event, and I will reimburse you.

If anyone's personal information (Address, phone number, email address, car information) has changed, please let me know so I can update the roster. I will be sure to coordinate this with our Membership Chairman, Jack Nance. You can email changes to me at dbarclay1@cox.net and to Jack at jacknance@wbhsi.com

The checking account breaks down as follows:

Beginning Balance	09/01/08	\$8103.30
Dues Received		\$320.00
Chapter Income		\$666.00
Chapter Expenses		\$2042.64
Ending Balance	10/31/08	\$7046.66

Chapter Income: October Judging Event

Chapter Expenses: Brochures, Charity Event, NCRS Foundation-Marv Burnett, October Judging Event, Membership Renewals

Fall Judge Meet in Tucson

Gary Bennett

The fall judge meet in Tucson held on October 11, 2008 was well attended. Fifty two members, spouses and guests were in attendance.

Six Corvettes were judge with five Top-Flight, one Second Flight and four Sportsmen awards being given. Congratulations to:

Top Flight awards went to:

- Joe Jablonski
- Gary Bennett
- Steve Howard
- Peter Mueller
- Dennis Shumaker

Second Flight award went to:

- Mike Malloy

Special thanks to Golden Corral for catering.

Charity Event/Cruise-In

Cathy Bergmann

Many thanks to all who participated in our September Cruise-In and Diaper Drive. Those of us who left the Chandler area were treated to donuts and a sneek peak at the latest ZR-1 engine and car. We drove down AZ 87 and picked up a yellow corvette friend at the junction to Casa Grande. Upon arriving in Oro Valley, we pulled off the road to 'pick up' Tom and Linda Barr (it was a bit exciting for this gal!). We "Cruised In" to the Golden Corral parking lot where several other club members were awaiting us.

Thanks to Jeff and the Golden Corral for a nice Bagel Mania spread.

Most importantly THANKS to all the members who donated to the Arizona Diaper Bank. We raised over \$540 and 2+ cases of diapers for a very worthy cause.

Mickey Mouse and My '66 Corvette

Dwayne Bublitz Member #36274

My story begins with the purchase of a 1966 L72 Corvette coupe that I saw advertised in the *NCRS Driveline*. Always loving the color yellow, this midyear big block seemed to have everything I had been looking for. Heading the option list was the very powerful and desirable L72 with the 427/425 hp engine. Other options included: K-66 Transistor Ignition, M-21 Close Ratio 4-Speed, G-81 3.70:1 Posi, N-14 Off-Road Exhaust, N-40 Power Steering, A-31 Power Windows, P-92 Whitewalls, U-69 AM/FM Radio and A-01, 02 Tinted Windshield and Glass. The ad also stated the '66 Corvette had received a full frame-off restoration from an NCRS Red Hat judge. The restoration was completed sometime in 2004 and then judged Top Flight at Chapter, Regional and National NCRS meets.

Besides a Protect-O-Plate (POP), documentation also included owner history back to 1972, along with old titles and pictures of the frame-off restoration. The owner had stated the POP was in the car when he purchased it but seemed unimpressed with the information it contained. He also claimed that the L72 engine was original and showed me pictures of the damaged engine before the restoration but assured me the original block had been saved and repaired.

This not being my first classic Corvette purchase, I decided to have the engine stamp and POP checked out by experts before looking at the car. With the help of modern technology, the owner sent detailed pictures of the engine stamp and POP via email. The report the experts came back with was disappointing, stating they suspected a repro POP and re-stamped engine.

My first thought was to forget this '66 since the owner seemed to be misrepresenting the originality of the L72 and POP, but the more I thought about the car the more I felt it was still a fair deal. It had everything I wanted and had scored an impressive 97.4% at the National NCRS meet in 2005.

I called the owner and made travel plans to go check the car out. After going over the car and talking with the owner, the deal was made and before you could say NCRS, I was on my way home with my prized '66 L72.

After having my 'Vette home for a couple of weeks, I decided to try and contact some previous owners to see if I could dig up more information on the car. I would try to contact a previous owner from Texas who had owned the car in 1972 and again in 1997. After a call to information for a phone number, I found myself talking with Ed Laurence. He is a long-time NCRS member who would prove to be an incredible help.

It was great talking with Ed. He told me he thought the engine had been blown-up sometime in the 1970's, and the POP I had was not the original. This was news that I had heard before but was happy to learn that the '66 coupe was a real California Sunfire Yellow L72 optioned also with the very desirable knock-off wheels which were not on the car now. Only 1,194 Corvettes out of 27,720 in 1966 came with these beautiful rims. Not only were these wheels rare but also very expensive with a \$316 price tag. Compare this to \$312.85 for the 427/425 hp L72 and you begin to realize why not many owners checked off P48 knock-off wheels. Ed Laurence agreed to send me pictures of the car from 1971 and also gave me leads on how to contact

the owner of my '66 Vette from 1967 to 1971.

I went back on the phone for information and BINGO, I was talking to Al Sackett of Key West, Florida. Al told me he had purchased the car in Culver City, California in October 1967. The '66 L72 had 16,000 miles when he purchased it and Al seemed delighted that I had contacted him. Al Sackett also told me he loved that Corvette and had fond memories cruising up and down Mulholland Drive in southern California. He confirmed the options currently on the car were correct including the Sunfire Yellow exterior with Black interior and most importantly the big daddy L72 427. Al did tell me one thing that was not correct from the current pictures of the car I had sent him. It was missing the beautiful knock-off rims that gave the Stingray the look of an American classic. Al was only in his mid twenty's when he cruised the streets of southern California in the late 60's.

About a week went by after talking with Al Sackett when I received some mail from Ed Laurence, the previous owner who had sent me pictures of the '66 Corvette from 1971. Inside the envelope was an ad from the *NCRS Driveline* Information Section. The ad read, "Looking for information on a 1966 427/390 hp coupe A.I.R. California car, Nassau Blue, Vin# 1943765111415, also I have original POP for 1966 Corvette, Vin# 1943765120613, call Ron."

After reading the ad, my heart skipped a beat with my '66 Vin# matching the lost POP. Only one problem, the ad was from a *NCRS Driveline* from 2002. I went back on the phone to Ed Laurence who shed some light on my missing POP. In the late 1990's, Ed Laurence owned two 1966 Corvettes. One being the yellow '66 L72 that I now

owned and another being a blue '66 L36. Sometime in the late 1990's, Ed sold the blue '66 Corvette to a dealer and by mistake, sent the original POP from the yellow '66 L72 along with the blue '66 L36.

I'm sure you're asking yourself, "How could this happen?" Remember, Ed Laurence owned two big block '66 Corvettes. In 1997 he decided to have his blue '66 judged at the Waco Regional. Ed did not have a POP for the blue '66 L36 but he did have one for the yellow '66 L72. So Ed decided to put the POP from the L72 in the blue '66 for judging. After the Regional was over, the POP was never taken out of the blue '66 and was then sold to the Corvette dealer. Ed Laurence did not realize this mistake until years later and then concluded the POP was lost forever. Ed saw the ad in the *Driveline* in 2002 and recognized the Vin # being the yellow L72 that he formerly owned. Ed called Ron, the man who placed the ad in the *NCRS Driveline* in the hopes of reuniting the lost POP with the L72. However, since Ed no longer owned the car, the POP was never sent to him and he forgot about trying to recover it.

So here it is 2008, six years after the ad had been placed in the *NCRS Driveline*. What were the odds that Ron would still have my lost POP and what were the odds that his phone number had not changed? Only one way to find out, dial the phone number and say my prayers. My heart was pounding when I dialed the phone number, only to get a secretary from a city in Florida. My voice was probably a little shaky when I asked if there was anyone by the name of Ron Anderson, who worked for the company. The secretary said, "Yes there is. He's unavailable right now but I would be happy to give him a message." I'm sure the

secretary did not understand what a POP was but I was hoping that Ron would remember and I happily gave the secretary my phone number. I bet it wasn't ten minutes before my phone rang and I could see by my caller I.D. it was Ron from Florida.

As I said hello my voice sounded as high as Mickey Mouse but I tried to stay calm and collected. This was indeed the Ron who had placed the ad in the *NCRS Driveline* in 2002 and this was the owner of Ed Laurence's blue '66 that was judged at Waco in 1997. Ron had received the message from the secretary and knew the reason I was calling. The first question I asked him was about finding my POP in his blue '66. "I was disappointed after I learned it was the wrong POP," said Ron. "I just couldn't believe it was from a different '66 Corvette."

My voice was still sounding like Mickey Mouse when Ron was telling me all this but quickly dropped after he told me he no longer owned the blue '66. The all important second question I asked Ron was, "What happened to the POP?"

He thought for a moment and said, "I'm not sure but I think I might still have it with some paperwork back at my home." Mickey Mouse was back and I asked Ron when he might be able to check his paperwork. Ron said he would call back in a couple hours and I hung up the phone and the long wait began.

Ron must have been excited also because the wait was only about thirty minutes before my phone rang and I said, "Hello." Ron asked me if I was sitting down and Mickey Mouse said, "Yes!"

Ron's words were, "I can't believe this but I still have your original POP. You are one lucky man!"

I don't remember what I yelled but just remember saying, "I have to write a story about this." So here it is, my story that I wanted to share with everyone. The documentation I was lucky enough to recover on my '66 L72 includes:

- Complete owner history including conversations with two previous owners from 1967 and 1971
- Original selling Chevrolet dealer
- Pictures of the car from 1971
- Maintenance log from 1967 thru 1972
- Original POP (How many owners can compare a repro POP to the original?)

The moral of the story is, it pays to try and research every bit of history on your classic Corvette. You too might sound like Mickey Mouse when you find that all important missing piece of documentation.

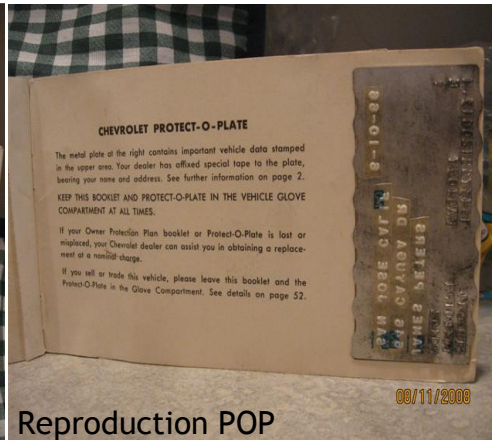
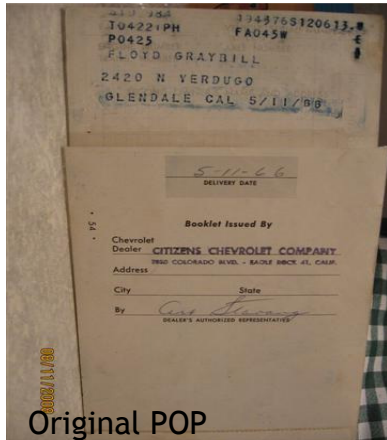
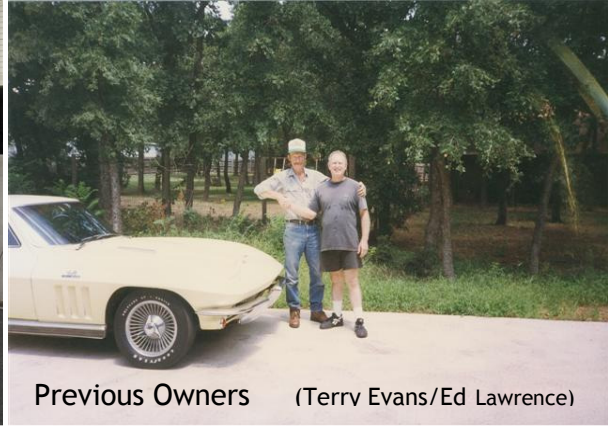
I want to thank Ed Laurence of Texas, and Al Sackett and Ron Anderson of Florida who made this fairytale possible.

After receiving the original POP in the mail, my wife asked me, "How are you ever going to top this?"

I paused for a second and yelled, "I'M GOING TO DISNEYLAND!!!"

(Photos next page)

Pictures from Dwayne:



Send in a technical article, want-ad or 'interest' story about your hobby.

Next newsletter is January, Deadline by December 31, 2008

E-mail your items to: cathyandpete@bergmannfamily.com





What a treat to see the newest Corvette

Thanks again to all the members and friends who donated to the Diaper Bank!



Parking for Cruise-In



Great Job!

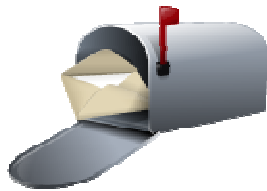


**NCRS AUSTRALIA INC
VETTES IN THE
VINES 2009**

**National Corvette Restorer's
Society
Australian Chapter**
Sydney 2009 Meet
Vettes in the Vines Starts Sydney 4th March to 8th March
Judging Meet 11th to 13th of March
Then join the New Zealand Chapter Meet 19 -21st March
Come to Vettes in the Vines 2009

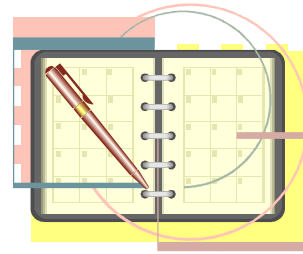


Check it out
on-line....www.ncrs.com.au
Looks like it would be fun to go
'down under' (Registrations due
12/1)



**Keep an eye out for the
following information to come
by mail:**

**Arizona National Corvette Restorers
Chapter Membership Renewal form
(with return envelope). The
membership is due January 2009.
Save the dates!**



**A trip to Al Knoch's in Texas is
planned for the Arizona Chapter for
Feb 18 & 19, 2009.**

Watch for a technical session and
social at the Bergmann's Garage Town
January 10th, 2009.

January 21-24 - Florida Winter
Regional

May 14-16 - Nevada Regional, Lake
Tahoe, NV

July 12-16 - National Convention, San
Jose, CA

Member advertisements:

Free to a Good Home...water pump off my
1966 327/350; works is not GM.

Exhaust, tail pipes and mufflers off same
car. They are in good shape and not rusted
out. Should be available in Scottsdale
around 21, 22 Nov.

For Sale: Doug Prince restored fuel injection
units for the following years...1957,1958,
1959,1960 (2), 1962, 1963. These are to be
sold as a package. Complete with
distributors and three air cleaners. These
belong to a friend. Please call for details.

Dave Barclay
520-624-0300

Regional Meet in Waco - Photo Gallery



Pete getting the car ready for the journey to Waco; Judging field in Waco; Gary Bennett and Pete Bergmann with their Top Flight awards at the Banquet.



Arizona Chapter
National Corvette Restorers Society

Annual Holiday Party
December 14, 2008

The Property Conference Center
1251 W. Gila Bend Highway
Casa Grande, Arizona 85293
(520) 836-1101

Event time is 11:30 a.m. til ~ 2:00 p.m.
Dress is Social Casual
(please, no shorts or blue-jeans)
Special Corvette parking available at 11 a.m.

*RSVP is required, so complete/return the form below by November
30th*



(Return this portion with RSVP)
AZC NCRS Holiday Party December 14, 2008

Please make reservations for _____ person(s) at \$30.00/person

Please list (print) name for each attending person:

Total \$_____ is enclosed

(Make check payable to AZC NCRS)

Mail reservation form and check to:
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The National Corvette Restorers Society is a hobby group of 15,000+ families dedicated to the restoration, preservation, history and enjoyment of Corvettes made from the model years 1953 through 1993

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