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1960's

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- 1960- An invitation to the 3rd Annual Molded Fiberglass Plant Tour appears in Corvette News (Vol4, No2).
Awards:
GM Trophy: Bob R
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- 1961- There were many Corvette clubs forming across the US, about 100 were established at this point. The Pure Oil Economy Run for Corvettes was held in Columbus-CC's Owen Blakslee won the Grand Prize Trophy (41.1mpg). Held our "First Annual Rodeo on Wheels". Final event in '61 was a Lucky Time Rally – held December 10-won by Fred Krajewski. Andy was Vice Pres. of NCCC and dues were \$3.00. "The National Council is comprised of 18 member clubs from Baltimore to Los Angeles, with members at large in Canada and Hawaii, a total membership of 412." 15 of 70 CC members were NCCC at this time. Corvette Cleveland was a charter member of National Council – that's why our number is EO (East Ohio) 005 - 5th club in council. 91 people in 50 cars turned out for the MFG plant tour. Bob W & George B participated in Akron Sports Car Club's night rally-starting time-10pm! Rally covered over 200 miles as far south as Coshocton, ending for breakfast at 6am at the Akron Airport. Nov 4- 50 cars (91 people) turned out for the Molded Fiberglass Plant in Ashtabula, cars from Akron, Canton, Columbus, and Cleve.
Awards:
Competition: M: Owen B; W: Jeannie N (19th);
(M&W ranked together)
GM Trophy: Owen B
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- 1962- CC held a gymkhana January 14 at the GM Training Center in Parma. \$2.50 members-\$3 non. 10 CC members took part in a March 18 event at Barberton Speedway. March NCCC meeting - Andy remains VP, 6 listed "Official" NCCC events for '62-1 being CC's Rodeo on Wheels-June 24; Also discussed was a plan to award the Steuben Glass Trophy-for the club with the highest points (points earned by # members, # club activities, attend. at activities, sponsoring a national event, attend. at national event, memb. renewals and % increase in annual memb-use of weights so that small clubs can compete with larger clubs. CC held "The Ides of May" rally May 27-starting at Cloverleaf Speedway Park-15 cars entered, J Ulmer and M Salane won. The Rodeo On Wheels was a success, Tiretown won many awards, Overall Winner was Dick S (Drv) and Dick S (Nav). The course was set up so that 5 cars could run at a time. The club became incorporated this year. A Swim/Picnic social was August 26 in Granville (near Columbus)-other clubs were invited to attend the caravan south-30 attended. Club holds a Gymkhana Nov 25 at the Parma Chevy Plant.
Nelson Ledges: *Noted in the Sept(?) 62 Newsletter:* Nelson Course Progress Report-40miles East of Public Square is a partially completed 1.8mile road course on 162 acres of land near Nelson Ledges. Plans are being laid for it completion early in 1963. CORVETTE-CLEVELAND is very interested, with several officers working closely with the owner. This course would benefit us in many ways, although few of us are licensed drivers. *Noted in the June 1965 newsletter:*
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- 1962 con't. Started racing at Nelson Ledges Road Course - Summer of '62 - "The track was a pocked marked, well oiled pasture and cornfield."
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- 1963- Nelson Ledges was paved. September was busy as members participated in many area events: Great Lakes Mall Gymkhana (2), TTCC Trials at Barberton (2), Parmatown Gymkhana (1st through 4th places!), Eastgate Shopping Center Gymkhana (8 of Top 10!). October's social was a Hayride organized by Bob Whalen (\$3.50/couple)-18 attended. Oct 27 event at Nelson Ledges, used Bernie A's clocks for events. Three members helped with the Brecksville Football Homecoming Parade. Thursday night social at the Euclid Rollerdrome organized by Joe B-\$1.00/person-9 attended. November 10th event at Barberton Speedway saw Bob W winning. December 1 Tiretown held a rally with Ron G, Dave & Virg U and Joe B & Virg T participating, Joe & Virg got lost. Six members raced Dec 15 at Barberton. The club organized a Christmas project to take orphaned children from Parmadale to see the Christmas lights downtown. New Year's Party was attended by 15.
- For Sale:** 1963 Corvette Sting Ray Convertible, red with white top, 4spd 308 positraction-\$4400, Roy T.
- Awards:**
- Competition: M: George B; W: Eileen T (6th)
(M&W ranked together)
 - Associate Member Award: Virgie P
 - GM Trophy: George B
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- 1964- **Socials:** Ice Skating in Oberlin, Bowling at Euclid Lanes, Picnic at Moss Point Beach (near Parkman), Cruise to Mid Ohio for Championship Road Racing- watched club's own Bob Bienerth compete-Sat beer party by NCCC, Halloween Party, Movie & Eats cruise for the under privileged kids of Lakeview Terrace. *The club made its 6th Annual Tour of the Ashtabula Fiberglass plant; Roger Penske was the guest speaker and gave a talk about his racing career as well as his opinion on how Corvettes compare to other sports cars." The tour was featured in *Corvette News*.
- Events:** Nelson Ledges Feb 15, March 22 (2 accurately timed runs" Entry Fee \$4.00 FTD was Bob Bienerth with a 62.02) and Oct 18, Buffet Fun Rally (27 cars-won by Dave U & Virg P), August 16-CC Auto Golf at Parmatown, Nov 15 Fun Rally-Scavenger Hunt Type Rally (26 entrants-won by Jack & Jane N), Dec 13-CC Christmas "Gift" Rally (at the end of the rally, exchange gifts). CC again works with Lyons Club of Midd. Hts. for a Christmas party for underprivileged children. Joe B won Class champion trophy at Thompson Drag Raceway. August 1964 - Virg T and Ray S attended the Lucas Hill Climb, Oct 16-7 members attended an Akron Sports Car Club event at Barberton. Oct saw CC member Bob B winning his class in SCCA competition, Andy was 3rd. In newsletter, "Speaking of Nelson Ledges, they will definitely add stock car road racing to its schedule for next summer. That's the word from Marv Drucker and Bill Glover, promoter." Christmas Fun Rally won by Ray and Edith S.
- Awards:**
- Competition: M: Virg T
 - Associate Member Award: Edith S
 - Services to the Club Award: Assoc. Member Rich H.
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1964 con't.

Mr. & Mrs. Bernie A for years of "Service and Membership"
GM Trophy: Virg T

1965-

Discussion in newsletter about "club image" and making sure that a good public image is kept up. Prediction in August newsletter: "We will lose our Sunday events at Nelson."

Membership: Dues - \$10 new members, \$6 renewal, \$3 Associate; NCCC Dues \$7.00.

Socials: Aug Picnic at Brecksville Metropolitan Park, Social activities picked up enough during the year the club elected a Social Chair for 1966.

Events: January Fun Rally and Free Buffet Dinner (47 entries); Jan 17 Seven CC members headed to a speed event at Barberton Speedway; Feb 28 – 1st Nelson event: "Snow plow available if needed." May 2 at Nelson, The first set of clocks was purchased. March 28: 84 cars at Nelson "unfortunately the pit area was a sea of mud." June 13 Nelson event proceeds donated to the "Sunshine Bus", Sue L interviewed on Martin & Howard program; Nelson track record held by Bob G was 59.48. CC member Bob B wins the Homer Daisy Memorial Trophy, awarded to the winner of the greatest number first places by a Corvette, previous year's winner was Don Yenko.

The NCCC convention was in Cleveland, with headquarters at the Charter House Hotel. Paul Wilcox from Channel 5 covered the event. *Corvette News* (Vol. 9, No.1) covered the event. CC's Eileen T and Don C (Corvettes, Inc. [Toledo]) were co-chairmen for convention. Wednesday afternoon was a Poolside Party w/"people-khana" Many beverage cups were set up to form a miniature road course and "driver's" – people, naturally – were blindfolded. Spouses, or friends, told the blindfolded how to negotiate the twisty circuit (which at one point took a sharp left turn at the pool's edge!). Thursday was Time Trials at Nelson Ledges Road Course hosted by Corvettes, Inc., there were 75 entrants. Friday was a busy day, with the Molded Fiber Glass tour, Concours hosted by CC Corvette Cleveland and a Gymkhana hosted by Tiretown. Saturday was the Business Meeting, Rally, Banquet & Awards. *"One of the more impressive awards was the Steuben Glass Trophy presented to the club deemed outstanding in the Council's eyes. This trophy is given to a club that makes an impressive overall contribution to the Council during the year. The award went to Corvette Cleveland for their extra duty and performance in the skillful executing of the many details for the 1965 convention, their special-interest club tours (their Ashtabula tour in October, 1964, was written up in Corvette News this year) and general event excellence. The award was greeted by a standing ovation."*

Awards:

Competition: M: Virg T; W: Rita K

M&W were ranked together, top 4 members & top 3 assoc members received awards.

Associate Member Award: Rich H

NCCC: Club-2nd (Tiretown was 5th!), Bob G was 4th;

Ohio Section of NCCC: 1st-Bob G, 3rd-Virg T & Dennis S, 4th-Ray S, also took 5th, 6th and 8th in Top 10.



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GM Trophy: AI E

For Sale:

1963 Sting Ray Corvette, 340 HP, 4 speed, two tops, black - \$2995.00 Gary Achdeacon

1964 Corvette Convertible, 250 HP, 3spd, White soft top, 24,000mi, \$3,400 Bill Jory

1966-

The club paper changed from the "Fuel Injector" to the "Mako Ray". President Stan K seriously injured in parachuting accident.

Membership: Dues - \$10 new members, \$6 renewal, \$3 Associate; December total was 106 members. From newsletter: It seems we are losing some of our members to "Tiretown Corvette Club." This we cannot blame anyone for wanting to do, as they are a wonderful group of people, with much travel, and lots of activities.

Socials: Brock L hosted a house party for all sports car groups; Jan 30 saw a group of CC members head to Dearborn, MI to view the Mako Shark; Toboggan Party at Virginia Kendall Park; Sunday evening socials at E's; August Picnic, Christmas Banquet, W's hosted a New Year's Party.

Events: Jan 16-CC headed to Akron Sports Car Club's event at Barberton Speedway; Jan 23 hosted Scavenger Hunt Rally (4hrs long) followed by a 4 ½ social (19 cars entered); Feb 27 at Nelson, March- Strip Rally (30 entrants), April Newsletter: "The extra mile to be added to the Nelson Course should pretty well be prepared by June 1st, 1966. April 17 at Nelson, "There were 103 cars signed up to run at the Corv. Cleve. Speed Trials. 3 were forced to cancel out, leaving a field of 100 cars, the largest entry so far for this club."; Speed event at Sandusky Speedway (27 entries) followed by a social with Tire-Town group. "This club has one of the highest percentage of trophy winners for the size of its membership of any nearby club." May 21 at Nelson Ledges; June 11 at Nelson, July 16 at Nelson, Sept 25 at Nelson; Nov 13 at Nelson.

Awards: 106 members-49 competed-26 winners brought home 204 trophies (14 FTD, 89 1st's, 53 2nd's, 48 3rd or less-not including rallies).

Competition: Virg T

GM Trophy: Virg T

For Sale: 1964 Sting Ray Full Competition SCCA - \$1700 less engine & transmission & Cobra 289 Ex-Factory car, all Shelby options - \$3900 - Bob Bienerth

1967-

McClintock Chevy donates a trophy to the Points Winner. Mako Ray postage - 5¢. Doug M designed a new club emblem, which is still used. The office of Safety Chairman was added to the officer list. Stan K and Gary S went to offer help/advise to Bob Cronquist, who was starting the Ashtabula Corvette Club. Nelson Ledges is renamed Steel Cities International Raceway.

Membership:

Social: 14 members caravanned to the Henry Ford Museum, meeting up with Corvettes, Inc (Toledo) and Corvette Club of Michigan for dinner; Theatre party at the Allen Theatre to see "Grand Prix" (26 attend); April hayride; Mem Day Picnic at Smith Quarries; Club takes James Home Orphans for a rally and picnic; Get-Acquainted Social at the Spud-Im Club; Club Picnic at Smith Quarry; Dinner and dancing at the Charter House, Clam Bake at Smith Quarry, Christmas Banquet at



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1967 con't. Spud-lms club (\$5/person);

Events: In Feb newsletter "On our recent sojourn to the motor city of Detroit for the auto show, our club was approached to handle the NCCC Time Trial Championships at Mid-Ohio." January Fun Rally (22 entered) with social afterward; Feb 19 at Nelson (\$5 entry fee-44 entries), March 18-Easter Smarts Rally (20 entries-won by Ken P & Jean A; March 26 at Nelson "The duel between Sandy M and Carol E had a big change. Sandy got her first racing trophy and set a new track record for Ladies class at 63.54", April 23, 30 at Nelson; Stan K, Brock L and Dennis S display at Auto Rama; May 21 at Nelson; May 27 Rally, June 4 at Nelson, June 10, July 8 & 9 at Nelson, Sept 9 & 10 at Nelson; Sept 30 at Nelson-cancelled rain; Oct 15 at Nelson; Oct 21-Fun rally Nov 5-TSD Rally, Nov 12 at Nelson;

Awards:

Competition: M: Ray S (McClintock Trophy); W: Sandy M (9th)

M&W members ranked together

Social Award: Ginny G

GM Trophy: Ginny G

For Sale: *Vette Grand Sports roadster*, 2100lbs, with Traco blueprinted 427 (490HP), 8 American Mags with Firestones. \$5,500 with engine, \$4,500 without. Wintersteen Racing, Inc. Newtown Square, PA. [ed. yes-THAT Grand Sport-#002]

1968-

Kalamazoo club arranges parade lap at Indy in May-"Anyone that does not follow the pace car at pace car speeds will be expelled from National Council." New *Mako Ray* newsletter design used (Doug M). NCCC votes to add another day (4 total) to convention for 1969. Through NCCC a letter was sent to GM protesting the use of a Camaro on the cover of Corvette News.

Nov Membership: 75; NCCC Dues are New Member-\$8, New Member with car badge-\$11.50, Renewal-\$5.

Social: Honky Tonk social at Smith Quarries - "men wear your derby hats and armbands, ladies wear your garters!", D.O.M Akron Mardi Gras party, Scavenger Hunt rally through the MetroParks, Hayride at Siedel's Farm (19 couples attend), Decoration Day picnic (25+ attend), Chippewa Lake (16+ attend), Lawn Party at Etzel's, Oglebay Park weekend, Clam Bake at Smith Quarries, Halloween party at Tom & Chris Prusnek's new house (30+ attend -FAB "Fastest Apple Bobber" & "and my personal thanks to Bob Whalen for running over my septic tank cover and dragging it over my lawn" (Tom Prusnek), Christmas party at Pacino's Restaurant.

Events: Competition points are now only awarded for CC, NCCC or Corvette club events; Nelson Ledges shall be referred to as Nelson Ledges, the new name of SCIR is confusing to many. January 20 rally (43 entries, won by Bob Y & Ginny G), Feb 11 at Nelson, March 10 at Nelson, Entered a group of cars in Auto Rama and won "Best Club Display", April Rally (20 cars), 13 members attend Lake Erie Communications class, July 20 & 21 at Nelson-\$7 for both days, Sept 29 at Nelson, Nov 17 at Nelson, Christmas Fun rally (51 entries),

Awards:

Competition: M: Jim F

Top 3 awarded trophies



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Social Award: Ida S (H)
GM Trophy: Tom & Chris P

1969-

Newsletter postage: \$.12

Membership:

Socials: Tobogganing at Virginia Kendall Park (14 attend), caravan to Dearborn, MI for "Sports Cars in Review" (16 attend), Valentine's Party at Bob & Joan Ke's (22 attend); March caravan to Ashtabula's Molded Fiberglass Plant (40+ attend); Memorial Day picnic at Smith Quarries (55 attend), Caravan to Mid Ohio for the Can-Am races, 11 Vettes caravan to Cedar Point for 1st All-Ohio Corvette Weekend hosted by Lakeshore Corvettes- \$4.50 to get in the park (26 attend); Canoe Trip in Perrysville (4 couples), Dancing at Columbia Ballroom, Canoe Trip #2 (13 attend), Halloween party at P's (31 attend), Christmas party at Pacino's (62 attend).

Events: May 18 practice at Nelson, June 15 at Nelson, Aug 3 at Nelson, Sept 28 at Nelson, Christmas Rally (42 cars attend)

Awards:

Competition: M: Jim F
Social Award: Joan K
GM Trophy: Chuck & Betty H

For Sale: '66 Corvette, Immaculate, 22,000mi, 2 tops, 4speed-\$2850
'67 Fastback, Green with factory white stripe, black interior, 427-435 HP with 4spd, side mounted exhaust, 18,000 mi, \$3,700 – Ed Hilkowski
