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**Coming Events****April 27-28 Chapter Judging Meet**

Larry Gerig's Museum, Roanoke, IN  
From I-69, take HWY 24 exit, go southwest approx 5 miles to HWY 114 Junction on the right. Turn onto GR 600 E, turn in after passing Larry's house.

**June 21-23 Bloomington Gold**

Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Indianapolis, IN

**September 8-9 Chapter Road Tour**

TBA ~Cancelled due to weather~

**October 6**

Mounds State Park, Anderson, IN

**Chapter Picnic****November 3**

MCL Cafeteria, E86th St & Allisonville Indpls, IN

**Annual Business Meeting****December 1**

Fireside Brewhouse, Greenwood, IN

**Chapter Christmas Party**

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**Message from the Chairman**

It's Fall already and I don't know where the summer went. Soon, we will be putting the Corvettes away for the winter. It is sad, preparing them for hibernation but, driving on snow is not fun!

The Chapter had a very good mini meet at Jamie and John Heislars' toy barn, (If you can call it that) located at Hamilton Lake, a very nice place. We do need more people to help with such events but, Rick Coker organized a smooth event.

We had three cars judged, C2 category included a 1966 427ci/425hp, and a 1967 427ci/400hp air car, and the C3 category had the 1982 collectors car. All were very nice vehicles. After the judging was concluded, Shawn Sarrazin hosted a great tech session on show car detailing. Jamie and John put on a first rate event with a wonderful location, great food, and information. The mini meet concluded with a pontoon tour of Hamilton Lake including a stop for checking out another car collection. Thanks again, Jamie and John.

Our upcoming events— Picnic at Mounds State Park, Annual Business Meeting at Castleton MCL Cafeteria and finishing off the year with the Christmas Party at Fireside Brewhouse. Please come and join us, always a great time.

—Mike Treece, Chairman, Indiana Chapter

## Message from The Judging Chairman

This year we held a mini meet at Jamie and John Heislars' facility on Hamilton Lake. Michael Betten brought his 1966 and 1967 for judging and Brian Davies brought his most recent acquisition, a 1982 collector car.

After concluding the mini meet, we toured the lake with a stop at Michael Bettens place to see his wonderful collection. We then finished up with dinner at the world famous, Cold Springs Resort.

In 2019 some events of note will be— Florida Regional, February 21-23. Judges Retreat, March 15-17, Queen City Regional (Cincinnati) April 11-13, New England Regional, May 16-18 and, the National Convention at Greenville, South Carolina, July 14-19. With the timing of these events, the window for a chapter spring meet will be June 1-29 or, after the National Convention. I would appreciate any suggestions concerning a venue in the Indianapolis area or south of Indy for a 2 day chapter meet.

—Rick Coker, Judging Chairman, Indiana Chapter

## Message from The Editor

I wish to thank everyone involved at the mini meet on Hamilton Lake. This was a great idea for a smaller and more personal event. It was a treat for me to see and judge the three cars. I also enjoyed learning about Michael Bettens' cars and Brian Davies newest car.

I also want to thank Jamie and John Heisler for hosting this event at their Toy Barn on the lake.

Judy Waggoner, this years Road Tour chairperson, made a good call to cancel the road tour due to the awful weather produced from Tropical Storm Gordon that hit Mississippi then came our way. I hope we can reschedule a tour this year.

I hope to see all of you at Mounds State Park on October 6th for the picnic. Always a great time just socializing. Please RSVP to Judy [judy@ncrs.org](mailto:judy@ncrs.org) for attending the picnic. She needs this information for ordering chicken.

Finally, as always, I need Technical Articles for the newsletter.

—Tim Hull, Editor, Indiana Chapter

## Tech Talk

**"THE CORVETTE COROLLARY" - #2**

Brian Davies

Judging Chairman, Indiana Chapter NCRS

Last Saturday I spent some time at the mammoth collector car auction held every Labor Day weekend in Auburn, IN. I expected that being there would fertilize my idea garden for this issue's column. It did so, but not quite in the way I was expecting. Inspiration came while traveling to the event, rather than the event itself.

Highway sense and etiquette have deteriorated these days, to the point where I am astounded when I see another driver paying attention to their surroundings, clearing the path of the passing lane for faster traffic, or even using a signal. So you may imagine my disappointment when the yellow C4 convertible that I encountered did none of the three. Had this been an ordinary "civilian" car, I would not have been unduly disgusted; that's something I find nearly every day. But this was a Corvette! This car should have been piloted by a true driving enthusiast - one who knew the ins and outs of highway culture and civility beyond the mere mortal realm. It obviously was not.

Now this got me to thinking. Just as we hold law enforcement officers and civil leaders to a higher standard, I believe that we Corvette drivers should be equally demanding of ourselves. A bad driver in an ordinary car may get just a four-letter glare, and then be forgotten as they blend into the road's mediocrities. A bad driver in a Corvette will give all of us a bad image. It's not exactly fair, but it happens. So, the Corvette driver who cuts lanes without signaling, tailgates, succumbs to distractions such as phones, or engages in similar carelessness is staining your reputation and mine. I for one don't wish to be stained.

Think back on news stories you've read or conversations you've heard about car wrecks. If there are ordinary cars involved, the usual verdict is something along the lines of, "The driver lost control" or perhaps, "Alcohol may have been a contributing factor." Note that the make of vehicle is not mentioned. When a Corvette is involved, the common reaction is, "The guy was probably driving too fast. That's what those Vettes do, I see it all the time." Right there is another example of how we are prejudiced by the general public.

Repeat after me: **"Stupidity causes crashes."** It's that simple. It's not age, gender, race, creed, and most of all *not the model of vehicle*. You can call it "Driving too fast for conditions", or "Driving while impaired" or any other whitewashing term you like. The fact is that it boils down to some form of stupidity - no more, no less. So please remember that we ought to become the best drivers we can be. We have access to one of the neatest cars in the world when we're behind the wheel of a Corvette. Let's be drivers that are commensurate with our vehicle of choice.

Be healthy, be happy, and wave with all your fingers!

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