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All Events Subject to Change

June 18 &19th Lucas Oil Stadium	Bloomington Gold Indianapolis, IN
August 14th Larry Gerig	Mini Meet Fort Wayne, IN
September 18th Ray Skillmans	Mini Meet Greenwood, IN
October 2nd Mounds State Park	Chapter Picnic Anderson, IN
November TBD	Annual Business Meeting
December TBD	Chapter X-Mas Party

Message From Mike Treece, Chairman

I hope everyone is well and doing alright. In the coming months our chapter has 3 events planned and we could use your help, PLEASE volunteer.

Our first event this year is the judging meet near Fort Wayne, at Larry Gerig's place. If you have never been there, his collection and facilities are worth twice the price of the event.

The second event is the judging meet at Ray Skillmans, near Indianapolis. Ray's collection and facilities are impressive. If you have never attended this event, you are missing out.

Our third event is the annual picnic at Mounds State Park, near Anderson. Please come and enjoy a meal with good friends.

A list of events of interest from other chapters—

Woodward Dream Cruise, Michigan chapter.

Corvettes of Carlisle, in Pennsylvania.

Michigan chapter judging meet, September 10-11, in Detroit.

Corvette Gathering in Lancaster Ohio, September 12.

We are also getting things in order for our Regional Show in April 2022.

PLEASE volunteer, we need your help!

Mike Treece, Chairman

Message From Rick Coker, Judging Chairman

It was a great 2021 National Convention, in Palm Springs California, with a lot of Corvettes for display and judging.

I would like to thank Tim Hull for his assistance at the staging lot Sunday and Monday. We staged all of the cars in the Convention Centers adjacent parking lot. The heat was brutal, 150* was measured on the black top, air temperature 106* but doing something “normal” and seeing old friends made the heat bearable. The Convention concluded with an excellent banquet Thursday evening.

Our chapter has two upcoming meets scheduled—

August 14, at Larry Gerig’s, Roanoke. 8 Corvettes to judge.

September 18, at Ray Skillmans Museum, Greenwood. 10 cars to judge.

I have kept registration open for anyone who would still like to judge.

Next year, 2022 is the Indiana Chapter’s Regional Meet, April 28-30, Kruse Plaza in Auburn. The banquet on Saturday evening is at the ACD Museum. We need volunteers to make this a success for our chapter. Please let Mike or myself know if you are available to help. We will need to address some things, sooner rather than later, such as: Photographer for the cars and event, soliciting sponsors, etc.

Rick Coker, Judging Chairman

Message From Tim Hull, Editor

Any member wishing to receive a paper copy of Points & Plugs via USPS, please send me an email or message with your request and postal mailing address.

A technical article is needed for the remaining issue of Points & Plugs for 2021.

Tim Hull, Editor

Restoration Battery Rebuild by Tim Gilmore

I love the look of a correct Delco Energizer battery under the hood of my 1967 Corvettes. At over \$350 per unit, I often wonder why I'd pay so much when the Restoration batteries take a 30% hit during judging. When my Restoration battery died on one of my cars after only two years of use I replaced it with an over the counter Delco battery. The Restoration battery sat for well over a year before I decided to open it up to see what made it work. I took my Dremel cutter and carefully removed the top of the battery. Once removed, I could see the wires that were soldered to the bottom of the battery posts and attached to a small battery that was set in about one inch of epoxy glue to hold it in place. I drilled four pilot holes from the top of the case to mark where to cut the dead battery out. My Dremel tool did not have a cutting blade deep enough to make it through the battery case and epoxy glue, so I used a hack saw blade to cut the remainder of the base. With the battery out, I put in a new plastic bottom with sheet metal screws and prepared to replace the interior battery with another. This car was going to the 2020 Frisco Regional and I wanted the Restoration battery in place to garnish a few more points than the standard Delco battery. With the Frisco Regional cancelled, I put the final part of the project on hold, but before the 2021 Regional I'll glue a new battery in place, hook up the terminal wires and use silicone to secure the original top in place. The installation of the new internals will cost about \$120 compared to the cost of a new dated Restoration battery. I have two other cars with Restoration batteries in them, so this method will be used when those batteries expire. The cases of all my batteries are dated, so the reusable cases can be used over and over preventing the need for costly replacement of the entire battery.

I also have an original 1967 battery that has never been filled with acid, so I can modify the exterior of the cases with this original battery as a guide. But that is another story for another time.







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