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Prez Says . . .

After a mild first part of winter (including a GREEN Christmas), the snow and cold came back with a vengeance and brought us some of the coldest temperatures last month in upstate New York. We even had a very WHITE St. Patrick's Day, but not anything that would dampen the spirits around this neck of the woods. But spring has sprung, and we have had a few good rains to wash the salt off the roads, bringing our a few Corvettes on those extra special sunny days.

This has been a very active, growing chapter in the Western NY NCRS world. I am proud to say that when we submitted our annual Chapter report to our region 1 Director Mark Lincoln in early February, our membership had grown from 51 to 76 members – a whopping year over year 49% increase. It really has been great seeing all the new members join. Many have already attended our events, and some have already stepped forward to host upcoming events over the next few months.

Here it is just ¼ of the way through the year, and we have already had 3 successful events. January brought us together at Ray and Janet Carney's in Wyoming NY for a judging school on their '61 and '63. Eileen and I missed that event while we were down in Florida, but we heard nothing but great things about the great hospitality and the good time everyone had at the session. Thanks, Ray and Janet, for hosting this session.

February saw a dozen of us venture down the frigid Rt 90 corridor to have a chili, cookies, and cars gathering at Jeff and Lyn Bernatovich's in Brewerton, NY. Luckily, the north winds stayed away from us – the ones that dumped well over 200 inches of snow a little ways north and east of Brewerton – and we all made it there and back home again. It's funny how when one cookie plate after another was opened that we quickly decided to have our meal – again, great food, great friends, and great chili – it doesn't get much better than that for a winter get together. Thanks, Jeff and Lyn for another good time and successful event.

Just yesterday, we returned to Ed and Aaron Krenzer's shop in Sodus Point where 17 of us, plus 3 guests, had painter extraordinaire Bob Tuchrelo give us a "chalk talk" about the basics of painting and sanding, and then a hands on demo of wet sanding both on Ed's '62 and various other fiberglass panels. These sessions are absolutely as good as they can get – Bob has done a lot for our Chapter over the years, and his a combination of knowledge, delivery, humor, and 27 years experience is absolutely National level tech session quality every time. His work has resulted in several Duntov aware winning paint jobs. Ed and Aaron, thanks once again for hosting us and keeping out feet warm.

Next up is a session we're planning to do in the Buffalo area on new and reproduction parts – details to come soon. The latest Driveline has the flyer for our June 2nd Chapter Judging event at Ken Barrett's Chevrolet – Cadillac in Batavia NY. Several cars have already been registered for Flight judging. Register to attend NOW and make sure to drive your Corvette to the meet. Plan to attend the NCRS National in Marlboro, MA in July – and to join one of the Road Tours to it if at all possible. And of course, the Vintage races are at Watkins Glen International Sept 7,8,9.

That's it for now. Another month and we can all wake our cars from their long winter's rest and D-R-I-V-E them. Have a healthy, happy, and safe Easter holiday.



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Upcoming Events

Judging School

May 2nd 10:30 AM-2:30 PM

Part 2 of Bill Calorico's Parts Seminar (lunch included)

Location: 2 Fairglen Dr. Getzville NY (near Buffalo)

RSVP ijankovi@verizon.net or

Kckaczka@aol.com

Flyer will be sent Mid April

WESTERN NY Chapter Judging Meet

June 2nd, Batavia, NY

Details & Registration on page 11

Classifieds:

Wanted: Technical Articles, Contact Rick Casper r333mc@yahoo.com

For Sale: C2 Corvette under car 2" to 2 ½" exhaust. . Pipes and mufflers. Aluminumized, used but not rusty. In fact there is very little rust at all. Removed from my white 67. Asking \$150

Gene 315 524-7423 or gmvette@rochester.rr.com

For Sale: Sun Tach with paired set of amp and temp gages. All are chrome with black faces. Tach has the chrome cup to mount to steering column. These are vintage 60's stuff. \$50 all as is.

Call Gene 315 524-7423 or e-mail gmvette@rochester.rr.com



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WELCOME to New Members

David Blanchard
East Amherst, NY

Anthony Cory
Corfu, NY

Pete & Rachael Desimone
Kirkville, NY

Al Dratwa
Waterford, Ontario Canada

Phillip McCabe
Allegany, NY

Robert Slomba
N.Tonawanda, NY

Barry Stevens
Greene, NY

Jeff Stowell
Lyons, NY

Please Welcome our New Editor
Rick Casper will be the editor for the next
Crossed Flags Newsletter.

Please support Rick in his new endeavor by
submitting technical or event articles.

The "Crossed Flags" can only be as GOOD
as our members make it.

Thank you Rick for stepping up to the plate.

Wet Sanding Seminar by Robert Tuchrelo
Submitted by Rick Casper



On Saturday, March 24, the WNY chapter held a tech session on paint restoration and sanding techniques at Ed and Arron Krenzer's awesome shop at Sodus Point. Instruction was conducted by local expert painter Bob (Tuch) Tuchrelo. For the first hour and a half, Bob conducted "classroom" instruction. He reviewed the different brands and types of sandpaper and rubbing compound. He told us how these items are graded and at what point in the paint restoration process each should be used. Using drawings, he described how the sanding process effects the sandpaper and the fiberglass, primer, and paint. After lunch, Bob demonstrated sanding techniques on actual body panels followed by a buffing demonstration on the Krenzer's red '62 Corvette. Correctly preparing the sandpaper, sanding with proper strokes and beginning the sanding process in the correct areas were only a few of the techniques we learned. For most of us, it was surprising to learn there is an incredible amount of knowledge and skill required to correctly prepare a Corvette for the painting process. Bob has written a number of articles for our newsletter in the past, and for those who missed the tech session or would like a review or more information, Bob has offered to write a few more articles for upcoming newsletters. As one member pointed out, Tuch is certainly an artist and we all appreciate the time he spent educating our chapter members.

The Wayne County Solid Axle boys

I wonder how many areas in the country have several solid axle cars in restoration. In our 10 mile radius, we have three cars hopefully to be completed this year. We try to meet weekly to assist one of us on some project. Tim Burditt is well along on his 61, with the body painted and the rolling frame nearly done. Tim has painted a number of steel body cars, but this is his first fiberglass. He got lots of encouragement from his dad, a good old body and fender man and from our friend Tuch, whom we all know from his painting articles in previous articles. The lacquer Roman Red/Ermine White looks great. Soon we will be helping him with the assembly of his windshield and dashpad. Brian Cuvelier's 62 is waiting at Tuch paint shop. It is next in line after Ric's 64 (another story that perhaps Ric would write for us to enjoy). Gene Manno is the lead restorer on Brian's car. The rolling frame is ready for the body. My 62 is waiting for better weather to complete the interior and should be rolling this summer. Together, we have helped each other strip paint, rebuild windshields, install dashpads, refurbish wire harnesses and drink some beer. Isn't this what NCRS is all about?

Submitted by Dick Denison



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Betty Vetter Cookie Bake off Contest Results

Submitted By Eileen Miller

Our Cookies, Chili and Corvette Racing Engine Event Hosted by Jeff and Lyn Bernatovich turned out to be a delightful mid winter break and definitely held up the 'Great Friends' part of the NCRS motto. We all enjoyed each other's company both in the kitchen and garage while sampling Chili salad and cookies.

Cookies submitted for flight judging were:

Jazzed up Brownies -	Bonnie Denison
Sour Cream Drop Cookies -	Judith Rivette
Chocolate Chip -	Lyn Bernatovich
Peanut Butter Toffee Bars -	Eileen Miller
Red Hearts and Blue Lips -	Sue Manno
Coconut Choc Chip Bars -	Lyn Bernatovich

Jim Frakes' well known sweet tooth qualified him as Master Judge and he readily agreed to take on the task of Cookie Judging Chairman. When the day of the event dawned, the weather in Tully, NY was not very friendly for the drive up to Brewerton, so we all missed the pleasure of Jim and Nancy's company. However, the cookie bakers decided to not let Jim off the hook for his duties as Master Judge, so we boxed up some samples and mailed them. Below is the announcement from Nancy Frakes for the Duntov Cookie Winner for 2007:

Well, the judge's decision is finally in! Jim certainly enjoyed *all* the cookies (so did I!). I think it was a tough decision for him to make. We thought we might have to request a second batch to make doubly sure!! Anyhow, the WINNER is the baker of the red hearts and blue lips, Susan Manno!!

Congratulations – Susan! And we hope to see more of our members at our next Social Event.

Chili and Cookies at the Benatovich's

The Rivettes, the Millers, the Mannos and the Denison's joined Lyn and Jeff at their home on Feb. 10th for some great chili and even better conversations. The boys had to go out to the garage for some refreshments and talk about Jeff and Ric's racing. Jeff is about ready for the start of racing season, which began on Feb. 24th. Hopefully, he will again write more articles on his racing experiences. Thanks Lyn and Jeff for having us at your home.

Submitted by Dick Denison

Judging School at Ray Carney's
Submitted by Susan Manno



Ray and Janet Carney graciously opened their restored farm house and Ray's heated 4 bay garage with a lift to the chapter in January. Members went through Ray's '61 convertible and '63 split window doing a pre-judging of the vehicles which Ray has restored doing most of the work himself.

Rick Casper was heading down to the Florida Regional and was asked to investigate questions on Ray's '61. His findings were as follows:

- On the subject of visors, all visors had tension springs.
- Correctness of the trunk springs on Ray's car. All cars had the trunk springs oriented like his.
- No battery retainers with notches. They all looked the same. You may have seen my post on the discussion board and the one answer.
- Three C1's had powerglides. None of them had shims between the frame and the transmission cross member. You may have seen my post on the discussion board and the lack of any answer. I have a source I can ask.
- There were no original trunk mats. All were reproductions except for one service replacement mat. According to guru Marilyn Heitzelmann, Those colored mats with imprinted stamps were service replacements.

Thanks Rick for the input.

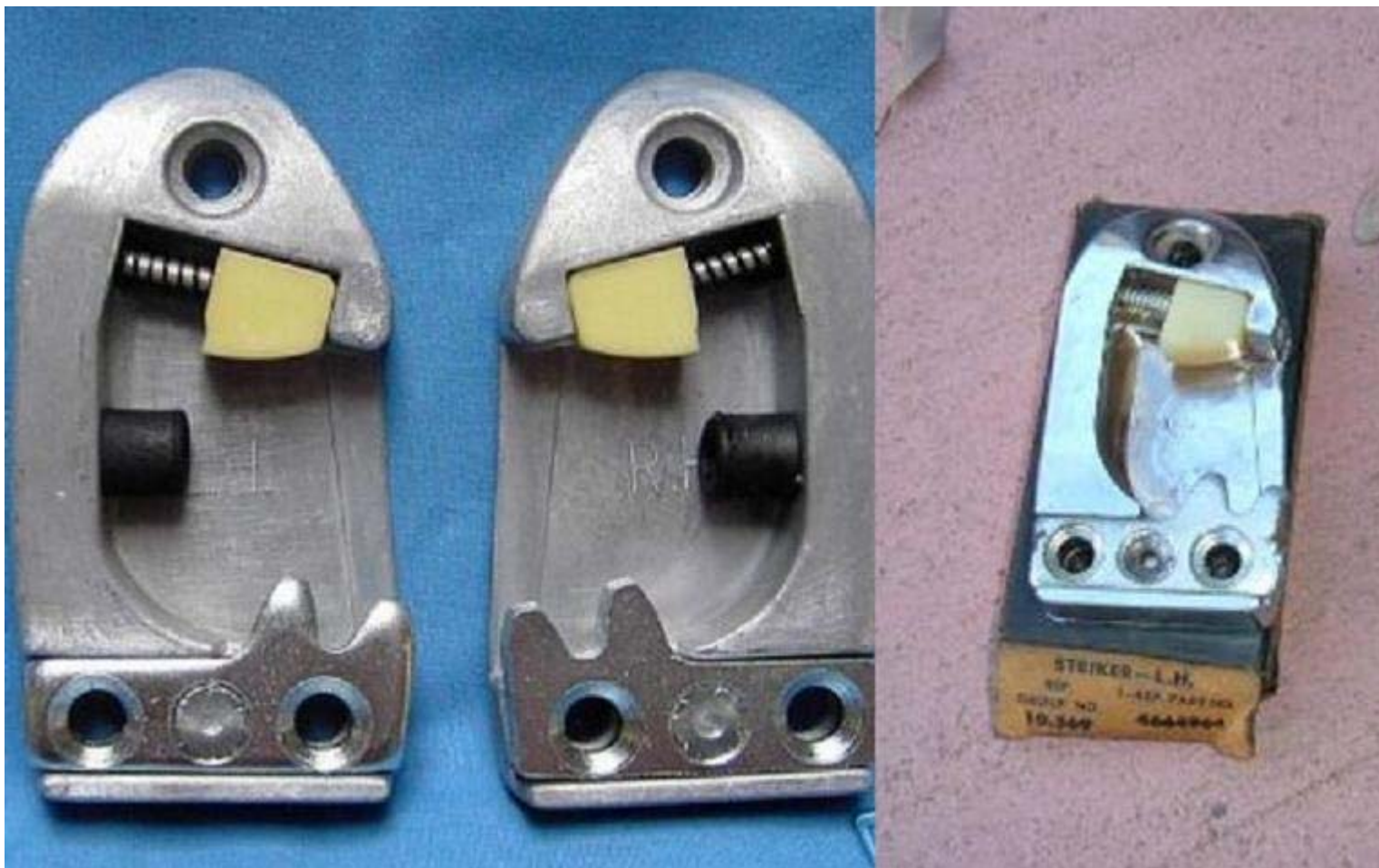
A special Thank You to Janet for preparing a wonderful lunch and opening their beautiful home to us.

Solid Axle Tips
submitted by **Gene Manno**

Solid Axle Steering column interior paint- color is painted from the steering wheel end to 1 1/2 inches below the column bracket. The Notch (elongated hole) on the side of the column marks about where the interior paint should end.

Solid Axle mounting brackets for Bumperettes – If you just installed a set of front bumperettes and license plate mount on a 61 or 62 and it appears to stick out to far ahead of the bumper, you might have the brackets for a 58-60. The 61, 62 aim calls out 3782765 and 3782766. The incorrect 3739332 and 3739331 are for 58-60

Solid Axle door latches – The ones on the left are correct the one on the right incorrect. Correct ones have LH & RH cast in.





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Jim Miller called the meeting to order at 9:55 AM and handed out the board meeting agenda.

Old Business

Reviewed the Pre-judging event at Ray's home on Jan. 13th. Attendance was good with 15 members and event was well received.

Annual Chapter Flight Award update

Dick Denison updated all with a description of what events will be sent to Nationals and what events will be required for the rest of the year to make top flight. We are well along the way.

Social Event at the Bernatovich's

Though we only got five couples to this Feb. 10th event, it was a good time for all. The chili and cookies were great and Jim Frakes, though not present, still judged the cookies and deemed Sue Manno's the winner.

New Business

April - nothing planned.

May 5th - Parts seminar with Bill Calarico at Igor Jankovic's hme in Getzville (Buffalo area)

June 2nd - Chapter meet at Ken Barrertt's Chev in Batavia. We have a few people signed up. Need four cars for Chapter Flight Award.

July 22-26th - Nationals at Marlboro, Ma. Looks like we will have a good number of chapter members going. A few of us will be on the road tour.

Judging School - Will be later in the year.

Charitable Event - Tentative plans call for this event to culminate at Nationals. At each of our events, we will have a 50/50 raffle and the drawing will be at our dinner at Nationals. The club will match the intake and National will match that, up to a limit. Tickets are \$1 ea., \$2 for 3, and \$5 for a arm's length. Please participate.

Sept 7-9 - SVRA at the Glen. Come watch the vintage cars run at the Glen. Friday's race is through the village as it was run in the old days. The cost is free and lots of fun.

Newsletter Editor - Rick Casper has agreed to take this on. He and the club needs input. Just a paragraph or two will do. What are you working on? Tell us about it. We also must have several technical articles for the chapter award so get writing.

Meeting adjourned at 10:25.

NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY Board of Directors Meeting *March 24, 2007*

Vito Cimilluca was elected president of the board and Jeff Cook was re-elected financial officer. Vito appointed Mark Lincoln as vice president and national activities chairman, Cece Nelson as secretary, Jeff Cook as business manager, Roy Sinor as national judging chairman, Gary Mortimer as merchandising and membership manager, John Pirkle as National Corvette Museum representative and Carlton Colclough as public relations coordinator.



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National Board of Directors Meeting continued

Gilbert Scrivner resigned as Region VII Director and Gary Chesnut was appointed to complete this term. Wayne Scraba was re-confirmed as editor of *The Corvette Restorer* and Eric Mortimer re-confirmed as editor of *The Driveline*.

Dick Whittington was appointed as a member of the Publications Committee.

Jimmy McCutcheon and Janet Kennedy presented an outstanding proposal for the 2010 National Convention from the Southeast and Carolina Chapters. The board voted for the 2010 National Convention to be held at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Charlotte, North Carolina. The Board selected Jimmy McCutcheon as the 2010 Convention Chairman.

The board voted to support the National Judging Chairman's proposal for the third judging retreat to be held January 31 to February 3, 2008, in Dallas, TX. Roy also announced the completion of the Judging Retreat training DVD's that will be available for sale through Cincinnati within the next few weeks. There will be five DVD's in all: operations, judging reference manual, judging 101, paint and fiberglass, and the judging matrix. Roy will soon make all judging score sheets available in a downloadable PDF file on our web site.

Two team leader changes have been made: the addition of Stan Falenski as the 1970-72 Team Leader and Allen Tremain will replace Vito Cimilluca as the 1984 - 89 Team Leader.

Probationary status for the Dutch Chapter was approved by the Board.

The board voted to support six regionals for 2009. The regionals will be held in the following sites: Kissimmee, FL January 21-24; Lowe's Motor Speedway, NC April 23-25; Lake Tahoe, NV May 14-16; Delafield, WI June 11-13; Marlborough, MA Sept. 17-19; Waco, TX October 15 -17.

The board agreed on a proposal to bundle *The Corvette Restorer* and *Driveline* to be mailed together (piggybacking) four times a year. The *Driveline* mailing dates will remain the same. *The Restorer* will adjust the fall issue, shipping it one month earlier than currently. Otherwise, members should see no differences other than the piggybacking bonus. Those four *Driveline* issues will be sent as periodicals-class mail with faster delivery times than normal bulk rate time.

An Information Technology (IT) committee was formed to develop a short and long term strategy for the NCRS with Gary Chesnut as chairperson.

Two Bylaws changes/revisions were adopted:

6.2 D The Vice President shall automatically be appointed to the position of President when the position is vacated by the sitting President for the remainder of the previous president's term.

5.6 REVISED

Any vacancy in Officers, Managers, or Editors shall be filled by appointment by the President for the remainder of the term, with the exception in the vacancy in the office of the President which will be automatically filled by the Vice President, as stated in 6.2d. This appointment to the office of President shall be for the remainder of the current term. Any person appointed must be an active member.

The NCRS Foundation Mission statement was adopted,

Formed in 2006, the NCRS Foundation is a 501(c)(3) Charity designed to provide individuals and/or corporate sponsors an avenue to make charitable contributions of monies, stock/securities and/or Corvette archive memorabilia to support the NCRS Charity program.

In addition the Foundation 2007 Milestone and Target Dates were announced.

The next board meeting will be held in Marlborough, MA, on Friday, July 27, 2007, following the National Convention.



2007 Membership Dues are due NOW*

Please RENEW

We Want and Need YOU Back!!

***If you have renewed already, please disregard
LAST NEWSLETTER FOR THOSE WHO
HAVEN'T RENEWED**

Western New York Chapter NCRS – Membership Application Renewal

Name	
Address	
City	
State	
Zip	
E-Mail Address	
<u>NCRS National Membership #</u>	
Phone (with area code)	
Date of Application	
Data on your car (s) - optional:	
Year(s) of Corvette	
Engine	
HP	
Color - exterior	
Color – interior	
Coupe or Convertible	

Bolded fields are required.

Annual dues are \$20.00, payable by check to: **WNY Chapter NCRS**

Please complete above form (tab to fields within MS-Word) and mail with check to:

**Tom Atkins
WNY NCRS Membership
8994 N. Seneca Street
Weedsport NY 13161**

Western NY NCRS CHAPTER MEET
Saturday, June 2, 2007 at Batavia, N. Y.

The Western New York NCRS Chapter is pleased to invite all NCRS members to attend our 2007 Judging Meet that will be held at Ken Barrett Chevrolet-Cadillac Inc (www.kenbarrett.com). Ken Barrett's is located on Main Street in Batavia, NY, 2 miles from exit 12B of the NY State Thruway - Midway between Rochester and Buffalo.

General Meet and Batavia Information:

Ray Carney ray63@rochester.rr.com
(585) 495 - 6931

.....Judging Information:.....

Gene Manno gmvette@rochester.rr.com
(315) 524 - 7423

Event Schedule:

7:30AM Registration Opens / Coffee & Donuts

8:45AM Judging Begins

Available - please be on time

12 Noon to 12:45 PM Lunch

8:15AM Judges and Owners Meetings

3:45 PM

Flight Awards

Name: _____ NCRS # (from Driveline Label) _____

Spouse / Companion / Children: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone (with Area Code): _____

_____ **Registration Fee** (Each NCRS member family must register and pay separately) @ \$20.00 = \$ **20.00**

All Registrations must be postmarked by 5/21/07

_____ Non-member guest fee: Number of guests _____ times \$10.00 per guest = \$ _____

_____ Flight Judging Entry: Year: _____ Engine: _____ HP: _____ @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Complete VIN#: _____

We reserve the right to limit number of cars judged so register early!

All Judged Car Owners must help by either Flight Judging or Observer Judging

_____ I will Flight Judge: _____ '53 to '62 _____ '63 to '67 _____ '68 to '82 _____ '84 to '91

Preference: Int. Ext. Mech. Ops. Indicate current Judging Level: _____

_____ I will Observer Judge: _____ '53 to '62 _____ '63 to '67 _____ '68 to '82 _____ '84 to '91

_____ Sportsman Award Entry (not flight judged) 1953 - 2007 Corvettes are eligible @ \$10.00 = \$ _____

_____ Special Display car: Year _____ Type (circle one): Duntov / McLellan / Bowtie No Charge

_____ Will you help tabulate score sheets: _____ Yes _____ No

_____ **Lunch** (free to all judges and tabulators) For all others: # _____ people times \$7.00 each = \$ _____

_____ Yes, I would like to join WNY NCRS Chapter: @ \$20.00 = \$ _____

Make All Checks Payable to: WNY NCRS **TOTAL: \$ _____**

Directions and Batavia lodging information provided via Email after registering for the meet

Send Completed Application to: NCRS 2007 CHAPTER MEET

c/o Sue Manno
7289 Slocum Road
Ontario, NY 14519-0751

Hold Harmless Agreement: I agree to insure my vehicle(s) and property against loss, damage, and liability, **and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at registration. No Exceptions.** I agree to assume the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, and chapters for any acts or omissions that may result in the theft, damage, or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of, this event.

Auto Insured with: _____

Policy #: _____

Policy Expiration Date: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____