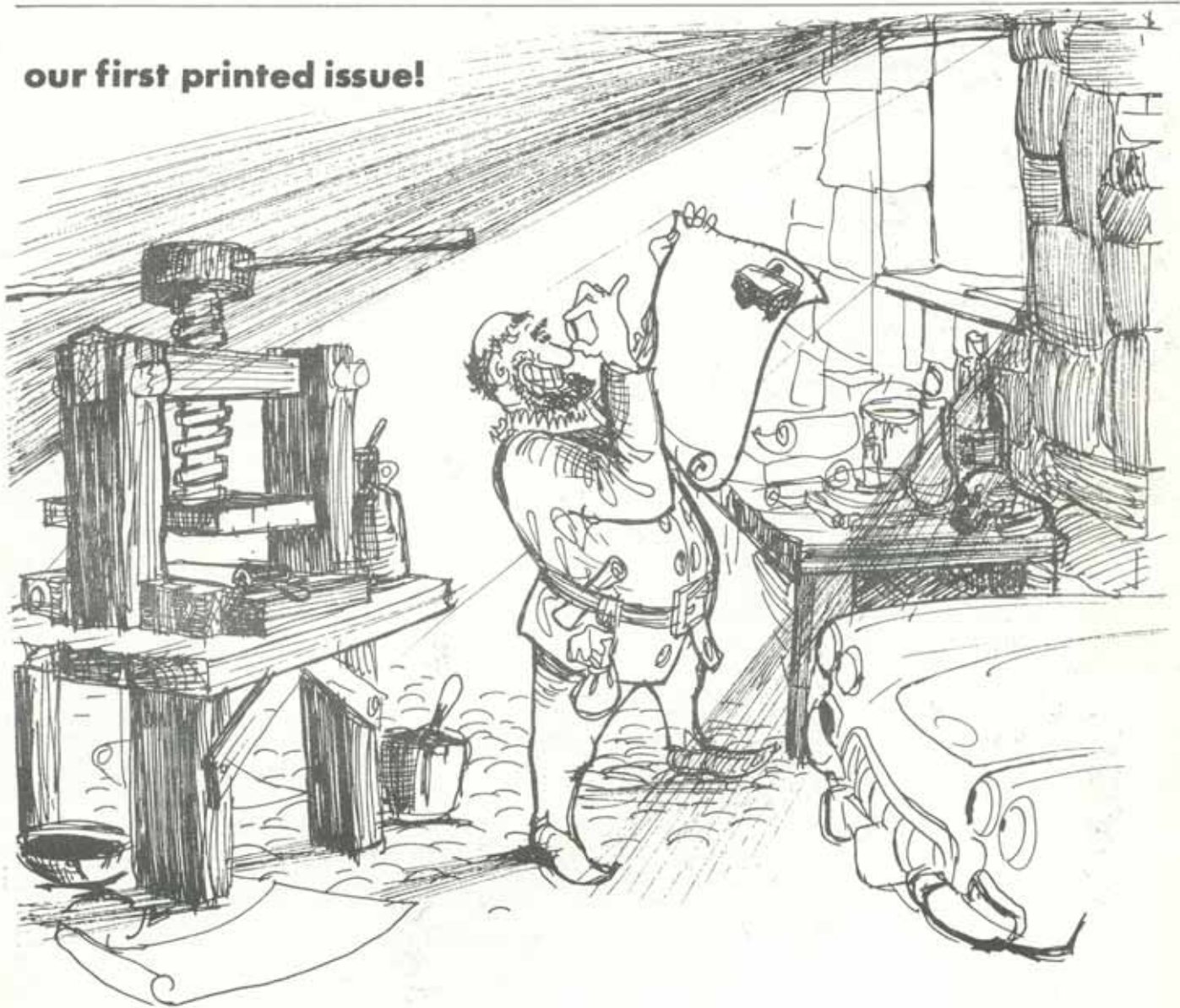


# BLUE BARS

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CORVETTE CLUBS

**our first printed issue!**



National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc.

NATIONAL COUNCIL of CORVETTE CLUBS, INCORPORATED

Official Publication

The "Blue Bars" is an information source, expressly for members of the National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc., published monthly under normal circumstances. Material in "Blue Bars" may not be reproduced without written permission. Acceptance of advertising in "Blue Bars" cannot imply endorsement of the product or service by members of individual clubs or by the National Council of Corvette Clubs., Inc.

NATIONAL OFFICERS and ADDRESSES

Richard A. Wolf 21000 Alexander St. Clair Shores Michigan 775-2162	President
Andrew J. Baumgardner 4428 Gamma Avenue Cleveland 5, Ohio DIamond 1-7202	Vice-President
James Hoppin 941 Alden Drive Lansing, Michigan TUrner 2-9784	Secretary
William J. Burda 234 S. Prospect Clarendon Hills Illinois FA 3-2944	Treasurer

"BLUE BARS" mailing address: Editor, 21000 Alexander, St. Clair Shores, Michigan.

To send contributions: Address to "Blue Bars Editor" and please submit manuscript in two columns, typewritten, following column format in this publication.

---

NEXT NATIONAL COUNCIL EVENT

This column will highlight up-and-coming National Council events, and will be regularly filled by Mr. Andrew J. Baumgardner, Vice-President and Activities Chairman. Mr. Baumgardner's record of activities is highlighted on another page, and will gladly assist member clubs.

MEETING OF BOARD OF GOVERNOR'S REPORT

This column will be devoted to actions of the Board of Governors in deciding all matters of Council business. Also, this column will serve to notify all Governor members of Official meetings in addition to regular mailings to them. Business transacted will be fully covered in "Bars."

"WE ARE A COUNCIL --- NOT A GOVERNING BODY." IMPORTANT THEME FOR 1962.

Congratulations to you for joining the National Council of Corvette Clubs, Inc. You will find that you will benefit more as an enthusiastic Corvette owner as a result of Council activity.

This publication is one of the several immediate material items you receive with payment of your \$5.00 initiation fee. Yearly dues to renew will be determined by the Board of Governors, and are set at \$3.00 for 1962.

Membership and initiation fees are used to support Council activity, to establish and maintain communication and to purchase necessary stationery, envelopes and postage as required to conduct Council business.

None of the fees are used to support Council members or officers in their individual activities. The payment of all monies to individual officers or Governors for execution of their duties shall be determined by vote of the Board of Governors. No governor or officer shall undertake a project involving Council money unless authorized by the Council.

"WE ARE A COUNCIL -- NOT A GOVERNING BODY"

While this phrase may not be a "rallying cry" for the member clubs, it's an important message to remember when talking to non-Council members. Let's review a few of the specifics covered in the NCCC by-laws.

First, the purpose of the Council shall be to further the ideas and purposes of Corvette owner-members and their individual club. While this loosely defines a pretty broad ground of endeavor, it serves to underline the fact that only through united Council activity can individual Corvette clubs achieve greater success. A COUNCIL means that each member club shares in Council activity and responsibility. No one club --- not even the executive members or Board of Governors --- can dictate to a member club how to conduct its affairs. While such an organization may seem to lack "power" to

act, it is in reality forcing or requiring that member club act together - the true function of a Council.

But to specifics and benefits to individuals and member Clubs. As already mentioned, your initiation fee covers your national card, your car badge and your national publication.

The purpose of the national publication will be to inform member clubs of important activities and events of interest to Council members. Its purpose is not to supplant or compete with Chevrolet's fine "Corvette news", but rather to cover such matters that "Corvette News" cannot devote space to. This includes far more coverage of local clubs and their events. It means the establishment of a National Corvette Point system. It will try to include as many names of member club owners as possible.

Above all, it will serve as a watchdog on itself to prevent a central, "dictate" type of Council from forming.

The "Blue Bars" will serve as a publication center for a clearinghouse of ideas and events as they come into Council headquarters/editorial offices. Members will have the privilege of listing "for sale" items at a fee to be determined by a Board of Governors' meeting.

Want technical information of your Corvette? The Council will help you out. Member clubs can recommend practices that have aided them in relations with other clubs and with organizations such as shopping centers and such. Most important, and under investigation, is the matter of securing insurance for local and/or National Council events. This matter, to be discussed in depth at January's Board of Governor's meeting, will be of vital interest to all member clubs.

You might like to know who your National officers are. You will, I'm sure, enjoy reading thumbnail sketches of your four executive officers. And, on page 7, you will find a list of the member National Council Clubs, now extending from coast to coast.

**LEE  
MAC GILLIVRAY  
CHEVROLET**

**CAPITAL  
CITY  
CORVETTE  
CLUB  
SPONSOR**



**NATIONAL  
COUNCIL OF  
CORVETTE  
CLUBS  
MEMBER**



**COMPLETE CORVETTE  
SALES AND SERVICE**

**1477 HASLETT ROAD HASLETT MICH.**

*10 MINUTES EAST OF LANSING*

President --- Richard A. Wolf,  
Corvette Club of Michigan, Inc.

by Dick Wolf

The formation of this Council is the result of a lot of hard work by many people from Corvette Clubs all over the country. The efforts, begun in 1959 by members of Corvette Clubs from Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, Michigan, reached reality in January, 1961, when the Council was formed.

The groundwork was laid by such enthusiasts as Major Roberts, Dick Murphy, Peter Johnstone, Ann Tamaguchi and Tom and Anne Featherstone back in Washington, D.C., before a race at Marlboro.

This meeting produced some ideas that lead to another meeting over the 4th of July weekend in Detroit, Michigan in 1960. Our club was fortunate to host this meeting where more discussion took place. Though no concrete plans were made at this time, the basic groundwork had been pretty well worked out and the idea of such a Council proved to be sound.

Early in 1961, five clubs decided to get the Council started and not spend yet another year in discussion. For it was only through the formation of the Council that ideas could be more readily adopted by clubs waiting to "see what would happen" before joining. It resolved the matter to one clear-cut decision: Form the Council in the image of the majority opinion of the delegates attending the two previous year's meetings. As clubs joined the Council, any changes that needed to be made could be from inside the Council.

That some mistakes were made goes without saying. But, the original clubs decided some changes would have to be made before July's Convention in St. Louis, if the Council was to prove to be attractive to non-member clubs. These changes were made and presented to the delegates at the Convention. Result: Double the Council membership in one weekend. (Cont'd on P. )

Vice-President --- Andrew J. Baumgardner  
Corvette-Cleveland, Ohio.

by Andy Baumgardner

Report of Activities Committee: Chairman- Andrew J. Baumgardner (whose principal object of affection are school-teacher wife Phyllis, a hamster named "Burger" and a 1955 Chevrolet "Sprt Rdstr", or model # 2934, or Corvette --- equipped with an injected 301 cu.-in. engine, 4-Speed transmission, 4.56 Positraction rear end, roll bar and competition brakes and suspension. Am currently an SCCA competition license holder. Helped to organize Corvette-Cleveland and Tire Town Corvette Clubs).

In the 1962 National Council Activities Calendar, emphasis will be placed on the Drivers' School-type of event, incorporating the use of a road course. Experienced instructors will conduct a chalk-talk session followed by a slow tour of the course. As the class is divided into small groups, each novice will receive individual instruction, concluded by a checkout ride at speed with the instructor. As the student builds up solo time and confidence, under the watchful eye of both observers and safety personnel, any room for improvement will be recorded and reviewed with both faculty and students. The event will be concluded with a series of fifteen-minute practice sessions.

Our first event of this type was held Sunday, August 13th, 1961, at Meadowdale Raceway, and was hosted by the Chicago Corvette Club. Event Chairman Frank Malinowski and Club President Bill Burda did an outstanding job.



Secretary --- James P. Hoppin  
Capital City Corvette Club  
(Lansing)

by Jim Hoppin

James P. Hoppin is married and is expecting a little one to share the third seat of their Corvette sometime around the end of May.

Jim, who is 23 years old, is employed as a Loan Supervisor at the Michigan National Bank in Lansing, Michigan.

Born in Detroit, he moved to Lansing in April, 1966, when he entered Michigan State University. Starting to work at Michigan National Bank on a part-time basis, banking offered a career that filled his desires.

Spring of 1960 found Jim driving in a new Corvette, enthusiastic as almost all new Corvette owners are. This was the start of the Capital City Corvette Club which has grown to its present membership of more than 45 members. Jim and six other members of his club attended the organizational meeting of the National Council of Corvette Clubs in Detroit in the summer of 1960, and have had a real interest in the National since this year's convention in St. Louis.

Can you imagine how you can squeeze 6'6½" of Jim Hoppin into a Corvette? With a hardtop, yet? (He uses mirrors --- Ed.)

Treasurer --- William J. Burda  
Chicago Corvette Club  
(Clarendon Hills, Illinois)

by Bill Burda

Our club follows a policy of having at least one event a month, with activities ranging from tours to driver-training schools on actual competition tracks.

The Chicago Corvette Club held a Gymkhana and Acceleration Test on October 22, 1961 at Meadowdale International Raceway. There were four Gymkhana classes and three Acceleration classes that drew 53 entries. Seventeen trophies and eight placques were awarded, with Corvettes sweeping about half of the awards.

Best overall Gymkhana time --- with entries including almost every make of car from an English Ford to a Mercedes-Benz ---was a tie between two Corvettes. They were John Meyers and John Shelton, both Chicago Corvette Club members.

Out club awards six trophies at the annual Christmas banquet --- three for best driver of the year (based on work, participation and driving skill), and three for Members of the year.

In addition to caring for a 1961 315-hp Fuel Injection Corvette, I am an active radio amatuer and a member of ARRL --- American Radio Relay League.

\*\*\*\*\*

CORVETTE USED CAR LOT? NO, CORVETTE-CLEVELAND TOURS M.F.G. PLANT



# Corvette

## SERVICE OPERATIONS



## CHASSIS

---

DO YOU HAVE THIS CORVETTE SHOP MANUAL? IT'S THE ONLY OFFICIAL MANUAL COVERING FUEL INJECTION, TRANSMISSION AND REAR AXLE INFORMATION AVAILABLE FROM CHEVROLET. TO GET YOUR FREE COPY, ADDRESS A POSTCARD TO "BLUE BARS", 21000 ALEXANDER, ST. CLAIR SHORES, MICHIGAN.

Through the efforts of our hard-working officers and many individual members, the Council has expanded to its present list of member clubs. This is our first attempt at mass national communication. We will continue to keep you, the individual member and backbone of the Council, informed on every item of interest to Corvette owners.

We can ask this much from you in return: support the functions of the Council by attending as many functions as you can. Write to the BLUE BARS and voice your opinion. Tell US what you want to see happen from now on. It's your Council. Remember: the Council is NOT a governing body!

BLUE BARS  
21000 Alexander  
St. Clair Shores  
Michigan