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AUGUST 2018 PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE *BEING A VOLUNTEER*

I think it is human nature to be a volunteer. We all have helped someone at one time or another. Being a volunteer is giving your time and energy, doing something you don't have to do. It may be as simple as holding a door for someone, helping a person in need, giving a friend a ride someplace, picking up a prescription for someone, or just listening on the phone. It could also be a chairperson or worker at an NCCC event. It's helping out where needed not expecting anything in return.

NCCC is comprised of the most giving people in the world. Volunteering starts at the top from the NCCC President and all the Officers all the way down to the members. No one receives any compensation for being a national officer, director, chairperson, leader, regional officer, club officer, event chairperson or worker. The task at hand is done out of love for the organization, the hobby, the friends, and members of NCCC, expecting nothing in return.

July 22nd, 2018 was the start of the 59th NCCC Annual Convention in New Orleans. Over 400 NCCC members and guests attended this five day event.

Convention planning starts about three years prior to the planned date. NCCC members commit to giving a huge amount of time and energy to ensure everyone attending has a good time. I want to commend the 59th **Convention Directors Jerry Britner and Bernyce Molenda** and all their support staff, the event chairs, and all the workers for one of the best NCCC Conventions I have attended. Thanks to all of you for giving of yourselves so others can have a good time. Arriving on Sunday and parking in the reserved parking lot, to Friday at the convention Champagne Breakfast, everyone was treated like royalty. Checking into the Copeland Towers was a breeze, registration was easy, and tech was quick. All the events all week were well run, and all the parties in the evening were great. There was not a moment during the week where anything was not happening. There were plenty of tours to go on, ending the week with a paddle boat river cruise with lunch on the GREAT MISSISSIPPI RIVER. There was so much to do I don't have the space to list everything.

I have been told too many times that convention is all about racing. Yes, there are competitive events during the week, but that is only part of the experience. This convention proved there is a whole lot more to do at the weeklong party than compete. Every morning started with breakfast for everyone. Evening parties included some of the best food New Orleans offers. Several evenings everyone was entertained with the best entertainment from the New Orleans area. And there was no lack of places to go and see and enjoy all the different sites and restaurants around the area. What a fun week it was!

Three years ago I appointed Teresa Eller as Director of Social Media. This convention Teresa took pictures and videos of just about everything going on and posted them on the NCCC's Facebook page (please contact Teresa Eller for access). I want to personally thank Teresa for taking the most photos and live video action of any convention ever. All of you

who get this monthly message have the ability to join the **NCCC Facebook** page where you can see all the fun everyone is having in New Orleans. You can see that the NCCC Conventions are not all about racing. I have heard people say that NCCC conventions are like a huge family reunion each year. Friendships are made that last a life time. Thank you Teresa for performing beyond what I envisioned and showing all members what goes on at convention.

The 2019 60th NCCC Convention will be held in Denver, Colorado. I am sure it will have things to do and see as in New Orleans, only in Colorado. I encourage adding this annual event on your list of things to do. I promise you will not regret it! Everything that was happening in New Orleans just moves to a different state. It is still the same people having a good time getting together.

August 23rd-26th is one of the largest Corvettes shows held in Carlisle, PA. NCCC has a booth in the show to promote NCCC and raise dollars for NCCC's charity St. Jude. I encourage you to attend this show if you can. Lance Miller and Corvettes of Carlisle is also a supporter of NCCC.

August 30th – September 1st is the 24th Anniversary of the opening of the National Corvette Museum in Bowling Green, KY. This year NCCC life time member Mike Yager from Mid-America Motorworks is being inducted into the NCM Hall of Fame. Mike Yager is also a supporter of NCCC. September 20th - 23rd is the 25th anniversary of Corvette Funfest in Effingham, IL. I am sure Mike is throwing a party for everyone attending and it is free to attend this year.

There are all kinds of things to do and see in the Corvette world and family. Remember, today is the first day of the rest of your life. Make it count for something. You cannot go back and experience something once it is over! And thanks for volunteering helping others. It's a good feeling when you volunteer for something.

Take care, be safe in what you do, and always be thankful for what we have.

God Bless you all.

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