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Rolf Krueger — Editor Emeritus

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Chesnut; President, Texas Chapter, NCRS

Sadly, we learned that our Texas Chapter's "outstanding" Newsletter Editor — Rolf Krueger passed away on November 27th. This issue of the Talepipe is dedicated to Rolf and his contributions to our Chapter and the Corvette hobby in general. Rolf, you will be missed!

I am proud to make the following Texas Chapter organizational announcements:

- Jim Wrobliske appointed as Secretary.

Congratulations to Cary Chapman who was the Austin-San Antonio Area Coordinator. Cary accepted a new position in Chicago starting December 1st. Cary did a great job as coordinator and held several well planned events during 2001. Cary's relocation leaves the Chapter with a big vacancy to fill.

Interested Austin and San Antonio area members please contact Gary Chesnut gchesnut@flash.net (817) 379-5695

E-Mail address **updates** are important. The Chapter uses e-mail to control mailing cost and provide information to members in a timely fashion. Last Chapter membership e-mail notice sent out there were over 30% rejects for non working e-mail addresses.

Please e-mail Tim Gilmore timg@ccinsurance.com or Gary Chesnut gchesnut@flash.net with your e-mail updates.

EVENTS:

- Chev/Corvette Expo in Houston 23-24 Feb, to sign up contact Gary LeDuc, Phone 281-358-2473 gfreduc@msn.com
- Spring Road Trip, 20-21 April, *Need Chairperson and planners*, contact Gary Chesnut, Phone 817-379-5695 gchesnut@flash.net

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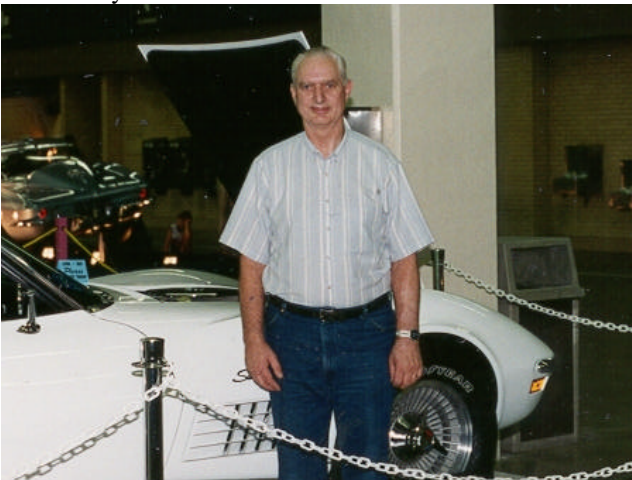
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Rolf Krueger

Rolf was a hard working Texas Chapter member. Rolf was not only our Talepipe Newsletter Editor, he also did Waco floor layout/management, wrote numerous articles for the Talepipe and Restorer as well as being a significant contributor to the rewrite of some of the Shark Corvette manuals.

In addition, in the fall of 2001, Rolf received the NCRS Sportsman Award, the first Sportsman award to a Texas Chapter member.

Following are memories of Rolf from some of our Texas Chapter members and pictures contributed by Rolf's son Ron. Also, there is an article on page 24 in The Corvette Restorer by John Woods.



was instrumental in the design and implementation of the propulsion system on the XB-70 bomber and the Saturn V booster which rocketed our astronauts to the moon. He was one of the main contributors in the development and marketing of the F-16 fighter. He was also instrumental in the consolidation of General Dynamics Fort Worth and Lockheed Martin.

always there a day early to help set up the display hall. With always find a way to fit 70 cars in an area meant for 60. The showed up unexpectedly. His in depth tech session on

Rolf was an inexhaustible source of facts on all things asked him a question, it was no big deal for Rolf to contact what he knew. Often Rolf was said, "The factory didn't profit and assembly line workers would take whatever uniform in every respect".



Another memory he liked to share was of his friendship and dealings with the Granitelle's in the 50's and 60's Hot Rod days.

One story that stuck in my mind was of the time he was driving on a turnpike somewhere up north in the winter time.

60's Pontiac I believe). At up around 100mph or more the convertible top came off all at

operators face when he saw the car and the short amount of elapsed since the last toll both made it all

Rolf will always be remembered as researching parts almost carb and

when certain changes were made. No one can ever be more correct about or as knowledgeable on the Shark cars than Rolf.

David Anderson

I met Rolf about ten years ago through our mutual participation in the Corvette hobby. Like everyone who knew Rolf, he became an instant and sustained friend in the truest sense of the word. We met at NCRS events, at Bloomington Gold, at local car shows and visited each other at our homes. We collaborated on research projects for the NCRS judging manuals, but I never compared what I did to research, at least not after seeing what Rolf produced. I never had an interaction with him that I didn't learn something. He freely shared everything he knew, which was a phenomenal amount.

Most of all, I always found Rolf to be kind, considerate and generous to everyone. His affable nature and obvious love of interaction with people made him a great companion.

2002 AUTO AND CORVETTE SHOW CALENDAR

SHOW OR EVENT NAME	EVENT LOCATION	DATES
New Orleans ISCA World O'Wheels-4A	New Orleans, LA-Superdome	Jan 11 - 13
Waco ISCA Autorama-3A	Waco, TX-Convention Center	Jan 18-20
Shreveport ISCA World O'Wheels-1A	Shreveport, LA-Expo Hall	Jan 18 - 20
NCRS Florida Regional Meet	Orlando, FL-Hyatt Complex	Jan 23 - 26
Fort Worth New Car Dealer Show	Fort Worth, TX-Convention Center	Jan 31 - Feb 3
NCRS Louisiana Chapter Meet	Gonzalez, LA-Lamar Dixon Expo Center	Feb 1 - 3
Wichita Falls ISCA Autorama-2A	Wichita Falls, TX-Activities Center	Feb 1 - 3
Abilene ISCA Autorama-1A	Abilene, TX-Civic Center	Feb 8 - 10
Starbird Rod & Custom Show	Tulsa, OK-Expo Square Fairgrounds	Feb 8 - 10
Dallas ISCA Autorama-4A	Dallas, TX-Market Hall	Feb 15 - 17
Conroe Winter Swap Meet	Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Conroe, TX	Feb 15 - 17
Decatur Swap Meet	Wise County Fairgrounds, Decatur, TX	Feb 22 - 24
Starbird Rod & Custom Show	Oklahoma City, OK-Convention Center	Feb 22 - 24
Corvette and Chevy Expo	Houston, TX-Convention Center	Feb 23 - 24
Fort Worth Rod & Custom Show	Fort Worth, TX-Will Rogers Center	Mar 1 - 3
Spring Vette Fest	Chicago, IL-McCormick Place	Mar 2 - 3
Dallas New Car Dealer Show	Dallas, TX- Convention Center	Feb 27 - Mar 3
NCRS Western Regional	Laughlin, NV	Mar 21 - 23
Dallas Swap Meet	Arlington, TX - Ballpark Arlington	Mar 29 - 30
NASCAR BGN/Winston Cup Races	Fort Worth, TX-Texas Motor Speedway	Apr 4 - 7
Knoxville Spring Corvette Expo	Knoxville, TN-Chilhowee Park	Apr 12 - 14
C5 Corvette Birthday Bash	Bowling Green, KY-National Corvette Museum	Apr 18 - 21
Lone Star Corvette Classic	Fort Worth, TX-Texas Motor Speedway	May 17 - 19
NCRS Smoky Mountain Regional	Asheville, NC	Apr 25 - 27
Pate Swap Meet	Fort Worth, TX-Texas Motor Speedway	April 25 - 28
NCRS Midwest Regional Meet	Des Moines, IA	Jun 13 -15
Dallas Swap Meet	Arlington, TX - Ballpark Arlington	Jun 22 - 23
Bloomington Gold Corvette Expo	Bloomington, IL-Interstate Center	Jun 27 - 30
NCRS Northwest Regional	Welches (Mt. Hood), OR	Jun 27 - 29
NCRS Quebec Regional	Ste. Sauveur, Quebec	Jul 11 - 13
Southwest Swap Meet	Arlington, TX - Ballpark Arlington	Sep 6 - 8
Rosanky Swap Meet	Rosanky, TX	Sep 19 - 21
NCRS National Convention	Monterey, CA-Convention Center	Aug 9 -13
NCRS Texas Regional Meet	Waco, TX-Convention Center	Oct 31 -Nov 2
Dallas Swap Meet	Arlington, TX - Ballpark Arlington	Nov 9 - 10
Houston Autorama	Houston, TX	Dec 5 - 8

- **CHAPTER EVENT**—Road Tour, April 20th, date and located to be confirmed
- **DFW AREA EVENTS**—Ken Smith; Phone 972-490-8281, 214-704-7374 vette69@airmail.net
Tech Session, Saturday, 2 March, 13948 Distribution Way, Farmers Branch, 10 AM - 1 PM
- **HOUSTON AREA EVENTS**—Gary LeDuc; Phone 281-358-2473 gfileduc@msn.com
Cruise-in, Saturday 19 January
Chev/Vette Show in Houston, 16-17 February
Cruise-in, Saturday 16 March
Tech Session, Saturday, 4-5 May, Details To Be Determined
- **AUSTIN-SAN ANTONIO AREA EVENTS**-Vacant
Events To Be Planned

Periodically Check Chapter Website for new Details on these Events www.ncrstexas.org