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The Scoop By Sharyl Ingham

I vowed during this time-out I would finally organize my closets and drawers. NOT! Somehow, I found other things to occupy my time. And you?

I'd like to share this poem by Haroon Rashid summing up what many of us might be feeling:

*We fell asleep in one world and woke up in another.
Suddenly Disney is out of magic,
Paris is no longer romantic,
New York doesn't stand up anymore,
the Chinese wall is no longer a fortress, and Mecca is empty.
Hugs & kisses suddenly become weapons,*

and not visiting parents & friends becomes an act of love.

Suddenly you realize that power, beauty & money are worthless, and can't get you the oxygen you're fighting for.

The world continues its life and it is beautiful.

It only puts humans in cages.

I think it is sending us a message:

"You are not necessary. The air, earth, water, and sky without you are fine. When you come back, remember that you are my guests, not my Masters."

As individuals and as a collective world we can move forward to heal ourselves and our planet.

Please continue to practice the 3 W's:

Wear a mask and make sure your nose is covered,

Wash your hands often, and Watch your physical distance.

Being home, Mike and I have been able to enjoy watching the hummingbirds flit about on our deck. What I know for sure is that with our two feeders we are refilling them daily. It is a wonderment why they are not fat with all the sugar water they consume.

I miss cooking and breaking bread with the regular NCC meeting attendees. It seems so long ago that Mike and John would take the wagon down to the Church and we would break bread before the start of the meeting. To you regulars, thanks for being so loyal. I hope that we will get to do that again soon, but being a realist, I believe it will be January or somewhere beyond. While thinking about our membership, we have experts galore, C1: Joe Calcagno; FI: Jim Lockwood; C2: Chris Springer, Wayne Yurtin, and Jerry Dye; National C4 Team Leader, Tom Barr; and National C5 Team Leader, Allen Tremain. Besides that, NCC is extremely well represented on the NCRS Board, CFO, John Tidwell; and President, Mike Ingham. It is no wonder when asked that we can route inquiries from members throughout the country to our own backyard. Thank you to each one of you for your love of the hobby, knowledge, and dedication to NCRS.

I am grateful that many of you were able to join our July virtual meeting via Zoom. I will get better at it so bear with me in this learning period. One of the meeting newcomers that lives in Laguna Woods but is a long time NCC member, Gary Hiltunen, jumped in with both feet doing a Show and Tell and as you know that is the best part of the meeting. The exhaust tips that he and his brother are making are BEAUTIFUL! See, this is proof that people at any age continue to reinvent themselves with their talents. He even has an article in this issue of the Vettecetera. Thanks Gary for taking the hint!

It may have been a lost year of NCRS Regionals and events, but the Webex Judging Schools have been great and continue to draw interest thanks to Gary Craig, Judging Chairman of the Arizona Chapter, and David Houlihan, Judging Chairman of the Midway USA Chapter. Many thanks to Dave Brigham for his support. This again is confirmation of the love of this hobby.

Many of you have birthdays or anniversaries during August. Until we are through this pandemic, I am not sending out cards but please note Mike and I celebrate you by extending our best wishes and congratulations, starting with Bob Grauer, August 4th; Steffeny Tremain, August 6th; Jerry and Janet Palmer's anniversary, August 7th; John LeGate, August 12th; Mike Brown, August 15th; Gary Bennett, August 17th; Gary Miranda, August 18th; Frank Rodrigues, August 19th; George Hansen, August 24th; Mark Koffman, August 25th; Michael Pierce's birthday and John and Sophia Tidwell's anniversary sharing August 26th; Connie Inman, August 29th; Jo Houlihan and Sandy Houck sharing August 30th; and Pam Mullenhoff, August 31st.

Wow, talk about perfect timing on this one, the first Sunday in August is National Friendship Day. So, on Sunday, August 2nd connect with your friends (wearing your masks and observing physical distancing), and if you are really ambitious, reach out and make a new friend.

The Chapter usually is dormant during the summer months but because we have been on reset we will just continue with virtual meetings as usual via Zoom. That said I need your help to make our meetings more pleasurable. Please mute if you are not speaking, this will really help me out when I am playing host.

If you want to join, please let me know so I can send you the link. It is on my calendar as a recurring meeting on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm PST.

Stay safe and remember the 3W's

NCC Meeting Minutes - July 14, 2020

Chairman Sharyl Ingham welcomed everyone to the July meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom. It was a robust evening with eighteen attendees: our out of town guests included Don Hooper of Cold Harbor, VA; Gary and Linda Hiltunen of Laguna Woods, CA; Dana Richard of Yorba Linda, CA; and Ed and Barbara Vignone of San Clemente, CA. And a special guest, Joe Lucia of Fremont. As usual, Sharyl asked the attendees to introduce themselves, stating their name, the city where they live, the year(s) of their Corvette(s). The question of the evening was: Do you drive within the posted speed limit? After much laughter and commentary some said yes but for the most part the majority just go with the flow of the traffic. The reason Sharyl asked that question is because she wondered if other people were noticing how much faster people are driving during the pandemic. Her closing statement was for everyone to continue driving defensively because it was their job to arrive safe to their destination always.

Secretary Report: Sandy Houck

The minutes of the June meeting were approved by the NCC Board via e-mail as submitted by Sandy Houck.

Treasurer's Report: John Tidwell

There hasn't been any financial activity since last month.

Membership: Sharyl Ingham

The Chapter is holding at 102 members. Sharyl mentioned that she receives monthly notification of new NCRS members that joined within our region. There were 2 people that she sent a Vettecetera to welcome them to NCRS and let them know about our Chapter.

Editor: Marci Albers

Marci reported that The Vettecetera was distributed on the first of the month.

Sharyl thanked Mike Ingham and Jim Lockwood for writing their articles. She mentioned that she has an inside track of knowing how well the Vettecetera is read and appreciated and that the articles had some very helpful information for several members. Again, thank you Mike and Jim for writing the articles. And then she casually mentioned for people that had time on their hands to continue writing articles.

Sharyl mentioned that the Vettecetera event calendar is incorrect, and she will update the calendar for the next issue.

Webmaster: Chris Moore

Chris said there were no updates to the NCC site, but that NCRS does periodically update the system that supports the website.

Chapter Top Flight Award (CTFA): Jeff Blakeslee

No report

NCRS President and Region IX Director: Mike Ingham

Mike reported that the Board was mostly inactive due to COVID-19 impacts. The Board has issued guidelines for in-person events. There is still a Regional meet planned in Texas at the end of October. The next Board meeting will be virtual on July 24. The Board minutes will be published in the Fall Restorer, and Regional Director voting information will be published in the Sept/Oct Driveline.

Old Business:

Sharyl had none to report

New Business:**Spring Meet in Suisun City:**

The correct dates for the meet in Suisun City are April 16 and 17.

Moraga Cars 'n Coffee, July 12th:

Casey Noel reported that the Moraga Cars 'n Coffee on the previous Sunday was packed with at least 150 cars. When asked if people wore masks, Casey mentioned that most people were masked as well as practiced social distancing. It was interesting to hear Casey mention how uneasy he felt attending a crowded event after being sheltered-in-place for months.

IMSA, Laguna Seca

Ken Albers reported that the race and events scheduled for September 11th-13th have been pushed to October 31st to November 1st. The event is scaled back due to financial problems. This is a big change from the past, with no distinguished guests attending.

The only offering WSCC will have is a designated parking area without a tent.

Webex Video Conferencing, July 25th

Sharyl reminded everyone about the Judging Overview Judging School on July 25th scheduled to start at 10:15 Central Daylight Time.

Southern California Chapter (SCC)

Ed and Barbara Vignone reported that the Southern California Chapter's Fall Meet is canceled but mentioned that the Chapter will still plan on their holiday luncheon in Newport Beach at Verity Hobb's home. The Chapter's Spring Meet will be held in Long Beach on March 5th and 6th.

DMV Driver's License Renewal Announcement

If you are over 70 and impacted from March to December in 2020 to renew your driver's license, you have a year's grace period. Sharyl mentioned that she is impacted and how strange it is to drive with an expired license.

Show and Tell:

Sharyl asked Wayne Yurtin to give a brief overview of what C2 Restorations has been doing. Wayne described the various restoration projects that he and Jerry Dye have worked on. It started with Wayne's Riverside Red '63 Fuelie coupe, then his '64 (Harry Mann Chevrolet) coupe, and a '62 Chevy truck. Wayne & Jerry did a lot of work on Vince Anicetti's '66 big block coupe throughout 2018 and took that car through Regional and National Top Flight awards. During 2019, they did a body-off restoration of a Daytona Blue '63 Fuelie (also owned by member Vince Anicetti). They completed that car and delivered it back to the owner on Father's Day weekend. Additionally, last year Wayne & Jerry did a bunch of mechanical work on Dave Potter's Ermine White '63 coupe, including the installation of a new pinion seal and fuel pump. Sharyl and Mike have seen some of their work and it's quite beautiful! Wayne noted that they just launched their new website at:

www.C2Restorations.com

When asked, Wayne said he loves his father's new C8. So far, Wayne only drove it once...on the way home from the dealership when it was delivered. Wayne said his dad is impressed with the electronic technology and is enjoying it immensely. His parents (Ivan & Shirley) have been taking it on lots of day trips and putting some miles on it.

Speaking C8's, Mark Pellowski said he is still waiting on his order.

Ken Albers mentioned that Ben Gage took delivery of his C8 before the pandemic.

Joe Lucia (Pronunciation is Loo-chi-ah). For many of us we have been mispronouncing his name. Let us not make the same mistake going forward. Joe casually

talked about his 20 years of contributions to the NCRS Technical Discussion Board. He strives to be right as much as possible. He has collected a lot of catalogs and references, noting that he needs multiple references to get a total, correct story. And he has cataloged and inventoried approximately 40,000 parts. Joe acknowledged that he has many part numbers memorized. He said that some part numbers and casting numbers may be the same, but generally are not. Mike thanked Joe for the high-quality information he provides to NCRS members. Since Joe does not post on other Corvette forums, he is an extremely valuable asset to NCRS.

Gary Hiltunen is involved with older C1's saying that some parts are not available. He showed us the short and long exhaust extensions that he and his brother have been reproducing. They are time consuming to make, and the end product made of polished stainless steel is beautiful.

Adjournment:

Before adjourning the meeting, Sharyl reminded us to complete our Census 2020 forms if we haven't already done so, and if you are a late tax filer July 15th is the deadline.

Sharyl thanked all for attending the Zoom meeting and particularly Mark Pellowski who rescued us after Sharyl's free Zoom time expired.

The next Zoom meeting will be August 11th. If you know of anyone who wants to join in please let Sharyl know or just send them the link when the time comes.

Sharyl's parting words were to remind us to keep doing the basic steps that will save lives:

- Wear your masks and make sure your nose is covered,
- Wash your hands often, and
- Practice physical distancing.

Stay safe everyone!

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

Bobtail Jingles

Bobtail jingles were employed in 1939 and later on approach routes to large cities, where locations for full-length jingles were difficult to obtain. Each ended, of course, with the words BURMA-SHAVE. They were displayed variously on two or three signs, sometimes on a single extra-tall board.

For the next months I will resurrect the old "bobtail" jingles

FOR FACES THAT GO PLACES....BURMA-SHAVE

This 'n That **By Glorie McNay**

If I have learned one thing during this pandemic it is that think twice before you downsize. How people in big cities living in small apartments are surviving have my respect.

Just think they could not store if they hoarded paper products and soup and flour.

If you/they were amongst the t-paper hoarders that garaged beauty is a great place store paper towels and t-paper, just remove them from plastic. They will also absorb moisture in the air, always take from the bottom of the pile.

When you're are left with the t-paper tube don't toss it. Measure extension and other cords and label a tube with the length or purpose of the cord, fold the cord and insert it into the tube. Nice neat in a drawer or container and no tangles.

You can save paper towel or t-paper tubes and organize wrapping papers, just slit the tube, cut paper towel tubes to desired lengths, and slip the expandable tube onto the ends of the wrapping rolls.

Of course you all probably store all those old posters you've collected in these tubes and label them so they are neatly stored and identifiable..

You know life has come to a crawl when I'm talking toilet paper.

Stay Safe. Wear a mask, smile even if there's nothing to smile about, nobody will know..

We look forward to a safe reunion. See you then.

Early Corvette Exhaust Extensions

By Gary Hiltunen

A special feature of the first edition Corvettes, 1953-55, were the exhaust extensions. What made the extensions necessary was that the exhaust exited through the body, not through a bumper or directly to the ground.

There were eventually two styles of extensions, however both styles were attached the same way. The back of the extension slides over the exhaust pipe with an insulator assembly (Fig. 1) that has four adjustable brass clips to hold the tip tight.



Fig. 1

At the body a clamp (Fig.2) was used to secure and align the extension in place.

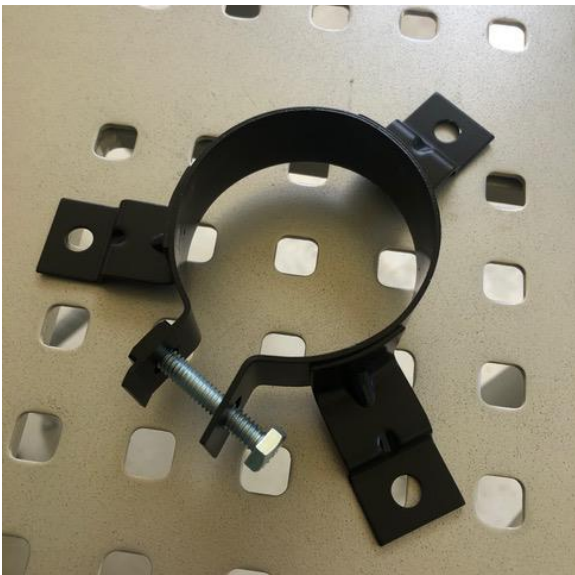


Fig. 2

The first style, used on all '53s and to VIN # 2628 in '54, was a short extension (Fig. 3) that extended past the body by no more than 1 1/2".



Fig. 3

This created a problem with the messy exhaust fumes staining the body paint. These early 235ci motors were not exactly environmentally "clean". The engineers came up with a unique solution. The second design (Fig. 4) long extension increased the distance the tip would extend past the body to 4 1/2". The clever part is that the exhaust would then be directed downward not out the end. This was accomplished by using a deflector inside the extension. In theory, this would allow the air flow from under the car to remove the exhaust away from the rear of the car limiting the staining.



Fig. 4

From what I've observed it works well and looks cool. A very nice and unique part.

Gary Hiltunen

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Miscellaneous for Sale

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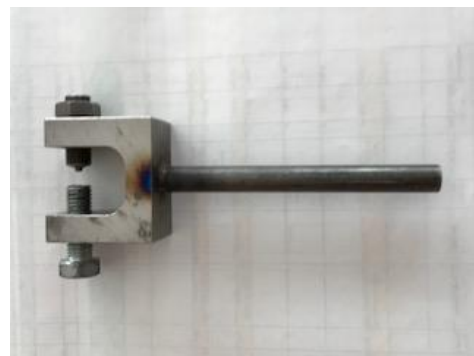
1993 Corvette 40th anniversary edition

convertible--factory option hardtop--excellent
condition-- low miles--46200--always garaged--all
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This tool is primarily intended for installing the
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convertible--10300 miles-- 6 speed-- shows like new--
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Mass Mailing Clarification

To make the Editor's job easier, I have asked Marci to
start utilizing NCRS's Mass Mailing feature to distribute
the Vettecetera as well as other NCRS related e-mails
from other people. Please do NOT respond to her,
respond to the person who authors the e-mail.

Technical Articles Wanted

If you have been thinking about writing up some restoration project you have completed, please do so and submit it for publication. We can all benefit from one another's learning's. If possible, submit your article as a Word document, and any accompanying pictures as .jpg files.

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NCC dues are \$30 per year. Please start paying via PayPal. If you choose to fill out a membership form it can be found on the last page of the Vettecetera. When and if you have changes (e.g., e-mail address, Corvettes owned) please send those changes to me via e-mail at: sharylingham@gmail.com. Thank you.

Chapter Meeting Location

The location for Chapter meetings is at St. Peter's Episcopal Church located at 6013 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618.

Note from the Editor

In order to make things easier, all ads will be printed in the Vettecetera for 3 months. If you would like to run it longer just notify me, and I will run it for another 3 months. Also please notify me if you have sold your items, so I can delete your ad.

Business Card Ads

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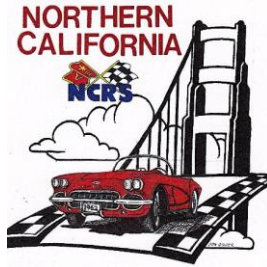
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