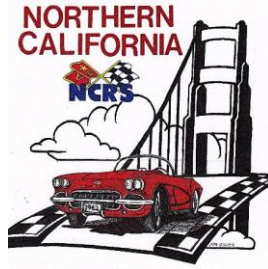


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**May Chapter Meeting Refreshments
will be provided by
Casey Noel**

The Scoop **By Sharyl Ingham**

We all have new habits and behaviors and who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks? I believe you will agree when I say "OMG, what a month we've had!"

I trust you are all staying safe and following the guidelines to protect yourself and your community during this unprecedented time. Please continue to do what is recommended so that we ALL will be able to resume activity when the time is right.

Unfortunately the NCRS membership population, at best, are of that "vulnerable age" so I believe the Board made the correct decision to cancel the National in French Lick. I am sure it is a disappointment to those Chapters that were planning and organizing the Regionals leading up to the National as well as for the owners wanting to achieve their awards. We should be able to hang in there since this might just be a temporary recess.

Speaking of recesses; let's thank all the educators that have taken on big time challenges with distance learning. Think of this, these are people who now have to work out of their home with their families about, juggling the household chores and trying to maintain some sense of family life normalcy. There doesn't seem to be such a thing as balancing family and work right now. I tip my hat to ALL the educators! As for the

children, they are going through a rough spell as well; no friend interactions, no sports, no proms, no graduation, no concerts, that list seems endless. Things just seem to have stopped going forward.

I really don't mean to single out Mom's here but I know you will agree with me when I say they play a major part in the household, especially nowadays. So, here it is, celebrate and honor your mother not just on Mother's Day but everyday!

I hope you have read the minutes of the NCRS Board meeting that took place in March via conference call. It seems this may be the new way of meeting. If nothing else it definitely is cost-effective! The Board of the Southern California Chapter had a Zoom meeting recently. This convinced me that I should plan one for the Northern California Chapter Board members next month. My feeling is that it is important to keep the membership active with news during this shelter-in-place time. We have a great group of members that enjoy the meetings and although our activities are non-existent now, we can nurture the enthusiasm for the hobby with what you are doing, hear about your on-going projects, new purchases, etc. The Arizona Chapter recently had a Judging School via Webex. We, too, can do something along those lines to keep those interested in getting judging points. Please let me know if you are interested in this possibility.

One other thing to mention is that the Heritage Inn in Sonora, where we are planning have our Fall Meet, is currently the Home Away from Home for the local First Responders. That said, our Meet may not take place as well. I will keep you updated with news.

FYI: I made a conscious decision NOT to send any celebratory cards out during this pandemic time. I know that in our household we disinfect all the mail and packages that come into the house and it may be the same in your household as well.

Our thoughts and very best wishes are always for those of you celebrating a birthday this month starting with Leah Michaud, May 2nd; Barbara Vignone, May 3rd; Toni Koffman, May 11th; Max Hamilton, May 18th; Diane Blakeslee, May 19th; Leo Michaud and David Stashik sharing May 20th; Jim Truffa, May 24th; Karen Calcagno, May 28th; and Frank Cafferata, May 31st.

Other noteworthy days in May: May Day, May 1st; Mother's Day, May 10th; Armed Forces Day, May 16th; and Memorial Day, May 25th.

PLEASE: Stay safe, wash hands frequently, do not touch your face, wear your masks, use disinfected wipes and practice physical distancing!

Verse by the Side of the Road

**AROUND
THE CURVE
LICKETY-SPLIT
IT'S BEAUTIFUL CAR
WASN'T IT?**

Burma-Shave

This 'n That By Glorie McNay

COVID 19 has changed the way we use our spare time, we have so much spare time.

Many of you are probably getting a car or two ready to go somewhere, sooner or later we will be able to go somewhere. Let me remind you of some of my favorite interior cleaning tips. You have probably heard them all before but they bear repeating.

Do not spray cleaning products or dressings inside a car. Apply product by spraying onto a cloth, applicator or your hand outside the car and carry it to the car. Only use amount of product that you can control with your hand.

Distilled water and microfiber cloths are your first and best products to use. Use silky microfiber for glass on areas where you need to remove grease or soil without damage to the area such as shoulder and seat belts and stuff on not in carpet. Do not get too aggressive with this type of cloth and never use it on C-4 Dolcolite coated surfaces; use a fluffy cloth.

Before you start soak some bamboo skewers tips in a container with a 1/2 inch of distilled water. The softened tip will not scratch or tear when you have to get into tight spots such as stitching tracks, around seals at windshield, into cracks and so many more places, keep a distilled water dampened towel handy to wipe them off. Once the skewer end is too blunted trash it and get another.

After you have thoroughly wiped leather or vinyl with distilled water you may apply a dressing specifically designed for the surface. Use your hand as the applicator.. this way you will have control of the product, small amounts at a time. By the time you're done the surface will have been treated and your hands will be soft. Lightly wipe treated area with a dry fluffy microfiber cloth.

I recommend reading product ingredients and shying away those with silicone on anything that is exposed to sunlight as it magnifies the sun's effects.

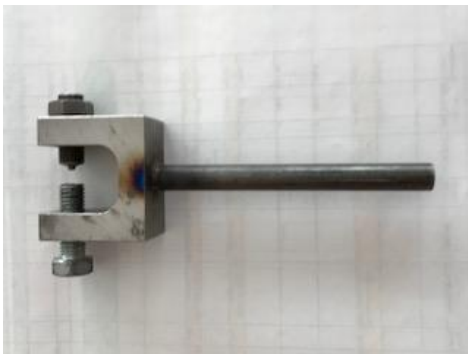
A vacuum is your friend, use it before any cleaning and again after.

It would not hurt if you gave the leather upholstery in your home the same attention and you will have less spare time.

Stay well, stay safe, and call or text a friend or acquaintance to check on them...we have to watch out for one another and you will brighten another day as you stay at home.

Rivet Tool Available for Loan

This tool is primarily intended for installing the rebound straps on C1's. If you are interested, contact Mike Ingham at: 510-420-0968 or michael.ingham248@gmail.com



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

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

Annual rates for business card ads are as follows: \$15 for NCC members; \$25 for non-NCC members. Please send your business card along with a check made out to NCC/NCRS to Marci Albers, 3949 Estate Drive, Vacaville, CA 95688.

The NCRS logo features a red Corvette flag with a gold outline and a black and white checkered racing flag, both crossed. Below the flags, the letters "NCRS" are written in a large, blue, stylized font with a white outline. Underneath "NCRS", the text "NATIONAL CORVETTE RESTORERS SOCIETY" is written in a smaller, red, sans-serif font. Below that, "The National Corvette Restorers Society" is written in a black, sans-serif font. Further down, "Has created a new website" is written in a smaller black font. The main heading "NCRS Classified ADS" is in a large, bold, black font. Below it, "The site is open to everyone, not just NCRS Members" is written in a smaller black font, followed by "visit" in a very small font. The URL "https://www.ncrs.org" is in a large, bold, black font. At the bottom, "and click on 'member services' to locate the NCRS Classified Ads link" is written in a smaller black font.

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Northern California Chapter Membership Form



SHARYL INGHAM at 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

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Business Card Ad: \$15 for NCC member, \$25 non-NCC member

Please send a jpeg of your business card to: marcialbers@gmail.com

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