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The Scoop

By Sharyl Ingham

Halloween, October 31st, is usually full of excitement for costumes with masks but now it seems everyday is Halloween since we are now wearing masks on a daily basis. It is our new norm and personally I would feel somewhat awkward if I wasn't wearing a mask in public. Aren't we part of a community that wants to get back to some normalcy? Science says that the easiest way for us to help minimize the spread of COVID-19 is by wearing a mask; making sure it covers the nose and mouth. We are now in the seventh month so let's continue to work together on this very simple practice.

It is Breast Cancer Awareness Month and I am celebrating you, the survivors. We have all had

someone in the family or have known someone that has been affected by breast cancer so I would hope that you all will wear **PINK** all month long to support the cause because this is such an easy way to show your support for the survivors?

History repeats itself, a poem written in 1869 was reprinted during the 1919 Pandemic. Who would have thought that in 2020 the world would experience an even worse pandemic?

This is Timeless...
And people stayed at home
And read books
And listened

And they rested
And did exercise
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened more deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed
And in the absence of people who lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless,
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger ended and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.

Talk about uncertainty, what the heck? Let me first mention that although our life has been turned upside down in many ways, let's be grateful for what we have. I like to feel and think many of us have become more compassionate and caring towards others. We have had time to evaluate and learn what is important to us.

Join with Mike and me in extending best wishes to those members that are celebrating birthdays this month, starting with Jim Lockwood, October 1st; Jeff Howard, October 11th; Bob Kennard and Donna Hunter sharing October 12th; Jerry Louer, October 13th; Alex Aivaliklis, October 15th; Renée Aivaliklis, October 16th; Don Hooper, October 17th (wouldn't it be the best birthday present if their first grandchild is born on his birthday?); Michelle Carlton, October 18th; and Gary Beaupre, October 28th.

Is Columbus Day still celebrated somewhere on October 12th? Let's celebrate the Sweetest Day on October 17th and wouldn't it be special if Don Hooper's grandchild was born this day as well? Boy that would be a hattrick for him! And everybody knows that Halloween is October 31st, although the decorations start appearing in September...Am I the only one that dislikes the rush into the holidays?

I have polled the current NCC officers and they are willing to continue serving the Chapter in 2021. I feel this is a compliment to you, the members, because this truly is all about your continued involvement and participation.

On September 22nd, Buzz Marston lost his battle with cancer. Peace be with Ruth and the family at this time of sorrow.

Please remember to connect with friends.

Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you on the 13th!

Burma-Shave

DON'T PUT IT OFF—PUT IT ON

This 'n That

By Glorie McNay

Happy COVID-19 October 🍂

I know you are bored and eager to perform tasks around the house or around your garage and cars. Please think it through and consider all possible outcomes. I bring this up because someone I know tried to perform a simple task in his garage and now cannot do much of anything as he had a spiral ankle break. If you think sheltering in place is challenging, you ought to try it when one individual is totally dependent.

On a different note, pumpkin carving will be so much easier, two eyes and a mask!

September 8, 2020 NCC Meeting Minutes

Chairman Sharyl Ingham welcomed everyone to the August meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom. It was another well attended virtual meeting including some Southern California guests. As usual, Sharyl asked the attendees to introduce themselves, stating their name, the city where they live, and the year(s) of their Corvette(s). The question of the evening was: Have you voted for our Regional Director yet? Most of us replied "not yet," noting that we have until the end of October to vote for Mike Ingham. Even though he is running unopposed Sharyl feels it is important for all members to cast their vote!

Secretary Report: Sandy Houck

The minutes of the August meeting were approved by the NCC Board via e-mail as submitted by Sandy Houck. Sharyl thanked Sandy for doing an excellent job being the Chapter's secretary.

Treasurer's Report: John Tidwell

John reported that there has been no activity during the last month.

Membership: Sharyl Ingham

Sharyl mentioned that there were 2 new NCRS members that joined within our Region in September. NCC's membership is holding at 103 members. We are down one member because the member did not renew his NCRS membership so Sharyl explained that the NCRS By-laws clearly state that in order to be a Chapter member, you must be an active national NCRS member in good standing.

Editor: Sharyl

In Marci's absence, the September Vettectera was an Ingham collaborative effort. Sharyl thanked John and Sophie Tidwell for their article about what is in their Go-Bag for emergencies. The timing of this is more important than ever now with fires burning everywhere. Be READY. And here is another thought that Jim Lockwood passed along: "If you will never see your home again what would you want and need to have with you?"

Sharyl asked Wayne Yurtin to share his family's evacuation. He reiterated how suddenly the fire threat happened. He had about an hour and half to decide what to take. They did pack the car with their important papers and prepared to evacuate but luckily, the fire did not reach them.

Webmaster: Chris Moore
Chris was absent.

Chapter Top Flight Award (CTFA): Jeff Blakeslee

Jeff reported there was no activity during the month. Jeff continues to stress that technical articles are important.

NCRS President & Region IX Director: Mike Ingham

Mike reported there has been no recent noteworthy activity at the National level. The Driveline has election information and candidate statements. Regions 7 and 8 have competitive elections. He mentioned that voting should not be taken lightly.

Old Business:

John Tidwell, as National CFO, told the members that he recently had an interesting conversation with a member from Southern California. Jane Hall is 92 years old and still has a black '57 Corvette that she purchased in 1958 and has been a happy and long-time NCRS member. Sharyl asked Jerry Louer, the SCC's Membership Chairman, if Jane is a SCC member? If not, then Sharyl suggested that

SCC should make her an honorary member because of her age and dedication to NCRS.

New Business:

Sharyl mentioned that she is working with her contact person from Conference Direct on the National Convention in Palm Springs. She says that volunteers will be needed more than ever, and it will be here before we know it.

Sharyl congratulated Ed Vignone for distributing the SCC Bonding Strip newsletter digitally. She went on to mention how cost-effective and efficient this is for the Chapter.

Ken and Marci Albers described their loss from the LNU Complex Fire. It burned their house, garages, shop, 16 cars, and collections. Ken said that at 9:30 pm they saw an orange glow near Lake Berryessa, which was unexpected since the area burned previously. At 2:00 am they got a call from PG&E saying that service would be out. He then saw that fire was just down the hill from them. He went outside to alert neighbors and talked to a Fire Chief who said to get out now! They left with only their two dogs, one car, and one pickup. In Solano County the fire destroyed 250 homes, and on their street burned 9 out of 23 homes. So far, their insurance carriers have been good. Haggerty will pay full value for the cars, and they now are in a rental home in Vacaville. Ken is trying to determine if he can salvage any parts, including 1930s vintage car bodies, fenders, and cast-iron blocks and heads. Their '61 Corvette was mostly saved because it was in the body shop, but interior items were at the house. They would like to rebuild, but currently are dealing with FEMA and hazardous waste cleanup, all of which will take time. They remain amazed at the destruction, and speed and heat of the fire. On the positive side, Marci is excited; she has purchased via eBay a 2007 Ron Fellow Z06 to replace the one that burned. They expressed thanks to the NCC members for their help. Oh, you may have seen the Albers' interviews after the fire on FOX News, CBS Channel 13, and the SF Chronicle.

Sharyl asked Gary Hiltunen, a volunteer fire fighter, for his suggestions. Unfortunately, the Albers' story is not unusual. Gary quickly surmised his observations and noted that people don't know the difference between evacuation and moving. He then went on and suggested having two backpacks; one with important papers and the other with a laptop, medicines, and personal items. The backpacks

should be located between your bedroom and the front door so that you can grab and go within three minutes.

Show and Tell:

Mike asked Joe Lucia to further explain the valves that he showed last month. Three sizes were used in aluminum heads from 1967 to early 1969. The 1.88-inch is the most common, the 1.72 were the early ones, and the 1.84 is the rarest.

Mike showed an antique 1-quart glass bottle used to dispense motor oil that was pumped from a lubester. This completes his garage art (Sharyl hopes).

Adjournment:

As always before adjourning the meeting, she had a list of reminders:

Take care of ourselves by getting a flu shot.
Cast your vote!

The next Zoom meeting will be October 13th. If you know of anyone who wants to join, please let Sharyl know or just send them the link when the time comes.

Practice the 3W's:

Wear your mask covering your nose & mouth,
Wash your hands often,
Watch your physical distance.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

Mass Mailing Clarification

To make the Editor's job easier, we are 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 the Editor, 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. Thanks.

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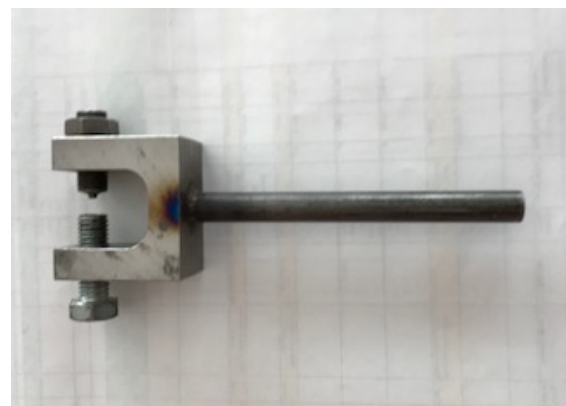
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Note from the Editor

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.

Rivet Tools Available for Loan

I have two rivet tools available to loan out. This first tool is primarily intended for installing the rebound straps on C1's.



I mentioned during the August NCC meeting on Zoom that I had purchased a tool to install the two rivets that attach the grounding strap for the air cleaner base to the front of the vertical ignition shield on Sharyl's '69. Now that those two rivets are installed, the rivet tool has taken up residence in my toolbox.



The tool comes with a variety of heads for installing rivets of various configurations. If you would like to borrow either of these rivet tools please give me a call or send me an email. Contact Mike Ingham at 1-510-420-0968 or at michael.ingham248@gmail.com

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For information contact John Kirkpatrick at: johnk1942@yahoo.com

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