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### The Scoop

By Sharyl Ingham

First and foremost, congratulations to you members for staying safe and practicing the three W's: Wearing a mask covering your nose and mouth; Washing your hands often and not touching your face and mouth; and Watch your physical distancing. Basically, what seems to be our new normal way of life. I know this has been difficult but with all of us doing the same, it does seem to be working to successfully control this pandemic, at least amongst our NCRS community.

What I know for sure is that we are all part of many circles of friends. Through NCRS it is the love of the Corvette hobby that brings us together, but it is the friendships that bind us.

On a beautiful Fall afternoon, the Albers and us were invited to a Memorial Service for Buzz Marston. Wendell Stroud, the recently retired Director of the National Corvette Museum, officiated as Master of Ceremonies. Buzz was the longest serving member of the Museum Board ever, serving 19 years. He was also President of the Western States Corvette Council. Anyone who had the pleasure of meeting Buzz knows what a special person he was. The legacy Buzz left us all with is something to be shared and is VERY relevant today.

What is Success by Ralph Waldo Emerson  
"To laugh often and much; to win the respect of intelligent people and the affection of children; to earn the appreciation of honest critics and endure the betrayal of false friends; to appreciate the beauty; to find the best in others; to leave the world a bit better, whether by a healthy child, a garden patch or a redeemed social condition; to know even one life has breathed easier because you have lived. This is to have succeeded!"

The success to get through this pandemic is for all of us to continue to stay safe.

We are all part of the digital age and we rely heavily on virtual media to stay connected nowadays. This is THE new way.

Not in my wildest dreams did I think I would ever adapt to virtual meetings, but the biggest buy in for me was having a virtual meeting with my doctor. I am sure many of you will agree with me that there is an inconvenience of going to the doctor's office in the first place; having to drive through traffic, having to register and then not only wait in the waiting room but then waiting for the doctor to come to the room with no windows in most cases. So where am I going with this, I am now an advocate for virtual interactions with the doctor because it is convenient, I don't have to fight the traffic, I have the luxury of being in my own home, and maybe most importantly I have found the doctor spends more quality time with me. My point of relevance is to remind you the Chapter has continued with the monthly meetings via Zoom and I absolutely look forward to seeing and connecting with all of you. Our meetings are open, and anyone can join us so please do so in the future. Trust me when I say the commute traffic is a non-event so please pull up a chair and join us.

Can't believe it's already November. This seems to be a favorite month for me. Fall back on November 1<sup>st</sup>. This is a good reminder for you to change the batteries in your smoke alarms. Remember a working smoke detector more than doubles a person's chances of surviving a home fire.

The country celebrates and honors the Veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup> but let's change that up a bit by honoring them throughout the year for their service. Let's not take this for granted.

National Kindness Day is November 13<sup>th</sup>. Although it falls on Friday, that doesn't mean bad luck. I have found that finding ways of being kind is a growing habit since March while we all have been home during this pandemic.

Another day that we celebrate and are grateful for is Thanksgiving, where many of us are blessed to spend time with family and friends. Embrace and cherish the times you are together. Life is too short!

Please join with me and Mike in extending our best wishes and congratulations to those of you that have birthdays or anniversaries this month, starting with John and Beverly LeGate's anniversary and Ed Vignone's birthday sharing November 3<sup>rd</sup>; Jeff Blakeslee, November 9<sup>th</sup>; Tim Hunter, November 15<sup>th</sup>; Kingston Wulff, November 16<sup>th</sup>; Beverly LeGate, November 22<sup>nd</sup>; Robin Truffa, November 23<sup>rd</sup>; and Diane Haun, November 26<sup>th</sup>. My disclaimer is that if I have not listed your birthday or anniversary it is because I don't have it.

On behalf of Mike and myself, we wish you all a very Happy Thanksgiving.

Stay safe and continue to be kind!

Will I see you November 10<sup>th</sup>?

### **Burma-Shave**

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### **This 'n That**

By Glorie McNay

It's finally Fall! We have survived another COVID-19 season, when this is past, we will be well seasoned! I said past, not over. We will be getting vaccinations forever and hopefully our regular flu shot will include COVID-19 prevention. If you have not yet gotten your regular flu shot don't put it off any longer.

Speaking of seasoning, have a wonderful Thanksgiving! You may be sharing a virtual meal or eating a frozen turkey dinner, but you can still be thankful you have come to this day and take a moment to reflect on all who have gone before us, they gave us the opportunity to celebrate this day.

## **October 13, 2020 NCC Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Sharyl Ingham welcomed everyone to the October meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom. There were 14 attendees. 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: When was the last time you checked the air pressure in your tires? Unbeknownst to Sharyl, this triggered a discussion of how Art McNay broke a bone in his ankle. Art tripped while moving around his car checking the tire pressures. The other members either relied on the tire pressure sensors in their cars or when they got a flat.

### Secretary Report: Sandy Houck

The minutes of the September meeting were approved by the NCC Board via e-mail as submitted by Sandy Houck. Sharyl thanked Sandy for all her efforts scribing.

### Treasurer's Report: John Tidwell

John said the Chapter's finances are unchanged.

### Membership: Sharyl Ingham

Membership is still holding at 103 members. Sharyl expressed thanks that some members have already renewed for 2021.

### Editor: Sharyl

In Marci Albers' absence, the Vettecetera continues to be an Ingham collaboration.

### Webmaster: Chris Moore

No report since Chris was not online.

### Chapter Top Flight Award (CTFA): Jeff Blakeslee

No report since Jeff was not online. But Sharyl mentioned that no articles are EVER turned down so please submit them if you have them.

### NCRS President and Region IX Director: Mike Ingham

Mike reported that the NCRS Board will meet October 22<sup>nd</sup> via Zoom. Among the items on the agenda of great interest is a report from Sherri Demmel, the National Convention Activity Coordinator, regarding tours for the National Convention that will be held in Palm Springs in 2021. Mike announced that the next Driveline will have a solicitation of interest for owners wishing to earn both a PV and a 97 or higher flight judging result at the two Regionals leading up to the Palm Springs

Convention. The Club is trying its best to work with the owners to achieve their desired Mark of Excellence awards.

### Old Business:

Sharyl asked Sandy Houck to share her information about The Cap City Motor Tour put on by California Automobile Museum held on October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Sacramento. It was a fun self-guided tour in Sacramento and Sandy hoped that they would again sponsor the event in 2021.

### New Business: Nomination and Election

Prior to the meeting Sharyl polled the current NCC officers, except Marci, asking if they are willing to remain on the Board in their current positions for 2021. All agreed. John Tidwell made a motion to elect the current slate of officers, Wayne Yurtin seconded the motion. There was no discussion and Sharyl asked for the vote. The vote was unanimous. Sharyl felt since the vote was unanimous that this covered the election process for the NCC. The editor position remains undecided.

Last month the Albers discussed losing their house and cars in the August fire. Sharyl and Mike reported the Albers have made great progress and they have started working with an architect in hopes of rebuilding on their property.

Rick Gower asked Mike for an update of the judging manuals.

There is a '68-'69 6th edition available, and the new 2003-04 Judging Manual is in final review and close to being printed. The revised '63-'64 Judging Manual should be complete later this year.

Gary Beaupre said he was glad to receive updated inserts for the '66 judging manual.

Dana Richard asked whether 2003 cars would be judged next year. Mike replied yes.

Gary Hiltunen said that Southwest Airlines has announced flights to Palm Springs; that's good for the 2021 Convention.

Wayne Yurtin saw a notice for a classic car swap meet at the Alameda Air Museum on October 17.

### Show and Tell:

Unfortunately, there was none

### **Adjournment:**

Sharyl reminded everyone to get their flu shots if they hadn't already done so.

She reminded everyone to do the 3 W's:  
Wear your masks making sure to cover your nose,  
Wash your hands often and try NOT to touch your face and nose, and  
Watch your physical distancing.

In concluding the meeting, Sharyl wished us Happy Halloween and said "Life is uncertain, eat desert first."

The next Zoom meeting will be November 10<sup>th</sup>. If you know of anyone who wants to join, please let Sharyl know or just send them the link when the time comes.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 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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### **Pertinent Information**

Send newsletter articles to Sharyl Ingham either by email: [sharylingham@gmail.com](mailto:sharylingham@gmail.com) or snail mail: 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618. Either way, it needs to be received **by the 25<sup>th</sup>** of the previous month to make publication.

### **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](mailto:sharylingham@gmail.com). Thanks.

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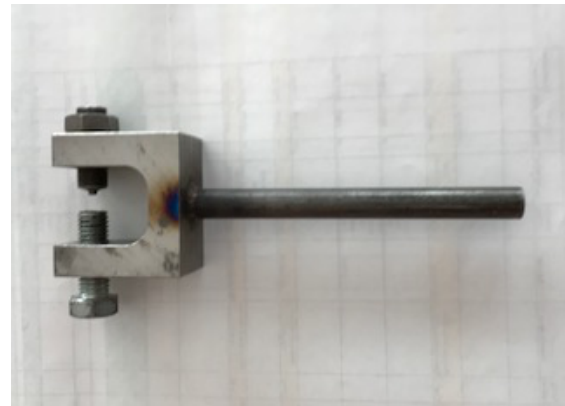
The location for Chapter meetings is at St. Peter's Episcopal Church located at 6013 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:michael.ingham248@gmail.com)

### '58 - '60 Parts for Sale

For information contact John Kirkpatrick at: [johnk1942@yahoo.com](mailto:johnk1942@yahoo.com)

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