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### Chairman's Message

By Bob Grauer

The first thing that I did after the October 11 meeting was to go into the NCRS.org site and print my membership card. That was easy. The second thing I did after the meeting was get full blown Covid. Ended the meeting at 8:30PM, sick at 2AM. That's how quick this virus can hit. I have been able to avoid the virus for nearly 3 years, let my guard down on a trip back east and WHAMMO! ...sick as a dog for a week. Sorry to let everyone down on the in-person event. We will reschedule. Let's just all keep protecting each other and following GMP protocols at all times. The organization is elderly (yes- I said it) and we have many at risk members.

April 14-15, 2023, Spring Judging Meet at Los Gatos, CA. I'd like to propose a dialog (and

possible vote at next meeting) regarding changing our 3-point Los Gatos event to a 5-point event. This would require moving Operational Judging to Friday afternoon, judging school remains on Friday evening, and remaining judging activities on Saturday. This would allow a 3-point Friday and a 2-point Saturday for those that participate in both days judging and school. Other chapters are using this to attract more cars & judges. A member of the board asked me to inquire with Dave Brigham and he was supportive. I don't know if this has ever been addressed by the board. Think about this and we can discuss on the November 8<sup>th</sup> Zoom.

CTFA program – Jeff will be stepping down as CTFA coordinator once this year is complete. The program, at one time, had some value to the club. The program is more than 20 years

old. The required components can still be achieved without the pressure of a single person having to crack a whip. The members are not behind this program. There is limited enthusiasm. Can we fix it? Do we even need to? We can go back to event planning that is in the interest of the membership without the "requirements", "limitations", "quotas" or "obligations" assigned by the program. Even if someone steps up to take on Jeff's role, is that person going to have to struggle as well to meet the objectives as previously has been the case? I look forward to an open and honest conversation on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

Corvette C8 E-Ray update. I received a quote from the largest Bay Area Corvette dealership as follows: List is being created for both the hybrid Corvette and the all-electric Corvette. List inclusion costs \$10K. Hybrid price will be \$50K over MSRP at this dealership. All electric E Ray will be \$100K over MSRP at this dealership. They wanted potential buyers to know up front before they put down their \$10K list deposit. They feel these two versions will be in higher demand than the Z06. BTW-25,831 C8 Corvettes were produced in 2022. 52%/47% Coupes to Convertibles. Not bad considering that the plant has had some shutdowns. Welcome to the new Chevrolet!

Membership reminder- Please look at renewing your chapter membership now. We will be reviewing in January and those that have not renewed will be contacted or removed from the membership role. Stay safe and enjoy the fall.

## **NCC Meeting Minutes October 11, 2022**

Chairman Bob Grauer welcomed everyone to the October meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom. We had 25 attendees, including potential new member Terry Bales from Orangevale.

Secretary Report: Sandy Houck  
The September minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: John Tidwell  
John was absent.

Membership: Sharyl Ingham  
We still have 113 paid members.

Webmaster: Chris Moore  
Chris was absent.

### Old Business:

Tech Session: Bob's Tech Session held on September 24 about engine pad stamping and trim tags had a good turnout. A special surprise was Ivan Yurtin's '59 Cadillac. We all learned something. Bob is preparing the PowerPoint slides to send to Mike.

Fall Meet: Bob was very sorry that he had to cancel the meet due to lack of cars for judging. He hopes that we will be able to reschedule for 2023. Sharyl Ingham noted that Doug and Bonnie Wathor's house is a good venue. Bob said that he will research whether NCRS insurance covers private residences.

Chapter Top-Flight Award (CTFA): Jeff Blakeslee

We have met the variable activity requirements and should be able to meet the required activities with upcoming events (road tour, charitable event, and a social).

### New Business:

Petaluma Veterans Day Parade & Flyover:

Glorie McNay

Glorie will arrange for Corvettes to be in the parade and escort veterans, aka Vettes for Vets. Ken Albers has led tours to the parade previously. The Petaluma parade has been recognized as one of the best in the U.S. and the largest north of San Francisco.

Holiday Charitable event: Glorie McNay  
Glorie will host a Tree Trimming party at her house on December 4. She will collect donations for Toys for Tots, requesting that they be gifts appropriate for teenagers.

NCRS Region IX Director: Mike Ingham  
The NCRS Board will meet at the Texas Regional Meet. Some Regional Directors elections are in progress.

### Technical Discussion Board:

Gary Beaupre and Rick Gower reported on recent NCRS site posts including:

Use caution when storing old tires. If inflated, they can explode.

Zip Corvette sells nice looking K&B reproduction fan clutches. Still possible to lose some judging points though.

NCRS manual prices will increase November 1.

Comments to make the National Convention more user friendly.

On the GM Heritage site you can access AMA specs. Rick will send the link to Mike.

Printable membership cards can be downloaded from the NCRS Services tab.

Judging Update: Mike Ingham

Wayne Yurtin has confirmed the Spring Meet for April 14 -15 at the Los Gatos Lodge. The Lodge is a classic hotel on a large property. Room rates will start at \$119. Bob encouraged owners who want to get their cars judged to sign up ASAP. Glorie will conduct the raffle.

Judging Schools:

We brainstormed about possible topics and presenters. Watch out Joe LeMay, Gary Hiltunen, Jim Lockwood, Joe Catania, and Joe Lucia you may be contacted.

Calendar: Bob Grauer

Oct. 15	Quarterly In-Person Social in Walnut Creek (later canceled due Bob testing positive for COVID)
Oct. 20-22	Lone Star Regional, Texas
Nov. 8	NCC Meeting via Zoom
TBD	Next Quarter In-person Social

Quarterly In-person Social Meetings: Bob will schedule these quarterly on weekends to encourage us talk about our cars. He asked for ideas on dates and locations.

Open Forum:

More discussion about the 2023 Z06 lack of cars and selling to VIPs. Rick suggested viewing a YouTube video of Jim Farley of GM discussing the price mark-ups.

Discussion about future hybrid and potential EV Corvettes.

Discussion about what has been seen on Bring a Trailer. Jeff Blakeslee noted a '63 similar to his.

Happy Birthday to long time NCRS member and retired CHP officer Bob Kennard who just turned 80.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm. The next zoom meeting will be November 8.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

**Count your age by friends, not years, count your life by smiles, not tears.**

By Sharyl Ingham

Please join me in celebrating the following member birthdays and 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>; Mark Pellowski, November 12<sup>th</sup>; Tim Hunter, November 15<sup>th</sup>; Kingston Wulff, November 16<sup>th</sup>; Beverly LeGate, November 22<sup>nd</sup>; and Robin Truffa, November 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**November Noteworthy Dates**

By Sharyl Ingham

Time to re-set your clocks and Fall Back on November 6<sup>th</sup>; U.S. General Election Day is the Tuesday following the first Monday in November, so do your duty and Vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>; Honor the Veterans on November 11<sup>th</sup>; and enjoy and embrace your time with your family and friends on Thanksgiving Day, November 24<sup>th</sup>.

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**This `n That**

By Glorie McNay

Happy cooler weather. Now we need some rain, not so everywhere. As we traveled to Arizona for their Chapter meet, we encountered blinding rain. It probably lasted about 45 minutes, but it seemed like an eternity. As we returned through New Mexico from the Texas Regional we started the day with snow and sleet. Ice patches and iced shoulders. All this led to an accident five miles ahead and we sat on the interstate one and a half hours amongst hundreds of 18-wheelers.

Thanksgiving will include thanks for keeping us safe and we pray for your safety also. We look forward to the holiday seasons and wish you all the best of joy, good health, and serenity.

Please vote next week. Your vote counts.

## **Road to Texas**

By Sharyl Ingham

What a great way to end the NCRS year on a high note with our Texas Chapter friends.

Our Road Trip to Texas was long, but we had a great time spending quality time with John and Sophie Tidwell. If you have never gone to the Lone Star Regional in Frisco, TX, I feel this is one you should try to attend at least one time.

Mike and I want to thank and congratulate the entire Texas Chapter for being such wonderful hosts once again. We are proud to be Chapter members and have been going to the Texas Regional for the past 10+ years. This event is a great example of TEAMWORK that didn't need to be messed with, perfect example of the saying "Stick to the plan. If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

I think many of the things we do, we overthink and make more work for ourselves when we don't have to. Life is too short, folks!

Tim Gilmore, the Texas Chapter Judging Chairman, asked if I would be the Lead Tabulator for this event. I consider this an honor since he and I have worked together for 4-years now. Tim had heart surgery a week before the meet so it wasn't a sure thing he would even be in attendance, but there he was. His only regret was that he couldn't (understandably under medical advisement) bring the car he had planned to get judged.

Cheers and congratulations also go to Tim for receiving the Texas Chapter Member of the Year award at the Awards Banquet.

One would think you were at NCC's Spring meet with Glorie holding court conducting the raffle for the Texas Chapter. The ironic thing here is that Wayne Yurtin's tickets were drawn for the first and second items. If I recall correctly, this has been a pattern for the past three years in Suisun City, so next time you see Wayne rub elbows with him for good luck. Congratulations and thank you to Glorie and Art for once again doing a spectacular job!

Congratulations and thank you to Dana Richard for bringing his beautiful '66 as a Duntov Display for everyone to see.

NCC was well represented in Texas, starting with Tom Barr, Pete Bergmann, Dave and Jo Houlihan, Art and Glorie McNay, Dana Richard,

Tony Stein, John and Sophie Tidwell, Allen Tremain, Wayne Yurtin, and Mike and myself.

I know everyone arrived home safe, so it is back to reality with business as usual.

Mike and I wish you all a safe and wonderful Thanksgiving. It goes without saying that Mike and I are very grateful for your friendship and support throughout the years.

## **Mass Mailing Clarification**

We are utilizing NCRS's Mass Mailing feature to distribute the link to the Vettecetera each month, as well as other NCRS related e-mails from other people. Please do NOT respond to the e-mail, 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. 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 needed, a membership form may be found on the last page of the Vettecetera. When 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.

## **Chapter Meetings**

Chapter meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are being held via Zoom, and the Zoom link is distributed to all Chapter members on the preceding Monday.

### **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 or found what you were looking for.

### **Parts for Sale**

Differential C2 and C3. Casting 3899143 (69-79) 3:36 Posi. Have front yokes that fit a C2 (3 ½ inches) and second yoke that fit C3 (4 ¼ inches) Was running with no problems when removed from my 63.

1963 AM Wonder Bar radio. Lost no points in operations and interior flight judging.

58-60 front license plate bumperettes. NOS Have GM labels.

1978-1982 L-82 valve covers. Very good condition. NOS in GM boxes.

Original early 1963 battery hold down shield, received a 1-point deduction for condition in flight judging.

Original early 1963 lower engine plug wire shields set. Some flaking in flash chrome.

Contact Jeff Cheney 925-212-3012 or email [jeffcheney210@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcheney210@gmail.com)

1966 Muncie M20 transmission with linkage. Very low original miles. Last used in 1968, stored since. Still has original factory markings on gears. Comes with new gasket set. \$1,300.00. Email me for photos. Contact Steve Giovannini [CCPG@mediacombb.net](mailto:CCPG@mediacombb.net)

### **Parts Wanted**

Want to buy a reproduction jack for a `62. Also looking for a nice damage-free inner heater box for a non-AC `67. If you have any of these items, contact Rick Gower at 925-798-7877 or [gowerr@aol.com](mailto:gowerr@aol.com)

### **Tools For Sale**

Auto rotisserie - Cost \$1,400 plus freight. Used once, sell for \$1,000 with much extra tubing. Gantry crane - cost \$1,200 plus freight, sell for \$800 with free electric hoist.

Contact John Tidwell at 916-201-6061 or [sampanjohn@earthlink.net](mailto:sampanjohn@earthlink.net)

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2022

November 8<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

November 11<sup>th</sup>

Veterans Day Parade - Vettes for Vets

Petaluma, CA

December 13<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

2023

January 10<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

February 14<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

February 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Florida Regional

Lakeland, FL

March 14<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

March 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>

Tucson Regional

Tucson, AZ

April 11<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

April 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup>

NCC Spring Judging Meet

Los Gatos, CA

May 9<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

June 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>

Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional

Altoona, PA

June 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

North Central Regional

Rochester, MN

June 13<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

July 11<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

July 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>

NCRS National Convention

French Lick, IN

August 8<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom

September 12<sup>th</sup>

NCC Meeting

Via Zoom



SHARYL INGHAM at 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

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