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Chairman's Message

Road Tour Coordinator Sponsorship/Raffle Coord.

By Bob Grauer

Sonora CA Fall Judging Meet on Friday September 22nd and Saturday the 23rd at the Heritage Inn. Mark your calendars please. Registrations are active in the Driveline and online. We will need cars to judge and look forward to another fine event! The location is beautiful Yosemite country! Mike is planning a great judging event and Jeff and Wayne are planning a judging school.

Last published information is that 2024 C8 production has been delayed a bit (A week on C-8's, no word on an E-Ray delay.). Dealers cannot process orders for the E-Ray until August 17th. If you cannot wait to see one "in the CBP - (composite body panel)", I'll bet that the Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion (a.k.a Monterey Car Week) (a.k.a Monterey Historics for the old timers) is the best place to be for

the celebration of Corvette's 70th anniversary August 16th through 19th. Link: https://www.co.monterey.ca.us/government/g overnment-links/weathertechraceway/upcoming-events/monterey-reunion

August 2023

Jeff Blakeslee has offered to present a tech session on gasoline / fuel products on Saturday August 12th at 10:00AM. It will be held at Nutshell 753 Montague Ave in San Leandro. Doughnuts and coffee. See you all there!

Napa Cars and Coffee – Add to your list. Sandy reports that it is held every month on the second Sunday, 8:00 to 10:00, at 865 Factory Stores Drive, Napa. It gets a nice variety of cars, including some Corvettes. Get coffee and tasty cookies at Brewed.

GM changed their "anti-flipping policy" a bit. Now if a customer flips his Z06 and E-Ray

within six months of ownership, Chevrolet will void parts of the warranty on <u>both</u> models. And Chevy took away the rewards program incentive benefitting buyers not to flip cars. I guess they felt that voiding the warranty was punishment enough. I wonder – Rather than punishing their customers, how exactly is GM punishing their own <u>dealers</u> who are still gouging buyers with obscene mark-ups? Does not seem fair.

Winery Road Tour on September 9th is being planned by Sandy. Dates will be confirmed in time for the August 8th NCC Zoom (I hope).

NCC Meeting Minutes July 11, 2023

Chairman Bob Grauer welcomed 20 members to the July meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom. He asked us to introduce ourselves, stating where we live and the years of our Corvettes.

Bob reviewed scheduled event dates for 2024 and discussed possible dates in late February and early March for our Spring Meet, hopefully in Los Gatos.

<u>Secretary Report</u>: Sandy Houck No June minutes due to Sandy's absence. Reportedly they had great food, discussed cars, and collected goods for the food drive.

<u>Membership</u>: Sharyl Ingham We continue to have 117 members.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u>: Chris Moore Chris was absent. Bob reported that we are earning interest on CDs.

NCRS Region IX Director and Vice-President: Mike Ingham

Mike held a bi-monthly Zoom meeting with Chapter chairs in Region IX. They discussed concerns about inflation affecting NCRS event prices include meals and venues. NCRS does not provide guidance to Chapters on pricing.

<u>Chapter Top-Flight Award (CTFA)</u>: Jeff Blakeslee

Jeff was absent, but Bob said we have satisfied some of the required items.

NCC Fall Meet, Sonora, September 22-23: Jerry Fuccillo

Jerry reviewed costs and reported that the hotel will provide security. Rooms are available so now it is the time to sign up and make your hotel reservation. See the form in the Vettectera, but register online please. Since the C6 Judging Manual is now published, Marci Albers may bring her Ron Fellows C6.

Convention in French Lick:

Sharyl said 86 cars are registered for judging. Reportedly French Lick hotels are booked up.

<u>Technical Discussion Board</u>: Gary Beaupre and Rick Gower

No report. Rick was absent and Gary just got back from France (his delayed post-retirement trip).

Old Business:

Previously Bob considered having an NCC display at Good Guys in Alameda. To get further ideas, he will attend and display his personal Ford this year.

Ideas for Road Tours were discussed. These include a trip to Pope Valley Winery, a drive to or from Sonora, and driving Highways 49 and 88.

Bob continues to collect Cars N Coffee times and locations. Email your local event info to him.

<u>Adjournment:</u>

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next meeting will be Tuesday, August 8th. Plan on attending the next in-person meeting on Wednesday, November 15th in Oakland.

Respectfully submitted, Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

Help Wanted

We are looking for someone to assume the Judging co-Chair responsibilities formerly handled by John Tidwell. If you are interested and would like to discuss, please contact Mike Ingham at 510-420-0968.

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

By Sharyl Ingham

Best wishes and congratulations to our members with August birthday and anniversary celebrations, starting with Bob Grauer, August 4th; Dave Love and Steffeny Tremain sharing August 6th; new member Phil Carlson's birthday and Jerry and Janet Palmer's anniversary sharing August 9th; John LeGate, August 12th; Mike Brown, August 15th; Gary Bennett and Steve Dangremond sharing August 17th; Gary Miranda, August 18th; Frank Rodrigues, August 19th, Chris Summa, August 24th; Mark Koffman, August 25th; Michael Pierce's birthday and John and Sophia Tidwell's anniversary sharing August 26th; Jo Houlihan and Sandy Houck sharing August 30th; and Pam Mullenhoff, August 31st.

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Road Tour Radio Communications By Mason McNay

In getting ready for the NCRS Road Tour, and previously being generally disappointed with the handheld FRS/GMRS radios that I have, I decided to see what I could find out about the current status of the FRS/GMRS world. I was surprised to find that the new side-by-side popularity, in my experience primarily illegally using ham radio frequencies, drove changes to the FRS/GMRS regulations. There are two main differences between FRS and GMRS: the first is that while FRS and GMRS use the same frequencies, GMRS requires a ZA radio operators license costing \$35 for 10 years. The second is that GMRS allows higher power (wattage) transmit frequencies. While anyone without a ZA radio license can purchase a GMRS radio, technically you need the license to operate it at the higher wattages (most handhelds are between 0.5 and 2 Watts of power and do not require the license).

The legal broadcast limits for channels 1-7 are 2 Watts for FRS and 5 Watts for GMRS. Channels 8-14 are restricted to handheld radios only and limited to 0.5 Watts. Channels 15-22 are limited to 2 Watts for FRS and a whopping 50 Watts for GMRS. CB radios were limited to 4 Watts.

So, what is the big deal about wattage? It is relevant to how far one can transmit, but it has no real bearing on what one can receive. If you have a handheld transmitting at 0.5 Watts and a mounted radio transmitting at 50 Watts, the 50-Watt signal can be received at a distance roughly 100 times further than the 0.5 Watt. It doesn't matter if the receiving radio is a unlicensed 0.5 Watt FRS handheld or a 50 watt GMRS mounted radio. In my research I discovered that Midland makes what they call "MicroMobile small form factor radios", some with a 15 Watt transmit level, and some with aa 40 Watt transmit level. There is a model in each range where all the controls are on the handheld microphone, allowing the base to be mounted out of sight.

I bought the Midland MXT275 15-Watt radio with microphone controls from Amazon for \$165 and made an acrylic cradle for it to sit on the barrier behind the seat backs (see picture).



I was excited to use it on my next outing, we had our drivers meeting and they chose channel 12. As I returned to my car and went to tune my radio to channel 12, it went from channel 7 to channel 15, skipping channel 12 and the others.

My takeaway is that, while still untested and without proper antenna placement, the broadcast distance should be greatly increased. The higher quality speaker sounds far better, at least on the weather band channels. If one chooses to get the license, it's a government agency and the clicks are not intuitive, it took me 30 minutes. Another takeaway is that people, including me, pick their channels based on vanity value things, like 4-27 or 12, because it sounds good instead of picking the channel with best range.

I think if at least the lead and follow cars had higher wattage mounted radios, especially if the group chooses the higher wattage channels of 15-22, Road Tour communications would be improved. If the group is going to use channels 8-14, the most limited broadcast wattage, you will still need a handheld.

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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Send newsletter articles to Mike Ingham by email: <u>michael.ingham248@gmail.com</u> It needs to be received **by the 25**th of the previous month to make publication.

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., email address, Corvettes owned) please send those changes to me via e-mail at: <u>sharylingham@gmail.com</u> 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.

Cars For Sale

1953 E53F001298 Unique opportunity to own a Duntov / Concours level `53 in the 70th year of the Corvette. Serious buyers/inquiries only. Contact Gary at <u>polowhite53@gmail.com</u>

Parts Wanted

I am looking for a nice damage-free inner heater box for a non-AC `67 convertible. Contact Rick Gower at 925-798-7877 or <u>gowerr@aol.com</u>

Tools For Sale

<u>Auto Rotisserie</u> - Cost \$1,400 plus freight. Used once, sell for \$1,000 with much extra tubing. <u>Gantry Crane</u> – cost \$1,200 plus freight, sell for \$800 with free electric hoist. Contact John Tidwell at 916-201-6061 or <u>sampanjohn@earthlink.net</u>

<u>Engine Hoist</u> - Pittsburgh Heavy Duty 1-Ton Folding Shop Crane. Purchased from Harbor Freight less than one year ago. Used only a handful of times for a car restoration project. Works perfectly and is in excellent condition. Asking \$175. <u>Body Dolly</u> - Body dolly made from uni-strut. Used for the restoration of my 1966 Corvette but will work on all 1963-1967 Corvettes. It is in excellent condition and worked well. Asking \$400. Contact Jeff Taylor at 707-299-9148 or <u>itaylor6399@qmail.com</u>

Manuals Available

Over the years we (NCC) have accumulated a small collection of Corvette factory service manuals and other technical literature in our library, where they continue to collect dust. We have decided to offer these documents to NCC members on a first come-first served basis in the hope that you can put them to better use. If any of the following documents match a Corvette that you own and you would like to have it and are willing to pay the shipping, please contact Mike Ingham.

A small donation to the Chapter would be welcome.

Year	Title
1961	AIM
1962	AIM x2
1953-78	Chassis & Body Parts Catalog x2
1984	Shop & Electrical Manuals
1984-90	Corvette Parts & Illustration Cat.
1984-92	Corvette Parts & Illustration Cat.
2005	Service Manual, Books 1 & 2

Business Card Ads

Business card ads are free for NCC members. Please send your business card to Mike Ingham, 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618-1802.







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	2023 Event Calendar 蜿	
August 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
August 12 th	NCC Tech Session – Gasoline	San Leandro, CA
August 24 th -26 th	Corvettes at Carlisle	Carlisle, PA
September 9 th	NCC Road Tour - Pope Valley Winery	Napa, CA
September 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
September 14 th -16 th	Ontario Regional	Ontario, Canada
September 16 th	SCC C2/C3 Tech Session & Judging School	Vista, CA
September 22 nd -23 rd	NCC Fall Judging Meet*	Sonora, CA
September 22 nd -23 rd	SAZ Fall Judging Meet	Tucson, AZ
October 6 th -7 th	Joint CCC/SCC Fall Judging Meet*	El Segundo, CA
October 9 th	NCC Meeting - Officer Nominations & Elections	Via Zoom
October 19 th -21 st	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
November 3 rd -4 th	AZC Fall Judging Meet	Mesa, AZ
November 15 th	NCC Meeting – In person, no Zoom, Wednesday evening.	St. Peters Church
December 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
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NCRS Northern California Chapter Fall Judging Meet Registration Friday/Saturday, September 22/23, 2023 NCRS members and their guests are invited to attend NCC's Fall Judging Meet to be held at the Heritage Inn, 350 South Washington Street, Sonora, CA 95370 (209) 532-3633. A block of 30 rooms is being held at rates of \$94.99 + tax (1K) and \$99.99 + tax (2Q). The group code is NCC.

	Judging Information Mike Ingham 510-420-0968 michael.ingh John Tidwell 530-432-2503 sampanjohn			
	Event Schedule – Saturday, 9/23 7:00 am – 8:00 am - Registration			
4:30 pm - 5:30 pm - Judging School - TBD	8:30 am - All cars in place 9:00 am – finish - Flight Judging			
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REGISTRATION WILL OPEN AT 4PM AT THE HILTON GARDEN INN. OPERATIONS TEST WILL BE 4-5PM. JUDGING SCHOOL 5-6PM TBA. NO HOST DINNER 6:30PM TBA. NOTICE: BRING A CHAIR!



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