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Chairman's Message

By Bob Grauer

Our NCC Fall Judging event was a success. Thank you to Jerry Fuccillo and Sharyl Ingham for their extra efforts in securing the hotel, arranging the meals, and taking care of every detail. Mike did a great job arranging the judging team and taking good care of our owners. The drive out to Sonora was "relaxing" – beautiful Yosemite country!

I have a meeting with the Los Gatos Lodge next Tuesday to discuss our Spring Chapter Judging Event. Looks like the dates will be March 1 and 2 in Los Gatos CA. I'll let everyone know if there are any changes.

NCC Elections – Candidates for the upcoming election include me for Chairman, Jeff Blakeslee for Vice Chairman, Sandy Houck for Chapter Secretary, Mike Ingham for Chapter

Judging Chairman, Sharyl Ingham for Chapter Membership and Chris Moore for Chapter Treasurer. Non-voting Board members include our Tech Team - Gary Beaupre and Rick Gower for the Technical Discussion Board & Chris Moore Webmaster, Ken Albers – Road Tour Captain, and Mike Ingham – Newsletter Editor. We will be retiring the CTFA Coordinator and Librarian positions for 2024. Judging School Coordinators – Open. Assistant Chapter Judging Chairman – Open. Glorie McNay has agreed to stay on in a limited capacity as our Raffle Coordinator. Thanks, Glorie! Thanks to all who have offered their time and energy to our Chapter's many responsibilities! If anyone is still interested in joining our team, let someone from the board know. Now we just have to vote on the 3rd!

OPINION - CTFA – Jeff Blakeslee has been our coordinator for over a decade. He deserves a

rest, a change, less stress! The CTFA has become a TASK, not enjoyable. We are always under pressure to meet the National mandatory provisions. That's just not any fun anymore. Quote- Too few working too hard "for a sticker". We can do all of the things that the NCC Chapter WANTS to do without the pressure of HAVING to do. We will still do charity work, social events, etc...but on our own schedule. Seriously, so few members actually care about this award that we can take this opportunity to branch out and use our time wisely to book events that more members want to participate in. NCC will always be a Top-Flight Chapter, a founding NCRS chapter, and a sticker is not going to change any of that. We can make sure that no single member is over-stressed for a project that too many don't support. Since I accepted the chair last year it's been very clear how folks felt about this subject. NCC will stay busy, NCC will be philanthropic, but NCC will (hopefully) be more participative for our membership. Stepping down from my soap box...I wanted everyone to know my position before they voted.

Hope to see you all on our Zoom call on October 3rd, and in LA later in the week!

Upcoming Dates:

October 3 Zoom Chapter Meeting

October 6-7 Joint SCC/CCC Chapter Judging event near LAX.

Oct 19-21 Texas Regional Judging event

Nov 3-4 Arizona Chapter Judging event

Reminder - Regional Director Elections

NCC'ers, if you live in NCRS Region VII (KS, OK, TX, MO, LA, AK), Region VIII (WA, OR, ID, MT, AK, BC, SK, AB), or Region IX (CA, HI, AZ, NV), it is time to exercise your right and responsibility as an NCRS member to vote in your region's Director election. This is your opportunity to help determine the future direction of the NCRS. Your September/October Driveline magazine includes bios for each of the candidates running, as well as a ballot. You can vote most easily online on the NCRS website, ncrs.org. **Your vote must be recorded by October 10, 2023, to be counted.** Vote by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.forums.ncrs.org/register/vote.php>

Please take the time to read the candidate bios for your region and exercise your vote.

NCC Meeting Minutes September 12, 2023

Chairman Bob Grauer welcomed 27 members to the September meeting at 7:00 pm via Zoom. He asked us to introduce ourselves, stating where we live and the years of our Corvettes. Welcome to new member Andy Yee from San Francisco.

Secretary Report: Sandy Houck
August minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Moore
No report.

Membership: Sharyl Ingham
We are now up to 118 members.

Chapter Top-Flight Award (CTFA): Jeff Blakeslee

Jeff reports that we are doing well, and only need to have a social event to complete the year.

NCC Elections: Bob Grauer

Officer nominations will be submitted in October and the election held in November. Existing officers except for Wayne Yurtin are available for next year. Jeff Blakeslee will run for Vice Chairman.

Next Meeting on October 3:

Mike (our Zoom host) and Sharyl will be in Hampton Roads at the planning meeting on October 10 for the 2024 convention. It was decided to hold the meeting one week earlier on October 3.

NCC Fall Meet, Sonora, September 22-23:

Jerry Fuccillo

Jerry continues to work on details with the Heritage Inn. The Friday night dinner will be at Yianni's Grill. Mike reported that a C2 and a C3 will be flight judged.

NCRS Region IX Director and Vice-President:

Mike Ingham

Mike held a Zoom meeting with Regional Chapter Chairs. The national Board will meet on September 28. The agenda includes an item about providing more support to chapters that hold Regional Meets.

Remember to vote for the Regional Director, even though Mike is running unopposed.

Mike attended the National Corvette Museum Hall of Fame induction ceremony for John

Amgwert. John was the editor of the Restorer magazine for the first 25 years of the NCRS.

New Business: Bob Grauer

Bob proposed holding the Spring Meet in Los Gatos again, perhaps in February. We need a chairperson for the event. Also, Bob researched holding the Fall Meet in Half Moon Bay. Please give him your ideas.

Technical Discussion Board: Gary Beaupre and Rick Gower

Gary said there are a lot of changes in the national judging team leaders. See the thread on New Team Leaders.

Rick said there is a nice video on the Museum Hall of Fame Induction ceremony.

And he reports that David King, NCRS store manager, announced that individual sections of judging manuals can now be purchased.

Also, the NCRS Apparel store is selling tee shirts showing the number of years of a person's membership. Ads will be in the Driveline.

Road Tour and Other Outings: Bob Grauer
Bob thanked Sandy for leading the tour in Napa County and hopes that we can do more in-person get togethers next year.

About 15 members recently helped Don Cheema remove the body on his '63 coupe. Expect to participate in more fun events next year.

NCRS Events Schedule: Bob Grauer

September 14-16	Regional Meet, Ontario
September 16	Southern California Tech Session on C1 chassis
September 22-23	NCC Meet, Sonora
September 22-23	Southern Arizona Meet
October 6-7	So Cal and Central California Meet, LAX
	Includes a tour at The Zimmerman Museum
October 3	NCC Zoom Meeting
October 19-21	Texas Regional
November 3-4	Arizona Meet
November 15	NCC In-person Meeting, Oakland

Other Announcements:

Mike reported that Jerry Kohn who started Corvette Central recently passed away at age 79. He was an NCRS supporter.

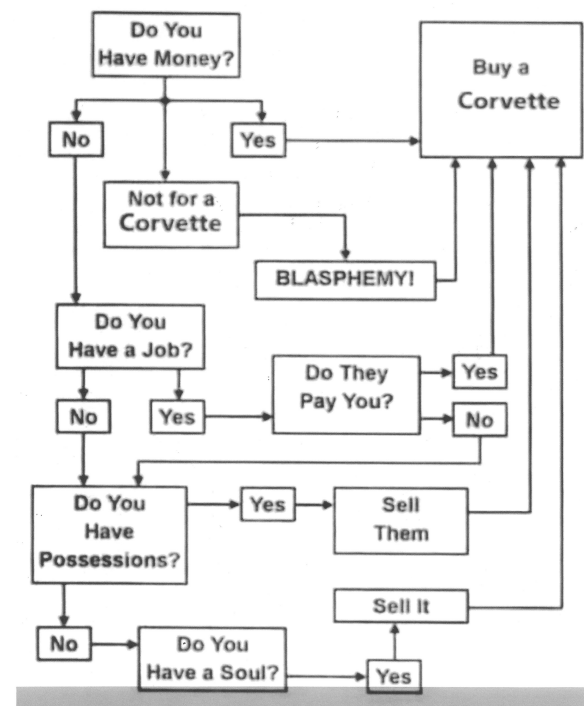
Ed Vignone reported that Rich Norbrothen, a long-time member in Southern California, recently passed.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm. **Please note that the next Zoom meeting will be one week earlier on October 3.**

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

Corvette Purchase Decision Tree



NCRS Judges Training Retreat

The NCRS will conduct a Judges Training Retreat on March 14-17, 2024, in Dallas. If you are new to judging or interested in refreshing your judging skills, this is a fabulous opportunity. Registration is open now but will close on December 15th. Your September/October Driveline has all the details.

Napa Road Tour – September 9th

By Sandy Houck

The tour was an outing of the roads less traveled; that is, how to get away from the

famous, busy Napa Valley and yet stay in Napa County. The tour started in downtown Napa with a sendoff from long time member Bob Kennard. Then Sandy Houck and her friend Kelly Pepper led Bob and Cindi Grauer, Jeff and Diane Blakeslee, Robin and Jim Truffa, and Art McNay along the western hills, the eastern hills, Lake Berryessa, and into Pope Valley. Robin grew up in Napa and commented that we drove some roads she had never been on. Pope Valley Winery graciously provided wine to go with our deli sandwiches. Only mishap was a broken speedometer cable on Jeff's '64.

Don Cheema's Body Lift

A group of NCC'ers spent a part of their Labor Day weekend helping Don remove the body from his '63 split window, the first step in his planned restoration.



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.

Food For Thought

By Sharyl Ingham

It is fall and October is a beautiful time of the year. Go out and embrace the beautiful colors and crisp mornings.

We had a full house at the dinner at Yianni's that pretty much kicked off our Fall Meet in Sonora. Thank you's go to SCC members Joe LeMay, who conducted the Judging School which was very informative and timely for our judges, Dana Richard and John LeGate, as well as CCC members Ron and Beth Bartow and Jim and Stephanie Roth, helping to fill out the ONE Judging Team to judge the two beautiful cars! Our Tab area had it challenges being outdoors under the only covered area and Beth did a great job keeping the Tab area in check despite the noise and interruptions. I usually set a goal of at least signing up one new member at our Spring and Fall Meets and fortunately NCC has one new member, Mike Whitt of Jamestown. We had a lovely surprise, John Kirkpatrick who lives in Jackson braved the morning cold driving his beautiful 1960 convertible to visit with us.

I can safely say the meet was successful due to teamwork! 🙏

Congratulations to both Don Tofft, Second Flight and Chip Strnad, Top Flight and potential bowtie candidate. 🍌🍌🍌

Best wishes to all our members born in October, starting with Jack Brier, Jim Lockwood, and Connie McGue sharing October 1st; Jeff Howard, October 11th; Donna Hunter and Bob Kennard sharing October 12th; Jerry Louer, October 13th; Alex Aivaliklis, October 15th; Reneé Aivaliklis, October 16th; Don Hooper, October 17th; Michelle Carlson, October 18th; and Gary Beaupré, October 28th. 🎉🎉

I will start the noteworthy days of October with the monthly reminder to Think and Wear Pink since it is Breast Cancer Awareness Month from October 1st to 31st! Other days to recognize and celebrate are Columbus Day, October 9th; Sweetest Day, spread your

kindness to others, October 21st; and Halloween, an excuse to dress in costume, October 31st.

Be kind!

Burma-Shave

IT'S BEST FOR ONE
WHO HITS THE BOTTLE
TO LET ANOTHER
USE THE THROTTLE

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This n That

By Glorie McNay

It's been a while but I have something to say. The Southern California Chapter will be hosting a Regional April 11th-13th of 2024. That said, all Chapters west of the Rockies take note. If there are to be Regionals for those in New Mexico, north to Montana, west to Washington and south to the California, Chapters stop considering yourselves exclusive. We must support one another to insure successful Regionals. We have to abandon an attitude of greed considering a Regional to be a big profit or loss. We must strive to break even or a little better while hosting a successful event where members can earn the pre-requisites to take their cars to the National Conventions. There is not a member who cannot afford to place a business card in the event booklet for \$25, whether or not they will attend the Regional. There are several other ways to support from the business card to the \$250 judges and tabulators meal sponsorship up to whatever limit you determine. Business cards, or a request to create one, as well as all artwork, are to be sent to Ed Vignone, 5 Via Pasa, San Clemente, California, CA 92673-2750, 949-248-0931, vignone@ieee.org
Checks are to be made out to SCC Regional and sent to: Verity Hobbs, P.O. Box 2316, Newport Beach, CA 92659
The opportunities for sponsorship and support are:

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Page opposite event schedule.....\$300
Centerfold pages each.....\$300
Inside back cover.....\$400
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Half Page.....\$100
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GENERAL SPONSORSHIPS

Judges and Tabulators meals.....\$250

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Please contact Ted Wilm at 415-806-3403

Welcome New Members

Please join me in welcoming our new NCC members: Kerry Bloxham of Livermore, and Michael Whitt of Jamestown.

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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Pertinent Information

Send newsletter articles to Mike Ingham by email: michael.ingham248@gmail.com It needs to be received **by the 25th** 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., e-mail address, Corvettes owned) please send those changes to me via e-mail at: 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

1965-66 Parts – Have a few Rubbermaid containers of 1965 and 66 Corvette parts that I do not need. Will sell only as an entire lot. No part-outs. May be some Shelby parts in there as well. Make an offer and if we agree on a price, you take everything. (Cleaning up my storage.) Contact Bob Grauer at (925) 922-2207

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C1 soft top mounting plates behind seats.
C1 passenger door, complete with trim, interior, exterior, and internals.
C1 front sway bar.
C1 wiper wash foot pump.
60-62 aluminum bellhousing.
60 top tank radiator and side brackets, radiator leaks, use for parts.
C1 soft top deck latches.
58-60 rear bumpers, good driver quality.
61 trunk divider panels, black, GM NOS, 2 available.
C1 stepped oil pan, w/trap door GM NOS
770 heads, pair.
461/462 heads, 4 available.
58-62 windshield frame, top and bottom only, stainless in good condition
T10D-1 trans, needs work.
D310 Comp Cams Magnum small block roller tip rocker arms, new in box.
2818-1 Holley carb, originally purchased by me, over the counter.
C1 windshield washer plastic bottle, no lids.
2059 generator end frames, front and rear, cast iron, 1 set.
2059 generator front end frame, cast iron, 1 only.
2173 / 2268 generator rear end frames, cast iron, 7 available.
Signet Red lacquer paint, PPG, 2+ gallons.

American Racing TorqThrust wheels, 6x15, original 60s version.

1961 FI radio shielding.

56-62 fuel tank.

Contact Bert Brown at

waltbrown@gmail.com or 925-736-4897, leave message.

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 gowerr@aol.com

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Direct-Lift PP8 8,000-pound 4-post lift with Hydraulic Jack accessory. Excellent condition. All manuals, papers. Best Reasonable Offer. Pics available. Contact Bob Grauer at (925) 922-2207

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

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.
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2023 Event Calendar 🐝		
October 3 rd	NCC Meeting - Officer Nominations & Elections	Via Zoom
October 6 th - 7 th	Joint CCC/SCC Fall Judging Meet	El Segundo, CA
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, Wednesday evening.	St. Peters Church
December 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
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January 9 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
January 18 th - 20 th	Florida Regional	Melbourne, FL
February 13 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
March 8 th - 9 th	NCC Spring Judging Meet	Los Gatos, CA
March 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 9 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 11 th - 13 th	SCC Regional	Las Vegas, NV
May 2 nd - 4 th	Heartland Regional	Cedar Rapids, IA
May 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
May 31 st - June 1 st	New England Regional	Marlborough, MA
June 11 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom



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