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NCRS will celebrate its 50th Anniversary this year at the Convention in Hampton, Virginia, August 4-8. Don't miss this milestone event!

Chairman's Message

By Jeff Blakeslee

Los Gatos was a relaxed and enjoyable judging meet, and I felt that all who attended were happy with the facility and the way the event came together. The setting is just about perfect for our needs, not at all pretentious, but still elegant enough that everyone is comfortable. It does have the feel of days past, but that only adds to its appeal. Wayne Yurtin did us proud by finding this facility and setting up our first event there. It's unfortunately that it will eventually be torn down, but we can enjoy it while it lasts. We do intend to book there again next year.

This year we had the following cars to judge: Jack Brier's 1966, Bob Lozito's 1966 and Bob Grauer's 1969. All received Top Flight Ribbons, and that always makes for a fun day. Gary Beaupre and I judged the exterior of Bob's 69, which made me a bit nervous as I'm used to Bob being my Team Leader! But I

guess that's how we grow as judges, and Bob accepted the results graciously.

Bill Cash was good enough to bring back his very fine 1965 396 Coupe as our only Duntov Display. No matter how often I see that car I seem to like better each time. The following Sportsman entries also received Ribbons: Doug Waltor's 1963, Don Trofft's 1967, Dana Richard's 2003 and Marci Albers' 2007. Without the cars to judge and ogle over, we would not have a meet, so thank you to everyone who brought their beautiful Corvettes.

I arrived late on Friday night, so I missed out on some of the best parts of the event. I asked past president Bob Grauer to summarize his feelings about the events of Friday evening, and here is what he had to say:

"Chris Springer's tech talk was brilliant. He gave everyone his background restoring classic muscle cars and exotics. He talked about Joe Calcagno's 1962 that had been put into storage for 34 (?) years, in a trailer on Joe's property in Soquel, CA.

Chris had restored the exterior paint on the car, and I think he said it was one of his first painting projects in business. (Joe C. had restored the interior himself) He showed a picture of the car removed from the trailer in pristine condition. Chris spoke about the amazing condition of the paint while surprised that the trailer (sealed for 34 years) had preserved this important Corvette. Then....he took us all outside to see the actual car where we all learned more from Chris about the paint technique he used (lacquer) and the result were incredible.

Dinner was at the Los Gatos Grill, about 25 people. The menu was more than limited with multiple appetizers to choose from, burgers, fish & chips, and bar service. The food was generous, and I can speak for myself that my burger, mozzarella sticks, and coleslaw were excellent. It was convenient and no stress."

While I missed the food on Friday night, I was around for the food truck meal on Saturday. Everyone I spoke with found the food, the service, and the presentation to be top notch (flight). And to top that off, the owner of the food truck brought his new C8 Corvette, and eventually got up the nerve to ask me if he could park it in our area. It was a beautiful

dusty blue with cream-white interior and added a nice touch to our display.

Glorie conducted a nice raffle, and even a live auction for the two Dana Forrester prints that Bob Grauer was able to get donated to the event. I believe that Glorie raised \$300.00 on the raffle, plus the \$175.00 for one of the prints. As always, this money will go to the cost of providing the Saturday lunch for all registered attendees.

I want to personally thank everyone who attended, and those who judged, tabulated, and just plain helped along the way. Mike and Sharyl did an incredible job (as always) and worked hard all day to make the event successful. There are so many things that just seem to happen when they are at the helm, but I assure you that they don't happen on their own. Lastly, I want to thank Bob Grauer for doing the initial leg work to set this up. Great Job Everyone!

NCC Meeting Minutes – April 9, 2024

Jeff Blakeslee welcomed 15 members to the April Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm. He asked us to introduce ourselves, stating where we live and the Corvettes we own. The "Question of the Evening" was "Were you interested in the recent Solar Eclipse?" Those who had seen a total eclipse told how spectacular it is, particularly the reaction of birds and the change in temperature.

Secretary's Report: Sandy Houck
The March minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Moore
Chris was absent. It was noted that Chris did well in the Alameda Supervisorial Primary election, coming in fourth out of twelve candidates.

Membership: Sharyl Ingham
We are holding at 107 members. Sharyl expects more members after the Spring Meet.

Vettectera Editor: Mike Ingham
The newsletter was posted on time at the beginning of the month.
Mike posted Dave Houlihan's article about rivets separately due to the file size. Bob Grauer started a discussion about hard-to-reach rivets. Jeff Blakeslee has a complete rivet kit that he is willing to loan.

NCRS Region IX Director and President: Mike Ingham

The NCRS Board met on March 21. They had elections and made appointments. Congrats to Mike being elected as President. Mike will be conducting a Town Hall at the Las Vegas Regional Meet to discuss Board actions. He noted that the Board updated the NCRS Mission statement, plans to increase marketing activities including a weekly podcast on Corvette Today and a social media agreement. See the Member News section on the NCRS Discussion Board for complete details.

To peak people's interest and enthusiasm in going to the Convention, Mike mentioned that the NCRS Foundation will auction off 4 tickets to Jay Leno's Garage and he hopes someone in this region will bid successfully since it would be easier for the west coast people to attend rather than the members from the Midwest or East coast. Another highlight will be at the Welcome reception where prizes will be given for the best dressed in 70's attire, so that would be a sight to see, right? The Hampton Convention plans on having an American Heritage display that should be very interesting. Remember you need to register for the Convention by June 1.

Los Gatos Chapter Meet:

This is a sanctioned NCRS event so all attendees must be registered and wear an event badge. Mike Ingham will send out reminders to car owners about what to bring and how to prepare their cars for judging. Fenders covers are important. Bob Grauer and Jeff Blakeslee reviewed the arrangements and schedule. Glorie McNay will raffle various items and conduct a live auction for two Dana Forrester prints.

Technical Discussion Board: Rick Gower and Gary Beaupre

Rick was absent. Gary said that the DOT 5 brake fluid saga continues. Some members will be testing chemical compositions, along with seals and O-rings.

New Business:

Jeff will continue to pursue one or more owner garage visits for this year. The Board needs to discuss and plan a schedule.

Jeff described Nostalgia Days in Novato, October 11-12, as a very fun event. He will call the event coordinator since he knows her to get information of what the Chapter needs to do and how much it would cost to have a

booth. Stay tuned for more information. It will be added to our calendar.

Show and Tell and Other Announcements:
None this month.

Adjournment:

The next Zoom meeting will be May 14 at 7:00 pm. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

From The Las Vegas Regional



Marci Albers receiving her Top Flight ribbon.



Allen Tremain receiving his Top Flight ribbon.



Dave Perry judging something in Allen Tremain's 2005; not standard practice!

Food For Thought

By Sharyl Ingham

PAY ATTENTION. I love the fact that we are going to see more of these signs because I feel this is a great game changer for our driving awareness that will save lives of pedestrians! Who said you can't teach an old dog new tricks?



Let's dive right into the merry month of May, starting with May Day, May 1st; Any Star Wars fans? May the Fourth be with you, May 4th; Cinco de Mayo, May 5th; Mother's Day, (always the 2nd Sunday in May and if it weren't for your mother, where would you be?), May 12th; Armed Forces Day, May 18th; for you wine afficiatos, National Wine Day, May 25th; and Memorial Day, always observed on the last Monday in May. This holiday is to honor the US Military personnel who died while serving in the United States armed forces as well as the unofficial beginning of summer, May 27th.

Continuing on to extend our best wishes honoring our members that are celebrating birthdays, starting with Leah Michaud, May 2nd; Barbara Vignone, May 3rd; Dana Richard, May 9th; Toni Koffman, May 11th; Ron Bartow, May 14th; Max Hamilton, May 18th; Diane Blakeslee, May 19th; Leo Michaud and David Stashik sharing May 20th; Jim Truffa, May 24th; Karen Calcagno, May 28th; and Colette Pellowski, May 31st.

Many of you were missed at the Las Vegas Regional hosted by the Southern California Chapter Board. The weather was perfect with the winds picking up in the afternoon, typical for the area. 🌬️ Everyone that attended was well treated to a fun weekend. One thing I didn't mention in my blast was this is the first Awards Banquet that Mike and I attended where ALL the awards that were presented were picked up. Congratulations to y'all!

Had you ever noticed how your mood changes with each season, happy in the spring time wearing bright colors, being able to stay outside longer due to daylight savings time? Whereas not so much happiness in the winter time due to the fact we are wearing darker colored clothes, dressing in layers because of the unknown weather spikes and being back on standard time? and then we eat and drink differently during those seasons as well? Everything is dependent on where you live BUT no matter where you live let's give a shout out for ice cream because that is not seasonal!

I might have digressed a bit because I wanted to just say how grateful I am for the simple pleasures in my life. I hope I was able to inspire you with your own thought(s) or feeling(s) of what makes you grateful and happy. Life is too short.

Look forward to seeing everyone on Zoom, May 14th.

Make it a super month and spread your kindness!

Corvette Today Interview With NCRS Director Tony Stein

NCRS member Steve Garrett does a weekly podcast called "Corvette Today" in which he covers all manner of issues of interest to Corvette owners. Steve recently interviewed NCC member and NCRS Region VII Director Tony Stein regarding the NCRS and our upcoming 50th Anniversary. Below is the link to that podcast.

<https://www.corvetteblogger.com/2024/04/22/podcast-corvette-today-210-celebrating-50-years-of-the-ncrs/>

At the NCRS Board's March 21st meeting the Board approved a proposal to place a weekly ad on Steve's podcast to advertise and market the NCRS to Steve's 14,000 or so followers, most of whom are unfamiliar with the NCRS.

Our intention is begin familiarizing the non-NCRS Corvette community with the NCRS and what it is we do with the hope and expectation of attracting new membership to the NCRS.

Sad Day



Jerry & Pat Louer's '57 on its way to salvage heaven after fire destroyed the engine compartment. They bought the car in the early 70s!

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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.

Parts For Sale

For sale are qty=8, original, used hubcap dishes for 1966 Corvette. Some have curb rash. Quality varies from 5 out of 10, to 9 out of 10. Also included are qty=7 three-bar spinners, and qty=8 spacers for the hubcap dishes; quality also varies. I won't break up the set. Photos provided upon request. Gary Beaupre; gsb1966@comcast.net. \$160 + \$40 ground shipping, only to the lower 48 states.

C1 Parts

61/62 black carpet, Al Knock, new in box.
C1 door weatherstrip GM NOS
C1 HD brake backing plates.
D310 FI single window distributor caps, NOS no R, NOS w/R, used w/R.
D324 dual window distributor caps, 2-NOS w/R.
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.
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.
 1961 FI radio shielding.
 56-62 fuel tank.
 Contact Bert Brown at waltbrown@gmail.com, or leave message at 925-736-4897, or text to 925-786-5770. This stuff needs to go, I need the room!

C2 Voltage Regulator

FREE: Original, unrestored, C2 voltage regulator, GM 1119515. Date code 4J = September 1964, correct for early thru mid 1965 car. This was installed on my '66 when I bought the car 25 years ago and it worked fine back then. So, it might be useful as a spare in case you want to debug a charging problem or as a core when buying a restored regulator. Local pickup in Sunnyvale, or you pay shipping. Contact Gary Beaupre at gsb1966@comcast.net or 408-250-0370

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

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

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 is welcome.

Year	Title
1953-55	TIM&JG 6 th Ed. Complete
1953-55	TIM&JG 6 th Ed. In Sections
1961	AIM
1962	AIM x2
1967	TIM&JG 7 th Ed. Complete
1967	TIM&JG 7 th Ed. in Sections
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

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	2024 Event Calendar 🐝	
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May 10 th – 11 th	CCC Spring Judging Meet	Arroyo Grande, CA
May 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
May 27 th	Memorial Day Car Show – California Auto Museum*	Sacramento, CA
May 31 st – June 1 st	New England Regional	Marlborough, MA
June 11 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
July 9 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
August 4 th – 8 th	NCRS Convention – 50 th Anniversary	Hampton, VA
August 13 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
September 10 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
October 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
October 11 th – 12 th	Nostalgia Days Novato	Novato, CA
October 24 th -26 th	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
November 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
December 10 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
	2025	
January 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
January 16 th – 18 th	Florida Regional	Melbourne, FL
February 11 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom

***Registration form/flyer included in this issue.**



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