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Chairman's Message – Chance Encounters of the Corvette Kind!

By Jeff Blakeslee

We tried something new this month. A few of us NCRS'ers met up with members of the Northbay Corvette Association at the Novato Nostalgia Days car show. First of all, I would like to thank the Vice President of NBCA, Jeff Farber, for being such a gracious host, and also Sandy Houck who acted as our liaison to NBCA. Jeff Farber has an office along the street where the car show is held, and we were invited to join them at this location so we could all park together. While we only had four members bring Corvettes, we found the day to be quite enjoyable. I'm going to push to do this again next year, and hopefully get more members interested. I guess you have to walk before your run!

Mike and Sharyl Ingham joined us for a few hours. They did not bring a Corvette, but Sharyl brought a stack of promotional cards

with information about NCC NCRS nicely printed on them. Realizing the opportunity, Diane and I grabbed a stack and started down the street looking for "Corvette owners at large". We came across several Corvettes, and we were pleasantly surprised at how interested the owners were in knowing about NCRS.

The most memorable encounter was when we came across a 1965 396 Corvette. The owner was a young man had inherited the car when his father passed last year. It was a beautiful car, black exterior, white interior and black convertible top. More importantly, it was immediately obvious that this gentleman had not only accepted, but fully embraced the responsibility of continuing the care of this amazing car. The paint was of show quality, and although the engine had been replaced early on, it had all the signs of being an original 396 car. We introduced ourselves, expecting that the owner would know little if anything about NCRS, but we were pleasantly surprised that he was not only aware of NCRS, but he was interested to hear what we thought of the car. His father had apparently spoken of NCRS often, but it was apparent that for one reason or another he did not think the car was NCRS material. I believe we convinced him otherwise!

These chance encounters are one of the most important tools to keeping our sport alive. Just when you think that younger folks are just not interested, you suddenly realize "they are out there". I believe it's our job to find them.

NCC Board Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2024

Attendees: Chair Jeff Blakeslee, Vice Chair Sharyl Ingham, Secretary Sandy Houck, Treasurer and Webmaster Chris Moore, Judging Chair Mike Ingham, Steve Banich, Dave Houlihan, Art and Glorie McNay

Verify Quorum:

All Board members were present.

Secretary Report:

The Board approved the September minutes as submitted by our secretary, Sandy Houck.

Treasurer Report:

Chris reported that there is not much activity at this time of year. We still have about \$34,000 in our accounts.

Membership Report:

Sharyl reported that the NCC is stable with 113 members.

Editor:

The Vettecra was emailed out only a few days late.

Website:

Chris said he is busy with local election activities and will update the site later.

NCRS President/Region IX Director:

Mike said the NCRS Board will meet during the Texas Regional Meet. One of the agenda items would be to talk about forming a marketing steering committee.

Old Business:

Los Gatos 2025 Spring Meet: Sharyl continues to work on arrangements with the Los Gatos Lodge. It will be a 3-point meet.

Novato Nostalgia Days: Jeff discussed going to the event and meeting up with the North Bay Corvette Association.

Garage Visits: Jeff is very interested in this activity and feels this would be a way of getting more enthusiasm within the membership. Jeff is hoping someone would volunteer to coordinate this activity.

Impromptu Get-togethers: Jeff will send out an eblast asking who wants to be included in the impromptu spontaneous get-together text group. Sharyl will then organize the list.

New Business:

Jeff wants to see if there is interest in a Mini Meet to judge Bob Grauer's '69.

NCC Meeting Minutes – October 8, 2024

Jeff Blakeslee called the meeting to order and welcomed 22 members. He asked for introductions stating where we live and the Corvette(s) we own. The "Question of the Evening" was omitted in order to allow time for a special presentation by Mick Swezey.

Novato Nostalgia Day, October 12:

Jeff asked who was coming to this classic car event. Jeff announced there will be parking space provided by the North Bay Corvette Association. Sandy Houck provided information as well as coordinating a road trip to Novato.

Nominations for the 2025 Board:

The current Board members are willing to continue for 2025. Jeff asked if there were other candidates. Bob Grauer graciously offered to be the Judging School Chair which is an appointed position. Therefore, at the November meeting the members will be asked to vote for the current slate of Board members.

Technical Discussion Board:

Both Gary Beaupre and Rick Gower were absent.

Show and Tell Slide Show:

Mick Swezey gave a presentation about the history and restoration of his '57 race car. The car was one of 51 that were produced with racing options. It was raced through 1962 in SCCA B Production. Bob Bondurant won the B Production Championship in the car. Mick bought the car in 1962. He raced it through 1966, until his endurance co-driver crashed into wet hay bales. Mick then simply parked the car for 20 years. Noland Adams suggested he restore it for the 1987 Monterey Historic Automobile Races. Mick's description and pictures of the body work, engine, fuel injection, and suspension were amazing. Particularly the air ducting through the engine compartment and rocker panels to cool the rear brakes. Mick continued to race through 2009. Mike Ingham urged Mick to consider applying for an NCRS American Heritage award.

Announcements and Miscellaneous:

Jeff will send out an eblast asking who wants to be included in the text group to receive information for upcoming Impromptu get-togethers.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

The next Zoom meeting will be Tuesday, November 12 at 6:30 pm for the Board Meeting and 7:00 pm for the General Meeting

Respectfully,
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

Food For Thought

By Sharyl Ingham

My Food for Thought column will be very short due to me not meeting the Editor's deadline.

Noteworthy November dates and highlights are as follows:

Fall back and gain an extra hour of sleep on Sunday, November 3rd when Daylight Saving Time ends, remember this is a good time to change the batteries in CO detectors and smoke alarms; Vote, make sure your voice is heard, Election Day, November 5th; Veteran's Day, November 11th, honor and thank our many Veterans for their service and sacrifice; World Kindness Day, promoting and celebrating acts of intentional kindness, fostering compassion and generosity, November 13th; and on the last Thursday of the month, embrace and enjoy the day and time with your family and friends on Thanksgiving, November 28th.

Congratulations and best wishes to those of you that have birthdays or anniversaries in November, starting with John and Beverly LeGate's anniversary and Ed Vignone's birthday sharing November 3rd; Jeff Blakeslee, November 9th; Mark Pellowski, November 12th; Tim Hunter, November 15th; Kingston Wulff, November 16th; Beverly LeGate, November 22nd; and Robin Truffa and Yuni Summa sharing November 23rd.

Mike and I wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving!

Be kind to each other.

See you on Zoom, November 12th!

Mick Swezey's '57 Story

If you missed NCC's October Zoom meeting, you missed Mick Swezey's wonderful story about his '57 Corvette race car and its storied history. Fortunately for you, we recorded his talk, and you may access it at the following link using passcode: 1BWL0wj+

https://us02web.zoom.us/rec/share/9g1jwnNzR0RTPWs9IfNngO5YG53fLbdLK12vwKUXYrBIU5QqV2M_RIXIrSLrxUji.VETaK8imziAADHvs

Below is a picture of Mick taking his SCCA competition license test at Vaca Valley raceway in his '53 Corvette, #169 of the 300 built.



NCC Apparel Available

A variety of clothing items having the NCC logo are now available through NCRS's apparel provider at the following link:

<https://www.ncrsapparel.com/collections/ncrs-northern-california-chapter>

One example shown below is the short-sleeve Nike polo shirt. Multiple colors are available.



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NCC Magnetic Name Badges

We no longer get free shipping when ordering NCC name badges, so the price is now \$15.00 if you need a replacement.

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

C1 Parts

61/62 black carpet, Al Knock, new in box-100
C1 door weatherstrip GM NOS-25
C1 HD brake backing plates-2500
D310 FI single window distributor caps, NOS no R, NOS w/R, used w/R, -25-200
D324 dual window distributor caps, 2-NOS w/R, -90
C1 soft top mounting plates behind seats, -200
C1 passenger door, complete with trim, interior, exterior, and internals, -500
C1 front sway bar, -25
C1 wiper wash foot pump, -50
60-62 aluminum bellhousing, -150
60 top tank radiator and side brackets, radiator leaks, use for parts, -100
C1 soft top deck latches, -200
58-60 rear bumpers, good driver quality, -200
C1 stepped oil pan, w/trap door GM NOS, -200
461/462 heads, -75ea

58-62 windshield frame, top and bottom only, stainless in good condition, -250
 T10D-1 trans, needs work, -150
 D310 Comp Cams Magnum small block roller tip rocker arms, new in box, -75
 2818-1 Holley carb, originally purchased by me, over the counter, -150
 C1 windshield washer plastic bottle, no lids, -25
 2059 generator end frames, front and rear, cast iron, 1 set, -100
 2059 generator front end frame, cast iron, 1 only, -75
 2173 / 2268 generator rear end frames, cast iron, 7 available, -50
 Signet Red lacquer paint, PPG, 2+ gallons, -700
 Kent Moore gauge set for Rochester FI, -500
 1982-current NCRS Drivelines, most issues, -free
 1961 FI radio shielding, -200
 56-62 fuel tank, -50
 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!

C3 Parts

Side-exhaust pipes for a big block 1969 Corvette. Exhaust pipes have about 90,000 miles on them. They are completely intact with surface rust on the front pipes and minor oxidation on the chambered sections. \$500
 Al Knoch black carpet set for '68-'71, rear compartment only, new, \$100
 Rear bumpers, excellent condition, fit '68-'73, \$500/pair
 '72-only T-3 lo/hi-beam headlamp bulb, \$50
 '68-'77 sill plates, new, \$50
 Paragon under floor insulation blanket for '69, new, \$40
 Delco shock set, 2 front, 2 rear, used, made in USA, not Mexico like current replacements, \$80/set
 Early '69 jack, dated 8M, plus lug wrench, \$200
 '69 seat back, black, minor damage lower right corner, otherwise nice, \$25
 NOS headlight actuators, fit '68-'82, \$250/pair
 NOS right, center & left grilles, '68-'69 only, \$75/each
 NOS right hand door handle, fits '69-'82, \$50
 White plastic heat shields, used, free to a good home
 Contact Mike Ingham at 510-420-0968 or michael.ingham248@gmail.com

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
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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	2024 Event Calendar 	
November 12 th	NCC Meeting - Chapter Elections - Show Up & Vote	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
March 11 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
March 28 th -29 th	SCC Spring Judging Meet	Cathedral City, CA
April 3 rd - 5 th	Carolinas Regional	Clemson U, SC
April 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 11 th - 12 th	NCC Spring Judging Meet	Los Gatos, CA
May 1 st -3 rd	Arizona Regional	Glendale, AZ
May 13 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
June 10 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
July 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
July 17 th - 19 th	Kansas City/St. Louis Regional	Springfield, MO
August 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
September 7 th - 11 th	National Convention	Las Vegas, NV
October 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
October 23 rd - 25 th	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX



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NCRS 2025 SPRING FLIGHT JUDGED MEET

Hosted by Dan Jessup of Jessup Auto Plaza, Cathedral City

TWO-DAY FIVE-POINT Event Friday & Saturday March 28th & 29th, 2025

All Registration and Judging Events will be at Jessup Auto Plaza

68111 E. Palm Canyon Drive, Cathedral City, CA 92234

Event & Judging Questions Beverly & John LeGate Co-Judging Chairs 408-981-1200

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS November 15th

ONSIGHT REGISTRATION OPENS FRIDAY 3PM - OPS CHECK 4-5PM - JUDGING SCHOOL Topic TBA 5-6PM

Followed By No Host Dinner TBA # YES 6:30PM

Fees: ONLINE REGISTRATION PREFERRED!

Meet Registration Members \$25.00 (INCLUDES SPOUSE & children under 23 yrs.) After March 1, \$40.00 \$ _____

Guests ½ of members registration: Per guest \$13.00 **NON-NCRS MEMBER** \$ _____

Flight Judging \$95.00 **OWNERS MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS (instructions to follow).** \$ _____

Concours \$50.00 [] Stock [] Modified \$ _____

Sportsman \$4.00 No Ribbon \$14.00 With Ribbon \$ _____

Display (DUNTOV, MCLELLAN, HILL, CROSSED FLAGS, ETC.) FREE \$ N/A

Cancellation Refunds Prior to March 15, 2025, Registration Closes March 21ST, 2025 TOTAL: \$ _____

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