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Chairman's Message – The Devil is in the Details

By Jeff Blakeslee

For the last few years, I have been on the sidelines of the Corvette restoration game. After restoring two C2 Corvettes in the previous 10 years, it was time for a break. But now that I'm working on my '69, I'm reminded of my love-hate relationship with reproduction parts.

I do love that so many reproduction parts are available for Corvettes. There are times when a reproduction part becomes your only option. However, virtually every problem I have during a restoration has to do with a reproduction part. My latest example is a set of outer side glass window seals I recently purchased from one of the major Corvette parts vendors.

There are two pieces to each outer seal. One piece is the actual rubber and felt seal and the other piece is a stainless-steel molding that

trims the edge of the door. My original outer moldings were in good shape, so I just bought the inner seals. When they arrived and I removed them from the box I was initially pleasantly surprised with the quality. The felt seal was like OEM, and the assembly fit with the OEM outer molding almost perfectly. The ends were trimmed nicely and rounded like the originals.

The outer seals on a C3 are mounted using two screws at each end and five specifically shaped snap in clips that hold the molding and seal to the door behind the glass. The clips snap into oblong holes in the door frame, and they are important because they enable the removal of the outer seal while the glass is still in the car. Removal of the outer seal provides a little extra room so the glass can be removed more easily. In other words, you can remove the screws on the ends and then use a trim pry tool to release the clips and remove the entire seal and molding before the glass is removed. This is where the trouble began.

The clips on the original seals are spring steel, so when they are pressed into place in the mounting holes they rebound and hold the seal and molding in place. Unfortunately, the clips on the reproduction unit were not spring steel, and instead were a soft metal that felt like tin. They looked correct, but when pressed into the mounting holes they just squished and would not lock into place. Of all ten clips, not even one clip would stay in place. Not wanting to wait another two weeks for another set, which may or may not be any better, I decided to mount the moldings with small screws. These screws won't be seen, but it will make it harder to install the side glass with the molding already in place.

This is one of those parts where reproduction is about your only choice. Even if you could find NOS, the rubber would likely be degraded over time from just sitting on the shelf. So, you have to make do the best you can. These are obviously being made overseas, and I would not be surprised if the original units were made with spring steel and then the manufacturer changed that without notice. I read the previous reviews of the product and none of them mentioned this, in fact, there were statements that the product installed easily and "snapped right in". However, the last review was from 2018, so I suspect a production change in the last seven years. I seldom write reviews, but this time I did and unfortunately the vendor has not posted it yet.

It will be interesting to see if they ever do. Once again, the devil is in the details.

NCC Board Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2025

Jeff Blakeslee called the Board Meeting to order at 6:30 pm via Zoom. Board members present were Chair Jeff Blakeslee, Vice Chair and Membership Chair Sharyl Ingham, Secretary Sandy Houck, and Judging Chair Mike Ingham.

Secretary Report:

Sandy reported a correction to the June minutes. It was Art Senn, not Art McNay that was invited into a commercial airline cockpit. The meeting minutes were then approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Chris Moore was absent.

Membership Report:

Sharyl reported we have 107 members.

Vettecetera Editor:

Mike published the newsletter on time on the website.

NCRS President/Region IX Director:

Mike held a bimonthly meeting with Chapter chairs and discussed the upcoming National Convention. So far there are 550 participants. Typically, west coast conventions have lower numbers than east coast and mid-west conventions. There has been a good response for donations.

The NCC Meet on October 4 will be a one-day 2-point meet.

Old Business:

Jeff wrote a column in the Vettecetera explaining the decision to withdraw from the Chapter Top Fight Award program for this year. It is hoped that National will revamp the program in the future.

New Business:

Sharyl will be meeting with Holiday Inn Express staff in Suisun City to discuss possible Spring Meet arrangements.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

NCC Meeting Minutes – July 8, 2025

Chairman Jeff Blakeslee called the Meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed 28 members.

He asked for introductions stating where we live and the Corvette(s) we own and asked when we last got our hands dirty working on our Corvettes. Most replied that they recently worked on their Corvettes. The dirtiest job was Jeff Taylor's clean up after the lower radiator hose popped off due to a bad hose clamp.

Las Vegas National Convention:

Mike Ingham reminded us that there are only two weeks left to register. Currently over 300 families are registered for judging. National is hoping for close to 400. National Judging Chair Joe Scafidi has posted the list of cars on the Discussion Board.

Technical Discussion Board:

Gary Beaupre reports that Joe Scafidi continues to post technical items although he is now the National Judging Chair. Rick Gower said that Vette Views states that Elaine Adams, Noland Adams' daughter, has the restoration log of the VIN 284 '53 car.

Special Slide Show:

Wayne Yurtin continues to amaze us with his competitive adventures. This time it was a joint adventure with his father. The guys acquired a 1926 Ford Model T and raced in the Montana 500. Yes, that is 500 miles in a mostly stock Model T over three days. Wayne described buying the car, joining a Model T club, and doing repairs. They used Jeff's trailer to drive to Helena, Montana. Dana Richard and John LeGate helped to keep them on the road. Maximum speed was 58 mph and average speed was 41 mph. Sixteen cars were entered, eight cars broke down, so the Yuridin's finished in 8th place (aka last place). Hey Wayne, now you know why Ford means Fix Or Repair Daily; so go back to your Chevrolet Corvettes.

Jeff's Garage:

Jeff presented a slide show on repairing the steering coupler (rag joint) on his '69. He bought kits from two suppliers but ended up using mostly old parts. Installing the rivets required modifications and extra work. He will describe restoring the steering box at a future meeting.

NCC Road Tour:

Ken Albers is planning a road tour for the Fall.

Open Discussion:

Rick Gower said that Don Mullenhoff is recovering from hip surgery.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 pm.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

Food For Thought

By Sharyl Ingham

Mike and I have some grandparent bragging rights, our first grandson tied the knot on Saturday, July 19! He and his bride found a way to include both of us on their special day, asking me to be one of two "flower grannys" sprinkling rose petals down the aisle, and Grandpa to be their getaway chauffeur with our '57 Corvette.



This is proof that the 1957 is not just a dream. Grandpa is eagerly waiting for his passengers, the newlyweds, Nathan and Maddie, to give them a ride for their getaway. It's like something out of a classic movie, right?





It was one of those days that seemed to be perfect in every way. We're thrilled to celebrate the union of families on July 19th! Now, let's raise a toast to the newlyweds and their future, as well as ours. Congrats to all of us!

Let's celebrate some special birthdays and anniversaries together! First, we have Bob Grauer on August 4th; Dave Love and Steffeny Tremain sharing August 6th; Jerry and Janet Palmer's anniversary is on August 7th; John LeGate on August 12th; Mike Brown on August 15th; Gary Bennett on August 17th; Gary Miranda on August 18th; Frank Rodrigues on August 19th; Michael Pierce's birthday and John and Sophie Tidwell's anniversary on August 26th; Jo Houlihan and Sandy Houck sharing August 30th; and Pamela Mullenhoff on August 31st.

I try to find some interesting things that happen during the month, and two of my favorites are: Friendship Day on Sunday, August 3rd. This would be a great day to show appreciation and honor the people in your life who support, uplift, and bring joy, just like many of you do. The other is International

Left-handers Day, August 13th. Did you know that lefties remember events better than facts? It might be because lefties use their brains differently and have a special memory.

It's back to the grind for the Ingham household as we gear up for the Convention. We hope all who attend have an amazing time. It's all about being together and celebrating the hard work of those who've achieved their awards.

See you on Zoom on August 12th!

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THE ANSWER TO
A MAIDEN'S PRAYER
IS NOT A CHIN
OF STUBBY HAIR

BURMA-SHAVE 1933

NCC Magnetic Name Badges

We no longer get free shipping when ordering NCC name badges, so the price is now \$20.00 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.

Trailer For Sale

For sale is a 2005 Brown Motorsports 20' enclosed car hauler. The trailer is in excellent condition and has recently undergone regular maintenance: axle bearings repacked, brakes tested and adjusted (80% remaining), 4 new Hercules Strong Guard 10-ply ST225/75R16 tires mounted, plus two spares inside trailer. The deep cycle battery was replaced in 2023, and the trailer includes a winch that can pull a car in if it isn't running. The trailer has doors on both the right and left sides with the left side door being extra wide to allow easy entry and exit from the car you are loading. Asking \$5,000. Contact Mike Ingham at 510-420-0968 or michael.ingham248@gmail.com



Parts For Sale

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
Early '69 jack, dated 8M, plus lug wrench, \$200
Contact Mike Ingham at 510-420-0968 or michael.ingham248@gmail.com

C2 Parts

NOS front bumpers for '63-'67. These are GM 3797337 & 3797338; still in their original (although ratty) GM boxes. Even when brand new, C2 bumpers were never perfect show chrome, but these are the real deal. \$1,000 for the pair. I will hand deliver anywhere within the San Francisco, Pleasanton, Morgan Hill triangle. Gary Beaupre 408-250-0370

NOS rear valance panel for '66 and '67 with underbody exhaust. GM 3874799. Embossed "DT 40 1868 70 on" inside surface. Minor shelf wear, but no cracks or damage. Very nice NOS GM part. Local pickup only, within 45-miles of San Jose, CA. \$500 firm. Gary Beaupre 408-250-0370

C1 Parts

1956-only 924 windshield wiper motor, restored, runs perfectly, \$400
Two spare tire trunk boards: one original 5-ply, 3/8" thick, with posi and jack instruction labels that are largely illegible; and one repro that is in perfect condition.
1956-1960 soft-top frame w/vinyl top. Frame is in like new condition, vinyl is excellent but has one small tear (~1/4") in passenger rear side, rear window is excellent but does not have "VINYLITE" stamping. \$2900
Contact Mike Ingham at 510-420-0968 or michael.ingham248@gmail.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

Parts Wanted

C3 Auxiliary Hardtop in decent condition. Any color. Complete is preferred. OK if needs headliner and/or weatherstrip. Prefer west coast seller. Contact Bob Grauer at 925-922-2207 or rob@inanutshell.com

Manuals Available

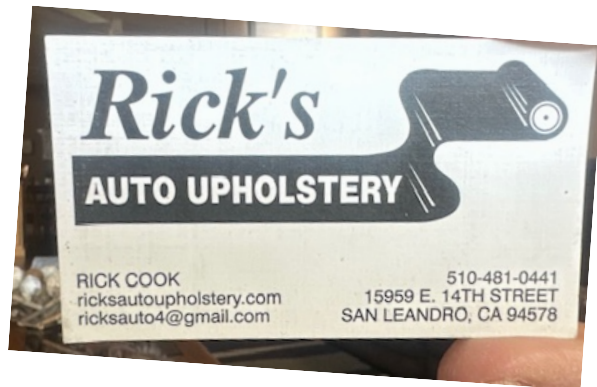
Over the years we (NCC) have accumulated a small collection of Corvette factory service manuals and other technical literature in our library, where they continue to collect dust. We have decided to offer these documents to NCC members on a first come-first served basis in the hope that you can put them 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
1969	Chevrolet Chassis Service Manual
1969	Chevrolet Chassis Overhaul Manual
1970-72	TIM&JG 6 th Edition
1970-72	TIM&JG 6 th Edition in Sections
1979	Chevrolet Unit Repair Manual
1984	Shop & Electrical Manuals
1984-90	Corvette Parts & Illustration Cat.
1984-92	Corvette Parts & Illustration Cat.
1990-91	TIM&JG 1 st Edition
1990-96	Ops Manual & PV Test Guide

***Items in red are new.**

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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	2025 Event Calendar 	
August 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
September 7 th – 11 th	NCRS Convention	Las Vegas, NV
October 4 th	NCC Fall Judging Meet - `57s Only*	San Leandro, CA
October 11 th	Novato Nostalgia Days	Novato, CA
October 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
October 23 rd – 25 th	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
November 7 th – 8 th	SCC Fall Judging Meet	Cerritos, CA
November 11 th	NCC Meeting & Veterans Day	Via Zoom
December 9 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
	2026 Event Calendar 	
January 13 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
January 15 th – 17 th	Florida Regional	Melbourne, FL
February 10 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
March 10 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 16 th – 18 th	"Show Me" Regional	Springfield, MO
May 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom

***Registration form in this issue.**



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NCRS Northern California Chapter Fall Judging Meet Registration

Saturday, October 4, 2025

You are all invited to attend NCC's Fall Chapter Judging Meet to be held at Bob Grauer's place of business, 753 Montague Street, San Leandro, CA 94577. For those of you coming from out of town, the nearest hotel is the Marina Inn located at 68 Monarch Bay Drive, San Leandro, CA 94577. They can be reached at 1-510-895-1311

General Meet Information

Sharyl Ingham 510-420-0968 sharylingham@gmail.com

Judging Information

Mike Ingham 510-420-0968 michael.ingham248@gmail.com

Event Schedule – Saturday, 10/4

Registration: 7:00 am – 8:00 am (coffee & donuts)

All Cars in Place: 8:30 am

Flight Judging: 9:00 am until completion

NCRS Membership Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Companion: _____

Non-NCRS Guest _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Register online at <http://www.ncrs.org/services/coming-events.php> starting August 1 and save \$10.

Event Registration

____ Family Registration Fee (required for all registrants)

\$50

____ Guest Fee (non-NCRS member)

@\$10 Each

\$ _____

IN ORDER TO PROVIDE QUALITY JUDGING, WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CARS JUDGED. PREFERENCE WILL BE GIVEN TO CARS THAT HAVE NOT BEEN JUDGED BEFORE, AND IN ORDER OF DATE REGISTRATION WAS RECEIVED

Cutoff date: September 27, 2025

CORVETTE REGISTRATION (One Registration form per car) (Circle ONE) Driven / Trailered

Year _____ CID/HP _____ Coupe _____ Convertible _____ Complete VIN _____

Ext. Color _____ Int. Color _____ Material (Circle ONE) Cloth / Vinyl / Leather

For C2 & Newer Body Build Date _____ Body # _____ Paint Code _____ Trim Code _____

Note: Corvette registrations must include a copy of current DMV registration or title, plus a copy of current insurance certificate.

____ Family Registration Fee (required for all registrants)

@\$50 **\$50**

____ Flight Judging Entry

@\$150 \$ _____

____ Sportsman Entry

@\$40 \$ _____

____ Special Display Bowtie – Crossed Flags - Duntov - McLellan – Hill – Wallace - American Heritage (circle one)

FREE

Note: All registrants must pay family registration fee.

TOTAL \$ _____

Make check payable to: NCC/NCRS and send completed application to:

Sharyl Ingham, 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618 510-420-0968 sharylingham@gmail.com

No refunds after September 27, 2025

JUDGING/TABULATION PARTICIPATION (Check if needed: ☐ Please see reverse side for second judge/tab participant information.)

Name _____ Judging/Tabbing Level _____

I would like to judge: 53-62 ____ 63-67 ____ 68-82 ____ 84-96 ____ 97-04 ____ 05-07 ____ I would like to tabulate: ____

Chassis ____ Exterior ____ Interior ____ Mechanical ____ Operations ____

Anyone attending this event, whether you bring a Corvette or not, must register and sign the following Hold Harmless Agreement. Anyone bringing a Corvette, whether to be judged or not, must read and sign the following Hold Harmless Agreement. Proof of registration and in-force insurance must be provided at the Meet Registration Desk when you check in, BEFORE the car can be Operations Checked and / or placed in its final location.

HOLD HARMLESS AGREEMENT

I **AGREE** to insure my vehicle and property against loss, damage and liability and to provide proof of such insurance to NCRS at time of registration. I **AGREE** to assume risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, it's officers, directors, agents, employees, chapters and meet workers for any acts or omissions which may result in the theft, damage or destruction of my property or injury to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of this event, wherever located. I **AGREE** to abide by the NCRS Policy on Drugs and Alcohol (revised 2006). The use of drugs or alcohol by anyone attending an NCRS event including NCRS members, family members, guests, and vendors is prohibited while participating in any judging meets, driving tests and/or road tours.

Signature: _____ Date: _____



SHARYL INGHAM at 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

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next choose chapter

follow the prompts

NCRS Membership Number: _____ **Expiration Date:** _____

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You must be an NCRS Member to be a Chapter member.

Check as Applicable:

_____ New Member

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Please Print or Type

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Spouse _____ Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____

Street _____ Apt. _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Please list the Year(s) and Model(s) of your Corvette(s)

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This information will be published in the Chapter's roster.

_____ Name

_____ Birthdate

_____ Street Address

_____ City

_____ Phone

_____ NCRS#

_____ E-mail