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Chairman's Message – Looking Forward

By Jeff Blakeslee

I was quite disappointed that unforeseen family obligations forced Diane and I to cancel our trip to Las Vegas. I have heard from many of you that the event was very successful and a lot of fun. I'm quite fortunate as Chairman to have Mike and Sharyl Ingham to represent our club in my absence and I know they did that very well. The event was well attended by NCC members, and I want to say thank you to all who made the trip. Sharyl previously sent a nice email to all NCC members recapping the event and offering congratulations and thanks to the NCC participants. The full message from Sharyl bears repeating and I have included it below.

(Message From Sharyl Ingham)

This was the first year I didn't have to bring a note pad and ask to borrow Mike's pen to write

down the Northern California Chapter members who achieved awards at the Awards Banquet. Please join with me to extend congratulations to the following 17 NCC members, starting with those receiving their:

Zora Arkus Duntov, Mark of Excellence:

- Joe LeMay with his 1957, Garry Mion with his 1960
- Tony Stein with his 1965

Performance Verification:

- Dan Johnson, 1967
- David Domenichini, 1990

Founders

- John and Beverly LeGate
- Dave McLellan, Mark of Excellence:
- Michael Reichard, 1986
- Dave Hill, Mark of Excellence:
- Dana Richard, 2003

First Time Tom Wallace, Mark of Excellence

- Marci Albers

Crossed Flags:

- Pete Bergmann

Concours:

- Wayne Yurtin, 1965 Modified

Flight:

- Top: Gary Miranda, 1965
- Top: Bob Lozito, 1966
- Second: Stan Sutton, 1966
- Top: Ken Dyche, 1967
- Top: Tony Gregory, 1967
- Top: Ted Wilm, 1967

NCC was well represented. The noted volunteers were Ron and Beth Bartow. Ron did a spectacular slide presentation at the Awards Banquet. You just had to be there. Beth and her minions welcomed the membership at the Registration desk with total grace. Also among the familiar faces were Jerry and Pat Louer and Ed and Barbara Vignone, jumping through the hoops to fill the empty volunteer sections as needed. And then John and Sophie Tidwell as always surpassed expectations at the Help Desk, Judges breakfast, and making sure the Judges received their gifts and lunch \$\$, no stone was left unturned.

Let me give a special shout out to Ed Vignone for greeting the non-NCRS visitors to the Showroom Floor, telling them about the beautiful array of Corvettes they are about to see as well as explaining that their \$10 donation goes to the NCRS Foundation specifically for Scholarships. I believe the amount donated for the three days was over \$2000. So, if you want to volunteer next year, we can always use you at the Showroom Floor entrance.

*With kind regards,
Sharyl Ingham*

(End of Sharyl's message)

Closer to home, I know some of you were disappointed that we cancelled the fall meet at Bob Grauer's place of business. But don't despair, we are putting our energy into the 2026 spring meet, and we are working on something special. Of course, I can't tell you where it is yet because that would spoil the surprise (and, well, the plans are not yet finalized). But we have a dream!

I think most of you would agree that Los Gatos was a great location, but unfortunately it is not available for 2026. So rather than lament that loss, we are going to make sure that we go even bigger and better. But we can't do this

alone, we need your participation. Most hotels that fit our needs require a certain quantity of rooms be sold, so without your participation we just can't make it happen. And yes of course we need cars to judge, but just as important is we need judges, and all our members to come out and cheer them on. I challenge each one of you to make our 2026 Spring Meet one of the best attended in our history. We are planning a 5-point event!

We still have a couple fun events coming up this year. On October 11th, there is the Novato Nostalgia Days car show. This is not an official NCC event, but a few of us are planning on attending and it's always a lot of fun. This is a car show where you park along the street in downtown Novato, so you have access to all the shops and restaurants while the show is going on. Also, on October 18th, Ken Albers is hosting a road tour. The details were published in the August Newsletter, but the short version is that we will meet at the Solano College parking lot in Cordelia at 9:30 AM. The drive will be about 100 miles in total and will include stops at Lake Berryessa, Ken's house, and finally Fosters Big Horn Restaurant in Rio Vista for a late lunch. Let's get out and drive these cars!

Food For Thought

By Sharyl Ingham

Food for Thought will return next month due to overworked and underpaid staff.

See you on Zoom on October 14th!

Welcome New Members

Please welcome new NCC member Donald Kress from San Jose, CA.

Burma-Shave

NO LADY LIKES
TO DANCE OR DINE
ACCOMPANIED BY
A PORCUPINE

BURMA-SHAVE 1938**October Road Tour**

By Ken Albers

Following up on Jeff's preview above, we will meet at the Solano College parking lot in Cordelia on Oct. 18 about 9:30 so we can leave at 10:00 sharp. (That's AM in case you were wondering). Some folks like to drive their Corvettes fast in a straight line like

Wayne, but I prefer to turn the steering wheel, which is what even the very first Corvette was designed for. And the more twisties and open road, the better. So, with that said, be sure you have a full tank of gas because this road trip will be about 100 miles long. Don't let that scare you as you will have fun. From the College, we will head up Suisun Valley and eventually end up at the southwest side of Lake Berryessa. Those of you who joined Sandy on her road trip earlier this year toured the west side of the lake. We will be on the other side and make a stop at Monticello Dam that created Lake Berryessa. You will get to see the famous Glory Hole, but it's sticking out now as it is just an overflow structure. From there we will wander on down Pleasants Valley and then over to our house for a short potty stop, new house and unorganized garage tours. After we are refreshed, we will head out for more country roads and eventually end up in Rio Vista at Foster's Bighorn Bar/restaurant for a late lunch, after which you will be released to return to your home. I will need a head count for the lunch reservations, so save the date and you will be notified as to when you need to RSVP. Hope to see a lot of you there enjoying your Corvettes.

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.

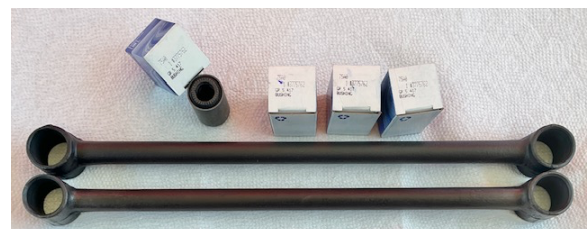
Parts For Sale

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

For sale are two, used, original strut rods for '63 - '74 Corvette. These strut rods take the 1-1/4" bushings. Included are a set of four, GM NOS bushings, GM 3775762. Before the bushings were discontinued, the GM list price was \$29.33 each. These strut rods are perfectly straight and restored to give them a dark grey/brown hue, very closely mimicking the original, as-forged appearance. I've applied some invisible, Grignard PreLube 6 to keep them from rusting. These are perfect for a Top Flight/Duntov destined car. You will find none nicer. I installed a matching pair on my '66. \$250 including shipping to the contiguous 48 states. Contact Gary Beaupre at 408-250-0370 or gsb1966@comcast.net



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

Engine Hoist/Cherry Picker – 2-ton capacity, includes load leveler, in excellent condition. Asking \$200. Contact Mike Ingham at 510-420-0968 or michael.ingham248@gmail.com



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

Hein-Werner Engine Stand – in excellent condition. Asking \$50. Contact Mike Ingham at 510-420-0968 or michael.ingham248@gmail.com



Manuals Available

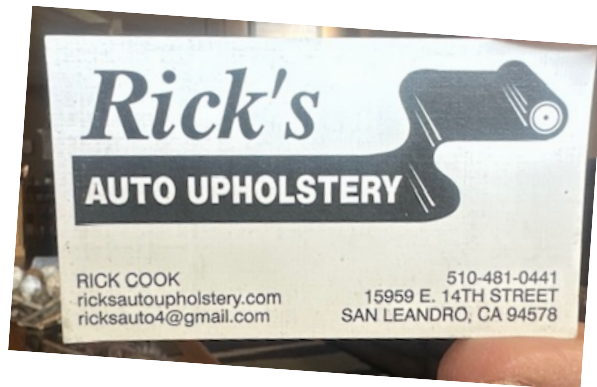
Over the years we (NCC) have accumulated a small collection of Corvette factory service manuals and other technical literature in our library, where they continue to collect dust. We have decided to offer these documents to NCC members on a first come-first served basis in the hope that you can put them 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 	
October 4 th	NCC Fall Judging Meet - `57s Only - Cancelled	San Leandro, CA
October 11 th	Novato Nostalgia Days	Novato, CA
October 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
October 18 th	NCC Road Tour	Solano CC
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
June 4 th - 6 th	Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional	Altoona, PA
June 9 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom

***Registration form in this issue.**



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NCRS 2025 FALL FLIGHT JUDGED MEET
Hosted by Kent Browning "The Kent Browning Collection"
TWO-DAY FIVE-POINT Event Friday & Saturday November 7th & 8th, 2025
All Registration and Judging Events will be at The Kent Browning Collection
16625 Norwalk Blvd. Cerritos CA 90703

Event & Judging Questions: Beverly LeGate, Chair & John LeGate Judging Chair 408-981-1200

ONLINE REGISTRATION OPENS AUGUST 1st

REGISTRATION FRIDAY 2PM - OPS CHECK 3PM - JUDGING SCHOOL Bob Grauer Presents "Interior & Matrix" 5-6PM

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

Fees: ONLINE REGISTRATION PREFERRED!

Registration Members \$25.00 (INCLUDES SPOUSE & children under 23 yrs.) After October 21st, \$40.00 \$ _____

Guests 1/2 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 OR [] Modified \$ _____

Sportsman \$5.00 No Ribbon - \$15.00 With Ribbon \$ _____

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

No Cancellation Refunds After October 21, 2025 Registration Closes November 5th, 2025 **TOTAL: \$ _____**

Make checks payable to SCC/NCRS and Mail registration form and fees to:

Beverly LeGate PO Box 2739 Ramona, CA 92065 408.981.1200 beverlylegate@yahoo.com

Name _____ Spouse _____ NON-NCRS Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ E-mail: _____ Chapter Affiliation (if any): _____

Preferred Contact Phone Home/Work or Cell: _____ **NCRS National Membership #:** _____

The following information will be used on your judging summary sheet if you are having a car judged. Please enter the following car for [] Flight Judging 53-2007, () Sportsman () Display DUNTOV, MCLELLAN, HILL ETC. _____

Year _____ VIN _____

Horsepower _____ Exterior Color _____ Body Cove Color _____ Trim/Interior Color & Fabric _____ **Horsepower, Exterior Color, Trim Color and Fabric entries are mandatory for all vehicles. In addition, 1963 through 2007 vehicles must include all numbers and characters from the Trim Tag or Service Parts Identification Label with respect to Build Date, Paint Code, and Trim Code plus Body Number for 1963 through 1967 vehicles.**

Body Build Date Code _____ Paint Code _____ Trim Code _____ Body No. _____

[] Conv [] Coupe [] Corvette Driven, [] Corvette Trailered, [] Need trailer parking? Miles Driven _____

Proof of current Registration and Insurance Required. SEND COPIES OR UPLOAD ON THE NATIONAL NCRS WEBSITE REQUIRED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION.

Insurance Company _____ Policy No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

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Free Breakfast, WiFi, and Parking <https://www.ncrs.org> **LINK**

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Signature _____ Date _____



SHARYL INGHAM at 6047 Lawton Avenue, Oakland, CA 94618

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

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