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Chairman's Message – A Tale of Two Clutches

By Jeff Blakeslee

Over the last few weeks, I have assisted both Don Cheema and Jeff Taylor with clutch replacements. I have a good workspace and a well-equipped four-post lift, and I know what a challenge it is to do this work on the floor. I don't always have the time to help with these projects, but when I am able (and willing) I always have a good time and learn something along the way.

Both clutch replacements were for reasons not associated with normal wear and tear. In the case of Jeff's 1966 L79, the clutch was chattering almost to the point the car could not be driven. This started almost immediately after car was completed and exactly why it was happening was unclear... but we have a theory! Regarding Don's 1963 SWC, the clutch pedal effort started out very heavy and got worse over the next 800 miles. It was starting to feel

like it was binding and was no fun at all to drive. Again, the cause was unclear at first, but we did fix it and Don's says it's like a different car!

I'm not going to give away the answers to what the problems were because I told these boys that the price for my help was that they must give presentations at upcoming meetings. So, you are going to have to tune in to the next couple of Zoom meetings to find out what was going on. I can say that both jobs had complications that required re-work, and in both cases that was caused by problems with the new parts. In the end, all is well and will make for interesting content at the next couple of meetings.

We don't make time often enough to help each other with our cars, but doing so has proven to be some of the most rewarding times for me in NCRS. I know it happens in small groups here and there, maybe to lift a body off or pull a

motor. When I hear about that happening it makes me smile and reminds me of why NCRS exists. I was not there when NCRS was in its infancy, but I can imagine a group of folks in a garage working on a Corvette and one of them saying "we should start a club". Well, that's not exactly how it happened, but you can read about how the club was started at this link: <https://www.ncrs.org/ | NCRS History - National Corvette Restorers Society>

I will close by saying thank you to Ken and Marci Albers for planning our Road Tour. Just as expected, the event was perfectly mapped out with turn-by-turn instructions. The attendance was smaller than I'd hoped, but not at all disappointing. We had six cars, which was plenty to have a good time. I personally toiled over what car to bring. I knew that most of these cars were going to be modern Corvettes, and I don't have anything newer than a '69. And while my '69 is an AC car, it's not currently blowing cold air. My decision was also complicated by having another engagement on the way home, and I did not want to be beat up and smelling like an exhaust pipe when I arrived. So, after going back and forth deciding on taking my '64 or my '69, I ended up taking my 2017 Mustang Shelby GT350. I'm hoping maybe no one noticed.

NCC Board Meeting Minutes – October 14, 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:

The August minutes were approved by the Board and published in the Vettecetera.

Treasurer's Report:

Chris Moore was absent. He will be sending out refunds to those registered for the canceled Fall Meet.

Membership Report:

Sharyl reported we now have 108 members. New member, Don Kress, recently joined.

Vettecetera Editor:

The October Vettecetera was posted on the website. Next month Mike will include an

article from Dave Houlihan about the NCRS Judging Reference Manual.

Old Business:

Ken Albers will lead a Road Tour on October 18 starting at Solano Community College, travel to Lake Berryessa, and then to Rio Vista.

New Business:

2026 Spring Meet: Instead of Suisun City, Sharyl is now pursuing a site in San Rafael based on a recommendation from Bob Grauer. She is arranging for us to stay at Embassy Suites and use the hotel's rear parking lot for the meet. Tentative date is April 24 -25. Fall Meet: Discussed ideas for a meet in early October 2026.

2027 Regional Meet and 2028 National Convention: We will work with Southern Calif. and Central Calif. Chapters to plan proposals. We'd like to consider venues in Northern California.

The Board Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

NCC Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2025

Chairman Jeff Blakeslee called the Meeting to order at 7:00 pm and welcomed 23 members. He asked for introductions stating where we live and the Corvette(s) we own and asked: "Are you doing anything special for Halloween?" A few are going out, but most of us stay home and eat the candy intended for kids.

2026 Spring Meet:

Jeff described the San Rafael proposal previously discussed during the Board Meeting. It is Embassy Suites hotel in San Rafael. It looks like a very nice facility and a good parking lot for the meet. Sharyl is working on the arrangements, including a guarantee of 20 room nights at about \$179 each. Jeff asked for member opinions. Please save the date, April 24-25.

Las Vegas National Convention:

Mike reported that the convention was a success with good attendance. Lots of NCC members attended, liked the facility and had a good time.

NCRS Tech Board:

Rick Gower reported there's lots of discussion about Joe Scafidi's proposal for the new Open

Class. Rick also urged us to regularly look at the Sticky section for timely information.

Jeff's Garage:

Jeff talked about vacuum leaks on his '69. He described removing the vacuum canister, which was hard to get to, opening it up, repairing and resealing it. Note that Super Glue mixed with baking soda works well.

Wayne Yurtin's Land Speed Record:

Wayne showed pictures and videos of his '64 race car first on display at the National Convention, then racing at the El Mirage dry lake bed where he set a new record of 209.794 mph, and finally at the Bonneville Salt Flats where he set a record average speed of 246.979 mph. He was hoping to do another run and break 250 mph but broke a connecting rod. If you missed this entertaining presentation, watch the videos on YouTube. Just search Wayne Yurtin.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.
The next Zoom meeting will be Tuesday, November 11 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

I believe this is a fundamental way of living, and I think we can all agree that when we were growing up, we were taught about the Golden Rule. Whether it was in church, school, or at the family dinner table, it simply means you should treat others as you'd like to be treated. We all need to be reminded of how simple this all is. So, I'm challenging each of you to continue to be stewards of living and practicing the Golden Rule.

I want to thank you all for the support you've given Mike and me during his 10 months of treatment. Our prayers have been answered, and the lesions in his bones have disappeared. I know you know what I mean when I say that life is fragile. Keep spreading your kindness!

You know the saying "it takes a village to raise a child"? I would like to put a spin on that to talk about NCRS's volunteers. As long as Mike and I have been members, we really can't remember when we didn't volunteer to do something for the NCRS. I know many of you are of the same mind. We love this hobby and

things that need to be done we just roll up the sleeves and get it done. The organization is thriving because of you volunteers that I really don't need to call by name so thank you for your time and support. For those of you that are not part of this network currently we hope you will join us soon.

I hope you all wore pink during the month of October acknowledging Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Let us continue to support study of this devastating illness that has affected so many of our friends and family members.

Talking about acknowledgements, we have a host of members' birthdays and anniversaries to extend best wishes and congratulations to, starting with Ed Vignone's birthday and the LeGate's anniversary sharing November 3rd; Jeff Blakeslee, November 9th; Mark Pellowski, November 12th; Tim Hunter, November 13th; Kingston Wulff, November 16th; honorary member Karen Hill, November 17th; Beverly LeGate, November 22nd; and Robin Truffa, November 23rd.

One of the things that many of us are delighted with is when we can get an extra hour of sleep, happening on November 2nd when daylight savings time ends, remember to hang out your flags to extend our gratitude to our armed forces for their service on Veteran's Day, November 11th, and the best-est holiday requiring no expectations except for quality time shared with our family and friend gatherings on Thanksgiving Day, November 27th.

See you on Zoom on November 11th!

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HAS JOINED OUR RANKS
OF HAPPY SHAVERS
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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.

Cars Wanted

Hello fellow NCC Members. I am in search of a C2 roadster, and I thought posting here might be a good way to find one. I'm looking for any year C2 and I would consider any colors other than Yellow or Silver or White, unless they had a red interior. Must be a 4-speed. I am good with any small block (except a fuelie) and/or maybe the 390HP big block if '66 or '67.

I am also looking for a low mile, all original C6 Z06. Could include a Ron Fellows or "427 Convertible". I would consider any color. Looking for something with maximum 20K miles. (Prefer 5K-10K miles.) Contact Dave Domenichini at 408-691-3283 or dave@drdcon.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 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

Manuals Available

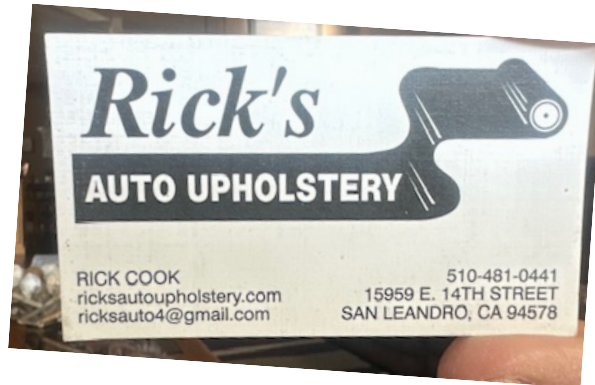
Over the years we (NCC) have accumulated a small collection of Corvette factory service manuals and other technical literature in our library, where they continue to collect dust. We have decided to offer these documents to NCC members on a first come-first served basis in the hope that you can put them 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

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	2025 Event Calendar 	
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
April 24 th – 25 th	NCC Spring Judging Meet	San Rafael, CA
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
July 26 th – 30 th	The Corvette Nationals brought to you by NCRS	Charleston, SC
August 11 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
September 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
September 17 th – 19 th	Inter Mountain Regional	Spokane, WA



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