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### Chairman's Message – Remember When?

By Jeff Blakeslee

I'll be turning 65 this year. I'm told that in this club that's considered a "spring chicken". I don't think that is quite the case, at least I don't feel that "springy". I was led to believe that age 65 comes with some sort of badge of honor, or right of passage, but I think the only tangible prize is Medicare. When I joined NCRS about 18 years ago, I was the new kid in town and in the younger crowd, but those times have quietly slipped past.

There are things in life that provide you with anchors in your personal timeline – things that make it easy to remember a certain year or even a specific day. Marriage, children, career, and even the passing of friends and family mark important points along the journey. And

while not quite as important, NCRS has provided some memorable moments and a virtual window into how we change through the years. I don't remember much about when I bought my first C2 Corvette, but I remember everything about the day I first had it judged.

My 1964 was first judged at the 2010 Northwest Regional in Bend, Oregon. I'm not sure why I didn't take it to a chapter meet first; maybe I simply didn't know enough to follow the unspoken protocol. The Bend Regional was a fantastic event, with perfect weather, judging on a lush green field, and a great lodge. The car scored 97.5 in its first outing, which was the icing on the cake. I met new friends, some of which I would share the car hobby with for years to come.

When I restored my '64, I completed it in 18 months. This was a total restoration with every sub assembly rebuilt and every nut and bolt plated. I did all the work myself except for the body and paint. I remember coming home from a 10-hour workday and going to the garage after dinner, sometimes until 1:00 AM. Both my sons were playing hockey at the time, and I was able to fit in those practices and games and still have energy to work on the car for a few hours that evening. I was 45 then, and my energy seemed boundless. The 40's are "the productive years".

About 10 years later, in my mid-50s, restoring our '63 SWC was a very different experience. Even with the help of my partner in crime, Bill Cash, the project took seven years. Still, despite the slower pace, it was incredibly rewarding. Now, at 65, I'm considering restoring my '69. I'm in my final year of working full-time, and the drop in energy is hard to ignore. Most evenings I come home with plenty of ideas but not much gets done. The days of heading to the garage after dinner are gone; that's mostly a weekend activity now. I'm hopeful that once I fully retire, I'll make better progress—and that working smarter will make up for not working as fast. I do miss the energy of my youth, but you can't have great experiences without getting older. And I have the comfort of knowing that every time I get a year older, so do all of you!

### **NCC Board Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2026**

Chair Jeff Blakeslee called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All Board members were present including Jeff, Vice Chair and Membership

Director Sharyl Ingham, Secretary Sandy Houck, Treasurer John Tidwell, and Judging Chair Mike Ingham. Treasurer John was heartily welcomed to replace Chris Moore.

#### Secretary

The April minutes were approved as submitted by Sandy Houck.

#### Treasurer

John and Jeff have successfully transferred all accounts and logins from Chris' to John's name. John reviewed last year's activity and said that NCC essentially broke even with only a small gain. The Board approved making donations to the NCRS Convention for meals for judges and tabulators, and to the NCRS Foundation.

#### Membership

Sharyl reported that we have 88 members. Some national members are not renewing their chapter membership even though Sharyl has sent them reminders.

#### Newsletter

Mike appreciated having Joe LeMay's article in the Vettecetera.

#### Website

We need a new Webmaster to replace Chris. Jeff will continue to post the newsletter, Vettecetera, but help is needed to maintain the site.

#### Old Business

Jeff reviewed the required activities needed for the Chapter Top Flight Award program. Ian Gaston will be taking over the CTFA recording.

#### New Business

The 2028 Regional Meet is planned for early May in San Rafael. NCC will take the lead and work with the Southern California and Central California Chapters. Jeff proposed a possible Road Tour to the Cobra Experience museum in Martinez but also asked for other suggestions.

### **NCC General Meeting Minutes – May 12, 2026**

Chair Jeff Blakeslee called the Meeting to order at 7:01 pm and welcomed 20 members. He asked us to introduce ourselves stating where we live and the Corvette(s) we own and anything else.

### NCRS President/Region IX Director

Mike Ingham reported that there are about 300 registrations and about 70 cars to be judged so far for the July Convention. All former GM Corvette Chief Engineers and maybe the current Chief Engineer will be there. The National Board will be discussing a proposal to amend the Bylaws so that all members can vote directly for the President, instead of just the nine elected Directors.

### Treasurer

John reported that the NCC Spring Meet did well, only a \$200 loss. This year to date we have an income of \$1700. Sophie Tidwell will be filing last year's NCC tax return.

### New Business

We liked the proposal to hold a swap meet for NCC members to be held at Bob Grauer's warehouse. Jeff and Bob will set a date. Jeff asked for help with the NCC website. It should not be a big job. Let him know if you're interested.

### Show and Tell

Ian Gaston gave a presentation on rebuilding the antenna on his '59. He was able to get a NOS mast. Then had to take apart his old mast and antennae and install the mast in it. The challenge was pulling it all apart, flattening the housing crimp, installing all and recrimping.

### Jeff's Garage

Jeff's tidbit for the evening was how to correctly install bolt-on replacement knock-off wheels and adaptors. It's important to use long lug nuts and use the correct holes (not the drive pin holes).

### Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm. The next Zoom meeting will be Tuesday, June 9 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

June 2<sup>nd</sup> is shaping up to be a significant day as political ads will finally cease. Personally, I believe distributing political flyers isn't the most efficient use of paper. It was quite unexpected to find that an entire ballot page was dedicated to 60 candidates for Governor.

There must be a more effective method for evaluating those seeking the Governor's office.

There are numerous avenues for assisting those in need. Recently, Mike and I discovered that Costco has a location dedicated to distributing donated used prescription glasses. In the future, I intend to initiate a collection effort at tbd cars and coffee event, where many of you may be present. Therefore, please refrain from discarding those glasses, as there is a genuine need for them.

I would like to acknowledge the chapter members who are proactively stepping up to fill in the vacancies. We have a dedicated group of members who are eager to contribute to the chapter's success, John Tidwell, Treasurer, and the tag team of Ian Gaston and Mark Pellowski, CTFA, and Bob Grauer, Webmaster. Our chapter's success is due to your volunteerism.

It is summertime and there are so many outdoor activities that you can enjoy and support in your own community. As an example, Mike and I go to a very old ice cream parlor in Alameda as an outing, no surprise there, right?

June is a month full of fun holidays! We kick things off with Flag Day on June 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by Juneteenth on June 19<sup>th</sup>. And guess what? Father's Day and the Summer Solstice are both on Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>!

Please join with me in honoring and celebrating our members' birthdays and anniversary, starting with Cathy Bergmann, June 2<sup>nd</sup>; Michael Reichard, June 4<sup>th</sup>; Doug Wathor, June 5<sup>th</sup>; Mary Mullins, June 8<sup>th</sup>; Wayne Yurtin, June 11<sup>th</sup>; Beth Bartow and John Tidwell sharing June 12<sup>th</sup>; Tony Mullins, June 16<sup>th</sup>; Ron and Beth Bartow's anniversary, June 18<sup>th</sup>; Jerry Palmer, June 21<sup>st</sup>; Michael Hachigian, June 23<sup>rd</sup>; John Kirkpatrick, June 25<sup>th</sup>; Dave Houlihan, June 26<sup>th</sup>; and Melissa Bornstein, June 27<sup>th</sup>.

Spread and share your kindness! See you on Zoom June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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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 using NCRS's Mass Mailing feature to distribute the link to the Vettecetera each month, as well as NCRS related e-mails from other members. 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](mailto:michael.ingham248@gmail.com) It needs to be received **by the 25<sup>th</sup>** of the previous month to make publication.

## **NCC Dues**

NCC dues are \$30 per year. Please pay via PayPal or CC. 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](mailto: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**

### **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

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1956-only 924 windshield wiper motor, restored, runs perfectly, \$400  
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## **Tools For Sale**

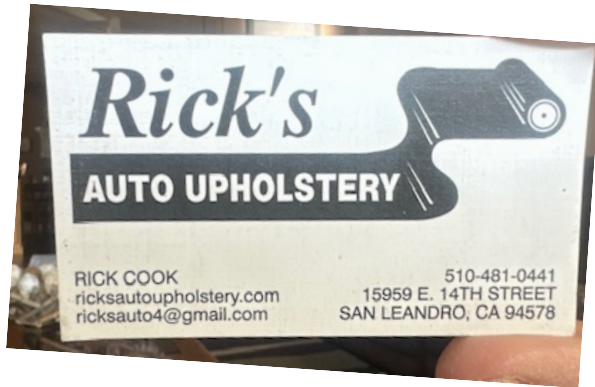
Auto Rotisserie - Cost \$1,400 plus freight. Used once, sell for \$1,000 with much extra tubing. Gantry Crane - cost \$1,200 plus freight, sell for \$800 with free electric hoist. Contact John Tidwell at 916-201-6061 or [sampanjohn@earthlink.net](mailto:sampanjohn@earthlink.net)

## **Tool Wanted**

I am looking to purchase or rent a knock off spinner removal wrench. I need the wrench, not the hammer. Contact Rick Gower at 925-305-8155 or [gowerr@aol.com](mailto:gowerr@aol.com)

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June 9 <sup>th</sup>	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
July 26 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup>	NCRS National Convention	Charleston, SC
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
September 8 <sup>th</sup>	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
September 17 <sup>th</sup> - 19 <sup>th</sup>	Inter Mountain Regional	Spokane, WA
September 25 <sup>th</sup> - 26 <sup>th</sup>	SCC Fall Judging Meet*	Costa Mesa, CA
October 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup>	NCC Fall Judging Meet	San Rafael, CA
October 13 <sup>th</sup>	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
October 22 <sup>nd</sup> - 24 <sup>th</sup>	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
November 10 <sup>th</sup>	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
December 8 <sup>th</sup>	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom

**\*Registration form included in this Vettecetera.**



**NCRS 2026 FALL FLIGHT JUDGED MEET**  
**CELEBRATING OUR CHAPTER'S 45<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**REGISTER ONLINE BEGINNING JUNE 15, 2026 [NCRS.ORG](https://ncrs.org)**  
**Hosted by Singleton Classics 345 McCormick Avenue, Costa Mesa 92626**  
**3-POINT 2-DAY MEET POSSIBLY TO CHANGE TO FIVE-POINT MEET**  
**Event Friday & Saturday September 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>**

**All Registration and Judging Events will be at Singleton Classics New Location**  
**Event & Judging Questions: Beverly LeGate, Chair & John LeGate Judging Chair 408-981-1200**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION PREFERRED OPENS June 15!**  
**REGISTRATION FRIDAY 2PM - OPS CHECK 3PM - JUDGING SCHOOL "C5 Judging" Presented by Ed Hoffman 5-6PM**  
**Followed By No Host Dinner # YES TBA 6:30PM**

**Fees: ONLINE REGISTRATION PREFERRED WATCH FOR UPDATED INFORMATION!**  
 Registration Members \$25.00 (INCLUDES SPOUSE & children under 23 yrs.) After September 1st, \$40.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Flight Judging \$100.00 **OWNERS/REP MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS (instructions to follow)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
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