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Chairman's Message – Human Nature

By Jeff Blakeslee

I attended the Father's Day car show in Santa Rosa again this year. It's an event I try to make every year because of the community it brings together and its beautiful setting on the lawn and beneath the trees of one of Santa Rosa's nicest city parks. This year, I brought NCRS brochures and talked with attendees about the organization. I've done this before, and it always reminds me of two things: many classic Corvette owners still know little about NCRS, and NCRS is not for everyone.

As NCRS members, we should remember that Corvette enthusiasts have many different goals for their cars. Those of us who want every nut and bolt to remain original represent just one segment of the hobby. A Corvette owner who

installs an LS engine in a C2 can take just as much pride in the car as someone who owns an all-original example. The prices of well-built resto-mod Corvettes show that many people appreciate a thoughtful, high-quality update to a classic Corvette.

Later in the day—and without any alcohol involved—I began wondering why, as human beings, we place so much value on original components. In some cases, the reasons are clear: an original part may have a shape or finish that cannot be reproduced, or it may simply work better than a new service replacement or reproduction part. Those cases are easy to understand, but others are much more philosophical.

One of the most difficult to understand is the value we place in having the original engine for the car. I do not mean “an original engine”, I mean “the original engine”. We will take extreme measures to keep the original engine, even when the car may be better with a replacement engine. We will sleeve a block to fix a cracked cylinder, we will decide not to deck an engine to save the stamp pad, even when the engine should clearly be decked. We stress over whether to reduce the compression to run on today’s pump gas vs keeping the compression original and using expensive race fuels. And as we make these decisions, in many ways we are determining the fate of the car. Will this car ever be driven or are we building a collector’s item that will never see the open road.

For fun, I asked Apple’s AI on my iPad, “Why do we value the original engine in a classic car?” Its answer was that the original engine proves authenticity, preserves historical integrity, and serves as a major investment asset for serious collectors. That was a pretty good answer—and notably, it said nothing about having fun with the car. So, I began thinking about which of those reasons apply to me. I’m not a serious collector, and I don’t consider my cars a major part of my investment portfolio, but I do value preserving historical integrity. Maybe AI got it about right. If so, we should acknowledge that “enjoyment” was not part of the answer. Some Corvette owners just want to have fun with their cars, not pick them apart. As good NCRS members we need to remember that this goal is every bit as legitimate as our own.

NCC Board Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2026

No Board meeting was held in June.

NCC General Meeting Minutes – June 9, 2026

No Chapter meeting was held in June

Food For Thought

By Sharyl Ingham

The Editor of the Vettecetera has kindly reminded me that I owe him the Food for Thought column I author for July, so here goes another short column.

I hope you are all enjoying the summer by engaging in activities that bring you joy.

On July 4th, please take pride in displaying your flag. Express your gratitude to our service men and women for their unwavering sacrifices that safeguard our democracy.

Additionally, observe National Ice Cream Day on July 19th this year. This day is conveniently commemorated annually as it consistently falls on the third Sunday of the month.

I have been staying busy with the registrations for the National Convention. Speaking of which, there have been discussions about changing its name, but it’s always been called the National Convention, right? The NCRS By-laws need to be updated before any change can be made and I personally think that the Board should focus on more pressing issues than a name change.

For those of you that will not be attending the National Convention in Charleston, you will miss some surprises and milestones made.

Mike and I extend our best wishes to those members that are celebrating milestone birthdays and anniversaries this month, starting with Marilyn Muhlker, July 1st; Jerry and Pat Louer’s anniversary, July 2nd; Don and Carol Troyer’s anniversary, July 6th; Don Troyer, July 7th; Michael and Linda Pierce’s anniversary, July 10th; Lisa Johnson, July 15th; Don Mullenhoff, July 20th; Carol Troyer, July 22nd; Janet Palmer, July 23rd; Rick Gower, July 26th; and Bill Cash and Mick Swezey sharing July 29th.

Spread and share your kindness! See you on Zoom July 14th.

Burma-Shave

SPECIAL SEATS
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WHO SCRATCH THE LADIES
BURMA-SHAVE 1939

Welcome New Member

Please join me in welcoming our new member:
Phillip Downs from San Rafael, CA.

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 It needs to be received **by the 25th** 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 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

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

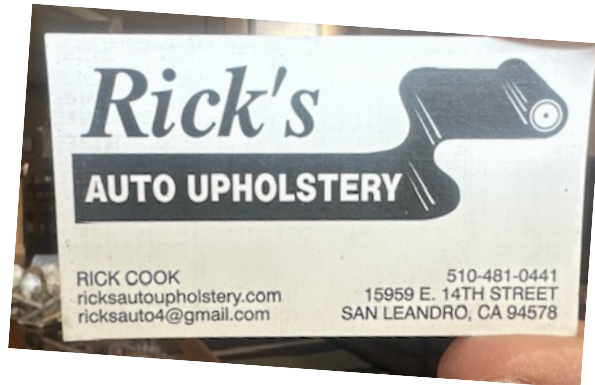
Auto Rotisserie - Cost \$1,400 plus freight. Used once, sell for \$1,000 with much extra tubing. Gantry Crane - cost \$1,200 plus freight, sell for \$800 with free electric hoist. Contact John Tidwell at 916-201-6061 or sampanjohn@earthlink.net

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

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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	2026 Event Calendar 	
July 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
July 26 th – 30 th	NCRS National Convention	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
September 25 th – 26 th	SCC Fall Judging Meet*	Costa Mesa, CA
October 2 nd – 3 rd	NCC Fall Judging Meet*	San Rafael, CA
October 13 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
October 22 nd – 24 th	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
November 10 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
December 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom

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



**NCRS 2026 FALL FLIGHT JUDGED MEET
CELEBRATING OUR CHAPTER'S 45TH 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 25th & 26th

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 \$ _____

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

Flight Judging \$100.00 **OWNERS/REP MUST BE PRESENT BOTH DAYS (instructions to follow)** \$ _____

Open Class \$75.00 [] Stock OR [] Modified \$ _____

Sportsman \$5.00 No Ribbon - \$20.00 With Ribbon \$ _____

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

JOIN SOCAL CHAPTER \$28.00 \$ _____

No Cancellation Refunds After September 10, 2026, Registration Closes Sept. 19th, 2026

TOTAL: \$ _____

**Make checks payable to SCC/NCRS and Mail registration form and fees to: Beverly LeGate PO Box 760 Ramona, CA 92065
408.981.1200 beverlylegate@yahoo.com**

Name _____ Spouse _____ NON-NCRS Guest _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ 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, () Open Class 53-26 () Sportsman () Display DUNTOV, MCLELLAN, HILL, WALLACE 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. SEND COPIES OR UPLOAD ON THE NATIONAL NCRS WEBSITE**

Insurance Company _____ Policy No. _____ Expiration Date: _____

JUDGES Interested in Judging () Tabulator () Interested in C1 () C2 () C3 () C4 () C5 () C6 () Circle 3 OPS. INT. EXT. MECH. OR CHASSIS

HOST HOTEL: OC HOTEL 2430 Newport Blvd. Costa Mesa Telephone 714-631-7840 Block Under NCRS \$150 Tax Included

CALL AND RESERVE WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD. BLOCK GOES AWAY 8.25/26. ONE WEEK PRIOR CANCELLATION POLICY.

<https://i.facebook.com/i.php?u=http%3A%2F%2Fncrs.org%2F...>

HOLD HARMLESS: 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, most preferably in advance with your registration application, or at the Meet Registration Desk when you check in, BEFORE the car can be Operations Checked and / or placed in its final location. I AGREE to assume risk of any and all damages or injury to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of this event, 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 to me or others occurring during, or as a consequence of this event, employees, Chapters and event 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. The use of illegal drugs is prohibited by anyone attending an NCRS event. The use of alcohol is prohibited by anyone participating in an NCRS event (includes while on the judging field, participating in driving tests and/or road tours), except during social events.

Signature _____ Date _____

NCRS Northern California Chapter Spring Judging Meet Registration Friday/Saturday, October 2/3, 2026

NCRS members and their guests are invited to attend NCC's Spring Judging Meet to be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, 101 McInnis Parkway, San Rafael, CA 94903 1-(415) 499-9222 Rooms are available at \$179, plus tax, at this link <https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/sforfes-90x-1a6d39aa-e7b5-4361-b69c-ef858522680e/>

General Meet Information

Jeff Blakeslee 707-396-3843 JeffB@BlakesleeElectric.com

Judging Information

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

Event Schedule - Friday, 10/2

2:00 pm – 4:30 pm - Registration
4:30 pm – 6:00 pm – Judging School
6:30 pm – Group Dinner

Event Schedule – Saturday, 10/3

7:30 am – Registration
8:00 am – Coffee & Donuts
8:15 am – Judges/Owners Meetings
8:30 am – finish - Flight Judging

NCRS Membership Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Name: _____ Spouse/Companion: _____

Non-NCRS Guest _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Note: Register online at www.NCRS.org starting July 1 and save \$10 on your family registration fee.

Event Registration

____ Family Registration Fee (required for all registrants)

\$50

____ Guest Fee (non-NCRS member)

@\$20 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

Cut-off date: September 18, 2026

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 title or current DMV registration, plus a copy of current insurance certificate.

____ Flight Judging Entry @ \$150 \$ _____

____ Open Class Judging Entry 1953 – 2026) _____ Stock _____ Modified @ \$75 \$ _____

____ Sportsman Entry @ \$40 \$ _____

____ Special Display Bowtie – Duntov – McLellan – Hill – Wallace - Crossed Flags (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 94618-1802 510-420-0968 sharylingham@gmail.com

No refunds after September 18, 2026

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 _____ OC 53-26 _____ 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**.

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 the risk of any and all damages or injury and to indemnify and hold harmless NCRS, its officers, directors, agents, employees, Chapters and event workers for any acts or omissions that 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. The use of illegal drugs is prohibited by anyone attending an NCRS event. The use of alcohol is prohibited by anyone participating in an NCRS event (includes while on the judging field, participating in driving tests and/or road tours), except during social events.

Click here to read the complete NCRS Hold Harmless Rules & Regulations for Events (<https://www.ncrs.org/home/hold-harmless.php>)

Signature: _____ Date: _____



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scroll to the bottom black box

click on membership

click on renew chapter

next choose chapter

follow the prompts

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

(From *Driveline* or *Restorer* Address Label)

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

Check as Applicable:

_____ New Member

_____ Renewal

_____ Change of Address

Please Print or Type

Name _____ Birthdate: Month _____ Day _____

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