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Chairman's Message – October Is Here

By Jeff Blakeslee

Summer seems to have flown by, and each year the seasons appear to pass more quickly. A friend believes that as we age, we become accustomed to time, making it feel as though it is accelerating. I'm still trying to figure out how to slow it down. I hope retirement will help, but many retirees I've spoken with seem busier than ever—perhaps in a different way, but busy, nonetheless.

I do like the fall season, so I am going to concentrate on living in the moment and enjoying all that fall has to offer. I like the initial chill in the air, and the impending change to colder weather. And best of all, fall brings the NCC Fall Meet! So, I hope to see all of you the coming weekend in San Rafael! October also brings our road tour on the 18th,

so if you have not signed up for that yet, please let Ken Albers know you are interested.

Fall also brings nominations and elections for NCC NCRS board officers. Although people may hesitate to "rock the boat," anyone interested in serving should speak up. If you would like to become a chapter officer, please let us know at the October meeting, when nominations will be accepted.

Most current officers appear willing to serve again, but change can bring fresh ideas and energy—something all members should welcome. I'm willing to continue as Chairman in 2027, but I would also welcome another interested member stepping forward to run. I can't speak for the other officers, but NCRS members elect their leaders, and no one should take offense if the membership chooses someone new.

I'm looking forward to this weekend's meet. The weather looks promising: Friday's high is expected to reach 77 degrees with light overcast, followed by sunny skies and a high of 84 on Saturday—darn nice judging weather, I'd say. Bob Grauer will present another great judging school, and we'll all enjoy the excellent accommodations at the Embassy Suites. See you there!

NCC Board Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2026

Chair Jeff Blakeslee called the meeting to order at 6:32 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. Judging School Coordinator and Webmaster Bob Grauer and CTFA co-coordinator Ian Gaston were also in attendance.

Secretary

The August minutes were approved as submitted by Sandy Houck.

Treasurer

John Tidwell has received Fall Meet registrations. He reported there is a total annual profit of \$1900 to date.

Membership

Sharyl reported we have 90 members.

Newsletter

Mike Ingham said there were no tech articles for the September Vettecetera.

Website Administrator Report

Bob Grauer reported that site updates are working. He posted pictures from the National Convention.

NCRS President/Region 9 Director

Mike will discuss during the General Meeting.

Chapter Top Flight Award (CTFA) program

Ian Gaston reviewed our current CTFA status. We completed a Tech Session, and a Road Tour and Charity Event are planned.

Old Business

To be discussed during the General Meeting.

New Business

Sharyl is planning the 2027 Spring Meet for April 30 – May 1, and the 2027 Fall Meet for October 16-17, both planned for San Rafael.

NCC General Meeting Minutes – September 8, 2026

Jeff Blakeslee called the Meeting to order at 7:02 pm and welcomed 24 members. He asked us to introduce ourselves stating where we live and the Corvette(s) we own.

NCRS President/Region 9 Director

Mike reported that there are two Regional Meets left this year: in Spokane and Texas.

NCC Charity Event

Sharyl asked members to bring unused prescription glasses to the Napa Cars 'n Coffee on September 13. She will donate them through Costco.

NCC Road Tour

Ken Albers will lead the road tour from Napa to Lake County and through the Capay Valley ending at the RoadTrip Bar & Grill. At Jeff's request the date was changed from October 17 to Sunday, October 18.

NCC Fall Meet, San Rafael, Oct. 2-3

So far, Mike has received flight judging registrations for two '67 BBs, and a '70 LT1; also a '57 and a 2005 if there are enough judges.

The Passing of Art McNay

Art, a long-time member and judge, will be greatly missed. Jeff and others shared remembrances noting he was an officer and gentleman who drove a Corvette for 70 years. Mason said that he and Glorie are planning a Celebration of Life to be held on October 10 in Woodland.

Open Discussion

Jeff said he is looking for a fuel pump rebuild kit for a '63 340hp car. Rick Gower reminded us to vote for Mike Ingham for Regional Director. Rick also reviewed notable cars at the August Monterey auctions.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm. The next Zoom meeting will be Tuesday, October 13 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

Let us observe a moment of silence to honor those who are no longer present at our gatherings. May our departed friends and family members rest in eternal peace.

Wear **PINK** in October since October is Cancer Awareness Month. Monday, October 12th, is observed as Indigenous Peoples' Day, also recognized as Columbus Day. Please exercise caution and remain vigilant for trick-or-treaters on Halloween, Saturday, October 31st.

Please join with me in extending best wishes to those members celebrating their birthdays this month, starting with Jack Brier, Jim Lockwood and Connie McGue sharing October 1st; Bob Kennard, October 12th; Jerry Louer, October 13th; Alex Aivaliklis, October 14th; Renée Aivaliklis, October 15th; Don Hooper, October 17th; Michelle Carlton, October 18th; and Gary Beaupré, October 28th.

See you on Zoom October 13th, until then be kind!

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MANY MAKE
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Welcome New Member

Please join me in welcoming our new member: John Walker from Auburn, 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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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

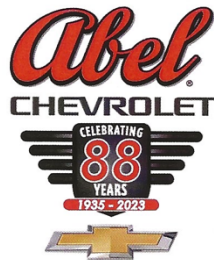
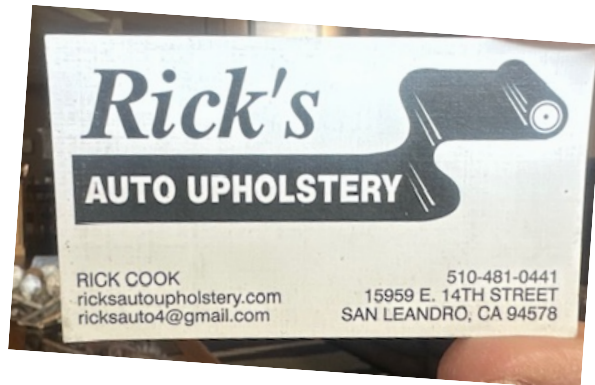
Chapter meetings occur on the second Tuesday of each month. Meetings are being held via Zoom, and the Zoom link is distributed to all Chapter members on the preceding Monday.

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

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	2026 Event Calendar 🐝	
October 2 nd – 3 rd	NCC Fall Judging Meet	San Rafael, CA
October 10 th	Art McNay's Celebration of Life	Woodland, CA
October 13 th	NCC Meeting + Nominations	Via Zoom
October 18 th	NCC Road Tour w/Ken Albers	Napa, CA
October 22 nd – 24 th	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
November 10 th	NCC Meeting + Elections	Via Zoom
December 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
	2027 Event Calendar 🐝	
January 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
January 14 th – 16 th	Florida Regional	Melbourne, FL
February 9 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
March 9 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 8 th – 10 th	Carolinas Regional	Clemson, SC
April 13 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 30 th – May 1 st	NCC Spring Judging Meet	San Rafael, CA
May 11 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
May 13 th – 15 th	Adirondack Regional	Albany, NY
June 3 rd – 5 th	North Central Regional	Rochester, MN
June 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom

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



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