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Chairman's Message – Courtesy Inspections

By Jeff Blakeslee

Last year I did at least two Corvette inspections for other members looking to purchase a car in our area. I know others in our club have done them also, and it's one of the great benefits to being an NCRS member. When I purchased my 63 SWC FI car in Oklahoma I was able to contact another NCRS member in that area to look at the car for me. The inspection was not perfect, nor did I expect it to be. The major points were covered properly, and it gave me the assurance I needed to proceed to the next step, which was to fly out there and complete the transaction. However, I did reserve the right to back out of the deal if I was not satisfied with the car after doing my own inspection.

Last week, past chairman Bob Grauer was contacted to look at a car in Orange County. Bob lives in norther CA so he reached out to



some other NCRS members to see if he could help the buyer find an NCRS member from that area to inspect the car. I was copied on these emails, and during this exchange it was revealed to me that another member (not to be named) was currently in a lawsuit over the inspection of a car and was not interested in doing it again. I know there are two sides to every story, but my first thought was that is one more instance where "no good deed goes unpunished".

I would not want this type of thing to discourage folks in NCRS from wanting to help each other when purchasing a car. I personally have some limits to what I will and won't do.

- I will inspect a car for an NCRS member.
- I won't inspect a car for a non-member.
- I will tell them my comments and observations are only my opinions.
- I won't do the inspection in the name of NCRS, or suggest I am an agent of NCRS.
- I will suggest that they make a donation to NCC-NCRS as a courtesy.
- I won't accept money personally for the inspection.

There are no guarantees in life, and bad things do happen to good people. But if we are so cautious that we begin to limit the activities that we love for fear of a poor outcome, then life loses its flair, and we retreat into fear. I will continue to do this service for other members and follow my own sensible guidelines. I believe the friends I meet along the way, and the satisfaction it brings are worth the small associated risks.

NCC Board Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2024

Attendees: Chair Jeff Blakeslee, Vice Chair Sharyl Ingham, Secretary Sandy Houck, Judging Chair Mike Ingham
Absent: Treasurer Chris Moore

Jeff started the new format of holding the Board Meeting a half hour before the General Meeting.

Treasurer Report:

Since Chris was not present, Jeff said he received the financial statements from Chris

indicating that NCC has about \$34,000 in our account.

The Los Gatos Spring Meet had a loss of \$340. Jeff donated \$1000 that he received for checking out a car that was supposed to be applied towards the meet's expenses, but it was deposited into the regular account instead.

Jeff will ask Chris to write checks for the four local Meals on Wheels organizations so the Chapter can apply for matching funds from NCRS.

Mike clarified that the NCRS Foundation is a 501c(3) charity whereas NCRS itself is a 501c(7) non-profit. It's confusing since matching funds applications go to the Foundation, but the matching funds checks are issued by NCRS.

Membership Report:

We now have 113 members. Sharyl sent out an invitation to the NCRS members living in our region that are not Chapter members. As a result, NCC has 5 additional members that either rejoined or joined for the first time.

Judging Report:

Mike and Sharyl are working to plan the 2025 Spring Meet. We'd like to go back to the Los Gatos Lodge on April 11th & 12th. Our Fall Meet in Rancho Cordova was planned for September 14th but unfortunately had to be canceled due to lack of judges. The GT Auto Lounge appears to be a nice venue, and we'd like to schedule a meet there next year in early October.

Zoom Meeting Notices:

Next month Mike will include all members in the Board Meeting notice so that anyone can enjoy our lively discussions.

Officer Nominations:

Due next month. Jeff will ask members for nominations.

NCC Meeting Minutes – September 17, 2024

Jeff Blakeslee welcomed 21 members to the September Zoom meeting at 7:00 pm. He explained the new format of separating the Board Meeting from the General Meeting. We can then use the regular meeting to talk about car events and things that we'd like to do. He asked us to introduce ourselves, stating where we live and the Corvette(s) we own. The

"Question of the Evening" was What is your favorite color for a Corvette? Of course, lots of likes for red, but also black, white, yellow, silver and blue.

Novato Nostalgia Day, October 12:

Jeff asked who had signed up and urged the rest to do so. We will be sharing the parking area with the North Bay Corvette Association. Expect to see lots of classic cars and enjoy the vendors and music and food.

Show and Tell Slide Show:

Bob Grauer gave a step-by-step description of removing the soft top off his '69 prior to putting on a new top. He removed hundreds of staples. It was interesting to see how the top was supposed to be rainproof but wasn't. We look forward to the installation of the new top.

Technical Discussion Board:

Gary Beaupre noted the passing of Gary Mortimer. New software will be installed on the Tech Board that will hopefully improve the ability to search topics.

Miscellaneous:

Glorie McNay suggested that we develop a list of approved vendors. Tony Stein of Kansas City will provide the spreadsheet that his chapter has developed.

Bob Grauer reported that Wayne Yurtin set a land speed record at El Mirage. He did 204 mph in his '65!

Adjournment:

Before adjourning Jeff reminded us to share pictures of our car projects or driving events. The next Zoom meeting will be Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30 pm for the Board Meeting and 7:00 pm for the General Meeting. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Respectfully,
Sandy Houck, NCC Secretary

Food For Thought

By Sharyl Ingham

There are a lot of things that strike my funny bone, as well as leave me shaking my head in disbelief. One in particular that happened recently was when I was sitting in a metered parking garage. I had just put money in the meter and as I was gathering my belongings to run my errand when a car pulled in and parked next to me. The couple got out and left without "feeding" the meter. No sooner than I shut my

door, a meter maid came by and tagged the car. Now scratch your head and ask yourself, would you have done something like this? I think many of us have done this before thinking "I am only going to take a few minutes, so why bother feeding the meter?" Low and behold it only takes a split second to make the wrong decision and voilà in this instance a fat \$55.00 parking ticket. Life is full of consequences.

This will take you back a few years. Do you remember the first time you voted? Do you remember how nervous you might have felt when you gave the person your name and they handed you "your ballot" and directed you to the voting booth? I felt that booth let me know my privacy was important. I didn't know it then, but I know it now how important it is to cast your vote and let your choices be heard. I hope this will inspire you to cast your vote in our upcoming election.

Before I lose my thought, on a smaller scale we all belong to this organization and when it comes to voting on some issue or for a person, please cast your vote because we are part of the club working towards the same goal.

Speaking of elections, Jeff is accepting your calls for your nomination and interest in NCC Board positions for 2025. Don't wait too long but do think about what you will volunteer to do for NCC.

Jeff has made the meetings much more fun with less chapter business and filled the time with people talking about their projects. He is working hard to find ways of combining the business with more social aspects. I think it is fabulous and I hope others will jump on board and help him get his ideas off the ground.

I heard that many of you are welcoming fall by participating in events to see the fall colors. Perhaps these moments of pure natural beauty will make you stop and relax. Many of us feel guilty if we are not constantly tasking, so please make time to treat yourself to small acts of caring for yourself. It is important to find whatever you choose to do, big or small, in taking care of yourself to help you live a healthy and happy life. Don't feel guilty when you say no to tasking.

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Please wear pink honoring the family members' and friends' lives that we have lost to this

disease and consider how we can further support the ongoing research.

Other notable calendar happenings in October to note: Rosh Hashanah begins at sunset on October 2nd; Yom Kippur begins at sunset on October 11th; Columbus Day, Indigenous People's Day, and National Dessert Day share October 14th; Isn't it funny how we always look for an excuse to eat dessert? The Sweetest Day (this year the date is October 19th) is ALWAYS the 3rd Saturday in October, please share some acts of kindness and charity for others; and Halloween, October 31st; For those that still have your '70's outfits leftover from the Convention, this is a good reason to celebrate and wear them again.

To those of you celebrating your birthdays and anniversaries during this month, the Chapter extends their congratulations and best wishes, starting with Jack Brier, Jim Lockwood and Connie McGue sharing October 1st; Vince Anicetti, October 8th; Jeff Howard, October 11th; Donna Hunter and Bob Kennard sharing October 12th; Jerry Louer, October 13th; Alex Aivaliklis, October 15th; Reneé Aivaliklis, October 16th; Don Hooper, October 17th; Michelle Carlton, October 18th; and Gary Beaupré, October 28th.

Have a wonderful and safe October! 😊

See you on Zoom, October 8th!

NCC Apparel Available

A variety of clothing items having the NCC logo are now available through NCRS's apparel provider at the following link:

<https://www.ncrsapparel.com/collections/ncrs-northern-california-chapter>

One example shown below is the short-sleeve Nike polo shirt. Multiple colors are available.



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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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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

C1 Parts

61/62 black carpet, Al Knock, new in box-100
C1 door weatherstrip GM NOS-25
C1 HD brake backing plates-2500
D310 FI single window distributor caps, NOS no R, NOS w/R, used w/R, -25-200
D324 dual window distributor caps, 2-NOS w/R, -90
C1 soft top mounting plates behind seats, -200
C1 passenger door, complete with trim, interior, exterior, and internals, -500
C1 front sway bar, -25
C1 wiper wash foot pump, -50
60-62 aluminum bellhousing, -150
60 top tank radiator and side brackets, radiator leaks, use for parts, -100
C1 soft top deck latches, -200
58-60 rear bumpers, good driver quality, -200
C1 stepped oil pan, w/trap door GM NOS, -200
461/462 heads, -75ea
58-62 windshield frame, top and bottom only, stainless in good condition, -250
T10D-1 trans, needs work, -150
D310 Comp Cams Magnum small block roller tip rocker arms, new in box, -75
2818-1 Holley carb, originally purchased by me, over the counter, -150
C1 windshield washer plastic bottle, no lids, -25

2059 generator end frames, front and rear, cast iron, 1 set, -100
2059 generator front end frame, cast iron, 1 only, -75
2173 / 2268 generator rear end frames, cast iron, 7 available, -50
Signet Red lacquer paint, PPG, 2+ gallons, -700
Kent Moore gauge set for Rochester FI, -500
1982-current NCRS Drivelines, most issues, -free
1961 FI radio shielding, -200
56-62 fuel tank, -50
Contact Bert Brown at waltbrown@gmail.com, or leave message at 925-736-4897, or text to 925-786-5770. This stuff needs to go, I need the room!

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
Al Knoch black carpet set for `68-`71, rear compartment only, new, \$100
Rear bumpers, excellent condition, fit `68-`73, \$500/pair
`72-only T-3 lo/hi-beam headlamp bulb, \$50
`68-`77 sill plates, new, \$50
Paragon under floor insulation blanket for `69, new, \$40
Delco shock set, 2 front, 2 rear, used, made in USA, not Mexico like current replacements, \$80/set
Early `69 jack, dated 8M, plus lug wrench, \$200
`69 seat back, black, minor damage lower right corner, otherwise nice, \$25
NOS headlight actuators, fit `68-`82, \$250/pair
NOS right, center & left grilles, `68-`69 only, \$75/each

NOS right hand door handle, fits `69-`82, \$50
White plastic heat shields, used, free to a good home

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

Parts Wanted

I am looking for a nice damage-free inner heater box for a non-AC `67 convertible. Contact Rick Gower at 925-798-7877 or gowerr@aol.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
1961	AIM
1962	AIM x2
1953-78	Chassis & Body Parts Catalog x2
1984	Shop & Electrical Manuals
1984-90	Corvette Parts & Illustration Cat.
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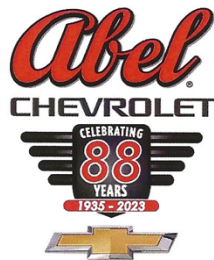
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October 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
October 11 th - 12 th	Nostalgia Days Novato	Novato, CA
October 17 th - 19 th	Texas Regional	Frisco, TX
November 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
December 10 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
2025		
January 14 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
January 16 th - 18 th	Florida Regional	Melbourne, FL
February 11 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
March 11 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 3 rd - 5 th	Carolinas Regional	Clemson U, SC
April 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
April 11 th - 12 th	NCC Spring Judging Meet	Los Gatos, CA
May 1 st - 3 rd	Arizona Regional	Glendale, AZ
May 13 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
June 10 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
July 8 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom
July 17 th - 19 th	Kansas City/St. Louis Regional	Springfield, MO
August 12 th	NCC Meeting	Via Zoom



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