



# INTAKE MANIFESTO

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE GARRY MION

**Happy New Year!**

The phrase “it seems like only yesterday” always comes up at the end of the year and you take time to reflect on all that happened during that year, and the Arizona Chapter had a very busy one. For the most part 2025 was about the same as prior years except that, oh yeah, we hosted a very successful Regional. We will again achieve a Chapter Top Flight, something we have done consecutively since the program was first started.

For 2026 there will be a couple of changes on the Chapter Board. Pam Jerome will be the Membership Chairman, replacing David Peterson who has been in the role since 2019. George Ray will be the Website Coordinator, replacing Loren Peterson who has been in the role since 2021. I want to thank David and Loren for their support over the years in fulfilling these important roles. The remainder of the board will be unchanged from 2025 with me as your Chairman, Jeff Smith as Vice-Chairman, Paul Morel as Treasurer, Brad Vigesaa as Secretary, Chris Gazzano as Activities Chairman, Gary Craig as Judging Chairman, and Pat Garland as Assistant Judging Chairman. We continue to look for Chapter members to fill the roles of Newsletter Editor and Chapter Historian.

January will once again start off with a flurry of activities starting with the Florida Regional, January 14-17, the Arizona Concours d'Elegance, January 18, Barrett-Jackson January 17-24, and our very own Chapter Tech Session on January 24th at the home of our Judging Chairman, Gary Craig, in Mesa. Gary will be talking about tuning our vintage corvette engines—a topic I'm sure will be informative to many of you.

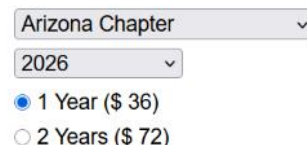
If you are planning on having your car judged, please look over the calendar as there will be many opportunities throughout the year. In March there will be two Chapter Judging meets, with the first being the March 13-14 Southern Arizona Chapter 3-pt Judging Meet in Tucson, followed by the March 20-21 Arizona Chapter 5-pt Chapter Judging Meet in Mesa. Remember, both of the events not only need cars, but judges, to make them work.

The closest Regional this year will be in Springfield, MO in April. Chapter members looking to pursue a Mark of Excellence award will want to consider using this event to achieve your Performance Verification award or Top Flight 97 award. If this is something you are considering, please reach out to me as it may be an opportunity to trailer multiple cars.

## 2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

The Chapter will close 2025 with 151 members. However, only 56 have renewed for 2026.

That makes now to renew your membership for 2026. You can do this online via the NCRS website by going [here](#). You will have to log in (or be logged in) in order to initiate the renewal process. Referring the picture at right, be sure the Arizona Chapter is selected before proceeding. If the year shows as 2027 or later, then you have already paid for 2026 (but you can continue and pay for later years if desired). You can renew for one or two years by making the appropriate selection. Don't procrastinate and renew today! It will save you inbox space on reminder emails.



It is worth noting that the National IT folks recently made changes to the online Chapter renewal process and fixed a problem a few of you were having when trying to renew using a credit card. Our Treasurer, Paul Morel, worked with IT to complete the transition and it will now be possible to renew your membership using either PayPal or a Credit Card.

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Should you prefer to renew using a check, please make the check out to Arizona NCRS and mail it to:

Paul Morel  
25439 N 89th St  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Please be sure to indicate your membership number on the check.

Of course, to be an active Chapter member you must keep your National Membership up to date.

**2026 AZ Chapter Board**

**Chairman**  
*Garry Mion*

**Vice Chairman**  
*Jeff Smith*

**Judging Chairman**  
*Gary Craig*

**Treasurer**  
*Paul Morel*

**Membership**  
*Pam Jerome*

**Secretary**  
*Brad Vigesaa*

**Webmaster**  
*George Ray*

**Assistant Judging Chairman**  
*Pat Garland*

**Activities Chairman**  
*Chris Gazzano*

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Membership in the Arizona Chapter of the NCRS is open to all members of the NCRS National Organization. Dues are \$36 per year. For membership information, please visit our website at [www.arizonancrs.com](http://www.arizonancrs.com).

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The Arizona Chapter is proudly sponsored by the following businesses. We appreciate all that they do in support of our Chapter. Please Support Them!



# 2026-27 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Activity & Registration/Contact Information
January 14-17	Florida Winter Regional Melbourne, FL
January 17-25	Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction Westworld of Scottsdale Tickets sold <a href="#">here</a>
January 18	Arizona Concours d'Elegance Scottsdale <a href="#">Info</a>
January 24	Chapter Tech Session Tuning your vintage Corvette Mesa, AZ Flyer to be emailed soon
February 14	12th Annual Concours In The Hills Fountain Hills Register by January 16th <a href="#">here</a>
March 13-14	Southern AZ Chapter Judging Meet DMI Tucson, AZ <a href="#">Online Registration</a>
March 20-21	Chapter 5-point Spring Judging Meet Streetside Classics <a href="#">Online Registration</a>
April TBD	Placeholder—Chapter Event
April 16-18	Show-Me Regional Springfield, MO <a href="#">Online Registration</a>
April 24-25	NCC Spring Judging Meet San Rafael, CA <a href="#">Online Registration</a>
May TBD	Placeholder—Chapter Event
May 15-16	SCC 5-pt Spring Chapter Meet Ramona, CA <a href="#">Online Registration</a>
June 4-6	Altoona Regional Altoona, PA <a href="#">Online Registration</a>
June TBD	Placeholder—Chapter Event
July 26-30	NCRS National Convention Charleston, SC <a href="#">Online Registration</a> Opens February 1st
September 17-19	Intermountain Regional Airway Heights, WA <a href="#">Online Registration</a> opens in March
October TBD	Placeholder—Chapter event
October 22-24	Texas Regional Frisco, Texas <a href="#">Online Registration</a> opens in April
November 6-7	Chapter 5-point Fall Judging Meet Location TBD
December TBD	2026 Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch Accepting Suggestions—Contact <a href="#">Chris Gazzano</a>
January 13-16, 2027	Florida Winter Regional Melbourne, FL
April 8-10	Carolinas Regional Clemson, SC
May 13-15	Adirondack Regional Albany, NY
June 3-5	North Central Regional Rochester, MN
August 1-5	National Convention French Lick, IN
October 21-23	Texas Regional Frisco, TX

*The above list of events are subject to change. Visit the [Chapter](#) & [National](#) Websites for latest details*

## GET INVOLVED!

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THE CLUB IS LOOKING TO HOLD TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO OUR TRADITIONAL JUDGING ACTIVITIES. IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA YOU THINK OTHER MEMBERS OF THE CLUB WOULD BE INTERESTED IN, PLEASE CONTACT [CHRIS GAZZANO](#) TO DISCUSS IT.

# JUDGING CHAIRMAN'S REPORT GARY CRAIG



## Arizona Chapter Technical Session—January 24th

On January 24<sup>th</sup>, the Arizona Chapter will hold a Chapter Technical Session at Gary Craig's garage. Topic will be Tuning your Vintage Corvettes. Gary will show how to check your Corvette for engine vacuum, distributor advance, change points & condenser, carburetor idle and fuel level adjustments, and perform diagnostic checks. This Technical Session will have many hands-on exhibits for members to touch and see. A flyer will be sent to all Chapter members for this Technical Session, please note this date on your calendar.

## Arizona 2026 Spring Chapter Judging Meet—March 20-21

On March 20 & 21, we will hold our 2026 Spring Chapter Meet at the Streetside Classics Showroom facility in Mesa. This event will be similar to our 2025 Fall Chapter Meet where Operations judging will be conducted on Friday along with a Judging School, followed by the normal Flight Judging of the Corvettes on Saturday for a five point judging event. Registration is open and ready for your signup. Please mark your calendars!  
Have a wonderful Spring and hope to see you at our upcoming events.

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# TREASURER'S REPORT



Itemized Categories - Year to Date  
1/1/2025 through 12/31/2025

Date	Account	Num	Description	Tag	Memo	Clr	Amount
<b>INCOME</b>							<b>70,935.98</b>
	2025 Fall Meet						1,821.23
	2025 Holiday party						4,187.35
	2025 regional registration income						37,614.60
	2025 Regional Sponsorship						12,850.00
	25 regional refund						6,160.61
	Charity Income						3,547.00
	Interest Earned						1.94
	NCRS 2025 Dues						2,603.00
	NCRS 2026 Dues						2,011.50
	NCRS 2027 Dues						104.50
	NCRS 2028 Dues						34.25
<b>EXPENSES</b>							<b>-84,082.93</b>
	2025 Fall Meet Expense						-1,294.30
	2025 Holiday Party Expense						-6,305.12
	2025 Regional Expense						-71,820.16
	Administrative						-326.33
	Charity Expense						-3,712.93
	Name Tag Expense						-22.50
	NCRS Judging School						-53.52
	Web Site						-548.07
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>							<b>-13,146.95</b>

## Happy New Year!

I am submitting to the membership our year-end financials. Our chapter is in great shape financially. Although it looks deceiving, as much of our Regional sponsorship money was received in 2024, while the bulk of the expenses were paid in 2025. Overall, the Regional was approximately \$5000 in the black. Thanks to the membership for making it a success. An account summary is at left, with details shown on the following pages. We currently have \$34,669.85 in the chapter coffers with zero debt. As always, please reach out with any questions. Cheers to a great 2026.

## TREASURER'S REPORT (CON'T)

### NCRS

#### 2025 NCRS Chapter Financial Report

Chapter Name:

Opening Cash Balance, January 1st (or first day of fiscal year) of reporting year: \$47,816.80

#### INCOME:

(Gross Income)

Membership Dues  \$4,753.25

Events( Meets, Schools,  
Swap Meets, etc. List each  
separately)

Regional meet 2025	\$56,625.21
Fall 2025 Meet	\$1,821.23
2025 Holiday Party	\$4,187.35

Other: Interest Income, sale of  
merchandise etc List Separately

Interest income	\$1.94
Charitable donations	\$3,547.00

**TOTAL INCOME:** \$70,935.98

#### EXPENSES:

Event Expenses (List separately  
to match above event income)

Regional meet 2025	\$71,820.16
Fall 2025 Meet	\$1,294.30
2025 Holiday Party	\$6,305.12
Administrative	\$326.33
Name tag expense	\$22.50
Judging school expense	\$53.52
Website	\$548.07
Charity	\$3,712.93

**TOTAL EXPENSES:** \$84,082.93

Closing Cash Account Balance  
December 31 (or last day of the fiscal year) of Reporting Year: \$34,669.85

**TREASURER'S REPORT (CON'T)**

**NCRS**  
**2025 NCRS Chapter Financial**  
**Report**

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Member/Non Member Reimbursements:

List separately each check written to any member/non member for any reimbursement or expense paid.

The above should include any funds paid to any member or non member for services performed.

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Check#</u>	<u>Name Written on Check</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
01/27/25	EFT	Brad Vigesaa	Admin	\$159.90
02/23/25	EFT	Paul Morel	Name tags	\$22.50
02/21/25	EFT	Paul Morel	Admin	\$10.00
02/28/25	EFT	Paul Morel	Membership	\$14.65
03/11/25	EFT	Renaissance hotel	Regional	\$10,000.00
03/14/25	394	Ward Gappa	Regional refund	\$550.00
03/25/25	EFT	Brad Vigesaa	Regional	\$448.22
04/08/25	395	Insignia	Regional	\$706.80
04/21/25	397	Joel Junokas	Regional refund	\$75.00
04/21/25	399	Renaissance hotel	Regional	\$42,297.57
04/22/25	EFT	Garry Mion	Regional	\$6,400.00
04/23/25	EFT	Paul Morel	Regional	\$38.25
04/23/25	EFT	George Ray	Regional refund	\$50.00
04/23/25	EFT	brad Vigesaa	Regional	\$214.20
04/25/25	401	Valley Creations	Regional	\$1,841.95
05/12/25	EFT	Addison Brown	Regional	\$500.00
05/12/25	EFT	Kevin Dewitte	Regional	\$61.89
05/14/25	paypal	Harry Sadlock	Regional refund	\$135.00
05/19/25	EFT	Pete Bergmann	Regional	\$200.08
05/19/25	EFT	Garry Mion	Regional	\$3,756.65
05/21/25	EFT	Angela Gazzano	Charity exp	\$312.93
05/22/25	EFT	Garry Mion	Regional	\$2,521.55
05/19/25	402	Desert Diamond Casino	Regional	\$1,440.00
05/29/25	404	Travelers insurance	Regional	\$583.00
07/08/25	403	Phoenix Childrens hospital	Charity	\$3,400.00
07/14/25	EFT	Garry Mion	Judging school	\$53.52
08/14/25	EFT	Grayhawk Golf Club	Holiday Party	\$2,207.50
10/01/25	EFT	Loren Peterson	Website	\$208.07
10/22/25	405	Jerry Bayer	Fall meet refund	\$75.00
11/03/25	EFT	Patrick Garland	Fall Meet	\$43.96
11/03/25	EFT	Computer help Inc	Website	\$340.00
11/05/25	EFT	Garry Mion	Fall Meet	\$74.53
11/07/25	EFT	Gary Craig	Fall Meet	\$1,100.81
11/10/25	500	Paul Morel	Admin	\$57.67
11/25/25	EFT	Paul Morel	Admin	\$84.11
12/08/25	EFT	Paul Morel	Holiday Party	\$75.00
12/16/25	EFT	Angela Gazzano	Holiday Party	\$436.41
12/17/25	EFT	Paul Morel	Holiday Party	\$3,586.21
<b>Total</b>				\$84,082.93

# FALL CHAPTER MEET RESULTS GARY CRAIG



On October 31<sup>st</sup> & November 1<sup>st</sup>, the Arizona NCRS Chapter held another very successful Fall Chapter Judging meet. We held this Chapter meet at a great location: Streetside Classics in Mesa. Thank you Streetside Classics for allowing our Chapter to use your facility!

Five great looking Corvettes were judged for Flight Judging, one Corvette for Open Class and we had three Sportsman entries. We had one C1 car that was judged, a Tasco Turquoise 1960 Corvette owned by Frank LaBue. It is great seeing the improvements in Frank's car and that his Corvette achieved Top Flight status. Next, we had three C2 Corvettes that were judged. A beautiful Milano Maroon 1965 coupe owned by Jerry Ryder, a Rally Red 1967 convertible owned by Ray Geiger, and a Marlboro Maroon 1967 coupe owned by William Cummand. For the C3 class, we had a beautiful Burgundy 1969 coupe owned by Linda Zic. And completing the six Corvettes being judged was Kevin Dewitte with a 1967 Corvette that was being judged for the new Open Class division. We had three Corvettes driven to the event for Sportsman displays, a 1966 driven by Jeff Smith, a 2002 driven by Joe Johnson and a 2009 driven by Mel Hahn. Thanks for bringing out your beautiful Corvettes. A total of 53 members participated in the Chapter Meet.



On Friday, we had a Judging School regarding Trim Tag ECL Codes, given by Bill Calorico with very good participation from all of the members. This school was very instructive since the following day, we would be using these techniques on the C2 cars. We had 38

Chapter members attend this Judging School. Thanks Bill for presenting this topic to all of our members!!

We could not have had such a successful Fall Chapter Meet without our volunteers as well as the fabulous Tabulators: Jeanne Cloutier, Joyce Garland, Suellyn Bennett, Cecelia Junokas, Beverly LeGate, Angela Gazzano, and Margaret Craig. Oh, and of course, we couldn't have a successful Chapter Meet without all of our judging teams and team leaders, Garry Mion on the 1960 and 1965 cars, David Peterson on the two 1967 cars and Pete Bergmann on the 1969 and Open Class 1967 car. Thank you all for your time and efforts. Thanks to those from across the nation that came out to support our Chapter meet: John and Beverly LeGate, Elizabeth Feffer, and Dana Richard from California, Jon Shafer from Kansas, and Marvin Burock from New Jersey, Wow!



**Jeff Smith**  
1966 Sportsman

**Joe Johnson**  
2002 Sportsman

**Mel Hahn**  
2009 Sportsman



**Frank LaBue**  
1960 Top Flight

**Jerry Ryder**  
1965 Top Flight

**Ray Geiger**  
1967 Top Flight

**William Cummand**  
1967 Top Flight

**Linda Zic**  
1969 Top Flight

**Kevin DeWitte**  
1967 Open Class

## 2025 ANNUAL MEETING AND BRUNCH GARRY MION

On Sunday, December 14th, fifty six members were in attendance for our year-end annual chapter membership meeting and holiday brunch. We were back at the Grayhawk Golf Club in Scottsdale, and we couldn't have asked for a more perfect weather day. As you can see from the picture at the bottom of the page, there was a beautiful display of all eight generations of Corvettes in a picture-perfect setting on the green grass. My thanks to all eight owners for agreeing to display their cars for us (along with a few golfers) to enjoy.

The organizer and master of ceremonies was our Activities Chairman, Chris Gazzano. Chris, with the support of his wife Angela and member Paul Morel, put together a wonderful event that everyone enjoyed. If you walked away hungry, you spent too much time outside looking at the cars. Chris and Angela also put together the fabulous raffle items that I'm sure lifted the spirits (pun intended) of the winners.



Now is the time to help identify potential sites for the 2026 Annual Meeting and Holiday Brunch. If you have some ideas, please contact Chris.



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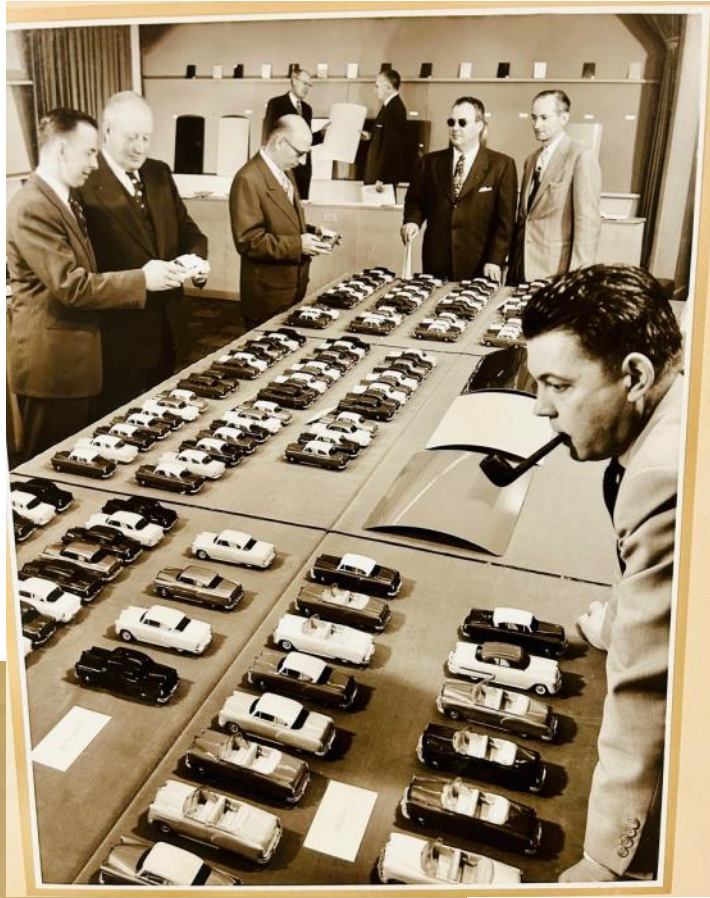
## YOU JUST NEVER KNOW WHO'S WATCHING...

Hi James Sheehan,

My name is Carolyn. I just recently saw the WSJ article highlighting your latest addition of a 1953 Corvette- #188 to your car collection. The article immediately caught my eye as I glanced down at the newspaper my husband was reading. My grandfather, Emerson, was a staff engineer in charge of General Motors' Chevrolet Motor Division passenger car body and sheet metal design. (He worked there for 27 years until his death in 1953 from an auto accident.) He was involved with the creation of the 1953 corvette. General Motors allowed, I think the #1 car, to have home visits for each of the executives involved with its design. So I am attaching a photo of my dad and mom along with a cousin of mine sitting in the car at my other Grandma's house. I am also attaching a General Motors publicity photo that has my grandfather in it. He is the third gentleman from the left looking down at the model car he is holding- no hair and glasses.

I always like sharing this trivia to corvette owners I see at car shows or where ever. That very first model was definitely a cool design!

Enjoy,  
Carolyn



**ARIZONA CHAPTER**

