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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE GARRY MION

The first quarter of the year has been a very busy one for the Chapter. We started off in January with a Bowtie Judging School held at the home of member Kevin DeWitte, then followed that up with two car show events in February along with the Florida Regional, and the finished up in March with our 5pt Chapter Judging Meet and the Tucson Regional in March. You can read more about these events later in the newsletter.

Coming up on April 15th is a driver to the Mountain View Pub in Carefree, Jim Vranich and Greg Magill worked together to set this up, and there is still some time to sign up but you'll need to respond by April 7th. On May 13th there will be presentation on Corvette Preservation at the home of Paul Morel in Scottsdale. To finish out the second quarter we'll have part two of the C1 Mechanical/Chassis Judging School at my home on June 17th. You will find the details for these events on page five of the newsletter.

The Board is looking at returning to the Grayhawk Golf Club for the annual meeting/holiday party on Sunday, December 17th. Paul Morel is working with Grayhawk on the food details, but we can always use help with filling in the event such as raffle gifts, car parking and display, and tree display and photos to name a few. It's never too early to start this planning. In addition, there are some placeholders in our 2023 calendar that can use your suggestions/help planning and perhaps hosting. September and October are open for judging schools, tech sessions, driver/social event, or even something new like a garage tour. Doesn't hurt to talk about it. Please contact [Greg Magill](#), Chapter Activities Chairman, to let him know how you can help with any of these activities.

Chapter membership is staying strong with 149 families renewed (or joined) for 2023. Occasionally we are notified of members whose National Membership is expiring, and so it is important to remember that if your National membership does expire, you will be removed from the Chapter roster as well. You can always check you membership status by visiting your profile page via the Technical Discussion Forum. Just click on the **My Profile** heading under the NCRS banner. There, under the **About Me** tab, you will find all sorts of information about yourself, such as your National membership expiration date, the Chapter(s) you belong to, what cars the NCRS system thinks you own and have had judged, and your judging point history and total. Give it a try if you haven't done so recently, or at all.

I'm looking forward to the 2023 National Convention in French Lick, IN come July 23. There will be a number of Chapter members there having their cars Flight or Bowtie Judged, and some getting their Master Judge awards including one member who will be awarded their 5-Star judging award. The location is close by (relatively speaking) to Bowling Green, so for those with spare time it may be a great opportunity to visit the factory and the Corvette Museum. As we get closer to the convention date, we'll send an email out to find out just how many of you are going and look for an opportunity to all get together.

I hope you are taking advantage of what we have left in cooler temps before the typical summer temps creep up on us. Several cruise-ins and car shows around the valley are still going on during the weekends, or perhaps just head out for a leisurely morning drive to your favorite coffee/breakfast location. This Saturday, April 8th, is one such cruise-in at Alpio's in Scottsdale (Jomax and Alma School). There usually are a few Chapter members there—so join us if you can.

I'll leave you with this rather radical 1980 Custom Corvette from the 2023 Barrett-Jackson auction. Maybe not your taste in customs—but it does make its own statement, sort of like that 1973 in Corvette Summer...



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2023 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Activity & Registration/Contact Information
January 14	1pt Bowtie Judging School Fountain Hills
February 4th	Concours In the Hills Fountain Hills
March 17-18	Chapter 5pt Judging Meet Streetside Classics Mesa, AZ
April 15	Driver/Social Mountainview Pub Carefree, AZ Information
April 14-15	Northern California Sprint Judging Meet Los Gatos, CA Registration
April 28-29	Southern California 5pt Spring Judging Meet Fallbrook, CA Registration
May 13	Chapter Tech Session—Preservation of C1-C4 Corvettes Scottsdale, AZ Information
June 1-3	Pittsburgh Tri-State Regional Altoona, Pennsylvania Registration is Open
June 8-10	North Central Regional Rochester, Minnesota Registration is Open
June 17	1pt Chapter Judging School C1 Mechanical/Chassis Judging Part 2 Information
July 23-27	NCRS National Convention French Lick, Indiana Information Registration
September TBD	Chapter Event TBD
September 21-23	Ontario Regional Ontario, Canada Registration
October TBD	Chapter Event TBD
October 19-21	Texas Regional Frisco, Texas Registration
November 3 (TBD)	5pt Chapter Judging Meet Streetside Classics Mesa, AZ
December 17	Chapter Annual Meeting and Holiday Party Scottsdale, AZ Information

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

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THROUGHOUT THE YEAR THE CLUB IS LOOKING TO HOLD TECHNICAL AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES IN ADDITION TO OUR TRADITIONAL JUDGING ACTIVITIES.

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VICE CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE RON COLEMAN



The year has kicked off with two very good judging events, the Arizona Chapter Judging Meet and the Western Regional Meet in Tucson. The board is planning an active year and is making strides to push our planning horizon out in order to give all members more notice of upcoming events. To this end, we continue to need additional volunteers to handle small tasks such as set up, coffee/donuts, and offering ideas and locations for the events. A few minutes of your time is all it takes. More to come on that over the next couple of months. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

This month we are highlighting an awesome 1971 Corvette named Lomiles owned by Kevin DeWitte, and a 1978 owned by Jim Vranich. Both these cars are Bowtie candidates. Please reach out to me to write an article about your Corvette in an upcoming issue. Whether your car is original, fully restored or in the process of restoration, they all have a story...let's share those stories with your fellow members. All I need is a brief description of your car and its story, along with 2-3 pictures. You can send them to vicechairman@arizonancrs.com, or call me at 480-221-5023.

I want to thank all of the members who participated in the judging events both as car owners and volunteers. The future of the hobby hinges on the involvement of its members. Remember to share your passion for these cars by bringing your spouses and friends as often as you can.

Happy motoring!

WEBSITE REPORT LOREN PETERSON



The Chapter [website](#) will help you find both past and future events that are specific to our local club. A few changes have been made to help. If you are looking for the next event, it will be under the [Calendar](#) tab as soon as the information is available.

A library of previous newsletters is always available and can be found under the [Newsletter](#) tab.

Speaking of interesting stuff... the [Historian](#) tab has some neat historical pics etc. of previous events for the last few decades.

If you can't find what you are looking for, you can use the links throughout the website which should redirect you to another site that might work.

TREASURER REPORT PAUL MOREL



Itemized Categories - Last year
1/1/2022 through 12/31/2022

Date	Account	Num	Description	Tag	Memo	Clr	Amount
INCOME							10,622.00
	2022 Spring Meet						1,098.02
	2022 xmas party income						4,680.97
	2023 Spring Meet Income						56.47
	Fall Meet 2022 Income						2,281.90
	Interest Earned						4.29
	NCRS 2022 Dues						1,231.33
	NCRS 2023 Dues						1,062.02
	NCRS 2024 Dues						187.94
	NCRS 2025 Dues						19.06
EXPENSES							-12,568.58
	2022 xmas party expense						-6,256.91
	Administrative						-115.93
	Chapter Meetings						-95.91
	Charity Expense						-500.00
	fall meet 2022 expense						-1,550.32
	Good Will						-200.00
	Name Tag Expense						-156.87
	NCRS Judging Event Expenses						-1,212.93
	NCRS Judging School						-9.08
	Printing and Reproduction						-22.30
	Web Site						-2,448.33
OVERALL TOTAL							-1,946.58

I hope you got to enjoy the auctions, car shows, and cars and coffee available for the winter and spring months here in the valley. What a place to be for car enthusiasts.

Your board has been working hard to get the club on a better financial footing. We are striving to add fun events, grow the membership and keep up with technology. All we need is you! Contact any board member with ideas, suggestions or offers to help.

I am attaching the club financials for 2022 ending December 31 2022.

NEWSLETTER GARRY MION



The newsletter is published by the end of each quarter, so the next two editions will be coming out June 30th and September 30st. Member articles are always welcome and appreciated. If you want to make a specific edition, then I need the article and any pictures two weeks before the end of the quarter. No need to worry about formatting—in fact the less you do the easier it is for me to import. Attaching pictures to an email (rather than embedding them in the body of the email) is also a time saver for me. Once I get the article, I will contact you if I have any questions regarding the content and placement of pictures.

Call for replacement Editor!

I continue to look for a replacement. With 150+ members in the chapter—I would hope somebody has some editing skills to take over this role. If you have worked with common editing software like Word, Publisher, or In-Design —let's talk. It is not a difficult task, and typically consumes a small amount of time towards the end of the quarter when articles are submitted, the calendar updated, and ultimately the newsletter published. I am happy to discuss the process, time commitments and computer skills needed—just contact me at editor@arizonancrs.com.

ACTIVITES REPORT GREG MAGILL



There is still time to RSVP for this event. If you sent an email and received a reply from me you are on the list.

Member Jim Vranich has arranged for the Mountain View Pub in Cave Creek to receive us for lunch. It will be a pick off the menu and pay individually. We would still like a head count by April 5th so we can let the restaurant know how many to expect for seating. Reply to [me](#) with how many and if you will caravan with the group. If you would rather meet there we will arrive at the restaurant at about 11:00am.

We have about an hour drive planned so if you want to caravan with the club meet at We-Ko-Pa Casino parking lot at 9:30 and we will depart by 10:00 am. We-Ko-Pa Casino Resort, 10438 Wekopa Way, Fort McDowell, AZ 85264



There are placeholders for a Chapter activity in September and October. If you have a suggestion for a Judging School, Tech Session, or driver/social event, please email [me](#), or any of the Chapter Board members.

Sunday, December 17th is the date for the Chapter Annual Meeting and Holiday Party. Planning is underway to return to Scottsdale and the Grayhawk Golf Club. So mark your calendars to save the date.

JUDGING CHAIRMAN REPORT GARY CRAIG



Below you will find information regarding our next two events—the first being a tech session in May on Corvette Preservation, and the second being a judging school in June on C1 Mechanical/Chassis Judging, part two of a judging school we did last year. Looking out in time, our Fall 5pt Judging meet will move out into November to better accommodate those members who leave the valley for the summer.

TECH SESSION—CORVETTE PRESERVATION TOM MCGOWAN

I attended The NCRS National Convention in Mobile last July (2022) and while there I signed into Terry McManmon's Advanced Judging School. During the session an NCRS member stated, "You know, we always have seminars on restoring our Corvettes, but we never speak about "Preserving Them" or "Maintaining Them" for various periods of time. A number of people agreed with her and we had a discussion around it for about thirty (30) minutes. I agreed to put something together for Terry, which I've done. I collaborated on what I'd done so far with Terry at the NCRS Regional in Lakeland, FL. He made a few suggestions, which I made and we are now prepared to move forward. Per Terry's request we provided a copy of the presentation to David Brigham, NCRS National Judging Chairman while in Tucson last week.

The presentation covers C1 through C4 Corvettes. Within the presentation there are fifty-three (53) hyperlinks directly related to educational websites specific to many topics. These topics cover the proper tools and materials to utilize, products of interest for various tasks (fluids, greases, oils, etc.) and companies that can address many of the answers one might have regarding maintenance and preservation of your Corvette(s).

The Saturday, May 13th event will be held at Paul Morel's garage in Scottsdale, should be at minimum enlightening and at maximum educational. Full details will be sent out via email in the coming weeks. We hope to see you there.

JUDGING SCHOOL—C1 CHASSIS/MECH PART 2 GARRY MION

On June 17 you are invited back to my garage for Part 2 of C1 Chassis/Mechanical Judging. With the engine, transmission and exhaust now installed, the rolling chassis is complete in preparation for body drop. This judging school will focus on the configuration of the motor and transmission (which happens to be a 2-speed Powerglide), the driveshaft, and the exhaust. Without the body in place you'll have full view of the entire setup, allowing us to discuss details not so easily seen on the field during flight judging, such as engine/transmission linkages, shifter linkages, driveshaft, exhaust mounts, fuel/brake lines and many more.

The garage is air-conditioned, so no matter what the outside temperature is it will be comfortable inside. Full details will be coming out in May via email, but put a place holder on your calendar for now.

JANUARY JUDGING SCHOOL GARRY MION

On January 14, the Arizona Chapter held a Chapter judging School to discuss Understanding NCRS Bowtie Judging. The event was held at the home of Chapter member Kevin DeWitte. Our thanks to Kevin for not only hosting the event, but also contributing to the discussion.

Gary Craig, pictured at right, was our presenter for the school. Gary has first hand knowledge of the Bowtie judging process having judged several cars himself, and having his own car judged for Bowtie. As with all of our judging schools, it wouldn't be complete without a selection of donuts and fresh hot coffee.

Kevin DeWitte has a 1971 LJ1 Corvette that is going for the Bowtie Judging at the next NCRS National in French Lick, IN. We were able to utilize the two lifts in his garage that we could use to see underneath his 71, as well as Bruce Tanninen's 70 that achieved a Bowtie award at the 2021 NCRS National in Palm Springs.

You can see from the picture below that it was a packed garage. The first part of the presentation was a follow along presentation that Gary put together on the Bowtie judging process and judging criteria. This was followed up with the group spending time underneath the cars and seeing first hand some of the attributes of an original car and how the judging criteria is applied.



As you will read later in this newsletter, Kevin took his '71 to Tucson and successfully completed his Performance Verification. It really is a special car.

Our thanks to Kevin, Bruce, and Gary for their efforts in putting on this judging school.

Tom McGowan, Chapter Historian, has posted his summary on the event on the Chapter website [here](#).



CONCOURS IN THE HILLS GARRY MION

The Chapter once again returned to Fountain Hills for the 9th annual Concours In the Hills Car Show, which raised more than \$480K for Phoenix Children's Center for Cancer Blood Disorders and the Cardiothoracic Surgery Support fund.

It was a beautiful day, full of sunshine and a slight breeze, While the early morning was a bit on the chilly side, it quickly warmed up to where having worn shorts paid off against the slight initial chill. Thirteen members signed up for the event, with model years ranging from a '54 to a '23 Z06. Fortunately we were able to enter and park together. The Chapter has utilized this event to fulfill a couple of its Chapter Top Flight award requirements—specially supporting a charity event, and new member recruitment.



One surprise was that Mark Tulley, NCRS National President, stopped by while on vacation in the area. It was great to see Mark there, and being able to spend time talking with him.



We set up a table with our Chapter banner proudly displayed, and there were several Technical Information Manual and Judging Guides on display for perspective members to look through and ask questions In the end,

There were at least a handful of attendees who indicated they would follow up and consider membership, with a larger number that walked away with one of our membership flyers. I would have to say mission accomplished in fulling our efforts to gain additional members.



It is expected that the Chapter will again be in Fountain Hills for the 10th annual Concours In the Hills, which is scheduled for February 3rd, 2024. I hope that more members will consider helping out with the organization and our attendance at the event.



STREETSIDE CLASSICS SPRING CAR SHOW GARRY MION

On February 18th, several Chapter members stepped up and signed up for Streetside Classics Spring Car Show in support of the United Food Bank. This was the first return of the car show after being halted due to the pandemic. Cars of all makes and models were invited to attend, along with a number of car clubs. Besides the Chapter, Desert Corvette Association (DCA) was also present with their Corvettes. Donuts and coffee were provided in the morning, and there were a couple of food trucks available for breakfast and lunch options.



We had membership flyers present, and looking at the picture at left there were many opportunities to talk to possible future members.

In total there were upwards of about 200 cars that showed up. You had the choice to simply display your car, or sign up to have your car judged by the Streetside staff. Those participating in the judging were lined up down the center driveway between the buildings as shown in the picture below.

Streetside collected approximately 440lbs of food and \$774 in case, which can support upwards of 4,000 meals.



Many thanks to those who supported this show. I look forward to doubling our number of attendees next year.



44TH ANNUAL WINTER REGIONAL GARRY MION

The Florida Regional was again held in Lakeland, Florida from February 23rd to the 25th. It was held in Hanger B of the airpark, and you can see from the picture below that the place was filled. There was also swap space filled with a number of vendors this year, much more than last year.



After landing at the Tampa airport and picking up my car, I made a quick stop at Corvette Shop and Supplies. I was hopeful that they might have some C1 parts that are on my shopping list for my '60, but was quick to learn that would not be the case. Oh well, not much time lost and it was still fun to look around at the cars and talk with the owners.



Pete Bergmann was present to continue his test judging of 2005-2007 Corvettes in preparation for the final release of the TIMJG—hopefully at the National Convention in French Lick.

I was assigned to do chassis judging on the two '62s you see below right. It was unfortunate, however, the owner of the red car in the background didn't show until 3pm on Saturday, so we never got to judge the car.

You can view more pictures from the event, taken by Vinnie Peters, by going [here](#),



SPRING CHAPTER JUDGING MEET GARY CRAIG

On March 17 & 18th, the Arizona NCRS Chapter held another very successful Spring Chapter Judging Meet. This Chapter meet was held again at a great location: Streetside Classics in Mesa, AZ. Thank you Nello and Wendi from Streetside Classics for allowing our Chapter to use this facility!

Seven cars were judged, all for Flight judging at the Chapter level. The Flight cars were excellent versions of the NCRS standard, especially Patrick Garland's 1996 Admiral Blue Grand Sport coupe which received the highest raw score of the event and a fabulous 1978 25th Anniversary with the two tone Anniversary paint owned by



Jim Vranich. Both Patrick and Jim were taking their two cars to the Tucson Regional that was held on March 23-25 so having these cars at our event was special and I believe helped both of them in their quest for PV by Patrick and Bowtie signoff by Jim. We had two C2 cars, both 1967.

Ray Geiger had a nice Rally Red small block and Jim Messmer had a Marina Blue 435 hp 427 big block. We had another Mille Miglia Red 1971 LT1 owned by Mark Gebhardt. Greg Magill brought his 1972 Steel Cities Gray. For the final car, Denise Coleman brought her 2003 red convertible which was a very great looking car. A total of 44 members participated in the Chapter Meet on Saturday. The long distance judge and Tabulator were Ken and Sandra Traverse who came down from Canada to attend our event. Thanks for coming down.



On Friday, we started the Operations Judging on the seven cars. All seven cars made it to the event without any trouble. After Operations Judging, the cars were parked in the Streetside Classics facility for overnight storage. We had 35 participants during the Operations Judging. Following Operations we held a Judging School with Bill Calorico driving up from Tucson to present to all of us regarding Judging Paint and understanding how the paint flow chart works as well as how Distinctiveness of Image (DOI) affects the way we judge the paint on our Corvettes. Unfortunately, I left at home the flyers that Bill provided so these flyers were handed out on Saturday to all the judging school participants. There were 32 Chapter members attend this Judging School, a very nice turnout for Bill's presentation. Thanks Bill for giving us your presentation!



We could not have had such a successful Spring Chapter Meet without our volunteers as well as the fabulous Tabulators; Jeanne Cloutier, Suellyn Bennett, Sandra Traverse, Margaret Craig and a big Thank You to Cathy Bergmann for being the Head Tabulator. Oh, and of course, we couldn't have a successful Chapter Meet without all of our judging teams and three team leaders, David Peterson, Paul Morel and Pete Bergmann. Thank you all for your time and efforts.

Thanks to Pete Bergmann for bringing out his 1999 for Sportsman. Below are the awards that were presented to the owners.



Ray Geiger
1967 Top Flight

Jim Messmer
1967 Top Flight

Mark Gebhardt
1971 Top Flight

Greg Magill
1972 Third Flight

Jim Vranich
1978 Top Flight

Patrick Garland
1996 Top Flight

Denise Coleman
2003 Top Flight

PERFORMANCE VERIFICATION- TUCSON STYLE TOM MCGOWAN

I'm forever grateful to Michael and Sheryl Ingham as well as Tom Barr for organizing the Tucson Regional. They had a very limited timeframe to organize it and in my opinion they did a terrific job.

Not having to haul my '67 Sting Ray to Altoona, PA or Rochester, MN in order to qualify for the Performance Verification was a tremendous cost and time savings for me (and for Kevin DeWitte and Patrick Garland too). My '67 Sting Ray (nicknamed Rita) was primed to pass its' Performance Verification (PV) and fortunately, she did. And, Kevin DeWitte (nicknamed LO MILES - '71 LT-1 Stingray) and Patrick Garland's (Grand Sport) also passed. Of course, it was an adventure.

We all had an opportunity to drive the PV Course (15 miles each run) in practice and once in the real test. These cars did not disappoint. Having said that, the test runs were made late on Wednesday afternoon (the test was Thursday morning), when it rained hard. On top of the rain, the course was backed up due to a car being flipped in an accident on the main road, which caused a tremendous back-up. Suffice it to say that Gary Bennett and I tried to escape the backup by routing around it; Not happening. All we accomplished was to drive on roads that were not fit for a car or a horse. I've not seen roads that bad since I was overseas in the Army. I thought that every light bulb was going to pop out of its' socket. Gary said that I was more nervous than a cat in a room full of rocking chairs. We finally made it back, cleaned up the car, checked it all over and tucked her away for the morning test run.

For those that have done a PV before you know how stressful it can be. For those that haven't, you need to be prepared for anything and test, test and test.

We had a number of members in attendance at The Tucson Regional and many were judges. From a Board perspective, Garry Mion, Gary Craig, Paul Morel, David Peterson were in attendance.

Kevin DeWitte (AZ Chapter) was also in attendance and he brought his magnificent '71 Stingray LT-1 "LO MILES", which passed the PV. Kevin achieved his objectives and I've included a picture of his Stingray at right.

Kevin and I are planning on taking our cars to the National Convention in French Lick, IN. Congratulations, Kevin!



As I mentioned, Patrick Garland also passed his PV, shown with his car at right (from the Chapter judging meet a week earlier). Congratulations, Patrick!

There were other AZ Chapter Members at the Regional that took Top Flight Awards, Including Jim Vranich and Ray Geiger. All of us got together for the photo shot at left.

As we all know, the NCRS provides opportunities for people to gain knowledge through interaction with other members, and to be contributors of valuable information to other members. For those new members to our Chapter, our members don't compete with each other.

We compete with how a Corvette left the factory, which is outlined in our Judging Reference Manuals.

As I mentioned, the three of us were fortunate to have passed the PV, but it wasn't by luck. Rather, it was due to the efforts and commitment of our members that took an interest in our success. Gary Bennett was the person that deserves most of the credit for my success. His knowledge, efforts, experience and patience was invaluable to me. As always, our Judging Chairman, Gary Craig, is always looking out for the best interests of his members who are trying to go to the next level with their cars. I know that he's been a big help to Kevin DeWitte and his success as well. I'm confident that Patrick Garland was able to leverage advice from other members like Pete Bergman. The PV is very hard to pass and takes a committed effort. The more options that you have on your Corvette the more challenging it can be. But, it's worth it to make the effort.



TUCSON REGIONAL GARRY MION

The Tucson Regional was held the week after our Chapter Judging Meet, March 23rd–25th, at the Casino Del Sol resort. Unlike most regionals, this one was pulled together in around six months by the combination of the Northern California Chapter and the Southern



Arizona Chapter. It helped to fill a gap of having a Regional in the west prior to the French Lick National, something that several Arizona Chapter members took advantage of. The event was held outdoors, which is risky from a weather perspective. Fortunately, except for some rain/wind on the Wednesday proceeding judging, it was partly sunny to sunny for the three days of the event, and dry.

Several Arizona Chapter members took advantage of the close proximity of the event for judging their cars. Ralph and Ingrid Klestadt, Ray Geiger, Jim Vranich, and Tim and Brenda Olthoff were there to get their cars Flight judged, with Jim also going for a Bowtie signoff. Tom McGowan, Kevin DeWitte and Patrick Garland were there for Performance Verification testing, and were all smiles after successfully completing the requirements.



Pete Bergmann was there to do his final C6 test judging and gather a few more pictures to complete the 2005-2007 TIMJG. Keith Kolerus brought his '07 Z06 down for test judging, and I had my '08 that was used as example of a high-mileage car with something other than factory replacement of worn parts.

Many members were there to participate in flight judging, tabulation and/or to support our members being judged. The picture below shows a few of them (from left David Peterson, Gary Craig, Garry Eastwood, Bill Calorico, Jim Rand, Gary Bennett, and Tom McGowan). The picture was taken after presenting Bill with a thank you from the Chapter for making time to drive up to our Chapter Judging Meet to present his Paint Judging class. Other members present (in no particular order) were Dave Talley, Dave and Jeanne Clottier, Margaret Craig, Ken and Sandra Traverse, Cathy Bergmann, Doug Brown, Char Eastwood, Phil D'Alessandro, Ron and Denise Coleman, Suellyn Bennett, Shary Kolerus, Dave Barclay, Jim Anderson, Mike and Sharyl Ingham, and Michael Johnson. I apologize if I didn't remember everyone from the Chapter that was there.



Picture above shows Jim Vranich talking with special guest attendee John Amgwert, NCRS founding member number three. John was there having his 1981 flight judged, and was the speaker on Thursday going through his pictorial presentation on the last St. Louis Corvette produced before the line was shut down and the equipment/tools were moved to Bowling Green.

You can see lots more pictures, taken by Vinnie Peters and Ron Bartow, of the event by going [here](#). Unfortunately it doesn't look like any pictures were taken/posted by Vinnie of the banquet and the awards presentations on Saturday evening. Tom McGowan has a few pictures of people getting their awards in his article that preceded this one.

There is a recording of the Town Hall meeting held on Friday night, which you can view by going [here](#)—use passcode: X+t+T84N

Overall it was a well attended event for being scheduled with relatively little notice.



AN INTRODUCTION TO LOMILES KEVIN DEWITTE

Let me introduce you to Lomiles. She is a 1971 LT1 coupe loaded with leather, telescoping/tilt column, stereo, power windows, power steering, power brakes, 4.11 gear, and factory alarm. Her history is somewhat of a mystery, but here's how it was told to me.

She was ordered by Ross Giamo, a Boston firefighter, and delivered to Crown Chevrolet in Framingham, Massachusetts in late February 1971. The car was a gift from his mother and was always treated as a special collector car. Somewhere along the line there was a divorce, and the car went into hiding. Registrations are recorded for Massachusetts and Maine, but wherever it went it was kept in dry storage.

After Ross' death in 2014, his ex-wife took possession of the Corvette, and sold it on June 23, 2015 in order to settle the estate. The notarized bill of sale from that date states the mileage to be 8,652 actual miles. The buyer of the car enlisted the aid of Dave Strickland, fellow NCRS member, to inspect the car before the purchase to ensure it was the real deal.



In June 2021, I was looking at a 1971 LT1 roadster in Massachusetts and asked a friend of mine in Boston if he could get it inspected for me. Through his search for an inspector, Dave Strickland came back into the picture and told my friend that Lomiles could possibly be bought. Both Dave and the seller wanted the car to go to someone who would take the car up the NCRS ranks. After many conversations with Dave and the seller, and after a very thorough inspection and lots of pictures, a deal was struck and I purchased the car in July 2021 with only 8,870 miles at the time. As luck would have it, Kathy and I were attending the 2021 Nationals in Palm Springs and there were several original unrestored 71's there for me to go to school on. Using my new-found knowledge, a lot of cleaning and prepping was done on the car to prepare her for judging.



As a result, the car earned a score of 97.7% at the Arizona Chapter Spring Judging Meet in 2022, as well as achieving a Bow Tie sign off and an amazing 98.4% at the Frisco Regional in 2022. Additionally, at the Tucson Regional in March 2023 we also passed our Performance Verification (thank you Gary Craig!).

We're planning a summer road trip to Bloomington for Survivor Gold, then on to French Lick for Duntov and Bowtie judging. I've always been a C2 guy, but this car is a gas to drive and own. At the end of our PV drive, Lomiles now has only 9,022 miles on her.

INTRODUCING MY 1978 CORVETTE JIM VRANICH

I was actually shopping for a 1968 Triumph TR 250 when I came across this 1978 Corvette Silver Anniversary model. Triumph TR 250s' values have been increasing recently on Bring a Trailer and Hemmings on line auctions. A good TR 250 can cost up to \$30K and expect to put at least \$5K into them after purchase. So this '78 Vette looked mighty appealing at \$22,300.



I reviewed the '78 Corvette's information in the NCRS Classified and learned that it was a Central Office Production Order (COPO) for the Chevrolet Motor Division. After Chevrolet took delivery of this Corvette it was parked in the General Motors Corporate Showroom, West Grand Blvd., Detroit, Michigan. There are pictures documenting it on display.



I use to work for AC-DELCO in Detroit across the street from the GM Building in the New Center One Building. I often visited the showroom perusing all of the General Motors' cars and trucks on display. I immediately recognized this Corvette picture as displayed in the walnut paneled, red-carpeted showroom.



From there it went on tour to dealerships for dealer displays. Could this be the same 1978 Corvette Silver Anniversary I saw at a Hudsonville, Michigan Chevrolet Dealer in 1978?

I purchased this 1978 Corvette Silver Anniversary November of 2021 in Albany, New York with 10,113 verified miles on the odometer. Both my sons live about 2 hours south of Albany so they joined me on the trip north with an empty UHAUL trailer that came back filled with a beautiful Corvette.



Outstanding documentation came with this Corvette. I bought it from a fellow NCRS member of the Adirondack, NY chapter. I am the 5th owner. It is a certified Bloomington Gold Corvette and has earned one Top Flight award. Copies of Titles, the original Monroney Sticker showing Chevrolet Motor Division as the purchaser and many pictures from new were included in 2 binders.

The Top Flight judging sheets were also included. From those I am correcting deductions and fixing some they missed.

My goals with this car are to get a Top Flight award at our March 17 - 18th judging meet in Mesa followed by a Bowtie sign off at the Regional Judging meet in Tucson March 23 - 25th. If my 78 earns these awards its off to French Lick, Indiana to compete for a 4 star Bowtie award.

As I prepare for the Top Flight and Bowtie awards I have to thank Garry Mion, Paul Morel, Gary Craig and Brian Pierce for their help and patience answering my many questions about my newly purchased 1978 Corvette.



See you on down the road!

C6 BATTERY CABLE REPLACEMENT GARRY MION

Many years ago the positive connector on my 2008 battery harness needed to be replaced due to prolonged exposure to acid vapors from a defective battery. Essentially the connector disintegrated to the point where it was no longer able to keep a tight grip on the battery post.



The solution at the time was to cut off the connector, strip back the wires, and install a universal connector as shown on left.

After a failure of the connector (carbon build up that resulted in a no-start condition), I decided to place an order for a completely new battery harness. This was in May of 2021. However, nobody had them in stock. I took a chance and ordered one from Amazon, hoping that sooner rather than later it would again be back in stock. Fast forward to February, 2023, I received a notice that the harness had shipped. So much for sooner.



The new harness was mostly configured like the original, except for the negative side connector. The picture at right shows the difference, where the original connector has a 90-deg configuration while the new connector does not. This rendered the negative post cover useless, and thus makes the change-over quite obvious. I'm not sure as to why this change was made.



The pictures at right show the original cable label, dated 08-09-07, and the new label dated 10/20/22. However, the label is not visible when installed in the car and the battery is in place.



The replacement of the cable was straight forward, but does require that you remove the starter in order to get at the negative side cable mount to the engine block. It also makes it easier to re-route the cable. Having access to a lift will definitely help make the job go smoother.

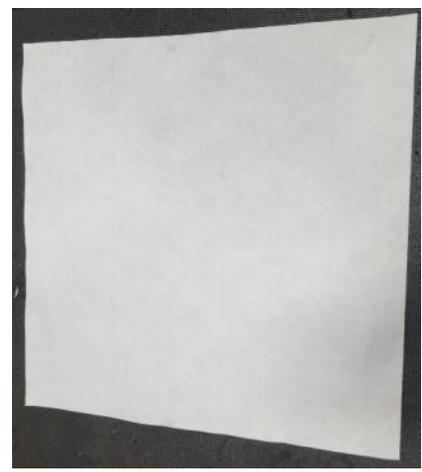
The GM part number for the cable is 20835504. When I originally purchased it via Amazon in 2021 it cost \$72. Now it is upwards of \$125+.

AUTOMOTIVE CLEANING/DRYING SOLUTIONS GARRY MION

If you are looking for something stronger thinner than a rag and much stronger than a paper towel, check out [microfiber cleaning cloths](#). I have used these to clean the underside of all my cars, including my '60 when I was using alcohol to remove years of grease, oil and dirt from the bottom of the body.

The structure of the microfiber cloth makes it as durable as a towel, but has the shape and flexibility of a paper towel. It is absorbent as well, and does a good job of holding a good deal of cleaning solution. My favorite is to use a 70% alcohol solution, which is an effective cleaner and dries relatively quickly.

For drying my car after washing, I really like microfiber [waffle weave towels](#). They are soft and absorbent. I generally use two towels: one for initial drying (that gets wrung out frequently), and another for finish drying. I usually get 3-5 dryings before I relegate the initial drying towel to shop clean-up duties, and the final dry towel to initial drying towel. They are still effective as towels, just not as soft as they once started out to be. Can never have too many shop towels around.



Over the years I have used [Microfiber Wholesale](#) as the place to get either of these towels, but there are places you can check out on the web. Maybe you have a favorite you would like to share with the Chapter members.

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