



# INTAKE MANIFESTO

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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE BY GARRY MION

Hope you had an enjoyable Fourth of July.

The 2022 National Convention in Mobile, Alabama is now less than two weeks away. There will be several Arizona Chapter members in attendance, some getting cars judged, some judging, and perhaps some just looking to hang out. For myself, I was fortunate to get two judging assignments. If you plan on being there, let's see if we can all meet at the membership meeting on Monday night for a group photo. For those not going to the convention, be sure to check out the NCRS Technical Discussion Forum where Vinnie Peters will post pictures daily.



Leading up to the National the past couple of months have been the Carolinas Regional in Greenville, SC and the Indiana Regional in Auburn, IN. I did attend the Carolina Regional, which returned to the same location as the 2019 National Convention. I wasn't able to attend the Indiana Regional, however, but was able to see some of it as chapter members in attendance sent a few pictures during the event. You can view event pictures posted by Vinnie Peters by going [here](#) for the Carolinas Regional and [here](#) for the Indiana Regional. At the Carolinas Regional there was a stunning Cascade Green 1960 roadster, which successfully passed its PV. I spend a fair amount of time talking with the owner, as aside from the interior and exterior colors, the car was similarly configured to my '60. While I enjoyed sharing restoration experiences and discussing judging results, and it was great motivation to get moving on my car.

During the past couple of months there were two Chapter Judging Schools. In May, Gary Craig hosted and presented a school on CDCIF using a combination of printed material and a large selection of physical examples. The combination provided an opportunity for attendees to see how to apply CDCIF just as if they were on the judging field. The examples promoted discussion around how configuration and finish may lead to dating, and what constitutes a component or assembly as being significantly dissimilar resulting in deductions on both Originality and Condition. I look forward to finding more opportunities to utilize both presentation material and physical examples in future Judging Schools. In June, Paul Morel hosted and presented a school on Standard Deductions. Paul went through the entire Standard Deduction guideline sheet, which was recently updated, and had laminated sheets available for purchase at the whopping price of \$1. Standard deductions are utilized for modern replacement items like tires, batteries, windshields and headlamps where exact reproductions are simply not available or government requirements (like DOT) force a configuration deduction. It further applies to the utilization of modern materials like stainless steel and aluminized steel, which provide an aging benefit over the use of raw steel as originally designed. Standard deductions are there to help ensure consistency across a number of originality item deductions that are common to all vehicles on the judging field. Our thanks to both Gary and Paul for opening up their homes and preparing the judging school.

As we all know, holding events in July and August are tough given the elevated temperatures and dew point, along with the occurrence of National Convention which has its own blackout period prior to and after the event. Looking ahead, however, there is a great event planned in September set up by Jim McGowan, Chapter Historian. It combines a bit of a driver, a special guest speaker, and lunch. Information regarding the guest speaker and lunch can be found on the page following the Chapter calendar, Details on the driver are being developed. This is an event that will be of interest to all family members. In October is our Fall 5-point Chapter Judging Meet, with registration opening soon. This is another opportunity for less experienced judges to sign up and get paired up with a more experience judge. We will again be at Streetside Classics, and expect another great field of cars to judge.

On a National level, newly elected President Shannon Urton has set up a web page location where members can keep track of board meeting minutes and other significant board related information. You can access it by going [here](#). At a regional level, Region IX director Mike Ingham has set up bi-monthly meetings to get together with Chapter Presidents as a way to exchange information between Chapters and the National Board. I will pass on a summary of the meeting discussion as it applies to the Arizona Chapter through email as I plan to start up a monthly Chairman's Chat news brief.

You will read later in this newsletter that I continue to seek out a replacement for me as Newsletter Editor. I just have to believe that there is someone in the Chapter who can take over this role. The time commitment is minimal, and the format is open to make it fit your skill level and/or presentation style. I look forward to discussing the opportunity with interested members.

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Regarding the newsletter, I can always use more member articles. One great opportunity is for new/recent members to provide a small write up, with a picture or two, regarding their history with Corvettes, why they joined NCRS, and perhaps future plans related to a purchase, judging, or other objective. Technical and how-to articles related to Corvette models are also of interest, as are articles related to historical and technical information such as websites, books, and apps. On the topic of books, check out the small article at the end of the newsletter regarding a new book written by Larry M. Galloway that talks about the release of the 1963 Corvette. Larry was our guest speaker at the 2021 Regional in Fountain Hills.

Have a great summer, Look forward to seeing you at our upcoming Chapter events.

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# 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Activity & Registration/Contact Information
April 3	Chapter Driver Carefree Hosted by David Peterson
April 7-9	Louisiana Regional New Orleans
April 22-23	Northern California Chapter Judging Meet Suisun City, CA
April 28-30	Indiana Regional Fort Wayne, IN
April 29-30	Southern California Chapter Judging Meet San Marcos, CA
May 14	1pt Judging School CDCIF Mesa
May 19-21	Carolina Regional Greenville, South Carolina
June 10-11	Central California Chapter Judging Meet Paso Robles, CA
June 18	1pt Judging School Standard Deductions Scottsdale,
July 23	Streetside Classics Caffeine and Classics Mesa
July 24-28	<a href="#">2022 National Convention</a> Mobile, Alabama
August 18-20	Northwest 2022 Reginal Meet Redmond, Oregon <a href="#">Registration</a> is Open
August 27	Streetside Classics Caffeine & Classics Mesa
September 17	Special Guest Speaker and Lunch Payson, AZ See details on next page
September 16-17	Southern California 5pt Chapter Judging Meet Culver City, CA <a href="#">Registration</a> Opens July 15
September 24	Streetside Classics Caffeine & Classics Mesa
Oct 14-15	Chapter 5pt Judging Meet Streetside Classics Mesa <a href="#">Registration</a> Opens Soon
October 22	Streetside Classics Caffeine & Classics Mesa
October 20-22	Texas Regional Frisco, Texas <a href="#">Registration</a> is Open
November TBD	1pt Chapter Judging School TBD
December 11	Holiday Party Grayhawk Country Club 11am-2pm

*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 A BOARD MEMBER TO DISCUSS IT.

THE LAST SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH!  
ALL MAKES AND MODELS WELCOME!

at our  
MESA  
LOCATION!

614 E Auto Center Dr Suite 101, Mesa, AZ  
9:00AM - NOON  
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# AZ NCRS SEPTEMBER 17, 2022 CHAPTER EVENT

**Special Guest Speaker**  
**Karsten T. Garbe**  
**Plant Director, Global Pre-Production Operations (PPO)**



Karsten Garbe was named General Motors Plant Director Global Pre – Production Operations (PPO) in September 2017. In this role, he leads the global team of three GM PPO Plants in GMNA, GMK and GMSA and jointly leads our SGM PPO plant in China. Garbe is responsible for the production of all Pre-Production vehicles worldwide, including Autonomous Vehicles like the Cruise Origin, Battery Electric Vehicles like the GMC e-Hummer and Internal Combustion Engine Vehicles like the Mid-engine Corvette and the next Generation of Midsize Trucks.

He successfully prepared and migrated the GMNA PPO Plant into a Production facility for Ultra Low Volume Vehicles and will be responsible with his Team of Skilled Trade employees to produce the GM flagship luxury sedan, the Cadillac Celestiq.

During the start of the Pandemic, from March 2020 to Dec. 2020 Garbe took on the challenging Project Lead of GM's Face Mask Production initiative. In this highly recognized Face Mask Start-up, he led in record time the development and production of more than 27 M Face Masks in the US and supported duplication of the production equipment in GM facilities in Mexico, Canada, Brazil and outside Companies like – Little Caesars.

Prior to his current position, Garbe was in Global Manufacturing Chief positions for Advanced Vehicle Development, GM Small Cars, GM Compact Vehicles and GM Midsize Vehicles, being responsible from Vehicle Architecture development to the launch of more than 30 vehicles in all four GM regions of the world. Garbe had several other positions within Product Development and Manufacturing Engineering through his 32-year career with General Motors which started 1990 at Opel in Ruesselsheim, Germany.

Garbe graduated from Southern Westphalia University of Applied Sciences in 1990 with a German Engineering Diploma in Production Technology.

To prepare himself for Manufacturing Leadership assignments, Garbe successfully finished a 3.5 year apprenticeship as Machine Builder and worked as a skilled trade employee in parallel to his University degree.

**Location:** RIM COUNTRY BBQ [rimcountrybbq.com](http://rimcountrybbq.com)

**Address:** 202 W Main St, Payson, AZ 85541 - **Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Note:** Lunch Will Be Served at 11:30 a.m.

**RSVP by September 2, 2022 to Greg MaGill at [activities@arizonancrs.com](mailto:activities@arizonancrs.com)**

## VICE CHAIRMAN UPDATE BY RON COLEMAN



One of my duties as the Vice Chairman of the Arizona Chapter is to administer our chapter's participation in the NCRS Chapter Award Program. The program was established to recognize the contributions that each Chapter makes to our hobby. Its goal is to promote involvement and participation by members while encouraging the sharing of knowledge in the restoration and preservation of the Corvette.

On a quarterly basis, I provide a report that summarizes our achievement of a set of required and variable activities, which is tabulated and compiled over a period of one program year (January 1 through December 31).

### Required Activities

- Hold at least one Chapter Judging Meet
- Conduct one Chapter Technical Seminar
- Conduct one Chapter Judging School
- Conduct one Chapter Membership Meeting
- Conduct one Chapter Charitable Event (does not have to be Corvette related)
- Conduct on Chapter Road Tour
- Conduct one Chapter Social Event
- Chapter Website must be maintained and linked to [www.ncrs.org](http://www.ncrs.org)
- Must submit proof of IRS filing each year

### Variable Activities

- At least 5% of Chapter members registered in a Chapter or hosted Regional meet
- At least 15% of Chapter members judging or tabulating during a Chapter or hosted Regional meet
- At least 15% of Chapter members must drive their Corvette to a Chapter events
- At least 5% of Chapter members must participate in a Road Tour
- At least 20% of Chapter members must attend at least one Chapter function during the program year
- Number of technical articles published in the Chapter Newsletter
  - Eight for large size chapters
  - Six for medium chapters
  - Four for small chapters
- Chapter must set up a Facebook page and post at least one video of a Chapter event
- Set up an NCRS display at a non-NCRS Car event to promote NCRS and encourage NCRS registration.
- A least a \$100 Chapter donation to a (501-3C) charity (Charity to be one that helps or assists people and is not linked to any political party or person)

Based on our accomplishment against the goals, our chapter is eligible for one of the following Awards, to be presented at the Annual General Membership Meeting held during the National Convention.

- Chapter Top Flight Award@: Performs/completes all nine required activities and a minimum of six variable activities during the program year.
- Chapter Second Flight Award@: Performs/completes eight required activities and a minimum of five variable activities during the program year.
- Chapter Third Flight Award@: Performs/completes seven required activities and a minimum of four variable activities during the program year.

While the Arizona Chapter has a history of receiving the Top Flight Award in past years, achieving this award on an annual basis remains important to ensure the viability of the Chapter and the NCRS. Afterall, our admiration of these vehicles, and the desire to restore and maintain them, is the purpose that brings us together as a club. Broad participation is key in order to continue to build the depth and breadth of knowledge within the Chapter. Individually, it doesn't take a lot of effort to make an important impact. Attending at least one event per quarter, driving your Corvette to at least one event per year, and participating in a Chapter or Regional Judging meet. In return you will help ensure the future of our hobby and learn a lot along the way. I look forward to seeing you (and your Corvette) at a future event.

Happy motoring!

## JUDGING CHAIRMAN UPDATE BY GARY CRAIG



On October 14th & 15th, the Arizona Chapter will hold our 2022 Fall Chapter Meet at a great location: Streetside Classics Showroom in Mesa. Friday will be Operations Judging and a Judging School followed by Flight Judging on Saturday. There will be breakfast & coffee and another great BBQ lunch at this event. Please mark your calendars! Signups for this event will start in the latter part of July!

Have a wonderful Summer and hope to see you at the Mobile National in July.

## TREASURY UPDATE BY PAUL MOREL



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If you live in the northeast valley, you are in one of the best areas for cars and coffee. Many great venues are offered throughout the month. Here's a few of my favorites.

The first Saturday of the month is cars and coffee on High Street. Located just north of the 101 in the Desert Ridge area. This is an incredible event with 400 plus exotic, luxury and classic cars. You do need to register to bring a vehicle and during winter months they can be selective. 7:30-10:00 am. More info at: [highline-autos.com/events](http://highline-autos.com/events)

The second Saturday of the month is cars and coffee at Alpio's at Troon. Alpio's is a great venue full of automobilia which he opens up to the public 7-10 am. on the second Saturday of every month. Located near Pinnacle Peak Park trailhead, there is a great mix of cars, heavy on Ferraris, Porsches and Corvettes. More info at: [alpiosattroon.com](http://alpiosattroon.com)

The third Saturday of the month is cars and coffee at the Penske Museum. Located off Scottsdale Road, south of the 101. For those who have not been to the Penske Museum, it is a must see. Many of Roger Penske's winning Indy 500 cars, stock cars, and Rogers personal race car are on display. This event has many high dollar Ferraris, McLarens, Lamborghinis, Porsches, and Maseratis. You can roam the dealership for all the luxury brands. 7-9 am summer months, 8-10 am winter months. More info: [penskeautomall.com/cars-coffee](http://penskeautomall.com/cars-coffee)

The fourth Saturday of every month is cars and coffee at the Toy Barn, Lone Mountain. Located on Lone Mountain road, west of Cave Creek Road. 7-10 am. This private garage complex opens to the public on the 4th Saturday of every month. Park your hot rod inside their gates and enjoy the garages that many owners open up to see what they are hiding inside. More info at: [toybarnstorage.com/cars-coffee](http://toybarnstorage.com/cars-coffee)

Enjoy

## MEMBERSHIP UPDATE BY DAVID PETERSON



I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer so far. We will most likely have the next two months off from activities as we have our National meet July 24-28 in the cool and dry locale of Mobile, AL and a regional August 18-20 in Redmond, OR. We'll kick things off again in September, up in Payson, with what I think will be a pretty cool event. We will have a guest speaker from GM with lots of great insight into current and upcoming vehicles and I'm sure other great stories. Don't miss this one! As always, don't forget to keep your National membership current as it is a REQUIREMENT to keep your chapter membership in good standing. If you have any questions about your membership status or need help with renewal, you can contact me at [membership@ArizonaNCRS.com](mailto:membership@ArizonaNCRS.com).

Have a great 4th of July! See you soon.

### WELCOME TO THE ARIZONA CHAPTER – NCRS

The following individuals have recently joined our chapter. If you see them at upcoming events, please make an effort to introduce yourself and say hello.

**Howard Schutter**

**Jeffrey Thom**

## HISTORIAN UPDATE BY TOM MCGOWAN



Our Chapter now has 150 members, and there are sixteen members that have yet to respond to their tenure request (when they joined the AZ Chapter). I'll be sending out another personal email to those sixteen members shortly to see if we can get to a 100% response.

You'll note that our [chapter website](#) now has a Historian tab along the top. I'll be posting old events, pictures and text under that tab on a monthly basis. I urge you to check it out and hoping that you all enjoy the memories.

In the not-too-distant future you might even see some Member Profiles under the Historian tab for those members that agree to be interviewed. Each one of our members has a story to tell.

As always, we welcome input from any and all members who have an interest in sharing. You can reach me at [historian@arizonncrs.com](mailto:historian@arizonncrs.com).

With your help, I look forward to continuing to document our Chapter history for the benefit of all members.

All the best

## WEBMASTER UPDATE BY LOREN PETERSON



Our [website](#), [www.arizonancrs.com](http://www.arizonancrs.com), is alive and well. Our new board members have been meeting monthly and if you want to contact any of us, our emails are below our photos at <https://www.arizonancrs.com/contact>.

Our local website is a resource for our members which requires involvement to be effective. So please send a link or an idea if you've got one. Also, if you would like to see anything specific, or see an error, let me know. [webmaster@arizonancrs.com](mailto:webmaster@arizonancrs.com)

## ACTIVITIES CHAIRMAN UPDATE BY GREG MAGILL



Topics, Topics, Topics! Calling all members, we need your ideas. What do you want to learn about? Do you have experience or knowledge about Corvettes or even automotive in general that you would like to pass along? It doesn't have to be judging related. Maybe you worked in the oil industry and you could talk about the pros and cons of synthetic oils. Contact me with your idea and I will help put it together. [Magill.greg@yahoo.com](mailto:Magill.greg@yahoo.com)

The summer heat is here but before long it will be gone. That's why now is the perfect time to start thinking about and planning a beautiful fall drive, picture a manifold of colors as you're cruising along. Is there a road you would like to explore with a bunch of other Corvettes? It takes time to plan and then promote the idea so contact me and we can start putting it together.

Mark your calendar for Saturday September 17th. Thanks to Thomas McGowan who is putting together a drive to Payson and [RIM Country BBQ](#). We have a private dining rooms and they'll be opening early for us so we'll have the entire parking lot to park the Corvettes. A road tour is being arranged down in the valley to caravan up to Payson. Thomas is also working on a special guest speaker so stay tuned for more info. So we can get a head count, please email if you would be interested in attending this event. [activites@arizonancrs.com](mailto:activites@arizonancrs.com)

## NEWSLETTER EDITOR UPDATE BY GARRY MION



The newsletter is published by the end of each quarter, so the next two 2022 editions will be coming out approximately October 31st and December 31st. 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 placemen 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](mailto:editor@arizonancrs.com).

## MAY JUDGING SCHOOL RECAP BY GARY CRAIG

On May 14, the Arizona Chapter held a chapter meeting and judging school discussing Understanding and Using the CDCIF Matrix Judging System. The judging school was held at my garage on the east side of Mesa.

For this judging school, there were many hands-on exhibits to show all the participants, such as different styles of oil filters, air filters, dipstick & tube, radiator caps, distributor caps and other items that we typically judge. The gambit of styles went from the typical production version, a typical service replacement version, and all the way to a significantly dissimilar version of the item being judged. Yes, a K&N air filter will get a significantly dissimilar judgement in our process.



The school was well attended by 25 members. I, along with assistance from Garry Mion, gave the presentation that was very informative and went over all the nuances on using the CDCIF matrix system. During the presentation there was good discussion on how to break down the total number of points per item into the 20% points for each item in CDCIF (configuration, date, completeness, installation and finish) including if a line item has multiple items as well as a single item.

Hopefully, everyone in attendance got some good information from this judging school.



## JUNE JUDGING SCHOOL RECAP BY GARY CRAIG

On June 18th, the Arizona Chapter held a chapter meeting and judging school discussing Understanding and Using Standard Deductions. This judging school was held at Paul Morel's garage in north Scottsdale. Thank you Paul for allowing us to invade your garage for this judging school. The school was well attended by 20 members.

Paul gave us a presentation on the updated Standard Deduction guidelines that was very informative and went over all the nuances on judging the various items in Standard Deductions, such as engine block cylinder cases, batteries, tires, windshields & door glass, headlamps, and etc. Paul even had these Standard Deduction guidelines for our members at a very small cost and no shipping. Many of our judges obtained this guideline at this event.

During the presentation, a very good discussion was led by Paul on the usage of the Standard Deduction guidelines in our judging process. Body color was a topic that was discussed in depth. I have to thank Paul Morel for presenting this information for all of our member's benefit.



I look forward to seeing all of our judges use this information at our next Chapter judging meet in October.

## BENEFITS OF CHAPTER JUDGING BY TOM MCGOWAN

For the most part, this article is directed specifically toward newer members in the Chapter. They may never have been associated with the NCRS, and we're here to inform you that there are many advantages to being a member. One significant benefit is the ability to have your Corvette judged by experts. The AZ Chapter is fortunate to have a number of Master Judges (100, 200, 300, 400 point judges and beyond).

When you register your Corvette for judging at a Chapter event, and it's accepted for judging, you'll come to understand the following:

- The cost is relatively insignificant for the return on that investment.
- Gary Craig, Judging Chair and Master Judge, makes the process of getting your car staged at the event simple.
- Once on the floor, you'll have five Judging Teams examine your car in the following areas: Operations; Interior; Exterior; Mechanical; Chassis
- Typically, each Category Team Leader will be very experienced, as will his or her partner; And, just like a Teaching Hospital, he or she may have an Observer Judge learning the ropes.
- Each Team will review their findings upon completion (this is extremely valuable to assist you in making your Corvette better than the day you brought it for judging. Your Corvette will be measured against The Judging Reference Manual as to what was "Typical Factory Production", and you'll receive the originals of the Judging Sheets for each category not long after the event
- You'll know exactly what to do to take your Corvette to the next level. You don't compete with other cars or members, which is one reason why everyone wants to help you

My experience last March was invaluable. Both my '71 LT-1 and my '67 Sting Ray Convertible were judged. What I was able to learn at the AZ Chapter Event in March helped me significantly in getting a higher score on both cars at The Carolina Regional in May. I am so grateful to Gary Craig and his team of judges for their expertise.

The bottom line: The cost benefit analysis of having your Corvette judged by our Chapter is over the moon.

My recommendation: Consider registering for the October event.



## GREENVILLE, SC REGIONAL RECAP BY TOM MCGOWEN

I had the pleasure of attending The Carolina Regional NCRS Event last month (May) with both of my Corvettes; 1971 Stingray LT-1 and a 1967 Sting Ray L79 Convertible. The decision was made to attend the event AFTER I had both Corvettes judged at the 2022 March AZ NCRS Chapter Event. The information that I gained in Mesa was invaluable in preparing for Greenville, SC and The Carolina Regional. Thank you, Gary Craig, and all of the judges!

Our NCRS AZ Chapter Chairman, Garry Mion, our Judging Chairman, Gary Craig and our Board Treasurer, Paul Morel (also a C3 Expert) were in attendance and they, along with the hospitality shown by The Carolina Chapter made me feel right at home. The event was so much fun and very educational for me. The Regional NCRS Events are known for their expert judging abilities and that's what I was looking for.

I was fortunate to score a 97.3 on the '67 and a 98.1 on the '71. And, I learned a great deal more about the process (getting the Corvettes prepped for a Regional) and the knowledge transfer from the judges related to my Corvettes was invaluable.

They also had the National President (Shannon) in attendance and they held an open session detailing a number of the accomplishments and challenges facing the NCRS as a whole. They requested feedback and it was very informative.

I've included some pictures from this event for your viewing pleasure, with a few comments:



My War Bonnet Yellow '71 getting judged.



My Rally Red '67 getting judged.



A One-Owner 1963 Daytona Blue Split Window Coupe. Owner purchased it in '63, and was his only car for the first 20 years; has 100K+ miles.



An absolutely beautiful Cascade Green 1960 from Maine. The owner also owned at least one car dealership and he told me he could throw the kitchen sink at the restoration.



A Lyndale Blue '67 Coupe that was a one owner just prior to this event when this Gentleman purchased it from the original owner. He purchased it based on the intent of the original owner finding the paperwork (a rather elderly woman). Note to self, never leave the seller's property without getting all of the paperwork at that time.



A nice N14 Side Exhaust Blue '72



A Red '71 LT-1 that passed it's Performance Verification, which is not the easiest thing to do.

## BLOOMINGTON GOLD 50TH ANNIVERSARY BY TOM MCGOWEN

Note that by this article I am not promoting Bloomington Gold (BG). Rather, I'm relating my experience as I had the pleasure of attending the 50th Anniversary of Bloomington Gold in June. Though I didn't bring a Corvette to the event, I was there to support our good friend and AZ Chapter Member, Master Judge, Multiple NCRS Duntov Award Recipient, Gary Bennett. Gary took his 1967 Silver Sting Ray L71 435HP Convertible and of course it scored extremely high and was deemed a Bloomington Gold Award recipient.

In the past Bloomington Gold has moved around the Midwest, as I used to attend BG in St. Charles, IL at Pheasant Run in the '90's. Last year it was at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis, IN. Suffice it to say that the Communities of Bloomington / Normal were pleased to have it back in its' home town. That was evidenced by the approximately 500 Corvette Road Tour on Saturday afternoon. A number of people told me that they felt like royalty as the residents lined the streets and waved flags. Americana; Gotta love that.....

One interesting note is that I had the pleasure of speaking to John Kraman of Mecum Auctions a couple of times. I love watching the Mecum Auctions and it was fun to speak to John.

Below are some pictures from the event.



**Right-hand drive 1963 Z06**



**ZL-1 (wouldn't you like to have it)**



**'68 L88 that would look great in the garage**



**'67 L88 with only 12 Miles**



**Gary & Suellyn Bennett with their high scoring Bloomington gold '67 '71 435Hp**



**Fully restored '53**



Last, but not least two pictures of the crew at the Private Caterpillar Tour in Peoria, IL, arranged by Gary's Friend, John; 4.5 hours in multiple buildings (lots of walking, more than 30 acres under roof). At left is the CAT D11 in final test before delivery.

# MY 1985 CORVETTE BY RON COLMAN

Growing up in Michigan, I was surrounded by car lovers from a very early age. I spent many days helping my father work on the family car, and eventually tackling more ambitious repairs on my own cars in high school and college.

The first Corvette I fell in love with was a brand new 1976 model that was the only Corvette I ever saw in our little town of Shelby, Michigan. I eventually became interested in the restoration hobby in the early 80s, and purchased my first classic car, a 1967 GTO convertible. This of course led to a series of other cars that I would eventually own.

In 1988, I was fortunate enough to have access to a 1985 Corvette that my uncle had purchased new, and which he loaned to me on a couple of occasions. I still recall the sporty feeling and powerful (by 1985 standards) performance.

From the 80s to present, my involvement in Pontiacs has been consistent, though I always wanted to broaden my hobby to include Corvettes. In April 2021 I made it happen by purchasing a 1985 Corvette identical to that which my uncle had owned back in the day. What a feeling it was to sit in the Corvette again. The years melted away as it took me back to that time.

The car was in decent physical condition with good paint, undamaged panels and apparently all of the original components. It ran rough, burned a little oil, and had some functional issues such as slow operating windows, non-functioning remote mirrors, aftermarket radio and non-functioning wipers. Having joined the NCRS the prior November, I was anxious to make as many improvements as I could before the 2021 Regional Meet in May.

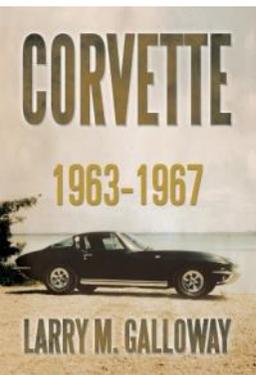
First things first, I attacked the engine issue. After replacing the fuel regulator valve and valve seals, the engine ran smooth and no sign of oil smoke. A tune-up with new plugs, wires, rotor & cap, oil change and filters, as well as new valve covers, helped to clean up the engine bay. Replacing the aftermarket wheels with factory wheels, new tires and new brakes all around improved the ride a great deal. A weekend spent getting the driver side window operating smoothly, and a good cleaning/detailing of the interior got it looking much better. Finally, removing the window tint film from the glass and application of the NCRS decal got me ready.

Though I knew that the car would not make Top Flight, I was pleasantly surprised when the car achieved Second Flight. Since then, I've addressed the pesky oil pan leak and wipers, and am now attacking the remote mirrors, installing a factory radio, repairing a non-functional power antenna, replacing damaged weatherstrip, and replacing worn emblems and switches. Hopefully I can achieve Top Flight at the next judging meet.



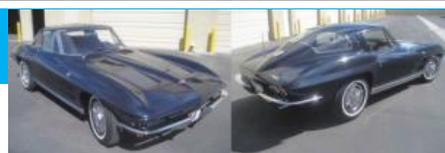
## CORVETTE C2

This is the second book on the C2 Corvette by Larry M. Galloway, and specifically talks about the effort to bring the 1963 into production. You might recognize the car on the cover—it is owned by Chapter members Gary and Suellyn Bennett.



Larry was the guest speaker at the 2021 Regional Convention in Fountain Hills, and has become a great source of information as it relates to the C2 model years, and Corvette production in general during those years. His role within General Motors is explained in the book, and includes associations and conversations with key executives.

You can find the book at most book stores, online, and is even available as an Amazon Kindle download. I recommend it, along with his first book seen at left.



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1963

The Model Year that  
launched the Corvette  
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