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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE BY PHIL D'ALESSANDRO



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone! We had a busy year as described in past newsletters, and this past quarter was no different. Finished the third quarter at Gary Bennett's garage with the Part Two of "Judging Body Paint" which set up for the October Fall Judging Event. Hosted by Streetside Classics, our Judging Chairman, Gary Craig, continued his stellar leadership in conducting the event. Nine cars for judging over the two days, and all accomplished "on time". Thanks to all who provided cars, the judges and tabulators, and the staff of Streetside. Pete Bergmann hosted and provided a concise overview of the PV process in November at his garage to complete the educational sessions for 2021.

We held Board of Director elections in November with some changes which will be covered later in this newsletter. The response was disappointing as only 30% of the chapter voted, something that perhaps should be addressed in the By Laws, ensuring the participation represents the majority of the membership. Here's to a successful term for the new BOD.

December wrapped up the year with the Annual Membership/Holiday Event at Casino Arizona, which opened their Eagles Buffet just for us. None of the other valley casinos have opened their buffet, so we were fortunate to have our event. We had a great turnout of 75, plenty of food and drink and I had invited members of the Solid Axle Corvette Club to join us as we have a 60% overlap between the clubs. The centerpieces, provided by my wife Joann, went to the youngest male at each table. (I certainly wasn't going to ask the age of our ladies!). I secured two Barrett-Jackson General Admission tickets for each day and two tickets for the entire auction week which were given to ten different members by random drawing. As outgoing Chairman, I wanted to recognize a member, who, in my opinion, was the Chapter's MVP for the past three years of my Chairmanship. I called this recognition the "Chairman's Award" and awarded it to our Judging Chairman, Gary Craig. This award consists of C8 Hot Laps for two at Ron Fellow's Spring Mountain Racing School. Gary might have to make room in his garage after the experience.

I again want to thank everyone who added additional funds to their registrations to support our Charity, Harvest Compassion. The event registration had some additional revenue built in, but that amount was an unknown based upon final attendance and the casino invoice. The final donation to Harvest Compassion will be \$1,990.68, enough to feed 71 families for a month!

From the business side, the Chapter is in great shape, financially secure, 150-plus members, and ready to tackle the 2022 Top Fight Award requirements.

Final note, as I have done for the past six years, I will organize a caravan for the Concours in the Hills car show. Scheduled for February 12th, 2022, the program flyer and registration form can be found later in this newsletter. Once I know who is participating, I will communicate the plan to meet and caravan to the Fountain.

Thanks for being a great Chapter and allowing me to serve as Chairman.

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2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

| Date | Activity & Registration/Contact Information |
|----------------|--|
| October 8-9 | Fall 5pt Chapter Judging Meet— Streetside Classics Mesa |
| October 15-16 | SoCal & CCC Joint Fall Judging Meet— Buellton, CA |
| October 21-23 | Texas Regional—Frisco, TX |
| November 20 | 1pt Judging School and Chapter Meeting— Preparing for PV Chandler, AZ |
| December 12 | Chapter Holiday Party Casino Arizona Eagle Buffett |
| January 22-30 | Barrett Jackson |
| January 15 | Chapter Meeting and Technical Session—Corvette Fuels and Lubricants Mesa, AZ |
| February 19 | 1pt Chapter Meeting and Judging School—C1 Chassis Gilbert, AZ |
| February 12 | Concours In The Hills Fountain Hills Online Registration Contact - Phil D'Alessandro |
| February 23-26 | Florida Regional Lakeland, Florida Registration is Open |
| March 4-5 | Southern Arizona Chapter Judging Meet Tucson, AZ Registration is Open |
| March 18-19 | 5pt Chapter Judging Meet Streetside Classics Registration is Open |
| April TBD | Chapter Driver Looking for ideas and volunteers to help organize—contact a Board member |
| April 7-9 | Louisiana Regional New Orleans Registration is Open |
| April 29-30 | Southern California Chapter Meet San Marcos, CA Registration Opens January 15th |
| May 19-21 | Carolina Regional Greenville, South Carolina |
| July 24-28 | National Convention Mobile, Alabama Registration Opens February 1st |
| August 18-20 | Northwest Regional Redmond, Oregon |
| October TBD | 5pt Chapter Judging Meet |
| October 27-29 | Texas Regional Frisco, Texas |
| December TBD | Chapter Holiday Party |

The above list of events are subject to change. Visit the Chapter & National Websites for latest details

These events may be impacted by the Covid-19 social distancing guidelines put into effect by federal, state, and local agencies. Updates, as soon as we know them, will be sent out to chapter members.

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.

2022 CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY GARRY MION

The Chapter will start 2022 with three new board members. Ron Coleman is the Vice Chairman, Paul Morel is the Treasurer, and Tom McGowan is the Chapter Historian. Below each have provided a write-up on their background to help you become more familiar with them. I am excited to be working with them, along with those board members who will continue in their prior roles: Gary Craig as Judging Chairman; Brad Vigesaa as Secretary; David Peterson as Membership Manager/Admin; Loren Peterson as Webmaster.

As your newly elected Chairman, I thank you for your vote of confidence to lead this Board and the Chapter membership. While I will also continue to hold the position of Newsletter Editor, I would welcome the opportunity to work with a Chapter member over the next year with the goal of taking over the responsibility by 2023. It doesn't require much time, but does require that you be capable of working with common publishing software (Windows or MAC).

One board position that is currently vacant is that of Activities Chairman. The purpose of this position is to work with the board and the membership to fill out the Chapter calendar, with a focus on social events: drivers; cruise-ins; coffee/lunch gatherings, parties, and other non-judging activities. This is not to say that the Activities Director will plan and organize everything, but rather seek out ideas and recruit volunteers to aide in or do most of the work. There have been several ideas that have been discussed in the past that just need a push to make them a reality. I'd be happy to discuss more about the role if you have an interest but are having reservations making a commitment.

Before closing, I want to thank the exiting board members for their leadership, support and contributions over the past few years: Phil D'Alessandro as Chairman; Dave Talley as Vice Chairman; Dave Barclay as Treasurer; John Richards as Activity Directory. Each were recognized with a plaque at the Holiday Party as a way for the membership to express the Chapter's appreciation for their efforts.

While the Board is there to help guide the Chapter, it is the members that really make it all work through your voice and involvement. There is always a need for judges, presenters, organizers, and support volunteers, along with your suggestions and feedback. I look forward to seeing and talking with you in the coming months.

RON COLEMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN

As a boy I would frequently assist my father with home auto repairs, and learned many basic skills in the process. My interest in auto restoration began to develop as a passion of mine ever since I purchased my first car in 1975, a 1965 Ford station wagon. Armed with a Chilton's manual and a humble collection of basic tools, I learned how to repair and maintain it, and drove the car in high school and my first year in college. This was closely followed by the purchase of a 1966 Pontiac Catalina which I drove throughout the remainder of my college career.

During my first active duty tour in the Marine Corps, I acquired a 1967 Pontiac GTO while stationed in California, and quickly became actively involved in the Pontiac-Oakland Club and the GTO Association of America. Upon return to civilian life, I was a founding member of the West Michigan chapters of both organizations, serving as chairman and secretary on two different occasions. Over the year, I participated in the restoration of multiple Pontiacs with friends, and have owned/restored five of my own Pontiacs since that time.

Though always an admirer of Corvettes, I made my first acquisition of a 1985 Corvette in 2021. This particular car is identical to the 1985 Corvette purchased new by my uncle, and which I was privileged to utilize multiple times in 1988 and 1989.

In 2019, I retired from a 35-year career in electronics manufacturing and started an auto restoration business in Phoenix, specializing in GM automobiles. My beautiful wife Denise and I are car lovers, and are excited about our involvement in the NCRS.

PAUL MOREL, TREASURER

I am happy to serve on your board of directors for the NCRS Arizona Chapter. As treasurer I'll strive for transparency and streamlining of the finances. I look forward to working with the new board.

I joined NCRS in 2012 but my love of Corvettes goes back to when I was a kid. Growing up in New Hampshire with two friends whose Dad owned a Chevrolet dealership, I caught the bug early in life. I was thrilled to get my first Corvette at age 20.

By convention time in July, 2022 I'll be a 300 level master judge with the C3 team (1968-1972). I travel to most regional events as well as the National convention. Please reach out if there is anything I can do for you. At NCRS we come for the cars but stay for the people.

TOM MCGOWAN, CHAPTER HISTORIAN

I joined the NCRS in 1994 (Member #24,409) and enjoy being a member of the Arizona Chapter. I have owned 15 Corvettes over the years and presently own a '67 L79 Rally Red Convertible, and just purchased a '71 Warbonnet Yellow LT1 with less than 10,000 documented original miles.

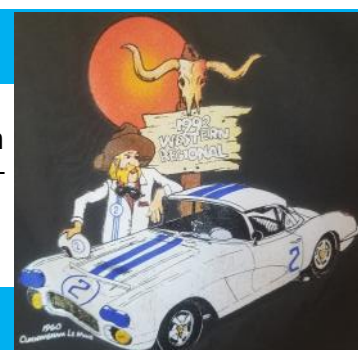
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I've chaired numerous sub-committees for the National Academy of Television Arts & Sciences Technical EMMY Committee, presented to large audiences at the Society of Broadcast Engineers (SBE), Society of Motion Picture & Television Engineers (SMPTE), the Sports Video Group (SVG), and similar organizations/events. I serve on the David Sarnoff Medal Selection Committee for SMPTE.

I currently live in Payson, am a Veteran of the US Army ('69 - '75), a Member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a Life Member of The American Legion. I'm single, never married, traveled the globe extensively and have a passion for Golf, Corvettes, Family and Friends (not necessarily in that order).

SPEAKING OF CHAPTER HISTORIAN...

One of the goals of having a Chapter Historian is in identifying and collecting information and physical items associated with the history of the Chapter since it's inception. Perhaps you can help either directly (you were around in the early years, pre 2000) or indirectly (know of someone who was involved in the early years). Start thinking about how you may be able to help, and lets see how we much we can rediscover about our past.



Q3 TREASURY UPDATE BY DAVE BARCLAY

Our financial balances as of December 28th, 2021, are: Checking Account: \$2446.73
 Money Market Account: \$25,100.55

The September 27th through December 28th income/expense activity breaks down as shown below..

| Income | |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Membership Dues Received | 1900.40 |
| NCRS Fall Judging Event | 301.62 |
| Interest Earned | .63 |
| Total | \$2202.65 |

| Expenses | |
|---------------------------|------------------|
| Board Meetings | 118.67 |
| Administrative | 257.43 |
| Name Tags | 36.00 |
| Fall Chapter Judging Meet | 1589.41 |
| Website Administration | 158.92 |
| Total | \$2160.33 |

KEEP YOUR NATIONAL INFORMATION CURRENT

All of the Board members utilize the NCRS National System to identify, interact, and communicate with Chapter members. Thus, it is important that your information (email, address, etc) is current, and the only way to keep it current is for you to make any necessary changes directly.

You would do this by going to the ncrs.org website and logging in.

- Click on Services
- Then click on Change Your Address, Email, Phone

From there, verify the information and if necessary make any appropriate changes.



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FALL CHAPTER JUDGING MEET RECAP BY GARY CRAIG

On October 8 & 9th, the Arizona NCRS Chapter held another very successful Fall Chapter Judging Meet. We held this Chapter meet at a great new location: Streetside Classics in Mesa. Thank you Dallas, Charles and Wendy from Streetside Classics for allowing our Chapter to use your facility! Seven great looking Corvettes were judged for Flight Judging. We had a 1954 Corvette owned by Candace Paulino being Flight Judged. Usually we don't see too many 53-55 Corvettes come out for judging. Thanks Candace for bringing out your 54 Corvette. We had one of the newer Corvettes being judged come out, a 2001 owned by Richard Fleming. Thanks Dick for bringing your 2001 out to be judged. Of course we had a big turnout for C2 Corvettes and I had to defer three of them to the Spring Chapter Meet. Thanks Kevin, Paul and Bob for bringing out your C2 Corvettes. Sorry Steve, Tom & Bill for having to defer your C2 Corvettes to the Spring. Additionally, we had two C3 Corvettes, both 1969s, great looking cars from Chuck and Joe. We had four cars driven to the event for Sportsman display, a 1963, 2002, 2003, and a 2014 Corvette. A total of 44 members participated in the Chapter Meet.

This year, 2022, has been a better year for NCRS Chapters to have Judging Meets or in-person Judging Schools. Our Chapter has been active in holding the first Regional since Covid-19 hit the world and continued by holding a Chapter Judging meet this fall. It is good to get everyone back together in-person. Thank you to all members for continuing to support our Chapter.

On Friday I held a Judging School regarding Standard Deductions with very good participation from all of the members. This school was timely since the following day we would be using Standard Deductions on all seven cars. We had 27 Chapter members attend this Judging School.

| Flight Awards | | |
|-----------------|------|------------|
| Candace Paulino | 1954 | 2nd Flight |
| Kevin Dewitte | 1965 | Top Flight |
| Paul Bailey | 1966 | 2nd Flight |
| Bob Swaback | 1966 | Top Flight |
| Joe Bonner | 1969 | 2nd Flight |
| Chuck Mercurio | 1969 | 2nd Flight |
| Dick Fleming | 2001 | Top Flight |

We could not have had a successful Fall Chapter Meet without our volunteers as well as the fabulous Tabulators: Cathy, Beverly, Suellyn and Margaret. And of course we couldn't have a successful Chapter Meet without all of our judging teams and the team leaders Garry Mion, David Peterson and Paul Morel. Thank you all for your time and effort.

We also had for Bowtie display a very original low mileage 1970 Corvette owned by Bruce Tannen. This 1970 just received the Four Star Bowtie award at the 2021 NCRS National in Palm Springs California and I got to judge this fabulous car for Bowtie Mechanical at that National. Bruce, thanks for bringing your car out to our event!

One of our future Judging Schools regarding Bowtie Judging will feature this car. Bruce is working to obtain a 5 Star Bowtie award for this car and to achieve a Duntov award as well, good luck!

| Sportsman Awards | |
|------------------|------|
| Steve Lambrecht | 1963 |
| Pete Bergmann | 2002 |
| Dana Richard | 2003 |
| Mike Amos | 2014 |



JUDGING SCHOOL RECAP—PITFALLS OF PV BY GARY CRAIG

On November 20, the Arizona Chapter held a Chapter Meeting and an in-person Judging School regarding the topic: Avoiding Pitfalls of PV Test. Pete Bergmann presented this topic at the 2021 NCRS National in Palm Springs, CA and was generous enough to present this topic to our AZ members at this Judging School. This judging school event was held at Pete's garage in Chandler and there were many Corvettes driven to the school. Thank You Pete for hosting our Judging School at your garage. Pete presented the topic and we had a lively discussion and points given since we have many members that have taken their Corvettes through the process for a Duntov award and Performance Verification (PV) is a critical and difficult part of obtaining this Duntov award. There was plenty of coffee and the donuts were all eaten so it was a good event. It looked like everyone enjoyed getting together to talk Corvettes and learn something new.



UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY TECHNICAL SESSION BY GARY CRAIG

On January 15, the Arizona Chapter will hold a Chapter Technical Session at my garage. Topic will be Fuels and Lubricants for Vintage Corvettes. I presented this topic at the 2021 NCRS National in Palm Springs, CA. This Technical Session will use this presentation plus have many hands-on exhibits related to the topics being discussed. A flyer will be sent to all Chapter members detailing location and time.

CONCOURS IN THE HILLS

On February 12th, Phil D'Alessandro will again be organizing an Arizona Chapter NCRS presence at this 8th annual show in Fountain Hills, which attracted well over 1000 cars in 2020. This event raises money benefiting Phoenix Children's. You can read more about the event by going [here](#).

Space is limited, so if you plan on attending please go [here](#) to register. Cost is \$60/car. Once you have registered, let Phil know you will be attending by emailing him at pdalessandro9@gmail.com.

Besides a great setting with the fountain in the background and lots of cars, it is also an opportunity to meet and talk with other corvette owners who may not be familiar with NCRS and what it has to offer.

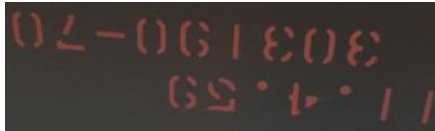
Even if you don't plan to register and show your car, come out and support the Chapter, perhaps also finding it your heart to make a donation.



FEBRUARY JUDGING SCHOOL BY GARY MION

On February 19th, the Arizona Chapter will hold a Chapter Judging School at my garage in south Gilbert. I will be going over C1 Chassis Judging, using my body-off frame as reference. This will provide easy viewing of chassis details not otherwise viewable with the body on or the car on the ground. I will cover areas related to CDCIF where there is divergence from the Judging Manual, or where interpretation may lead to differing opinions as to typical factory production.

With some luck (and a lot of get off my butt and finish it already effort), I hope to have the engine, transmission, and exhaust installed. A flyer will be sent out in early February to all Chapter members detailing location and time.



SPRING CHAPTER JUDGING MEET BY GARY CRAIG

On March 18-19, 2022, the Arizona Chapter will be holding our 2022 Spring Chapter Meet at the [Streetside Classics](#) facility in Mesa. This event will be similar to our 2021 Fall Chapter Meet where Operations testing will be conducted on Friday along with a Judging School, followed by the normal Flight Judging on Saturday. We already have 3 C2 Corvettes that are signed up from the 2021 Fall Chapter Meet overflow.

Registration is open and ready for you to sign up.



ALUMINUM VALVE COVER RESTORATION BY MIKE MILES KIEWICZ

While at the John Marsh car show in Sun Lakes, I spoke with a fellow car enthusiast who inquired if I might be interested in a pair of Corvette Aluminum Valve Covers. I said yes, of course, as all car parts geeks would naturally respond.

I was becoming excited until he mentioned the covers had been painted Navy Blue! This fact could have been a significant obstacle, but I figured what do I have to lose.

He was planning on traveling the next couple of weeks, so when he returned, I contacted him and decided to see the covers in person. I asked John Marsh to join me since the owner of the parts lives in the Sun Lakes area.

When we arrived, the Gentlemen brought out the valve covers. As he stated, they were very blue, but otherwise, they were in excellent condition without any cracks or dents. Of course, they would need restoring, but I purchased them anyway and put them on a shelf in the garage, where they stayed for a couple of years.



I finally decided to start the restoration project and first tried to remove the paint with Lacquer Thinner. Nothing I tried seemed to touch this resilient paint. I contacted John Marsh and expressed my frustration. He told me about a company he used to strip his aluminum F.I. doghouse. The company's name is Express Metal Cleaning in Phoenix.

They did a great job removing the paint, which was probably powder coated. The process used was dipping the valve covers in a solution to remove the paint, and no bead blasting was necessary. They completed the entire process in one day.

The next step would be getting them back to looking new again. I used a Company in the Los Angeles area to refinish aluminum valve covers and intakes in the past. I called Judy, the owner of the Company, and she asked me to send the covers to her facility for restoration.

The Company is:
J & P Precision Deburring
818-998-6079

Two weeks later, I received my restored valve covers back, and they looked brand new! What a difference looking original again can make.

I hope this helps any of you that might require finding a reputable company to restore aluminum parts for any future projects.



PULL THAT OIL OUT BY JOHN LEGATE

Many years ago while returning home from San Francisco, the plastic oil pressure gauge line ruptured in our '72. The result was the entire oil content of the engine being evenly distributed on the lower firewall and surfaces underneath the car. What a mess!

Fast forward to a current restoration, I realized the oil had soaked into the fiberglass. After some research, I tried different potions (sawdust, lacquer soaked rags, etc.), to no avail. Masking tape (or anything else!) would not stick to the interior floor areas of the car.

While shopping at Home Depot, I came across a concrete driveway & porous surface stain remover called "Pull It Out!" by Chomp. It is a snow-white liquid that is painted on and dries to a white residue powder, UNLESS it has absorbed oil, in which case the residue turns a dark color.

I used 2 or 3 coats on BOTH sides of the fiberglass, or when the final coat dried white. Residue can be vacuumed or wiped clean with a damp cloth. I was happy with the results



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