

# **PRAIRIE CORVETTE GAZETTE**

**April 2020**

**Newsletter**

**National Corvette  
Restorers Society**

**Next Meeting**

**None scheduled at this time  
until we see where the  
Virus lockdown takes us!**

**Chapter Chairman's  
Message**

**You may recall that in previous  
issues of the newsletter, both  
Brad and I pointed out that two  
regionals and the national  
convention were going to be  
held in the Midwest this year:  
The Rocky Mountain Regional in  
Loveland, Colorado on May 28-  
30, the North Central Regional in  
Rochester, Minnesota on June  
11-13, and the 2020 National  
Convention in French Lick,  
Indiana on July 19-24.**

# **Nebraska Chapter**



**I just received notification from  
Mike Ingram, NCRS National  
President, on behalf of the NCRS  
Board, that the National  
Convention has been cancelled.  
The following is the summary of  
his letter. "In light of the  
ongoing coronavirus pandemic  
and the evolving guidance from  
the CDC, federal, state, and  
local authorities, the NCRS  
Board of Directors has decided  
to cancel the 2020 Convention  
planned for July 19-23. The  
health and wellbeing of the  
NCRS membership was foremost  
in our mind as we made this  
decision.**

**Refunds will be made to those  
who have already registered.  
The French Lick Resort has  
already, or will shortly Issue a  
blanket cancellation of  
reservations made in the NCRS  
block."**

**"We are strongly recommending that all NCRS Chapters continue to follow CDC, federal, state, and local guidance until the coronavirus pandemic is behind us. At a minimum, we suggest that you cancel any events planned between now and the end of the Convention blackout period, which would have run through August 6, 2020. Mike Ingram on behalf of the NCRS Board"**

**Brad and I had not realized the far-reaching effects of the Coronavirus. Our continued good health is the main priority at this point.**

**This will certainly be a great time to work on those corvette projects.**

**Regards and be safe, Gene**

**From the Chapter  
Judging Chairman –  
Brad Hillhouse**

**Wow, what a month it has been! Who would have thought when we had our judging school on February 29 that the world would change so quickly? I think I remember joking with a few people about not shaking hands and we laughed! If only we had known.**

**I wanted to thank everyone that attended the Nebraska Chapter for our chassis judging school**

**and I hope that we put on a good event for you. One of my primary duties as judging chairman is presenting informative schools to the chapter. All of the judging points have been assigned to your "about me" page on the NCRS national website. If for some reason you did not receive your points, please let me know asap.**

**Looking forward this year, every event for the next 3 months at chapter, regional and national level has been cancelled. Of course, this is a huge disappointment as we had chapter members that had plans to attend and take cars to Rocky Mountain, Rochester regionals and French Lick for the national convention.**

**Although I completely understand the cancellations, it is no less of a disappointment. We had members with plans for Regional & National Top Flight awards as well as Bowtie, McClellan & Mark of Excellence Awards. With the availability of so many events in the Midwest, I was looking forward to seeing the Nebraska Chapter be represented with great Corvettes and owners.**

**I do want to let you know that the Nebraska Last Blast 2020**

Judging event is still on and planning is well underway. I think that we all will be ready for a NCRS event by this fall and this virus will hopefully be behind us. **PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW for October 16-17, 2020 in Lincoln, NE.** The event in 2019 was so well attended we have moved to Lincoln this year to a larger venue that will hold more cars and people. We are working on setting up a host hotel, a museum tour, meals, judging schools and more and I know you will want to attend. Registration is not yet available, but mark your calendar now for **October 16 & 17, 2020 and plan to attend!**

Lastly, I know that there is a hunger to stay involved with NCRS even in these days of “social distancing”. I am working on implementing a plan to do a chapter judging school online using either Zoom or Facebook Live. I am still working out the details and will let you know when the school will be held. Lastly, to keep up with the latest information from the Nebraska Chapter and regional and national information make sure to follow **NCRS Nebraska Chapter** on Facebook and go to our website:

[www.NCRSNebraska.com](http://www.NCRSNebraska.com)

Stay safe out there!

**Brad Hillhouse**

**Membership Manager**

**& Judging Chairman**

## **Update: Chapter Flight Awards**

I hope you are staying safe and healthy during this crazy time. Based on the current situation many chapter events have been cancelled, with more likely to come. This would make compliance with the activity requirements of the program impossible to achieve this year. For this reason, the National Board, made the decision to cancel the Chapter Top Flight Program for 2020.

This is very disheartening because this was one of our Chapters top goals this year. But on the bright side since some Chapters, including our Nebraska Chapter, had already completed some of the requirements for 2020. It was decided that completed events could be used to satisfy the 2021 program requirements. With that, our first quarter report has been submitted and our Chapter has completed close to 25% of the requirements for next year.

**It is also my belief that as this pandemic recedes later this year, we will be back on track to add and complete more events for 2020. It is also my hope that these events can be rolled over to be used for the 2021 program requirements also.**

**I would really like to thank all of our Chapter membership for their enthusiasm and participation in our first quarter events. Hopefully we can be back in high gear later this year. I will keep you posted!**

**Craig Stephan**

**Chapter Secretary**

**Chapter Flight Award**

**Administrator**

**Treasurers Report from  
Chapter Treasurer Gary  
Neimanis**

**Greetings everyone, it's that time of year when our chapter seeks to collect its annual membership dues. I'd like to remind those that haven't paid that now is the time to do so. So, if you haven't paid your 2020 dues, please send a check made payable to the Nebraska NCRS Chapter in the amount of \$20. The check can be mailed to:  
>> Gary Neimanis  
>> Neb NCRS Treasurer  
>> 9275 Diamondhead Drive  
>> Dexter, Iowa 50070**

**If you'd rather not send a check but want to pay via PayPal send me an email at garyneimanis@gmail.com and I will provide you with PayPal instructions.**

**>> A reminder email will be sent individually to members in early April indicating that their 2020 dues are still due.**

**Be safe and stay healthy, Gary**

## **Chapter Membership Dues Are Now Due!**

**Our NCRS Nebraska Chapter Membership Dues come up for payment each April. Our NCRS Chapter year runs from April 1 thru March 31. Please fill out the attached form to include with your payment of \$20.00. This form will allow us to make sure we have all the correct data for you and your Corvette(s)**

**(Attached to this  
Newsletter)**

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**2019 - NCRS Nebraska  
Chapter Meetings,  
Activities, Functions  
and Upcoming Events  
Nebraska Chapter  
Meetings & Events are  
listed below in BLUE.**

May 14-16, 2020 NCRS  
Adirondack Regional in Albany,  
NY **Cancelled**

May 28-30, 2020 NCRS Rocky  
Mountain Regional in Loveland,  
CO **Cancelled**

June 11-13, 2020 NCRS North  
Central Regional in Rochester,  
MN

July 19-23, 2020 NCRS National  
Convention in French Lick, IN  
**Cancelled**

August 20-22, 2020 NCRS  
Northwest Regional in Redmond,  
OR

October 22-24, 2020 NCRS Texas  
Regional in Frisco, TX