

PRAIRIE CORVETTE GAZETTE

June 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**

**I want to thank Brad, Greg,
Craig and Gary for their efforts
in making this newsletter
interesting and informative. With
the complete shutdown of most
NCRS activities at the national
level, it becomes difficult to find
topics to write about. With the
many new members that have
been added to the club's roster,
the addition of a "New Member"
introduction in the newsletter**



**the H & H Car show scheduled
for July 19 in Omaha has now
become the H & H "Cruise".
Cars will still meet at the
dealership, but will then go on a
one-hour cruise through town.
Maps and details to follow from
H & H.**

**The Nebraska Chapter will be
holding its first online judging
school on July 11, 2020. These
are beginning to happen
throughout the country, and I
have heard only good things
about them. Brad has details on
the event and how to sign up in
his remarks.**

**Plans for the Last Blast 2020 are
continuing, and it looks like the
event will be larger and more
fun than the inaugural event last
year. More details to follow.
Keep working and enjoying
those Corvettes and hopefully
we will be returning to nearer**

normal in late summer/early fall.

Stay safe, Gene

NCRS Nebraska Online Judging School

July 11, 2020 10:30-12:30

Last month I told you about the NCRS online judging schools that are now being held to NCRS Members while we are trapped at home and all in person NCRS events are on hold. Several other chapters have hosted online judging schools and they have been extremely informational to NCRS Members around the USA. Schools already completed online have been: Trim Tags, how to spot the fakes, Stamp pad & broach marks judging, C2 1963-7 Chassis Judging, and more. The Nebraska Chapter will be holding its first online judging school on July 11, 2020. The topic will be: **How to Be Judged & Owners Etiquette**. This school will focus more towards the NCRS member having a Corvette judged for the first time. There will also be information presented that will be helpful to the Corvette owner that has been judged many times as well as to the judges that are inspecting the car on the judging field.

The seminar will be an hour PowerPoint presentation online using the Cisco Webex platform. This is an interactive computer program where you can log in to

the meeting and then view the presentation live with your fellow NCRS Members. To participate, you need to go to the NCRS National website, go to the “Coming Events” tab, then “Event Registration”. From there, it is just like registering for any NCRS Event. There is no charge for the event and with a few page clicks, you will be through the registration process. If this is your first time, you will need to go to the Webex platform and download the free app to your computer. Then on the day of the event, log in and enjoy the school! You can also go to our chapter website:

www.NCRSneb.com and click on the “Online Judging School” tab for more information.

Other chapters are hosting schools almost every Saturday morning and it would be worth your time to get registered for those. There is a lot of National quality judging schools being held that you can watch from the comfort of home. Any other questions, please let me know.

Brad Hillhouse

Nebraska Judging Chairman



Greetings everyone! Now that we're approaching the 2nd half of 2020, planning has begun on our Last Blast event. Let's hope and pray we can all resume some form of the "new normal" that will allow us to enjoy the camaraderie and friendships we've built among our membership, and to continue to support the beloved Corvette hobby we have in common. Just a few notes, the Chapter PayPal account is now set up. Our first form of commerce came from the addition of a new member to our Chapter, Diane Quackenbush. I'm not sure she even realized she was the first person to pay via our PayPal portal but I'm glad she did as it validated the PayPal functionality. PayPal is an easy and convenient method of payment and it's a great service not only for our chapter members but other NCRS members that want to register and participate in our events. The chapter PayPal address is ncrsnebraska@gmail.com so give it a try when registering for events or when paying your dues. Speaking of dues, we are

down to only a few members that haven't yet paid their 2020 Chapter Dues. For those of you that still haven't paid (you would have received an email from me) you can pay through the PayPal address above or send your check directly to:

NCRS NEBRASKA CHAPTER

Gary Neimanis, Treasurer

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Financial Report: Checking account balance at the End of May was \$4,582.95.

Hope to see everyone soon!

Gary Neimanis, Treasurer

New Member Spotlight

June – 2020

I am starting a new feature for the newsletter called **New Member Spotlight. I will be introducing someone to the chapter every month in the newsletter so we can all get to know each other better. This month is Diane Quackenbush of Lake Villa, Illinois. I met Diane two years ago at the Wisconsin chapter judging event in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Diane & I**

got put together judging a 1972 Convertible that needed about 6 more months to get ready to judge! We had a great time, wore out several pencils, and became good friends. Diane and I had the chance to meet again at the NCRS Illinois Shutdown last year in Galena Illinois and had a great time there with many Illinois chapter members. Since then Diane and I have kept up with each other through Facebook which has been a great way to stay in touch with friends that we cannot see at judging meets this year.

Diane has been a NCRS Member since 2016 and is a member of both Illinois and Wisconsin chapters, and now Nebraska. She & her husband Ed live close to the Illinois / Wisconsin border and are active in both of those chapters where Diane is also the Wisconsin Chapter Treasurer. Diane is mom to 5 cats and one beautiful 2004 Corvette Z06/Z16 package. RPO Z16 on the 2004 Corvette Z06 was only available with the Lemans Blue paint scheme with grey/red/carbon fiber stripes. A fixed roof, polished aluminum Z06 wheels and special 2004

Lemans Edition badging were part of the package. Only 2,025 of them were built in 2004 and Diane's is #1409 and has very low miles. The NCRS is going to be allowing 2004's to be judged this year as soon as the judging manual for 2003-4 is printed. Diane has already earned a Bloomington Gold With her Z16 and we are hoping to see her at our October Last Blast Judging event and maybe we will be able to judge the first 2004 in the NCRS System.

Everyone, please help me welcome Diane to the NCRS Nebraska Chapter!



Notice: The 2020 H&H All Chevy Show is now the H&H All Chevy Cruise. Details on their website <https://www.hhchevy.com/ACS>

**From Ralph Ridge, our
NCRS Region VI Director**

Just a quick hello to all my friends in the NE Chapter. Thinking back, I was bummed to have had to announce the cancellation of our Rocky Mountain Regional this spring, essentially wiping out over a year of planning by numerous people. Little did I know that this was the first domino to fall, culminating in the cancellation of the National Convention. I think we will remember 2020 as 20 nothing. Hopefully, we'll be back on track soon.

The RMC will probably reschedule their regional for 2022, although no firm decision has been made at this time. There are five Regionals scheduled for 2021, beginning with Lakeland, FL (2/18-20), then Scottsdale, AZ (5/13-16), Cedar Rapids, IA (6/10-12), Nashua, NH (8/16-18), and Frisco, TX (10/21-23). The National Convention will be in Palm Springs, CA (7/18-23).. Details for all of these events will be forth coming in the Drveline.

Hopefully, I will see y'all (I loved the time I lived in Tennessee) at the "Last Blast" in October.

**Save the Wave (and stay safe).
Ralph Ridge - NCRS Region VI
Director**

**Chapter Secretary and
Chapter Flight Award
Report**

by Craig Stephan

I hope all are well from Viruses, Riots, and any other creepy stuff going on. I have been spending my time working a little on the 63, staring at my 72 with my hands in my pockets, trying to get the ambition to start a full restoration on it, eating too much, and wearing the cushions out on the couch. But I've been waiting patiently for some NCRS events to slowly get started back up. It appears that in early August some chapters are planning events.

In the mean time I have been joining in on the various Judging Video Conferences that some chapters have been putting on. It is very easy to join in even for a computer challenged guy like me. Just follow their instructions. They have been really interesting, very well presented, and I have gained judging points from the comfort of my easy chair.

As explained in this newsletter, Brad will present a video conference on July 11th. You all know, Brad's Judging presentations are always top notch and really informative and I suggest, if you can, don't miss this one.

Hope we can have a face to face Chapter meeting soon, so I will have some minutes to report on. Our Chapter Judging meet is on for October so as that progresses it will be explained. The Chapter Top Flight award program has been shelved until next year so no news there.

So, everyone stay safe, Get out and drive your corvette if you can, Save The Wave, and all that corvette stuff. Hope to see you all soon.

Judging Chairman's Message:

Well, how is your quarantine going?? I don't think we Nebraskans understand how bad some other people have been under lockdown around the country. I know a lot of use are going about our daily lives without much worry. I am hoping to see our NCRS Chapter back to live in person tech

seminars and judging schools very soon. I've got a lot of ideas and look for the Nebraska Chapter to keep our foot on the gas pedal the rest of 2020. I am including a paper registration for our Last Blast 2020 judging event on October 16-17, 2020. We have a new and larger location this year and we are expecting the turnout to be huge. There are chapters in surrounding states that have cancelled all events through the end of the year and I know that some of those members are excited about coming to the Last Blast 2020. A BIG THANK YOU goes out to chapter treasurer for setting up a chapter PayPal account for us. This will allow us to receive payments through the NCRS National registration system which will make things flow much smoother this year! Registration is open now and you can go to the NCRS National "Coming Events" tab and at the bottom you will see Nebraska Last Blast. Work through the registration, hit the PayPal button and you are registered. Easy Pease!

I also want to invite you to register your Corvette for Flight or Concours judging at the Last Blast. We will be opening registration to people around the country, but of course, I would like to give local chapter members first opportunity to have their Corvette judged right here at home among friendly faces. I know that being judged can be a scary proposition, but I am here to help you understand the process and make it easy and painless. And, I think you will find that it really is a lot of fun! Please register for my online school on July 11: NCRS Judging – How to Be Judged. It will explain the process for you and maybe help you understand that it is not nearly as scary as it seems. My #1 goal as Judging Chairman is to get you to be comfortable and excited about having your Corvette judged. I am here to help, please just ask. Greg is always looking for articles for the newsletter. It's a lot of work putting it out each month and we would love to hear from you. What are you working on in the garage? Had the Corvette out for a drive? It is not as hard as it looks to type

out a few paragraphs and include a couple of pictures. Help us produce a newsletter that is interesting to all our members.

Lastly, I want to thank Ralph Ridge our regional director for sending us a note for this newsletter. Ralph is an incredible asset to NCRS and we are extremely lucky to have him as our director. I know we can count on Ralph to make our chapter even better in 2020 and beyond.

Don't forget, lots of new information on our webpage: www.NCRSNeb.com and our Facebook page: NCRS Nebraska Chapter.

**Brad Hillhouse
Judging Chairman &
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2019 - NCRS Nebraska Chapter Meetings, Activities, Functions and Upcoming Events

**Nebraska Chapter
Meetings & Events are
listed below in BLUE.**

**July 11, 2020 NCRS Nebraska
Chapter Online Judging School
“How to Be Judged & Owners
Etiquette.**

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

**July 19, 202 H & H All Chevy
Cruise in Omaha @ 84th & L
Details at their website below
<https://www.hhchevy.com/ACS>**

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

**October 16 & 17, 2020 NCRS
Nebraska Chapter “Last Blast
2020 in Lincoln, NE**

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