

# **PRAIRIE CORVETTE GAZETTE**

**November / December  
2019 Newsletter  
National Corvette  
Restorers Society**

## **Next Meeting**

**Judging School and  
Technical Session**

**December 14, 2019 at 10:00  
a.m. @ John Thomsen's  
house at 2623 N. 145<sup>th</sup> Ave.  
in Omaha**

## **Chairman's Message**

**I am pleased to announce the  
promotion of Chuck Garber to  
Treasurer Emeritus effective  
January 1, 2020.**

**Chuck volunteered to take on  
the Treasurer's position seven+  
years ago when no one else was  
interested in taking on the  
financial responsibilities of the  
chapter. Since then Chuck has**

# **Nebraska Chapter**



**managed the chapter checking  
account with integrity and  
professionalism. He has  
consistently made sure that  
chapter bills were paid in a  
timely manner.**

**Thank You, Chuck.**

**I am likewise pleased to  
announce that Gary Neimanis  
has accepted the position of  
Treasurer of the Nebraska  
Chapter of the NCRS effective  
January 1, 2020. Gary has  
ongoing experience with  
computer and system  
requirements dictated by the  
NCRS National to achieve and  
maintain Chapter Top Flight  
Status. One of Gary's top  
priorities will be to implement  
PayPal for the Nebraska  
Chapter. He will join our Top  
Flight Team whose members are  
myself, Brad Hillhouse and Craig  
Stephan.**

**I'm looking forward to the Tech  
Seminar & Judging School that**

will be held on 12/14/ 2019 at John Thomsen's house. It will be on the replacement of a battery on a 1965 coupe and use of the NCRS Standard Deduction Chart. Looking forward to seeing you then! **Regards, Gene**

## **Nebraska Chapter Judging School on December 14, 2019**

One of our new members, John Thomsen, has recently purchased a 1965 Corvette coupe and he would like to learn about how to install a new battery in it. That's a great opportunity for a NCRS Nebraska Chapter judging school. There is a lot to discuss on the topic of batteries and how they are judged in the NCRS process using the standard deduction chart. I will be bringing several different types of original batteries to use as a demonstration of original vs. reproduction vs. service replacement AC Delco batteries and how they would score on the judging field. We will also be replacing the battery in John's Corvette and learning the process of getting a battery in and out of a C2 Corvette. Anyone that has done

one knows that it can be a challenge! John wants to learn about his Corvette and I am sure that there are some of you that have never seen it done either. We will be doing the install after the battery judging school.

We will start at 10am and probably be done by noon. There will be coffee and donuts to get us started. If you happen to have an original battery that you want to bring and be part of the judging school, that would be great also.

### **PLEASE RSVP to:**

**BradHillhouse@yahoo.com** so we can make arrangements for judging school handouts and amount of food.

**John Thomsen's House:  
2623 N. 145th Ave  
Omaha NE 68116**

**If you get lost, please call  
Brad @ 402-730-6898 and I  
can guide you in.**

**Thank you and see you on  
Saturday December 14!**

**Brad Hillhouse  
Judging Chairman  
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**Pictures from the NCRS  
Nebraska Chapter Last  
Blast - Two Day Judging  
Event and School!**



Dr. Pete Gimenez Photo 2019 CorvettesLegends.com





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## **Welcome New Members!**

**Your NCRS Nebraska Chapter has been busy on the recruiting trail telling Corvette owners about the benefits of being a NCRS member. The past two months we have gained 14 new Nebraska Chapter members and I want to give you a warm Nebraska welcome! We look forward to meeting all of you at future NCRS Nebraska Chapter events.**

**Brad Hillhouse**

## **Membership Administrator**

**Todd Duncan - 1960 Convertible**

**Craig Peate - 1986 Convertible  
Pace Car**

**Tom Hanks – 1966 Coupe &  
2001 Roadster**

**Bob Plendl – 1963 Split Window  
Coupe**

**Ken VanCleave – 1962  
Restomod**

**Terry Bartel – 1957 Convertible**

**Peter Gimenez – 1995 Pace Car  
Convertible**

**Ted Hilger – 1969 Convertible**

**Jerry Benedict – 1967 Coupe**

**John Thomsen – 1965 Coupe**

**Dawn & Gary Goodyear – 1972  
Coupe, 1981 Coupe**

**Harry Ledgerwood – 1964  
Coupe, 1966 Coupe, 2103  
Convert**

**Ralph Ridge – 1957 Convertible  
Restomod, 2015 Convert**

**Patrick Santaniello – 1968 &  
1973**

**The NCRS Nebraska  
Chapter website is up and  
running strong! This is a  
great place to see more  
photos, stories and  
information about our  
chapter and NCRS  
Nebraska members that  
participate in other  
Corvette and NCRS Events  
around the country.**

**I am always looking for  
more content, photos,  
stories, etc to add to the  
website. If you have  
pictures and a story of you  
and your Corvette, please  
forward them to me at  
[BradHillhouse@yahoo.com](mailto:BradHillhouse@yahoo.com)  
to be uploaded onto our  
chapter website:**

**[www.NCRSNeb.com](http://www.NCRSNeb.com)**

**Thank you,  
Brad Hillhouse website  
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**2019 - NCRS**  
**Nebraska Chapter**  
**Meetings, Activities,**  
**Functions and**  
**Upcoming Events**

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

**December 14, 2019 10 a.m.**  
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**Session at John Thomsen's**  
**House @ 2623 N. 145<sup>th</sup> Ave.**  
**in Omaha.**



**Wishing Everyone a**  
**Merry Christmas and**  
**Happy New Year!**

